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I'm very pleased to present you the new issue of VERTDEVIN Magazine, the n°25. This edition of the magazine introduces an great selection of wines from several countries as France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Hungary...

To start this new issue we chose with my team (meet them on page 4) to introduce to you about different winemakers, wineries but also wine news as the launch of Bollinger La Grande Année 2015, La Route du Champagne... This magazine is the result of exhilarating trips, amazing tastings, discoveries and fabulous meetings!

Well, in the first part of the magazine we invite you to not miss our article about the new « Focus on the world global consumption and production » (page 41) and the first article of our new contributor, Borbála Kalmár. She choose to write about Badacsony Lake, a wine region of volcanic soil, autochthonous grape varieties and artisanal wineries (to read on page 15).

In the second part find interviews of three restaurants chosen from our selection of more than 500 restaurants offering great wine lists. Go on pages 26 and 27 to know more about it ! Following that the "Buying Guide" part will be waiting for you...

Well, in the third part of the magazine, you will have your taste buds tickled while finding more than 1.400 wines with reviews and score : Saint-Emilion, Pomerol, Alta Langa, Bourgogne, Provence, Languedoc, United-Kingdom, Tuscany, Abruzzo, Piedmont, Douro...

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

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# CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION

## D.A.R.E

Vineyard of the Future

**N**estled in the heart of Pessac Léognan, Château Larrivet Haut-Brion is a major winery. For several years, the Château has been thinking about the future in the light of the recent climate change events and decided to invent its "Vineyard of the Future". This long-term vision is mainly for those who are not born yet and is a real revolution. Bruno Lemoine, General Director and Clara Bouineau, Brand Ambassador of Château Larrivet Haut-Brion have answered our questions.

**VertdeVin: How is the Vineyard of the Future project born?**

**Bruno Lemoine:** Everything started thanks to an observation. We are an urban vineyard surrounded by schools and houses: it has always been important for us to respect the neighborhood. Moreover, we are lucky to have 12 hectares (ha) of park with an extraordinary biodiversity of flora and fauna: it should be protected.

In 2009, we bought 12ha of vineyards with an amazing terroir. For 10 years, despite our best efforts, it was not possible to produce Château Larrivet Haut-Brion Grand Vin... As consequence, we decided 3 years ago to uproot. But then, we asked ourselves questions: what grape variety should we replant? How? For whom? What for? Indeed, climate change is real, and we have to act.

I have been fortunate to work at Martell (Cognac) and to blend some eaux-de-vie which were created by cellar master 3 generations before me. The sense of time is different: they worked for those who were not born yet! So, we used this philosophy to replant: "Vineyard of the Future" project was born! The goal is to take the opportunity to



create a new viticulture to answer environmental problematics we are going to face.

**VdV: What is Vineyard of the Future?**

**B.L.:** It is vitiforestery with a specificity as we started from a blank page. We uprooted the 12ha of vines, and we designed with two well-known companies (Biosphères and Arbres & Paysages) the future vineyard considering what we know about climate change. It took 2 years of reflexion. The choices of trees, bushes, wildflowers have been done carefully. Also, we absolutely wanted to maintain our Pessac Léognan AOC: we then respect the specifications by keeping the same grape varieties.

Vitiforestery creates a bubble where the vines will thrive. It's why we decided to choose Paulownia trees, which is probably our most original choice, to be planted as giant umbrellas between the rows of vines. They are from a local greenhouse even if the species is not French. Its capacity to capture CO2 is phenomenal and it bares high temperatures.

**VdV: How people have be responding to the project?**

**Clara Bouineau:** People, neighbors, colleagues have been very curious and happy about this project. They are active players. It is important to highlight that these 12ha represent 17% of our total 75ha vineyards. It's huge! So, we want to be as transparent as possible. We dare to do something different: D.A.R.E is now our code name for Diversity, Ambition, Rejuvenation and Ecosystem.

We created an app called LHB VIGNOBLE 3D. This app is our logbook, and we are adding information, photos, films: everybody can download it. We also want to create a wine tourism path with bikes to discover this living project and its evolution.

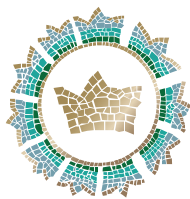
**This project is going strong: Paulownia trees will be planted this spring. Château Larrivet Haut-Brion is not experimenting, they are acting, they dare!**  
**Thank you, Bruno Lemoine and Clara Bouineau.**

Chloé Cazaux-Grandpierre



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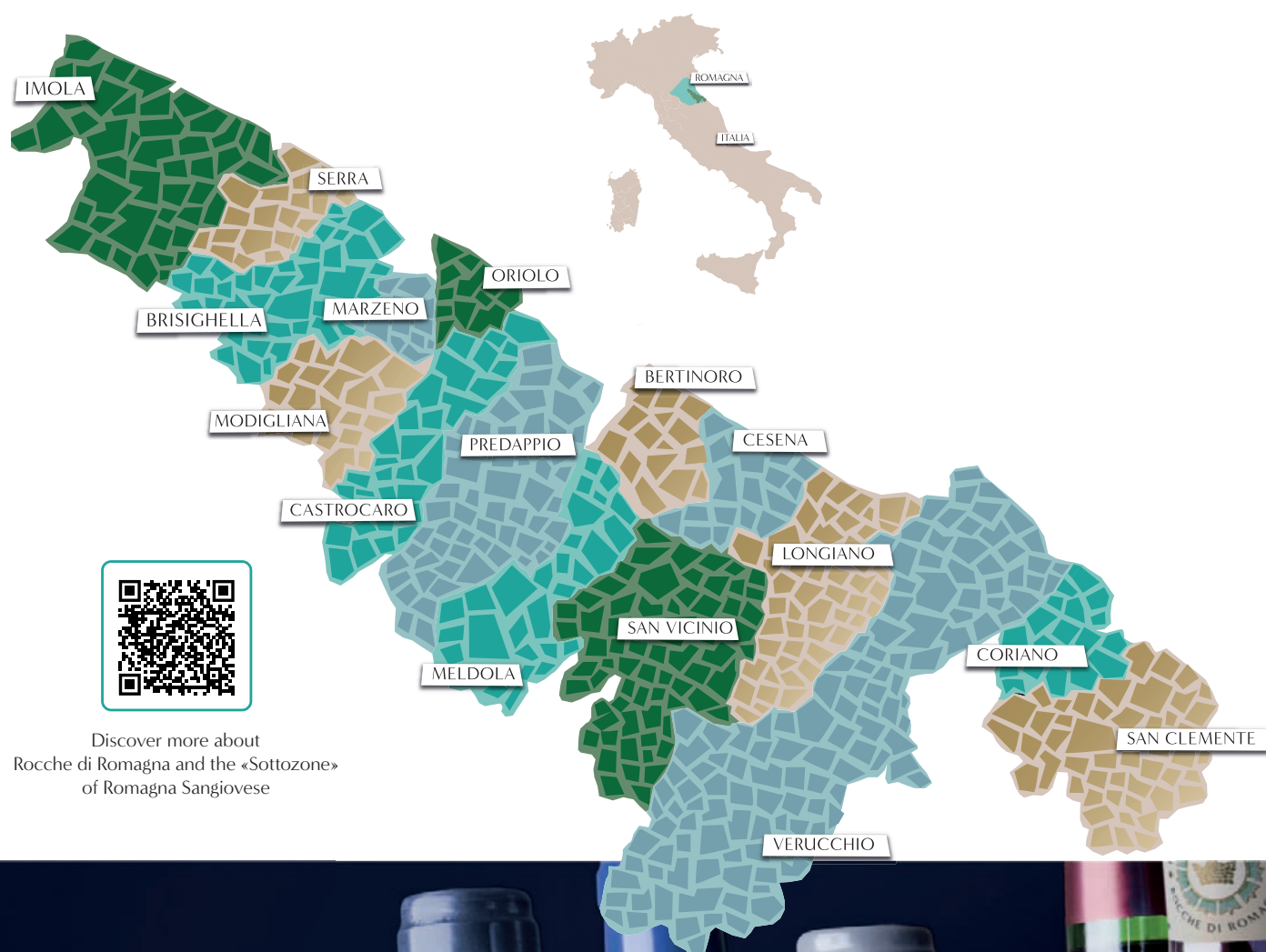




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## AZIENDA AGRICOLA **Gravner**

The quest for essence as a way of life

**I** am sitting at winemaker Joško Gravner's living room table in Oslavia, Friuli Venezia Giulia. He is seated at the head of the table to my left. Opposite me are the other characters of my story: Mateja, Joško's daughter, and Gregor, Mateja's son. Holding a glass in my hands, I have just drunk their Ribolla Gialla, made with Oslavia's native vine par excellence. Thoughts and images simmer within me and my mind's eye takes me back to my visits to Oslavia, to the village of Lenzuolo Bianco. It is strange how this name, which derives from considerable war efforts in this tormented land, could be interpreted as premonitory since Joško has written on a blank sheet several times, only to start over. He often says "I was wrong, I hadn't understood" and that awareness led him to metamorphoses, even when the world demanded those wines that no longer corresponded to his new vision

Joško comes from the land, his ancestors were farmers and winegrowers: if that is the place where you grew up, you can move away, but your origins, if you know how to listen to them, will bring you back to the fold. Grandfather Franc was already producing wine in 1901 on his two hectares; father Jozef knew the traditions and how to tell the difference between a piece of land suitable for vines ("you have to see it in winter when it's bare", he told Joško), from one suitable for planting fruit trees. And if it rained? As soon as it stopped, he would go into the vineyard to tidy up with his hoe; he had grown up with the land and knew exactly what it needed.

After three years of vocational school, at the age of seventeen, Joško started working full-time in the fa-



mily business, which in those days, also included fruit trees, livestock and more besides. But what Joško really wanted was to devote himself exclusively to viticulture. His father cautioned him: "not too much but good, and hope it all goes well. Wine is always ready to trick you." It was the 1970s and Joško introduced steel into the cellar. A few years later, he began with barriques.

In 1982, Luigi Veronelli, Italy's first and most important wine and food critic, went to visit Joško Gravner, of Slovenian origin, born in a borderland, but really a

citizen of the world. It was the start of a good relationship: the Oslavian visited the Bergamo-born critic on other occasions and it was during one of those meetings that he heard about Georgia and was impressed. Veronelli fought for local native grape varieties. Joško took everything in, like the famous phrase "A farmer's worst wine is better than the best that industry can produce." It would take him time to metabolise.

Those who are a little acquainted with this honest and revolutionary man, know that some of his absolute stances derive from subversive but meditated actions, and that in his silences, in his way of observing reality, in his incessant research, there is also a great deal of intuition, an ability to always question himself, even if he does not let it show, because his is an inner world, the refuge of an ancestral heritage that enables him to feel and see what few others can. There are several milestones in his life: 1987, the year of his trip to California, which had such an effect that, on his return, he abandoned the path he had taken up to that point. Yet his wines were successful and in such demand that they soon ran out, and Joško had become a recognised and respected winemaker in Italy and abroad. In Napa Valley, he saw the circus of industry, fashion, fiction and how the land was being poisoned. And on his return, it was precisely on the land that he focused his thoughts. He realised that fertilisation impoverished the earth and made it barren, depriving it of the micro-organisms that kept it alive. He began to plant trees.

"Trees are fundamental. They improve and enrich the soil." In the winery, he went back to the typical big barrels of tradition, he stopped filtering and no longer clarified.







He retraced his steps because the path he had taken would have led him away from the essence. He made a fresh start.

Another key episode: in 1996 two hailstorms, one from the north and the other from the south, destroyed around 95% of the harvest. And while Joško was cursing, his wise uncle Franz told him: "Nature gives you everything, every now and then it takes it back." Joško understood that he had a business without a roof and that he must be prepared to accept it without intervention. "We are the ones who have to adapt to nature and not the other way around, that's our job." His never tame and experimental nature led him, for the first time, to try to macerate the skins, both with indigenous and selected yeasts, with and without sulphites and sulphur. He chose indigenous yeasts, sulphur and sulphites, the latter being considered necessary in minimal quantities. He embarked upon yet another path.

The following vintage, 1997, marked a turning point: he started macerating the skins for his white wines. But it was also an important year for another reason: a German friend working in Georgia gave him his first amphora. Joško began to experiment: "My heart kept skipping beats. During fermentation I could feel the life in that amphora. The grapes had come from the earth and returned to the earth, enclosed and protected in the darkness of the earthenware." A perfect cycle. Amphoras have been around for five thousand years and were the first containers for wine. In Joško's mind it meant "going back to the source, to clean water", to the beginning of everything, to the origin of wine, to the oldest model.

In 2000, he left for Georgia. He wanted to see and understand if he was on the right path. The farmers were very poor and the language difference made it hard to understand each other, but Joško observed, in silence. He tasted the wine, he liked it. Joško was certain that this was the best way for him to make wine too.

He visited a monastery in Tbilisi where he was offered wine in a cup. He was so struck by this gesture of sharing that he would later create his own stemless Gravner glasses from which to drink his wine.

He searched for craftsmen to supply him with amphoras (kvevris in Georgian) and then bury them in the classic manner of the Kakheti area of Georgia. A painstaking task as it appeared that nobody made them any more, especially considering that an amphora can last up to 500 years. In this respect, Joško contributed to reviving a dying craft and in 2001, the

first amphoras finally arrived in Oslavia.

2003 was the year in which all his white wines went into amphoras (the reds from 2006). A revolution that was initially unfathomable and even those critics who usually praised him were scathing in their comments. He took no notice and continued along his path.

His courageous rejection of classical winemaking had an enormous influence not only in Italy but throughout the world. Joško would never admit to this, for him it has simply been his own journey among ideas, certainties, failures and new beginnings. He was actually the first non-Georgian winemaker in the world to adopt the kvevri vinification method and among the first to introduce the world to amber wines (as Joško likes to call them instead of orange), macerated on the skins. And the newly found success of his wines has been imitated and pursued by many others. "Amphoras intensify the characteristics of the grape, especially the defects. You cannot improvise, you cannot bluff. The grapes must be perfect, that's why we do so much work in the vineyard, we have to look after them constantly."

The amphora room is a mystical place. Built beneath the house, it is like descending even further into the bowels of the earth. Silence, round eyes scattered over the cobbles, stone, wood, semi-darkness. A simple wooden chair on a raised block. A strange reversal of reality: underground life where skins and must boil inside the amphoras. Above, emptiness. No technology, no special effects.

I saw Miha, Joško's son, who died at the age of twenty-seven in a motorbike accident in 2009, there for the first time. He was in the process of fulling the wine and greeted me with a determined smile. I look into Joško's eyes now and I can still see that emptiness, that absence that can never be refilled. I can sense his eternal pain and know that serenity is still a very long way off. A tragedy that bent him but did not break him. Joško has had a hard life, but he has never lost that gentle smile, respectful demeanour and manner that comes from real nobility of spirit. Joško is truly an upstanding man, consistent with himself to the core. No tricks, no deception, and in the world of wine, people like that are few and far between. Personal ethics and work ethics are one and the same.

Joško goes on experimenting, step by step, undeterred. In 2014, he bottled his 2007 vintage, deciding to let the wine in that vintage spend a good seven years maturing (one in amphora and six in large barrels). Such lengthy ageing greatly increases the risk of

something going wrong: once again, the answer lies in the vineyard and grape selection and processing must be meticulous.

Seven is a "magical" companion for Joško, a number that has come knocking at his door more than once. It is no coincidence that the 2007 vintage was chosen for a change of pace. The biological regeneration of the human being occurs in cycles of 7 years, might it not be the same for wine? Who knows! The fact remains that, according to the ancients, 7 was the number par excellence of the mystical quest because it represented every form of discovery and new knowledge. Seven are the notes for composing a melody and producing wines in amphoras is like amplifying music: if there are flaws, the sound will grind and become irritating. Conversely, by respecting the earth and its fruit, the melody of gestation will be sublime. We are in the Runk vineyard in Oslavia, about eight hectares. With the vineyards of Hum and Dredno in Slovenia, there are a total 18 hectares under vine, of which 15 are currently productive (2.7 hectares were planted in 2021) out of a total of 32 hectares of land producing approximately twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand bottles. It was here that Joško first incorporated a pond into the landscape, which was later reproduced in the other vineyards. "Life comes from water, it is a lure for plants, animals and insects that come back to populate the vineyard." Joško smiles, thinking of how his mongrel dog Pepe (who follows him everywhere, together with the young and lively Arco, a grey hunting dog with eyes of ice) loves to dive in and play among the water lilies and mosquito fish.

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# ALTA LANGA

## THE HIDDEN SPARKLING TREASURE OF PIEDMONT

**The name of Piedmont, a region in the northwest of Italy, firstly evokes the famous Barolo and Barbaresco, as well as the Nebbiolo grape variety. But Piedmont also has an ancient tradition of producing sparkling wine – it was here, in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, that the first Italian sparkling wine was produced, obtained by a method of second fermentation in the bottle (i.e. by the traditional method, method classic, or metodo classico). Today, thanks to the Consorzio Alta Langa, founded in 2001, this tradition is being reborn and the sparkling wines of the region are becoming reknown.**

### ***The Alta Langa project***

The Alta Langa appellation project was born in the 1990s with the aim of gaining recognition for sparkling wines produced in Piedmont. It is in this traditionalist region, using only local grape varieties for its still wines, where a scientific and innovative project appeared, proposing to study its climate and soils and plant non-native varie-

ties – Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, in order to produce quality sparkling wines using the traditional method.

Historically, the hilly lands of Piedmont were mainly used for pastures and plantations of hazel and chestnut trees. Viticulture also existed there, but down in the hills, where the red Dolcetto grape

variety was grown. The hilltops of Piedmont were abandoned by vinegrowers at this time, because the red grapes did not reach the right maturity there.

The Alta Langa project aimed to revive these lands, capable of producing excellent sparkling wines. In less than 30 years (1996-2021) its vineyard has grown from 0 to 440.5 hectares, divided into three provinces - 215 ha in Cuneo, 178 ha in the province of Asti, and 47.5 in the province of Alessandria. Consorzio Alta Langa has carried out important work in geological and climatic research, in soil analysis, in the choice of grape varieties and in the promotion of the appellation. Today it brings together around 70 producers and 90 winegrowers, producing more than 3 million bottles (in 2022).

The Alta Langa appellation obtained DOC status in 2002 and DOCG in 2011, and today it is in full development: it attracts producers from Barolo and Barbaresco, who invest in the region, and has achieved +67 % of sales in 2022, compared to 2021. But the region is still little known abroad, because only 10% of these sparkling wines are exported.

**“A long period on lees and an obligatory vintage are two particularities of the appellation, because it is also time which gives richness to these unique sparkling wines. It’s a choice to put the vintage on the label, because the year has an influence and that makes our wines exclusive.”**

Mariacristina Castelletta,  
*President of the Consorci*







**Alta Langa terroir: symbiosis of climate and geology**

The southeastern position of Piedmont exposes the region to several influences:

- constant winds, blowing from west to east, which help control humidity
- the Alps which protect it from humidity and cool winds from the Atlantic
- foën — warm mountain winds, which impact temperature
- the Mediterranean effect of the Ligurian Sea, coming from the south.

The vines are planted on the typical hills of Langhe, in a hilly landscape (planting in the lower part of the valley is prohibited), on slopes, at a minimum altitude of 250 meters.

But above all it is a rich geological history which represents the particularity of the Alta Langa region and which gives identity to its wines. Its soils are of two geological origins:

- Sedimentary soils – of marine origin, formed from an ancient sea bed, containing the remains of marine animals. This is where the majority of the vines are planted.
- Crystalline soils – of Alpine origin, which represent a crystalline rock, very different in its composition. Here, viticulture is not developed and there are no DOCG vines.

If most of the soils in the appellation are of the same sedimentary origin, it is in the subsoils, varied in their compositions, where the geological richness of Alta Langa and the difference in its wines are found. The Alta Langa territory was the deepest part of the Tertiary Piedmont basin. Its basements are made up of sedimentary rocks, formed during the Oligocene, Miocene and Pliocene eras, lasting more than 30 million years. During this period, strata of sand, sandstone, silt, clay and marl, with more or less significant calcium carbonate contents, were formed to give a mosaic of subsoils, of the same origin, but different compositions.

The main subsoils in the region are:

- Alternating layers of marl and sand (the most common)
- Sandstone - a predominantly sandy soil, com-

posed of layers of sand (with lesser content of calcium carbonate)

- marl and sandstone strata (sandy-loamy soils with high content of calcium carbonate)
  - marls: blue or gray, composed mainly of layers of silt with a medium content of calcium carbonate
- Conglomerates, containing shell residues and gypsum can also be found.

Situated on the hills of Alta Langa, these soils are shallow, draining and poor, with the subsoils capable of absorbing and retaining a quantity of water necessary for the survival of the vines, but which at the same time creates water stress, important for the production of quality grapes

**Grape varieties and production method**

Only two grape varieties are authorised for the production of Alta Langa DOCG: Chardonnay, which represents 1/3 of the vineyard, and Pinot Noir, which represents 2/3 of the planted vines. Chardonnay is the particularity of Alta Langa, because, being confidential in the Piedmont region, this grape variety is very important for this appellation and used mainly for the production of sparkling wines (while it is indigenous grape varieties from Piedmont that produce still white wines). Pinot Noir represents the foundation of the appellation, the clones of which were selected during an in-depth study of grape varieties to be favored for the production of Alta Langa sparkling wines. It is adapted to the rather cool climate of the region, but more difficult to cultivate than Chardonnay. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir can be blended in different percentages or used alone. The wines are produced only by the traditional method of second fermentation in the bottle and must undergo a long period of aging on the lees – 30 months minimum for DOCG Alta Langa and 36 months minimum for DOCG Alta Langa Riserva. The wines are always vintage, which in addition to a unique terroir, reflects the particularity of each year of production.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville

**The factors making up the identity of Alta Langa wines:**

- Calcium carbonate present in the subsoils which gives the wines a precise mineral character
- Subsoils of sedimentary origin of different compositions, which offer aromatic nuances
- Draining and poor soils, which contribute to controlled water stress, forcing the vines to concentrate on ripening and the accumulation of aromatic components in the grapes.
- Minimum altitude of the vineyard, which gives freshness and acidity to the grapes
- Constant winds from different sources, which help regulate humidity and temperature



# THE ABRUZZO MODEL

## THE WINNING CHOICE TELLS THE IDENTITY OF THE REGION



Consorzio Vini d'Abruzzo

**T**here is great excitement in Abruzzo! Known for being a miniature Italy, with sea and mountains just a few kilometers away. Rich in biodiversity, the landscape it gives us back is exceptional. Incredible microclimates that have prompted the region to map out its production boundaries to perimeter the tastes of the places and tell a clearer identity of the entire territory, which covers 33,000 hectares of vineyards (17,000 of which are dedicated to the production of Montepulciano).

The producers' desire is to increase the value and no longer be considered the land of volumes. To do this, the **Consorzio Vini d'Abruzzo** has launched the 'Modello Abruzzo' project, emulating the successful project of the Colline Teramane, the only DOCG since 2003 and the epicenter of regional production excellence. The result is the indication on the label of the identified sub-zones, which will be mentioned from 2023 in both the Riserva and Superiore versions. Terre di Chieti, Colline Pescaresi, Terre dell'Aquila and Colline Teramane (except for Montepulciano) plus Terre dei Vestini, Alto Tirino, Terre dei Peligni, Teate and San Marino sulla Marrucina.

Now it's up to the wineries try to respect this classification, listening to nature and promoting wines more in line with what the market demands. This is an approach that the Teramo Hills wineries have already been developing for some time, and which even at the last preview, staged at the end of February, demonstrated that they were able to stand out from the others in terms of personality and

quality. There is no going back, it was necessary for the Colline Teramane (42 wineries, 172 hectares of vineyard area and a production of around 600,000 bottles) to distinguish themselves twenty years ago and begin a path of production before that of identity promotion. Now that they are on the bubble, they are the example for the others; the first results of this joint promotion have already borne fruit: export figures are showing a plus sign with Germany being the leading market. There is also a certain movement, a desire to grow on the part of the younger producers, more inclined towards wine production with a so-called 'natural' approach and quality hospitality.

Erika Mantovan



### *The best tastings of the preview:*

#### **Bossanova, Il Bossa 2022** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

In the Controguerra area, an intense fruit, rich, fleshy nose, but agile, with good persistence and a mineral grip in the finish. Fine tannic grain.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Terraviva 2022** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

Some sweet wood on the first nose; subtle, on the palate, with a fruity return and warm, citrus sensations.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Emidio Pepe 2021** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

A rich nose of violets and blackberries, very expressive, with a nice length on the fruit, clean. Gourmand, juicy and with floral and enveloping tones. Some astringency nice finish, engaging.  
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

#### **Abbazia di Propezzano 2021** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

Purple in color, bright, with a scent of violets, good grip and wrapping; great prospects for the future.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Fattoria Giuseppe Savini 2019** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

A wine with a very dense, tannic grip that manages to leave room for textural volume to the juice and a more dynamic, mineral sensation on the finish. Joyful and energetic sip.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Illuminato, Pieluni 2019** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

On the nose, lacquered scents, given by the passage in wood, and blue, red fruits, blackberry and raspberry, and more floral, violet. Impressive and elegant on the palate, with an important but elegant tannic grain.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Fattoria Nicodemi 2020** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

Great opening to the nose, deep fruit with sharp blackberry berries that give the palate great cleanliness, charisma, and energy. Very pleasant.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Barone Cornacchia, Vizzarro 2019** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg Colline Teramane

A juicy, textured wine with a great wrapping, with an alcoholic part to create a plush tannic and mineral effect.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)





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**Cerulli Spinozzi, Gruè 2021**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg  
Colline Terramane

On the nose, several aromas of red fruits aromatic herbs and graphite. Delicate concentration driven by freshness and soft tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Cataldi Madonna, Malandrino 2022**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

Bright and luminous in color, the nose is expressive, on sweet and fresh fruit; on the palate great verve, but delicacy for a pulpy and silky matter.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Inalto, Campo Affamato 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

On the nose there are woody scents together with those of cherry and mon chéri; on the palate there is great elegance composure for a powerful fruit and great persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

**Pasetti, Testarossa 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

Sweet notes on the nose, between strawberry, cherry, and strawberry; the sip has incisive and clean tannins, the fruit prolongs the aromatic sensation and involves the palate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

**Masciarelli Cvetic, ISKRA 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Marina Docg

On the nose, great richness, and fruity power, anticipating sensations of volume and density on the palate, great concentration and volume in a subtle tannic texture that supports the matter and a woody layer with more toasty aromas.

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



**Cantina Strappelli Colle Trà 2018**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Doc

On the nose, liquorice and sweet notes of tobacco & berries. Rich, massive concentration but never firm, well balanced between tannins and matter.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

**Tenuta Arabona Mia Natura Bio 2022**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Doc

A lot of juice both nose and palate, very delicate but plenty of energy for a dynamic sip; end with fresh aromas of strawberry and sweet spices.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

**Caprera Le Vasche 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Doc

On the nose we find lots of fruit and a hint of graphite; on the palate a little wood and a bit of burn reveal a powerful, full-bodied wine.

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

**Marramiero, Inferi 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

On the nose we find some toasty sensation given by the wood, the center of the mouth presents cerise aromas for a good substance and acidic relationship that boosts the drinkability. An important but very drinkable sip.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Illuminati, Riparosso 2022**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

On the nose, hints of peach and citrus, which almost seems like the profile of a white wine, very pleasant and juicy sip with well-integrated tannins.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Barba, I Vasari 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

Delicate, yet vigorous fruit on the nose with great cleanliness flanked by drinkability; intriguing, charismatic and pleasing for its silky volume that shows in the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

**Fonetico, Cocca di Casa 2020**

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Docg

Already on the nose it exudes its agility and drinkability propulsion, a dynamic and open sip of fruit with balance and elegance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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# BADACSONY

LAKE, VOLCANIC SOIL, AUTOCHTHONOUS GRAPE VARIETIES,  
AND ARTISANAL WINERIES

**T**hough Hungary is mostly known for the natural sweet wines of Tokaj, there's much more wine region to discover in the country. Like Lake Balaton for example, which is divided into six wine districts, with Badacsony, or as you may see on the labels, Badacsonyi, being one of them. The wine district covers 1200 hectares of vineyards and is situated on the upper part of Balaton, in the west. It is named after the highest (438 m) mount of the lake, but in reality, the district covers also the surrounding area, including more smaller and picturesque mounts.

According to archaeological finds, there was already a flourishing vineyard culture in the Badacsony area 2000 years ago, thanks to the Roman civilization – and wine culture remained continuous since then.

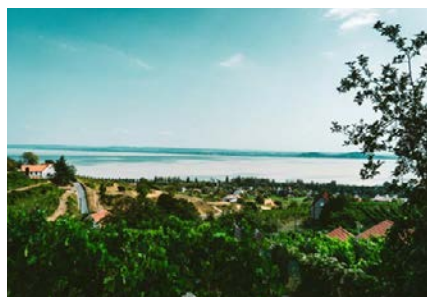
## Unique terroir on volcanic slopes

As the wine district faces Lake Balaton itself, it's a vital factor for the winemakers, especially those working on south-facing slopes. It can moderate the hot summers and provide protection against the cold spring days. But what makes this land unique is the volcanic soil. Its bedrock is basalt, overlain by a silky-textured layer of micro-grained sand and clay from the Pannonian Sea.

The basalt effect is a fundamental component of the quality and style of wine produced here. The calcium, potassium, and magnesium released from the basalt and the many microelements give the wines their minerality, the concentration of minerals being reflected in their salty flavors, all of which are the unmistakable hallmark of Badacsony.

## Home to autochthonous grape varieties

Today, the wine district is primarily renowned for white wine production. Before phylloxera Furmint



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was widely planted, however, after phylloxera, the predominant grape variety became the Olaszrizling (Welschriesling) – nowadays it is rare for a producer not to have a bitter almond-tasting Olaszrizling in its portfolio ranging from young, fresh wines till the carefully aged ones. Pinot Gris is also popular in the region.

Another autochthonous grape variety to remember is called Kéknyelű (pronounced "kayk-nye-lu") which was widely planted here before the phylloxera. Then, during the 20th century, it almost entirely disappeared; in 1993 only 0.3 hectares of grape growing area remained. Thanks to some pioneer winemakers, nowadays there are around 50 hectares covered. And what makes this grape variety so special? Well, first of all, Badacsony is the only area in the world where you can find it. It is not a self-pollinating grape variety, so it needs a companion: this is usually the Budai Zöld (pronounced "boo-dye zuld") or the Rózsakő (pronounced "roh-zhah-kur") – two more autochthonous tongue-twisters from Badacsony. When young, Kéknyelű is well recognizable from its tropical aromas, but it worth ageing when it develops some oily texture along with stone fruits.

Among the reds Kékfrankos (Blaufränkisch), Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah are the notable ones – but if you get really lucky, you might find Kadarka, which is called the Hungarian Pinot Noir because of their similarities.

Borbála Kalmár

## Winemakers to watch

It's easy to find an artisanal winery or a winemaker who have come and fallen in love with this pitch-perfect location and many of them switched to organic production. Villa Tolnay is famous for its wines aged carefully in Stockinger barrels. Robert Gilvesy arrived from Canada some 30 years ago to introduce his bohemian wines under the name of Gilvesy Winery. Now fully organic, he also produces natural wines, including Kadarka, alongside the regular assortment.

PAP Wines also creates lovely natural wines, including orange wine from Pinot Gris, and they are currently experimenting with amphoras. Sabar is notable for its presentation of Kéknyelű, and while the region is mostly known for white wine production, last year, the title of the best red wine in Hungary was awarded to the Shiraz produced here by 2HA Winery.



# NEW RIOJA

## DIVERSITY IN UNITY

**R**ioja, like other classic wine regions of the world, is often overlooked by wine connoisseurs and trendy sommeliers, although there is a gradual change of generations and paradigms in the region, which is still very much associated with ageing and barrels. Valeria Tenison looked into the trends.

### *Crisis as a point of repulsion*

According to OIV reports, global wine consumption is steadily declining. New generations are choosing other drinks or giving up alcohol altogether. Red wine, which accounts for 87% of Rioja production, suffers first. The "French paradox" effect seems to have passed and consumers are more likely to buy lighter white and rosé wines. Since 2013, white wine has overtaken red wine in terms of production and has only gained momentum since then. In Spain, the main market for Rioja, things are no better. Although 5% more red wine has been drunk here over the past 20 years, total consumption has fallen from 14 million to 10 million HL a year between 2000 and 2021. In addition to the downturn in demand, the wine

market's problems have been exacerbated in recent years, first by the pandemic and then by the general crisis in the global economy. As a result, Rioja has accumulated some 937 million litres of wine in 2023. Stocks are normal for a region where long barrel ageing is traditionally practised, but the ideal balance is when the ratio of stocks to annual sales is 3 to 1. The realities of today's Rioja is a ratio at 3.64, which is already in the red zone. José Luis Lapuente, director general of the regulatory board of DO Rioja, does not panic: in 2000, the indicator reached 4.65, but in the following years the market picked up and the crisis was overcome. Today, the strategic action plan includes the following points: distillation of up to 3% of stocks, limiting yields and production growth, tightening quality control, protecting old vines and changing (grafting) white and minority varieties to traditional reds, especially Tempranillo. There are no plans yet to uproot vineyards, like in Bordeaux, which is close to the region historically and in spirit. Time



will tell whether these measures will help the region to get out of the next crisis.

### *Closer to the land*

Rioja is a vast region. The 66,797 hectares stretch 120 km from east to west and 35 km from north to south. Altitude also plays a significant role. In search of solutions to combat climate change, producers are climbing higher and higher: today the highest vineyard in the region is that belonging to Barón de Ley La Carbonera at 870 metres. Other producers, such as Bodegas Bhilar, are waiting for government authorisation to start experimental plantings even higher. Obviously, with such an area and the diversity of exposures and soils, it is impossible to speak of a unified Rioja terroir. Even the division into three zones (Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Oriental) is administrative rather than terroir-based, although it does give a basic idea of climatic differences. The map developed by the regula-

tory board with the three types of predominant soils (clay-limestone, ferrous clay and alluvial) will only satisfy the novice wine enthusiast, but the sommelier geek will want more. The winemakers themselves also want to understand more about their soil: Eduardo Eguren of Cuentaviñas has privately commissioned a soil survey of Sonsierra from the Italian company Timesis, which has done similar analyses in Barolo. This area northwest of the Ebro River is referred to as Rioja's Côte d'Or. The villages of Abalos, Briñas, Elciego, Elvillar, Labastida, Laguardia, Lanciego, Samaniego, San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Villabuena and Villalba are located here on clay-limestone soils, with outstanding terroirs that sommeliers will probably memorise in order when preparing for competitions in the future.

### *Cru and single vineyards*

Artadi's withdrawal from the appellation in 2015 forced the regulatory board to react in emergency mode. Already in 2017, new "terroir" categories were introduced: Vinos de Zona (wines from one of the 3 sub-zones), Vinos de Municipio (the analogue of village wines) and Viñedos Singulares (single vineyards). There are also

some kinks: according to the law, a producer can only make a village wine if his winery is located in that municipality. In the pursuit of controlling the origin of the grapes, a system has emerged that makes life difficult for winemakers and does not favour the promotion of a terroir approach. The result is a plethora of ciphers on labels. Bideona, founded by two Masters of Wine, Andreas Kubach and Sam Harrop, labels its wines this way: L3Z4 (wine from the municipality of Leza), L4GD4 (wine from Laguardia), S4MGO (Samaniego) and V1BN4 (Villabuena). Rioja's regulatory council has now changed the rules, renamed the category to "vino de pueblo" and created two additional mentions: "vino de ..." (which can be used when the winery and the vineyard are located in the same village) and "viñedo en ..." (a new term that is applicable when the vineyard is in not in the same place as the production site). Time will show how clear are the new terms to consumers.



The 148 single vineyards (“viñedos singulares”) currently recognised cover an area of 246 hectares, representing only 0.37% of the region, even much less than the percentage of grand cru in Burgundy. Fears that the category would be devalued by large producers have not materialised. The age of the vines and declining yields, disadvantageous to many, have proved to be deterrents. Tim Atkin MW, in his annual Rioja report, notes that the prices of the 68 wines from individual vineyards in the guide vary dramatically, from €12 to €150, which does not do justice to the classification and may confuse consumers. Nevertheless, the registration of Alvaro Palacios’ renowned Quinon de Valmira vineyard has added weight to the category. If the grandes of the appellation have begun to take the new category seriously, other producers with outstanding vineyards will follow.

### **Oak to oak**

Traditional categories based on oak ageing (especially Reserva and Gran Reserva) have proven themselves over the years and work well for most consumers, especially in the mass segment and emerging markets. Nevertheless, it is easy to see that most of the new wave Rioja comes out under the green label, i.e. in the Generico category, which does not involve aging at all. Some of these wines are, however, aged, but not in the 225-litre barriques prescribed by law. Some prefer Burgundian pièces, others - foudres and others - amphorae or concrete eggs. Many are crying out for the legislation to be adapted to the new realities of climate, market and consumer preferences.

The credibility and quality of fine wines like La Rioja Alta, Marques de Murrieta and López de Heredia are undeniable, but in the same Tim Atkin report, the top wines of the year included 14 Reservas, 13 Gran Reservas and 77 Generico wines. The Crianza category has been abandoned by many producers because, unlike Reserva and Gran Reserva, consumers have not developed a clear understanding



of style and brand affinity. Reserva has suffered greatly from this. Its cost has dropped to fill the price niche, but obviously when the shelves were flooded with dozens of cheap Reservas, the quality dropped as well. Gran Reserva, thanks to its consistently high bar and the new wave of popularity of Tondonia and Castillo Ygay, is a rare island of calm and stability in these times.

### **The fashion for whites and the unusual**

Blends have traditionally dominated in Rioja, but both large bodegas and small producers are increasingly working with monovarietal wines, including those from minority varieties. Tempranillo Blanco and Maturana Blanca are considered the most promising of the whites. The former is bright, lush and tropical, a kind of “crowd pleaser”, while Maturana, the oldest known Rioja variety, is able to retain high acidity even with high alcohol. The number of whites planted each year is increasing, as is the quality of the wines. After all, back in 1983, 23% of Rioja’s vineyards were white varieties. Well, back to the future!

Garnacha is on the rise again (thanks, Gredos!): many producers are looking for higher vineyards (for example, on the slopes of Mount Yerga and in the commune of Tudelilla), where it is particularly fresh and perfumed. Great wines are made with Graciano (lots of pepper and good acidity, as in a Rhône Syrah) and Maturana Tinta (this is a Bordeaux Castets, a relative of Cabernet Franc, with typical paprika notes).

Winemakers working with old vines are discovering other cultivars in their vineyards that are not listed in the appellation’s charter today. Calagraño, Jaen Blanco, Mazuelo Blanco, Cadrete, Malpuesta, Morate and Benedicto (one of the parents of Tempranillo) - this is a far from complete list of Rioja’s curiosities. Varieties that once disappeared can now help the region cope with the climate crisis without the help of foreigners like Touriga Nacional, as was done in Bordeaux. It is clear that the work of preserving and studying autochthonous varieties must be done at the appellation level, not by individual enthusiasts.

### **Make way for the young**

Rioja’s business model can be compared to that of Champagne: a small number of large producers buy grapes from a huge number of small grape growers. Today, as in Champagne, there is a generational change. Young people, having received a good education and practical experience abroad, are returning to their native lands with new visions and ideas. They no longer want to sell grapes to a co-operative or a big bodega, but to prove themselves and make their village talked about in the best restaurants in the world, like the communes of Barolo or Burgundy. “I am a cosechero,” proudly declares Roberto Olivan of Tentenublo, one of Rioja’s new stars. The tradition of “cosecheros,” micro-wineries that made young, Beaujolais Nouveau-style wine from their own grapes and sold directly on site, most often in bulk, was strong in Rioja Alavesa. Today, the idea of artisanal production has merged with a terroir approach, giving rise



to a whole bunch of new wave winemakers.

The relatively low cost of land (from 40 to 100 thousand euros per hectare) allows outsiders, including foreigners, to enter the market. While the French (Olivier Rivière and Tom Puyaubert) have been here for a long time, the project of Jade Gross has only a few vintages. Born and raised in Hong Kong, Jade studied political science and international relations in the USA, her father’s homeland. Then she decided to make a radical change in her life and, after receiving a prestigious scholarship, went to study at a culinary school in Paris. Her love for gastronomy led her to Spain. At the two-star Mugaritz, Jade met Abel Mendoza and his wife Maite Fernandez, who became her guides to the world of winemaking. Starting with 800 bottles in 2019, by 2023 Jade has increased production 10-fold. All of her wines are sold by allocation and featured in some of the world’s best restaurants, including in her native Hong Kong.

### **La Bella Durmiente**

Rioja, in the unhurried, aristocratic manner typical of all classic wine regions, is beginning to wake up to the fact that the wine world has changed and needs to change with it. Energetic young winemakers are banding together in groups like Rioja’n’Roll and Martes of Wine (“martes” are the Tuesdays on which members meet) to taste the world’s best wines, share experiences and market together. Traditional bodegas are not standing still either, with a greater focus on sustainability, preservation of autochthonous varieties and biodiversity. The region as a whole is working on its image, trying to attract tourists with good infrastructure, modern architecture and top-class gastronomy.

**Valeria Tenison**

## RIOJA TO SAVOUR

### White wines

#### Bideona Las Parcelas Blanco 2020

A Viura-based blend from old vines from the Peninsula Viticultores project created by two Masters of Wine, Andreas Kubach and Sam Harrop, in partnership with the Izaguirre family. This white Rioja with notes of gunpowder and wet stone will appeal to those who like whites in a reductive style, almost like a trendy Burgundy.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

#### Bodegas Pujanza Añadas Frías 2021

As the name suggests, this wine is produced only in cold years (sic!). The unusual approach yields a unique wine: a Viura with very high acidity, a waxy texture and a spicy finish. Compressed like a spring, it will develop for many years.  
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

#### Viñedos Ruiz Jimenez Pago de Valcaliente Blanco Reserva 2018

Viñedos Ruiz Jimenez is one of the few biodynamic producers of Rioja. This Reserva is 100% Maturana Blanco, the region's oldest varietal, from a high-altitude vineyard in Rioja Oriental. Recommended for those who like the oxidative style of white Rioja, while not overwhelmed by oak. Amontillado-like with moderate alcohol and excellent acidity.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

#### Jade Gross Chiguita 2022

An assemblage of Viura and Tempranillo Blanco yields a bright and lively wine. The tropical character of Tempranillo wades through the skillful Burgundian vinification, while the acidity of Viura gives it a vertical dimension.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### Alonso & Pedrajo Suañe Blanco Reserva 2018

Alberto Pedrajo is a top-class enologist who consults with wineries around the world. That said, his own project is one of the most audacious and experimental in Rioja. It's a well-made 'natural wine' that skillfully flirts with 'funkiness'. The blend of 75% Viura and 25% Sauvignon Blanc is incredibly energetic and vibrates on the palate with juicy fruit and salt.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Red wines

#### Ukan Winery 2020

100% Tempranillo from a young, ambitious winery in Laguardia (Rioja Alavesa). The man behind the project is Koldo Eguren, the fifth generation of the famous Rioja family, who is advised by his cousin, Eduardo Eguren. The wine comes from three plots with old vines and, despite a rather high alcohol of 14.5%, perfectly translates the elegance and freshness of this sub-zone.  
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

#### Torre de Oña Finca Martelo 2019

Finca Martelo is the name of the vineyard in Torre de Oña (Rioja Alavesa) where the traditionalists of La Rioja Alta began their modernist project in 1995. The 95% Tempranillo with the addition of Mazuelo, Garnacha and Viura gives a fresh and juicy wine with a perfect balance of fruit and ageing in oak.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Elena Corzana Maturana Tinta 2021

Elena Corzana is another rising star in Rioja. After working as an oenologist, sommelier and brand ambassador and living in different parts of the world, Elena returned to her native Navarrete to start her own project. Maturana Tinta, an ancient grape variety, a relative of Cabernet franc, known in France as Castets. Corzana only works with amphorae, which allows to express the typical flavours of the variety - paprika, black and green pepper, all against a backdrop of juicy fruit and fresh acidity.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Bodegas Altún San Quiles Graciano 2021

Graciano is a "difficult" Rioja varietal. Overly acidic and tannic, with high levels of rotundone and therefore black pepper flavours. However, brothers Iker and Alberto Martinez Pangua of Altún have high hopes for it especially with climate change when Tempranillo is rapidly losing acidity. Their Graciano from Rioja Alavesa is upright and vertical, peppery but not monotonous, with bold but ripe tannins.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Vinos en Voz Baja Costumbres Tinto 2022

Carlos Mazo Gutiérrez of Vinos en Voz Baja has been named the best young winemaker in Rioja in 2023 by Tim Atkin MW. His wines are a perfect reflection of Rioja Oriental in its modern style. Costumbres - Garnacha with the addition of Tinto Velasco, Tempranillo and Calagraño, vinified as whole bunches in large oak tanks. The herbaceous tone of the stems suits Garnacha well, making it fresher and lighter.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)





# CORBIÈRES

## MILLENNIAL HISTORY AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

**T**he AOC Corbières, the largest appellation within a vast region of Languedoc-Roussillon, is a land with a thousand-year history, spectacular nature and very varied terroirs. The President of the AOC Corbières, Olivier Verdale, says that “the wines have made their revolution” and present themselves modern, and aim for creativity and quality, while keeping the link with the ancient history of the region and the multiple facets of its terroir, transmitted in the diversity of its wines.

### *A vast region, a rich terroir, a multitude of expressions*

AOC Corbières covers 10,000 ha, stretching from the Roman city of Narbonne to the impressive Cathar castle Quéribus, starting at the gateway to the Mediterranean and winding through ponds, scrubland, plateaus, hills and plains.

This amphitheater, which represents the Corbières appellation, has a multitude of soils of older or more recent origins, coming from almost all geological formations: starting with the granites of the primary era to the stony terraces of the Quaternary era. There are also limestone plains, shales, clay-limestone plateaus.

In a sunny, hot and dry (sometimes arid) Mediterranean climate, the vine benefits from a long vegetative cycle, protected from diseases throughout the year by constant northwest winds. Under these conditions, the vine plunges its roots deep into the soil and absorbs various minerals, which are trans-



formed into the multiple aromatic facets of wines. This terroir is expressed in wines of three colors. Reds, which largely dominate production (85%), are followed by rosés (12%) and whites (3%). Although they remain confidential, white Corbières, from gravelly and clay-limestone soils, amaze with their gourmandise, roundness and fleshiness, while remaining fresh and floral, sometimes with a Mediterranean, saline and herbaceous note. Rosés are fragrant and fruity, gourmand and refreshing, or complex and gourmet. And the reds are full-bodied and powerful, spicy and savoury, or opened, enveloping and round.

### *The blend – the identity of Corbières*

Another particularity of the appellation is the diversity of its grape varieties. And the wines (red, white and rosé) must represent a blend of at least two of them.

Carignan, Syrah, Grenache Noir, Mourvèdre and Lledoner Pelut are the five main red grape varieties, which must comprise at least 40% of a blend and be supplemented by accessory ones (for example, Cinsault or Piquepoul Noir). Carignan is a king variety of Corbières, which has flourished on its arid lands for more than 200 years. It gives Corbières wines concentration and elegance and represents the typicality of the appellation, making up to 50% of a blend and is completed by other varieties, which bring complexity, finesse and flavor. Syrah, Carignan and Grenache Noir constitute the base of the appellation, with around 30% of the vineyard planted for each of them.

Grenache Blanc, Roussanne and Vermentino are the most widely planted main white grape varieties, complemented by Macabeu, Bourboulenc and Marsanne. It is Grenache Blanc (which thrives in a hot climate and stony soils and represents 49% of the vineyard), which gives Corbières white wines their typical fullness and richness. The others bring freshness, tension and delicacy.

For rosés, the same red grape varieties can be used, but also supplemented by certain white grape varieties.

### *A dynamic and engaged appellation*

With 19% of the vineyard area in Organic Agriculture, 27% in HVE and 75% part of a sustainable development approach, the AOC Corbières is engaged in preservation of its biodiversity and its ecosystem. Winegrowers work with nature and for nature, in order to preserve it, magnify it and produce great wines.

The development of vitiforestry represents the appeal to the cultural heritage of the region, because in the past trees were closely linked to vines. Today, the return to this practice aims not only to protect the vines from the wind and the soil from erosion, but also to promote biodiversity and maintain the balance of the ecosystem. Preservation of rare species and agroforestry projects, such as tree planting, are also part of the appellation's objectives.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville

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# BOLLINGER

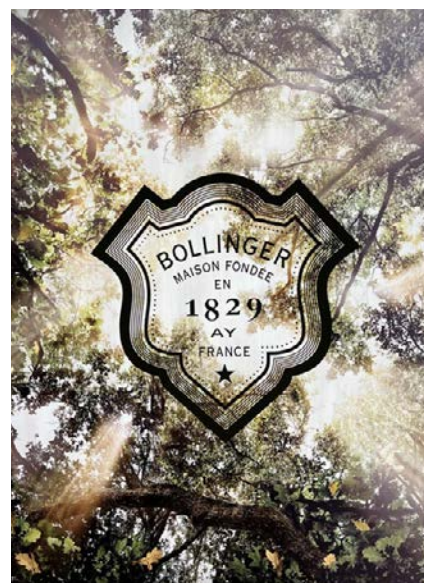
## LA GRANDE ANNÉE 2015

**B**ollinger recently launched **La Grande Année Brut 2015** and **La Grande Année Rosé 2015** at a reception held in **Le Philanthro-Lab in Paris**. The theme of the event was **forest and woodland, from the management of the family-owned one hundred and ten hectare forest in the Côtes des Blancs, to its use in barrels, racks and corks during the production process.**

We tasted both wines alongside a lunch that continued the forest theme, created by two star Michelin chef Olivier Nasti. The 2015 vintage was

introduced by Charles-Armand de Belenet, managing director of Bollinger. He commented that 2015, one of the warmest and driest vintages ever in Champagne presented special challenges to the team. De Belenet mentioned that the grapes harvested were perfectly ripe. The danger was the wines would be too opulent and rich, while some houses struggled to contain the vegetal aromas found in the vintage.

Bollinger managed to avoid both pitfalls by increasing the Chardonnay component to 40%, one of the highest levels yet and by fermenting the wines 100% in barrel. Only Grand Cru and Premier



Cru vineyards were used, and the selection process was even stricter than normal. The Pinot Noir component came primarily from Verzenay, Aÿ and Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, and the Chardonnay from Chouilly and Avize. The Grande Année Rosé 2015 includes 5% still wine from their vineyard in La Côte aux Enfants. It is made from 62% Pinot Noir and 38% Chardonnay.

Fermented entirely in wood, with a dosage of 8 g/l, the Grande Année 2015 has some of the opulence of the vintage with exotic fruits on nose and palate, as well as aromas of red fruits, toasted almonds, and vanilla. The palate is broad and powerful, with generous ripe red fruits, balanced well by a mineral note, some orange peel and a positive dry finish. The wine is rich yet harmonious, showing great finesse too.

Like the 2015 Brut, the Grande Année Rosé is vinified entirely in wood and has 8g/l residual sugar. It is a daring wine with noticeable tannins, there to counteract the ripeness of the vintage. However it works brilliantly, bringing balance and character to the wine. The nose is forward and ripe with strawberries, raspberries, and summer fruits. The palate is plump and concentrated, structured with good acidity, ripe tannins and complex red and dark fruits. A gourmet wine to serve with food; it went perfectly with our game dish, as well as the aged Comté that followed.

John Wilson





# LA ROUTE DU CHAMPAGNE EN FÊTE

*Let's bubble this summer together!*



Photo Olivier Douard

**W**e are about to give you a little recommendation about Champagne... The area, located in the northeast part of France is impressive: there are many things to see, to taste, to experience and to enjoy. But did you know that in 1992, a route of Champagne was created to help the producers in the famous Côte des Bar? Imagine: 240km which connect 32 villages where 162 cellars are producing sparkling delights! It is something to do during your next Champagne gateway.

Then, in 1995, La Route du Champagne en Fête was inaugurated: this event, which is every July, is the perfect summer rendezvous for bubbles lovers. The association Cap'C deals with the organization: every year a different area is highlighted because the terroirs are not the same and so are the Champagnes.

This year, it is the Vallée de la Seine under the spotlights. Also known as the "green valley", this part of Champagne is famous to be environmentally friendly. Indeed, it's where the biodynamic pioneer of Champagne is located: Domaine Fleury. The 20 and 21st of July 2024, an average of 30 000 people will be able to discover 15 Maisons, 93% of which are committed to green practices. And because this event is about sustainability, Cap'C is taking care of visitors with a breather offered with the tasting pass and free shuttles between the villages.

**Chloé Cazaux-Grandpierre**



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# ANTEPRIMA AMARONE 2024

## POINT OUT THE WINE MARKET TRENDS

**The annual preview dedicated to Amarone organized by the Consorzio Vini della Valpolicella, staged in the city center of Verona at the beginning of February, was yet another opportunity to confirm - definitively - the current and future consumption trend. Even the wineries of the Veneto appellation, known all over the world for producing full-bodied and structured wines, have begun the change of course by offering less structured versions of Amarone in search of immediate enjoyment.**

Not all of them succeeded convincingly in 2019, dealing with different ripeness of the grapes and green, decomposed tannins. We will see in the coming years and months how the wines evolve. On the consumption and volume side of bottled wine, foreign sales were down on 12%. A trend that shows no sign of stopping after the positive rebound marked in the post-pandemic period. A contraction that involves red wines more than whites and sparkling wines. The decline of exports was caused mainly by two factors: the drop in consumption (-7% compared to 2021) and an important stock of bottles. The setback applies to everyone, not just Italy. Spain and France recorded -20% and -15% respectively.

Fine wines and wines destined for wholesale, especially overseas, held their own, where despite the increase in prices, volumes managed to show a positive sign. To all this must be added the unforeseen events caused by climate change,

the greatest of problems for wineries, which are called upon to be ever more prompt in vineyard management. The objective,' explained Christian Marchesini, President of the Consortium, 'is to analyze changes and consumption dynamics professionally and promptly. In short, to be ready for them, hence the desire to produce a competitive and contemporary Amarone. The numbers of this appellation are important, operating in the territory are 2251 winegrowers, 6 social cellars and 344 bottlers. With a turnover of 600 million euro, 60% of the wine is exported to no less than 87 different countries. Wine produced on 8000 hectares for a total volume of: eighteen million bottles of Valpolicella, thirty-two million bottles of Ripasso and seventeen million bottles between Amarone and Ripasso. Coming back to the 2019 vintage, after a cool and rainy spring, but divided between a hot and dry March and the following two months exceptionally cold and rainy, the coldest and wettest in the last 30 years.

Unstable, very hot summer with peaks of 38°C and localized hail events. June was rather dry with rainfall well below the average for the period. A late vintage, with the harvest starting a week later than in 2018. From a health point of view, Downy mildew, Botrytis and Powdery mildew were contained and well managed during the vintage, but there was a significant increase in wood diseases associated with the Mal dell'Esca (Esca disease) complex throughout the entire appellation area.

Erika Mantovan

### **Best Amarone della Valpolicella 2019 Blind tastings:**

#### **Cantina di Illasi**

Hints of nectarine and dried fruit, a nice acidity gives dynamism to the fruit; good tannic grip, the sip propulsion returns with gentle aromas fruity.

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

#### **Contrada Palui**

Overcome the initial earthy sensations give way to aromas of sweet dark fruit, a very fine and dense tannic presence anticipates that we are facing to a wine with a very good ageing potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

#### **Costa Arente**

Fresh, eucalyptus notes, great envelopment on the palate, tasty matter enriched by a pixelated and fine tannic layer, nice fruity lengthening in the finish and slightly boisé.

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

#### **Il Monte Caro**

A fine and delicate nose, with good substance and envelopment, hints of figs and currants, in the finish it ends with both more balsamic and mentholated tones.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Domini Veneti Amarone Or Jago**

Intense nose on juicy, ripe red fruit, already joyful and open palate, with a very structured but gentle tannic part telling us about the balanced matter and beautiful energy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Flatio**

Impressive nose, with aromas of blackberry and cherry, decisive and enveloping tannic matrix creates a nice dynamism in the mouth with a softer, more fruit-driven ending feelings.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Secondo Marco**

Hints of citrus, blood orange and cerise accompanied by an acidulous component; on the palate the pulp is well amalgamated with the tannin, sweet and already well integrated matter, good propulsion in the end.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Tenuta di Santa Maria di Gaetano Bertani Amarone Riserva**

a nose of citrus and floral scents, sharp and open; the palate has good density, with a textural texture and richness of great pleasure. A very long-lasting sip.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### **Villa Canestrari Amarone Riserva Plenum**

rich in sweet red and fresh fruit, with good tension and wrapping, very pleasant for the good grip in the end with slightly iodine returns.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



Consorzio Vini della Valpolicella



# THE OPERA ROMANA

## THE VOCATION OF THE LANDS OF LATIUM



**W**e are in the Velletri area, with a reality of very clear planning: conceived in 2007, it was baptized as ÔMINA ROMANA' at the behest of the Börner family. An important name, which takes into consideration all those elements that characterize the hills suitable for the cultivation of vines, on the volcanic and verdant soils of the Castelli Romani overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea, south of the capital (Rome).

A Mens et Manus philosophy, embracing the interaction between climate and soil. Nomina Sunt Ômina: for the ancient Romans, destiny lies in a person's name. The goal is to pay homage to a millennial history: more than 2,500 years ago, ancient Latin and Etruscan peoples cultivated vines in these places. While ÔMINA is the natural link found in the Greek alphabet.

With vineyards 200 meters above sea level and 25 kilometers from the sea, the Colli Albani air gives the wines a rich, smooth flavor along with a mineral feel; low yields per hectare, between 70 in total. In the cellar is Simone Sarnà flanked by Claudio Gori. The Viognier from the Ars Magna 2021 Line captivates with its body, powerful aroma of yellow fruit and magnolia, and mineral and brackish fiber, creating density in a satisfying sip.

Erika Mantovan

# BARONE PIZZINI

## PURITY IN FRANCIACORTA

**"N**ature imitates itself," said Pascal, and in Franciacorta there are those who have been observing and caring for it for some time, such as Barone Pizzini, a company that is among the most committed to preserving nature for a habitat that is as healthy as possible for cultivating vines. A company also recognized for an operating model aimed at obtaining quality wines. In fact, Pizzini started the process of obtaining organic certification in no time at all, presenting its first organic label in 2002.

The more than 50 hectares of the property are spread out in different corners of the area at different altitudes: from 200/350 m above sea level with an average age of the plants of around 15 years. The different soil matrices become a fundamental component of the DNA of the 7 Franciacorta wines produced; most of the horizons are of morainic matrix enriched by fluvio-glacial and fluvio-lacustrine depositions combined with gravelly skeletons and still on mountainous and deep bottoms with fine, calcareous rocky substrate deposits. Among the latest cuvées released on the market is Animante L.A (not vintage, but with a 2016 vintage base). Created as an experiment, the 5,000 bottles left in the cellar to age, after 6 years on the lees are presented as a pas dosé version and with a blend of 78% Chardonnay, 4% Pinot blanc, 18% Pinot noir. A tribute to a great vintage, disgorged in January 2024, it presents itself with sensations that are both lashings and delicate at the same time; on the nose, notes of yellow fruits united with those of chamomile powder, ginger, acacia, and an iodized finish. Great propulsion and taste persistence.

Erika Mantovan



# DERTHONA 2.0

## TIMORASSO MI AMORE

**D**erthona is a wine area located in the Colli Tortonesi DOC in Piedmont region in northern Italy. They produce delicious white wine from a single varietal: Timorasso. We have been few days in the area to meet winemakers and taste, obviously, some of their wines. Here is a little sneak peak about the 2022 vintage and 10 of our favorites.



If you don't know Timorasso grape variety, you should try it! It has the body and alcohol of Viognier (sometimes 14,5 to 15%) with the acidity of Assyrtiko and some hydrocarbon flavors of Riesling. But do not mistake yourself: Timorasso is Timorasso. It is lively when young and highly gastronomical with age.

In 2015, Derthona consorzium encompassed 35 members. Today, in 2024, they are 108 members on 400 hectares of vines. We are far from the 0,5 hectares left in 1987 at the beginning of the adventure. Timorasso grape variety is a diva: it's very complicated to grow and it's why at the end of the 80s you had so few hectares left.

2022 was not for bleeding hearts! It was the vintage of extremes with very warm temperatures, drought, and some summer storms. The harvests have been done very early at the end of august as usually it is starting mi-september. But the wines are great and with nice acidity.

### 10 favourites tasting :

#### Cantine Volpi srl 2022

The wine has a golden color. The first nose is aromatic with notes of honey but also sage and eucalyptus. The second nose opens, still aromatic with a little more alcohol. We find honey and juicy peach. There is a warm side that emerges. The palate starts with a slight sweetness on the attack. Floral, we have notes of immortelle and always honey. The acidity is present, measured and salivating. We perceive a little dried plum and a hint of black tea. The finish is discreet and velvety yet with a discreet astringency.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Terre di Sarizzola 2022

The wine is golden, clear and shiny. The nose is discreetly aromatic with curry and green walnuts. The second nose opens with banana, pineapple and still walnut. The palate is dry, direct with bitterness and a biting lemon acidity. There are notes of apple and peach. The finish is dry, mineral, straight, almost austere, nice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Vigneti Repetto Az. Agr. Di Gian Paolo Repetto 2022

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is fresh, a little milky, creamy with banana. With air, it is discreet but aromatic with a hint of alcohol. We find the apple. The palate is fresh and fruity. The acidity is not biting, it is present. There is a note of apple but the whole is discreet. The acidity continues at the end with salivation.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### Pomodolce Az. Agr. Di Davico Alessandro 2022

Beautiful golden color. The nose is aromatic but discreet with notes of apple and candy banana. The second nose opens, more aromatic, still with banana, cooked apple, black tea, almost wet leaf undergrowth. The palate is fresh with a minty attack. We find a beautiful acidity and the aromatics of Timorasso with its fruity complexity. Alcohol is well integrated. We find banana, apple, pear, and a hint of juicy white peach. The finish is also aromatic and is salivating with a pleasant tea note. Beautiful wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### Cascina Montagnola 2022

The wine has a golden color. The nose is aromatic, more intense. We have honey, dried flowers, a bit of biscuit. With air, we find apple and peach. The palate is fresh, intense with white flowers, a slight bitterness in the mid-palate which accompanies astringency. We have the alcohol very present with apple, juicy peach, a bit of candied lemon. And some notes of white pepper and sweet spices. Beautiful complexity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### Boveri Luigi Michele Az. Ag 2022

The wine has a golden straw color. The nose is a little smoky, discreet with this umami, mushroomy, juicy side. The second nose opens, more aromatic with a smoky side. The palate is fresh, juicy with lemon and apple juice. There is a velvety side with a measured acidity which is salivating in the finish with a saline touch. We feel the Timorasso aromatics well.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

#### La Colombera 2022

The color is golden straw. The nose is discreet but aromatic. There are notes of apple and flowers. With air, it's pretty and delicate. We have notes of apple and pineapple. In the mouth, there is a little pearliness on the attack. We find discreet notes of apple and juicy peach. Acidity is measured. We have a little astringency. The acidity takes over in the mid-palate with salivation and a saline touch at the end. We mainly have flowers and pineapple. Very nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

#### Cantina di Tortona 2022

The color is golden. The nose is beautiful, fresh, and fruity with a nice expression of Timorasso. We have a light hydrocarbon note and this expected minerality. With air, we have apple and still this smoky side. On the palate, the wine is fresh with nice acidity. We have apple, juicy white peach, and a bit of pineapple. The smoky side is present but remains discreet. The alcohol is powerful but well balanced with the salivating acidity. The saline tip concludes the tasting. Nice wine.

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

#### Massa F.lli Az. Agr. 2022

The color is golden. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of banana and apple. We also have a slightly creamy side. With air, it is discreet but elegant. The palate is sensitive with a beautiful aromatic expression. A hint of pineapple, a floral touch and a bit of apple. The finale is more discreet. The alcohol is present, but the sweet acidity counterbalances it. We also have a pleasant vegetal hint.

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

#### Voerzio Martini Soc. S. Agricola 2022

The wine has a straw color. The nose is fresh with a beautiful, well-defined hint of eucalyptus even if it is discreet. The second nose is very beautiful, still with this delicate hint of eucalyptus and eucalyptus flower. It's almost minty, fennel. The attack is fresh with roundness. We have the eucalyptus freshness that arrives little by little. There is a nice balance with also white peach and sweet spices accompanied by white pepper. The acidity is measured but present, salivating. Great wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



# ESTANDON

Food and rosé wine pairing by Nama Restaurant

## ESTANDON ZENITH X RABBIT TERRINE

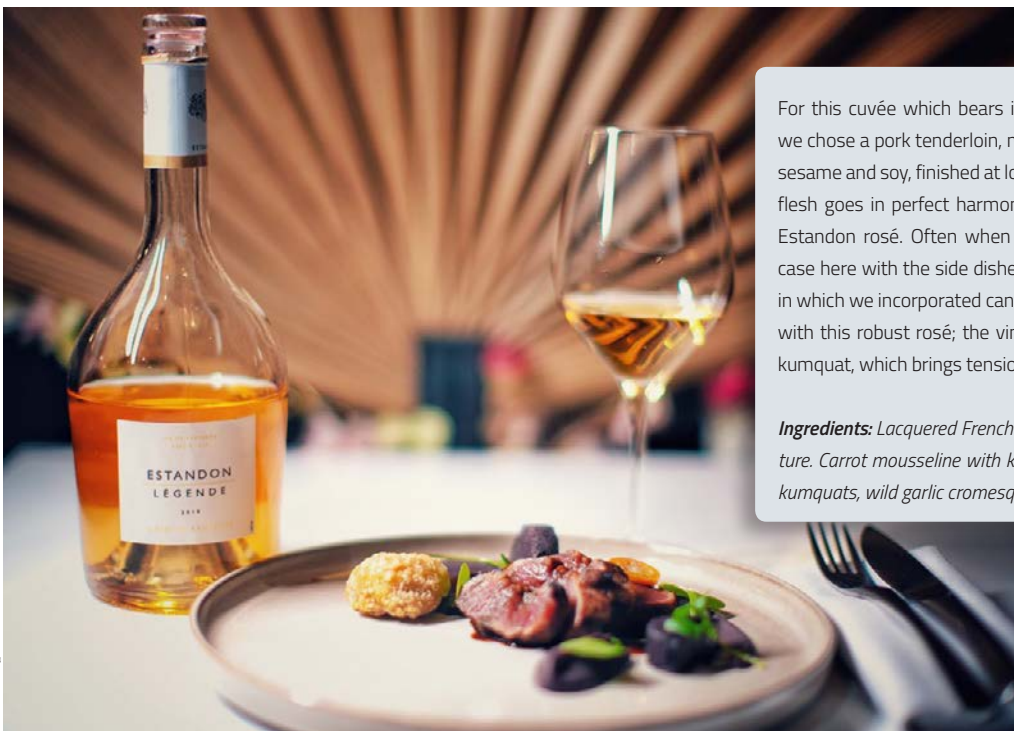
The freshness of Estandon Zenith rosé is reminiscent of citrus, with a hint of bitterness reminding candied orange zest, or even pink grapefruit. We thought it would go wonderfully with our rabbit terrine, in its spring vegetable jelly. The sweetness provided by the nori seaweed and marinated daikon enhances the complexity of Estandon Zenith rosé and harmonizes wonderfully with the yellow lemon confit, placed on the side. The latter beautifully marries the liveliness of rosé while evoking the tension and bitterness of citrus, in all its lightness.

**Ingredients:** Rabbit saddle in jelly with carrots, leeks, daikon, baby corn. The jelly is a vegetable broth with rice vinegar and a touch of soy sauce. Yellow lemon confit is made with organic lemons salted for 1 month. For other vegetables: endives, butternut pickles, saffron mushrooms, red onions, Brussels sprouts burned with a blowtorch, chervil, and radishes. Homemade bread tiles with seeds (squash, sunflower).



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## ESTANDON LEGENDE X MIGNON DE PORC



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For this cuvée which bears its name – Légende - extremely well, we chose a pork tenderloin, marinated beforehand in a decoction of sesame and soy, finished at low temperature. The creaminess of the flesh goes in perfect harmony with the silky tannins of this 2018 Estandon rosé. Often when tasting, opposites attract, this is the case here with the side dish: the purple sweet potato mousseline, in which we incorporated candied kumquat, which goes wonderfully with this robust rosé; the vinous side soothes the intensity of the kumquat, which brings tension and bitterness. A real success!

**Ingredients:** Lacquered French pork tenderloin cooked at low temperature. Carrot mousseline with kumquat, honey roasted carrots, candied kumquats, wild garlic comesquis, purslane.

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# ACCADEMIA

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**W**e are in Casale, in the very center of the city-capital of Piedmonts Monferrato wine, in a restaurant located inside the historic Palazzo Gozzani Treville dating back to the 18th century, historical seat of the Accademia Filarmonica since 1827. A cultural and food and wine center designed by architect Giovanni Battista Scapitta, then revalued, following neoclassical canons, by Ottavio Bertotti Scamozzi of Vicenza, author of the imposing façade slightly concave to follow the course of the street. Romantic frescoes, high ceilings and a courtyard of honor. A place that has been run for a few decades by a passionate Nicola Mecca, a great professional in the world of hospitality and wine; his constant search for small producers of Champagne, which he imports directly to Italy, goes hand in hand with his desire to pay homage to the best wines of the area in which he operates. A wine list that is therefore both sophisticated and entertaining. His generosity led him to decide to surround himself with a very young kitchen brigade.

Relying on the talents of the self-taught but highly receptive Luca Filia, the cuisine he offers is classic in its flavors, but modern in its cooking and presentation. The latest convincing recipes on the menu are the mouth-watering mock pizza with cream of bread, fresh tomato and drops of straciatella di bufala cheese, a tasty vegetable risotto with Umami mellowed by sour butter, and the red mullet in Sal Viva presented on a bed of aigrette and vegetables. Atmosphere, taste, and unbeatable value for money in the area, 'a unique place but for everyone' reads the claim, seating up to 40, open every day except Wednesday. Lunches, chic aperitifs, and dinners, but above all events, as the pulsating activity of this magnificent place.

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# IL LUOGO DI AIMO AND NADIA

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**S**miles - lots of smiles - but above all expertise, both in the kitchen and in the dining room. That of Aimo and Nadia, in Milan, is a close-knit team that builds every thing means: relationships. The art of listening and understanding. Dialogue and contamination. Everyday experiences become energy transformed into what the guest perceives as welcoming, professional, but above all 'home', in which to find ideas and projects, 'reasoned recipes' created by the chef duo formed by Negrini and Pisani, who give us creative, Italian dishes that look like all the ingredients, one step away from the other, deciding who should be the voice of the message (of the dish) narrated by Nicola Dell'Agnolo.



Then there are those in the dining room who takes care not to make the guests feel lonely: Alberto Piras, born in 1986, joined this brigade in 2014 as chef sommelier. His presence enriches the experience by delivering a bouquet of flowers every time he opens a bottle of wine. The aim is to accompany the dishes, respecting without ever overpowering them. If we think of the figure of the sommelier, he embodies it to perfection:

"I like wines that reflect the terroir and identify with the people who make them". The wine list he has developed consists of some 1400 references and 7000 bottles. The countries most represented are Italy and France (with a large opening to Champagne, Burgundy and a little Rhone) and Germany. But there is also space for other European countries such as Austria, Slovenia, Greece and Spain. "I amuse myself with less classical combinations by playing on sweetness and acidity" - a "mariage" to be experienced thinking of being in a than place, indeeds, where everything looks to the blossoming of the good within us.

A restaurant that feels like fresh water, far from the city centre, to find peace and light.

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# RESTAURANT LE CHAPON FIN

**A**fter a glorious past followed by a momentary lapse, the Chapon Fin is dazzling today. The new team is ready to conquer the little red book without forgetting for who they are working for: you! The wine list is amazing, and the service is great. Here is a little sneak peak of what you can expect while enjoying this restaurant in Bordeaux.

In the heart of Bordeaux gold triangle, at the 7, rue Montesquieu, is located the Chapon Fin. Created in 1825, the restaurant was a famous place to go to and became a not-to-be-missed rendezvous after a stunning renovation. Indeed, in 1900 the architect Cyprien-Alfred Duprat designed a Rococo decor with an amazing rocaille which is now crowned with a glass canopy. At this time, the owner and Chef, Joseph Sicart, saw many celebrities in his restaurant: royalties such as Alfonso XIII of Spain, the Sultan of Morocco, the Prince of Wales (Edouard VII) or the Queen Ranavalona of Madagascar without forgetting artists like Toulouse Lautrec and Sarah Bernhardt. The Chapon Fin was one of the finest restaurants in France, the place to be, and in the first edition of the famous Michelin guide, it was awarded with three stars!

Between 1960 and 1987, the restaurant welcomed only private parties and receptions which faded a little the fame. In 2011, Sylvie Cazes\* took over the restaurant and has let her son, François Régimbeau, lead the Chapon Fin for two years now. He just hired Chef Younesse Bouakkaoui who creates a delicious French haute cuisine and Chef Pâtissier Thomas Guillot, who is a sweetness artist! Germain Thullier, the Maître d'Hôtel, will warmly welcome you and will make sure your experience is unforgettable.

The Chapon Fin has been famous for its décor and its cuisine but also for the incredible quality of its wines and spirits list. The Sommelier, Arthur Challet-Hayard, worked in extraordinary houses like the Ritz Hotel, the George V or the Dockhan's bar, which is oldest Champagne bar of Paris, before to settle down at the Chapon Fin. Sensitive, he takes care of his predecessor's liquid heritage while choosing new ones for vibrant and emotional pairings. For him, wines are alive, and they sublimate the delicious haute cuisine while creating a unique moment. If you try the current diner menu with his pairings, we are sure you will feel this magic: 6 acts around Sarah Bernhardt's life where some ingredients are the stars of the show. But maybe next year, for the 200 years anniversary, the restaurant will be crowned with another type of star!

*\*Sylvie Cazes is the younger sister of Jean-Michel Cazes. She was president of the Union des grands crus de Bordeaux and is co-owner of Château Lynch Bages, Grand Cru Classé of 1855 in Pauillac as well as the President of Cité du Vin. She owns Bordeaux saveurs agency and Château Chauvin in Saint Emilion with her three children.*

**Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre**

## Le Chapon Fin

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# MULLINE VINEYARDS

**In my experience a lofty mission statement can sit like the proverbial albatross around a company's neck, so often a galaxy away from actual performance. Joyful then to find a wine estate that's on target, crafting simply outstanding, world-class wines.**

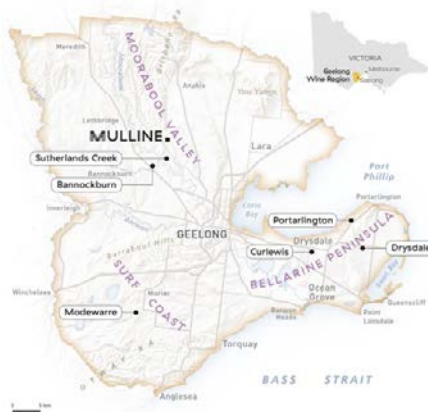
Situated in Australia's Victoria, Geelong is made up of three subregions: The Bellarine, the Moorabool Valley, and the Surf Coast. Unsurprisingly the microclimates are varied, with the hilly Moorabool Valley being broadly continental, the Surf Coast enjoying long summer days, while The Bellarine is decidedly maritime. Mulline have the good fortune to own vineyards across the subregions and go further by identifying a fourth: Barrabool Hills. On the outskirts of Geelong, Mulline pick it out for its striking steep ridges and revegetation.

Mulline is a collaboration between winemaker and viticulturalist, Ben Mullen and business manager, Ben Hine. Mullen has an impressive oenology CV, having worked at estates such as: Torbreck; Yarr Yering; Domaine Dujac (Burgundy) and Craggy Range (Hawke's Bay, New Zealand). This duo of Bens may be new to the Geelong block – the company was founded in 2018 – but their delicious range of wines is already unmissable.

Sarah Mc Cleery

**“Mulline's purpose and motivation is to produce structural wines with definition and freshness, both single site and regional, that bring new ardour and vitality to the Geelong region.”**

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## Portarlington Chardonnay 2022

Located in The Bellarine, the vineyard was planted in 1994 on sandy loam with dark clay, over iron stone soils. 20% new French oak, the wine spends eight months in barrel. This is a Chardonnay with notable freshness and energy. Gorgeous, leesy overtones on a palate that is as long as it is elegant.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Sutherlands Creek Chardonnay 2021

The continental climate of the Moorabool Valley is evident here, as is the presence of granite in the soils. The wine is endearingly generous – think ripe apricot and peach, with a smoky millefeuille texture, and vivid, flinty finish.  
**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

## Sutherlands Creek Fumé Blanc 2021

This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is another stylish white. The wine spends eight months (30% new), in Australian oak. Freshness is an adjective that can be applied to all the Mulline wines, and the Fumé Blanc is no exception. Crystalline fruit from start to finish.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Sutherlands Creek Shiraz Viognier 2022

The 6% Viognier does lend a soft, floral hint to the bold, spicy, brambly Shiraz fruit here. Still very much a wine in its infancy, you sense that this will mature into a refined, full-bodied wine in time.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Bannockburn Syrah 2022

The Bannockburn vineyard's Syrah vines (Moorabool Valley) were planted in 1990. The soils here are limestone clay, with a very shallow topsoil. It's a taut, muscular wine, with impressive structure and concentration of fruit. It has years ahead of it.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Sutherlands Creek Pinot Noir 2021

Impossible not to be charmed by the pretty, aromatic, and vivacious Pinot fruit that ooze from every drop of this. 10% whole bunch fermentation and eight months in oak brings structure of a light touch, adding to the wine's irresistibility.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Portarlington Pinot Noir 2022

40% whole bunch fermentation, 20% new French oak. Has more weight than the Sutherlands, but without any loss of energy or drive. There's a lovely touch of dry spice to this that lingers to the finish.  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

**Part of the Pol Roger Portfolio, the Mulline wines have a confidence and maturity that suggests a lengthier history and a thrilling future.**



Photo Mulline



# DOMAINE DE BARONARQUES

*A Limoux jewel*



Photo Mathieu Anglada

## Domaine de Baronarques 2020

The nose is fruity, buttery, chiseled and offers a beautiful freshness, pulpy pear and smaller notes of butter associated with quenette touches and a discreet hint of passion fruits. The mouth is fruity, chiseled and offers minerality, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, straightness and elegance, fat in élégance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy pear, sweet lemon and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of sweet citrus fruits, sappy/« sens of place » and discreet hints of fresh hazelnut. Beautiful definition. Beautiful freshness and juiciness. Gourmandise. Very beautiful energy and tension.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine de Baronarques 2021

The nose is elegant, fresh, mineral and deep. There are notes of racy minerality, fleshy/fresh small white fruits and small notes almost pineapple-like associated with touches of zests, almost a very discreet hint grapefruit-like. The mouth is fresh, mineral, elegant, beautifully delicate in its fat and gourmandise and offers harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy vine peach and small notes of sweet grapefruit associated with citrus fruit hints, slight hints of fresh/acidulous pineapple as well as slight mineral hints, a very discreet fresh « sens of place » hint (local biotop) and an almost sweet sap hint. Good length and definition. A discreet almost tannic side on the finish as aromatic as it is structured.  
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

## Domaine de Baronarques 2022

The nose is elegant, mineral and offers a racy grain very discreetly tight, tension and notes almost flint-like. There are notes of fresh kumquat, fresh quinte and small notes of sap/oceanic associated with touches of sweet white flowers and a discreet hint of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of fresh vanilla/chestnut tree. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, chiseled and offers precision/purity, deepness, a beautiful energy, a beautiful sapidity /suavity as well as a slight straightness. Harmonious with a crystalline side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh kumquat, lemon and small notes of mandarine associated with touches of fresh/crunchy pineapple, crunchy vine peach as well as

discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint almost tannic/fresh tannins-like. Good length. Persistence. Beautiful work on the good bitterness.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**I**t's in 1998 that the Rothschild family took over this estate which was created in 1543 by monks. Since then, 43 hectares of vines are striving in Languedoc close to Limoux. This localization is beautiful at 100 kilometers inland of the Mediterranean Sea. The terroir is mainly clay and limestone which confers freshness and elegance to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc but also to Syrah, Grenache, and Malbec without forgetting Chardonnay. Let's now dive together in the tasting to discover more about the wines styles.

[www.domaine-de-baronarques.com](http://www.domaine-de-baronarques.com)

## Domaine de Baronarques 2020

Beautiful elegant, gourmand nose that offers a slight creaminess. There are notes of creamy blackberry, roasted small red fruits associated with touches of cruched blueberry as well as slight hints of cornflower, cardamom and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, precision, tension, a nice enveloping and creamy side, a very nice freshness, a nice roundness, elegance, energy as well as minerality. A bomb of fruit and gourmandise ! What a beautiful matter and texture ! In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, cruched blueberry and small notes of roasted cherry associated with touches of chocolate, sappy hints, salinity, pine needle as well as discreet hints of torrefaction. Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise, fine and discreetly firm. Very nice bitterness (nice range of good grilled/roasted bitterness). A wine full of precision and well made.  
Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

## Domaine de Baronarques 2021

The nose is gourmand. There are notes of cornflower, violet, roasted-elegant small red fruits associated with touches of small blue fruits associated with slight hints of vanilla as well as very discreet very discreet almost camphor hints, « sens of place » (local scrubland /biotop) and a subtle hint almost infusion /incense. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, precision, tension, elegance, gourmandise and a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, roasted-juicy small fruits and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of vanilla, hints of vanilla bourbon and a subtle toasted hint, sweet blond tabaco, a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut as well as an imperceptible almost sappy hint, incense and fresh truffle. Good length.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Domaine de Baronarques 2022

(Vat sample) Beautiful elegant nose, fresh, floral/precise, almost slightly on the restrain (but in elegance), aromatic complexity and precision. A beautiful aromatic pallet. There are notes of blueberry, pulpy boysen blackberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of bourbon vanilla, cornflower as well as discreet hints of graphite and beautifully « sens of place » (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, tension, gourmandise and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright blueberry and small notes of roasted cherry associated with touches of cornflower, bourbon vanilla, liquorice stick hints, sage very discreetly, almost sappy. Good bitterness, gourmandise. A beautiful 3 dimensions side in particular on the finish. Beautiful texture on the finish/persistence. Persistence, gourmandise and creaminess. Chewy, elegant and sapid tannins. A beautiful full wine. Beautiful pulpiness and brightness of the fruit.  
Score : 18/20 (96/100)



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# TEDESCHI WINES

*A Valpolicella family story*

In Pedemonte village, in Valpolicella Classica, the winery boasts 400 years of history, committed to the production of Valpolicella and Amarone according to modern winemaking protocols thanks to a recent expansion of the cellar and the Slavonian barrels as well as of the areas under vines. The parcel approach allowed the Tedeschi family to be among the first in Valpolicella to produce wines from a single vineyard, starting with the historic Monte Olmi in the municipality of San Pietro in Cariano. Tedeschi owns as well La Fabriseria and the Lucchine vineyards.



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## Tedeschi – La Fabriseria 2016

Amarone delle Valpolicella Riserva  
The nose is aromatic, deep, spicy/peppery and complex. There are beautiful notes of blueberry, roasted cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry combined with hints of tobacco. The palate is elegant, gourmand, supple, suave, nicely mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, concentration, roundness, a beautiful finesse of grain, deepness as well as purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blueberry, crushed cherry and small notes of dried fig associated with a subtle touch almost of dried apricot, tobacco as well as a hint of clove and grilled/toasted almond. Tannins are supple and elegant. Good length. A nice evolution in the glass as the tasting progresses.

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

## Tedeschi La Fabriseria 2021

Valpolicella DOC Classico Superiore  
Beautiful fruity and aromatic nose that offers power, a certain straightness, precision as well as deepness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small pulpy fruits and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of lily/flowers, fine hints of sense of place (local biotop) as well as hints of cornflower and sweet blond tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, acidulous and offers minerality, tension, a good definition as well as a certain gourmandise. A beautiful juiciness and brightness of the fresh/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blueberry, crunchy/fresh raspberry and small notes of ripe wild small red fruits associated with touches of sense of place (local biotop) as well as fine almost of aromatic herbs hints and fine toasted hints. Nice sapidity and acidulous finish/persistence. A subtle chewiness in the background. Tannins are supple, fresh and discreetly sappy. Good length.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



## Tedeschi – Maternigo 2021

Valpolicella DOC Superiore  
Beautiful fruity and aromatic nose that offers power, a certain straightness, precision as well as deepness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small pulpy fruits and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of lily/flowers, fine hints of sense of place (local biotop) as well as hints of cornflower and sweet blond tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, acidulous and offers minerality, tension, a good definition as well as a certain gourmandise. A beautiful juiciness and brightness of the fresh/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blueberry, crunchy/fresh raspberry and small notes of ripe wild small red fruits associated with touches of sense of place (local biotop) as well as fine almost of aromatic herbs hints and fine toasted hints. Nice sapidity and acidulous finish/persistence. A subtle chewiness in the background. Tannins are supple, fresh and discreetly sappy. Good length.  
Score : 16.5+20 (93/100)



## Tedeschi Capitel San Rocco 2020

Valpolicella Ripasso DOC Superiore  
Nice fruity nose, intense and which offers a certain power in precision, a good definition as well as an enveloping side. There are notes of ripe wild blackcurrant and small notes of fresh roasted black fruits associated with touches of pepper, nutmeg as well as fine hints of cornflower, crushed strawberry and smoke. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a acidulous frame, precision, a fine tension, energy, freshness as well as a nice "flirt" between the tangy and the varietal. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe wild blackcurrant, violet and small notes of roasted raspberry associated with a touch of juicy black plum, fine hints of star anise as well as a subtle varietal and mineral hint. Good length. A velvety and textured wine that offers finesse and tanginess.  
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)



# CAVAZZA

*A four generations commitment in wine quality*



In Gambellara, in the Iberian Hills, a history close to 100 years old, the Cavazza winery focuses passionately mainly on the production of Garganega grapes and international grapes: Merlot, Cabernet sauvignon and Syrah. Production embraced also sparkling wines: Durello and Prosecco.

From farmer to company, the Cavazza family's journey became more concrete after the Second World War, in 1987 the first major investment with the acquisition of Tenuta Cicogna. Today the company is run by the 4th generation and boasts 130 hectares of vineyards.

[www.cavazzawine.com](http://www.cavazzawine.com)

## **Cavazza – Bocara 2023**

Gambellara DOC Classico

Nice fruity nose. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, kumquat and small notes of flowers associated with touches of lychee, crushed vine peach, volcanic rock and a discreet almost fresh almond hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a fine acidity, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy apple, juicy/pulpy kumquat and small notes of juicy/pulpy apricot associated with touches of crushed small white fruits, lychee and a subtle hint of white flowers/elderflowers. Good length.

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

## **Cavazza - Creari 2020**

Gambellara Classico DOC

The nose is fresh and floral. There are notes of linden, elderflower and small notes of lemon leaf associated with touches of fresh mandarin as well as hints of small fresh yellow fruits and an imperceptible almost saffron hint (on its flowery side). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine sweetening sensation, suavity as well as a certain gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulp lemon, pulpy vine peach and small notes of juicy/crushed kumquat associated with touches of tangerine, small exotic fruits as well as a subtle almost beeswax hint and almond. A fine chew on the finish/persistence. Almost tannic hints in the background.

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

## **Cavazza – Corallo 2020**

Tai Rossi Colli Berici DOC

A brilliant and deep color. Beautiful elegant, aromatic, deep, gourmand and racy nose. There are notes of morello cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed cherry as well as discreet hints of blueberry and licorice. The palate is nicely structured, gourmande, suave, textured and offers a small creaminess, volume as well as a nice roundness. Nice purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of licorice associated with touches of pulpy purple plum as well as discreet hints of roasted blackberry and star anise. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate in the background.

Score : 16+/20 (92/100)

## **Cavazza - Surella 2023**

Lessini Durello DOC

The nose is fruity and racy/sharp. We find notes of pulpy peach and small notes of pulpy apple associated with touches of flowers, kumquat as well as discreet hints of lemon tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, discreetly tight, racy and offers juiciness, precision, a nice acidity/sharpness as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, lemon, zest and small notes of ripe/sweet lime associated with fine hints of racy minerality and toasted almond. A subtle chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)





# AGRO BATORÉU

*Modern, unique and terroir-driven wines from Tejo*

**The estate Batoréu was founded in XIX<sup>th</sup> century, and today it is owned by the fifth generation of the same family. The first vineyard was planted at Sítio dos Poços, where the main property of the family is still located today. Batoréu always aimed to emphasize the terroir of the region, producing quality wines from local and international grape varieties, and to differentiate them as unique wines, giving the ultimate expression of its terroir.**



Photo Mauro Ferraricello

Batoréu is a family estate, situated in the region of Tejo, Portugal, which started its history in 1860, when Ignacio Batoréu and José N. Canteiro from two major branches of the family, were established as wine producers in Aveiras de Cima. The same family owns the winery during more than 150 years. The company Agro-Batoréu was founded in 1988, and its two major brands – Batoreus and Terre Silvestre – were created in 1989 and 1992, respectively. José Batoréu Silvestre continues the family business from 2007, after the death of his father. He had grown in a winemaking family and participated in harvesting since his childhood. Producing wine always was his passion, so even having a pharmaceutical degree, he decided to become the company General Manager.

## **Terroir, vineyard and wines of Batoréu**

Its vineyard covers 42 ha and is located on various and rich terroir of Aveiras de Cima. Clay soils are predominant here, but there are also some pockets of limestone. These soils, as well as particularities of local climate (high amplitude between day and night temperatures, sometimes more than 15°, during the maturation phase), are benefic for the maturation of grapes and allow to obtain high quality fruits, which preserve their natural acidity. Thanks to this terroir, the wines of Batoréu distinguish themselves by their freshness and a high level of tannins, which confer them a great aging potential. In addition, different orientation of plots, their positions on hills or in the valley permit to the winemakers to grow different grape varieties on the most suitable terroir for them.

The feature of the vineyard of Batoréu is a good proportion between traditional Portuguese and international grape varieties. We can find whites Arinto, Fernão Pires and Verdelho, reds Trincadeira, Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional. International varieties (Syrah, Alicante Bouschet and Cabernet Sauvignon) were planted in 2003/2004. Now they are used in red blends in order to create wines of more modern style, to improve their overall quality, their complexity and fruity characteristics, respecting the tradition of the winemaking of the region.

Actually, Batoréu produces wines of all three colors (red, white and rosé), with reds representing the most part of its wine production.

In the future Batoréu envisages focusing on local Portuguese grape varieties, because the estate believes, that they represent the best expression of its terroir and this is an important role to differentiate its wines as unique. Particularly, the area planted with autochthonous grape varieties will be extended (especially, of Fernão Pires), and the product portfolio will be increased with wines made from autochthonous grape varieties (such as Trincadeira and Castelão). Producing new types of wines – late harvest wines and low-alcohol wines is also one of the projects of the company, as well as the development on the EU, UK and USA markets and the extension of touristic offer.

**Valentina Guérin de Tourville**

[www.batoreu.pt](http://www.batoreu.pt)

## **Bathoreu Arinto 2021**

Tejo IGP

The nose is expressive, fragrant and concentrated. It first expresses notes of exotic fruits and stone fruits (mango, apricot, white peach, passion fruit, pineapple) associated with touches of golden apple and a refreshing hint of lemon zest. We then find the aromas of hay, honey and wax, as well as an airy floral bouquet (orange blossom, apricot blossom). The palate is lively and expressive: we find flavors of white peach, apricot and pineapple, refreshed by notes of lemon zest, orange zest and blood orange. The finish is persistent, delicately herbaceous, with a good bitterness of grapefruit. We also find a saline, chalky, even a little drying, which brings complexity and depth to the wine.

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



## **Terra Silvestre 2016 Grande Reserva**

Tejo DOC

(25% Alicante Bouchet, 30% Syrah, 45% Touriga Franca) The nose offers density and depth. It expresses gourmet chocolate and spicy notes (dark chocolate, liquorice, clove), a sweet touch of caramel, torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee), a touch of leather, combined with an elegance of fresh floral bouquet (dominant aroma of peony, lily and dried rose in the background) as well as a gourmand and fresh fruitiness (morello cherry in chocolate, wild plum, wild strawberry, blackberry, a tangy hint of crushed raspberry). The palate offers flexibility, a nice concentration of fruit, controlled power and gourmandise. We find the sweet notes of plum and morello cherry in chocolate, blackberry, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, as well as spiciness (liquorice, clove), a hint of caramel and vanilla, peony and dark chocolate, which persists at the end of the mouth. The tannins are structured and sapid. The finish is persistent and chocolatey.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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# COMMANDARIA EVANGELOU

*King of Cypriot wines*



**C**yprus is one the most authentic place in the world involved in the wine production; the vineyards are authoritarian because it has never been attacked by phylloxera. Evangelou vineyards spreads in 60 acres (60000m<sup>2</sup>) 45 of whom has been planted from 1948 to 1986. The winery is in the village of Agios Konstantinos on the south-eastern slope of Mount Papoutsas.

The climate is peculiar, very dry, hot summer day with temps in the 40°C and cool night with temps dropping to around 15°C. The soil is generally sandy loam with good drainage and quite a bit of gravel. A great terroir for the vines; although the sales of dessert wines worldwide is 2% of the total wine sales, the winery remain steadfast in the production of only commandaria because it is the one which represent the most this place. Commandaria is an ancestor's wine made from sun-dried grapes of the Xynisteri and Mavro varieties; it holds a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest wine in the world.

The winery was created in 2018 by the agronomist Andreas Evangelou, who was born and raised in Agios Konstantinos from a farming family and is a fourth-generation wine grower. After the end of his studies at the agricultural school of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, he decided to engage with the production of commandaria. For better management of the vineyards and the quality upgrade of the commandaria, it invested in the agriculture drone and is one of the first to apply precision viticulture. Since 2021, wanting to protect the ecosystem of his vineyards, he has converted them too organic. The vineyards are located at an altitude of 820 – 920 meters, with south, south-east and south-west orientation. Today the production is around 2 thousand liters but the purpose is to rise it to 10 thousand liters.

[www.commandaria-winery.cy](http://www.commandaria-winery.cy)

## Evangelou Commandaria 2018

The nose is elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of tobacco/cigar, fresh dates and small notes of fresh fig associated with touches of apricot, Zante currants, subtle hints of candied lemon as well as a subtle hint of rancio, cloves and a very discreet woody/toasted hint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, nicely round, creamy, beautifully balanced and offers freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, dates, candied lemon and small notes of candied orange associated with touches of dried fig, a subtle hint of bright peach, crystallized quince as well as discreet hints of Zante currants, candied zest, almond, toast, sugar cane syrup and an imperceptible hint of almost dry ground. Good length. Beautifully persistence. A nice small chew.  
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

## Evangelou Commandaria 2021

Beautiful frank, intense and precise nose. It reveals notes of tobacco, date and small notes of dried flowers associated with touches of almond, candied citrus fruits as well as fine hints of clove, a subtle hint of dry grove and a imperceptible almost fresh herbs/lemon blossoms hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, precise, structured and offers juiciness, suavity as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried fig, date and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of dried citrus fruits, candied zest, hints of nutmeg, almond as well as an almost roasted pineapple hint (in the background), cane syrup and juicy fruits.  
Score : 16+/20 (92/100)





# CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

*Focus on an historic Beaujolais winery*

**C**hâteau du Moulin-à-Vent's Beaujolais are born in 140 parcels (33 hectares) by Gamay grape plants of an average age of 50 years within the prestigious Moulin-à-Vent AOC ; an 18th-century estate that has managed to maintain control of its lands despite the confiscations that marked the period of the revolution.

The produced wines are characterized by richness, a moto-floral bouquet and good evolutionary potential.

Elements such as granitic soils with sand presence are found in the areas of La Rochelle, Les Thorins and Les Vêrillats.

A winery that, put up for sale in 2009, was acquired by Édouard Parinet and his father Jean-Jacques; joined since 2013 by Brice Laffond, the intention was immediately turned to the care of the vineyard by abandoning synthetic products resulting in 2021 in the choice to convert the vineyard park to Organic Farming. A commitment aimed at current climate change, which also passes by the preservation of the genetic diversity of the vine, namely the "mass selection" introduced ten years ago in the new plantings.

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## Château du Moulin à Vent 2015

The nose is fruity, quite ripe, gourmand and offers a certain richness, a certain density as well as a beautiful elegant, precise and relatively powerful grain. There are notes of Boysenberry, dry cassis and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with touches of badian, crushed blue plum as well as hints of tabaco, cardamom and slight vanilla hints and a subtle almost Mediterranean hint. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, tension, roundness, fleshiness, energy, a fresh frame as well as a textured and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, bright red berries and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of roasted small fruits as well as slight hints of badian, tabaco/tabaco box as well as slight hints of summer truffle, zan and sweet spices. Good length. Chewy and sapid tannins. Beautiful freshness. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent 2016

The nose is spicy, aromatic, fine and offers a beautiful precise and relatively powerful grain. There are notes of cherry, violet and small notes of camphor associated with touches of strawberry as well as slight hints of mediterranean aromatic herbs and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is furia and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, roundness, an acidulous frame as well as suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy/pulpy small red fruits associated with touches of violet, fresh blueberry, slight hints of tonka beans as well as discreet hints of mediterranean herbs and chocolate. Sapid, supple and beautifully fine. Beautiful hints of chocolate.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent 2017

The nose is aromatic and offers a multilayered side. There are notes of pulpy cherry and small notes of sage associated with slight hints of pulpy small blue fruits as well as a discreet hint of Zan and rosemary and a very discreet hint of clove. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers a certain brightness as well as elegance. A certain complexity and readability at the same time. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, roasted small fruits and small notes of dried plum associated with touches of Zan, clove and a subtle hint of summer truffle and a hint of moka/undergrowth. Sapid, discreetly sappy and gourmand tannins. Unctuousity, elegance and gourmandise. A slight chew and gourmandise on the persistence.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent 2018

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers precision, a beautiful elegant grain as well as deepness. There are notes of Boysenberry, Sichuan pepper and small notes of wild blueberry associated with touches of crushed wild strawberry as well as slight hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, tension, density, fleshiness, a beautiful matter, finesse in its richness, roundness as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy blackberry, ripe small fruits associated with hints of chocolate and Zan. Beautiful harmony and balanced. Chewy and gourmand tannins. Freshness. A silky touche, rich and delicate at the same time. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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## Château Giscours 1935

Beautiful tiled/shiny color. The nose is elegant and still offers intensity, freshness as well as a minty side. We find notes of cedar /tobacco and small notes of undergrowth /fresh truffle as well as fine hints of small dried black fruits. The palate is mineral, fresh, caressing and still offers fruit, a bright side, a tangy structure as well as balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tobacco, cedar/citron and small notes of undergrowth associated with touches of humus and spices. Subtle and supple.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Giscours 1970

The nose is intense and offers a certain small concentration/power as well as spices. We find notes of spices, chocolate, blackberry, pepper and small notes of small dried black fruits associated with touches of liquorice as well as a hint of freshness/fresh varietal. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers suppleness, a bright side, a small fat, a slight creaminess, a certain fine tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry and small fresh/dried red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, nutmeg as well as a hint of undergrowth and humus. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Giscours 1988

Beautiful, elegant and tangy nose that offers power, complexity as well as a beautiful, fine, powdery and powerful grain. There are notes of blackberry, dried wild strawberry and slight notes of pepper associated with touches of sap, licorice as well as a discreet almost aromatic herbs hint and gravels. The palate is mineral, harmonious and offers freshness, tension, precision, a tangy structure, lovely suppleness, roundness, fullness/volume as well as beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright blackcurrant, Bigarreau cherry and small notes of quite ripe red fruits (close to be roasted-juicy) associated with mineral touches as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and a subtle sappy hint. Tannins are supple and elegant. Good length.

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

## Château Giscours 1989

The nose is mineral, smoky and offers a fine powdery side. There are notes of violet, camphor and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of gray pepper and licorice stick. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, a beautiful straightness full of elegance as well as a certain unctuousity in precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small red fruits and menthol/eucalyptus associated with touches of dried flowers as well as hints of licorice stick, chocolate, toasted almond and a subtle almost blood orange hint /candied orange.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château Giscours 1998

The nose is elegant, clean, precise and straight (but without austerity). It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of spices associated with hints of camphor as well as discreet hints of Madagascar pepper and a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, a small tension, precision, creaminess (on the mid-palate) as well as a fine sappy frame. A certain richness in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of pulpy red berries associated with hints of chocolate. Saline finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Giscours 2000

The nose is racy and offers a racy and very finely tight grain. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of ripe black fruits, violet and small notes of graphite associated with touches of morello cherry as well as discreet hints of cornflower, zan and a subtle almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, tension, precision, creaminess in juiciness, a right freshness as well as a certain slight richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small ripe/acidulous fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of creamy fruit, gravelly minerality as well as fine hints of menthol/eucalyptus, cocoa and toast. Beautiful creaminess, matter and gourmandise. Finish and persistence are mellow.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)





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### Château Giscours 2001

The nose offers energy, elegance and deepness. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, violet and toast combined with fine sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers elegance, a beautiful matter, suppleness, brightness as well as a beautiful, delicate and pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry and violet associated with touches of minerality, camphor, toast as well as a subtle hint of smoke, eucalyptus, roasting and toasted hazelnut. Sappy and saline hints on the finish. Beautiful sapidity and a certain chewiness. Good quality tannins.

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

### Château Giscours 2003

The nose is fruity, frank and offers deepness and energy. There are notes of quite ripe wild strawberry, cornflower and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of pulpy/bright small fruits as well as fine hints of roasted-fresh fruits and a discreet hint of eucalyptus. The palate is beautifully acidulous, mineral and offers freshness, tension, precision, roundness, suppleness, a beautiful structure as well as a certain power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, tangy/quite ripe strawberry and small notes of small crushed red fruits associated with a touch of tangy blueberry as well as toasted hints, chocolate and a subtle sappy hint. Superb freshness and tension. Good length.

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

### Château Giscours 2010

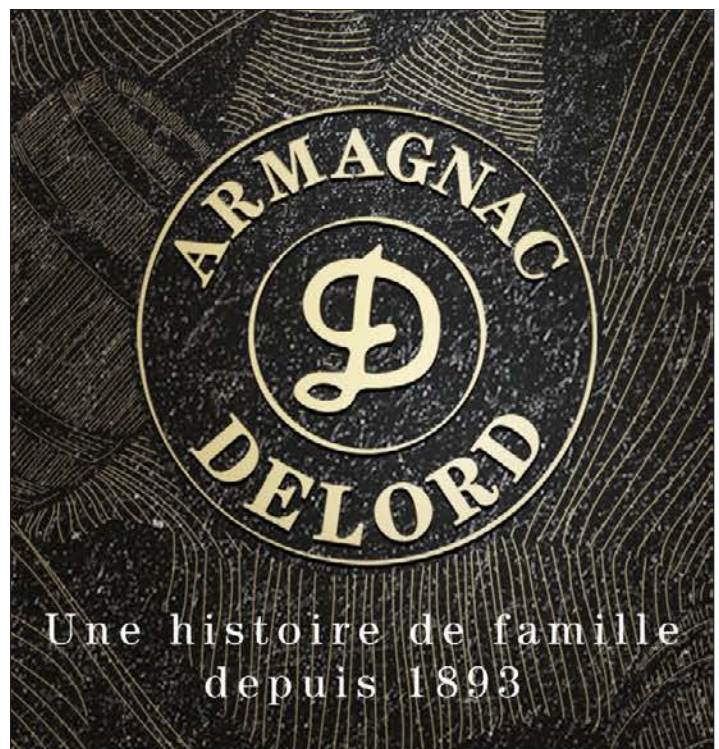
Beautiful aromatic nose, elegant, complex, harmonious and that offers a multi-layered side as well as a very nice complexity. The wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of boysenberry, graphite and small notes of fresh-roasted Gariguette strawberry associated with touches of small red fruits as well as hints of cornflowers, star anise, mocha, grilled, fresh cubeb pepper and racy gravels. The palate is nicely mineral, aerial, racy and offers a beautiful freshness, suppleness, finesse, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy strawberry and small notes of small creamy red berries associated with touches of small blue fruits, vanilla, toasted touches, hints of toasted almond, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of black tea and almost caramelization. Great energy and tension. Great persistence.

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

### Château Giscours 2018

The nose is fruity, fine, complex and offers a fine creaminess as well as good definition. There are notes of pulpy cherry, creamy blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of camphor and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, suppleness, a beautiful energy, a small vibrant side, gourmandise, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackcurrant, juicy/acidulous blackberry and small notes of pulpy/acidulous cherry associated with touches of fresh liquorice as well as a subtle hint of floral and anise. Tannins are relatively powerful, precise and elegant. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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# SCOTCH WHISKY

**S**cottish Whisky, or Scotch, is steeped in history and tradition. Famous worldwide, it has been produced in Scotland since at least the fifteenth century. The Irish lay claim to the oldest distillery in the world, but given the two countries are less than twenty kilometres apart, it could be seen as a shared rich heritage. The word whisky comes from the Gaelic *uisge beatha* or water of life, similar to *aqua vitae* and *aquavit*.

At one time all scotch whisky was made using malted barley. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, some larger distilleries began using other cereals such as rye and wheat as well. The flavours of a Scotch depends firstly on the region it comes from and secondly how it is aged.

All Scotch must be matured for at least three years in barrel before it can be labelled whisky. There are five basic categories of Scotch, the most famous being single malt. A single malt is made in a one distillery, using only malted barley and a local source of water. A blended malt whiskey is made from a mix of several single malt whiskies all made from malted barley, whereas a blended whisky is made from a variety of grain whiskies and single malts from a number of different distilleries. This is the most popular and least expensive style of whisky. Single Grain Scotch, made from a single grain other than barley, is quite rare these days, as is a Blended Grain Scotch, made from a variety of Single Grain Scotch whiskies.

Some whiskies carry a statement of age, such as



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Ten Year Old. This means that all of the spirits used must have been aged for at least a decade. Some whiskeys are peated. This means that peat fires are used to dry the malted whisky, giving it a characteristic smoky flavour.

Scotch whisky is produced in six different regions, all of which have distinctive styles and flavours. They are Campbeltown, Highland, Islay, Islands, Lowland and Speyside. These developed in the past partly due to their inaccessibility, as they were able to hide their illicit trade from the Revenue Commissioners. Nowadays all are completely legal.

John Wilson

## SIX WHISKYS TO TRY :

### Lagavulin 16 Year Old Single Malt Whisky - Islay

An iconic whisky adored by many. It is a big and powerful, the smokiest of all with lingering bold peat and oak alongside rich mouth-filling flavours of Sherry and sweet fruit. Every whisky lover should try it at least once.

### Glenfiddich 18 Year Old Single Malt Whisky - Speyside

One of the best-known names in Scotch. Zesty apple and caramel aromas, rich toffee and dried fruits, with a long sweet fruity finish. Full-bodied but subtle Speyside whisky.

### Springbank 10 Year Old Single Malt Whisky - Campbeltown

A lively whisky with tropical fruits, cinnamon, orange peel, honey, lightly smoky with a saline finish.

### The Dalmore 12 Year Old Single Malt Whisky - Highlands

Concentrated rich flavours of coffee and dark chocolate combined with vanilla and dried fruits.

### Auchentoshan 18 Year Old Single Malt Whisky - Lowlands

Vanilla, toasted nuts, and deep dark malty chocolate notes, alongside an altogether fresher zesty floral element.

### Highland Park Viking Scars 10 year Old Single Malt Whisky - Islands

A light peaty smokiness with honey, Seville orange peel, and spicy vanilla.

## Speyside

Speyside is by far the largest whisky region, not just in Scotland but the world, with over eighty functioning distilleries. It is famous for verdant valleys and the River Spey. The whiskies vary in style from light and gentle with elegant apple and vanilla flavours to a more full-bodied version with Sherry, honey, chocolate and spice. They are unlikely to have been peated.

## Highland

This very large region covers a variety of styles; those from the north and south are often soft and gentle, whereas those the western Highlands often have a more assertive smoky, peaty character.

## Lowland

A region that now has few operational distilleries, Lowland whiskies are subtle and elegant with a gentle pleasing grassiness and fruitiness.

## Islands

Sometimes included in the Highlands region, the Islands encompass all of the whiskies produced on the Western islands, with the exception of Islay, which has its own distinctive style. Island whiskies range from smoky and rich to more mellow and subtle.

## Islay

Islay is a small island off the Western coast of Scotland, famous for distinctive full-bodied, pungent whiskies with plenty of smoky peat, an oiliness and sometimes distinctive flavours of seaweed and iodine.

## Campbeltown

Campbeltown is the smallest of the Scotch whisky regions, based in the town of the same name on the Kintyre peninsula. The whiskies tend to be sweet and fruity with subtle smoke and often a saline note.



# KOCHI

## WONDERFUL SAKES

**S**hikoku Island is part of the archipelago of Japan and is the smallest of the 4 main islands. Kochi Prefecture is located there, on the south side, bathed by the Pacific Ocean. Before 1871, it was called Tosa and the moon cross shaped prefecture is a very well-known spot for surfers and water lovers. The landscapes are incredible, and the gastronomy is amazing. Kochi is one of the most important producers of yuzu fruit and is also famous for its single-line fishing tune, called ipponzuri. It's probably why the katsuo no tataki is the best skipjack tuna dish ever as big chunk are seared on rice straw fire. Thanks to this unique way of cooking, you can enjoy a juicy, crispy, and smoky tuna! Obviously, it is highly delicious with... nihonshu!

18 kura (breweries) are producing sake in Kochi Prefecture. This number is not high compared to other areas in Japan, but the kura have a great reputation. Indeed, Tosa sakes are quite dry, even the driest of the country, with a clean and crisp finish. They are perfect to pair with food and especially seafood. The Prefecture is also very innovative and has created some incredible aromatic yeasts.

As a Sake Sommelier and nihonshu taster for VertdeVin Magazine, I have been pleased to comment about few Tosa sakes in our last winter magazine. I was really surprised by a special yeast: the "Space Deep-Sea Kobo". Imagine that some yeasts have been selected to go 10 days in the Soyuz International Spatial Station at 40 000km from Earth... and some survived! Then, the remaining yeasts have been put during 4 months at 6200 meter bellow the sea to check which one, once again, will survive. We can say that these yeasts are tough cookies!! The one who were still alive have been used to produce some Tosa sakes by different kura.

Kochi Prefecture is full of wonders, their sakes are unavoidable. Make sure to discover these incredible nihonshu.

Chloé Cazaux-Grandpierre



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### KOCHI SAKES TO TRY :

#### Kameizumi Shuzo - CEL 24

If the 18 kura are all producing amazing nihonshu, Kameizumi Shuzo is one of my favorites. Born in 1897, the brewery is famous for its fresh and vibrant sakes. Kameizumi CEL-24 has been produced with a promise: "a fragrant sake for pleasure". And it is true! The nose is a fruits bomb with green apple, grape, banana, and tropical fruits. The yeast CEL-24 is highly aromatic, and we can also feel this explosion of flavors in mouth. The tasting is fresh, acidulous with flamboyant fruits. I like this sake cold or cool with delicious food like a white tuna carpaccio with some yuzu (from Kochi) zest!

Score : 17,5+/20 (95-96/100)

#### Keigetsu - Yuzu Sake

As you have read, Kochi Prefecture is also famous for its delicious yuzu fruit. Yuzu is very tasty and is quite trendy today in occidental cuisine for its amazing flavor. Tosa Shuzo has created this Yuzu



Saké: a perfect mix between the sweetness and sourness of yuzu and the clearness and crispiness of saké. The nose is fresh and reminds lemon and grapefruit with obviously the very distinctive note of yuzu fruit. In mouth, it's sweet with a nice acidity. Well-balanced, the yuzu fruit aromas are powerful. We can also feel a slight hint of white pepper as well as lime zest and tangerine peel. It is best served chill to enjoy (with moderation) this liquor.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)





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# WINE CONSUMPTION WORLDWIDE

## TIMES ARE A CHANGIN'



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### Prices and rising costs

With less demand and still too much wine hitting the market, logic suggests prices would fall. However, the opposite is true.

Geopolitical tensions have led to a global energy crisis and ongoing disruption to supply chains. On the other hand, production and transport costs have risen significantly: Fuel and electricity prices shot up; labour has become scarce and expensive across different sectors related to or within the wine industry; an energy-intensive production process has made glass bottles ever-more expensive. Even carton boxes, labels and closures cost more.

### Changing climate

After unstable weather conditions in many wine regions the quantities harvested worldwide in 2023 shrunk. The OIV estimates that global production, at 237 million hectolitres, is ten percent down from 2022. The estimate marks one of the biggest slumps in the last six decades and is even lower than the already gloomy predictions of November 2023.

Climate change – and the extreme weather events that it is causing – is having more impact in the vineyards every year. Hail, late frosts, heavy rainfall, droughts and rapidly spreading fungal infestations conditioned harvests the world over, from Australia (down 26 percent from its average) and Chile (down 17 percent) to Italy.

From a huge 720,000 hectares of vines, Italian vintners brought in the smallest harvest since 1950: 38 million hectolitre (five billion bottles), down more than 23 percent from 2022. Italy thus had to relinquish the title top wine producing country (in volume), which it had held for so long, to France.

The full repercussions of the small harvest in places like Catalunya is yet to be seen. Cava powerhouse Freixenet – which reported record sales in 2023 – sent most seasonal workers home early due to the drought that almost halved the vintage causing, according to the company, a fall in production of 80 million bottles.

As a result of the overall context, the land under vine also shrunk significantly in the past year. Vintners in major growing regions across both hemispheres gave up 36,000 hectares of vineyards in 2023 only.

Times are a changin'.

### Production down, consumption down, prices up: wine is experiencing some rough changes these days. Wellness and war are responsible - and some even more remote factors

Have you cut back on your wine drinking lately? Or thought twice before treating yourself to an extra glass at your favourite bar? In the long run such decisions make a big difference – not just to your pocket.

Like any other consumer good, wine is a global industry at the mercy of fluctuating demand and spending power – of bottles either collecting dust or flying off the shelves.

Every year, in spring, the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV) takes a closer look at the worldwide production and consumption of wine and releases its State of the World Vine and Wine sector report. The reports produced by the intergovernmental body analyses production and consumption across the world to find out where the wine world is heading.

This year, with huge changes observed in 2023, the results are quite unsettling.

### Demand

Global wine demand hasn't been lower since 1996. In the last three decades, wine became an ever-more-appreciated tippable and more people around the world discovered their love for the complex and intriguing nectar. However, the trend seems to be changing. Last year, sales dropped to a 27-year low to 221 million hectolitres, the equivalent of 29.5 billion bottles.

Consumption is down 2.6 percent from 2022. While this doesn't appear a lot, the accumulated decrease since before Covid (2018) is 7.5 percent – 2.4 billion bottles or 6.5 billion Euro (estimated from an average bottle price of 2.70 Euro) less, showing the full extent of the ongoing changes.

### Factors

Several factors have catalysed these shifts.

Health awareness has come to the forefront, particularly among younger consumers. Alternatives, from Kombucha to 0% spirits, have become serious and direct competition to wine, with Gen Z and Millennial drinkers – fuelled by a strong temperance lobby – favouring low- and no-alcohol drinks.

Although Covid led to an increase in consumption in the short term, that changed quickly when, in the aftermath of the pandemic, consumers started worrying about inflation and the general economic instability. Since Russia invaded Ukraine, these worries have become even more tangible and widespread.

A change of mood in the Chinese market, where a growing middle class found its taste for wine in the past two decades, has also had a deep impact. Harsh Covid restrictions, price pressures and political interference made the market size of the world's ninth-largest wine consumer drop by one quarter last year and 60 percent since 2018. "This average loss of two million hectolitre [266 million bottles] annually since 2018," said John Barker, Director General at OIV, "has played a central role in driving down global consumption figures".

# Wines to discover and savour this spring!



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Score  
**16**  
92/100

## Maison Abéle 1757 Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut Champagne

It's one of the most historic Champagne Maison, the fifth, if we look at the year of foundation, which makes a fine impression with its iconic shaped bottles. It returns into the market with the aim to speak to the great enthusiasts and connoisseurs of the prestigious terroir such Champagne is, notify them lots new messages. Seducing them. This Blanc de Blancs gathers 7 crus, parcels in Mesnil - sur - Oger, Very, Chambéry) and 20% reserve wines (from Vitryat and Sézannais). Starting with the base vintage of 2018, vinification takes place only in steel to preserve the aromas, malolactic fermentation is carried out. The nose reveals rich and captivating notes, very fresh and with restrained tension, very broad, heady, sweet, and harmonious, floral and slightly iodine on the finish.

Price: €€€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.5**  
94/100

## Château Jean Voisin 2020 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

On the nose, fruity, elegant, sophisticated and offers a nice power (in finesse), intensity (in mastery) as well as a nice definition and a good finesse of the texture. It reveals notes of bursting blackcurrant, black berries and slightly camphor associated with touches of violet, wild currant quite ripe as well as hints of cherry, bright blueberry and a touch of gray pepper, a subtle touch of toast and cardamom. On the palate, fruity, balanced and offers darkness/depth, some density, minerality, fat, depth. The wine expresses notes of pulpy wild black currant, small pulpy/juicy black berries and more lightly fleshy/crushed raspberry combined with hints of camphor, tonka bean, cardamom as well as fine hints of pulpy blueberry, lily, a hint of tea and a discreet hint of toastiness/torrefaction. The tannins are mellow and well conducted.

Price: €€

## Fleur Cardinale Blanc 2023 Bordeaux

(EnPrimeur) Beautiful, gourmand, precise and gastronomic nose that offers a beautiful textured side as well as a sensation of substance/richness. There are nice notes of pulpy/fresh peach, white flowers and small notes of ripe/fresh citrus fruits associated with a hint of mandarin, mesocarp as well as fine almost small yellow fruits hints and a very discreet fresh toasted hint. The palate is beautifully structured, precise, gourmande, chiselled, full of balance and offers suppleness, fat, roundness as well as a nice unctuousity (full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy vine peach, pulpy brugnon and small notes of bright apple associated with touches of quince, fine hints of kumquat, apricot blossoms and a discreet almost buttery-toasted hint. Good length. A subtle iodine/saline hint in the background. Beautiful sapidity and persistence.

Price: €€

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17**  
94/100



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.75**  
93-94/100

## Conte Vistarino Cepage Pinot Nero Brut

One of the most convincing realities of the Oltrepò pavese, which has taken over production in recent years, giving the whole territory a new image. After precise mapping of the vineyards, the best soils make up this vintage cuvée, composed of 60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay ; fermentation and ageing in new barriques. On the nose it smells of saffron ripe apple and drops of honey, on the palate it is mineral, powerful, with aftertaste reminiscent of salty lemon. Very fine perlage, chalky finish. Integrated and persistent.

Price: €



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16**  
92/100

## Cembra Pinot noir 2020 Trentino DOC

A winery made up of men, virtuous and committed, in the mountains at an altitude of 700 meters above sea level. Founded in 1952, it boasts 300 farmer-members. Heroic viticulture, requiring 900-1,000 hours per hectare and an average of two, maximum three hectares per person. In Trentino in the valley gives the name to the winery (practically in monopole) which has preserved it over time, maintained it and now promotes it through modern wines, fragrant and generous in richness, but at the same time vibrant and charismatic, like this 100% Pinot.

Price: €€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.25+**  
93/100

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa, Les Vaumuriens 2019 Pommard

The nose is a little discreet and benefits from aeration. It expresses aromas of juicy red and black fruits: sour cherry, blackberry, blue plum, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, as well as fresh notes of peppermint, eucalyptus and flowers (peony, lilac, blueberry). On the palate, the wine has a firm tannic structure and grippy tannins, a bit drying on the finish. At the same time, it has roundness in the mid-palate and a pleasant, fruity attack. The wine expresses flavors of ripe red and black fruits (Morello cherry, crushed strawberry, red currant, blackberry, wild strawberry), accompanied by herbaceous, spicy and savory notes of roasted meat, smoke, liquorice, black pepper, dried mint and eucalyptus. The finish is long, spicy and gourmand, with a softer tannin texture. Beautiful complexity of flavors, a firm structure, but on finesse, lively acidity and good aging potential.

Price: €€





# Wines to discover and savour this spring!



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17.5+**  
95-96/100

## Château Haut-Bergeron 2013 Sauternes

The wine has a deep lemon yellow color with golden hints. The nose is fragrant and fresh, with a hint of bitterness. It expresses notes of candied orange, candied citron, lemon zest, fresh apricot, juicy yellow peach, peach in syrup, pineapple in syrup, as well as a touch of exotic fruits (fresh mango, passion fruit), vanilla, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut and bitter almond. We also find the aromas of chestnut honey, beeswax, saffron, dried chamomile, dried lime blossom and brewed black tea. The palate is fragrant and offers a nice complexity, as well as a pleasant herbaceous side. We find in particular notes of infused green tea, black tea, dried chamomile, acacia, linden infusion with a honeyed touch and beeswax, associated with notes of saffron, vanilla, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond, as well as stone fruits in syrup (peach, apricot, pineapple in syrup) and candied citrus fruits (lemon, candied orange). The finish is long, tasty and fresh, thanks to a nice acidity and notes of mint syrup that appear at the end of the palate. A gourmand and balanced wine.

Price: €€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.25+**  
93-100

## Joseph Mellot - Le Troncsec 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon color with green reflections. The nose offers complexity, freshness and tanginess. It expresses notes of green apple, lime, lemon juice, a slight sweetness of lemon jam, as well as aromas of fresh pineapple, white peach and ripe apricot. There is also a fine floral and herbaceous notes: the aromas of crushed peppermint, fresh thyme, oregano (in the background), oolong tea, lime blossom, acacia, as well as a very fine touch of brioche in the background, combined with a slightly smoky mineral hint (gun flint). On the palate, the wine is straight, chiselled, with expressive citrus notes and sharp acidity. It expresses notes of fresh lemon, lime jam, lemon zest, green apple, a herbaceous touch of peppermint, boxwood and fresh tea leaf, as well as a delicate roundness of fruit to core (white peach, apricot). The finish is long, lively and tangy. On the finish, we find notes of fresh citrus, a fine bitterness of grapefruit and lime as well as a delicate smokiness of gunflint. A refined and complex wine.

Price: €€

## Michele Satta Giovin Re 2022

Toscana IGT

By the coming of Giacomo, Michele's son, the winery began a new journey in Bolgheri area, promoting it as a territory capable to reading the grapes, giving us captivating and magnetic versions. Cement, barriques and amphorae are used in the cellar. A whole bunch, a Burgundian and modern approach, for this talented young man, who always beats the cards with this Viognier, expressing himself with aromas of ripe yellow fruit and an intense and voluminous sapid filigree for an evolutionary potential that reaches 15 years.

Price: €€

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17**  
94/100



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.75**  
93-94/100

## Cascina Penna Currado 2023 Langhe Nebbiolo DOC Bricco Lago

The new vibrant "a la page" project of the couple formed by Luca Currado and Elena Penna is based in Serralunga d'Alba - beside the magnificent Lazzarito MGA. The new wines in the market are born in 'Bricco Lago' (close to the San Sebastiano Church), place Luca knows since years (20 years!). In the near future they will be able to presents us Ravera and Monvigliero Barolo but today is time of the electric Langhe Nebbiolo, that seems a Barolo declassified because of its energy and purity of fruits. Astonishment for this premier.

Price: €€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.5**  
93/100

## Le Brun de Neuville Cuvée Double Autolyse Champagne

Beautiful foam which reveals fine bubbles, nice effervescence. There is a nice clear and shiny gold color. The nose is on the fruit with fresh woody notes. We perceive touches of plum, dried apricot, yellow apple as well as a peppery side. It's intense and fresh. We gradually perceive a hint of mirabelle plum and acacia honey. The palate is fresh, vanilla, woody and lightly toasted. The bubbles are fine, there is a herbaceous freshness and delicacy with a hint of gourmet vanilla. The mid-palate is more direct and straightforward. The long finish is ample and velvety with a hint of lingering umami.

Price: €€€

## Poças 50 years Old Tawny Porto

The nose offers depth, complexity and pronounced oxidative notes. [...] It opens with a pronounced peppery note and a spicy touch of fresh and dried ginger. We then find the rich and sweet notes of currants, quince paste, caramelised banana, dried apricot, apricot in syrup, dried pineapple, dried fig, dates, as well as sweet coffee, hazelnut praline, brown butter, pastry cream (or even lemon cream thanks to a good level of acidity), toasted brioche and a fine floral bouquet (violet in crystallized sugar). The finish is very long, with pronounced but quite pleasant oxidative notes (fresh nuts, caramel), to which fruity notes appearing at the end of the palate (very ripe mango, candied orange), giving to wine delicacy and youth. Lots of gourmandise, great depth, complexity and great persistence. (Read full review on [vertdevin.com](http://vertdevin.com))

Price: €€€€€

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17+**  
94-95/100



# Provence Rosé

## Château Saint-Esprit, Céleste 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

Pretty bright color on pale apricot. The first nose is discreet and fresh with notes of tangy fruits such as pomegranate, clementine and apple. The second nose is still just as fresh and tangy with touches of pomelo, crunchy apple and citrus fruits like lemon of course. Then we smell some creamy notes of peach and apricot. We also have a saline hint and a floral touch of orange blossom. On the palate, the wine is fresh and tangy with a beautiful aroma of flowers (orange blossom, hint of clove) and fruits such as peach, apricot and orange. It is pleasant and seductive with an average finish.

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

## Château Saint-Esprit, Nébra 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

Pretty pale and bright color on light orange. The first nose is aromatic with notes of olive leaf as well as citrus fruits such as pomelo and small crunchy red fruits. The second nose is more on stone fruits like peach and apricot. The palate is tangy and fresh with a slightly vinous side. The tasting is more mineral with a fresh and salivating mid-palate with a hint of iodine. The end of the palate is more subtle with flowers like rose and rosemary flower.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Le Petit Saint-Esprit 2023

IGP Var

The wine has a beautiful bright and clear color on pale apricot. The first nose is fresh and marked by small red fruits. The second nose has more exotic fruits like mango and a hint of pineapple. The aromas are discreet. The palate is fresh and tangy. There are notes of ripe lemon as well as crunchy apple. We find small red fruits and we perceive a touch of stone fruits. The finish is salivating with notes of peach blossom and blackberry.

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

## Domaines Bunan, Moulin des Costes 2022

AOC Bandol

The wine has a beautiful light and bright apricot color. The nose is aromatic with a slight smoky appearance. It's vinous, fresh and constructed. The second nose develops notes of black fruits and pine forest. We perceive touches of pine sap as well as apple. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity. We have substance with fat and a wine with black fruits and a small hint of delicate bitterness. The finish is pleasant and long.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Ray-Jane 2023

AOC Bandol

This rosé has a very pale straw yellow color. The nose is aromatic with gourmet notes of stone fruits such as peach and apricot. We also perceive hints of grapefruit and lemon blossom. The second nose is also aromatic with always the same organoleptic characteristics: fruits with citrus fruits and a tangy side also brought by the lemon leaves. The palate is fresh and aromatic with good acidity. We have a creamy side which coats fruits like candied lemon, white peach and ripe apricot. We have a touch of aromatic herbs like basil as well as lemon blossoms. The finish is pleasant, almost with a touch of fresh mango.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaines Bunan, Mas de la Rouvière 2022

AOC Bandol

This Bandol has a beautiful apricot color with clarity and shine. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of lemon zest as well as small, crunchy red and black fruits. The second nose is still aromatic with blackberry and wild strawberry, orange and even touches of peach in syrup. The palate is fresh and aromatic with a slight impression of sweetness on the attack. We find the small strawberry with sugar as well as the blackberry accompanied by hints of apple and tea with its slight astringency. The tasting has structure with discreet tannins and a long finish of fig and cooked mango.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Mas de Cadenet 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

This wine has a pale apricot color. It is clear and shiny. The nose is aromatic with notes of fruit. We have peach as well as apricot and fine hints of citrus fruits like ripe lemon. The second nose is also aromatic with peach in syrup and small red fruits such as strawberry and its compote. The palate is fresh and tangy. There are notes of peach, apricot and white grapes. There are hints of lemon and the finish has a slight astringency which adds volume. Good balance and length.

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

## Château Coussin, César à Sumeire 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The wine has a pale pink color, bright and clear. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of peach, apricot and small crunchy red fruits. The second nose is more citrus like pomelo and orange with a fatty hint of coconut. The palate is fresh and tangy with touches of flowers such as rose petals, apple and lemon. The whole is delicate with a finish with a hint of bitter pineapple and peach.

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

## Domaine Naïs, Création de Naïs 2023

AOP Côteaux d'Aix en Provence

This rosé has a pale color on bright pink. The nose is very aromatic on grapefruit with also touches of peach and apricot. The second nose presents the same aromatic with lots of peach in syrup and very ripe lemon. The palate is fresh and tangy with a very grapefruit, candied lemon and peach tone. It's very attractive for summer. We also perceive hints of ripe pineapple, mango and lemon blossom. The finish is salivating and lingers slightly.

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

## Clos Mirages 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale color that tends towards rose gold. The nose is a little smoky with fruit. We perceive green grapefruit as well as melon. It's discreet with a vinous side that comes through. The second nose is more aromatic with notes of citrus as well as stone fruit: peach, apricot and a little grapefruit. The palate is fresh with a beautiful aromatic intensity of peach and apricot. We perceive a hint of small black fruits and there is a nice acidity in the mid-palate which gives way to a richer finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Domaine Richeaume 2023

IGP Méditerranée

(Brut de Cuve) The color of this wine is a very beautiful grapefruit pink, limpid and shiny. The nose is fresh and fruity with aromas of red and black fruits. The second nose is even more intense with pretty notes of raspberry as well as blackberry. It's delicious and round, also with hints of apple and redcurrant. The palate is fresh and tangy with a hint of rose as well as crushed raspberry. The aroma is more discreet with apple and redcurrant. The finish is fruity and light.

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

## Château de Pampelonne, Légende 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color, bright and clear. The nose is fresh and fruity with an intense grapefruit note. The second nose is always intense with citrus fruits such as ripe lemon, orange zest and lemon blossom. The palate is fresh and fruity with a tangy side. We also find citrus fruits with stone fruits like juicy yellow peach.

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

## Château d'Astros, Amour 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale, bright color on the melon. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of peach and brugnion. We also have a touch of lemon blossom and a little white grape. The second nose is also aromatic with a touch of almond as well as fine hints of pear and pineapple. The palate is fresh, pretty, pleasant with a salivating acidity. We perceive white peach as well as brugnion accompanied by notes of white grape and pineapple juice. The finish is delicate with a hint of yellow kiwi.

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

## Château d'Astros, Aventure 2023

IGP Var

The color is light with shine and an almost light straw color. The nose is fresh with notes of white wisteria as well as apple. The second nose is discreet with a hint of basil and some peach notes. We perceive a fine note of orgeat. The palate is fresh and tangy. We find discreet touches of pear and white peach. The end of the tasting has a refreshing saline touch.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Les Béatines, Les béates 2023

AOP Côteaux d'Aix en Provence

The rosé has a pale, bright melon color. The nose is fresh, a little smoky. We have peach notes that appear slowly. The second nose is a little more expressive with juicy yellow peach and apricot. We also have a hint of scrubland. The palate is fresh with a note of almond and a tangy side which develops little by little. The notes are more on red fruits like small tart cherry and this continues in a fine finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)



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## Estandon, Impressions 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

Beautiful bright and clear color on the pale rosé. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of peach and brugnion. There is almost an exotic side with pineapple and mango. The second nose is creamy, intense with more pronounced exotic notes. The palate is fresh, delicious with roundness and fruit. We find juicy peach, apple, small crunchy red fruits and a hint of ripe pear. The mid-palate is well-rounded with a hint of salinity. We always have this creamy side. The finish is more on red fruits like raspberry and crushed strawberry. There is a nice acidity.

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

## Estandon, Zénith 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Notre-Dame des Anges

The rosé is pale, limpid and shiny with a melon color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of small, crunchy red and black fruits. There are also touches of lemon blossom and melon. The second nose is very strawberry with fine hints of peach. The palate is fresh, light and fluid with fruits such as peach and juicy brugnion. There is a good acidity which persists in a long-lasting finish with fig notes.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Estandon, Génération Estandon - Coopérative en Provence 2023

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The color of this wine is pale on light melon. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of citrus fruits such as pomelo. The second nose is charming, still fruity with yellow peach, pear and small red fruits. There is also an imperceptible mineral note. The palate is fresh, tangy with crunchy red fruits accompanied by a metallic touch. The finish is floral. It is a simple and delicious wine.

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

## Estandon, Les cercles 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The color of this rosé is pale, bright and clear. The nose is aromatic with notes of red fruits. We also perceive a floral touch of wisteria and rose. The second nose is on the same line: floral and fruity. The palate is aromatic, floral with notes of pink rose and purple wisteria. We also perceive a little white grape and small red fruits like raspberry. The finish is persistent with a touch of salt.

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

## Estandon, Symbiose 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a pale melon color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with a tangy side. There are notes of white peach and a pleasant mineral expression. There is also an imperceptible hint of pine sap. The second nose is on fresh herbs with a very pleasant marine, saline side. The palate is fresh and fruity. We find the saline side in the mid-palate with crunchy fruits such as strawberries, white peach and ripening pineapple. The finish is fine, pleasant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Estandon, Légende 2018

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has an incredible color, on gold with orange highlights. The first nose is intense, powerful with woody notes of oak, roasted hazelnut and dried banana. We have other fruits like dried apple and orange in syrup. The second nose is just as intense with a smoky, mineral side that emerges. We have hints of cooked coconut, flowers like honeysuckle. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. We have notes of cooked apple, coconut and woods like rosewood. We also perceive spices such as curry and turmeric. The finish is on flower potpourri with a touch of salt. It's long and intense. It's a gourmet rosé.

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

## Domaine Longue Tubi 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a pale apricot color. The nose is fresh and fruity with small red fruits such as raspberry and strawberry. With air, it is a little more pronounced with still these notes of crunchy red fruits. There is a hint of alcohol which provides volume and which blends well with the perfumes. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. We have notes of citrus fruits such as ripe yellow lemon with small red fruits but also small juicy white fruits. There is a saline touch at the end of the mouth. It is a wine with a certain minerality and a lovely floral finish.

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

## Château la Rouvière 2022

AOC Bandol

The wine is pale with a nice bright color on the melon. The nose is intense with a smoky minerality that emerges. We have fruits like peach and juicy apricot as well as vegetal notes of aromatic herbs. The second nose opens, delicate, with touches of pine sap and juicy yellow peach as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe mango. The palate is fresh with good refreshing acidity. We have fruits like peach and also apple, a touch of spices like cardamom and a touch of liquorice. The whole is fresh and concludes with black fruits such as blackberry accompanied by a slight bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Coussin 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The rosé has a very pale apricot color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a hint of cream. We have juicy peach, apricot and also a touch of aromatic white grape. The second nose is still more intense on orchard fruits. The palate is fresh and fruity. We find the elements of the nose with a very present refreshing acidity. There are peach, lemon, white grapes as well as fine hints of lemon blossom. We also perceive a saline note on the finish. It's persistent.

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

## Domaine d'Eole, Tradition 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a pale color against the bright melon. The nose is aromatic, fresh and fruity with notes of peach and Cavaillon melon. We also perceive floral touches of lemon blossom and orange blossom. The second nose is aromatic, delicious with a hint of licorice leaf as well as juicy peach. There is an exotic side that emerges with an imperceptible hint of passion fruit. The palate is fresh with present acidity. More discreet, the aromas are candy with mango, white peach and orange zest. The finish has a saline touch.

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

## Château Val d'Arenç 2023

AOC Bandol

Rosé has a light, bright orange color. The nose is aromatic with grapefruit and green orange. It's intense with a hint of basil and lemon leaf. The second nose is also aromatic with more flexibility. We find lemon, grapefruit but also lychee. The palate is fresh and fruity with a vegetal hint of lemon leaf. We have the grapefruit accompanied by a refreshing acidity and a slight bitterness on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Longue Tubi, Plaisir 2023

IGP Méditerranée

This rosé has a pale apricot color. The nose is very aromatic with beautiful floral notes of orange blossom as well as a hint

of black tea. We also perceive dried apricot and peach in syrup. The second nose is also aromatic with the same notes. The palate is fresh, fruity with lemon. However, we still perceive these notes of black tea, orange blossom and crunchy blackberry. The finish has a touch of bitterness and is relatively long on dried apricot. Atypical.

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

## Château d'Astros, Absolu 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The rosé has a pale apricot color. The nose is discreet, fresh and fruity with hints of green orange as well as white peach. There is also an imperceptible hint of iodine. The second nose has notes of citrus fruits as well as juicy red apple. A fresh side emerges, almost minty. The palate is fresh with a nice refreshing acidity. There are discreet notes of apple as well as lemon. We perceive a hint of fishing. It is clear on the palate with a fine note of strawberry on the finish accompanied by a hint of pretty bitters.

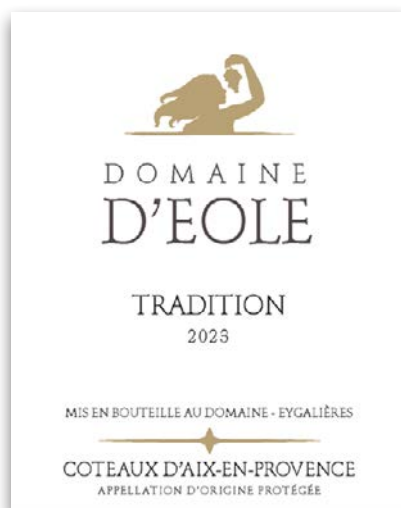
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Mas de Cadenet, L'échappée Belle 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The nose is fresh and intense with notes of fruit such as juicy apricot and yellow peach. We also find some citrus fruits like lemon. The second nose is also fresh and aromatic. We perceive some fine hints of orange blossom in addition to the elements of the first nose. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity from the attack. More discreet, the aromatic remains on the fruit with white peach, lemon and apricot. The finish has a little salivating salinity.

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



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## Domaine Saint Andrieu 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale rose gold color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of wild strawberries and orange blossom. The second nose is aromatic with touches of grapefruit, passion fruit but especially orchard fruits such as yellow peach, brugnion and apricot. The palate is fresh with a slight pleasant bitterness on the attack. We find a creaminess with notes of yellow peach and apricot. There is good acidity with a hint of iodine on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Saint Andrieu, L'Oratoire 2023

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The rosé has a very pale color on the melon. The nose is fresh, mineral with fruit. There are notes of lemon, white peach and white grapes. The second nose is aromatic, sensitive, with notes of white peach and above all a beautiful marine impression of the seaside. We perceive an imperceptible hint of rosemary flower. The mouth is fresh with a refreshing acidity. We have small, crunchy, tangy red fruits like redcurrant as well as fine hints of lemon. The finish is fine on lemon blossoms with always a salivation and a touch of iodine.

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

## Domaines Bunan, Bélouvé 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a beautiful clear and shiny apricot color. The nose is fresh, powerful with notes of peach and a certain smoky minerality. The second nose opens with more subtlety with notes of cooked strawberry as well as yellow peach. The palate is fresh, round with a little bitterness. We find small, crunchy red fruits as well as fine hints of blackberry. The finish is slightly winy.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a pale melon color. The nose is intense and fresh with citrus fruits such as lemon and pink grapefruit. The second nose is even more intense and delicious with notes of juicy peach, strawberry and apple. The palate is fresh with a refreshing acidity from the attack. We find citrus notes on lemon but also small crunchy fruits like blackberry and strawberry. We have this salivating acidity which continues until the finish. Simple and efficient.

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

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Rosé des Anges 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a beautiful pink color, clear and shiny. The nose is fresh with pink grapefruit as well as hints of lemon zest. The second nose is more intense with its delicious notes of lemon, pink grapefruit and strawberry. The palate is fresh with a nice refreshing acidity from the attack. There are notes of rose, strawberry and lemon. The finish is salivating with a saline hint of strawberry.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Notre-Dame des Anges

The rosé has a clear and bright melon color. The nose is intense on grapefruit and lemon leaf. We also perceive hints of lemon as well as passion fruit. The second nose is aromatic with a fine touch of juicy yellow peach. However, we find a lot of citrus fruits as on the first nose and always a gourmet exotic note. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of lemon, grapefruit and peach. There is a creamy side and a hint of bitterness in the mid-palate. The whole thing is refreshing.

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

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Les Schistes 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The rosé has a pale pink gold color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of citrus fruits such as pomelo and lemon. We also perceive floral touches such as lemon blossom and the freshness of orange blossom. The second nose is intense, still fresh and citrus, with some fine touches of stone fruit such as peach. The palate is fresh and tangy. We find lemon, pomelo but also white peach. The finish has a pleasant saline touch.

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

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Les Montauds 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This wine has a pale melon color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of pear and apricot. The second nose is pretty, pleasant, fruity with touches of yellow peach as well as very ripe yellow lemon. The palate is fresh with good acidity from the attack. The whole is discreet on green fruits with grapes in particular and apple. It is quite clear during tasting. The finish is salivating with a hint of blackberry.

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

## Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

Rosé has a very pale color as rose gold. The nose is fresh with rose petals and pomelo juice. The second nose is fruity with still touches of stone fruit but also small strawberries. The palate is fresh and tangy. The aroma is discreet with a little bitterness on the crunchy red fruits.

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

## Château Tour Saint Honoré 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The rosé has a pale apricot color. The nose is aromatic with orange blossom as well as juicy peach. We also perceive a hint of black tea. The second nose is more discreet but we find orange blossom, almond paste and peach. The palate is suave, round with a little refreshing bitterness. There are notes of rose as well as almond paste and orange blossom. It's clean and pleasant with a mango finish.

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

## Château Tour Saint Honoré, Olivier 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

This wine has a very pale color on the melon. The nose is mineral, fresh with small, discreet notes of red fruits. The second nose opens with apple and brugnion. The palate is fresh with minerality and refreshing acidity. There are small red fruits. The aromatic is discreet and sensitive.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Tour Saint Honoré, Sixtine 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

This wine has a pale apricot color, limpid and shiny. The nose is powerful, intense with woody notes. We have roasted peach accompanied by pine wood smoke. We also have lemon zest with a touch of coconut. The second nose is also intense with its notes of torrefaction and vanilla. The palate is fresh with acidity on the attack. There are notes of stewed red and black fruits accompanied by vanilla, dried rose petal and coconut. The palate unfolds nicely with freshness and a balance between fruit and barrel aging. The finish is subtle on vanilla. It's a gourmet rosé.

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

## Domaines Bunan, Moulin des Costes 2023

AOC Bandol

This rosé has an intense melon color. The nose is vinous, fresh with notes of roasted peach and small red fruits. The second nose opens little by little with strawberry but also blackcurrant. The palate is round, with a beautiful aroma from the attack on small red and black fruits accompanied by a fine hint of peach. There is a nice fresh minerality as well as a saline finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaines Bunan, Mas de la Rouvière 2023

AOC Bandol

The wine has a clear and shiny melon color. The nose is fresh with minerality and notes of stone fruit. We also perceive a fine hint of pink grapefruit. The second nose is of yellow peach and apricot. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. We have flower notes like lemon blossom as well as lemon notes. We perceive a fine hint of ginger and orange blossom especially in the finish which is accompanied by a discreet bitterness and always a very present salinity.

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

## Château Les Mesclances, Cuvée Saint Honorat 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a very pale color on rose gold. The nose is fruity with stone fruits such as apricot and juicy yellow peach. There are also some citrus notes. The second nose is more aromatic, still with stone fruits, citrus fruits and even a few discreet hints of mango. The palate is fresh, aromatic with juicy peach, pomelo but also yellow apple and a fine hint of mango. The finish continues in tropical fruits.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Les Mesclances, Faustine 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

This rosé has a very pale color on rose gold. The nose is fresh with mineral notes as well as white peach. We also see some imperceptible touches of orange. The second nose is more on aromatic herbs with a hint of liquorice leaf. The palate is soft, suave with notes of apple as well as white peach. The whole is discreet with a salivating finish with a hint of salt. There is a good general freshness.

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



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## Château Les Mesclances, Romane 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This wine has a very pale pink gold color. The nose is aromatic with notes of peach and brugnion. We also have touches of pink pomelo with a fresh minerality. The second nose is more pronounced on stone fruits. The palate is round with a slight sweetness on the attack. We find apricot, peach with a little creaminess. We also perceive fine touches of lemon. The whole thing is fresh and well worked.

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

## Estandon, Lumière 2023

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The wine has a very pale pink gold color. The nose is fresh with a minty impression followed by stone fruits such as juicy yellow peach or even pineapple. The second nose is aromatic and always with a nice freshness. The stone fruits are more persistent with a hint of orange and pink. The palate is fresh with juicy peach and a salinity that carries through the mid-palate into the finish. The aromatic is discreet.

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

## Mathilde Chapoutier, Orsuro 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a beautiful pink color, clear and shiny. The nose is fresh and intense with notes of grapefruit and freshly cut grass. We also have touches of red apricot. The second nose is more on crunchy and juicy red and black fruits. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. We find notes of pink grapefruit as well as peach. There is a nice minerality and a salty touch on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Mathilde Chapoutier, Aurisso 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The wine has a very pale rose gold color. The nose is fresh with iodine notes as well as a minty freshness. We also see some small black fruits. The second nose is more aromatic, a little vinous with stone fruits. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. There are notes of strawberry, yellow peach as well as bitter orange zest. There is a nice minerality and a finish with a refreshing saline hint.

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

## Château Pampelonne 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a very pale color on rose gold. The nose is fresh with notes of black grapes as well as red apple. The second nose opens with juicy peach and pomegranate. The palate is fresh, round with an attack of fruit such as apple, blackberry and grape. The aroma is discreet with a salinity in the salivating finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Figuière, Première 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

This rosé has a pale rose gold color. The nose is aromatic, floral on rose and wisteria. There are fine hints of red apple as well as peach. The second nose opens with citrus fruits such as pomelo and always with juicy white peach. The palate is fresh with a refreshing bitterness which accompanies a significant salinity from the mid-palate. We have small, crunchy black fruits like blackberries as well as peach. The whole thing is subtle.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Estadon, Héritage 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale rose gold color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with touches of rosemary as well as juicy yellow peach and pear. The aroma is clean, well worked. The second nose is intense with touches of ripe citron, lemon and juicy pear. We also have a hint of luscious mango. The palate is fresh with a minty acidity. The aroma is discreet on white peach, pear but also on a saline touch at the end of the palate accompanying white flowers.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine de la Mongestine, Les Monges 2023

AOP Côteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a pale pink color on the melon. It is clear and shiny. The nose is fresh with pear and wild strawberries. It's quite intense. The second nose is more blackberry and blackcurrant. The palate is fresh, round with notes of black fruits such as blackberry as well as small morello cherries. It's delicious even if the aromatics remain delicate. We perceive a nice acidity and fine hints of black grapes on the finish.

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

## Château de Pampelonne, Le Petit Château de Pampelonne 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a nice pale color on the melon. The nose is fresh and mineral with notes of fresh rose petals. We also perceive some fine hints of fig as well as white peach. The second nose is more aromatic with small black fruits like blackberry as well as hints of pear. The palate is fine, round with freshness. We find small black fruits like blackberry accompanied by a slight bitterness as well as rose. The finish always has this hint of bitterness with a salivating acidity. We end the tasting with blackberries.

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

## Château Maïme, Héritage 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a beautiful clear and shiny color on pale apricot. The nose is fresh and aromatic, seductive with notes of small strawberries as well as crunchy yellow peach. There are also notes of mango. The second nose is more aromatic with still touches of red fruits but also more citrus fruits such as pomelo and peach. The palate is fresh, round, suave with a discreet aromatic and a saline touch which is expressed from the attack. We find small, crunchy red fruits like strawberries as well as juicy white peach.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Maïme, Promise 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale apricot color. The nose is fresh, fragrant with notes of peach and apricot accompanied by fine hints of grapefruit and mango. Mineral, the second opens a little more on yellow apple. The palate is suave, round with a nice acidity. Gourmand, there are notes of juicy peach, apricot and crunchy apple. The finish ends with a saline hint and notes of wild strawberries.

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

## Cadet de la Bégude 2023

IGP Méditerranée

(organic) The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is fragrant, very fruity and delicious. It expresses notes of vine peach, black fig, red apple, raspberry and wild strawberry with a sweet touch of English candy (fruit drops). We also find notes of peony, iris, as well as a mineral and saline touch. The palate offers tension, lots of flavors and a certain volume, all in freshness. It expresses the flavors of red currants, vine peach, red currants, raspberries and pink grapefruit with a touch of bitterness. The finish offers a gourmet touch of vine peach, a scent of peony, as well as a delicate salinity and good bitterness.

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

## Domaine de la Bégude 2023

AOC Bandol

(organic) The wine has a raspberry pink color of medium intensity. The nose is intense and complex: we find aromas of juicy fruits, a racy minerality, salinity (even a iodized hint) and a herbaceous touch of garrigue. It expresses the aromas of red currant, pink grapefruit with its bitterness, vine peach, blood orange, a touch of red kiwi, as well as bay leaf, thyme flower, cherry blossom and a touch of marine salinity. The palate is chiselled, sapide and fresh. It expresses tangy citrus notes on the attack (pink grapefruit, lemon zest, blood orange), combined with flavors of vine peach, red currants, peony and garrigue. The finish is juicy, enveloping, even rich, but balanced by a slight tannic touch, a hint of bitterness, a salivating acidity and a marine minerality, which is expressed at the end of the mouth. A gastronomic rosé, persistent and complex.

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

## La Bégude, L'Irréductible 2021

AOC Bandol

(organic) The wine has a raspberry pink color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, straight, complex and fresh. The first nose expresses chiseled and tangy notes of grapefruit, blood orange, lemon, combined with aromas of vine peach, fresh black fig, fresh red cherry, combined with touches of dried peel of red orange, dried rose, cherry blossom, as well as a spicy touch of nutmeg, herbaceous notes (garrigue, black tea in the background) and a distinguished minerality (salinity). The palate offers an explosion of flavors on attack: we find notes of red cherry, red currant, vine peach, crushed raspberry, blood orange and fresh black fig, associated with a bitterness of pink grapefruit, a salty and chalky mineral touch (slightly dry on the palate), as well as floral scents of peony and cherry blossom. We also have a pleasant volume and gourmandise on the palate, all in freshness. The finish is long and offers nice acidity and good bitterness. A rich and complex, yet harmonious rosé.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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## MOULIN-À-VENT

### Domaine de Gry-Sablonn Vieilles Vignes, Moulin-à-Vent 2022

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, good concentration and verticality. It expresses notes of juicy red and black fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry), associated with touches of torrefaction (heated wood, toasted hazelnut), sweet spices (liquorice, even star anise, vanilla, ground cumin, nutmeg), fresh flowers (a touch of rose and iris), as well as a gourmet touch of chocolate with mint. The palate is gourmand, round and silky, less woody, with a good bitterness of cocoa and coffee on the finish. It expresses the juicy flavors of morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, black plum, strawberry, raspberry coulis and bigarreau cherry, combined with spicy notes of liquorice, vanilla and nutmeg, as well as a hint of peony and chocolate with mint. The finish is persistent, with expressive notes of morello cherry, dark chocolate and white pepper. The tannins are structured and fine. Beautiful freshness and acidity on the finish.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

### Richard Jambon, Moulin-à-Vent 12M 2018

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers pure fruit and delicacy: the aromas of crushed morello cherry, red cherry juice, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, roasted red plum, dried strawberry, which are completed by delicate tertiary notes (undergrowth), dried rose, cornflower, roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, as well as discreet notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, white pepper, nutmeg). The palate is silky and fragrant, with a firm tannin structure, slightly drying in the mid-palate. It expresses notes of dried morello cherry, fresh red cherry, fresh raspberry, red plum and blackcurrant in the background, associated with a good bitterness of torrefaction (coffee, smoke), a fine spiciness (black pepper, licorice, clove), as well as herbaceous (dried bouquet garni, dried peppermint) and floral (dried rose, dried peony) notes. The finish is persistent, gourmand and chocolatey, with spicy notes of black pepper, dried leaves, tobacco and a touch of prunes in chocolate in the background. A structured and complex wine, with lively acidity and good balance.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

### Richard Jambon, Moulin-à-Vent 24M 2020

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses refined and elegant spicy aromas, which do not dominate the fruit, nor the fine floral nuances on the nose. We find notes of ground white pepper, ground cumin, liquorice, a delicate touch of dried vanilla in the background, as well as dried cornflower, dried rose and lily, associated with a touch of dried pine needles, a discreet, but perceptible minerality (rock, graphite), as well as gourmand fruity aromas: morello cherry, dried red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, dried cranberries, crushed blackcurrant and red plum. The palate is savoury, chiselled and lively, with structured and firm, but fine and powdery tannins. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, crushed raspberry, red plum, fresh strawberry, cranberries and blackcurrant, as well as a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, dried cornflower), herbaceous (dried pepper mint, dried pine needles) and spicy hints (liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin), as well as a racy minerality (rock, graphite). The finish is chiseled, lively and expresses salivating acidity and firm, but fine tannins.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Pierre-Marie Chermette, Moulin-à-Vent Les Trois Roches 2022

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and offers a certain concentration, as well as asavourey herbaceous hints (roasted bouquet garni, dried thyme, dried mint), associated with fruity notes: wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, roasted red cherry (in the background), a touch of black plum, with delicate spicy aromas (white pepper, licorice) with a touch of chocolate in the background. The palate is juicy and gourmand. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (with a touch of roasted fruit): wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, ripe morello cherry, black plum, roasted cherry, combined with notes of roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, white pepper, peony and dried rose. The tannins are fine, powdery and have a good, fairly firm structure, but not drying. The finish is quite persistent, chocolatey and gourmand, with a refreshing acidity.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Richard Rottiers Dernier Souffle 2022

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses a racy minerality (graphite, a touch of iron), associated with juicy and concentrated fruits: we find the aromas of morello cherry, cherry jam, wild strawberry and crushed blackcurrant, as well as notes of dried mint, with a fine spiciness (liquorice, clove), torrefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut, slightly smoked), as well as a touch of wilted peony. The palate is gourmand, fruity and has fine, with powdery, slightly grippy tannins, as well as a pleasant bitterness. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, crunchy strawberry, red currant, morello cherry and crushed blackcurrant in the background, combined with a touch of fresh peony, dried mint, a mineral hint (graphite), as well as a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, smoke). Good persistence on the palate, with a pleasant herbaceous touch and salivating acidity.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Richard Rottiers Les Thorins 2021

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, refined and offers a certain concentration, airiness and a fine floral bouquet. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of violet, dried rose and lily, as well as a spicy touch of liquorice, white pepper and ground nutmeg. We also find aromas of torrefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut, heated wood) and a subtle minerality (graphite). The palate is straight and chiseled, with lively acidity and a fine tannic structure, but quite firm, without being dry. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, black plum, red plum), a subtle floral bouquet (violet, peony, lily), a spicy (liquorice, nutmeg) and herbaceous touch (thyme, dried mint). Good persistence in the mouth with gourmand notes of stewed cherry and dark chocolate.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

### Jean-Etienne Chermette, Moulin-à-Vent Rochegrès 2020

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and gourmand, with a certain complexity in notes of stewed and roasted fruits, roasted herbs and sweet spices. It expresses the aromas of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, stewed morello cherry, crushed strawberry, dried raspberry and red plum, combined with aromas of roasted bouquet garni, liquorice, cumin, white pepper, dried rose, violet, tobacco and heated wood in the background (even with a resinous touch of sap). The palate expresses juiciness,

airiness and fluidity (in a good way). The attack is fruity and round, with a beautiful freshness, which develops towards a salivating acidity; We find the flavors of stewed red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed raspberry, strawberry and red plum, associated with spicy notes of nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper, as well as a floral bouquet (rose dried, violet) and a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, heated wood). The tannins are fine, well structured. Beautiful freshness, length and sapidity on the finish. An airy and refined wine.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

### Domaine Labruyère, Sélection Parcelle Champ de Cour 2020

**Moulin-à-Vent**  
The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density, complexity and concentration, all with finesse. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed fresh raspberry and black plum, combined with distinct but enveloped aromas of sweet spices (black pepper, nutmeg, licorice, clove), as well as a touch of leather, tobacco, toast and a floral touch in the background (dried rose, violet, iris). We also find a racy minerality (graphite, rock) which is expressed in the second nose. The palate is silky, full and delicious, even fleshy. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, roasted red cherry, a touch of prunes in the background, combined with notes of dark chocolate and morello cherry jam, which brings a pleasant sweetness to the palate. We also find spicy notes of nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper and cloves, combined with a touch of roasted bouquet garni, toasted hazelnut and a floral bouquet (dried rose, iris, violet). The tannins are powerful, a bit grippy, but soft and melted and bring a beautiful structure to the wine. The finish is persistent and savoury, with notes of dark chocolate, sweet spices and roasted aromatic herbs, balanced by a salivating acidity.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)





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## Domaine Labryère, Sélection Parcelle Le Carquelin 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses smoky, meaty and leather notes, which transform into notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cloves) and chocolate after aeration. We also find an expressive minerality (dry stone, graphite), a fragrant floral bouquet (dried rose, iris, violet in the background) and juicy fruits (morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, cranberry jam, blackcurrant, black plum), complemented by a herbaceous touch (dried thyme, rosemary). The palate is airy and juicy, but offers good concentration, density and soft, fine tannins. It expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, as well as a gourmet touch of prunes in chocolate. We also find notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), dried mint, a sweet floral touch (peony, dried rose), as well as a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and bitter cocoa. The finish is persistent, sapid and gpurmand (even slightly sweet in its notes of chocolate and prunes), balanced by a supple, but refreshing acidity.

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

## Domaine Bertrand, Les Petits Bois 2022

### Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and benefits from aeration. It then expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, wild blackberry, raspberry coulis and blackcurrant, associated with a touch of black plum, mint chocolate, as well as with a delicate spiciness (liquorice, vanilla in the background), notes of toast and dried blueberry. The palate is full, silky and sapid. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, raspberry coulis, combined with touches of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, vanilla in the background), toasted hazelnut and dried rose. The tannins are finely tight and well structured. The finish is persistent, gourmand and chocolatey, with a subtle bitterness, a peppery touch and a nice acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Richard Rottiers 2022

### Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, finesse and a beautiful freshness. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, raspberry, elderberry, tart red cherry, as well as an enveloped and delicate spiciness (liquorice, vanilla, cumin and coriander seeds in the background), as well as a floral (dried rose) and herbaceous (peppermint) touch. The palate is juicy, fruity and finely spicy. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and black plum in the background, combined with touches of white pepper, ground cumin and liquorice, as well as a hint of dried rose and peppermint in the background. The finish is persistent, sapid and expresses a firm tannic structure, with a slightly grainy texture, as well as a salivating acidity and a gourmet touch of chocolate.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Cave du Château de Chénas – Exception – Les Pérelle 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful acidulous, fresh nose that offers concentration and some varietal freshness. There are notes of blackberry, fleshy ripe small black fruits and small notes of fresh pepper associated with cypress/sappy touches and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers concentration, certain silkiness, juiciness and a certain precision, and a certain small density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of roasted fresh small black fruits associated with slight sappy/« sens of place » (local biotope) hints as well as discreet cocoa/moka hints. Freshness and a subtle almost infusion/black tea hint. Good length. Silky tannins.

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

## Château de Beauregard – La Salomne 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy and this wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of clove and small notes of grey pepper associated with slight undergrowth hints. The mouth is fruity, slightly tight and offers freshness, tension and a certain mineral deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassia and small notes of juicy/fleshy red berries associated with moka touches, vanilla/vanillin as well as a subtle toasted hint. Good length. Quite vanilla marquée.

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

## Château des Jacques – Clos des Rochegrès 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, complex, spicy, readable and offers a certain multilayered side. There are notes of ripe bright boysenberry and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with touches of pepper as well as slight hints of toast, fresh nutmeg and a discreet hint of torrefaction/toasted hazelnut, a subtle sappy and saline hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a beautiful brilliance of the fruit, fleshiness, a beautiful texture in precision, finesse and a certain small tension at the same time. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy purple plum and small notes of bright/juicy small red fruits associated with touches of racy minerality as well as discreet sappy hints, cardamom, a subtle toasted and chocolate hint. Good length and definition. Beautiful freshness and concentration in mastery. Lacy. Small chewiness on tannins.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château des Jacques – La Roche 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. On the nose, there are notes of infusion, black pepper and small notes of small fruits associated with slight toasted hints, toasted almond a discreet hint of sweet tabaco. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a certain delicacy and harmony in its guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy plum associated with touches of toasted, sweet blond tabaco and discreet hints of toasted almond. An imperceptible almost sage/Mediterranean hint. Good length. Tangy and mineral persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château des Jacques – Clos du Grand Carquelin 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful gourmand, complex nose that offers a small unctuousity/richness and a texture. There are notes of creamy notes, crushed raspberry and small notes of star anise, associated with touches of Madagascar pepper, Bourbon vanilla, bright small fruits (sometimes discreetly roasted) and slight hints of toasted hazelnut and warm sap. The mouth is beautifully fruity, juicy, gourmand, textured and offers a beautiful grain, a beautiful tannic frame, an acidulous frame, tension, elegance, a beautiful matter, a certain richness/unctuousity (without any heaviness). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy/fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh/pulpy purple plum associated with touches of crushed cherry as well as

hints of chocolate, toast and slight hints of roasted, nutmeg and toasted hazelnut. Slight chewiness on the finish and a beautiful work in the good bitterness.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château des Jacques 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy, relatively fresh, slightly tight and offers a certain minerality. There are notes of pulpy black blackberry, pulpy plum and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of wild strawberry, infusion and slight spices hints. The mouth is juicy, fresh, balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful juicy/pulpy fruit and a slightly tight structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of nutmeg, pepper as well as discreet hints of infusion, a subtle almost sage hint in the background and cardamom. Good length. A subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins offer a chew.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Bonnet – Vin de Garde, Les Rouchaux 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy, quite aromatic and offers a slight deepness/austerity. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of lily, associated with touches of Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of toast. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain elegance and gourmandise, and tension in precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh plum, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of flower associated with touches of nutmeg, fleshy/fresh small fruits as well as discreet hints of tabaco and a subtle hint of clove and a discreet hint of toasted. Sapid tannins. Good length. Freshness.

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

## Château Bonnet 2020

### Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers deepness and certain intensity. There are notes of grey pepper, blackberry and small notes of spices associated with



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slight varietal/warm local grove hints and a discreet hint of toasted and vanilla. The mouth offers freshness, juiciness, minerality, a certain tension, precision and a slight straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/bright cassis associated with touches of ripe/acidulous small fruits as well as sweet blond tabaco hints, almond, clove and a subtle hint of toast. Good length. Freshness and minerality. A certain small chewiness on the finish and gourmandise. A slight sapidity. Chewy tannins. Good persistence.

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

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent – Les Vêrillats 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is aromatic, peppery and offers certain small power in delicacy. There are notes of wild pepper, bigarreau cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet as well as hints of pepper/spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, tension, racy minerality and a certain deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh bigarreau cherry and small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry associated with touches of fresh blond tabaco, slight sappy/local grove hints associated with discreet hints of almond/Beautiful freshness and minerality. Good length. A slight tension. Sapid and fresh tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent – Champ de Cour 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, racy, multilayered and offers a textured side currently discreetly tight. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of Boysenberry, fresh blue plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of fresh Madagascar pepper, Sichuan pepper as well as slight hints of « sense de la place » (local biotope). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, brilliance in its fruit and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, fresh/juicy blackberry and small notes of pulpy/juicy plum associated with touches of fresh nutmeg, fleshy red berries as well as sweet blond tabaco, « sense de la place » (local biotope) and an imperceptible hint almost sage (almost Mediterranean influence). Good length. Elegant, chewy and sapid tannins. Beautiful sapid and suave finish. Beautiful freshness and juiciness.

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

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent – La Rochelle 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, aromatic, complex and complete. There are notes of wild blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of fresh pepper and slight hints of « sense of place », slight hints of moka, a small power, a discreet herbs side in the background (Mediterranean influence). The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, a slight tension, precision and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, violet and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of juicy/fresh blue blackberry, pulpy cherry as well as slight hints of sage, cardamom and discreet hints of toasted almond/torrefaction and a discreet almost sappy in the background. Good length. Beautiful suave and sapid finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent – Les Grands Savarins 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy, fresh and offers a varietal side in its power. There are notes of Boysenberry, fresh grey pepper and small notes of local grove associated with slight hints of infusion and a discreet almost aromatic herbs hint and fleshy small red fruits. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, fresh/acidulous frame, tension and a slight roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of sage associated with touches of wild small fruits, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of blond tabaco, racy minerality and a discreet hint of infusion. Beautiful complexity and definition on the finish. Beautiful freshness and a badian and chocolate side on the finish. Fresh and sapid tannins. Good length. Beautiful textured side and good richness on the finish, all in balance. Beautiful sapid persistence. Good work on the quite discreet good bitters in the background and toasted.

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

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent – Clos de Londres 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is tense, spicy, structured and offers certain freshness. There are notes of violet, dry tabaco and small notes of pepper, associated with touches of star anise, liquorice stick, cherry blossom as well as touches of ripe fruits. The mouth is fruity and

offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a juicy/tangy frame, structure, elegance in its tension/straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of violet, associated with touches of blackberry, juicy small fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick, toasted and slight hints of nutmeg. A discreet hint of pepper. Good length and tension. A beautiful small chew on the finish/persistence. Beautiful freshness. Persistence with a varietal/laurel bay hint.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Hospices Civiles de Romanèche 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy. There are notes of pepper and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of pulpy cherry as well as hints of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality and a slight silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of purple plum as well as hints of tabaco, camphor and slight hints of laurel bay and spices.

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

## Domaine de Chênepierre – Vignes de 1913, 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy and offers a certain delicacy and extent. There are notes of nutmeg, fresh clove and small notes of tabaco, associated with slight hints of fresh spices, cherry, fresh plum and discreet hints of wild small berries and an imperceptible hint of wild laurel bay and an imperceptible hint of dried laurel bay. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tension and a certain straightness/a stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, clove and small

notes of spices associated with touches of tabaco. A good work on the good bitterness in the background.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Christophe Lapiere – Cuvée Prestige 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers a certain concentration/richness and toast. There are notes of toasted and small notes of fresh violet associated with touches of pulpy cherry, violet plum and toasted hazelnut and a discreet hint of Madagascar pepper. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, tension, a good definition and certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy purple plum and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of vanilla and toast. Beautiful freshness and minerality. Toasted still quite present.

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

## Diochon 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is mineral and offers some fruit. There are notes of pulpy/fresh raspberry, pulpy/fresh cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with hints of liquorice stick, a discreet hint of nutmeg and an almost imperceptible vanilla like hint. The mouth is fresh, fruity and offers juiciness, certain brightness and a certain purity of the fruit and a certain small fleshiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of juicy/bright cassis as well as slight hints of liquorice stick, toasted vanilla and toasted almond. Good length and definition. Juiciness. Beautiful small chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Patenôte 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers concentration, a certain density, fleshiness and a slight power. There are notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fresh blueberry associated with slight hints of tangy plum, toast, toasted almond and a discreet hint of chocolate and infusion. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a slight chew, gourmandise, suavity, some fatness, precision and a slight creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, violet, acidulous/juiciness plum and small notes of fresh cherry and touches of infusion, nutmeg, toasted and toasted almond. Good length. Supple and racy tannins. Beautiful work on the good bitters and a slight saline hint in the background. Beautiful freshness and suppleness, all in minerality, roundness and gourmandise. Sapid and chewy tannins. Small chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Albert Bichot – Rochegrès 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of spices, clove and small notes of





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small red fruits associated with touches of violet, cassis as well as beautiful touches of pepper, mineral and local grove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a certain gourmandise and a small silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blue plum, pulpy raspberry and small notes of bright small blue fruits associated with touches of tabaco, clove as well as slight spices hints, local grove/laurel bay hints and slight hints of flowers. Good length and definition. Sapid and gourmand tannins.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine des Fontaines – Clos des Michelons 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy and savoury. There are notes of ripe wild small red fruits, pepper and small notes of flowers/pistile associated with slight sappy hints. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a good definition, tension, precision, silkiness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, purple quetsche plum and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of flowers, almost hints of Mediterranean aromatic herbs (rosemary etc.) and slight sappy /cypress hints. Good length. Supple and gourmand tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine du Clos du Fief – Les Deschanes 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose expresses notes of violet, lily and small notes of fresh sage associated with touches of blackberry, wild plum as well as slight hints of nutmeg and clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful freshness, a good definition, a certain small tension, juiciness and aromatic purity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh plum, crunchy cherry and small notes fresh flowers/pistils associated with touches of saffron (in its flowery side), sap/« sense of place » (local biotope) and discreet hints of chocolate and toast. Good length. Beautiful racy mineral hint on the finish.

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

## Domaine des Nugues – Les Burdelines 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is beautifully complex, slightly tight, tense and offers a fine and tense grain. There are notes of blackberry, violet, cubeb pepper and small notes of infusion associated with touches of wild cherry, lilac and discreet hints of star anise and spices. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fresh, mineral and offers precision, tension, elegance and finesse, a certain small aerial side in its tension/power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy purple plum and small notes of cornflower, lily, pulpy blueberry as well as crushed strawberry hints, liquorice, toast and chocolate. Beautiful gourmand and well defined wine. A slight hint of chocolate.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Domaine du Granit – La Rochelle 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is floral and offers some spices, a certain concentration and stretchiness, almost aerial in its grain. There are notes of fresh flowers/pistils, saffron (flowery side), black pepper and small notes of blackberry, associated with touches of pulpy cherry, cornflower and liquorice stick, slight hints of racy minerality. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, sappiness, a small tension and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, cornflower/pistil and small notes of red berries associated with touches of liquorice stick, cardamom as well as hints of chocolate, toast/vanilla and an almost very discreet hint of caramel. Beautiful varietal freshness and suppleness.

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

## Domaine du Granit – Les Caves 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The wine benefits from being decanted and needs some time. The nose expresses notes of violet, grey pepper and small notes of spices associated with slight touches of nutmeg, almost sage and wild small red fruits in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, minerality, a beautiful elegant fat, precision and a slight acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of fresh small flowers associated with touches of crunchy small berries as well as slight hints of liquorice stick and a hint of lilac and nutmeg. Sapid and discreetly closed tannins at the same time. Beautiful suave finish.

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

## Penlois – Sous l'Aile du Moulin » 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is readable and offers some fruit, some spices, a slight hint of austerity and The wine needs to be decanted. to expand. There are notes of Boysenberry, grey pepper and small notes of flowers associated with touches of clove, pulpy wild raspberry as well as hints of tabaco. The mouth is fruitée and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a certain brightness and acidity of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, juicy/acidulous cassis and small notes of violet, associated with touches of acidulous/juicy plum as well as hints of cornflower, liquorice stick and a subtle hint of tabaco and a discreet hint of laurel tree/laurel bay. Good length and definition. Chewy and sapid tannins. Beautiful sapid and gourmand persistence.

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

## Thibault Liger-Belair – La Roche 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic AB) The nose is aromatic and offers a certain power, a beautiful grain, a certain small concentration but all in precision with an almost aerial side. There are notes of violet and small notes of pepper associated with touches of concentrated wild strawberry, cassis as well as slight hints of warm sap/sage and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, brightness, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse and sense of detail in its construction/structure, finesse and a certain straightness and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy purple plum associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as slight moka hints, nutmeg and spices. Good length. Supple and sapid tannins. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Thibault Liger-Belair – Champ de Cour 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic AB) The nose is spicy, peppery and benefits from being decanted. There are notes of pepper, nutmeg, almost aromatic herbs, slight hints of clove and small fruits. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness and a certain brightness/juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small berries, aromatic herbs, a slight hint of infusion, pepper and a subtle hint of toast and clove. Good length. Sapid and discreetly firm tannins.

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

## Domaine Jean Loron – Champ de Cour 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful elegant, delicate, just nose that offers a certain power in precision. There are notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry associated with slight touches almost cherry as well as slight hints of violet, fresh flowers and a discreet hint of fresh nutmeg. The mouth is juicy, fresh, precise and just and offers a certain small minerality, a slight gourmandise, tension, precision, brightness, freshness, a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy cherry, fresh/juicy plum and small notes of flowers associated with a slight touch of infusion, lily and slight almost crunchy small berries hints, racy minerality, a discreet hint of « sense of place » (local biotope) and toast. Good length. Sappy and sapid tannins. A subtle hint of chocolate/moka. A discreet hint of toast/chocolate in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Labryère – Champ de Cour 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is aromatic and expresses notes of nutmeg, clove and small notes of spices associated with slight touches of blackberry and slight hints of laurel bay. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a mineral/juicy frame, a good definition, precision, juiciness, a certain brightness of the fruit and a polished side at the same time. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild cherry, flowers and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of laurel bay as well as slight hints of sweet blond tabaco and a subtle hint of clove and star anise. Sapid, saline and supple tannins. Good length. Beautiful harmony, freshness and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Labryère – Les Carquelin 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy, peppery, frank and offers intensity. There are notes of cubeb pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of almost roasted small red fruits and slight almost hints of aromatic herbs. The mouth is fruity, elegant, fresh and of-



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fers a beautiful brightness, a beautiful energy and definition of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/tangy plum and small notes of spices associated with touches of local grove/laurel bay as well as slight hints of nutmeg and hints of cardamom. Good length. Sapid and supple tannins at the same time. A subtle hint of chocolate.

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

## Domaine de Colette – Cuvée Julienne 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful fruity nose that offers power, intensity, a good definition and a certain concentration. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of wild flowers, grey pepper, slight hints of toast and an imperceptible hint of « sense of place » (local biotope)(local biotope). The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, a certain straightness, a slight concentration, precision and a certain deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, black plum and small notes of violet/flowers associated with touches of infusion, moka/cocoa, crushed small red fruits, torrefaction as well as hints of toast. Chewy tannins. A slight creaminess in the mouth. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Les deux Flèches – Vieilles Vignes 2021 Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, spicy and offers a velvety /delicate touch. There are notes of spices, smoke and small notes of flowers associated with touches of wild strawberry, wild blackberry, slight hints of tea and a hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, acidity, suavity and energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous/pulpy cherry, acidulous raspberry flavored candy and small notes of violet associated with slight hints of acidulous/juicy plum as well as slight hints of star anise and sappy/cypress hints. Good length. Supple and gourmand tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Les deux Flèches – Les Greniers 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic AB) The wine needs to be decanted. The nose expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of pulpy strawberry associated with slight hints of smoke (almost camphor), violet and hints of spices, and a small velvety and enchanting side on the nose. The mouth is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a slight fat, energy, straightness, tension, freshness, precision and a beautiful acidity, almost a discreet electric side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, acidulous/juicy red berries and small notes of cornflower, smoke associated with slight hints of tabaco, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of cardamom. Beautiful definition and gourmandise. Beautiful sapidity and salinity on the finish. Very beautiful energy and definition in the mouth. Brightness. Beautiful acidity and fresh persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Famille Lardet, Le Nid – La Rochelle 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers some spices. There are notes of blackberry, sweet blond tabaco and small notes of toast associated with touches of fresh pepper, hints of wild strawberry and hints of fleshy small red fruits and a discreet hint of hazelnut. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, acidity, a certain gourmandise, energy, tension, precision and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy/tangy small fruits associated with touches of racy minerality, chocolate, toast, nutmeg and sweet spices. A beautiful work on the good bitters. Gourmandise, a certain volume, a beautiful matter and a subtle hint of torrefaction. Beautiful wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Patenôte – Vinifié en Amphore 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers violet, spices, a certain intensity and straightness, a stretched side and a slight terracotta/dry earth side. There are notes of lily, pepper and small notes of blackberry, associated with touches of pulpy raspberry as well as slight hint of camphor and a discreet almost aromatic herbs/infusion hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame and a racy grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of baked clay/terracotta as well as slight hints of infusion and tea. Racy and tense grain. Good length. Discreetly closed and chewy tannins at the same time.

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

## Domaine Richard Rottiers – Dernier Souffle 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, well conducted and offers a good definition, precision and harmony. There are notes of pulpy cassis and small notes of smoke associated with slight touches of toast, dry spices and a slight hint of moka and infusion. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision, a certain gourmandise and a beautiful definition of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, juicy/fresh purple plum and small notes of tabaco associated with touches of bright cassis as well as hints of nutmeg, purple plum, smoke and a discreet hint of clove. Sapid and discreetly sappy tannins. A slight firmness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine Richard Rottier – Mortperay 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose spicy, aromatic and slightly toasted. There are notes of sweet blond tabaco and small notes of fleshy fruits associated with hints of pepper, violet and a discreet hint of vanilla. The wine needs to be decanted. The mouth is fruity, slightly closed and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, juiciness and a slight firmness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy purple violet and small notes of sweet blond tabaco associated with touches of clove, cardamom and a hint of vanilla and a subtle almost aromatic herbs hint. Good length. Sapid and gourmand tannins. Beautiful acidity and sapidity on the finish/persistence. Freshness.

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

## Steeve Charvet 2022

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The nose is fresh, mineral and offers airiness, certain delicacy and spices. There are notes of sweet blond tabaco, dry violet and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, stretchiness and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, dried violet and small notes of blond tabaco associated with touches of nutmeg, sweet spices and a hint of infusion and almond. Good length. Tension and precision. Straightness. A subtle hint of chocolate. Acidulous/gourmand finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine des Vieilles Caves 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a certain explosive side of the fruit and a small fresh pepper

side. There are notes of blackberry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of tea/infusion associated with slight touches of nutmeg, timut pepper and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fresh, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a beautiful minerality, tension and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of fleshy plum associated with touches of violet, camphor, star anise as well as slight hints of liquorice stick, smoke and toasted hazelnut. Slight chewiness on the finish/persistence. Gourmandise. Beautiful juiciness and acidity. Some chew on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Paul Janin - Héritage 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful gourmand, complex, fleshy and fruity nose. There are notes of fleshy cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of violet, fleshy plum as well as hints of tabaco, plum blossom, a slight sappy and clove hint. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, gourmandise, a good definition, juiciness, a small pulpiness and a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy plum, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of tangy small blue fruits, violet as well as slight hints of tabaco, clove and a discreet hint of cardamom and toast. Beautiful freshness and gourmandise. Very beautiful freshness and texture on the mouth.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a large pallet. There are notes of pepper, purple plum and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of lily and a hint of fresh Mediterranean herbs. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, acidity, a beautiful definition and energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, crunchy/fresh small plum and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of fresh blueberry, red berries as well as hints of fresh rose and racy minerality. Harmony and energy. Sapid and slightly sappy tannins.

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





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## Château du Moulin à Vent 2021 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fresh and floral. There are notes of rose, bud and small notes of pepper associated with touches of blackberry and a hint of crushed raspberry. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, suppleness, gourmandise, tension and a beautiful energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fresh red berries and small notes of flower/rose associated with touches of fresh plum as well as slight hints of laurel bay. Good length. A sappy side on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent – Cuvée Exceptionnelle 1993 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and delicate at the same time. There are notes of crushed strawberry, crushed cassis and small notes of star anise, slight hints of citron, tabaco and a subtle hint a fresh date. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant, delicate, just, melodious and beautifully defined. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of citron associated with slight hints of fresh date, almost discreet juicy fig as well as slight hints of tabaco and a discreet hint of caramelisation. Melted tannins. A subtle hint of cherry stone.

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

## Château Bel-Air – La Comtesse Noire – Les Bois Maréchaux 2022

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The nose is fresh, fruity and the wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of Boysenberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of fresh flowers associated with slight hints almost coffee and floral. Slight concentration. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fresh, mineral, balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame and a slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, fresh blackberry and small notes of crunchy plum associated with slight hints of violet associated with floral touches as well as slight hints of torrefaction and a discreet hint of chocolate/moka and toasted hazelnut. Fresh and discreetly firm tannins. Good bitters and torrefaction in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Les Deux Flèches – Vieilles Vignes 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, elegant, a certain small creaminess and finesse in its grain. There are notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy Boysenberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with slight hints of lily, cherry blossom as well as hints of clove and star anise. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, energy, tension and a small creaminess.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, creamy cassis and small notes morello cherry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous small red fruits, hints of tabaco, star anise as well as slight hints almost moka, toast and toasted almond, a subtle floral hint in the background. Beautiful definition and pulpiness of the fruit. A very discreet hint of cherry stones. Roundness, suppleness and freshness. An imperceptible almost sap hints on the persistence. Fresh and racy tannins.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Diochon – Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers straightness and a small tension. There are notes of cherry pits, morello cherry and small notes of blackberry, associated with touches of violet, blond tabaco and an almost almond hint. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension and a good work on the good bitters. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry pit, fresh blackberry and small notes of pulpy/juicy cherry associated with touches of toast, toasted almond and an almost grilled/smoke like hint. A subtle hint roasted fruits in the background. Good length. Good freshness.

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

## Domaine Patenôte 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and toasted. There are notes of blackberry, grilled almond and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with slight hints of grilled pit associated with slight mineral hints as well as slight hints of violet and a discreet hint of tonka beans. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, roasted and offers tension, precision and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of grilled cherry pit associated with touches of roast, violet as well as slight hints of star anise and dried almond. Good length. A hint of cocoa. Good bitters.

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

## Domaine Patenôte 2020 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is smoky. There are notes of clove and small notes of violet associated with touches of tabaco as well as hints almost morello cherry/roasted and discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is beautifully fresh, unctuous, gourmand, juicy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness and brightness of the fruit, and a certain complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, roasted morello cherry and small notes of cornflower/small blue fruits associated with touches of chocolate, slight hints of vanilla and blond tabaco, harmony, freshness and gourmandise. A hint almost infusion in the background. Tannins offer certain chewiness. Good length. Beautiful sapidity and grill on the finish/persistence.

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

## Pâtenote – Cuvée d'Exception 2019 Moulin-à-Vent

(cuvée amphore) The nose offers notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with touches of violet, sweet blond tabaco and slight hints of cornflower and liquorice stick. The mouth offers a beautiful freshness, roundness, suavity, tension, precision and an aerial frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cherry pit, hints of pulpy/juicy plum as well as slight hints of toasted almond and hints of smoke and chocolate. Suave finish discreetly terracotta.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Labruyère – Cœur de Terroirs 2020, Vieilles Vignes Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, warm and a small peppery side. There are notes of blackberry, warm cherry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of cornflower and slight hints almost sage. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a certain precision and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice stick, sweet blond tabaco as well as slight hints of tonka beans. Discreetly firm tannins. Gourmandise with slight hints of toast/vanilla.

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

## Domaine Labruyère – Cœur de Terroirs 2018, Vieilles Vignes Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is floral and offers fruit and power. There are notes of violet, bigarreau cherry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of cubeb pepper and slight hints of star anise and discreet sappy hints. The mouth is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness and fresh frame, tension, precision, certain energy, a slight roundness and racy minerality/beautiful race.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cherry pit and small notes of juicy/fleshy purple plum associated with touches of cherry blossom, star anise, sweet blond tabaco and slight hints almost clove. Sapid and sappy tannins. Good length. Slight chocolate hints in the background.

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

## Domaine Labruyère – Champs de Cour 2018, Sélection Parcellaire Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers power and a beautiful racy grain. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of pepper associated with touches of small red fruits. The mouth is beautifully fresh and offers juiciness, a fresh frame, tension and precision, suppleness and silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry as well as hints of liquorice stick, undergrowth and a subtle hint almost black truffle. Good length. Sapid and racy tannins. Slight hints of chocolate and tonka beans. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Labruyère – Le Carquelin 2018 : Sélection Parcellaire Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, precise, tense and offers a certain elegance and a certain extent. There are notes of blackberry, Madagascar pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as slight hints of roasted small red fruits and slight hints of tabaco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, silkiness, gourmandise, matter, a textured side, tension and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, roasted red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of cornflower, roasted small red fruits as well as hints



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of toast, tabaco, a hint of clove and a discreet hint of truffle and tonka beans. Beautiful freshness. Good length. Sapid and gourmand tannins.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Le Clos du Moulin-à-Vent 2018, Monopole Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is spicy, aromatic and offers power and a slight freshness. There are notes of blackberry, grey pepper and small notes of Mediterranean aromatic herbs as well as slight hints of morello cherry and liquorice, and a slight saline hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, a small unctuousness, gourmandise, a tangy frame, energy and a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy cherry, pulpy blue plum and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of racy minerality, aromatic herbs as well as slight hints of Zan, slight hints of toast and a slight hint of grill in the background. Good length. Beautiful freshness and energy. Beautiful sapid and gourmand finish.

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

## Château des Jacques – Clos du Grand Carquelin 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, mineral, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful finesse and delicacy. There are notes of pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of small blue fruits and discreet hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint almost star anise. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, balanced, delicate, gourmande, suave and offers an acidulous frame, suppleness, elegance as well as an aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright small red fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of blue plum as well as hints of fresh flowers, lily as well as subtle hints of star anise and a discreet toasted hint and smoke. A subtle hint of almond. Beautiful delicacy and finesse. Hint of good bitters on the finish that lengthens the mouth. Racy minerality.

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

## Château des Jacques – Les Thorins 2022

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fresh, beautifully racy and offers a fine crunchiness. There are notes of fresh small red fruits, fresh blue plum and small notes of pulpy small fruits associated with delicate touches of flowers and slight hints of cherry pit and a discreet hint of liquorice. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, tension, precision, an acidulous frame, minerality, suppleness, elegance, a melodious side as well as a beautiful mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, juicy/fresh small red fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of liquorice, toast, chocolate as well slight hints of smoke. Good length. Supple and suave tannins. Sapid and a beautiful small chew on the finish/persistence. Deepness on the mouth. Harmony and an almost very discreet Mediterranean influence in the background. Beautifully harmony.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château des Jacques – La Roche 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is harmonious and offers a certain power, a slight concentration and deepness. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with slight hints of infusion (almost discreetly black tea) and liquorice. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, tension, precision, an acidulous frame as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy/juicy purple plum and small notes of small red fruits (that are close to be fresh-roasted) as well as hints of infusion, toast/smoke as well as slight hints of liquorice. Good length. Beautiful persistence. Chew on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château des Jacques – Clos de Rocheegrès 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful elegant, fruity nose that offers matter and a fine richness. There are notes of fleshy cherry, cherry pit and small notes of fresh small fruit associated with slight touches of fresh nutmeg and slight touches of cubeb pepper and cornflower. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, ample and offers juiciness, a small creaminess, gourmandise, tension, volume, a good definition, a beautiful finesse and elegance of the wine, an aerial side and stretched matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cheery, fresh violet and small notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry associated with touches of fresh/juicy small red fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and a subtle toasted hint and an imperceptible almost Bourbon vanilla hint (in the

background). Beautiful freshness and tension, suppleness and harmony. A hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence. A very discreet hint almost citrus fruits/orange / peels on the finish/persistence. Complexity.

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

## Château des Jacques – Le Moulin 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a certain density in finesse, gourmandise, precision, a textured side and a slight density. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of almost roasted cherry associated with touches of cornflower, slight hints almost Mediterranean herbs as well as slight hints of cherry pit, racy minerality and liquorice. The mouth is fruity, beautifully defined, all in elegance and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, gourmandise, a beautiful textured side, finesse as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Morello cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches almost roasted as well as hints of small blue fruits, sweet liquorice as well as toasted hints and caramelisation. Beautiful freshness and minerality. A slight hint of chocolate on the finish. Suavity/roundness in finesse. Deepness. Concentration is precision.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château des Jacques – Clos de Rocheegrès 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers fruit, tension, precision, a beautiful mineral character (almost rocky). There are notes of almost roasted cherry, fresh blueberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of nutmeg, spices as well as discreet hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, beautifully slender, stretched and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a beautiful definition, tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, tonka beans as well as hints of vanilla and toast. Supple, sapid and chewy tannins. A slight sappy and sapid hint on the finish/persistence. Beautiful complexity. Beautiful freshness and juiciness.

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

## Maison Piron 2022 Moulin-à-Vent

Beautiful nose that The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of violet, wild small fruits and small notes of clove associated with touches of nutmeg, wild plum as well as slight hints of sweet spices and very discreet hints of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, minerality, suppleness, silkiness, an aerial side, an acidulous frame and a certain concentration that doesn't give its name. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, redcurrant and small notes of fresh flowers associated with slight hints of acidulous blackberry flavoured candy, blond tabaco and a hint of nutmeg. Power in precision. Beautiful acidulous tense finish. Beautiful freshness and suppleness. A subtle chew.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## BROUILLY

### Dominique Morel 2023 Brouilly

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and purely fruity. It expresses notes of red cherry, fresh raspberry, strawberry and red currants, which are complemented on the second nose by a touch of white pepper, as well as a sappy (pine sap) and floral hint (peony). The palate is airy and offers fluidity, freshness, lively acidity and a light, almost imperceptible tannic structure. It expresses notes of red cherry, crunchy strawberry, red currants, raspberry and cranberries, combined with a floral touch of peony, a fine peppery (white pepper) and herbaceous (blackcurrant leaf) notes. The finish is quite persistent and tangy. An accessible, lively and fresh wine.

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

### Richard Jambon, Domaine de La Paillardière 2022 Brouilly

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity, and expresses a slight sweetness of jam. We find in particular the aromas of morello cherry, amarena cherry, black plum, red plum jam, crushed wild strawberry and dried blackcurrant. On the second nose, a fragrant floral bouquet appears notes of dried rose, cherry blossom, peony, combined with herbaceous touches





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(dried peppermint, thyme) and white pepper. The palate is chiseled and juicy. It offers liveliness, a pronounced tanginess, as well as good bitterness and a refreshing herbaceous hint on the finish. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, crunchy strawberry, as well as a pronounced peppery touch (black pepper) which persists on the finish, notes of peppermint, fresh thyme, dried rose and peony. The tannins are structured, tight and grippy, but enveloped in a juicy fruit. Beautiful persistence in the mouth, slightly chocolatey.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Pierre-Marie Chermette, Brouilly Pierreux 2022 Brouilly

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses pure fruit: notes of strawberry, raspberry, a tangy touch of red currant and bigarreau cherry, as well as a subtle aroma of iris and dried rose in the background. The palate is lively and chiseled, with a tangy and expressive attack, notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red currant and strawberry, combined with a floral touch of dried rose and fresh peony. The tannins are fine, slightly perceptible, the finish is moderately persistent. A gourmet, airy and accessible wine.

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

## Domaine du Petit Pérou, Petit Pérou Pisse-Vieille 2023 Brouilly

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, we find the purity of fruit, lightness and an airiness in gourmet aromas of red cherry, juicy strawberry, crushed raspberry and fresh red currant, associated with a spicy touch of white pepper and a hint of violet. The palate is fluid and light (in a good way), fruity and juicy, practically without tannins and with a juicy and round attack. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, raspberry, fresh red currant and red cherry, with a touch of white pepper and violet in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, with gourmand notes of red fruits and supple acidity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Domaine Bertrand, Pisse-Vieille 2022 Brouilly

(Organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration, pure fruity notes, as well as an elegant floral bouquet. It expresses the aromas of bigarreau cherry, red currant, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, combined with notes of wild plum, chocolate, crushed mint, as well as peony and lilac. We also find a very delicate spiciness in the background: vanilla, liquorice, nutmeg, as well as a touch of toasted hazelnut. The palate is gourmand, airy, and offers concentration and juiciness. It expresses notes of juicy red cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry and fresh blackcurrant, combined with a delicate spiciness (vanilla, clove, liquorice), a touch of toasted hazelnut and peony in the background. The finish is quite persistent and expresses good bitterness, structured and slightly tight tannins, as well as salivating acidity and a touch of black pepper and dried red cherry.

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

## Domaine Bertrand, Vuril 2022 Brouilly

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and gourmand notes of fresh fruit (red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currant, red plum), associated with a hint of prunes, delicate spicy aromas (white pepper, nutmeg) and a floral hint (dried rose), with a mineral touch in the background. The palate is savoury, with an expressive and very fruity attack and fine, structured and slightly grippy tannins on the finish. It expresses notes of ripe strawberry, red cherry, raspberry and red currant, associated with a floral touch of dried rose and peony, as well as a touch of nutmeg and white pepper which return on the finish. The finish offers beautiful acidity, persistence, as well as gourmandise and a tannic touch of black fruits (wild plum, morello cherry).

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

## MORGON

## Domaine de Gry-Sablon, Morgon 2022 Morgon

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses discreet woody notes (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut), associated with touches of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), a fine minerality (graphite), a floral touch (wild rose, peony), herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf) and a refi-

ned fruitiness (raspberry, fresh strawberry, blueberry, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry). The palate is juicy and textured, and offers precision and tension. It expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed blueberry, bigarreau cherry and cranberries with a slight bitterness, associated with a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), a touch of blackcurrant leaf, wild rose, torrefaction (coffee) and graphite. The finish is chiselled and fresh, quite persistent and tangy, with pronounced spicy notes. The tannins are a bit grippy, but quite fine. A lively and straight wine, well structured.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Richard Jambon, Morgon 12M 2021 Morgon

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, density, an expressive spiciness (with a dominant peppery note), as well as a beautiful freshness. It expresses notes of white pepper, liquorice, cloves and crushed coriander seeds, enveloped in gourmand fruits. We also find notes of dried peppermint, fresh thyme, cornflower and lily, associated with a racy minerality (graphite, dry stone, even dusty), which appears in the second nose. The fruity substance is fresh, juicy and enveloping: the wine expresses notes of Mara de Bois strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry and red currant. The palate is sapid, concentrated and enveloping and airy at the same time. The tannins are fine and powdery, slightly grippy, but quite supple. We find the flavors of Mara de Bois strawberry, morello cherry, crushed red currant, red cherry juice, crushed raspberry and red plum, associated with expressive spicy notes, but without peppery dominance liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg (especially on the finish), with a fine floral (dried rose, cornflower) and herbaceous (dried peppermint, fresh thyme) bouquet. The finish is persistent and expresses notes of tangy red fruits (red cherry, red currant), minerality and the structured and slightly tight tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine du Petit Pérou Vieilles Vignes 2021 Morgon

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy and complexity. The first nose expresses notes of smoke, roasted bouquet garni and roasted meat (in the background), which are then completed with concentrated notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly and black plum in background), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin), dried mint and dried rose. On the palate, the wine is juicy and generous and offers complexity and depth, with finesse. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, raspberry, red plum, black plum, red cherry and morello cherry, combined with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), smoke, roasted meat, sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, ground cumin) and dried rose. The tannins have a fine texture, as well as a firm, but not drying structure.

The finish is persistent, tasty, with integrated toasted and smoky notes, as well as refreshing acidity. An expressive, structured and elegant wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine du Petit Pérou Côte du Py, Indigène 2021 Morgon

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, complex and savoury. It expresses the gourmet notes of roasted meat, smoke, roasted bouquet garni, a delicate touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee in the background) and bitter cocoa, a subtle and integrated spiciness (liquorice with a touch of anise, coconut nutmeg, white pepper, roasted vanilla in the background), a delicate minerality (graphite), as well as a note of fresh peony and dried mint. We also find aromas of ripe and juicy fruits: morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and black plum in the background. The palate is airy, juicy and finely spicy. It expresses notes of red cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, cranberry juice, as well as crushed blueberry and black plum in the background, combined with a delicate spiciness (white pepper, liquorice, nutmeg), a floral bouquet (dried rose, peony) and herbaceous (dried mint, fresh tobacco) touch, as well as a delicate minerality on the finish. The tannins are tight and structured, but not drying. Good persistence on the palate with salivating acidity, smoky notes and a slight bitterness. Good aging potential.

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

## Maison Piron – Les Charmes 2022 Morgon

Beautiful elegant nose, aerial and tense. There are notes of violet, fresh tobacco and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as slight almost mineral/rocky hints and a hint of tonka beans, a beautiful sharpness and stretched. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fresh, well-balanced, beautifully stretched/tense/sharp and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, a beautiful brightness of the fruit as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/



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fresh purple plum, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of fresh flowers, a subtle almost sage hint in the background as well as slight hints of liquorice stick and badian. Power on the finish. Beautiful charming, mineral and tense wine. Suppleness and a certain roundness. Beautiful persistence with a discreet hint of good bitterness/sapiness in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Maison Piron – Côte du Py 2022

### Morgon

Beautiful aromatic nose, gourmand, aerial, full/complet that offers slight floral-sweet hints. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, bright blue plum and small notes of almost roasted-juicy small fruits associated with slight hints of smoke, crushed small fruits, nutmeg and an imperceptible almost « sens of place » (local biotop) hint in the background. The mouth is beautifully mineral and offers precision, tension, suppleness, a beautiful acidulous candy side, roundness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful finesse and texture. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright blue plum and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with slight hints of badian, lily as well as slight hints of fresh nutmeg. Good length. Supple, sapid and elegant tannins. Beautiful fresh, round and gourmand wine, all in elegance and precision. A beautiful gastronomy wine.

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

## Château des Jacques – Côtes du Py 2022

### Morgon

The nose is mineral, peppery and offers elegance. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, fresh wild raspberry and small notes of grey pepper associated with slight touches of cherry blossom as well as slight hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of warm local grove. The mouth is fruity, beautifully suave, gourmand, mouthwatering and offers a beautiful elegant and fine fat, precision and energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of cherry pit, a slight hint almost roasted-juicy as well as hints of small blue fruits as well as hints of racy minerality. Slightly tight tannins. Beautiful chew and fine on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château des Jacques 2022

### Morgon

Beautiful fresh, fruity nose and beautiful on the fresh fruit. There are notes of fresh/crunchy cherry, grey pepper and small notes of cherry stalk associated with slight hints of juicy cassis as well as hints of violet and liquorice stick. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, precision, tension, a beautiful tannic structure as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with slight hints of liquorice/liquorice stick as well as subtle hint of toasted almond. Good length. Harmonious and on the fruit. Slight chew on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## OTHER BEAUJOLAIS WINES

### Maison Piron – Quartz 2020

#### Chénas

The nose is aromatic, precise and offers complexity and a certain precision. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of clove, dried rose and small almost Mediterranean side in its fruits. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, racy and offers precision, tension, a beautiful textured matter and a certain unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fresh small red fruits and small notes of creamy small fruits associated with touches of tonka beans, cardamom as well as slight hints of sweet blond tabaco. Supple and sapid tannins. Beautifully fresh, frank, racy, tense and a beautiful multilayered side. Discreet saline-mineral hints almost crytalin. The wine needs to be decanted. Beautiful small garnet/bigarreau cherry side that stretches the mouth.

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

### Domaine Patenôte 2022

#### Chénas

The nose is fruity and offers a slight unctuousity and freshness. There are notes of morello cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed small fruits associated with touches of violet, sweet blond tabaco and a slight hint almost vanilla. The mouth is chiseled, tense and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful freshness and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy cherry and small notes of pulpy-fresh small fruits associated with touches of moka and toast. Good length. Chewy and sapid tannins. Hints of toast/torrefaction.

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

### Maison Piron 2022

#### Fleurie

Beautiful fresh, aerial nose that offers a beautiful fresh grain, fresh and a slight peppery side. There are notes of pulpy raspberry, pulpy quetsche plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of cubeb pepper and a discreet almost rose hint and fresh spices. The mouth is beautifully built and offers juiciness, tension, gourmandise, an acidulous frame as well as suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy redcurrant, fresh raspberry and small notes of rose associated with touches of flowers, cherry and very discreet hints almost liquorice and racy minerality. Good length. Racy tannins. Finish full of suppleness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Maison Piron – Fructus Agapé 2022

#### Gamay de Lantignié, Beaujolais

The nose is fruity, fresh and beautifully flowery. There are notes of fresh purple plum, fresh/explosiv small fruits associated with touches of pepper, slight hints of crushed red berries as well as hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fleshy/juicy purple plum and small notes of pulpy/acidulous small fruits associated with toasted touches, toasted almond, slight hints of chocolate and crushed almond. Beautiful gourmand wine, on the fruit and with a slight chew in the background. Beautiful matter of the wine, beautiful texture and gourmandise. Beautiful chew and persistence. A subtle power on the persistence.

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





# Bourgogne

## FIXIN

### Huguenot Terre Brune 2022

#### Fixin

(Organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. Then, it expresses delicate spicy notes: clove, nutmeg, a hint of toasted vanilla, a touch of toast, chocolate with mint, roasted bouquet garni (in the background), as well as a touch of iris and wild rose. The fruity aromas on the nose are ripe, even slightly jammy: we find notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, elderberry, as well as a very slight hint of blueberry in the background. The mouth is firm, straight and chiseled. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, fresh morello cherry, crushed blueberry (in the background), associated with notes of chocolate with mint, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cloves) and dried rose in the background. The tannins are enveloping, velvety, with a fine grain. The finish is persistent and expresses a lively refreshing acidity, a delicate minerality and gourmand spicy and toasted hints. Complexity, power and fleshiness, all in balance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Albert Bichot 2020

#### Fixin

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is deep, concentrated and complex. It firstly expresses notes of smoke, sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice), a fragrant floral bouquet (lilac, rose, lily, a hint of faded rose in the background), a herbaceous touch (tobacco, wild mint), as well as a hint of balsamic in the background. We then find the fruity aromas of ripe bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, raspberry and wild blackberry. The palate offers precision, concentration, as well as an enveloping but fresh fruity side. It expresses the flavors of crushed morello cherry, tangy strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with herbaceous notes of wild mint, fresh tobacco, blackcurrant leaf (in the background), as well as a floral bouquet (lilac, fresh rose, wilted rose) and a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper). The finish is persistent, juicy and fruity. The tannins are tight, but fine-grained and not drying. Beautiful acidity, lots of freshness. A straight and chiselled wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, « Clos du Chapitre » 2018

#### Fixin Premier Cru Monopole

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, juiciness and a ripe and concentrated fruity notes. It expresses gourmet aromas of morello cherry in chocolate, ripe wild strawberry, raspberry jam, crushed fresh raspberry, elderberry syrup, wild blackberry and black plum in the background, combined with notes of roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, dried tobacco, dry pine needles, subtle tertiary notes in the background (wet leaves, undergrowth), sweet spices (liquorice, even with a fine hint of anise, coriander seeds, cumin ground) and dried flowers (dried rose, dried peony), as well as a hint of dried mint in the background. The palate offers a nice concentration of flavors and complexity. It expresses notes of very ripe fresh fruits and jammed fruits (red cherry jam, roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, wild blackberry), associated with notes of sweet spices (ground cloves, liquorice with a fine hint of anise, coriander seeds), dried mint, dried rose, dried peony, as well as a touch of undergrowth and wet leaves in the background. The tannins are slightly grippy, but fine-grained and balanced by a lively acidity. The finish is persistent, gourmand, fruity and chocolatey, with a hint of fresh tobacco in the background. Complexity, depth, power, all in control.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, « Clos du Chapitre » 2019

#### Fixin Premier Cru Monopole

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers complexity, an expressive spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds, ground cumin), but enveloped, as well as a ripe fruity notes (raspberry, wild strawberry, blueberry, crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, red plum) and a fine floral bouquet (lily, dried rose, lilac). We also find subtle tertiary (undergrowth) and woody (toasted wood) notes, harmoniously integrated. The palate is enveloping, expressive, even warm, but airy and elegant. The attack is fruity and juicy, with gourmand notes of roasted cherry, ripe morello cherry, chocolate cherry, wild blackberry, red plum, redcurrant jelly and chocolate cherry, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla, crushed coriander seeds, ground cumin), flowers (lilac, peony), mint chocolate and delicate tertiary notes (undergrowth, tobacco). The tannins are soft and fine, but firm, associated with a refreshing acidity. The finish is persistent, with notes of fleshy red fruits, chocolate cherry and dried mint. Good concentration, complexity and good aging potential.

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

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, « Clos du Chapitre » 2022

#### Fixin Premier Cru Monopole

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is delicately fragrant and fruity. It expresses notes of ripe red cherry, raspberry, red currant, red plum and elderberry, combined with a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, dried cornflower, lily), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin), crushed peppermint, fresh tobacco, as well as a subtle toasted and smoky touch in the background. The palate offers juiciness, accuracy and energy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red cherry (even roasted red cherry), red plum, roasted raspberry and dried cranberries, associated with notes of sweet spices (white pepper, liquorice, ground cumin), with a fine smoky and meaty touch, with a gourmand hint of cherry in chocolate and toasted hazelnut, as well as a floral touch of dried rose and lily. The tannins are structured and grippy, but have a fine texture, as well as a powdery and chocolatey touch. The finish is persistent, refreshing and delicious: with notes of dark chocolate and mint. Nice acidity and balance.

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

## GIVRY

### Seguin-Manuel « Crémillons » 2022

#### Givry 1er Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It expresses slight meaty and smoky notes, which disappear after aeration. We then find the aromas of sweet spices (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), subtle notes of fresh flowers (rose, lilac) and herbs (fresh tobacco, crushed peppermint), as well as a fine toasted touch in the background, enveloped in a fleshy and fresh fruity substance (aromas of wild strawberries, morello cherries, redcurrant jelly, crushed raspberries, dried cranberries). The palate is expressive, gourmet and fruity. It offers notes of crushed strawberry, fresh raspberry, cranberries (in the background), red currants and a hint of blueberry in the background. We also find notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, a hint of liquorice), fresh flowers (rose, lilac), a touch of dried mint and torrefaction (slightly toasted hazelnut). The tannins are velvety and melted. Beautiful acidity and good persistence on the palate, with notes of toasted wood and sweet spices, which should integrate into the wine profile with time.

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

### André Goichot, Champ La Dame 2022

#### Givry

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is subtly spicy, toasted and slightly meaty. After aeration, it expresses elegant floral notes (fresh rose, lily, lilac), liquorice, cumin and fresh mint, enveloped in a juicy and tangy fruitiness (bigarreau cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly). The mouth is straight, tight and structured. It expresses a perceptible note of black pepper, cloves, a slight smokiness,, a fine floral bouquet (lilac, fresh rose), as well as tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currants). The finish is persistent, spicy (with notes of clove and cumin), very slightly bitter. The tannins are fine, but tight, balanced by a lively acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## SAINT-ROMAIN

### Domaine Alain Gras 2022

#### Saint-Romain

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses a juicy and pure fruitiness, slightly tangy. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, wild strawberry, red currant jelly, as well as a touch of lilac and blackcurrant leaf and mint in the background. The palate is airy, fluid (in a good sense), tangy and fresh. It expresses fruit notes (cranberries, red cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, fresh red currant), associated with herbaceous touches (blackcurrant leaf, mint) and a floral touch (lilac, dried rose in the background). The acidity is lively and salivating, the finish is rather persistent, chiseled, on the tangy fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### André Goichot Saint-Romain 2022

#### Saint-Romain

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and offers a gourmet and pure expression of fruit. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, red plum, raspberry, wild strawberry (even with a slight hint of jam), blueberry, blackcurrant, as well as a touch of crushed mint, fresh rose and a delicate hint of liquorice in the background. The palate is gourmand, fruity and silky, finely peppery. It expresses notes of raspberry, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, crushed blackcurrant, a light touch of black pepper, liquorice, fresh rose and a very delicate smoky side in the background. The finish is persistent, sapid, finely peppery and tangy. The tannins are velvety and melted.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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## LADOIX

### André Goichot 2022

#### Ladoix

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses pronounced smoky and meaty notes, which develop into aromas of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, cumin), flowers (dried rose, lily) and fruits (raspberry, strawberry, blueberry, cranberries), a touch of strawberry and red plum, as well as a very light touch of blackcurrant leaf and violet. The palate is juicy, enveloping and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of ripe red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, morello cherry, raspberry, combined with notes of liquorice, clove, nutmeg, as well as a touch of dark chocolate, flowers (dried rose, lily) and a hint of dried mint. The finish is quite persistent, gourmand, and expresses notes of ripe red cherry, a lingering hint of chocolate, good bitterness, as well as refreshing acidity. The tannins are polished and fine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château de Mersault « Les Chaillots » 2020

#### Ladoix

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth, juiciness and a silky touch. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, red cherry juice, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, associated with delicate notes of wild mint, fresh tobacco, rosemary, as well as flowers (dried rose, peony in background) and sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper) and a fine hint of torrefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut, cocoa). The palate is supple, round, very juicy and gourmand, with a fine chocolatey hint. It expresses notes of very ripe morello cherry, crushed red plum, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly, associated with notes of chocolate cherry, cocoa, a spicy touch (liquorice, vanilla in background, clove), as well as a hint of aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), torrefaction (toasted hazelnut) and flowers (dried rose, peony). The tannins are generous, but very supple and fine. The finish is long, fruity and gourmand: with notes of cherry in chocolate, balanced by a lovely bitterness and refreshing acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Edmond Cornu & Fils Vieille Vigne 2022

#### Ladoix

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and first expresses slightly roasted gourmet notes (roasted cherry, roasted bouquet garni), associated with aromas of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, fresh red cherry, a hint of smoke, dried rose and sweet spices (ground cumin, white pepper). The palate is savoury, expressive and offers notes of juicy fruit, as well as a smoky and roasted touch on the attack. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, fresh cherry, roasted cherry, crushed raspberry, a hint of dried raspberry in the background, as well as notes of dried rose, peony, a spicy touch (white pepper, liquorice in the background) and a herbaceous hint (dried mint). The tannins are fine and velvety. The fruity substance is fresh and airy, with a delicate bitterness on the finish and a salivating acidity.

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

### Edmond Cornu & Fils Les Carrières 2022

#### Ladoix

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses distinct, but integrated, roasted notes of torrefaction: we find in particular the aromas of roasted cherry, roasted bouquet garni, roasted coriander seeds, as well as a very subtle touch of roasted meat and smoke in the background. After aeration, the wine expresses notes of crushed strawberries, ripe raspberries, morello cherries, red currant jelly, as well as liquorice, nutmeg, dried mint, rose and violet. The palate is chiselled, tangy, but offers great concentration and the juiciness of fresh fruit. It expresses notes of red cherry, wild strawberry, fresh red currant, crushed raspberry, combined with fine spicy (liquorice, white pepper), herbaceous (dried mint) and floral (rose, violet) notes. The finish offers tanginess of blackcurrant, good bitterness and salivating acidity. Good persistence and silky, slightly chocolatey tannins.

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

### Edmond Cornu & Fils Le Bois Rousot 2022

#### Ladoix 1er cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers ripe, concentrated, even textured fruity aromas. It expresses notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant jam (in the background), as well as a delicate but distinct spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, peony, violet), as well as a herbaceous hint of dried rosemary. The palate is enveloping, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currant and crushed blackcurrant in the background, combined with a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg), a touch of smoke and toast, as well as a delicate floral bouquet (rose, cherry blossom, peony, violet) and a herbaceous touch of mint and dried rosemary. The finish offers salivating acidity, energy, good bitterness, notes of black fruits and good persistence. The tannins are sapid and enveloped, very slightly grippy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## MARANGES

### Domaine Battault, Les Clos Rousots 2022

#### Maranges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is warming, yet fresh, textured, with delicate spicy and floral notes. It expresses notes of fleshy fruits (wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, raspberry coulis, red currant and a touch of wild blueberry), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, ground cumin), fresh rose, lilac, as well as delicate touches of torrefaction (slightly toasted hazelnut). On the palate, the wine expresses good bitterness on the attack and fine-grained tannins, but grippy on the finish. We find notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currant jelly and crushed blueberry, associated with gourmet notes of sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of ground vanilla, nutmeg), fresh peony, dried rose and dried mint, as well as a touch of coffee and toasted hazelnut in the background. A salivating acidity helps balance a drying sensation of tannins. The finish is quite persistent, savoury and spicy.

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

### Domaine Roger Belland Clos Rousots 2022

#### Maranges 1er Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth, good concentration and complexity. It first expresses smoky, slightly meaty notes, aromas of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice and vanilla in the background), then complemented by the aromas of red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh red currant, crunchy strawberry, a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut) in the background, dried mint and a subtle hint of peony and cornflower. The palate is juicy, supple and textured, with an aromatic fruity substance and fine, velvety tannins, even slightly chocolatey on the finish. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, blueberry, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, clove), floral (peony, cornflower) and herbaceous hints. There is also a touch of dark chocolate and dried mint in the background. The finish is gourmand, fresh and fruity, with a nice salivating acidity and perceptible, but enveloped, tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Vincent Royet Clos Rousots 2022

#### Maranges 1er Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses slight meaty and smoky notes, which develop towards savoury notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, ground cumin), fruits (wild strawberries, roasted red cherries, redcurrant jelly), red, crushed raspberry and morello cherry), flowers (peony, iris, rose petals). There is also a herbaceous touch of pine needles and dried mint. On the palate, the wine is silky, subtly spicy and expresses a beautiful fruitiness with volume and freshness. We find the flavors of crushed bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly and crushed blueberry, combined with notes of liquorice, white pepper and nutmeg, peony, iris, peppermint and fresh tobacco in the background. The finish is persistent and gourmand, with sweet notes of cherry in chocolate. Lively acidity, roundness, gourmandise and well-structured tannins. A balanced, lively, fresh and savoury wine.

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

### André Goichot 2022

#### Maranges

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is savory and spicy: it expresses notes of nutmeg, ground cloves, a touch of white pepper and liquorice stick in the background. On the second nose, the wine offers notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, strawberry and red currant, associated with floral aromas of iris, peony, violet, as well as a touch of dried mint in the background. The attack on the palate expresses the pronounced spicy notes and hints of torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted almond, toasted vanilla, ground clove, ground cumin), enveloped in a juicy and ripe fruitiness (griotte, wild strawberry, raspberry, jelly redcurrants, crushed blueberry, red plum), combined with a minty and floral touch (iris, peony). The tannins are melted, with a fine grain. The finish is gourmand and persistent, with notes of ripe fruit and a pronounced chocolate hint.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Domaine du Beauregard 2022

#### Maranges

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and delicately spicy. It expresses notes of nutmeg, liquorice, ground cloves, a slight touch of vanilla, combined with a floral bouquet (iris, violet) and herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf). On the second nose, we find fruity notes (blueberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, red cherry, blue plum), as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is chiseled and tangy, with a tight, slightly drying tannin structure, especially on the finish. We find the flavors of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currant, raspberry), sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, cloves), a herbaceous and floral touch (blackcurrant leaf, violet), as well as a good bitterness. The finish is medium persistent, tight, a little bitter and smoky. Beautiful salivating acidity, which balances the astringency of tannins.

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



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## IRANCY

### Simonnet-Febvre 2022

#### Irancy

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and purely fruity. It expresses notes of tart red fruits: raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currant, a touch of cranberries, as well as fresh bigarreau cherry and dried red cherry. We also find a delicate touch of pepper (in the background), cornflower and cut rose stem. The palate is enveloping, silky, with a subtle and pleasant bitterness. It expresses the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, raspberry, tangy strawberry, red currants and cranberries, combined with a floral touch (cornflower, rose) and slightly peppery hint (white pepper in the background). The tannins are melted and have a very fine grain. The finish is quite persistent, with pure fruit and a very fine spicy touch. The acidity is fresh, but rather supple and pleasant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Simonnet-Febvre, Les Mazelots 2022

#### Irancy

The wine has a bright, pale ruby color. The nose is expressive and offers liveliness, tanginess and tension. It expresses the aromas of fresh bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red currant, a touch of roasted red cherry and dried cranberries, a hint of blueberry, as well as elegant floral scents (dried cornflower, dried rose, lily) and a spicy hint (white pepper, cumin). The palate is chiseled, tense and precise, with firm and slightly bitter tannins. It expresses notes of fresh and dried red cherry, red currant, dried cranberries, fresh and dried raspberry, blueberry, combined with a hint of pepper (white pepper), herbaceous (cut rose stem, dried aromatic herbs in background) and floral (dried rose) notes. The tannins have a fine grain, but are firm and grippy on the finish. The finish is quite persistent, with good bitterness and salivating acidity. A tense and firm wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Simonnet-Febvre, Parais 2022

#### Irancy

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, fruity, savoury and finely spicy. It expresses notes of dried red cherry (with a fine hint of roasted red cherry), fresh morello cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry (in the background), ripe strawberry and red plum, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cumin) and flowers (fresh cornflower, lilac), as well as a fine touch of rose leaf in the background. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, precision and straightness. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, fresh cranberries, crushed raspberry, ripe strawberry, blueberry in the background and crushed morello cherry, combined with notes of fresh blueberry, lilac, and a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, a touch of cumin) as well as a herbaceous hint of rose stem in the background. The tannins are soft, sapid and firm at the same time, with good structure. The finish is persistent, juicy and chiselled, with a pleasant bitterness and a salivating acidity. A straight wine, with a fresh fruitiness, a certain complexity and a beautiful structure.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Domaine Verret 2022

#### Irancy

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers gourmandise, juiciness and an expressive fruitiness. It expresses notes of crushed red cherry, redcurrant jelly, ripe strawberry, a little tart, crushed raspberry as well as a touch of blueberry jam and crushed red plum. We also find a touch of wild rose and peony, combined with a note of thyme sprig and crushed mint leaf. On the palate, the wine is airy, accessible, with lightness and juiciness of fruit. It expresses notes of crushed raspberry, tart red cherry, crushed red plum, crunchy strawberry, as well as crushed red currants and a fine floral and herbaceous hint (notes of wild rose, peony and crushed mint). The tannins are practically imperceptible, mellow. The finish is gourmand, fruity and quite persistent, with a nice acidity and a hint of pepper in the background. An accessible, fresh and sapid wine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

### Manuel Olivier 2021

#### Morey-Saint-Denis

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, gourmand, spicy, with meaty touches, which disappear after aeration. We also find notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, roasted red cherry, dried cranberries and blueberry, associated with touches of sweet spices (white pepper, nutmeg), flowers (dried rose, lilac) and a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf in the background. On the palate, the wine is chiseled and expresses liveliness and tangy fruit. We find flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, cranberries, crunchy strawberry, raspberry and crushed blackcurrant in the background, combined with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper), dried rose and lilac. The tannins have a fine grain, but are perceptible. The finish is quite persistent, with good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Manuel Olivier 2020

#### Morey-Saint-Denis

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, with a fresh and concentrated fruitiness, complemented by integrated and pleasant herbaceous notes. It expresses the aromas of juicy morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blueberry and a touch of blackberry, combined with spicy notes of nutmeg and liquorice, aromatic herbs (peppermint, rosemary leaf), as well as a floral touch of lily and rose petals and a delicate minerality (clay) in the background. On the palate, the wine is juicy, airy and fruity, with good bitterness and salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, strawberry, blueberry, as well as a tangy hint of blackcurrant, a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg), floral bouquet (rose petals) and herbaceous notes (peppermint, a touch of blackcurrant bud). The tannins are present, structured, but not drying. Good length and sapidity on the finish, juiciness and fruit.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## CLOS DE VOUGEOT

### Manuel Olivier 2021

#### Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy, concentration, elegance and beautiful complexity. It expresses notes of tangy red fruits (crunchy strawberry, cranberry juice, wild raspberry, dried raspberry, bigarreau cherry, dried cranberries, a hint of blueberry), combined with a delicate smoky and meaty touch, which is completed by notes of sweet spices after aeration. We then smell notes of white pepper, ground cumin, dried liquorice stick, roasted coriander seeds, a delicate hint of grilled vanilla and fennel seeds, as well as a refreshing and refined herbaceous touch (peppermint, blackcurrant bud, laurel berries), a hint of toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate and heated wood, as well as an elegant floral bouquet (cornflower, rose petals, lotus). The palate is chiseled, straight and offers precision and tangy flavors of red fruits. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberry juice, raspberry, tangy strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, associated with a delicate but perceptible spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, ground cumin, seeds of roasted coriander), a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, heated wood), herbaceous and floral notes (crushed mint, blackcurrant bud, fresh cornflower, rose and lily petals). The finish is persistent, peppery and tasty, with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness of cranberries, and with a juicy and concentrated fruitiness. The tannins are very fine, but firm and well structured. A wine to keep, with depth, complexity and beautiful concentration, all in precision and elegance.

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

## BOURGOGNE HAUTES-CÔTES DE BEAUNE

### Domaine Bourgogne-Devaux, La Dalignère 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale brilliant ruby color. The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers notes of ripe fruit and beautiful juiciness. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, red cherry (even with a touch of red cherry jam), crushed raspberry, wild blueberry, red plum (with a delicate hint of roasted plum) and red currant jelly, combined with a floral bouquet (fresh rose, lilac) and a subtle touch of sweet spices (ground cumin, liquorice) and notes of toast in the background. The palate is juicy, supple and fruity, with fine and enveloped tannins, a delicate bitterness (reminiscent of those of black tea) and a crunchy acidity. It expresses the flavors of ripe strawberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry (with a hint of cherry jam), fresh red plum, crushed raspberry and blueberry, combined with notes of rose petals and lilac, with a herbaceous touch in the background (blackcurrant bud), as well as a fine toasted and spicy hint (liquorice, a touch of ground cumin). The finish offers juiciness, airiness as well as refreshing acidity and good persistence. The tannins are structured, but supple.

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

### Domaine Bourgogne-Devaux, Pussey 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers fine roasted and spicy aromas, which are expressed in the notes of toasted hazelnut (in the background), roasted red cherry and roasted bouquet garni (thyme, bay leaf, rosemary), associated with notes of liquorice, cloves and white pepper, as well as a fine floral bouquet (peony, cornflower) and juicy fruits (red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, red currant, cranberries). On the palate, the wine is chiselled, fresh and airy, with a salivating tangy structure and fine, but structured and slightly grippy tannins. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, tangy strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, cranberries and red currants, combined with notes of liquorice, cloves, blackcurrant bud (in the background), bay leaf and roasted thyme, as well as a floral touch of peony and cornflower. The finish is tight, tangy and lively, with salivating acidity and good bitterness, which balances the slightly drying side of the tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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## Domaine Bourgogne-Devaux, La Perrière 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is discreet and requires aeration. It then expresses subtle spicy aromas (liquorice, white pepper cloves), dried herbs (a touch of hay, dried mint, dried rosemary) and flowers (lily, dried rose), associated with notes of fresh fruit with a touch of dried fruit (fresh strawberry, bigarreau cherry, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, crushed wild blackberry). On the palate, the attack is chiselled and tangy and expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry and fresh red plum, which are then completed by notes of crushed blackberry, juicy red cherry and crushed blueberry, as well as by fine spicy (liquorice, cumin), floral (rose petals, lily) and herbaceous (wild mint, a touch of blackcurrant bud) notes. The finish is quite persistent, tangy and expresses a good bitterness, notes of dried red cherry, a salivating acidity, as well as juiciness and a fine grain of tannins. Beautiful freshness on the palate and savoury notes of dried herbs on the nose. Gourmand wine with certain complexity.

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

## Domaine Bourgogne-Devaux, Le Clou 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and expresses a juicy and fleshy fruity substance, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet. We find notes of ripe strawberry, morello cherry, redcurrant jelly, a touch of crushed blackberry and blueberry, as well as black plum and raspberry, associated with notes of peony and lilac, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg), a touch of dried rosemary and a racy minerality (limestone) in the background. On the palate, the attack is chiselled, a bit tight and expresses grippy tannins and good bitterness. In the mid-palate, we find flavors of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, crushed blueberry and tart strawberry, combined with notes of liquorice, rosemary, peony and lilac. The finish is quite persistent, tangy, slightly dry due to the tannin structure, and adds refreshing notes of dried mint to the wine's bouquet. A lively wine, a little tight, but juicy and airy.

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

## Domaine Bourgogne-Devaux, Aux Grandes Raies 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is airy, subtly fragrant and offers a certain concentration, as well as the juiciness of ripe fruit. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, crushed blueberry and blackcurrant (in the background), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cloves, white pepper), flowers (rose, peony) and aromatic herbs (thyme, fresh bay leaf), as well as a delicate minerality (dry stone, graphite). The palate is fresh, juicy and enveloping, with lively acidity and good tannin structure: a little grippy, but with a fine grain. We find the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, crushed blackcurrant and wild blueberry, associated with notes of liquorice, clove, lilac, thyme and bay leaf, as well as a fine minerality on the finish. Good persistence, with a pleasant bitterness and tanginess of bigarreau cherry.

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

## Domaine Georges Joillot 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is a little reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses the aromas of tangy black fruits (blueberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant in the background), red fruits (red cherry, red currant, crushed raspberry), a fine spiciness (white pepper, a hint of cumin and liquorice), as well as a floral touch (dried rose, dried cornflower). The mouth is open, juicy, fresh and very fruity. It expresses notes of crushed red cherry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, strawberry and blueberry, combined with notes of fresh peony, dried rose and a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper). The tannins are fine and slightly perceptible on the finish. Good persistence, slightly minty. A gourmet wine, with beautiful acidity, fruit and freshness.

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

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa, Le Crétot à Gauche 2020

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. At first nose, it expresses savoury smoky, slightly meaty and spicy notes, which are subsequently completed by a floral bouquet and juicy fruitiness. We find in particular notes of liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, clove, associated with notes of dried rose, dried peony and fresh lilac, with a touch of mint, as well as fresh fruit (raspberry, red currant, strawberry, blueberry) and a delicate hint of toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is ample, enveloping, while remaining fresh and tangy. It expresses notes of red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currants and crushed blueberry, associated with a delicate and integrated spicy touch (liquorice, cumin), herbaceous and floral freshness (menthol in the background, peony, lilac), as well as a very fine touch of toasted hazelnut in the background. The tannins are fine, slightly tight. The finish is persistent, tangy (with notes of bigarreau cherry and raspberry) and lively, with a very slight bitterness and a salivating acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château du Cray 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved, but expresses itself better after aeration. It expresses notes of juicy red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, red currant jelly, combined with a delicate spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice), a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut), a hint of cocoa, dried rose and lily, as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and dried mint. The palate is structured, a little tight, but juicy and fruity, with distinct spicy and woody notes (as well as a smoky and meaty touch in the background). It expresses in particular the flavors of juicy red cherry, dried red cherry, crushed blueberry, toast, smoke and sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice), as well as dried rose and lily in the background. The tannins are tight, grippy, but softened by the fruity juiciness on the finish as well as a salivating acidity.

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

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa, Le Crétot à Gauche 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and expresses savory notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, dried liquorice stick), dried rose and peony, dried peppermint, combined with ripe fruits (raspberry, strawberry, bigarreau cherry, red currants, blackcurrant in the background). The palate is gourmand and expresses notes of ripe fruit, even slightly sweet, on the attack. We find the flavors of juicy morello cherry, ripe red cherry (even cherry jam, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry and redcurrant jelly), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg) and with a delicate floral touch (iris, peony). The finish is quite persistent, tangy, but gourmand, with notes of juicy morello cherry and redcurrant jelly, as well as a slight touch of menthol in the background. The tannins are melted and supple, slightly grippy. Beautiful acidity and sapidity.

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

## Agnès Paquet 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity and ripe: it expresses notes of wild strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, red currant jelly, a hint of crushed blueberry, combined with a fine touch of chocolate and spice (white pepper, liquorice), as well as fine herbaceous and floral hints in the background (wild mint, blackcurrant bud in the background, lily) and a smoky touch. The palate is juicy, chiseled, with a nice concentration of fruit and airy at the same time. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, as well as a smoky note, a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper) and with a delicate floral touch (lily, dried rose) and a touch of wild mint. The tannins are present, well structured, but not drying. The finish is persistent, gourmand, sapid, spicy, slightly chocolatey, with a hint of dried mint in the background, with a refreshing acidity.

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

## Seguin-Manuel 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers liveliness, precision and tanginess of fruit. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currant and crushed raspberry, associated with fine floral aromas of rose and cornflower, as well as a fine herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf) and liquorice in the background. The palate is chiseled, fresh, juicy and fruity, with a hint of good bitterness. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, raspberry, cranberries and bigarreau cherry, combined with touches of rose, cornflower and blackcurrant leaf, as well as a fine touch of pepper in the background. The tannins are perceptible, melted and silky. The finish is quite persistent, gourmand and fresh, with salivating acidity, a hint of good bitterness and a touch of blackcurrant leaf in the background.

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

## Domaine Battault 2022

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses the aromas of red cherry, tangy red currant, cranberries, raspberry, as well as subtle touches of torrefaction (smoke, toast, even caramelized hazelnut), as well as vanilla (in the background), nutmeg and a floral touch of lilac. The palate is gourmand, juicy and offers an expression of pure fruit (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currant), complemented by light touches of sweet spices (vanilla in the background, nutmeg), lilac and a hint of torrefaction in the background (coffee, a very slight note of caramel). The tannins are a little grippy, velvety and sapid, with a powdery texture. The finish is gourmand, fruity, slightly toasted and chocolatey, refreshed by a nice acidity.

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



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## BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR

### Domaine du Clos des Poulettes, La Corvée au Prêtre 2022

#### Bourgogne Côte d'Or

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is aromatic and initially expresses savoury notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper), associated with tangy fruity notes, with a slight bitterness (cranberries, raspberry, red currant, crushed strawberry in the background), as well as a floral touch (fresh rose, violet) and a very slight hint of blackcurrant bud (in the background). The palate is airy, supple and fresh. It expresses notes of crushed raspberry, ripe strawberry, redcurrant jelly, a touch of wild blackberry and crushed blackcurrant in the background, associated with notes of violet, rose and nutmeg, as well as a very light touch blackcurrant bud and a hint of smokiness on the finish. The tannins are very fine and supple. Good acidity and good length, gourmandise and a nice fruitiness.

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

## NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

### Clos de Poulettes, « Les Poulettes » 2022

#### Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, discreetly spicy and toasted. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, a touch of morello cherry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis and redcurrant jelly, combined with a refreshing aroma of wild mint, a fine spiciness (liquorice, coriander seeds, a hint of nutmeg and white pepper in the background) and floral (rose, peony, lily), as well as a delicate touch of toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is savoury and expressive, slightly bitter (good bitterness) and tight (the tannins have a fine grain, but grippy on the attack). We find the flavors of crushed strawberries, morello cherries, fresh raspberries and redcurrant jelly, combined with a herbaceous touch (fresh tobacco, dried mint) and spicy notes (nutmeg, coriander seeds, liquorice). The finish is savory, spicy, chocolatey and slightly toasted (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood in the background). Beautiful acidity, which balances a slightly dry tannin structure at the end of the palate. Good balance and gourmandise.

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

### Clos de Poulettes, « Les Vaucraains » 2022

#### Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers gourmandise, juicy fruit and a fine spiciness. It expresses notes of ripe strawberry, crushed raspberry, tart red cherry, red currant, red plum, a touch of cranberries with a slightly bitter aroma, as well as a spicy touch of gray pepper, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, as well as fine herbaceous notes (dried mint, fresh rosemary) and a floral touch (cornflower, dried rose). The palate is enveloping, gourmand and fruity, with slight notes of sweet spices which return in the finish. It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, a hint of morello cherry, crushed raspberry, red currant, strawberry and cranberries with a slight bitterness, associated with notes of gray pepper, liquorice, coriander seeds, a touch of dried mint and fresh rosemary, as well as a fine floral bouquet (lilac, cornflower). The tannins are fine and melted, with a powdery and cocoa touch. Nice salivating acidity and good persistence on the palate, with lots of gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## BOURGOGNE CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES

### Huguenot, La Créole 2022

#### Côte de Nuits Villages

(Organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicately perfumed and slightly spicy. We find notes of white pepper and nutmeg, associated with a smoky touch (in the background), floral (dried rose, lily), a herbaceous touch (dried mint) and a juicy fruity substance (strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currants, cranberries). The palate offers gourmandise, ripe fruit on the attack and gourmet notes of dark chocolate and candied cherry. We also find flavors of redcurrant jelly, morello cherry juice, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of peony and rose, dried mint, as well as a touch of nutmeg. The tannins are velvety and powdery. Nice acidity, sapidity on the finish, which is quite persistent and gourmand - with notes of torrefaction (coffee) and dark chocolate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Edmond Cornu & Fils Côte de Nuits-Villages 2021

#### Côte de Nuits-Villages

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is expressive, spicy and smoky, with a touch of roasted meat, which disappears after aeration and becomes rather spicy and chocolatey. We find notes of wild strawberries, crushed raspberries, cranberry jam, red currant jelly and morello cherries, combined with a distinct spiciness (liquorice, grated nutmeg, gray pepper and cloves), with notes of flowers (dried rose, dried wildflowers,

violet, lily), roasted notes (smoked, toasted) and a touch of dried rosemary. The palate is juicy and savoury, fruity and spicy. It expresses a roasted side in attack (roasted cherry, roasted bouquet garni, roasted coriander seeds), associated with notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, cranberry jam), sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, gray pepper), dried rosemary and flowers (dried rose, wild flowers, lily). Good persistence on the palate, with ripe fruit and a hint of mint. Nice acidity, lots of flavors and a good bitterness on the finish and soft tannins.

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

## BOURGOGNE HAUTES-CÔTES DE NUITS

### Albert Bichot, Les Dames Huguettes 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, savoury and subtly smoky. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, redcurrant jelly, crushed raspberry, blueberry, fresh red cherry and dried red cherry, associated with floral touches (dried rose, cornflower), a fine spiciness (liquorice, pepper white, clove) and herbaceous (dried mint, rose leaf), as well as a discreet smoky hint in the background. The palate is enveloping, fresh and juicy. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberry jam in the background, as well as a delicate spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, cumin), floral and herbaceous (dried rose, lily), as well as a smoky hint, which is found on the nose and which returns at the end of the palate. The tannins are supple and mellow. Good length, sapid, with a fine touch of meat and smoke, as well as lively acidity. A racy wine, typical of the appellation.

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

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, Les Dames Huguette 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses juiciness, ripe and concentrated fruit. We find notes of crushed morello cherry, morello cherry jam, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of cranberry jam, associated with floral notes of violet, fresh rose, a touch of mint, as well as with a subtle spiciness (liquorice, even a delicate touch of star anise, nutmeg, cloves). The palate is fresh, juicy, with velvety tannins, finely tight and slightly bitter. It also expresses gourmand fruity notes (wild strawberry, red cherry jam, juicy morello cherry, raspberry, a hint of blueberry), associated with a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, touch of licorice), a floral note (lily) and a fine touch of meat and smoke. The finish is persistent, slightly smoky and toasted. Beautiful lively and salivating acidity, good bitterness, the tannins are a little dry on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - 16<sup>ème</sup> Génération 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive, spicy, with distinct but integrated smoky and toasted aromas. We also find fruity notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currant jelly, ripe morello cherry (even morello cherry in chocolate), cherry and blueberry jam, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, cloves), clove, a sweet hint of vanilla, even cinnamon, toasted hazelnut, flowers (peony, lilac, a touch of violet), as well as a discreet hint of cut rosemary. The palate offers precision, freshness and juicy fruits (red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currant, a hint of cranberries), combined with notes of sweet spices (white pepper, liquorice, nutmeg), rosemary, lilac and violet, as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut and smoke, less pronounced than on the nose. The tannins have a fine structure, but firm and not drying, in balance with a refreshing acidity. The finish is sapid, gourmand and straight, with notes of ripe fruit and sweet spices (nutmeg).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur « La Réserve de Cyprien » 2022

#### Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses smoky and meaty notes, which disappear after aeration. On the second nose, we find aromas of fresh red fruits (red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currant, dried cranberries), a touch of blueberry, as well as a delicate spiciness (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, cloves), a floral touch of rose and lilac, as well as a note of toasted wood and toasted (even caramelized) hazelnut in the background, and crushed mint. The palate is lively, tangy and juicy. It expresses notes of crushed red cherry, red currants, raspberry, red plum and tart strawberry, combined with spicy notes of licorice, coriander seeds and cloves. There are also notes of crushed peppermint, lilac and dried rose on the finish. The tannins are fine, powdery and well structured. The acidity is lively and pleasant. Beautiful persistence, with a gourmand touch of chocolate and hazelnut.

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

# Bourgogne

## Manuel Olivier, Pinot Noir 2022

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is finely peppery and expresses fresh notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, red currant), as well as a floral touch of cornflower. On the palate, the wine is chiselled, energetic and offers a tangy and lively fruitiness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, red currant and tangy strawberry, associated with a touch of blueberry and black pepper, which appear at the end of the palate. The tannins are fine and delicate, harmoniously integrated into an airy and accessible profile of the wine. Nice salivating acidity and good length.

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

## Manuel Olivier, Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes 2022

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicately perfumed, but offers a certain concentration. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, a touch of blueberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with subtle touches of white pepper, cornflower and mint (slightly noticeable). On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, an airy and tangy fruitiness, but with a certain concentration and complexity. It expresses the flavors of ripe strawberry, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, as well as dried blueberry, dried mint and white pepper. The tannins are supple, almost imperceptible. Good persistence in the mouth, gourmandise and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## BOURGOGNE COULANGES LA VINEUSE

### Domaine Clément, Cuvée Dylan 2014

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses subtle, but perceptible tertiary notes of dried mushrooms, wet leaves, wilted flowers, associated with integrated spicy (liquorice, a touch of juniper berries) and herbaceous (rosemary, dried mint) notes, as well as with juicy and tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, a touch of blackcurrant and blueberry). The palate is gourmand, airy, discreetly peppery and spicy, with less pronounced tertiary notes than on the nose. It expresses notes of black pepper, licorice, mint, dried rosemary, associated with tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, a hint of blueberry and red plum), wet leaves and flowers. (dried rose, lilac) in the background. The finish is tight and expresses good bitterness, grippy tannins and salivating acidity. An airy wine, with offers lightness.

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

### Domaine Clément, Cuvée Dylan 2017

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of tangy fruits: fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and elderberry, combined with notes of dried rose petals, lilac, as well as delicate tertiary aromas (wet leaves, undergrowth), spicy (nutmeg, licorice) and herbaceous (dried mint) notes. The palate is delicate and airy. It expresses the flavors of juicy red cherry, fresh raspberry, crushed wild strawberry, cranberries, as well as a herbaceous touch of mint and tobacco, a tertiary touch of wet leaves and wilted rose, as well as lilac. The tannins are melted and have a very fine texture. Good length is lively acidity, lovely freshness and balance with integrated notes of evolution.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Domaine Clément, Cuvée Tradition 2022

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fragrant and expresses pure fruit notes. It expresses notes of red currants, dried cranberries, tangy strawberry, raspberry and red cherry, combined with touches of white pepper, blackcurrant bud and cornflower in the background. The palate is tangy, juicy and lively. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, strawberry, cranberries, white pepper, as well as blackcurrant leaf and cornflower. The finish has a medium persistence and expresses salivating acidity and good bitterness. The tannins are well structured, not drying. An accessible and fresh wine.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Domaine Clément, La cuvée des Aînés 2021

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a certain concentration, a savoury spiciness, as well as a smoky and meaty touch. After aeration, we can perceive notes of aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried mint), clove and liquorice, combined with fruity notes of raspberry, strawberry, cranberries, red plum and redcurrant, and with a floral touch of lily in the background. The palate offers juiciness, freshness and a certain concentration. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red plum, strawberry, combined with a touch of fresh rose, a delicate spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf, as well as a very slight touch of hazelnut in the background. The tannins are well structured and have a fine grain. Beautiful salivating acidity, a good bitterness on the rather persistent finish. A refined, fresh and juicy wine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Clément, Cuvée Fût de Chêne 2021

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, spicy and delicately woody. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, raspberry, red plum, red cherry, ground clove, cumin, white pepper, combined with a smoky touch in the background, as well as a touch of dried rose and dried rosemary. The palate offers sapidity, notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currant, bigarreau cherry), associated with a fine spiciness (white pepper, clove, cumin) and smoke, with a touch of dried rose and rosemary in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, it continues with notes of sweet spices, good bitterness and crunchy acidity. The tannins are velvety and melted.

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

### Domaine Clément, Cuvée Belle Fille 2021

Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is finely spicy and toasted: it expresses notes of liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin, as well as a touch of mint. We also find notes of tangy fruits: bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currant, raspberry and a subtle floral bouquet (wild rose, cornflower, lily). The palate is fruity, juicy and expresses notes of raspberry, cranberries, bigarreau cherry, red plum, associated with touches of flowers (wild rose, lily), sweet spices (white pepper, ground cumin) and a delicate touch of blackcurrant leaf in the background. The tannins are supple and very fine. Good persistence on the palate, with notes of red cherry, cumin and lively acidity.

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

### Clos du Roi « Coline » 2022

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses pronounced peppery notes (black pepper rather than white pepper), a juicy fruitiness (bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, red currant, elderberry, crunchy strawberry), as well as a touch of wild rose and dried cornflower. On the palate, the wine offers energy, tangy fruit (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currants, raspberry, elderberry), a touch of wild rose and a peppery hint (black pepper), which is also on the nose and which returns at the end of the palate, accompanied by a herbaceous touch of rose leaf. The tannins are present, a bit grippy, but not drying. The finish offers good persistence, a slight bitterness and the tanginess of blackcurrant.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Clos du Roi, Pinot Noir 2012

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a pale garnet color. The nose is discreet at first and requires aeration. It then expresses tertiary notes: undergrowth, wilted flowers and dried flowers (wilted rose, dried rose, wilted peony), dried mushrooms, wet leaves, associated with notes of dried fruit (dried strawberry, dried raspberry), a touch of fresh fruit (crushed strawberry, crushed raspberry) and fruit jam (cherry jam, raspberry coulis). We also find fine herbaceous notes (fresh tobacco, roasted bouquet garni) and spicy hints (ground cumin, licorice stick), as well as a delicate minerality (graphite, limestone) and a touch of cocoa. The palate is elegant, supple and silky, with a less pronounced tertiary notes than on the nose, and which returns especially at the end of the palate (notes of undergrowth, damp leaves and wilted flowers). We also find roundness and gourmandise of the fruit: dried (dried strawberry, dried raspberry), jam (cherry jam), crushed strawberry, as well as a touch of tobacco and dried aromatic herbs (dried bouquet garni). The tannins are melted and almost imperceptible. Good acidity and good length which expresses a fine spiciness (cumin). An evolved wine, with fairly present tertiary notes, on delicacy and complexity.

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





# Bourgogne

## Clos du Roi, Pinot Noir 2022

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses pronounced cherry notes (juicy morello cherry, ripe bigarreau cherry, a hint of red cherry jam), as well as juicy strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, blueberry and redcurrant jelly, combined with a fine floral bouquet (peony, lilac, cornflower), a touch of spice (white pepper, liquorice) and minerality (limestone), as well as a very slight herbaceous note of mint. The palate offers straightness, freshness, a fresh fruity substance, as well as a fine spiciness. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, slightly bitter cranberries, tangy raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, associated with notes of white pepper, liquorice, a mineral (limestone) and floral touch (peony, wild rose). The finish is precise, and expresses a salivating acidity, a fine grain (even powdery and cocoa) of tannins, the tangy side of bigarreau cherry, as well as a peppery, herbaceous (rosemary) and slightly smoky touch on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Clos du Roi « Chanvan » 2012

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a pale garnet color. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses a subtle floral notes (dried rose, wilted rose, wilted peony), associated with herbaceous hints (dried mint, fresh bouquet garni, tobacco), delicate tertiary aromas (undergrowth, wet leaves, fresh mushrooms in the background), as well as notes of fresh (crushed wild strawberry, crushed strawberry), torrefaction (roasted red cherry, roasted red plum) and dried (dried cherry, dried raspberry) fruits and a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, licorice). On the palate, the wine offers a certain volume, freshness and juiciness: we find notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry), torrefaction (roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry) and cherry jam in the background, combined with delicate tertiary notes (less pronounced than on the nose) of undergrowth, wilted rose and mushrooms, spicy hints (nutmeg, licorice) and herbaceous touches (tobacco, roasted bouquet garni), as well as a light touch of smoke in the background. The tannins are melted, powdery and supple. The finish is persistent, with fresh acidity and a gourmandise of roasted fruits and sweet spices. Beautiful complexity, delicacy and harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Clos du Roi « Chanvan » 2021

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a beautiful aromatic expression, which combines savoury notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cloves), refreshing herbaceous hints (fresh mint, a very subtle touch of tomato leaf), notes of tart fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, elderberry, cranberries, red currants) with a touch of roasted red cherry, roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), smoke, dried rose, fresh tobacco and toasted hazelnut in the background. On the palate, the wine offers an airy and juicy fruitiness: it expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, red currants, as well as a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, black pepper in the background), a touch of aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried mint) and flowers (dried rose, dried peony). The finish is quite persistent, savoury and peppery. Beautiful salivating acidity, the tannins are velvety and melted. A refined but expressive wine, concentrated and fresh.

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

## Clos du Roi « Chanvan » 2020

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses the fleshiness of ripe, crushed and roasted fruits (morello cherry, red plum, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry), a touch of red cherry jam, dried cherry with chocolate, as well as the gourmandise of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, clove, a touch of cinnamon) and a light floral and herbaceous touch (peony, iris, rosemary, fresh tobacco). The palate offers precision, straightness and a firm structure, as well as a beautiful sapidity and spiciness. We find notes of nutmeg, black pepper, cinnamon, associated with notes of wild strawberry, dried red cherry, roasted red cherry, red plum, crushed raspberry, as well as dried mint, rosemary and dried peony, with a touch of cocoa and torrefaction (coffee), which returns on the finish. The tannins are firm, but powdery and fine. Beautiful acidity, good cocoa bitterness, associated with the gourmandise of cherry jam and a racy minerality (limestone) on the persistence in the mouth.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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# Pessac-Léognan

## PESSAC-LEOGNAN RED WINES

### Les Demoiselles de Larrivet Haut-Brion 2021 Pessac-Léognan

(70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is fruity, fresh, tense and offers a certain small stretched power/concentration. We find notes of blackcurrant, small berries and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of eucalyptus as well as almost roasted /gravels hints. The palate is mineral, balanced and offers suavity a small fat, a certain brightness of the fruit as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant, juicy black berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of black pepper, roasting as well as a fine hint of eucalyptus, salinity and sapidity. Tannins are supple and juicy. Good length. There is a juicy hint of blueberry on the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2021 Pessac-Léognan

(81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a certain complexity as well as fleshiness. We find notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of quite ripe blueberry associated with iodine touches as well as almost liquorice hints and almost sappy hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful freshness, minerality, a nice suppleness, delicacy, softness as well as a certain velvety side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of small crushed red fruits associated with touches of blueberry, sap, racy/iodized gravels as well as a subtle almost vanilla hint and liquorice. Tannins are elegant and mellow. Good length. A discreet toasted hint in the background.

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

### Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers softness, fruit as well as a fine pepperiness. It reveals notes of wild black berries, pulpy cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of pulpy blackberry, hints of pepper as well as fine almost sappy hints and a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, accuracy, a stretched/on-the-edge side, purity as well as a fresh texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crushed red berries and small notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry associated with touches of violet, graphite, sage as well as fine hints of dark chocolate and toasted. Tannins are supple and sapid. Good length. Good job on the good bitterness.

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

### Les Haut de Smith 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a certain slight creaminess, a fine minerality as well as a small power. Marked by red fruits. We find notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of small wild fruits, black tea as well as discreet hints of almost spices, and sage. The palate is fruity and offers a fresh/mineral frame, a slight creaminess as well as a certain juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulp blackberry, creamy raspberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of chocolate, sage, hints of pepper as well as a discreet toasted hint and sweet spices. Tannins are supple. A very discreet almost toasted/roasted hint. Good length. A hint of dark chocolate in the background/persistence.

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

### Château Luchey-Halde 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers a certain power, a certain small concentration as well as a fine peppery side. We find notes of blackberry, quite ripe small fruits and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of nutmeg, flowers as well as a discreet hint of almost eucalyptus and star anise. The palate is fruity and offers pulpiness (fruit), minerality, a very fine acidulous structure, tension, a certain concentration as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with an almost juicy/fresh blueberry touch, hints of licorice stick, fine hints of chocolate and a discreet almost eucalyptus hint (in the background). Good length.

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

### Château Le Thil Comte Clary 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. There are notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of juniper berries associated with touches of cherry as well

as a hint of licorice and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a slight creaminess (in the background), gourmandise, tension, a lovely freshness as well as accuracy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, pulpy/creamy cherry and small notes of crushed berries associated with touches of chocolate, eucalyptus/lily as well as hints of pepper. Tannins are soft. Good length.

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

### Château Le Pape 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, fresh, sappy and offers a fine spiciness. We find notes of pulpy red cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of spices associated with touches of fresh, almost sap hint, mint, fresh spices and a very discreet hint of almost fennel seed. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a nice tangy/fresh frame, a fine fat as well as a fine menthol side. There are notes of fresh/pulp cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of dense red fruits associated with touches of toast, chocolate, cardamom as well as fine hints of torrefaction. Tannins are mellow. Gourmandise and lovely freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Haut-Bailly II 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, liquorice and offers an aromatic herbal side (savory, sage, etc.). It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of small ripe wild fruits associated with touches of fresh tobacco, graphite, cardamom as well as a hint of menthol and mocha. The palate is fruity and offers precision, gourmandise, a certain juiciness, suppleness, a slight silkiness, tension as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of wild red berries as well as hints of licorice/zan, menthol, tonka bean and spices.

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

### Château Haut-Lagrange 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a racy grain. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/ripe wild strawberry and small notes of pulpy berries/blackcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, spices as well as a hint of morello cherry and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a mineral structure, acidity, a good definition as well as a certain brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, Bigarreau cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality, fine hints of blackcurrant as well as a discreet hint of licorice stick and nutmeg.

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

### Château Baret 2021 Pessac-Léognan

Nice fruity and gourmand nose that offers a fine concentration as well as a certain fleshiness of the fruit. We find notes of blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of small juicy roasted fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of cornflowers, vanilla and minty pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a certain concentration, freshness and tanginess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with touches of small juicy-roasted red fruits as well as a hint of star anise, cardamom and a subtle toasted hint. Good length. A discreet darkness on the finish/persistence.

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

### L'Équipage du Carrosse Martillac 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is floral and offers freshness, some spices, a certain tension as well as a fine power. There are notes of violet, zan and lilac associated with touches of blackcurrant, black cherry and a hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, fruity, floral and offers minerality, fat as well as a certain roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, lilac, fresh lily and small notes of small fresh fruits (even sometimes crunchy) associated with touches of star anise and vanilla. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Château Carrosse Martillac 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and violet associated with touches of small black fruits, roasted fruits as well as a hint of black pepper, incense and spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a certain slight straightness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of Bigarreau cherry



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associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as hints of mocha, flowers/pistil and discreet hints of nutmeg /sweet spices. Tannins are sapid and discreetly sappy. The finish is slightly mellow.

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

## Château de France 2021

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The nose is fruity, racy (terroir) and offers elegance, power in control, a certain gourmandise, concentration as well as a fine density. We find blackberry notes, small pulpy/bright berries and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of morello cherry, ripe wild strawberry as well as touches of camphor, roasted-fresh fruits and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, suppleness, gourmandise, harmony as well as a lovely supple and finely unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, raspberry and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of small blue fruits, racy minerality, graphite as well as hints of vanilla, toasted and a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are sapid and gourmands. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Bardins 2021

Pessac-Léognan

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, flowery and offers a tight and relatively powerful grain. We find notes of Bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of quite ripe red fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick, a subtle hint of fresh pepper and an imperceptible hint almost orange. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, precision, a fine concentration as well as a nice brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, boysenberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with hints of star anise, a discreet floral hint as well as discreet hints of juicy-roasted fruits and a subtle hint toasted hazelnut. Tannins are discreetly firm. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Léognan 2021

Pessac-Léognan

The needs to be decanted. The nose is spicy and offers deepness as well as a slight darkness. There are notes of graphite, violet and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of camphor, clove and small wild fruits. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity and offers a certain small tension, accuracy, a certain deepness as well as a discreetly tight tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of camphor, clove, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint almost black tea and a subtle hint of fresh coffee background. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château de Rouillac 2021

Pessac-Léognan

Nice, elegant nose which offers purity, brilliance (of the fruit), complexity as well as a beautiful grain and a textured side. We find notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of bright wild strawberry associated with hints of Cubebe pepper, small wild fruits, fine hints of sense of the place (local/surrounding biotope), warm pine sap as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible almost root hint. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, a multi-layered/3-dimensional side, purity, accuracy, a good definition, energy as well as a melodious side. A lovely expression of Bordeaux classicism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, violet, crushed blueberry and small notes of pulpy/bright strawberry associated with touches of star anise, licorice, discreet hints of menthol, cornflower, camphor as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope), mocha and toast.

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

## Château la Croix de Carbonnieux 2021

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, spicy and offers ripe fruit. There are notes of boysenberry, racy minerality and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, toasted as well as a fine hint of vanilla and nutmeg. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, juicy and offers a bright fruit, an easy access side, a fresh/juicy fruit, a certain gourmandise as well as a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of bright small fruits as well as hints of vanilla, bergamot, toasted and a hint of chocolate. Tannins are chewy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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### Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2021

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Nice elegant, racy nose which offers a certain complexity, fullness, velvety, a beautiful control as well as a multi-layered side. It reveals notes of violet, black pepper, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of graphite associated with small touches of small dense/ripe red fruits, sage as well as hints of tobacco, nutmeg and sweet spices. A very discreet hint of menthol. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, accuracy, an acidulous frame, lovely energy, a beautiful structure, suppleness, freshness, a slight contained side, tension as well as a good definition. A velvety and elegant grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, creamy raspberry and small notes of crushed black berries associated with touches of chocolate, vanilla, cornflowers as well as fine hints of quite ripe redcurrant, blond tobacco, Bourbon vanilla pod, a subtle hint of sage, cardamom and roasted hazelnut. Textured and supple tannins. Beautiful sapidity, a good work on the good bitterness (in the background) and a small mellow side. It needs to be decanted.

Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)

### Château Haut-Bailly 2021

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

Nice and elegant nose that offers a certain freshness, tension, precision as well as a certain complexity (all in finesse). We find notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of small dense red fruits associated with a touch of vanilla, almost aromatic herbs (sage, discreetly fennel...) as well as discreet hints of liquorice and toasted cocoa. The palate is fruity, very elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a tangy structure, tension, precision, a fine richness as well as control. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with a touch of black cherry/griotte, sap as well as discreet hints of vanilla, toasted and a hint of fresh chocolate/cocoa. Good length. A discreet powdery finish. A fresh, precise and harmonious wine.

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

### Château Carbonnieux 2021

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, a racy minerality, a slight darkness, spices as well as a fine infusion side. We find notes of wild blackberry, small concentrated red berries and small notes of racy minerality, graphite associated with touches of fresh blueberry, almost roasted-juicy small red fruits as well as hints of infusion, mocha and toast. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers freshness, precision, tension, a textured side as well as a nice racy grain, discreetly powdery and stretched. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of small pulpy black fruits associated with touches of concentrated/crushed red berries, hints of vanilla, infusion, chocolate as well as fine toasted hints and toasted almond. Beautiful textured, velvety and gourmande finish. A very discreet hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Malartic Lagravière 2021

Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the first nose, we find juicy and fruity notes of red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, fresh raspberry and black plum in the background, with a refreshing and chiseled herbaceous touch (blackcurrant leaf, peppermint, dry pine needles). The second nose expresses spicy aromas of liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper and cardamom, associated with delicate woody notes and nuances of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, heated wood in the background), as well as a floral touch (dried cornflower, dried peony in the background) and with a hint of chocolate which appears after aeration. The mouth is straight and precise, but closed. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, blackberry and red cherry, combined with warm, spicy and woody notes - cocoa, liquorice, cardamom, white pepper, coffee. There are also notes of dried peppermint, dried pine needles and dried cornflower. The tannins are melted and supple, with a fine, powdery grain. The finish is persistent, with salivating acidity and good bitterness. A complex wine, but closed for the moment.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château Olivier 2021

Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and savoury, with an expressive spiciness, but in balance with a juicy fruity substance. It expresses the aromas of liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg, cardamom and toasted vanilla, combined with distinct woody notes and touches of torrefaction (ground coffee, toasted hazelnut, heated wood in the background). The fruity aromas are concentrated, even textured, with a slight nuance of roasted fruits: we find in particular the notes of roasted

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red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh red plum, black plum and blackcurrant jam in the background, completed with a herbaceous hint of sweet fresh tobacco, mint, blackcurrant bud, dry pine needles and flowers (cornflower, violet in the background). The palate is silky, with a gourmand and chocolatey attack. It expresses the flavors of chocolate morello cherry, ripe black plum, blackcurrant, roasted red cherry, raspberry jam and juicy red plum, combined with notes of mint chocolate and a hint of torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, coffee), with spiciness, which is especially expressed on the finish (liquorice, cardamom, coriander seed, vanilla) and herbaceous notes (tobacco, pine needles, dried mint). The tannins are fine, but structured. Beautiful acidity and persistence on the gourmandise of cocoa and a savory hint of sweet spices.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Château Bouscalt 2021 Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity (even deep). The nose offers density and complexity, a fleshy and fruity side as well as lots of freshness. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, a hint of roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, a touch of wild strawberry and roasted raspberry, associated with notes of sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, a very fine touch cinnamon, nutmeg, roasted coriander seeds), torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), herbs (mint, fresh tobacco, pine needles), with a light sappy touch and a fine floral bouquet (fresh peony, cornflower). The palate is enveloping and gourmand, and at the same time straight and precise. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant, black plum and blackcurrant, combined with tasty spicy notes (licorice, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), coffee, toasted notes, as well as a herbaceous hint (dried mint, fresh tobacco, pine needles) and floral (fresh peony, cornflower, a hint of violet in the background). The tannins are tight and structured, slightly grippy on the finish, but balanced by the roundness and density of the fruit. The finish is persistent, with salivating acidity, juiciness and good bitterness. A fragrant, complex and structured wine, with tension and good potential.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

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### Château Bouscalt 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is complex, gourmand and subtly perfumed with notes of pastry. On the first nose, we find the aromas of brioche, lemon cream and candied lemon, associated with the elegance of a floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom, honeysuckle) and the freshness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon juice), zest of lemon, lime, grapefruit), green apple and cut grass (subtly, without a green side). On the second nose, we find notes of juicy stone fruits (white peach, apricot), as well as spiciness and a touch of torrefaction (vanilla, nutmeg, a hint of green cardamom, toasted hazelnut and fresh oak). The palate offers precision, persistence, complexity and expressive flavors. On the attack, we find roundness, fleshiness of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), sweetness, linden honey, fresh vanilla, caramelized hazelnut, brioche and candied lemon. On the middle on the palate offers a fine floral side (apple blossom, acacia), a chiseled and slightly bitter touch of citrus (yellow lemon, lime, grapefruit), as well as a spicy touch (green cardamom, nutmeg). The finish is sapid and fragrant, with a note of honey (or even beeswax) which intensifies and is more present than in the attack and mid-palate. A wine of great complexity and elegance, which will evolve gracefully over time.  
**Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)**

### Les Demoiselles de Larrivet Haut-Brion 2021 Pessac-Léognan

(100% Sauvignon Blanc) The nose is fresh, racy (gravels), precise, fine and stretched. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy grapefruit, juicy peach and small notes of pink lychee associated with touches of rose, small touches of apricot as well as an almost sappy hint. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, freshness, accuracy, a saline fat, a smoky side as well as a nice pulpiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apricot, quenette and small notes of lychee associated with touches of sweet pink grapefruit as well as hints of butter, crushed peach and a hint of smoke. Good length. Almost a tannic and saline side on the finish/persistence. A nice elegant fat.  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

### Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2021 Pessac-Léognan

(78% Sauvignon Blanc, 22% Sémillon) The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, nicely structured and offers a delicate, velvety and powerful grain. A beautiful gastronomic side. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy nectarine, sweet yuzu and small notes of sweet mandarin associated with touches of sweet grapefruit, apricot as well as fine hints of almond, toasted and verbena/lime blossom. The palate is elegant, fresh, mineral and offers a nice definition, tension, accuracy, gourmandise, precision, a nice richness as well as

delicacy. A square of silk! On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, pulpy/juicy apricot and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of sweet grapefruit, hints of crushed peach as well as an imperceptible hint of almost pineapple, lemon, toasted almond, saltiness and a hint of verbena. Good length. Beautiful bitterness. A complete, delicate, round, appetizing and well-balanced wine. Stunning!  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

### Les Hauts de Smith 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a certain sensation of tension. It reveals notes of small ripe/juicy yellow fruits and small notes of fresh quince associated with touches of small crushed white fruits, lime blossom as well as fine hints of crushed hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, a beautiful balance, a beautiful acidity, gourmandise as well as matter. There are notes of pulpy/creamy apple, nectarine and small notes of quince associated with touches of small yellow fruits as well as fine hints of lime blossom, apricot blossoms and an almost chestnut/toasted hint. A subtle hint of salinity and a good bitterness in the background. Good length and nice persistence.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

### Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a small freshness as well as a fine fresh gravels side. There are notes of racy minerality, ripe/fresh apricot and small notes of nectarine associated with discreet toasted touches. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a small fat, roundness, tension, precision, a small stretched/ on the edge, a beautiful freshness, texture, energy as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crushed apricot and small notes of vine peach associated with touches of small exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of quenette. Good length. A subtle almost varietal hint (in the background) that brings palatability and gourmandise. Good persistence.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

### Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant and offers energy, complexity as well as a slight richness. There are notes of small pulpy yellow fruits, physalis and small notes of spices associated with touches of ripe grapefruit as well as a hint of iodine, fresh sap and almost a discreet hint of fennel. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, harmony, purity as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy yellow peach, small yellow fruits and small notes of apricot associated with touches of sweet grapefruit, pulpy/juicy apricot as well as hints of quince, sage/verbena, sweet spices, a hint of fresh hazelnut and a fine hint almost "batnage on lees". Good length. A subtle almost honeyed and aniseed in the background. Good job on the good bitterness. Chewiness and gourmandize.  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

### La Croix de Carbonnieux 2021 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic, mineral and stretched. There are notes of juicy/fresh nectarine, fresh quince and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of citrus (mandarin, etc.). The palate is nicely juicy, stretched and offers fat, balance, gourmandise, suppleness, nice definition as well as a certain unctuousity. Beautiful purity! On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy vine peach, crushed apple and small notes of quince associated with touches of lychee, white flowers as well as a hint of pulpy apricot and fresh toasted notes. Almost a discreet tannic hint on the aromatics (on the finish).  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

### Château Baret 2021 Pessac-Léognan

(100% Sauvignon Blanc) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and fresh, with expressive notes of tangy citrus fruits. We first sense the aromas of lemon zest, lime, a bitter touch of grapefruit, as well as a gourmet exotic hint (fresh pineapple, passion fruit) and floral notes (acacia, linden), associated with a light toast, spicy touch (nutmeg, vanilla in the background), as well as with a hint of brioche and honey. The attack on the palate is fresh, chiseled, very slightly herbaceous. In the mid-palate, we find roundness and an oily texture. The flavors are gourmand, more on stone fruits (white peach, apricot), with refreshing citrus notes (lemon juice, lemon zest, grapefruit), an exotic touch of fresh pineapple, a gourmet note of brioche and an enveloped spicy and woody hint (vanilla, toasted hazelnut, nutmeg). The finish is lively, tangy and gourmand, with a touch of fresh wood and white flowers (acacia, lime). Beautiful persistence of acidity and a delicate bitterness of lime.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**



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## Château Luchey-Halde 2021

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand and expresses aromas of juicy stone fruits (white peach, white plum, apricot), combined with notes of fresh quince, yellow apple, green pear, as well as tangy touches of citrus and zest (lemon, orange zest, grapefruit). We also find notes of acacia, apple blossom, a touch of torrefaction (lightly toasted hazelnut, fresh wood in the background) and sweet spices (vanilla, clove, a hint of liquorice in the background). The palate is ample, with a round and oily texture, balanced by a lively salivating acidity and tangy citrus notes. It expresses the flavors of lemon, lime, green apple, quince, fresh green pear, combined with the roundness of white peach and apricot, as well as gourmandise of sweet spices and woody notes (vanilla, nutmeg, a touch of liquorice, fresh hazelnut) and fine floral notes (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is chiseled and fresh (with notes of lemon and green apple), but less expressive than the mid-palate. A straight and lively wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château de Rouillac 2021

### Pessac-Léognan

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers gourmandise, complexity and beautiful concentration. The first nose expresses notes of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot), exotic fruits (pineapple, passion fruit, a touch of mango), refreshing and at the same time delicious citrus acidity (peel candied lemon, lemon juice, grapefruit, grated orange zest). The woody and sweet spice aromas (vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, a very light touch of caramelized hazelnut) are harmoniously integrated. The second nose also expresses notes of flower honey, acacia, apple blossom and a sweet hint of roasted apple (in the background). On the palate, the flavors are delicious and intense, with sweetness and roundness, balanced by good bitterness and nice acidity. The wine expresses the flavors of yellow peach, ripe pineapple, apricot, roasted golden apple in the background (which adds gourmandise and a pleasant sweet side), fresh and candied citrus fruits, candied lemon peel, zest orange, lemon juice, fresh grapefruit, grapefruit jam). In the mid-palate, we find floral (acacia, apple blossom), spicy (vanilla, a very delicate touch of cinnamon, a hint of licorice and nutmeg) and roasted (toasted hazelnut) notes. The finish is long, with notes of fleshy stone fruits at the beginning, and a tangy and bitter touch of pink grapefruit, which balances the wine. Depth, complexity and freshness. A great success.

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

## Château Olivier 2021

### Pessac-Léognan

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and complex: it offers gourmandise and roundness of stone fruits, balanced by freshness and a chiseled notes of citrus and herbs, as well as a fine woody and spicy hints. We find in particular the aromas of fresh lemon zest, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, lemon juice, white peach, apricot, pineapple and passion fruit. On the second nose, we also sense a herbaceous touch (freshly cut grass) and green apple, associated with notes of sweet spices (a hint of vanilla, ground cloves, nutmeg), acacia and apple blossom, as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate is very fragrant and expressive, with a nice balance between an oily texture and acidity. The attack is gourmand and juicy: with notes of stone fruits and exotic fruits (yellow peach, apricot, pineapple, passion fruit). Then, the wine develops towards tangy notes of candied lemon peel, yellow lemon zest and lime jam, associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit and a fine floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is persistent, ample and sapid: it adds notes of sweet spices (the sweetness of vanilla, nutmeg, cloves) and a toasted note to the wine, with a touch of caramelised hazelnut. A salivating acidity and a pleasant bitterness add elegance and an airiness. A great wine, which combines richness and finesse.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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## Château Carbonnieux 2021

### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Nice elegant, gourmand nose and offers a crystalline side, a textured side as well as a certain deepness. We find notes of pulpy pear, crushed apple and small fresh toasted notes associated with small touches of toasted almond, flowers as well as a subtle almost quenette /passion fruit hint. The palate is nicely juicy, suave, gourmand, mineral and offers energy, beautiful definition, accuracy as well as a melodious side. A lovely finesse in its roundness/fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, bright quénette and small notes of bright green apple associated with touches of sweet grapefruit as well as fine hints of lemon blossom, toasted almond and nice "batnage on lees" hints. Good length. Beautiful mellow and sapid persistence. A tannic side in the structure and in the aromatics on the finish.

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

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## Château Franc Capet 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is fresh and offers a certain racy power and fruit. There are notes of ripe wild strawberry, ripe blackberry and small notes of pepper associated with racy minerality as well as slight hints of pepper and subtle floral hints. The mouth is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension and a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with cornflower, violet and liquorice. Good length. Varietal, toasted/chocolaty hints on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Saint Vincent 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is spicy and offers a small intensity. There are notes of violet, spices, pepper and small notes of cumin associated with touches of wild small fruits and a oaky hint. The mouth is fruity, a bit tight and offers freshness, minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, moka and small notes of spices associated with touches of torrefaction, graphite and flowers. Good length. Freshness. Persistence with torrefaction.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Château Saint Remy 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers some spices, a certain intensity and a slight infusion side. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of wild berries, cardamome and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, beautifully built, a beautiful energy, delicacy as well as a melodious side. On the palate wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of crushed small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, toasted hazelnut, cardamome as well as hints of sweet spices/vanilla. Good length. Racy and supple tannins. Gourmandise on juicy fruits.

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

## Château Barrabaque 2021

### Fronsac

The nose offers a certain concentration and a small power. There are notes of ripe cherry, violet and blackberry associated with slight touches of small red fruits as well as tobacco hint, camphor and toasted. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, precision, a gourmand matter, unctuousity, fat, a small coating side as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with notes of toast, vanilla as well as hints of roasted-fresh and chocolate. A beautiful gourmand and fresh wine. Good length. Sapid tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Passion de L'Escarderie 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is on the spices and offers a stretched side, a bit messy/not in place. There are notes of spices, some red small fruits, a hint of tobacco and discreet hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, precision, a fresh frame, acidity and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of spices associated with touches of toast, varietal as well as hints of chocolate and tobacco. Good length. A hint of good bitterness on the finish that extends.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Château Mayne Vieil 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is fresh, a bit tight and offers a certain power as well as a small varietal side. There are notes of violet, lilac and small notes of crushed cassis associated with slight touches of crushed small red fruits, blue fruits as well as liquorice stick hints and pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, un small fat, a fine roundness, precision as well as a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassis and small notes of red berries associated with touches of cornflower, badian and liquorice. Supple and sapid tannins. Freshness.

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

## Château Mayne Vieil - Cuvée Alienor 2021

### Fronsac

The nose is gourmand and offers a certain small richness, concentration as well as a beautiful pallet of fruits/flowers. There are notes of creamy blackberry, blueberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with slight hints of badian, a very discreet roasted fruits hint, and slight floral hints and chocolate/blond tobacco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, precision, gourmandize, delicacy in its creaminess, a good

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matter and an aerial character. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of vanilla, toasted and a hint of infusion and toasted hazelnut. Good length. Sapid, chewy and gourmand tannins. Gourmandise. A beautiful textured side on the finish.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Carles 2021 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration, gourmandise as well as a small intensity. There are notes of ripe wild small black fruits, black pepper and small notes of roasted cherry associated with touches of fresh black tea/infusion as well as slight hints of sweet spices, sweet blond tobacco and a delicate vanilla hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise, a beautiful juicy/pulpy/bright fruit, energy, a coating side as well as a certain purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, creamy raspberry and small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, vanilla as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco and liquorice. Racy, precise and fine tannins.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Carles - Haut Carles 2021 Fronsac

The nose is fresh and aromatique. There are notes of blackberry, violet and tobacco associated with touches of racy minerality, infusion, toasted as well as a hint of pulpy raspberry and clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, suavity, a small fat as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of clove associated with touches of moka, crunchy wild small red fruits as well as hints of fresh flowers and tobacco. Good length. Chewy and gourmand tannins.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## Amphora 2021 Fronsac

The nose is floral and precise. There are notes of violet, lily and small notes of badian associated with touches of cherry and blackberry as well as hints pepper and clove. The mouth is fresh, mineral and offers precision, a mineral frame, tension, energy as well as certain volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes cornflower associated with touches of lily, small blue fruits, liquorice and toasted/vanilla. Slight dip in the mid-palate.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Château La Rivière 2021 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a certain small intensity. There are notes of morello cherry, violet and small notes of pepper associated with touches of black tea/infusion, tobacco and roasted-fresh fruits. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers a frank, an incisive attack as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of roasted small fruits, blue fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick and a hint of cardamom. Supple, sapid and slightly sappy tannins. Good length. Chewy and chocolaty persistence.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Château Carlmagnus 2021 Fronsac

The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of sweet spices, nutmeg and small notes of violet, pulpy cassis associated with slight touches of infusion, fresh pepper and tobacco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, tension, an acidulous frame, a slight fat as well as a vibrant side in its energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, crunchy cherry and small notes of fresh flower associated with touches of juicy small fruits, nutmeg and a hint of clove. Supple and saline tannins. Acidulous persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Château La Valade - L'Intime 2021 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, flowery and gourmand. There are notes of cornflower, boysen blackberry and small notes of lily associated with touches of ripe small red fruits, bigarreau cherry as well as hints of fresh blond tobacco, sens of place (biotop local), Madagascar pepper, cardamom and fresh nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, dynamism, a beautiful stretched side as well as a beautiful purity on the juiciness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of cornflower, lily associated with touches of juicy/fresh small blue fruits as well as toasted hints, tobacco and hints of nutmeg and toasted hazelnut. A slight sapid side. Good length.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Clos du Roy 2021 Fronsac

The nose is slightly tight. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of ripe small red fruits as well as a hint of racy minerality, clove and sens of place (local biotop). The mouth is fruity, iodine and offers freshness, fat, a slight creaminess, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, creamy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild raspberry as well as hints of cardamom, moka, roasting and a hint of clove. Good length. Precise and polished tannins.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château George 7 2021 Fronsac

The nose is spicy, benefits from being decanted and offers a certain precision. There are notes of blackberry, clove and small notes of pulpy small red fruits associated with discreet hints of roasted cherry, liquorice stick, sweet spices and a discreet hint of camphor. A pistil hint in the background. The mouth is beautifully fresh and offers a beautiful juicy/fresh fruit, a small pulpiness, a beautiful minerality, gourmandise, precision, a certain purity as well as a certain finesse in its concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, small pulpy/bright fruits and small notes of roasted fruits associated with touches of toast, vanilla as well as cornflower hints. Good length. Supple and sapid tannins. A beautiful wine that will require patience before opening. A beautiful grain on the finish and a slight chew. A discreet floral/variety hint in the background that highlights the fruit and stretches the mouth.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Dauphine 2021 Fronsac

Beautiful nose on the fruit. There are notes of ripe/juicy cassis, bright small fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of bigarreau cherry as well as slight hints of badian, infusion and tobacco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, acidity, an acidulous frame, a certain purity as well as a slight electric side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, cardamom as well as a hint of camphor, roasted and torrefaction. Good length. Freshness and juiciness.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Dalem 2021 Fronsac

The nose offers a spicy side and offers a certain deepness. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of bigarreau cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of spices associated with beautiful touches of racy minerality, sens of place (local biotop) as well as hints of moka, sap, anise and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain roundness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy /pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of flowers, warm sap as well as hints of infusion, badian and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Elegant tannins. Finish on bright cherry and chocolate.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Vieille Cure 2021 Fronsac

The nose is fresh and offers a slight intensity as well as a beautiful floral/pistil side. There are notes of fresh blackberry, ripe/pulpy cherry and small notes of pistil associated with touches of lily, saffron, spices and a discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, fat, gourmandise, a beautiful roundness in freshness, elegance as well as a sappy side that leads the tasting. On the palate this wine expresses notes pulpy blackberry, strawberry and small notes of lily, fresh lilac associated with fresh sappy touches as well as hints of liquorice stick and chocolate. Good length. Sapid and tense tannins.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Plain Point 2021 Fronsac

The nose is spicy and offers a slight cremosity of the fruit. Currently a bit closed and benefits from being decanted. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe/crushed small fruits associated with floral touches, infusion as well as black pepper hints, black tea, sens of place (local biotop) and a discreet almost fresh-sage hint and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, precision and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, creamy small fruits and small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of flowers, fleshy/juicy strawberry as well as sweet blond tobacco, toast, a discreet hint of sage and vanilla. Good length. Chewy tannins.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)



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## Château La Rousselle 2021

Fronsac

The nose is spicy. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, cherry and small notes of red berries, clove, nutmeg associated with slight hints of tobacco and an almost fresh balsamic hint. The mouth is fruity and offers precision, freshness, minerality, a small fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy cherry and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with toasted touches, cardamom as well as a grilled hint, cocoa and fresh sap. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Villars 2021

Fronsac

The nose is aromatique and offers complexity, a certain deepness, a small intensity and richness (in the context of the vintage). There are notes of boysen blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with floral touches (cornflowers, violet...) as well as touches of sens de la place (local biotop) and nutmeg. The mouth is mineral and offers freshness, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as tension. Fresh attack and beautiful energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy/acidulous cherry and small notes notes of cornflowers associated with blueberry touches, raspberry as well as sage/almost fresh aromatic herbs hints and hints of toasted and nutmeg. Good length. Gourmandise and beautiful energy. Beautiful persistence.

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

## Château Fontaine Saint Cric 2021

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a slight sensation in creaminess. A certain density (In the context of this vintage). There are notes of morello cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with slight touches of violet, roasted small fruits and liquorice. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise as well as maturity. Beautiful freshness and attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/bright cassis and small notes crushed raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, blond tobacco, badian as well as a subtle of saline and sappy hint in the background. Good definition and length. Good work on the good bitterness on the finish.

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

## Château Richelieu 2021

Fronsac

The nose is floral, chiselled and offers a certain small intensity. There are notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of small fruits, fresh lilac/varietal as well as a hint of nutmeg and discreet vanilla. The mouth is fruity, finely ample and offers freshness, a floral side as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy. Fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with floral touches as well as hints of nutmeg, toasted and a discreet hint of liquorice and minerality. A subtle badian/anise hint in the background and toasted.

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

## Château Richelieu - Cuvée Royale 2021

Fronsac

The nose is spicy, frank and offers a certain small intensity/power. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of fresh nutmeg, lily as well as a discreet hint of fresh pepper and an imperceptible sappy hint in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness and offers a mineral frame, a certain energy, fat as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh cassis associated with touches of cherry, fresh violet and a discreet toasted hint and sweet spices. Discreet sappy hints in the mouth. Freshness. A sapid hint and a slight chew on the aftertaste. More straightness than in a classic cuvée.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Moulin Haut Laroque 2021

Fronsac

The nose is elegant, spicy, frank and offers of fine, powerful and aerial grain. There are notes of boysen blackberry, ripe small black fruits and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of fresh Madagascar pepper, a discreet sappy hint and a subtle hint of roasted-fresh fruits at the same time. The mouth is juicy, elegant, precise, racy and offers a certain small chewiness/creaminess, an aerial side, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. There are notes of creamy strawberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, moka as well as slight toasted hints, discreet hints of grilled and vanilla. A subtle floral hint in the background. Minerality.

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

## Château Les Trois Croix 2021

Fronsac

The nose needs to be decanted. Spicy, frank, precise. There are notes of spices, clove and small notes of ripe small fruits associated touches of pepper and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, precise and offers a small juiciness and a relatively tight matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy strawberry and small notes of fresh fruits associated with discreet hints of fresh flowers, nutmeg, fresh hazelnut and a hint of toasted. Supple and chewy tannins. Good length. An easy to access, to drink and well done wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Fontenil 2021

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a well-contained power, a certain intensity, racy grain, quite fine and frank. There are notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of spicy associated with touches of tobacco, clove as well as slight fresh small red fruits hints. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain small freshness, minerality, tension, precision as well as a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small red fruits, fresh flowers as well as discreet sappy hints, fresh tobacco and a hint of clove. Suppleness, juiciness and a certain purity of the fruit. A gourmand and aerial matter at the same time.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Puy Guilhem 2021

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity of the grain and a small concentration. There are notes of boysen blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of ripe even pulpy small fruits as well as discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of violet, badian as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, cardamom and a discreet hint almost aromatic herbs. Well-made tannins. Good length. A discreet hint of chocolate in the background.

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

## Château du Gazin 2021

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration as well as a fine and a bit tight grain. There are notes of blackberry, pulpy/bright strawberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy cassis associated with touches of camphor, saline minerality, sweet spices and a discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of camphor, cardamom, spices and discreet hints of toast, even a discreet hint of torrefaction. An imperceptible sappy hint in the background on the finish.

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

## Château Canon Pecresse 2021

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain small intensity as well as concentration. There are notes of blackberry, spices and small notes of wild strawberry associated with notes of camphor, Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible floral hint in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision and a certain small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of camphor, cardamom, spices and discreet hints of toast, even a discreet hint of torrefaction. An imperceptible sappy hint in the background on the finish.

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



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## CANON-FRONSAC 2021

### Château Mazette 2021

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The nose is floral and spicy. This wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, clove and small notes camphor associated with touches of spice and a slight hint of fresh pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this expresses notes of fresh blackberry fresh/pulpy raspberry and small notes juicy small fruits associated with touches of fresh liquorice, fresh violet as well as toasted and toasted almond hints and subtle hint of vanilla essence. Varietal tip in the background.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Château Barrabaque - Cuvée Prestige 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is spicy. There are notes of ripe wild blackberry, ripe cherry and small notes of spices associated with touches of clove as well as slight hints of blonde tobacco and a very discreet vanilla. The mouth is juicy, discreetly tight and offers a juicy/pulpy fruit, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a certain gourmandise. Fleshy/pulpy attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy raspberry, pulpy/fleshy cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as toasted hints, toasted almond hints, chocolate and a discreet hint of clove, slight hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of sage. Sapid and gourmand tannins.

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

### Château Barrabaque - Cuvée Hugo 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is racy, spicy and ripe. There are notes of ripe/fresh wild blackberry, lily and small notes of juicy roasted small fruits associated with touches of black pepper, roasted small fruits as well as hints of small blue fruits, badian and a discreet vanilla hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, acidulous/juicy blueberry and small notes of juicy/fresh strawberry associated with touches of sage and a discreet hint of pepper. Good length. Freshness, minerality. A discreet salinity in the background. Racy and structuring tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Mazeris 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fresh, spicy and relatively aromatic. There are notes of clove, blackberry and small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of lily, pepper and fresh herbs. It needs to be decanted. The mouth is mineral and offers freshness, tension, precision, a beautiful acidulous frame, energy and a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of ripe/bright small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, liquorice stick as well as a moka/toasted hint. Good longueur. Sappy and supple tannins. A slight chewiness and a good work on the good bitters on the finish.

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

### Château Moulin Pey-Labrie 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is minéral and offers a small fruit. It's need to be decanted. There are notes of violet, fresh lily and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fresh pepper, cardamom and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame, a good definition, tension, a certain precision, energy, a sappy/acidulous side that

leads the tasting as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, acidulous/fresh small red fruits and small notes of flowers / fresh sap associated with touches of spices as well as a subtle almost balsamic hint in the background and toasted. Supple, fin and very discreetly tight tannins.

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

### Château Canon La Valade 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is floral and offers concentration as well as a small spicy side. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of fresh lily associated with touches of fresh/crunchy berries as well as hints of fresh pepper and clove. The mouth is fresh, mineral and offers fat as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh cherry, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy cassis as well as slight hints of cornflower, fresh liquorice and a discreet hint of fresh tobacco and clove. Good length.

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

### Château Gaby 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a certain small deepness. There are notes of blackberry, fresh tobacco and small notes of fresh small red fruits associated with touches of lily, nutmeg and a discreet hint of sens of place (local biotop). The mouth is juicy and offers freshness, tension, precision, a fresh frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with touches of flower as well as slight hints of fresh sage, cardamom and an almond hint. Good length. Sapid tannins. The finish is chewy. Gourmandize on the finish that extends the tasting. A hint of fresh liquorice stick on the persistence.

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

### Princess Gaby 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, a good maturity as well as gourmandise. There are notes of blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of roasted-juicy fruits associated with touches of cornflower, liquorice, a hint of sage and cardamom. The mouth is mineral and offers freshness, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful energy (especially in the middle of the mouth), acidity of the fruit as well as a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, cornflower and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of bright blackberry as well as hints of tobacco, cardamom as well as a toasted hint and vanilla. Good length. A slight stretched side on the finish. Gourmandise and sapidity.

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

### Château Canon Pecesse 2021

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a slight complexité and a good definition. It's needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild blackberry, camphor and small notes of clove associated with touches of ripe small red fruits and slight hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers roundness, suavity, a good definition, a certain elegance as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of acidulous raspberry as well as a hint of nutmeg and blond tabaco. Good longueur. A subtle hint of almond in the background. Fresh and supple tannins.

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

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## Blason de L'Evangile 2021

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The nose is fruity and offers a certain pulpiness/fleshiness. There are notes of pulpy raspberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of roasted fruits as well as slight hints of badian and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, minerality, a beautiful freshness as well as a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of creamy blueberry as well as beautiful hints of floral and a hint of liquorice stick. Good length. Slight hints of chocolate and toasted almond. A slight chew on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château L'Evangile 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, frank, precise and offers a certain straightness/a small stretched side. There are notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes violet associated with touches of raspberry, almost a discreet roasted fruits hints as well as a slight badian hint and sweet blond tabaco. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers brightness, pulpiness, brilliance, a beautiful quality of ripe fruit and bright (at the same time), a beautiful matter, roundness as well as fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cherry, pulpy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of badian, slight hints of small blue fruits as well as hints of chocolate (in the background). Good length. Racy, frank, precise and straight tannins. Beautiful salinity in the mouth. Beautiful persistence. A certain chewiness on the persistence. Beautiful cherry and liquorice character. Beautiful textured finish and work on a discreet hint of good bitterness.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Bourgneuf 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is elegant, precise and powerful and offers a certain deepness as well as floral freshness (in the background). There are notes of boysen blackberry, ripe/fresh cassis and small notes of graphite associated with slight hints of violet, racy minerality as well as slight hints of torrefied almond and a discreet hint of Madagascar pepper. A discreet velvety/textured side. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful minerality /slightly varietal freshness, an acidulous frame as well as energy. Full middle palate. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, violet and small notes of fresh small red fruits associated with touches of fresh berries as well as hints of blond tabaco violet and a discreet toasted hint and cardamom. Good length. Powdery tannins, discreetly chewy. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Latour à Pomerol 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is elegant, supple and delicate at the same time and offers a certain richness of the fruit (in the context of the vintage) and a slight freshness. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy/juicy small black fruits and small notes of graphite, associated with slight touches of torrefaction, a touch of cornflower, small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of badian hints and a fresh tabaco hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a good definition, precision, a small tension, gourmandize as well as a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed cherry and small notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry associated with beautiful touches of racy minerality, torrefaction/moka, cocoa as well as a hint of tabaco. Beautiful freshness, delicacy in its touch and silkiness. A discreet almost caramelization hint that highlights the fruit and increases the gourmandize. Good length. A very discreet hint of good bitterness on the finish.

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

## Château Certan de May 2021

### Pomerol

Beautiful dense nose, deep, elegant and slightly austere. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy small blue fruits and small notes of almost roasted-juicy small fruits associated with delicate hints of spices, almost discreetly aromatic herbs hints, tabaco and a subtle hint of liquorice. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a beautiful delicacy in freshness, subtlety as well as a beautiful serrated side in precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy boysen blackberry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of roasted strawberry, small blue fruits as well as delicate hints of liquorice, cocoa and hints of torrefaction and an imperceptible hint of fresh tabaco. Good length. An imperceptible salinity. A beautiful work on good bitterness on the finish/persistence. A subtle chew on the persistence. Full of precision.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Hosanna 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a certain well-mastered power, a small intensity as well as gourmandize. There are notes of bright small black fruits, graphite and small notes of tabaco associated with touches of cornflower, bigarreau cherry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a subtle mineral hint. The mouth is juicy, freshness, elegant, mineral, powerful, delicate and offers a beautiful tannic and acidulous structure as well as a certain width in its structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy/juicy blackberry, and small notes of cornflower associated with touches as bright cassis, almost roasted-juicy small red fruits as well as delicate hints of cardamom. Good length. Supple and precise tannins. Discreet hints of dark chocolate and an almost imperceptible hint of caramelisation on the persistence.

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

## Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2021

### Pomerol

Beautiful nose in pulpiness, elegance and that offers a certain intensity in precision, deepness and density for the vintage. There are notes of black blackberry, pulpy small black fruits and small notes of dark chocolate associated with touches of infusion, crushed bigarreau cherry as well as slight hints of cornflower, vanilla and a very discreet hint of liquorice. A subtle hint of racy gravelly minerality in the background. The mouth is elegant, fresh, delicate and offers roundness, gourmandize in elegance, suppleness, a beautiful energy as well as velvety. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/gourmand cherry, pulpy/fleshy cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of lilac, chocolate as well as subtle hints of freshly toasted oak and a discreet hint of cocoa in the background. Elegant, precise and supple tannins. Beautiful harmony and race. Slight chew and a good work on the good bitterness on the finish/persistence. Beautiful chewiness and gourmandize.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Trotanoy 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is precise, elegant, deep and complex. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy small fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of liquorice, roasted and a discreet hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, mineral, delicate, supple, creamy, fresh and offers precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy/frais cassis associated with touches of racy minerality, crushed cocoa as well as discreet hints of flower/lily/lilac, fresh gravels and toasted/nutmeg. A fresh and delicate creaminess.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château La Conseillante 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, delicate, elegant and fresh. Beautiful classicism. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of quite ripe blackcurrant as well as hints of cornflower and fine hints of star anise/licorice. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, supple, juicy, suave and offers a beautiful textured side, tension, precision, a slightly grainy/creamy side as well as gourmandize. Everything in



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balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberries, creamy/fresh small fruits and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with almost cherry touches, hints of cornflowers, chocolate, roasted almond as well as toasted hints. Lovely mellowness/gourmands, precise and very finely grainy tanins. Beautiful persistence. Lovely freshness and juiciness. A beautiful bright/fleshy fruit. The finish and persistence are beautifully sapid and mellow.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château Fayat 2021

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The nose is elegant, fresh, precise and offers intensity in its grain. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, ripe small blue fruits and small notes of morello cherry associated with slight floral touches, blond tabaco and a discreet hint of lily/lilac and liquorice. An imperceptible hint of graphite in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, suavity, a certain fat, roundness, precision and an aerial/taut side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fresh flowers and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of badian/blond tabaco as well as discreet hints of fresh spices. Good length. Supple tannins. A coated and fresh side in the mouth. A subtle hint of dark chocolate.

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

## Le Clos du Beau-Père 2021

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers some fruit and a flowery/frash side. There are notes of dense cassis, blackberry and small notes of almost roasted small red fruits associated with touches of liquorice, flowers as well as subtle hints of morello cherry and liquorice. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, a small pulpiness, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, a sappy hint in the background that leads the tasting. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, pulpy small fruits and small notes of lily/lilac associated with touches of morello cherry, badian and chocolate. Chewy tannins.

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

## La Clémence 2021

Pomerol

The nose is spicy. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of small fruits, clove and small notes of camphor associated with tabaco hints. The mouth is fresh, mineral and offers tension, un small precision and a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry and offers minerality, tension, a small precision as well as slight straightness, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of gourmand cherry associated with touches of juicy/fresh/bright small black fruits as well as hints of clove, cardamom as well as hints of chocolate and a discreet hint of torrefaction. Good length. Beautiful freshness. A small concentration even a small richness (all in freshness) on the finish. Roundness.

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

## Château Rouget 2021

Pomerol

The nose is frank, precise on the fruit and offers a fine intensity in its grain. There are notes of pulpy/fresh cherry, violet and small notes of small fruits, associated with slight touches of Sichuan pepper, camphor and a discreet hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful coating fat without heaviness, a fine creaminess, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, freshness, a discreet varietal hint in the background that leads the tasting and brings vivacity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/pulpy blackberry, fresh/pulpy raspberry and small notes of pulpy cherry associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as hints of blond tabaco, clove and a hint of toasted on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Moulinet 2021

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers a certain power as well as concentration. There are notes of cassis, wild small blue fruits and small notes of pepper, associated with touches of zan, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of tabaco and pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a good definition, tension, precision as well as good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysen blackberry, cornflower, lily and small notes of fresh small blue fruits associated with slight almost cherry hint and fresh blond tabaco. A subtle saline hint in the background. Beautiful freshness and racy minerality.

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

## Château Le Bon Pasteur 2021

Pomerol

The nose is nicely structured, precise, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, power in finesse as well as a beautiful racy grain. We find notes of small pulpy black fruits,

raspberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a fine touch of crushed blackcurrant, fresh plum with delicate hints of star anise, mocha as well as a subtle hint of graphite, toasted and vanilla. The palate is mineral, elegant, well-balanced, precise and offers juiciness, finesse, freshness, a good definition, intensity, a beautiful suave touch as well as bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackcurrant, acidulous blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of raspberry, fine hints of tonka/mocha bean, toast, a fine hint of graphite as well as a discreet hint of crushed almond spice. Tannins are fine.

Score : 16,75+/20 (94/100)

## Domaine de Compostelle 2021

Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small concentration. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small black fruits associated with violet, camphor and fresh tabaco. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, precision as well as beautiful minerality that leads. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, pulpy/fresh raspberry and small notes of pulpy-fresh small fruits associated with touches of toasted, chocolate and a hint of tabaco. Racy minerality. Chew on the finish/persistence brings some gourmandise.

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

## Château Vieux Maillet 2021

Pomerol

The nose is ripe, gourmand and offers a slight fleshiness. There are notes of fleshy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of crushed small red fruits (even discreetly roasted) associated with touches of lily, small blue fruits and toasted/nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a discreet sappy frame (in the background) and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fresh strawberries and small notes of fresh blueberry associated with touches of crunchy small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of toasted/nutmeg. Good length.

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

## Château Grange-Neuve 2021

Pomerol

Fruity, smoky nose that offers a fine graphite side as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black blackberry, black berries and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of smoke, roasted cherry as well as fine hints of mocha. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, tension, a certain precision as well as a discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of camphor associated with touches of tonka bean as well as discreet hints of minerality, small roasted fruits and a toasted hint. Freshness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Château le Caillou 2021

Pomerol

The nose is currently a bit closed/condensed and benefits from being decanted. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy small black fruits and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of camphor, badian and discreet toasted hints and blond tabaco. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, juicy/fresh frame, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cornflower and small notes of pulpy/brightness cherry associated with touches of bright blueberry as well as hints of blond tabaco, nutmeg and a discreet hint of toasted. Beautiful freshness and suppleness in the mouth.

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

## Château Haut-Maillet 2021

Pomerol

The nose needs to be decanted. The nose is racy, precise and offers an elegant as well as a beautiful of expression of gravels. There are notes of pulpy cassis, fresh/pulpy plum and small notes of cornflower associated with slight hints of spices and a discreet hint of cubeb pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, a discreet flowery side (in the background), a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crushed cherry and small notes of pulpy plum associated with touches of blueberry, cornflower, slight fresh floral/flower hints, vanilla as well as a discreet sappy hint (in the background) and chocolate. A beautiful fresh middle of the mouth.

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

## Clos René 2021

Pomerol

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers elegance, gourmandize and a slightly tight and stretched grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, lily and small notes of small fruits associated with a discreet hint of morello cherry as well as a subtle hint



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of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, brightness, a beautiful mineral frame, a stretched side (almost aerial in its matter), energy as well as a very discreet sappy hint in the background that leads the tasting. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, violet and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of liquorice, badian et caramelisation/toasted. Good length. Precise and supple tannins.

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

## Château La Cabanne 2021

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain intensity of the grain as well as matter. There are notes wild creamy blackberry, crushed small fruits and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, sweet blond tabaco and a hint of timut pepper in the background. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers unctuousity, freshness, juiciness, energy, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a good (and discreet) work on the good bitterness in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of crunchy blueberry associated with touches of crunchy small red fruits as well as hints of fresh lily, fresh blond tabaco and a discreet toasted hint and nutmeg. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Pétrus 2021

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, nicely fresh, stretched and offers density in precision, precision, deepness, freshness as well as intensity in its grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, black pepper and small notes of violet, graphite associated with fine hints of graphite, mocha, quite ripe/roasted redcurrants and discreet hints of pepper (beautiful complexity on the peppers varieties...timut...). The palate is beautiful mineral, well-balanced, harmonious and offers an acidulous structure, a lovely freshness, a beautiful precision, elegance, a melodious side as well as tension. A nice linear/stretched side all in precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fresh/juicy cassis and small notes of small blue fruits associated with a hint of mocha, small red fruits, a hint of bright blueberry, a beautiful iodized hint as well as fine hints of gray pepper and discreet hints of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are chalky, elegant and tasty. Beautiful length with subtlety, elegance and distinction. Nice tanginess especially on the finish/persistence.

Score : 19.25/20 (98-99/100)

## Château Beauregard 2021

Pomerol

(Organic AB) Nice racy nose which offers elegance as well as a three-dimensional/multi-layered side. Beautiful finesse and intensity of the grain with also a velvety side. We find notes of wild strawberry, small pulpy wild fruits and small notes of fleshy blackcurrant associated with touches of violet, cornflower, hints of star anise, sweet blond tobacco as well as a subtle, almost varietal hint and Cubeb pepper. The palate is nicely fresh, well-balanced, mineral, suave, silky, gourmand and offers a juicy structure as well as a certain slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, tangy/fresh raspberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as fine salty hints, liquorice, violet plum and a discreet hint of chocolate. A beautiful freshness and a nice texture.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Le Petit Petit-Village 2021

Pomerol

Beautiful, fresh, aerial and elegant nose which offers a fine fresh pepper side. Nice fine and racy grain. We find notes of pulpy/fresh raspberry, fresh violet plum and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as discreet hints of fresh blond tobacco, Madagascar pepper and a very discreet sappy hint. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy structure, a beautiful definition, precision, tension, minerality, silkiness as well as a fine compact side (but full of balance, precision and freshness). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of small pulpy/fresh blue fruits as well as hints of tonka bean, chocolate and a discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are sapid, saline and discreetly sappy. A subtle firmness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Petit-Village 2021

Pomerol

Beautiful, fine, textured, precise, graphite nose that offers a beautiful, precise, frank, fine and finely powerful grain. There are notes of pulpy wild blackberry, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of blue flowers, toasted hints, toasted hazelnut as well as a discreet hint of mocha and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a tangy structure, precision, a certain fleshiness as well as juiciness and brightness of the fruit. Beautiful softness in the mid-palate. It expresses notes of fleshy/pulp raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits/bright blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, star anise, sweet blond tobacco as well as hints of caramel and fine hints toasted hazelnut/Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are sapid, supple, racy and offer a graphite side. Good length and good persistence. A nice charming side and a good job on the good bitterness of the cocoa on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Le Gay 2021

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh and nicely mineral. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe wild blackberry, small wild fruits and small notes of fresh black pepper associated with fine touches of infusion, discreet hints of cardamom, tea as well as a subtle hint of vanilla. Bourbon and an imperceptible hint of torrefaction. The palate is nicely structured, subtle, supple, precise and offers a nice roundness/fullness, a nice energy as well as a beautiful brightness /ripeness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, crushed small fruits and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of tonka bean, juicy roasted cherry, chocolate as well as discreet hints of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond and mocha. Tannins are supple, gourmands and juicy. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Plincette 2021

Pomerol

This wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers a certain deepness. There are notes of wild small fruits, concentrated blackberry and small notes of graphite associated with touches of pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, suppleness, a beautiful matter purity as well as a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cornflower and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of nutmag, cardamom, blond tabaco and a discreet hint of liquorice. Beautiful and gourmand wine. Beautiful fleshy/juicy/fresh blueberry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



## Château Haut Ferrand 2021

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, discreetly iodized and offers a small concentration. We find notes of strawberry and juicy/fresh purple plum associated with touches of cardamom as well as a subtle hint of pepper, nutmeg and roasting. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, tension, a certain precision as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh Boysenberry, racy minerality and small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of badian, sweet blond tobacco as well as a hint of tonka bean. Tannins are tight. Good length. Sapidity.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Château Montviel 2021

Pomerol

Nice fruity nose, dense and that offers a nice warm graphite side. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of blue berries, a discreet fresh floral hint as well as very discreet hints of fresh licorice/star anise and a subtle sappy hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh and offers a fine sappy side, suppleness, a beautiful structure, brilliance in its fruit as well as a certain density in balance/precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, small dense/fleshy fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of tonka bean/cocoa, toasted as well as discreet hints of vanilla and cornflower. Beautiful dense black fruits, an almost infusion side. Tannins are fine and supple. A very discreet almost mellow cherry hint on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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## Château La Violette 2021

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The nose is fruity, elegant, aerial and offers complexity, deepness as well as a beautiful multi-layered side. A beautiful, elegant, precise, taut and aerial grain. We find notes of blackberry, lily and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of small roasted fruits, fine touches of pulpy purple plum as well as fine hints of star anise, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of sweet/fresh blond tobacco. Beautiful finesse of the woodiness/its integration. The palate is beautifully elegant, fresh, ample and offers delicate fat, finesse, silkiness as well as a beautiful purity. Precision in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright/juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of small roasted-juicy fruits associated with fine almost Mediterranean characters in its fruit, a discreet almost of aromatic herbs hint as well as subtle hints of dark chocolate and toast. Tannins are mellow, sapid and deliciously tasty.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

## Benjamin de Beauregard 2021

### Pomerol

(Organic AB) Nice, elegant and racy nose that offers a nice racy grain (terroir). There are notes of fleshy blackberry, gray pepper and small notes of spices associated with touches of nutmeg. The palate is nicely mineral, balanced and offers freshness, precision, tension, a nice definition, a tangy structure, suppleness, a beautiful finesse in its fat as well as brightness of the fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cherry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of racy minerality, tonka bean as well as hints of toasted and caramelization. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Ferrand 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a small power. We find notes of blackberry and crushed/concentrated small fruits associated with touches of violet, cornflower, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of small roasted red fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tanginess, tension, a slightly tight/content side as well as a certain gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, violet and slight notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of tobacco, nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of toasted/roasted. The wine needs to be decanted. Freshness and juiciness.

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

## Château Grange-Neuve, La Fleur des Ormes 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is spicy and offers spices. There are notes of fresh blackcurrant, violet and cubeb pepper combined with touches of fleshy wild strawberries as well as fine hints of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a slight tension, a small fat as well as a mineral structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, violet and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with floral touches (almost slightly sappy) as well as fine hints of pepper, spices and a subtle hint of clove. Tannins are sappy, fresh and discreetly tight. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Château La Patache 2021

### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers a beautiful violet side and small notes of blue berries associated with touches of spices and a discreet hint of truffle. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral with tension, a beautiful freshness, and a small fattiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with a touch of bright blue berries as well as a hint of licorice and a discreet hint of salt. Beautiful hints of licorice, tension, and a strong hint of toasted almond. Good length with slight mache on tannins.

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

## Château Pont-Cloquet 2021

### Pomerol

The nose offers elegance, a certain small controlled power as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of dense small fruits, blackberry and slight notes of violet associated with touches of fresh plum, most roasted small red fruits as well as discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, precision, tension, a nice small fat as well as a charming and "soothing" side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of

violet associated with touches of racy minerality, graphite, mocha as well as a hint of cherry blossom, fresh roasted cherry and discreet hints of tobacco. Good length. A good job on the good bitterness, especially on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Enclos Tourmaline 2021

### Pomerol

Beautiful elegant nose, complex that offers a spicy side, a very slight creaminess and a certain small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, violet and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of licorice stick, sappiness and a discreet hint of toast and a subtle hint of cocoa. After aeration small floral/spicy touches enrich the whole. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh, elegant with a beautiful brightness and purity of fruit and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Morello cherry, violet and small notes of blueberry, associated with touches of crushed raspberry. Gourmandise, velvety with a beautiful freshness and harmony. Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Porte Chic 2021

### Pomerol

(70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and fresh, finely spicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, red plum, strawberry and blackcurrant in the background, associated with herbaceous aromas of fresh mint and blackcurrant leaf (in the background), sweet spices (licorice, cloves, vanilla), as well as a hint of peony and violet. The notes of torefaction are delicate and subtle (toasted hazelnut, fresh oak). The palate is airy, fluid (in a good way) and fresh. It expresses flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, red plum, strawberry and black plum, as well as herbaceous notes of peppermint and blackcurrant leaf in the background.

We also find a delicate spiciness (licorice, white pepper, cloves), floral (violet, a hint of peony) and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut). The finish is juicy and pleasant, with noticeable but not drying tannins and fragrant floral and chocolate notes. Lightness and a lovely freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Clos de la Vieille Eglise 2021

### Pomerol

(70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fleshy, juicy and fruity: it expresses notes of black plum, fresh red plum, red plum jam, wild strawberry and morello cherry, associated with a fine floral bouquet (violet, rose petals), with a delicate spiciness (licorice, gray pepper, a touch of vanilla), a touch of dark chocolate and cocoa, as well as a light note of menthol and torefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut, smoke). The palate offers juiciness,

freshness and airiness. The attack is gourmand and expresses the flavors of red cherry in chocolate, black plum, morello cherry and crushed red plum, combined with touches of chocolate with mint, licorice, toasted hazelnut and vanilla in the background. The finish is persistent and offers good bitterness, a touch of violet, cocoa, as well as a fine touch of prunes in chocolate. The tannins are fine and rather firm, but well integrated. Good acidity and good persistence. A well-constructed, aromatic and straightforward wine.

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

## Château Mazeyres 2021

### Pomerol

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses tension and density. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, blackberry, a tangy touch of blueberry, as well as gourmand aromas of cherry in chocolate and raspberry coulis. There are also refreshing touches of blackcurrant bud, sweet tobacco and fresh mint, as well as an elegant touch of violet. The spicy and woody notes are discreet and integrated: we find in particular the aromas of licorice (with a touch of star anise in the background), nutmeg and clove, associated with a sappy hint and a discreet minerality and a touch of toast in the background. The palate is juicy, fruity, gourmand and at the same time precise and complex. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, black plum, red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and crushed blackcurrant, associated with herbaceous freshness (peppermint, fresh tobacco), spicy touches (licorice, nutmeg, clove) and a fine hint of torefaction (toast, coffee). The finish is persistent, juicy and enveloping, with gourmand fruit and a touch of dark chocolate with good bitterness. The tannins are soft and fine. Beautiful freshness and chiseled and salivating acidity on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)





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## Château Gazin 2021 Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy, density and depth. The aromas combine the juiciness of ripe fruits (morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, blackcurrant jam, fresh blackcurrant, fresh blueberry), savoury sweet spices (an intense note of liquorice, which is similar to star anise, nutmeg, clove, a hint of vanilla, white pepper), a herbaceous freshness (crushed peppermint leaf, tobacco leaf, pine needles), a hint of violet and torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond with a delicate bitterness, toasted wood), which appears in the second nose. The palate is straight, a bit firm, with a tight and powerful tannic structure. The flavors are fresh and juicy: we find notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, blueberry, blackcurrant jam, as well as a hint of cherry in chocolate, associated with spicy notes of liquorice (or even star anise), white pepper, vanilla, nutmeg, toasted almond with a slight bitterness, toasted wood (in the background), violet and a refreshing herbaceous touch (peppermint, tobacco, a slight savory note). The finish is persistent, with a lively acidity, a slightly tight tannic structure, but balanced by the juiciness and gourmandise of the fruits.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Saint-Pierre 2021 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, racy and reveals a certain delicacy, a fine floral side and freshness. There are hints of bright cherry, blackcurrant and small notes of blackberry combined with subtle hints of flowers, Cuben pepper as well as subtle hints of zan and a smoky hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, a certain gourmandise, acidity, tension as well as a certain straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with hints of flowers (cornflowers, lily), fine hints of zan as well as a discreet toasted hint and mocha. A fine graphite quality in the background. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Sales 2021 Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive and flavorful, with distinct aromas of spices and torrefaction. It expresses the aromas of liquorice, roasted coriander seeds, nutmeg, ground cumin, toasted vanilla (in the background) associated with notes of smoke, toasted hazelnut and toasted wood (in the background), enveloped by a juicy and dense, but fresh fruitiness. We find in particular the aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, black plum, blackberry and blackcurrant, complemented by a sweetness of raspberry coulis and the freshness of herbs and flowers (wild mint, violet, a hint of peony). The mouth is silky, gourmand and enveloping. The attack is fruity, round and chocolatey. Then, the wine expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum (even with a hint of plum cream), raspberry coulis, blackberry and blackcurrant, associated with notes of morello cherry in chocolate, bitter cocoa, with some spiciness harmoniously integrated into the profile of the wine (notes of white pepper, liquorice, grilled vanilla and nutmeg). We also find notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted wood) and flowers (violet, peony). The tannins are melted and silky, even chocolatey, but structured. The finish is gourmand, juicy and fruity, with refreshing acidity and good length. A well-constructed wine, but gourmand and already accessible.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Vray Croix de Gay 2021 Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh and straight, but with concentration and lots of juicy fruit. It expresses the aromas of morello cherry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, a tangy hint of wild raspberry and a very light touch of prunes and cherry in chocolate, which appears after aeration. We also find delicate spicy notes (vanilla, licorice with a hint of star anise, green cardamom), a touch of toast in the background and freshness, brought by herbaceous and floral aromas (violet, cut rose stem). On the palate, the wine is open, with ripe fruit and a nice freshness, thanks to the tangy side of the fruit and a good bitterness on the finish. We find flavors of morello cherry, black plum, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and a tangy hint of wild raspberry, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, vanilla, a hint of walnut), nutmeg, a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted oak, coffee) and floral (violet, peony) and menthol notes, which appear at the end of the palate. Good persistence, gourmandise and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Clos Grangeneuve 2021 Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is discreet and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, blackcurrant,

blueberry, black plum and bird cherry, combined with delicate spicy notes (nutmeg, liquorice, a slight hint of vanilla), a smoky, woody touch (toasted hazelnut), minty and floral notes (cornflower, a touch of faded rose). The palate offers roundness, gourmandise and ripe and jammy fruits, even slightly sweet. We find in particular the flavors of crushed wild strawberry, blackcurrant jam, fresh black plum with a touch of prune cream, raspberry coulis, juicy morello cherry and blackberry, combined with a touch of chocolate morello cherry, chocolate with mint, liquorice, nutmeg, vanilla, a hint of cinnamon in the background, as well as a touch of torrefaction (toasted, even caramelized hazelnut, toasted wood in the background) and peony. The finish is quite persistent, gourmand, with good bitterness and a supple, but balancing acidity. Roundness and sapidity, with silky tannins.

Score : 15.75/20 (91/100)

## Clos Vieux Taillefer 2021 Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. At first nose the aromas are a bit tight, but the wine benefits from aeration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, fresh red cherry and jam, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum and wild blackberry, associated with notes of prunes in chocolate (in the background), peppermint, menthol, even eucalyptus, which appear after aeration. We also find a fine spiciness (liquorice, even star anise, vanilla, white pepper, nutmeg), an elegant floral bouquet (fresh rose, fresh cornflower, violet), a hint of chocolate with mint and discreet woody notes (smoke, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut), accompanied by a fine minerality (clay). The palate is enveloping and juicy, with notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, blackberry, crushed wild strawberry, black plum, blueberry jam), chocolate and sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg). We also find notes of menthol, peppermint, cornflower and violet, combined with a fine touch of toasted hazelnut in the background. The tannins are well structured, a little grippy, but sapid, powdery and not dry. Good length with a pleasant bitterness and refreshing acidity. A gourmand and straightforward wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



# Pomerol & Lalande-de-Pomerol

## Château Le Chemin 2021 Pomerol

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is dense, concentrated, even textured. It expresses intense notes of juicy fruits (juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, black plum with a touch of prune cream, fresh blackcurrant, blackcurrant jam, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis), combined with minty notes (menthol, peppermint, a touch of eucalyptus) and an elegant spiciness (liquorice, a touch of vanilla, nutmeg, cardamom). Woody hints and notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted oak, toasted almond) are subtle and enveloped. On the second nose, we also find a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, rose, peony) and a subtle minerality (clay). The palate is savoury, round, silky, full, with finesse. The fruits on the palate (blackberry, morello cherry, black plum, blackcurrant jam, wild strawberry, blueberry jam) are juicy and ripe, even sweet, which gives depth and richness to the wine. The palate also offers a very subtle and savoury spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, cardamom, nutmeg), chocolate hints (dark chocolate, chocolate cherry) and notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, a touch of caramel), which complete the fruit. The finish is long and refined; with notes of dried herbs (dried peppermint, dried pine needles), good bitterness and firm, structured, but silky tannins. A very elegant and harmonious wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## LALANDE-DE-POMEROL

## Château Siaurac 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, freshness and tangy fruit. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry and raspberry, associated with a touch of smoke (which appears on the second nose), toasted wood (in the background), coffee, chocolate, as well as sweet spices (ground cumin, white pepper, liquorice), violet and a touch of dried mint. The palate is melted and silky, with a juicy and enveloping attack. It first expresses flavors of juicy fruits (morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, blackcurrant, crushed raspberry), complemented by a touch of dark chocolate, cherry in chocolate, a good bitterness of coffee, a touch of toast and a fine spiciness (liquorice, vanilla in the background, ground cumin) on the finish. The tannins are supple, soft, with a very fine grain. The finish is persistent, sapid and chocolatey, with a nice acidity and a refreshing note of morello cherry juice. A harmonious, fresh and gourmand wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Samion 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is spicy, flowery and offers a slight crunchy side. There are notes of blackberry, Sicuan pepper and small notes of violet as well as slight hints of liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of dry gravels and spices. The mouth is fruity, beautifully fresh, mineral, balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, pulpiness/juiciness, precision and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of acidulous plum associated with floral touches (cornflower, cherry blossom...), crushed strawberry, liquorice stick as well as a very discreet hint of toasted almond and a very discreet moka hint. Beautiful freshness. Minerality, suppleness and extent in freshness. A subtle chew in the background.

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

## Château Laborderie Mondésir 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose offers a small concentration, a certain intensity, a fine grain, tension and an aerial side. There are notes of ripe small fruits (even slightly roasted-juicy), badian and small notes of flowers associated with touches of nutmeg, pulpy plum as well as a discreet crushed raspberry hint and Bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a beautiful definition, an aciduous frame, precision, tension, minerality as well as a certain small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of juicy/acidulous cassis associated with touches of violet, sweet blond tabaco as well as a hint of Bourbon vanilla and nutmeg. Beautiful small chew on the finish/persistence. Beautiful freshness and minerality. Bightness and a certain brilliance of the fruit. Beautiful tannic structure. Beautiful sapid persistence discreetly sappy.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## L'Ambroisie 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity. There are notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of ripe small fruits/cassis associated with toasted touches and a pepper hint. The mouth is mineral and offers freshness, juiciness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with slight touches of toasted/cardamom. Good length. Saline persistence. Freshness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Bertineau Saint Vincent 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is spicy and offers a fine grain, quite intense and slightly tight. There are notes of boysen blackberry, wild small fruits and small notes of black pepper associated with slight touches of camphor, infusion and a very slight hint of toasted/vanilla. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers minerality, roundness, a certain small freshness as well as a good work on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh flowers and small notes of cassis, associated with touches of fresh raspberry, varietal as well as slight toasted hints. Sapid and supple tannins.

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

## Domaine des Sabines 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is spicy and offers a sight power/concentration. There are notes of blackberry, violet and spices associated with touches almost morello cherry and fresh tabacco. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers minerality, roundness, juiciness, an easy drinking side as well as a tense and very discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cherry associated with touches of violet, spices, toasted and a hint of nutmeg. Good length. Precise. Chewy tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château L'Apogée 2021 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity and reveals a certain racy, fine-grained/tight power. There are notes of boysenberry, bright raspberry and more lightly of pulpy red berries combined with a fine touch of blue berries, a hint of star anise, fresh blond tabacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, acidity, minerality, energy, good definition and a certain juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses juicy/pulpy blackberry, tart/juicy raspberry and more slightly pulpy/acidic redcurrant notes combined with hints of racy minerality as well as hints of lily, liquorice stick, discrete hints of racy minerality/gunpowder. Good length.

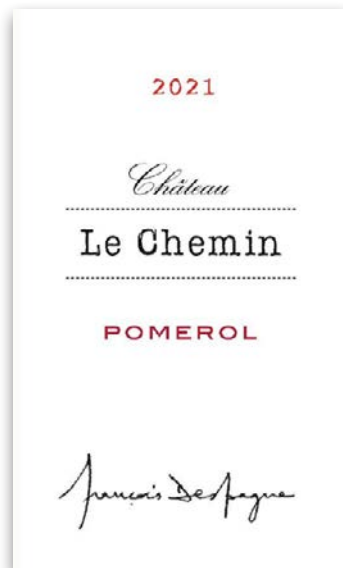
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Enclos de Viaud 2021

### Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a slight almost varietal side. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of pulpy/fresh small red fruits associated with touches of saffron and a hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/pulpy raspberry, pulpy /fresh blackberry associated with touches of cherry blossoms as well as slight sappy/eucalyptus and a gravelly hint. A slight hint of fresh licorice stick in the background. Good length. Good persistence.

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



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# Saint-Émilion

## Château Jaques Noir 2021 Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. The first nose expresses a smoky (even slightly meaty) aroma, which is then combined with notes of fruit (morello cherry, red plum, black plum, crushed raspberry, strawberry), spices (liquorice, nutmeg), as well as with a fine floral touch (iris). The attack on the palate expresses a more pronounced touch of toasted wood, associated with spicy (nutmeg, liquorice) and fruity notes (black plum, morello cherry, strawberry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, plum red). The tannins are fine, velvety and cocoa. The finish expresses notes of chocolate, smoke and coffee, a salivating acidity and a good bitterness. Gourmandise and a certain power.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Marquise de Bertinat 2021 Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is closed at first and benefits from being aerated. It then expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, red cherry, crushed strawberry and red plum, blackberry, associated with notes of dark chocolate, a touch of dried aromatic herbs (dried thyme, dried mint), as well as a fine minerality (dry stone, limestone), a fine spiciness (vanilla, liquorice) and a hint of lilac in the background. The palate is supple, round and offers a certain depth and concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with savoury notes of sweet spices (vanilla, nutmeg, liquorice), dried mint and lilac. The tannins have a fine grain and a firm structure. The finish is sapid, chocolatey and quite persistent. The acidity is soft, but refreshing. A balanced and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine des Gourdins 2021 Saint-Émilion

The nose will benefit from decanting and offers a certain density. There are notes of crushed blackberry, violet and small notes of morello cherry, combined with roasted notes and hints of tobacco and licorice. Mineral on the palate, the tasting has density, a slight creaminess, finesse, and tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis, and small notes of cornflower, combined with hints of raspberry and a discreet hint of roast, salinity and slight hints of toast/chocolate. Supple, fresh tannins.

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

## Margo « Cuvée de Cœur » 2021 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, nicely spicy, frank, fresh and offers tension as well as a certain purity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small bright/concentrated berries and notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of spices, saffron, black tea, and a discreet hint of reduction. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, tension, energy. A nice spicy side leads the tasting as well as a certain deepness. There are suavity and sapidity in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated small red berries, concentrated blackcurrant and small sappy notes associated with touches of eucalyptus, cumin, spices and a slight hint of liquorice stick. Good length. Soft and sapid tannins. Freshness. Nice salty character.

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

## N°3 D'Angelus 2021 Saint-Émilion

(85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is fruity, fresh and mineral. We find notes of wild blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small juicy black fruits as well as fine hints of Cubebe pepper. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, energy as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, fresh/bright blackcurrant and small iodine notes associated with touches of fleshy/acidulous strawberry as well as hints of nutmeg. A nicely gourmand and fruity wine.

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

## Château Hyon La Fleur 2021 Saint-Émilion

Beautiful floral nose, elegant and that offers delicacy in its power as well as a fine spicy hint. It reveals notes of boysenberry, fleshy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with fine hints of cornflower, almost roasted fruit as well as discreet hints of star anise, cherry blossom and subtle hint of toasted almond. The palate is nicely fresh, juicy, suave, supple and offers precision, a nice fresh/acidulous structure, a nice suavity, a beautiful definition, roundness as well as a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, juicy/pulp

blackcurrant and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of fresh/acidulous plum, fine hints of chocolate, cherry blossoms as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are racy. Good length and persistence. Creamy and gourmande finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Carillon d'Angelus 2021 Saint-Émilion

(80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc) The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers spices as well as a certain small concentration. There are notes of fleshy blackberry, violet and small notes of morello cherry associated with fine hints of sweet blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and cardamom. The palate is nicely mineral, well-balanced and offers straightness, tension, a certain precision, gourmandise, a velvety/powdery fine grain as well as a certain brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fresh/acidulous raspberry associated with a touch of fresh/crunchy small fruits, discreet salty/iodine hints as well as fine hints of nutmeg and toast. A fine chew and a beautiful toasted finish/persistence. A discreet hint of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## GRANDS CRUS

### Château Laforge 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a bit reserved and discreet. After aeration it expresses notes of red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, blackberry and morello cherry in chocolate, associated with touches of sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, ground cumin), sweet tobacco, peppermint (or even menthol), as well as lilac, peony and torrefaction (toasted, even caramelised hazelnut, toasted wood in the background). On the palate, the attack is round and supple, the mid-palate is tighter and expresses a rather firm tannin structure. The flavors are concentrated and juicy: we find in particular notes of black plum, blackberry, morello cherry in chocolate, wild strawberry, associated with touches of sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, a hint of ground cumin), dark chocolate, as well as notes of peppermint, sweet tobacco and slightly sweet floral touches (iris, peony). The finish is quite persistent and savoury, with gourmet notes of chocolate and red plum, combined with a good bitterness of coffee. The acidity is fresh and salivating. A balanced, airy wine, with a beautiful fruity substance.

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

### Château Croix de Bertinat 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses distinct but integrated woody notes (toasted hazelnut, heated wood, a touch of mocha). We also find fresh fruit (morello cherry, red cherry, crushed black plum, wild strawberry, blackcurrant), juiciness and minty freshness, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, vanilla in the background). After aeration, light smoky and toasted touches appear, as well as a floral touch (peony, violet). The palate is velvety, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, chocolate cherry, black plum, chocolate prunes in the background, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and crushed blackcurrant in the background, as well as touches of dark chocolate and crushed vanilla, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, as well as wild mint, violet and peony. The tannins are fine and well structured, a bit grippy. Beautiful texture in the mouth – melted, powdery and chocolatey. The finish is supple, delicious and enveloping, with a good level of acidity. We find savoury notes of nutmeg and clove on the persistence. Volume, concentration, all finesse.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château du Val d'Or 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is closed at first and requires aeration. It then expresses fresh notes of peppermint, pine needles (even pine sap), associated with aromas of black fruits (morello cherry, black plum, blackcurrant, blackberry in the background), as well as wild strawberry and red plum jam. We also find touches of sweet spices (liquorice, a hint of star anise, grilled vanilla, nutmeg) and peony. The palate is chiseled, straight and rather tight, with slightly drying tannins. It expresses notes of tangey fruits (bigarreau cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry), torrefaction (coffee), spices (liquorice, black pepper on the finish, nutmeg). At the end of the palate, we also find herbaceous flavors (mint, blackcurrant leaf), minerality (limestone) and a slight bitterness. The finish is persistent, with flavors of tangy fruit, but a little dry. Good acidity which balances a certain astringency.

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

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## Château Le Dôme 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is concentrated, juicy, with complexity and fresh fruitiness. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry and black plum, associated with herbaceous aromas (peppermint, menthol, fresh tobacco), sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, cardamom), slightly toasted hazelnut and violet, as well as a sappy hint which appears on the second nose. The palate is tight on attack, with drying tannins, softened at the end by a salivating acidity and a gourmet touch of dark chocolate and chocolate prunes. We also find flavors of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, chocolate cherry and sweet spices (vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, cardamom and liquorice), as well as just a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and a touch of peony. The finish is persistent, sapid and gourmand, but a bit dry due to young, gripping tannins and a chalky minerality. The acidity is lively and salivating, good bitterness on the finish. A tight and firm wine, but with good concentration.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Zaya 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, spicy and minty at first. It first expresses the aromas of liquorice, fresh vanilla (a delicate touch in the background), nutmeg, dried mint, as well as a hint of toast, which are then completed by notes of morello cherry, red cherry and chocolate, black plum, blackberry and wild strawberry, as well as a hint of thyme and peony in the background. The attack on the palate is also spicy and savoury. It expresses notes of nutmeg, liquorice and a delicate touch of vanilla, combined with flavors of morello cherry, crushed red cherry, blackberry, black plum and blackcurrant, as well as notes of dried mint, thyme and sweet tobacco. The tannins are finely tight, well structured. The finish is lingering, chocolatey and fresh at the same time – it continues with notes of dried mint and mint chocolate. A straight wine, which offers accuracy, straightness and freshness, associated with gourmandise and complexity.

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

## Vieux Château Mazerat 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh and minty – it expresses pleasant notes of menthol, pine needles, peppermint and tangy and gourmand fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum, as well as wild strawberry and bird cherry), associated with a pronounced spicy and woody aromas (fresh wood, liquorice, even star anise, cardamom, vanilla in the background), a floral touch (peony, lily) and torrefaction (toast, toasted hazelnut). The palate is juicy and fruity, even slightly sweet. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, chocolate cherry, black plum (with a touch of chocolate prunes), blackcurrant, raspberry coulis and wild strawberry, combined with notes of liquorice, sweet vanilla, star anise and cardamom, as well as dark chocolate, menthol, peony and caramelized hazelnut. The tannins are a little grippy, but fine, powdery and cocoa, balanced by a salivating acidity. The finish is gourmand and persistent, with red fruits and chocolate. Silky, savoury and generous with a lovely freshness.

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

## Château Pontet-Fumet 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is precise and fruity, with notes of torrefaction and smoke appearing first (toast, bitter cocoa, coffee). It then expresses notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, a touch of vanilla in the background), associated with notes of juicy morello cherry, crushed strawberry, black plum and red plum, with a touch of dried mint and iris in the background. The palate is warm, slightly tight on attack due to the firm tannin structure. The flavors are precise, chocolatey and fruity: we find in particular touches of morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant and red plum, associated with notes of bitter cocoa, coffee, toast, liquorice and nutmeg. The finish expresses firm and slightly grainy tannins, but enveloped in a concentrated fruity substance and a salivating acidity. Good length with good bitterness and notes of dark chocolate plum.

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

## Château Cantenac 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh, chiseled and tangy. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, red plum and black plum, a delicate spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, vanilla in the background, a touch of cardamom), herbaceous touches of peppermint and blackcurrant leaf, a hint of toasted hazelnut and smoke as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, peony, rose petals) and a delicate minerality. The palate is gourmand and silky. In the attack, it expresses

notes of chocolate, dark, chocolate cherry, black plum, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with touches of peppermint, blackcurrant bud, liquorice, vanilla and cardamom, as well as a toasted and hazelnut note in the background. The tannins are well structured, have a fine grain and softness. Beautiful salivating acidity and a lingering, chocolatey finish. A gourmet, subtle and elegant wine.

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

## Folie de Chauvin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is refined and subtly spicy, with a fresh and gourmand fruitiness. It expresses notes of white pepper, licorice, vanilla (in the background), associated with aromas of red cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, red plum and red currants, as well as a hint of violet, peppermint and pine sap. The palate offers suppleness, juiciness and gourmandise. It expresses notes of ripe red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, red plum and black plum, associated with spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), as well as a herbaceous hint (peppermint) and floral (violet, rose petals). The tannins have a fine grain and a good firm structure. The finish is sapid, tangy and slightly sappy and chocolatey. A gourmet, fresh and accessible wine.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

## Château Palais Cardinal 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a little closed at first, but offers accuracy and precision. After aeration, it expresses notes of strawberry, red plum, black plum, a touch of blackcurrant jam, wild blackberry and crushed raspberry. We also find delicate spicy aromas (liquorice, a touch of star anise, nutmeg, coriander seeds), associated with a hint of menthol and floral (violet). The woody notes (toast, sweet coffee) are very discreet. On the palate, the attack is fruity and fragrant, supple and gourmand. The wine expresses notes of black plum, wild strawberry, red plum, crushed raspberry and wild blackberry, which are then complemented by spicy flavors (liquorice, star anise, nutmeg, coriander seeds), menthol and flowers (peony, violet). Beautiful tannin structure: subtle, but quite firm. Good level of acidity. The finish is sapid, chocolatey and slightly toasted. Gourmandise, concentration and complexity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Croix Younan 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses fruity notes (red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, blackberry), associated with a floral touch (fresh rose, cornflower), a fine spiciness (white pepper, clove, liquorice, a hint of vanilla), herbaceous (dried mint) and chocolate. On the palate, the wine is straight and precise, with fresh fruits on the attack (morello cherry, cherry, wild strawberry, red plum, black plum, blackberry), spicy and woody notes (liquorice, vanilla, cloves, toasted wood) and with an expressive note of chocolate on the finish. The tannins are fine, well-structured and sapid, balanced by a nice acidity. Good length in the mouth, with minty freshness and a gourmandise of mint chocolate and chocolate cherry. A pleasant, accessible wine, with a beautiful structure.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

## Château Cantanac, Sélection Madame 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and savoury, with smoky (even slightly meaty) and spicy (white pepper, liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg) notes, which are associated with fresh and precise fruity aromas (morello cherry, red cherry, red plum, strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry) on the second nose. We also find herbaceous (dried mint) and floral (dried rose, dried cornflower, violet) aromas, associated with a hint of torrefaction (coffee, toasted wood in the background). The palate is gourmand, round and savoury. We find generous enveloping notes of ripe fruit (red cherry with a hint of roasted cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, red plum, dark chocolate plum, wild blackberry), a tasty side of sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of vanilla, nutmeg, white pepper in the background), as well as a fine herbaceous and floral notes (dried mint, dried rose, dried cornflower). The tannins are fine, sapid and chocolatey. Beautiful persistence on the palate, with gourmandise of cherry in chocolate and the freshness of wild mint. Beautiful persistence with a smoky and chocolatey touch, balanced by a nice acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Montlisse 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and fruity, with a nice freshness and a pleasant tanginess. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, black plum and dried blackcurrant in the background,



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combined with notes of sweet spices (licorice, a touch of vanilla and cinnamon in the background), cocoa, torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee) and mint chocolate. On the palate, the wine is delicious, with finesse and a beautiful fruitiness. It expresses notes of chocolate cherry, ripe morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, combined with notes of dark chocolate, toast, coffee, licorice and vanilla in the background. The tannins are soft, chewy, well-built and fine-grained. Good persistence in the mouth with a pleasant bitterness, a fine touch of chocolate and a supple, but refreshing acidity.

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

## Petit Corbin-Despaigne 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fruity and juicy and expresses distinct notes of red cherry and morello cherry. We then find the aromas of black plum, blackberry, red plum jam, as well as delicate chocolate and spicy touches (clove, white pepper, licorice, dark chocolate). After aeration, the wine also reveals a fine aroma of mint and violet. The palate is gourmand, very fruity on the attack; it expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, crushed raspberry and red cherry jam in the background, combined with touches of sweet spices (a slight hint of vanilla, white pepper, licorice), flowers (violet, rose petals), mint and a very subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. The tannins are velvety, sapid, a little tight. Good persistence in the mouth with a delicate bitterness of dark chocolate and a salivating acidity.

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

## Château Vieux Larmande 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses light notes of roasted fruit (roasted red cherry) and smoke, which are complemented by aromas of wild strawberry, morello cherry, blackberry and black plum. We also find a fairly delicate spiciness (licorice, cloves, nutmeg), a fine floral and herbaceous bouquet (violet, rose petals, cornflower, mint) and a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut), which appear in second nose. The palate has a rather tight attack, with good bitterness and fine, but slightly drying tannins. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, red cherry, strawberry, red plum, blackberry in the background, combined with notes of dark chocolate, mint, sweet spices (licorice, vanilla, cloves), cornflower, toast and smoke (in the background). Good persistence with salivating acidity and pleasant bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Fleur de Fonplegade 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first, but benefits from aeration. It then expresses notes of red cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum and blackberry in the background, associated with herbaceous notes of tobacco, crushed mint a floral touch (lilac, peony), as well as delicate spicy and woody notes (licorice, crushed coriander seeds, vanilla in the background, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut) and a touch of chocolate cherry. The palate is supple, very gourmand, even a little sweet. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, chocolate cherry, black plum, wild strawberry and blackberry, combined with sweet notes of vanilla, cinnamon and licorice, as well as a hint of mint chocolate. and peony. The tannins are fine and silky, with a powdery texture. The finish offers gourmandise, tasty notes of chocolate and licorice as well as a refreshing acidity. Power, gourmandise and a certain complexity.

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

## Château Teyssier 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is refined and offers precision, freshness and tangy fruit. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry (with a touch of dried red cherry), morello cherry, blueberry, black plum, blackberry and red currants, combined with spicy and woody notes (toasted hazelnut, fresh oak, licorice, ground cumin, a touch of vanilla in the background), as well as a herbaceous touch (peppermint, sweet tobacco), floral (peony, cornflower) and chocolate (dark chocolate, chocolate cherry). The palate is gourmand, warming, with a well-built tannic structure and a grain of fine tannins. It expresses notes of red cherry in chocolate, blackberry, black plum, morello cherry and wild strawberry, combined with a savoury spiciness (licorice, nutmeg, ground cumin), a touch of peppermint and peony. The finish is persistent, delicious and sapid, with notes of mint chocolate and prunes in chocolate. A full-bodied, even rich, but balanced wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Grand Corbin Manuel 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is intense, spicy and woody: it expresses aromas of toast, smoke, coffee, gray pepper, nutmeg, cloves

and dried licorice. The second nose offers fruit (ripe strawberry, morello cherry, wild blackberry, raspberry, black plum and a touch of blueberry), associated with notes of dried mint, dried cornflower and violet. The palate is juicy and round on attack, but expresses the tight tannic structure in the middle. We find notes of morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with a touch of dried blueberry, licorice, nutmeg, pepper, and expressive notes of torrefaction (coffee, hazelnut), toast, chocolate, smoked) as well as a touch of chocolate cherry and dried mint. The finish is tasty, persistent, with powdery tannins and less tight than in the mid-palate. Nice acidity and good structure on the palate.

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

## Château Milandre 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is savoury and fragrant: it expresses notes of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee, toasted wood) and sweet spices (vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, nutmeg, licorice in the background), which complement each other in the second nose with notes of black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, red plum and raspberry, as well as a touch of mint, even a little sappy, expressive and refreshing and a floral hint of cornflower. The palate is round, suave and ample, but at the same time straight and structured. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry and black plum, combined with touches of dark chocolate with mint, menthol, notes of torrefaction and distinct sweet spices (coffee, hazelnut), toasted, toasted wood, licorice, vanilla, nutmeg). The finish is quite persistent, sapid, chocolatey (with good cocoa bitterness) and dynamic, thanks to its flavors of juicy and ripe red fruits which develop at the end of the palate, good bitterness and lively acidity. The tannins are silky and powdery, even chocolatey. Gourmandise and complexity.

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

## Château Roylland 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth, density and gourmandise of ripe fruit. It expresses the aromas of wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, black plum and blueberry (or even blueberry jam in the background), associated with notes of spices (licorice, nutmeg, vanilla), fresh mint, dried aromatic herbs (in the background), flowers (violet, cornflower), cocoa and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, heated wood). On the palate, the wine has structured tannins, even tight on attack. It then expresses the flavors of juicy and tangy red fruits (strawberry, red cherry, a touch of raspberry), associated with a tannic touch of bird cherry, black plum and morello cherry, as well as a hint of dried mint, licorice, vanilla, nutmeg, chocolate cherry and dried herbs. The finish is quite persistent, rather tight due to the firm tannin structure, but juicy and balanced thanks to its salivating acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Cadet-Pontet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness and a subtle herbaceous notes (dried mint, fresh peppermint, a hint of blackcurrant leaf and thyme), combined with gourmand fruity aromas (wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, blackberry, plum black, red plum), with a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, licorice, a touch of cumin), as well as a sweet hint of chocolate cherry and peony. The palate expresses tangy fruit on the attack (red cherry, raspberry, strawberry), combined with notes of black plum, wild blackberry and morello cherry in the mid-palate, as well as notes of licorice, nutmeg, roasting (coffee, heated wood), dried mint and peony. The tannins are sapid, cocoa-like, but slightly tight and dry. The finish is juicy, tangy and salivating, with good bitterness and gourmet notes of chocolate cherry and coffee in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château l'Épine 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy, precision and a tangy side of black fruits. We find aromas of blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum (with a touch of chocolate prunes), crushed wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, associated with aromas of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee), sweet spices (nutmeg, licorice, a touch of vanilla and gray pepper), dried mint, as well as a hint of mineral in the background. The palate has a tight, slightly dry attack, due to the firm tannin structure. In the mid-palate, we find juicy notes of morello cherry, black plum, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and black plum, associated with a floral (violet, dried cornflower), herbaceous (dried mint), and spicy flavours (licorice, nutmeg). The finish offers a pleasant chocolate touch, good acidity, a certain gourmandise of fruit, but also the tightness of tannins, which need time to melt.

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

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## Château Croix Canon 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses notes of torrefaction (smoke, heated wood, toast) and sweet spices (nutmeg, licorice, white pepper), which then combine with notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry), as well as juicy notes of blackberry, morello cherry and black plum, with a hint of mint in the background. The palate is airy, fruity and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, raspberry and red chocolate cherry, combined with notes of mint, licorice, white pepper and a touch of vanilla in the background. The tannins are fine, but a little tight. The finish is quite persistent, fresh and tangy, with pleasant herbaceous notes (blackcurrant leaf, mint), which add dynamism to the wine. An airy, chiseled and fresh wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Muse du Val 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is flowery, fresh and offers a small spicy, fresh, and concentrated side. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of pepper, associated with touches of small concentrated berries, crushed cherry as well as slight hints of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of juicy/pulpy/fresh small black fruits associated with touches of violet as well as slight hints of mocha, and a discreet toasted hint. There is a beautiful sapide side.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Petit Val 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers concentration, a certain power, deepness on spices. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of pepper, associated with touches of saffron (in its flowery side) and discreet floral hints. The palate is fresh, mineral, juicy and offers tension, precision, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as pretty freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, violet and small notes of juicy/fresh red berries associated with touches of mocha, cocoa, and slight hints of fresh/juicy purple plum and toasted hints. Beautiful freshness with suppleness and a slight richness. There is a beautiful salinity in the background with a nice sapide persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Haut-Brisson 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is floral, fresh and offers fresh fruit associated with varietal touches as well as hints of small blue fruits and a slight hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, a beautiful little acidity, some fat, and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, cherry and small notes of ripe/pulpy small fruits associated with touches of chocolate and slight hints of toast/toasted almond. There is a subtle hint almost infusion in the finish with persistence.

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

## Château Tour Saint Christophe 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is beautifully aromatic, complex and offers freshness and a beautiful almost sappy side. It reveals notes of fresh wild cassis, small juicy/fresh berries and small notes of violet/lily associated with touches of crushed blackberry, bright purple plum, and hints of saffron, infusion and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, tension, precision, a beautiful finesse, intensity, a slight grain, elegance, and sense of detail. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of violet, bright purple plum associated with touches of chocolate, toasted almond. Beautiful racy notes/sense of place. There is an incredible velvet and subtlety with soft and fresh tannins. The tension and the power in precision accompany finesse. At the end, there is a slight saline tip bottom with persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Petit-Figeac 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful purity and silkiness with precision and a discreet salty character. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, small creamy blue fruits, and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of star anise, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, is beautifully fresh, mineral, cremosity in elegance and freshness, precision, tension, and delicacy in its extent. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, creamy Boysen blackberry and small notes of fresh berries associated with touches of racy/saline minerality as well as hints of lily, lilac and fresh licorice stick. Good length. Suppleness, freshness, and a slight fat with a beautiful sapidity and a slight mache in the mouth with persistence and gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Croix de Labrie 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, complete and offers a slight mellow sensation. It has great deepness and will benefit from carafe. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, small black fruits and slight touches of pepper and slight notes of spice. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, brightness and a certain small delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, small dense purple plums and small notes of juicy/pulpy cassis associated with touches of cardamon, discreet hints of camphor and a hint of spices, roast and a very discreet hint almost aromatic herbs imperceptible in the background. Tannins are slight mellow, gourmand, savory, salty and elegant. There is a beautiful freshness, suppleness, all in delight. Chocolate persistence.

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

## Chapelle de Labrie 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a certain tension. It is very discreetly tight and needs decanting. It reveals notes of wild cassis, Boysen blackberry and small notes of nutmeg associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as slight hints of fresh pepper and fresh lilies. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, sweetness, freshness, a beautiful freshness and precision of the fruit, purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh red cherry, blueberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with touches of nutmeg, discreet hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco. Good length with suppleness and a slight fat/beautiful and small fullness. There is a subtle hint of small blue fruits on persistence. Precision and smoothness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Fleur Pourret 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain gourmandise with racy clay on the nose. It reveals notes of small black fruits, juicy cassis, and small notes of zan associated with slight cherry touches and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, sweetness, freshness and minerality with an easy to access side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of juicy/ripe small blue fruits associated with touches of licorice and discreet hints of toasted/vanilla. Good length. Sapidity and salinity in the mouth. Beautiful freshness with soft and mellow tannins.

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

## Le Petit Cheval 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers some power, a slight grain. It is relatively dense with a beautiful grain/textured side. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of creamy red berries (cherry/strawberry) associated with touches of licorice stick as well as hints of tonka bean, small crushed blue berries, and a subtle hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, gourmandise, a beautiful definition, a tangy frame, a beautiful textured and creamy side in freshness and lightness, a stretched/tension side, notes of pulpy raspberry, creamy blackberry, and small notes of blueberry, associated with touches of nutmeg, cardamon, fresh/pulpy blue berries as well as discreet hints of toasted/toasted almond. There are mellow tannins with suppleness, freshness, and a certain fullness/texture.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château de Millery 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is mineral and offers a small density with a fleshy/pulpy fruit. There are notes of fleshy blackberry, pulpy/fleshy small fruits and small notes of plump black cherry associated with small oaky touches. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, pulpiness, a certain gloss and a slight smoothness, gourmandise, deepness/density, beautifully racy and very silky. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, small pulpy/gourmand fruits, and small notes of racy/calcareous minerality associated with touches of nutmeg, plump/fresh raspberry as well as hints of delicate blue fruits/blueberry and hints of licorice stick. Beautiful finish, sapid/very saline. Beautiful persistence with soft tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Chamoine De Balestard 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is gourmand, fruity and toasted. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, toast, and small notes of chocolate, strawberry, associated with touches of blueberry and small notes of coffee and sweet spices. The fruity palate offers minerality, precision, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, a certain fullness, and an ennobling side in the mouth. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of ripe cherry associated with a touch of chocolate, coffee, blueberry, and toast. Good length with some mellowness and gourmandise on the salted chocolate on the finish.

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



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## Chapelle d'Ausone 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, harmonious and offers a beautiful sensation of pulpiness. It reveals notes of plump cherry, fleshy raspberry, and small notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry associated with touches of crushed blueberry and slight hints of star anise. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, a good definition, and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy blueberry and small notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry associated with floral touches as well as hints of fresh almond and a hint of tonka bean. Good length. Beautiful small mache with beautiful freshness. We feel a nice slight salinity/minerality in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Petit Soutard 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, ripe and offers a slight creaminess and power. It reveals notes of Boysen blackberry, small red fruits almost roasted-fresh associated with touches of morello cherry as well as fine hints of cherry blossom and a hint of fresh licorice. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a small bright and gouleyant side, freshness, a certain minerality and a mellow grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of small pulpy blue fruits, associated with a touch of cornflower and slight hints of cherry and licorice. Good length and silkiness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Cap De Mourlin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, precise and offers an aerial and voluptuous side. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, lilies and small notes of ripe small wild fruits associated with touches of wild strawberry, cherry blossoms and hints of star anise and fresh pepper. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, precision, a certain tension, fat, and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fresh cassis and small notes of flowers associated with touches of licorice stick, fresh/juicy wild fruits, and hints of nutmeg/spices. An imperceptible almost bay laurel hint in the background with a touch of chocolate. Tannins are mellow.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Clos Badon 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is precise and offers a certain power with concentration in precision and mastery, deepness. It reveals notes of pulpy black fruits, pepper and small notes of fresh tobacco associated with touches of ripe strawberries as well as a hint of anise/star anise and discreet hints of cubeb pepper and toast. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a good definition, precision, suavity, energy, and a certain small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of juicy/fresh small black fruits associated with touches of star anise, tobacco and a hint of camphor and sweet spices. Good length with freshness and precision.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Daugay 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(57% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth, gourmandise and texture, combined with smoky and spicy touches. It expresses aromas of juicy morello cherry, red plum, crushed strawberry, black plum, amarena cherry in the background, as well as a hint of blackcurrant and blackberry. We also find a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut with a hint of caramel), dark chocolate, sweet spices (vanilla, licorice, cinnamon in the background), a sweet hint of raspberry jam, as well as the freshness of mint pepper and peony. On the palate, the wine is supple, enveloping and juicy, with a fine volume and soft tannins. The flavors are gourmand and fruity: we find notes of ripe wild strawberry, black plum, red plum, raspberry coulis and crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of mint chocolate, liquorice, vanilla and clove, as well as a touch of peony. Beautiful persistence with notes of chocolate cherry and a powdery hint of cocoa. A wine with roundness and structure, all in balance and freshness.

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

## Intuition de Fleur Cardinale 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, precise with a stretched/straight side. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, violet and small notes of small dense black berries associated with touches of black pepper and slight hints of licorice stick and an imperceptible hint of cornflower and sap. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, tension, freshness, a certain straightness/ stretched side, precision and sharpness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses

notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, small fresh red fruits (slightly crunchy even) and small notes fresh flowers associated with touches of pulpy/juicy cassis as well as hints of licorice stick, tobacco and a discreet hint of cornflower and nutmeg. Savory and elegant tannins.

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

## Château Pierre 1<sup>er</sup> 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, flowery, and racy. There are notes of pulpy cassis, fresh flowers, and notes of small fruits, associated with slight touches of clove, infusion, and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers precision, sweetness, fullness, a good definition, tension and a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plump/juicy black cherry, plump/juicy blackcurrant, and small notes of violet, associated with touches of clove, tobacco as well as a hint of cardamom and a discreet severe hint in the background. Good length with finely firm tannins.

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

## Château La Fleur d'Arthus 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of spices, cassis, nutmeg, and notes of cloves associated with touches of small red fruits and a discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, an easy to access side and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of flowers associated with touches of juicy/pulpy berries as well as hints of fresh tobacco as well as a subtle hint of cloves. Racy and frank tannins. Good length with a subtle hint of chocolate (in the background) with a fine sapid finish.

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

## Clos Dubreuil 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is racy, precise and offers a slight concentration with a slight and powerful grain at the same time. It will benefit from being decanted. It reveals notes of bright Boysen blackberry, camphor, and small notes of blackcurrant, associated with touches of almost roasted berries, crushed strawberry and hints of cloves, nutmeg and a very discreet hint almost warm aromatic herb. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, energy, a pretty acidulous/juicy fruit, elegant and purity of the fruit, beautiful delicacy in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy /acidulous cherry, pulpy /acidulous raspberry and small notes of bright cassis associated with a touch of blueberry as well as slight hints of cornflower, sweet blond tobacco, with a discreet clove tip in the background. Tannins are precise, frank, racy and slightly mellow.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Virginie De Valandraud 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a small concentration. It is fresh, fruity and spicy at the same time with a slight powerful character. It reveals notes of fresh Boysen blackberry, fresh and pulpy black berries and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of cardamom, star anise and a very discreet hint of cloves. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain freshness, energy and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, small juicy/acidulous black berries and small notes of crunchy/acidulous cassis associated with floral touches, fresh licorice stick as well as hints of cloves and tobacco. Good length with a subtle saline touch in the background.

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



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## Château Franc La Rose 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a certain gourmandise. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe Boysen blackberry, fresh/ripe strawberry and notes of small pulpy berries associated with touches of violet, pepper as well as hints of licorice stick and discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, fat, juiciness, an acidulous frame, energy, and a certain purity both in its matter and in its fruit. On the palate this wine expresses pulpy/juicy cherry notes of juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of juicy/fresh small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, licorice as well as fine vanilla hints/good length. Tannins are precise, supple, and frank. Freshness, fullness, fat, and gourmandise.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## Relais de La Dominique 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a little spicy side. It reveals notes of small berries of fresh cubeb pepper and notes of blackberry, small fruits, associated with slight hints of cloves. It will benefit from being decanted. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, sweetness, freshness, a beautiful easy to access side, a nice purity of fruit, gourmandise and a certain small delicacy at the same time. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet, and small notes of pulpy/juicy cassis associated with touches of small pulpy/juicy fruits as well as hints of licorice, nutmeg and a discreet toasted hint. It has a toasted/almond finish. Tanins are slightly mellow. Fine chew.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Soutard-Cadet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers deepness with a small aerial side in its relative concentration/power (to put back in the context of the vintage). It reveals notes of pulpy/bright cassis, blueberry and small notes of vanilla associated with touches of violet, a hint of roast as well as hints of licorice. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition. It is the acidulous fruit that leads the tasting. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, juicy blueberry and small notes of fleshy blackcurrant associated with touches flowers, see a discreet point of severity as well as hints of licorice stick, toast, and a hint of almond. A very discreet tip almost roasting in the background. Good length with precision, slight straightness.  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Château Harmonie 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight textured dimension in its grain. It reveals notes of strawberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of ripe small red fruits associated with slight touches of violet, a hint of lily and licorice stick. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a small tension, precision, easy access, harmony, and a beautiful enrobing side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, fleshy/bright cherry, and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of small blue fruits, licorice stick and a discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco. Beautiful delicacy of the grain. A small mellow finish with a very discreet roasted tip on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Grand Barrail Lamarzelle Figeac 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine needs to be decanted and offers a certain small concentration, fruit, and some spices. It reveals notes of blackberry, camphor and small notes of fresh Sichuan pepper associated with floral or varietal touches as well as slight clove touches. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, precision, a beautiful little fat, energy and a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of acidulous red fruits associated with floral or varietal touches and slight hints of cloves. Precision, freshness and a certain gourmandise and fullness accompany a very discreet hint of dark chocolate in the background. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate in the background.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Milens 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is beautifully fruity. There are hints of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of vanilla, combined with small touches of roasted fruit and slight hints of cornflower and toast. The palate is fruity and offers mellowness, sapidity, a beautiful energy, suppleness, a beautiful brightness, and pulpiness of the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cornflower, cassis, and small notes of bright raspberry, combined with hints of blueberry as well as spices, fresh flowers, and discreet hints of licorice/vanilla. Good length with sappy, saline tannins but also freshness and minerality.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Chante Alouette 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a slight creaminess of fruit and a slight salty side and toasted/sweet spices. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, cornflower, lily and small notes of iodine, combined with hints of small crushed fruits and slight vanilla/sweet spice notes. Fruity on the palate, the tasting starts with minerality, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, tension and a hint of saltiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, bright raspberry, and small notes of crushed cassis, combined with touches of cornflower, licorice and a hint of camphor. Freshness.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château de Saint-Pey 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose has a spicy side and slightly floral. There are notes of creamy blackberry, wild strawberry, and small notes of dense small blue fruits, combined with hints of graphite, chocolate and slight hints of toast and sweet spices. Fruity on the palate, the wine has minerality, freshness and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine offers notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, creamy small fruits, and small notes of pulpy/juicy small blue fruits, combined with hints of lily, mocha, and slight hints of sweet spices without forgetting slight toasted hints. Mellow and sapid tannins.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Grand Destieu 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness/creaminess of fruit, slight hints of pepper, a discreet tightness of grain and good definition. The palate is mineral, with fruit, juiciness, suppleness, a little fullness, and good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, violet and small notes of pulpy cassis, combined with touches of violet, rose, red berries and a hint of star anise. Good length and good persistence with a nice bitterness work on the finish.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Château la Rose Pourret 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers energy and gourmandise. There are notes of Boysen berry, fresh wild small fruits, and small notes of Madagascar pepper, combined with slight hints of fleshy cassis, spices and a discreet hint of tobacco. Fruity on the palate, the wine is with freshness, minerality, a little tension and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh small black fruits, pulpy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy cherry, and small notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, combined with hints of lily, violet, toast, and slight hints of nutmeg. Good length with beautiful freshness and juiciness. Mellow tannins.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Mauvinon 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Floral and fresh fruit on the nose. Floral notes and notes of fresh blackberry combined with hints of crushed strawberry, toast, nutmeg and a discreet hint of licorice stick. On the palate, the wine is fruity, fleshy, juicy and gourmand, with a little tension, a lovely side of fruit supported by floral notes and harmony. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, crushed raspberry, and small notes of fresh flowers, combined with hints of juicy/fleshy berries as well as slight hints of licorice stick. Good length with sappy, supple tannins. There are fine hints of vanilla with a good bitterness and salinity on the finish.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Trapaud 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy, precise and gourmand and offers a beautiful grain, clean, precise, and racy. There are notes of wild blackberry, ripe small fruits, and small notes of Madagascar pepper combined with hints of cornflower, pulpy cassis as well as slight hints of light tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, precision as well as slight tension. On the palate it expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with hints of juicy/bright cherry as well as hints of licorice/star anise and discreet hints of spices. There are sappy, supple tannins. The finish is beautifully supple and gourmand with a discreet and good work on the good bitterness.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## Château Palatin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose will benefit from decanting. There are notes of pulpy/fresh wild blackberry, sweet spices and small notes of dense cassis, combined with a touch of camphor, lilac, cardamom and discreet hints of sweet blond tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers precision, suppleness, good definition, a certain gourmandise, beautiful balance, and an aerial side on the palate. On the palate, this wine expresses juicy/pulpy blackberry



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notes, juicy small fruits and small notes of toastiness, combined with slight hints of chocolate, and a subtle, almost coffee-like hint in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Rol Valentin 2021

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The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful ripe/fleshy fruit, slight floral touch in the background and peppery that highlights the fruit. There are notes of dense cassis, black blackberry and small notes of concentrated blueberry combined with touches of sweet pepper, lily as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and toast. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, tension, a beautiful definition, a small suavity, and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of cornflower combined with touches of blueberry, crushed raspberry as well as hints of licorice and cardamom and a hint of nutmeg. Good length with supple and racy tannins. There is a very discreet hint of pepper in the background. Beautiful freshness and fleshy fruit with power and density.

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

## Château Jean Voisin 2021

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Beautiful fresh, racy, and deep nose. Beautiful fresh clay. There are notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of cornflower combined with touches of tonka beans and discreet spicy hints. The palate is fresh, fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand, tense and offers an acidulous frame, energy, and a beautiful acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis combined with hints of cornflower, tonka beans, chocolate, badian and discreet almost varietal and clay-like hints. Good length with precise, frank, and racy tannins. We can feel a discreet and good work on the good bitterness in the background. Beautiful freshness and minerality as well as fullness. Beautiful freshness and precision with a very discreet/imperceptible hint of toasted almond in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Haut Rocher 2021

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The nose will benefit from decanting. There are notes of ripe small black fruits, black pepper, and small notes of spices, combined with slight touches of nutmeg and a discreet hint of clove and toast. The wine is fruity on the palate and offers freshness, minerality, precision, good definition, and a little tension. On the palate, there are juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright/pulpy cherry, and small notes of pulpy cassis, combined with hints of star anise, blond tobacco and a hint of clove and toast. Good length. Precise, fine tannins. All in length with a little lack in extent.

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

## Château Tour de Capet 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers complexity. There are notes of cassis, black blackberry and small notes of wild berries combined with touches of cardamom, spices, and a very discreet hint of camphor. The palate offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, tension, precision and a beautiful minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small pulpy/fresh cassis, small juicy/bright fruits and small notes of cornflower, lilac combined with touches of fresh small red fruits as well as blond tabaco hints, nutmeg, and discreet hints of camphor. There are hints of mocha in the background on the persistence.

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

## Château Capet-Guillier 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy, aromatic, complex and offers a good definition and a slight intensity. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, graphite and small notes of small wild red berries combined with fresh tabaco touches, spices, and a subtle hint of clove. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a certain tension, energy, and a stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of fresh/pulpy cherry combined with touches of toast, tabaco, cardamom and a discreet hint of cornflower. Good length with smooth tannins and beautiful freshness.

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

## Château Louis 2021

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The nose is spicy, well conducted and offers a certain elegance. There are notes of blackberry, violet and sweet spices combined with cornflower touches, vanilla, small crushed fruits and a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is mineral and offers tension, fruit, and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/

pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy purple plum combined with floral touches as well as hints of cornflower, tabaco and a subtle hint of cardamom. Good length with a very discreet grilled hint in the background and a slight fluidity in the mouth.

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

## Château Boutisse 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers a certain precise little concentration, a fine and racy grain. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of dense small black fruits combined with touches of tabaco, licorice, a discreet hint of camphor and a subtle sappy hint. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, tension, precision, deepness and is beautifully racy freshness (clay-limestone). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, pulpy/fresh cassis, and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of nutmeg, tabaco, camphor and a discreet hint of spices, a subtle hint of lily and a discreet sappy and mocha hints. Sapidité, gourmandise and a discreet chew appear on the finish/persistence.

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

## La Closerie de Fournet 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, velvety, spicy, nicely structured and offers a fine concentration as well as deepness. We find notes of violet, bright blackberry and small notes of small juicy roasted red fruits associated with touches of star anise, small blue plum as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, infusion and a very discreet almost saffron hint (in its floral side) in the background. The palate is nicely mineral, elegant, harmonious and offers energy, suppleness, roundness, a textured side, a beautiful definition as well as a slight creaminess in freshness/finesse. Nice brilliance and freshness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, small pulpy blue fruits and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/pulpy cherry as well as hints of star anise, fresh blond tobacco, fine sappy hints and discreet hints of caramelization (in the background). Good length. A subtle hint of tonka bean in the background. Tannins are sapid and discreetly mellow. A beautiful texture on the finish.

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

## La Bienfaisance du Château Sanctus 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, complex and offers a certain little power and a slight concentration. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of crushed small blue fruits combined with subtle hints of cherry as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suppleness, freshness. It is beautifully racy, with a nice structure and fullness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis, and small notes of cherry, combined with touches of cornflower, chocolate as well as subtle hint of blond tabaco and an imperceptible hint of coffee in the background. Freshness, minerality with beautiful acidity/tanginess of the fruit and the soil.

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

## Château Sanctus 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers concentration, spices, and a slight power. There are notes of blackberry, ripe/fresh wild small red fruits and small notes of fresh black pepper combined with slight hints of violet and discreet hints of blond tabaco. The palate is fruity and offers jutosity, suavity, suppleness, gourmandise, a good definition, tension, a slight creaminess, salinity, and a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, creamy blackberry and small notes of cornflower combined with touches of creamy small red fruits, hints of blue plum as well as hints of sweet blond tabaco and subtle hints of chocolate in the background. Supple and mellow tannins with good length and beautiful freshness as well as tension.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## L'Esprit de Jean Voisin 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and beautifully fresh. There are notes of fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, and small notes of violet, combined with slight touches of small berries and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a beautiful acidity, and juiciness/brightness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh small red berries, and a discreet toasted hint as well as tonka beans. Good length and freshness with a discreet hint of toast in the background. Good definition which shows cocoa hints in the background with discreetly powdered and fresh tannins.

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

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## Lucia 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain complexity and deepness. There are notes of fresh pepper, lily, spices, and notes of small berries combined with touches of cumin. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers gourmandise, tension, precision, and a slight creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, blueberry and small notes of raspberry combined with touches of lily, violet as well as hints of toasted, chocolate, subtle hints of sweet spices. There are blond tabaco, cardamom and discreet hints of vanilla in the background. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Château de Paradis 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a slight complexity. There are notes of cornflower, quite ripe/pulpy small red fruits, blueberry, and small notes of Badiane, combined with hints of roasted fruits and sweet spices. The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a good definition, tension, precision, gourmandise, a good structure, a slight straightness as well as a framed and slender precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dense black blackberry, small blue fruits and small notes of pulpy/bright small fruits combined with touches of roast as well as hints of toast and a subtle hint a nutmeg. Good length with precise, smooth, and supple tannins. A slight chew on the finish/persistence accompanies beautiful freshness and minerality.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Trianon 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain fleshiness of the fruit. There are notes of fleshy cassis, pulpy cherry and small notes of cornflower combined with touches of licorice stick. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame and a good work on the good bitterness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of cornflower combined with touches of pulpy/juicy small fruits as well as small hints of licorice stick, fleshy/juicy cherry as well as slight hints of sweet blond tabaco. Good length with smooth tannins. A hint of minerality on the finish/persistence allows a beautiful freshness, fullness, and gourmandise.

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

## Château Tour de Pressac 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a racy grain and a very slight power. There are notes of pulpy/fresh blackberry, pulpy/fresh cherry, and small notes of racy minerality combined with touches of fresh/juicy/bright cassis as well as slight hints of sweet blond tabaco and cornflower. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, suavity, a small fullness, tension, and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy small fruits and small notes of juicy/bright small blue fruits combined with touches of sweet blond tabaco, licorice stick as well as a subtle hint of toast and a hint of mocha. Good length with supple and precise tannins as well as a discreet saline hint. Beautiful freshness and gourmandise on the fruit.

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

## Château Mangot Todeschini – Distique 14, 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers deepness, a multi-layered side as well as delicacy in its power. A beautiful taut, powerful and aerial grain. We find notes of blackberry, Sichuan pepper and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of racy minerality as well as fine hints of star anise, violet as well as very discreet hints of coffee, chocolate and rosemary/sage. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers beautiful definition, deepness, harmony, richness as well as a beautiful and fine texture. An aerial side, full of precision and control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulp blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of fresh small blue fruits associated with touches of fresh blue plum as well as hints of star anise and subtle almost iodine/saline hints. Tannins are a bit mellow. A fine chew. Beautiful sapidity and a discreet sappy hint in the background.

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

## Château Cruzeau 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of clove, spices and notes of gray pepper associated with touches of lily and wild small fruits. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, and a mineral hint. It is discreetly tight and has got a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of clove and spices associated with touches of fleshy small red fruits, gray pepper, a slight roasted/oaky hint. There are slightly dry tannins.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Tertre Roteboeuf 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Beautiful, gourmand and aromatic nose that offers deepness as well as spices/pepper. We find notes of crushed strawberry, Madagascar pepper and small notes of roasted cherry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy red plum as well as fine almost rosemary hints, lily as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as a very discreet and good bitterness. A beautiful wine that expresses roasted-juicy fruits and beautiful brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy roasted strawberry, bright blackberry and small notes of fresh/pulpy purple plum associated with touches of pulpy cherry as well as fine hints of mocha, roasted, toasted, nutmeg and a subtle touch of sense of place (local biotop). A beautiful, gourmand and complete wine, full of balance and brilliance. Tannins are elegant, mellow and racy. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS

## Château Grand Corbin-Despagne 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is warming, savoury and spicy, with a beautiful fruity substance, density and complexity. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, wild blackberry), associated with a gourmet touch of cherry in chocolate, chocolate with mint, with a distinct spiciness, but elegant and integrated (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, vanilla). We also find a fragrant and refined floral bouquet (fresh rose, fresh peony, violet), as well as a refreshing touch of menthol, wild mint and fresh pine needles (or even pine sap), completed by a hint of chalky minerality. The palate is juicy and supple, very gourmand.

It also offers depth, concentrated fruit, freshness and beautiful complexity. We find the flavors of fresh wood, crushed raspberry, black plum, morello cherry, red plum jam, associated with a distinct chocolate hint (mint chocolate, chocolate cherry, bitter cocoa), a herbaceous touch (dried mint, fresh peppermint) and slightly sappy note (pine sap), with a distinct but refined spiciness (liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, vanilla), as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony, violet). The tannins have a firm structure, are slightly grippy, but balanced by a concentrated and expressive profile of the wine. The finish is persistent, sapid and gourmand: it expresses slightly sweet notes of cherry in chocolate, refreshed by a beautiful acidity and a hint of menthol. Elegance, gourmandise and complexity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Bellevue 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant and reveals fine concentration, finesse and energy. There are notes of crushed raspberry, bright black fruits and a hint of blackberry combined with hints of violet and a hint of star anise. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and reveals juiciness, minerality, acidity, energy, definition and a

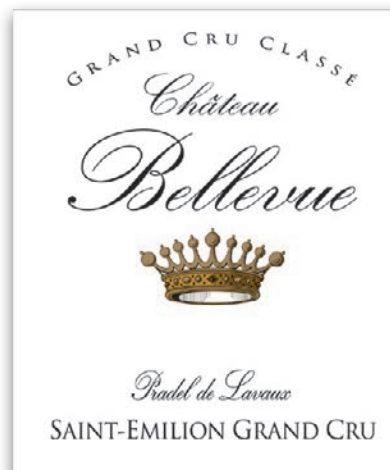
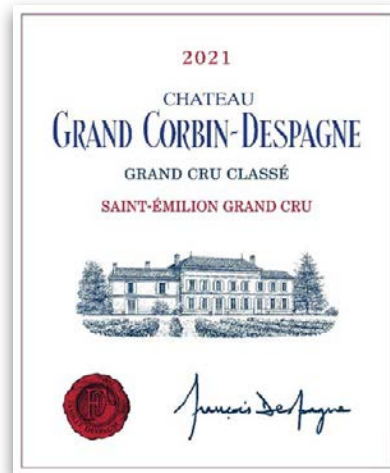
certain gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, redcurrant and small notes of fresh/pulpy blue berries combined with a touch of acidulous cherry as well as hints of graphite, salinity and a subtle hint of star fruit. Tannins are precise and relatively mellow. Good length. Nice sapidity on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Yon-Figeac 2021

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density and fresh fruity substance. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, red plum, strawberry, crushed raspberry and blueberry, associated with a delicate herbaceous hints (mint, sweet tobacco,





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pine needles in the background) and floral bouquet (violet, cornflower), as well as notes of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, fresh oak), sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg) and dark chocolate. On the palate, the wine is straight, silky and concentrated, but seems slightly closed. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, strawberry, black plum, red plum and blackcurrant in the background, combined with spicy flavors (liquorice, clove neck, a hint of vanilla in the background), herbaceous notes (dried mint, fresh tobacco), floral bouquet (violet, dried cornflower) and hints of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood in the background). The finish is fruity, enveloping and juicy, with gourmandise, freshness, a fine touch of chocolate and a good bitterness. Good persistence and refreshing acidity.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Château Chatelet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is closed at first and needs aeration. The first nose then offers a lot of freshness in menthol aromas of liquorice, peppermint and eucalyptus, to which are added notes of fresh rose, peony, violet, sweet spices (nutmeg, cardamom, anise), as well as a fine touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, mild coffee). A fresh and ripe fruity substance envelops the complex bouquet of the wine: we find notes of fresh strawberry, red plum, black plum, morello cherry, red cherry jam and crushed raspberry. Lots of elegance on the nose. The palate is suave and airy, but deep and complex. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, blackberry and black plum, combined with notes of cherry in chocolate, sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, white pepper, nutmeg, clove), herbs (fresh peppermint, dried mint), fresh flowers (rose, peony, violet) and torrefaction (a delicate touch of sweet coffee and slightly caramelized toasted hazelnut). The tannins are firm, well structured, but with finesse and elegance. The finish is sapid, slightly chocolatey and sapid, with a nice fruity substance and a supple, but fresh acidity. Lots of gourmandise, beautiful structure, and good aging potential.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Jean Faure 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, racy and offers the intensity of the fruit with a certain concentration and slight hints of spices, a discreet touch of freshness, almost eucalyptus. It reveals notes of wild bright cassis with beautiful floral notes, almost pistil and small notes of bright cherries associated with touches of blueberry as well as a hint almost saffron (in its floral side), pepper and a discreet hint almost citron and woody. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness with a beautiful freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, all in finesse and elegance, harmony, brilliance, bright as well as a beautiful character saline/sappy that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh blueberry and small notes of bright/crushed raspberry associated with a touch of juicy/pulpy/bright small fruits as well as hints of salinity, sap, sweet spice, a discreet hint of fresh licorice stick. Good length and definition. Tannins are sapid and gourmands with a beautiful mid-palate.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Château Le Prieuré 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is finely spicy, fruity, with a pleasant minty touch which brings freshness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, black plum, blackberry, as well as dried raspberry, associated with spicy aromas of liquorice, vanilla, gray pepper, clove, as well as just a touch of dried mint and mint chocolate. We also find a delicate floral touch of lilac and cornflower in the background. The palate is airy, juicy, with fruit and lightness on the attack. The middle and end of the palate express a present and well-built tannin structure (the tannins have a fine grain), as well as a herbaceous hint. We find in particular the flavors of morello cherry, raspberry coulis, black plum (with a touch of prunes in chocolate), red plum and a hint of strawberry, associated with notes of cocoa, cherry and chocolate, coffee (with a pleasant bitterness), dried aromatic herbs, lilac and sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cloves, cardamom). The finish is long, sapid, powdery and chocolatey, with salivating acidity and good bitterness.  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Château Laniote 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of spices, nutmeg and small notes of wild black fruits associated with a touch of almost roasted cherry as well as hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, suavity, a stretched side, and minerality/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses pulpy/juicy cherry notes of fresh/juicy cassis and small notes of spices associated with touches of clove and a subtle varietal and toasted touch in the background. Good length with freshness.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Chauvin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a precise grain, a captivating side. It will benefit from being decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, Madagascar pepper and small notes of ripe small black fruits associated with small touches of sense of the place, fresh tobacco, and a discreet hint of infusion. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition and a supple structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis, and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of small fresh blue fruits, a hint of crunchy raspberry as well as hints of tobacco and cloves. Good length with soft tannins and freshness.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Fleur Cardinale 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, currently finely tight and will gain to be decanted. It offers complexity and a beautiful finesse of the grain, an aerial and noble side in its spices and in its power. It reveals notes of small blue berries, violet/lily and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with touches of fresh tobacco, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint almost iodized. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, acidity, good definition, precision, tension, a beautiful finesse, juiciness, suavity, and sense of detail. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, small juicy/fresh blue berries and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with touches of star anise, lilac, discreet hints of sense of the place (almost bay berries in the background). It has precise and elegant tannins with slight hints of toast/chocolate and crushed almond. Beautiful textured finish with gourmandise. It is a wine that requires time and the patient to reveal.  
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

## Château Destieux 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is spicy, direct and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of camphor, small pulpy black fruits and small notes of fleshy/pulpy strawberry associated with touches of fresh pepper, a floral hint, and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, sweetness, freshness, a good definition, gourmandise, precision, and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of licorice, crushed raspberry and slight hints of cloves and spices. Good length with mellow and precise tannins even chewy. Beautiful delicate and silky touch on the palate.  
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Villemaurine 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers precision and race. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, pulpy blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with slight touches of nutmeg, spices, and a discreet hint of cardamom in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, suavity, some fat, fullness, gourmandise, a slight unctuousity, a beautiful fine and racy grain, a discreet chalky side and iodine in the mouth. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis, and small notes of flowers (violet, lilac...) associated with touches of pulpy raspberry, of fresh/bright berries, toast, chocolate and a hint of fresh blond tobacco and a discreet hint of vanilla in the background. Good length with sapidity on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)



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## Château Peby Faugeres 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, mineral, and precise. It reveals blackberry notes of fresh small fruits and small notes of sense of fresh/variety place associated with small touches of fresh cassis as well as a hint of small red fruits and a discreet hint of fresh tobacco and zan. The palate is fruity, juicy, precise and offers suavity with an acidulous frame, tension, precision, minerality, energy and a small crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, crunchy blackberry and small notes of fresh/juicy blackcurrant associated with a touch of crunchy blueberry as well as varietal/sense of place hints as well as slight hints of fresh blond tobacco and fresh licorice stick. Good length marked by the locality with a sever side in the background.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Faugeres 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine needs to be decanted. It is elegant and finely tight. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of morello cherry associated with a touch of cassis as well as slight hints of lily/variety and discreet hints of sweet pepper in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, energy, good definition, a certain precision, tension, and a certain breadth/fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/bright cassis, acidulous/bright blueberry and small notes of pulpy/juicy/acidulous cherry associated with touches of cornflower, lily, licorice stick with discreet hints of small fruits and sweet/toasted blond tobacco. Good length with precision, freshness, and an acidulous side. It has mellowness and sapidity on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Clos De Sarpe 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine needs to be decanted and offers a spicy side and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of violet, wild cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated

with touches of clove as well as hints of balsamic, iris and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is supple, rich, mineral and offers fruit's juiciness and a certain small rectitude. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, fresh flowers and small notes of blond tobacco associated with a touch of iris, juicy/bright cassis as well as hints of cardamon and cloves. Good length.

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

## Château Moulin Du Cadet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, precise and offers a certain power and a certain racy deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, graphite and small notes of black berries associated with touches of black pepper, slight hints of toast and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame, energy, a beautiful racy grain and a beautiful juicy fruit, pulpy even. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, bright cassis and small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of fresh raspberry, cornflower as well as hints of licorice, toast, and a slight hint of chocolate. Precise and supple tannins. Beautiful finish.

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

## Château La Dominique 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, precise, racy and offers a beautiful aerial side in its grain, and a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, pulpy wild blackberry and small notes of ripe/fresh small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, star anise and slight hints of toasted. The palate is fruity, with minerality, precision, freshness, suppleness, fullness, harmony, and a melodious side in its energy/acidulous. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet, pulpy blackcurrant, and small notes of acidulous/juicy blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, lily, chocolate, and a discreet hint of sweet tobacco. Good length with gourmandise. There are sapidity. Fine mellowness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Sansonnet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a certain power and concentration in elegance and precision. It has a mellow and gourmand grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small pulpy fruits, and small notes of zan associated with touches of cornflower and a slight roasted hints and discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers elegance, precision, suppleness, freshness, gourmandise with a beautiful fullness and balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blueberry, juicy/acidulous cassis, and small notes of acidulous morello cherry as well as hints of cornflower, anise/zan and discreet hints of vanilla in the background. Good length. Elegant and mellow tannins. Precision, minerality, freshness and radiance of the fruit with a beautiful mellowness and gourmandise on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Valandraud 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, complete and offers concentration in mastery and deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, small ripe/fleshy fruits, and small notes of mocha, associated with touches of ripe strawberry as well as slight almost roasted hints, sweet spices and hints of morello cherry and toasted almond. The palate is fruity and offers precision, suppleness, freshness, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a beautiful aerial character in its power and relative richness (to put back in the context of the vintage), all in precision /control, delicacy, and structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/roasted strawberry associated with touches of bright blueberry as well as mineral hints as well as slight floral hints in the background, delicate hints of chocolate, toast and a discreet hint almost caramelization. Beautiful wine with gourmandise and roundness!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château la Tour Figecac 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a slight floral hint. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, fleshy wild small fruits and small notes of cornflower combined with discreet hints of pepper and fresh tabaco, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint almost tea. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, tension, and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of dense small wild fruits combined with touches of pepper, gravels as well as an imperceptible hint almost varietal/sage-like that highlights the fruit. Good length with supple and precise tannins. Beautiful freshness, a good definition, and a discreet hint of chocolate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)





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## Château Franc Mayne 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully fruity, elegant, racy, precise and offers a spicy side. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, badian and small notes of pulpy cassis combines with touches of blueberry, black pepper as well as slight hints on purple plum, blond tabaco, discreet hints of sweet spices and almost aromatic herbs-like. The palate is fruity and offers precision, freshness, minerality, a good definition and a certain gourmandise, aromatic purity, and a beautiful definition of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of bright blueberry combined with touches of toast, cornflower. There are discreet hints of sweet blond tabaco and caramelization in the background. Precision and freshness with a chalky hint in the background and cacao/ toast.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Rochebelle 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers notes of pulpy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of black pepper, spices combines with hints of wild strawberry as well as bright spices hints, limestone and tabaco. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a fresh frame and a beautiful brightness of minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, pulpy/fresh cassis, and small notes of fresh blueberry (crunchy even) combined with touches of cornflower, badian/licorice as well as hints of toasted, caramelization. Good length, energy, and freshness. There are racy tannins, slightly chalky and discreetly sappy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Corbin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

A beautiful, spicy, complex, and racy nose, with a multi-layered character and a certain subtlety in its power. There are notes of wild blackberry, small wild black fruits, and notes of cubeb pepper, combined with hints of spices, cardamom and slight touches of graphite, sense of place and a hint of toasted almond. There is a slight darkness in the background. The wine is fruity on the palate and offers suppleness, beautiful freshness, juiciness, a certain controlled brightness of fruit, fleshiness/juiciness, and depth. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh raspberry, and small notes of dense/fleshy blueberry, combined with touches of cornflower, small berries as well as hints of camphor, cardamom, and fresh pepper, with a discreet hint of varietal in the background. Good length with sappy, polished, and elegant tannins. Good, liquorice persistence.

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

## Château Berliquet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful charming nose, gourmand that offers deepness and a multilayer side and racy. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, creamy/fresh small fruits, and small notes of violet, combined with touches of cornflower, sweet blond tabaco and slight hints of badian and fresh small blue fruits. Beautiful impact of the Cabernet Franc. The palate is fruity and offers precision, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a beautiful energy, gourmandise, a certain racy power/intensity, mastery, and a vibrant side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy/acidulous cassis, and small notes of cornflower, combines with touches of fresh/crunchy raspberry, small blue fruits as well as tabaco hints, toasted and slight hints a nutmeg and fresh almond. Beautiful finish with a discreet chew on the finish/persistence. Fresh and dynamic with a discreet sappy hint in the background that leads the tasting. An imperceptible hint almost balsamic-like in the background (nose and mouth).

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Fonplégade 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful fresh nose, mineral that offers a delicate power, a good definition and a very slight powerful grain There are notes of blackberry, badian and small notes of juicy small red fruits, a discreet hint of roast, aromatic herbs and a subtle hint of toast. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, minerality, a good definition,

harmony, silkiness, tension, delicacy, and a beautiful acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy Boysen blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild plum combined with touches of fleshy wild small red as well as hints of moka, cardamom, discreet hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of toast. There are toasted tannins with a discreet hint of torrefied almond and coffee. Good length and persistence with a beautiful freshness and delicacy.

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



## Château Guadet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is spicy, floral and offers a slight austerity. There are notes of blackberry, nutmeg and small notes of sweet spices combined with touches of toasted, fresh small red fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, tension, and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of fresh/juicy wild small red fruits combined with touches of tabaco, toast, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of clove. Good length with a beautiful juiciness which is brought by a slight hint of chocolate in the background. Gourmandise and discreet chew and a subtle onctuousity.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

## Château de Pressac 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a certain complexity, racy and a good definition. There are notes of wild blackberry, fresh cubeb pepper and small notes of dense small black fruits associated with slight infusion hints, juicy/fresh blueberry as well as discreet spicy hints and an imperceptible almost aromatic herbs-like hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, precision, tension, gourmandise, suppleness, fullness, elegance as well as a racy power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis, and small notes of cornflower, combined with notes of dense small fruits as well as slight roasted hints, infusion as well as discreet hints of caramelization, licorice stick and a subtle hint of vanilla. There are smooth and gourmand tannins with a beautiful freshness and definition as well as a beautiful fat in elegance.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château de Ferrand 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a racy elegance, a slight concentration, a certain small density, finesse in complexity. It reveals notes of fresh wild cassis, lilies and small notes of aromatic herbs associated with touches of small red berries quite ripe, as well as a slight hint of crushed blackberry and hints of licorice stick, spices as well as slight hints of small blue fruits and almost graphite. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, suavity, a small minerality, a beautiful energy, racy tension and terroir. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, and small notes of pulpy cherry as well as hints of small blue fruits, aromatic herbs and a hint of spices, nutmeg and a hint of pepper and sever. There are slightly mellow tannins with a beautiful stretch on the finish with a certain small roundness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Laroze 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers brightness, a good definition, a slight straightness, and slight hints of spices. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy cassis as well as discreet hints of small red berries and a subtle hint of blond tabaco, cardamom and licorice. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, a fine powdery grain, deepness and a certain gourmandise, precision, and a straight grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of bright small red berries associated with touches of pulpy plum, violet as well as vanilla hints, badian and sweet spices. Good length with a subtle smooth and a discreet firmness at the same time on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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## Château Cadet-Bon 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers deepness and a certain intensity. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, cubeb pepper and small notes of small wild red fruits combined with slight aromatic herbs hints as well as discreet hints of tabaco and cornflower. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, and a beautifully fresh/elegant middle palate. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/fresh cassis, and small notes of raspberry, combined with nutmeg touches, cardamom as well as subtle hints of toast. Good length with a certain little suppleness and gourmandise. Discreet hint of clove, beautiful freshness, and a coating side of the fruit.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Fonroque 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of fresh pepper, fresh flowers and small notes of crunchy blackberry combined with spices touches. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, tension, precision, and a beautiful precise juicy/bright fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cassis, juicy/bright raspberry and small notes of juicy/bright cherry combined with touches of cornflower, licorice as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and toasted hints. Good length with mellow tannins. Harmony and good work on the good bitterness in the background.

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

## Château Le Châtelet 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, precise and offers a certain intensity and power. There are notes of blackberry, wild small fruits, and small notes of pepper, combined with touches of spices and a subtle hint of tabaco. The palate is beautifully fresh, fruity, gourmand, elegant, racy and offers tension and a beautiful technical precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of

fresh/acidulous small blue fruits combined with touches of fresh raspberry as well as hints of blond tabaco and a subtle hint of nutmeg and chocolate. A slight chew on the finish/persistence brings a good length. Beautiful juiciness and clarity of the fruit.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château La Clotte 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small intensity with a certain small creaminess and a very discreet floral touch. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy strawberry, and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of creamy cherry and slight hints of star anise and flowers. The palate is fresh, beautifully mineral, supple, and silky and offers a slight creaminess in freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, pulpy raspberry and has small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of small fruits pulpy/juicy as well as hints of toast and a subtle hint of toasted almond. There is a slight mache on the finish/persistence. We have soft, elegant, and precise tannins with a beautiful minerality.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Commanderie 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers some fruits, a slight density, deepness, a certain brightness, and a slight darkness. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, dense small black berries, and small notes of lily, associated with touches of black pepper, spices and a discreet hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suppleness, minerality and a little freshness, a slight pulpiness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, badian and small notes of quite ripe/fleshy wild small red fruits associated with touches of spices, pepper as well as slight hints of sweet blond tabaco and a hint cardamom. There is a subtle hint almost almond in the background. Good length and gourmandise with a beautiful touch on the finish and silky matter.

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

## Château Quinault l'Enclos 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully fresh. There are notes of fresh blackberry, violet and small notes of small fresh fruits but ripe, associated with a slight touch of strawberry as well as creamy hints, fresh licorice, and a hint of roasted almond. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, with a beautiful texture, floral, with tension, a slightly acidulated frame, precision, and a lot of delicacy in its structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, ripe/fresh cassis, and small notes of violet, associated with touches of creamy blue berries, toasted, toasted almond, of chocolate as well as discreet cardamom hints and an imperceptible hint almost fresh coffee. Beautiful floral side with a pretty freshness. A touch of good bitterness and roasting on the finish.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Bellefont-Belcier 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a beautiful palette, a beautiful floral cyme, and Mediterranean region/aromatic herbs. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild pulpy raspberry and small notes of wild cassis associated with touches of Mediterranean region and a slight hint of fresh pepper. The palate is mineral, fresh and offers a beautiful juiciness, purity/brightness of the fruit, a very beautiful matter and shiny mid-palate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cherry, juicy/bright cassis and small notes of blackberry, small bright berries, and hints of bright blueberry as well as hints of cornflower, chocolate, flowers and a hint of toasted/crushed almond and a subtle hint of vanilla. Beautiful tannins and suppleness, beautiful little mache of the wine with good length. Brilliant! At the end, there is a hint of licorice and chocolate in the background on persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Soutard 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a certain richness and a slight roasted character almost very discreetly about aromatic herbs. It reveals notes of creamy Boysen blackberry, blueberry, and small notes of roasted or creamy strawberry associated with touches of ripe blue berries/fresh associated with touches of tonka bean, roast, and a discreet hint almost bergamot. The palate is fresh, juicy, mineral and offers gourmandise. It is beautifully defined, gouleyant, bright, with a shiny side of the fruit and purity. There is a beautiful brightness on plum, cherry, and small notes of pulpy Boysen blackberry and hints of cornflower, licorice as well as toasted almond hints, a discreet hint of toast and ripe hazelnut. The tannins are mellow, elegant, and slightly velvety. Pretty suppleness and fullness of the fruit, a little enveloping side in juiciness and gourmandise. We feel almost a discreet roasted/sweet tip on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

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## Château Balestard La Tonnelle 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose will benefit from being decanted and offers a certain complexity, a slight power, and a racy side. There are notes of crushed blackberry, small ripe black fruits and slight notes of infusion associated with touches of toast, sweet spices, and a hint of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers precision, a tangy structure, energy, a good definition, tension, and a certain richness in delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry associated with touches of violet, small blue fruits as well as hints of blond tobacco and toasted/vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Capdemourlin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers power, mastery, and a slight spicy side. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small wild black berries associated with slight touches of pepper and hints of small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is mineral and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, tension, gourmandise, precision and a beautiful burst of fruits, energy, and a lot of elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright blueberry and small notes of pulpy/acidulous blackberry associated with touches of cornflower, licorice stick with a hint, cardamom, and sweet blond tobacco. Good length with a subtle hint of vanilla in the background. There is a discreet hint of good bitterness of dark chocolate in the background. It is a beautiful wine all in suppleness and gourmandise!

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Larmande 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity, beautifully racy/mineral. It reveals notes of morello cherry, violet and small notes of small pulpy fruits associated with slight touches of star anise and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is nicely conducted and offers freshness, precision, tension, a beautiful definition and gourmandise, precision, sweetness, and suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy plum, pulpy cherry and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of roasted strawberry as well as hints of star anise and a subtle hint of fresh sweet spices. Beautiful gourmet wine, gouleyant and structuring. Beautiful suppleness and freshness with a very discreet hint of good bitterness/floral finish/persistence.

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

## Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

A beautiful elegant nose, racy that offers straightness, elegance and precision. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry, and small notes of blackberry, associated with touches of violet as well as hints of star anise and a subtle hint almost bergamot. There is almost a discreet roasted side of the fruit. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful shine and glossy fruit, an acidulous frame, some precision and a nice stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blueberry, and small notes of blackcurrant, associated with a touch of roasted-juicy red fruits as well as hints of star anise and slight hints of toast and chocolate. There are soft, velvety tannins, sapid and precise with a delicate and velvety finish. A beautiful delight!

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

## Clos Saint-Martin 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, spicy, beautifully racy, precise and offers nice limestones. It reveals notes of Boysen blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of licorice stick associated with touches of small berries, graphite as well as slight hints of spices and a hint of black pepper and very discreet toast. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, with a good definition, tension, precision, elegance, power in delicacy, beautiful finesse of the grain, with a powerful and fresh structure at the same time. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, fresh cassis and small notes of small fresh/juicy fruits associated with touches of lily, cherry blossoms, camphor, and a hint of mocha/roasting. Good length. Juiciness and freshness. The sapid tannins are racy and slightly sappy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château La Serre 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful, elegant, fruity nose that offers a silky textured side and a beautiful pulpy fruit. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy blackberry, and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of star anise as well as hints of lily, sweet pepper, and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, a certain delicacy, precision, and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cherry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of lily, pepper as well as delicate hints of cherry blossoms, blond tobacco, and a hint of cardamom. Good length. Fresh and silky tannins. Beautiful work on good bitterness in the background with a sapid persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Mangot 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

(Organic AB) Beautiful fresh, elegant and intense nose that offers a beautiful precise and taut grain. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of small ripe fruits as well as fine hints of sense of place (local biotope) and a discreet hint of fresh oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, juiciness, brightness of the fruit, harmony, a good matter as well as a beautiful purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy black cherry, juicy blackcurrant and small notes of bright plum associated with touches of small fresh/juicy red fruits, hints of cornflower, licorice stick, lilac, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible almost sage hint. Tannins are sapid and supple. Beautiful freshness, delicacy and a melodious side. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93/100)

## Clos des Jacobins 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, beautifully racy and offers complexity, deepness, harmony, and power. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, wild small berries and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of camphor, nutmeg as well as slight tobacco hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, deepness, a certain slight density, a slight austerity in elegance as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy small black fruits, and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of wild red fruits as well as tobacco hints, toast and a discreet hint of nutmeg. Good length with supple and elegant tannins. A beautiful chew and a beautiful sapidity on the finish/persistence bring gourmandise and freshness. A discreet hint of tonka bean. Fresh, harmonious, and supple wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Laroque 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

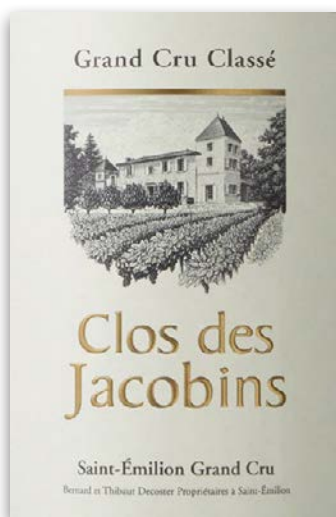
The nose offers very nice complexity and aromatic expression. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe small fruits associated with almost cypress touches, pepper, quite ripe raspberry (almost discreetly roasted), subtle hints of spices, tonka bean, cornflower, sense of place (local biotope) as well as an imperceptible almost iodized hint and infusion. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced, supple, full and offers an acidulous structure, a melodious side, a nice textured/velvety-fresh side as well as a nice tanginess. A beautiful, precise, straight and tight grain. Full of precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fresh blackcurrant and small notes of small, bright red fruits associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco, tonka bean, sweet spices as well as discreet

floral hints and with subtle hints of vanilla. Nice fresh, sapid and very discreetly sappy tannins. A beautiful finish, mellow and nicely sapid.

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

## Château Côte de Baleau 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful, fresh and tense nose that offers a fresh varietal side as well as a fine peppery side. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, Cubeb pepper and small notes of cherry associated with touches of spices, almost discreetly graphite as well as very fine hints of small black fruits, tea and fresh sap. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh and offers a nice crunchiness of fruit, sapiness, a floral side, a certain fullness/brightness as well



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as an acidulous structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, fresh violet and small notes of bright wild small red fruits associated with touches of rose as well as fine hints of cocoa/tonka bean. Tannins are supple, sappy and gourmands. A discreet hint of good cocoa bitterness on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Les Grandes Murailles 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a certain small concentration as well as intensity. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of cherry blossom associated with touches of black pepper as well as fine hints of graphite and clove. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers brightness, precision, silkiness, tension, a certain straightness as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small crushed red fruits associated with touches of star anise, violet, toasted touches as well as fine hints of chocolate, sweet blond tobacco and a subtle hint of cornflower in the background. A fine chew and gourmandise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Côte de Baleau 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

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Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Mangot 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

(Organic AB) Beautiful fresh, elegant and intense nose that offers a beautiful precise and taut grain. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of small ripe fruits as well as fine hints of sense of place (local biotope) and a discreet hint of fresh oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, juiciness, brightness of the fruit, harmony, a good matter as well as a beautiful purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy black cherry, juicy blackcurrant and small notes of bright plum associated with touches of small fresh/juicy red fruits, hints of cornflower, licorice stick, lilac, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible almost sage hint. Tannins are sapid and supple. Beautiful freshness, delicacy and a melodious side. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93/100)

## Château Laroque 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers very nice complexity and aromatic expression. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe small fruits associated with almost cypress touches, pepper, quite ripe raspberry (almost discreetly roasted), subtle hints of spices, tonka bean, cornflower, sense of place (local biotope) as well as an imperceptible almost iodized hint and infusion. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced, supple, full and offers an acidulous structure, a melodious side, a nice textured/velvety-fresh side as well as a nice tanginess. A beautiful, precise, straight and tight grain. Full of precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fresh blackcurrant and small notes of small, bright red fruits associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco, tonka bean, sweet spices as well as discreet floral hints and with subtle hints of vanilla. Nice fresh, sapid and very discreetly sappy tannins. A beautiful finish, mellow and nicely sapid.

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

## Château Les Grandes Murailles 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a certain small concentration as well as intensity. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of cherry blossom associated with touches of black pepper as well as fine hints of graphite and clove. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers brightness, precision, silkiness, tension, a certain straightness as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small crushed red fruits associated with touches of star anise, violet, toasted touches as well as fine hints of chocolate, sweet blond tobacco and a subtle hint of cornflower in the background. A fine chew and gourmandise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## PREMIERS GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS

## Château Pavie Macquin 2021 Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers concentration (with control and precision) as well as precision. We find notes of pulpy blackberry, Sichuan pepper and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of star anise, fresh morello cherry, hints of fresh roasted small fruits, discreet hints of cardamom, lily as well as as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope), toast and vanilla (very discreet). The palate is beautifully fresh, elegant, gourmand, juicy, pulpy, nicely racy, delicate and offers aerial power, roundness, deepness as well as a lovely bright. Full of precision and control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, small bright/fresh blue fruits and small notes of juicy morello cherry associated with touches of vanilla, toasted, nutmeg, blueberry as well as fine hints of infusion and discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are supple, elegant and racy. A beautiful balance of freshness/acidity. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château Canon 2021 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful spicy nose, precise, velvety, and delicately powerful. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of strawberry, blueberry, combined with touches of tabaco, nutmeg, discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity and offers precision, freshness, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, and energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, pulpy small fruits as well as pulpy small blue fruits hints as well as vanilla hints, toast, a coating side of the fruit, gourmandise, precision, and a beautiful racy grain. There are precise tannins, elegant and discreetly chalky. A certain creaminess in freshness and minerality accompany discreet hints of chocolate in the background.

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





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## Château Ausone 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé A

Beautiful elegant nose, deep, precise that offers a beautiful little textured side in finesse, a pretty delicacy in its deepness. It reveals notes of cornflower, blue plum and small notes of roasted strawberry associated with touches of creamy blackberry and hints of licorice stick, spices without forgetting an imperceptible hint of star anise. The palate is fruity, beautifully delicate, silky, juicy, pulpy and offers shine and a beautiful definition/purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy plum, juicy/bright cherry and small notes of cornflower, small bright/pulpy berries as well as subtle hints of black tea, star anise, lily and subtle touches marked by terroir, salinity and sapidity. Beautiful definition and persistence. Soft and elegant tannins precise and silky with a beautiful freshness and juiciness. It has a beautiful textured side in finesse. Classicism in elegance.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

## Château Cheval Blanc 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, racy, precise, with minerality and offers power and mastery. It reveals notes of creamy/fresh Boysen blackberry, star anise and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with slight touches of small creamy/fresh blue fruits as well as a hint of fresh roast and discreet hints of licorice stick, toast, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, with a beautiful juiciness which offers freshness, tension, a tangy frame, a vibrant side, a good definition, gourmandise and precision. There is a discreet aerial side in its creaminess with a beautiful textured side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy/pulpy, blackberry, violet and small notes of raspberry, pulpy/juicy cherry associated with touches of small blue fruits crushed and hints of star anise, toast, almost oaky caramelized and subtle hints of nutmeg. Beautiful little mache on the finish with mellow tannins, beautifully precise and gourmand. The wine is harmonious and gourmand, with a mineral persistence that stretches.

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

## Château Bélair-Monage 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fresh, racy, precise and offers a beautiful precision and fat. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh blackberry, small ripe/juicy black fruits and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of star anise, a hint of juicy/fresh small blue fruits as well as hints of nutmeg and toast. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, precision, purity with a beautiful definition of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe bigarreau cherry and small notes of ripe associated with touches of small roasted blue fruits and hints of cornflower, licorice stick and discreet touches of limestone rock and subtle hints of cardamom. A beautiful work on the good bitterness on the finish with a discreet touch of good bitterness of cocoa. Pretty freshness, delicacy, suppleness with a discreet aerial side.

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

## Château Larcis-Ducasse 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain intensity, beautiful fresh pepper/spiciness and is beautifully racy. There are notes of purple blackberry, sense of place and small notes of wild fruits combined with touches of Madagascar pepper as well as hints of infusion and spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, suppleness, a certain gourmandise, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, elegance, deepness, and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, wild small fruits combined with touches of blueberry, dense small red fruits as well as tabaco hints, sense of place, almost aromatic herbs-like hints, a subtle hint of fresh pepper and a subtle note of cardamom. Elegant, precise, chalky tannins with a subtle hint of tonka bean and toasted on the good length. Beautiful sapidity and freshness. Good work on the good bitterness in the background. Straightness and tension.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château La Gaffelière 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is spicy, elegant, racy and offers notes of nutmeg, white pepper and small notes of wild blackberry combined with touches of small berries as well as discreet of almost aromatic herbs-like hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, beautiful freshness, beautiful brightness of the fruit. It is precise, framed, and clear. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits combined with roasted touches as well as violet hints, lily, purple plum as well as discreet hints of tabaco. Good length with supple and racy tannins, discreetly sappy. There is a good work on the good bitterness in the background/on the finish. Beautiful guideline with suppleness and freshness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château-Figeac 2021

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful, elegant, precise nose that offers a certain racy power in finesse and delicacy/flexibility. It reveals notes of fresh blueberry, quite ripe and fresh strawberry and small notes of creamy small fruits associated with touches of licorice stick, lily/cornflower (nicely floral) and hints of salinity/iodine, and slight hints of creamy blue berries with a subtle hint of star anise and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, sapidity, elegance, precision, as well as astension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, fresh blueberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cherry associated with touches of liquorice stick/zan as well as hints of creamy small fruits and salty hints. Good length. Beautiful freshness and minerality, precision. Good persistence.

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

## Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarosse 2021

Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy, deep, nicely saline (almost iodized) and offers purity, a beautiful definition as well as concentration (in its fruit). There are notes of fleshy/juicy boysenberry, quite ripe blackcurrant and small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with touches of iodine, chocolate and Bourbon vanilla. Beautiful delicacy. The palate is beautifully fresh, racy, elegant, gourmand, juicy, pulpy and offers precision/control, a fresh structure, tension, voluptuousness, finesse, a beautiful racy grain, deepness as well as a multi-layered side. Beautiful quality of the fruit, ripe but fresh. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/creamy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of chocolate associated with salty/iodine touches, hints of violet, pulpy small fruits as well as a hint of crunchy plum, fine hints of racy minerality, sweet spices and chocolate. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Beautiful mellowness and sapidity on the finish. An imperceptible almost sapid/varietal hint in the background. Great persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Angélys 2021

Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé A

(60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot) The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and offers a fine firmness as well as a fine velvety side. Beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fresh/creamy blueberry, boysenberry and small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco, flowers as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is beautifully structured, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers tension, precision, an acidulous structure, a slight firmness, acidity, a very slight creaminess, straightness as well as race. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blueberry, creamy blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of fresh/pulpy raspberry as well as hints of cornflowers and chocolate. Tannins are mellow, gourmands, precise, straight and structured. A nice salinity. Gourmande and chewy finish. A very nice freshness on the finish. A wine that reveals itself slowly, which requires patience.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Clos Fourtet 2021

Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé B

Beautiful, elegant, precise, delicate, silky and complex nose that offers a nice three-dimensional side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright raspberry and small notes of pulpy wild small blue fruits associated with a hint of small fresh roasted fruits as well as fine floral hints, incense, sap and sweet spices. The palate is beautifully fresh, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, delicacy as well as a certain straightness and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of bright small blue fruits, bright raspberry associated with fine hints of licorice stick, sweet blond tobacco as well as subtle hints of tonka bean, toasted and roasted almond. Beautiful texture, race and elegance. Beautiful delicious finish. An imperceptible hint of torrefaction on the finish/persistence.

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



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# Saint-Émilion Satellites

## MONTAGNE SAINT-ÉMILION

### Domaines Edmond Rothschild, Les Lauriers 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers gourmandise, fresh fruit and a sweet touch of chocolate. It expresses aromas of crushed strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry, a tangy touch of blueberry, as well as gourmet aromas of chocolate cherry and sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), combined with a hint of menthol, cornflower, as well as a fine minerality in the background. The palate is juicy and supple, with an enveloping but fresh attack. We find flavors of morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, strawberry, black plum and a hint of blackberry, associated with notes of liquorice, gray pepper and clove, with a more perceptible minerality (dry stone) on the palate and on the nose, as well as a hint of peppermint and cornflower. The finish is tight, chiseled, tangy and slightly bitter. A well-constructed wine, with fruit and structure.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Roudier 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, fruity and tangy, with a precise mineral (limestone) framework. It expresses notes of fresh red fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, a bitter touch of cranberries), black fruits (blackcurrant, black plum), associated with delicate touches of sweet spices (liquorice, ground cloves, white pepper) and dried red fruits, as well as a hint of dry pine needles. The palate is juicy, supple and fruity. We find the flavors of juicy red cherry, morello cherry, black plum and crushed raspberry, as well as a delicate spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, cloves and a fine vanilla note in the background). The tannic structure is distinguished by a fineness of grain and a velvety touch. The finish expresses the chalky minerality, which we smell on the nose, a salivating acidity and a beautiful freshness of fruit. A gourmand and accessible wine in its youth.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Franc Baudron – L'Authentique 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) Beautiful fresh nose, fruity and beautifully flowery. There are notes of fresh boysen blackberry, violet and small notes of lilac associated with delicate hints of fresh/ripe strawberry as well as discreet hints of fresh infusion. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful tension as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/fresh cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom as well as discreet hints of graphite and lilac. Good length and definition. Racy, precise and fresh tannins. Beautiful, elegant, fresh and fruity wine.

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

### Château Franc Baudron 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a very slight concentration. There are notes of wild blackberry, pulpy small blue fruits and small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of badian, gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of lilac and liquorice stick. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a beautiful pulpiness/gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, cornflower and small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of toasted, nutmeg and chocolate. A beautiful pulpy small fruit. Good length. Chewy tannins. Gourmandize, sapidity and a beautiful and discreet work on the good bitterness. Beautiful juiciness, brightness of the fruit and roundness. A certain chew on the finish/persistence.

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

### Château la Grande Barde 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and requires airing. It then offers accuracy, freshness, a certain concentration and expresses notes of black plum, blackcurrant, morello cherry, red cherry (with a touch of roasted red cherry) and wild strawberry, highlighted by aromas tasty with sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice), dark chocolate and coffee, as well as an aroma of fresh violet and herbaceous touches of dried rosemary and dried pine needles. The palate is round and silky, with lots of fruit and a harmoniously integrated spicy and woody notes. It expresses the flavors of black plum, morello cherry, tart bigarreau cherry, fresh strawberry, as well as grilled vanilla, liquorice, cloves and dark chocolate. The finish is quite persistent, enveloping, and expresses accuracy, straightness, good bitterness, as well as delicate herbaceous notes (dried pine needles). The tannins have a fine grain and a firm structure. Good length, freshness and nice acidity.

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

### Château Indépendance 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and reveals a certain power, a nice finesse of grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, fresh strawberry and, more slightly, violet combined with touches of pulpy blackcurrant as well as fine graphite and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, acidity, good definition, a certain gourmandize and tension. On the palate this wine expresses juicy/acidic red currant, pulpy/acidic raspberry and slightly fresh violet notes combined with hints of tart berries, fresh/pulpy blackcurrant and fine hints of sweet blond tobacco, caramelisation and a subtle hint of positive bitterness (in the background). Good length.

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

### Dame de Bouïard 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a certain gourmandize, a beautiful chewy grain and a slight sapid sensation. There are notes of blackberry, violet and smaller notes of lilac, associated with touches blueberry as well as touches of bright strawberry and a hint of crushed/concentrated cherry. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, tension, minerality, a certain gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy blueberry and small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of lilac, lily as well as slight hints of vanilla/toast and a subtle almost iodine hint. Good length. Supple and precise tannins. Beautiful freshness, suppleness. A fine fresh velvetiness.

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

### Château Clos de Bouïard 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a good definition, a slight deepness, a small power as well as a slight concentration. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy/bright small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, badian as well as subtle hints of blue plum and discreet sweet blond tabaco hints. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition as well as a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy small blue fruits and small notes of badian/anise associated with blue plum hints, crushed small red fruits as well as hints of lilac, vanilla, toast and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla. Beautiful matter, freshness and expression of the fruit. Gourmandize ! Beautiful middle of the mouth and discreet saline hint in the background.

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

### Château Rocher Corbin

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a certain gourmandize and pulpiness of fruit. There are notes of pulpy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of pulpy/juicy blue plum associated with slight touches of lily, zan and sweet spices. The mouth is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, a small fat as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of juicy/pulpy plum as well as hints of liquorice stick. Supple tannins. A subtle hint sappy and sapid finish/persistence.

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

### Vieux Château Labatut

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is on cassis notes, blackberry and small notes of liquorice stick associated with hints of crushed small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of fresh blond tabaco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of violet, associated with touches of ripe/fresh small fruits as well as hints of pistil and a discreet hint of liquorice stick. Good length. A subtle hint of sap on the finish. Slightly sappy and chewy tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Château Bonneau 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a certain gourmandize on red fruits almost red fruit flavoured acidulous candies. There are notes of raspberry flavoured candies, pulpy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with juicy cassis touches. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, subtleness, suavity and an acidulous frame. On the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with floral touches and a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length. A very discreet sappy hint in the background. Slight discreet hints of chocolate in the background. A discreet saline hint in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



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## Satellites

### Vieux Château Saint-André 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a slight power and a small intensity. There are notes of blackberry, violet and smaller notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of fleshy strawberry as well as a slight lily hint and liquorice stick. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers suppleness, precision, an acidulous frame, juiciness, silkiness as well as a certain mineral deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and a small notes of fresh raspberry associated with small sappy touches, a discreet floral hint and a tonka bean/toasted hint. A taut /linear side. Good length. Sapid and discreetly chewy tannins. Beautiful freshness and juiciness.

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

### Clos de la Barbanne 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh, chiseled and expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, red currant, blackcurrant, blueberry), completed by a gourmand hint of blackberry and morello cherry. We also find a fine spicy (liquorice, nutmeg) and woody notes (a subtle touch of toasted hazelnut), which do not dominate the fruit. The second nose also offers herbaceous (dried mint) and floral (iris, cornflower) notes. The palate offers a certain volume and juiciness, all with freshness. The attack is fruity and expresses flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed blackcurrant in the background and a gourmand hint of blackberry. We then find a delicate spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, a touch of nutmeg), as well as a touch of dried mint and cornflower. The finish is tangy, quite long, with a chalky mineral framework, which appears at the very end of the palate. The tannins are a little dry on the finish, but a salivating acidity balances them.

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

### Château Angelot Robin 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses notes of aromatic herbs (peppermint, a touch of roasted bouquet garni), sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom in the background, nutmeg), which combine after aeration with notes of violet, toasted hazelnut in the background, as well as aromas of fresh fruits (strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, black plum). We also find a fine mineral touch (limestone, dry stone), after the wine has opened in the glass. The palate is savoury, with an attack which expresses the woody notes more than on the nose (we first sense the notes of toasted wood, a touch of smoke and toasted hazelnut), then complemented by touches of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom, vanilla, which is more noticeable on the palate). The fruity substance is fresh and juicy – we find flavors of crushed morello cherry, strawberry, red cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed red plum and black plum. The tannins are fine and powdery. The finish is rather persistent and offers juiciness, freshness and a fine floral bouquet (iris, violet) in the background. Nice acidity. A fresh and balanced wine.

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

### Château Carliņa 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, savoury and slightly sweet. The first nose expresses notes of vanilla, liquorice, cardamom, an enveloped woody aromas (toasted hazelnut, heated wood), associated with the second nose with fragrant floral notes (peony, violet), a touch of mint chocolate and sweet fresh tobacco, as well as ripe and juicy fruits (griotte, strawberry, red cherry, red plum). The palate is gourmand and airy, with a fruity attack, with notes of tart red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red plum, crushed black plum and morello cherry. We then find touches of sweet spices (cardamom, liquorice, ground vanilla in the background), violet and peppermint. The tannins are a little drying on the finish, but quite fine and powdery. The finish is fresh, chiseled and juicy, with salivating acidity and medium persistence. An airy wine, fresh and with a certain complexity.

Score : 15.25/20 (91/100)

### Château Arbo 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is elegant, deep and complex. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, dried red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh bigarreau cherry, crushed red plum and fresh red currants. We also find notes of sweet, fragrant spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), but quite discreet and which do not dominate the fruit. Second nose expresses a fine floral bouquet (violet, rose petals) as well as a touch of torrefaction (heated wood, toasted hazelnut). The palate offers accuracy, juiciness, as well as a chiseled and straight side, thanks to a firm tannin texture (but which remains fine and powdery) and a lively acidity. We find notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, crushed red currant, fresh strawberry, red plum and black plum, associated with notes of liquorice, cardamom, vanilla (in the background), as well as a hint of heated wood and toasted hazelnut. Good length with tasty notes of sweet spices and toasted notes.

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

### Château Tour Bayard 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses a hint of maceration at the beginning (stewed red cherry), which is completed by notes of tangy fresh fruits (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant and strawberry in the background), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom), violet, as well as a very delicate woody (fresh oak) and herbaceous (sweet blond tobacco, wild mint) touch. The palate is enveloping and suave and offers fresh fruity notes (morello cherry, bird cherry, black plum, raspberry, red plum, a bitter touch of cranberries), associated with flavors of sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, a hint of nutmeg), as well as a floral hint of violet and peony. The tannins are a little grainy and drying on the finish. The finish expresses a salivating acidity and notes of tangy fresh fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries).

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

### Château Haut Bonneau Vieilles Vignes 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and a gourmand fruitiness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry (with a taste of dried cherry), morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry and crushed blackcurrant, associated with a delicate spicy touch (liquorice, even star anise, a touch of vanilla, seed crushed coriander), which highlights the fruit. We also find a subtle touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted wood in the background), herbs (peppermint, tobacco) and peony. The palate is structured, woody, but quite supple. It expresses notes of black plum, crushed blackberry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry in chocolate, as well as dark chocolate, liquorice, grilled vanilla, a hint of smoke, toasted wood, mint, pepper and peony in the background. The tannins are firm, a little dry and gripping. The finish offers roundness, gourmet fruit and a salivating acidity which balances the tannins. It also expresses a delicate caramelised touch in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château La Tuilerie des Combes 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of juicy fruits (morello cherry, crushed blueberry, black plum, wild strawberry, red plum), associated with a spicy (vanilla, liquorice) and delicate toasted hint, as well as a note of dried mint, pine needles and dried rose. The palate is enveloping, delicious and melted, with a slight sweetness of dark chocolate, toasted oak and caramelised hazelnut (in the background). There is also a slightly sweet touch of peony, vanilla and fresh liquorice. The fruity flavors are ripe and juicy: the wine expresses notes of morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, crushed morello cherry, black plum, blackberry and wild strawberry. The tannins are fine, but grippy and need time to round out. The acidity is salivating and fresh. The finish is sapid, slightly woody (you can smell the toast in particular), with a delicate bitterness of coffee and dark chocolate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château La Croix Bonneau, Cuvée Prestige 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is tasty, and initially expresses a spicy and woody notes, which disappear after aeration. We find notes of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, smoke, coffee, cocoa, as well as a concentrated and juicy fruitiness – the aromas of blackberry, morello cherry, blueberry in the background, fresh strawberry and plum black pepper, dried mint, licorice and nutmeg. The mouth is velvety, silky and offers volume, all in elegance. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, roasted red cherry, chocolate cherry, wild strawberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, cocoa, dried mint, toasted notes, and coffee. The tannins are enveloping, structured and powdery, a little gripping in the finish, but with finesse and a chocolatey touch. The finish is sapid, chocolatey, with a nice acidity. Good persistence on the palate on the gourmand of chocolate cherry, refreshed by a touch of peppermint.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château Plaisance 2021

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and discreet. It first expresses woody notes (toasted wood), which are then complemented by notes of tangy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, black plum), by a gourmet touch of cocoa, a hint of mint dried and dried blueberries. The palate is quite supple, but fresh and tangy. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, black plum and crushed blackcurrant, associated with a delicate spiciness (roasted vanilla, liquorice), a hint of torrefaction (toasted wood, coffee) and a touch of dried mint. The tannins are well structured, with a fine grain. The finish is fresh and fruity, moderately persistent.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

# Saint-Émilion Satellites

## LUSSAC SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Haut Bonneau 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and expresses intense aromas of sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, a touch of nutmeg and white pepper, as well as vanilla, which appears after aeration). On the second nose, we find the fruity notes of morello cherry, juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry, red plum and a touch of blackberry, combined with a hint of peppermint and peony. The palate is airy and silky, with juicy fruits and good bitterness. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, blackberry and strawberry, combined with notes of dark chocolate, white pepper, liquorice and nutmeg. The tannins are tight, dry on the finish, balanced by a lively acidity. Good persistence with good bitterness of cocoa.

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

### Château Moulin de Lussac 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses notes of tangy fresh fruits (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, cherry with birds, raspberry, wild strawberry), combined with spicy notes (liquorice, cumin, white pepper), a fine herbaceous touch (dried mint) and a hint of violet. The palate is juicy, fruity and airy. It expresses the flavors of raspberry, blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, tangy strawberry, combined with a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin ground, nutmeg in the background), a herbaceous touch of dried pine needles, as well as a hint of violet. The tannins are slightly tight and have a fine grain. The finish is moderately persistent and expresses a good bitterness and salivating acidity. A fresh and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Moulin de Grenet 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and initially expresses meaty and smoky notes, which disappear after aeration. We then find notes of red cherry, cranberries, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh strawberry, combined with spicy aromas (liquorice, nutmeg, a touch of vanilla), toast, a hint of violet and a delicate minerality, combined with a hint of fresh tobacco and peppermint. The mouth is mellow, with fine and supple tannins. It expresses the gourmet notes of juicy black fruits (blackberry, black plum, morello cherry), wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, combined with notes of red cherry in chocolate, liquorice, cardamom and dried mint, with a subtle hint of dried blueberry in the background. The finish is sapid, gourmand, very fruity and chocolatey. A harmonious, silky, pleasant and gourmand wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château Lyonnat – Emotion 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small density, a fine power as well as a slight infusion side. There are notes of blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, racy minerality and a discreet hint of camphor and sweet spices. The mouth is minerality and offers freshness, tension as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of pulpy purple plum associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as slight hints of saline and discreet hints of nutmeg, vanilla and toast. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Chouteau 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a bit closed and requires aeration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, crushed blackberry, red cherry and wild raspberry, combined with touches of dried mint, sweet blond tobacco, as well as a very subtle spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom), as well as a delicate touch of wood aging (heated wood, toasted hazelnut). We also find a touch of violet in the background. The mouth has perfumed attack, with woody notes (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut in the background) more perceptible, than on the nose. We then find the fruity notes of morello cherry, black plum, raspberry, blueberry and fresh strawberry, combined with a spicy hint of liquorice, cardamom and nutmeg, as well as a floral touch of violet. The tannins are fine and powdery, but rather tight and slightly bitter. The finish is chiseled, with salivating acidity, notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, redcurrant red), as well as a gourmand touch of black chocolate.

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

### Château Lyonnat 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a good definition, a slight concentration as well as a slight darkness. There are notes of boysen blackberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of fresh Madagascar pepper associated with touches of camphor, violet, lily and

a hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a small tension, precision, a certain brilliance as well as fleshiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy purple plum, bigarreau cherry and small notes of badian associated with touches of flower, graphite as well as a subtle hint of cardamom. Good length. Sapid, saline and supple tannins. Good persistence. A slight power on the persistence that stretches.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château des Rochers 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

Beautiful fruity nose that offers a slight austerity, a concentrated black fruit, some sweet spices, blond tabaco as well as a hint of violet, liquorice stick and incenses. The mouth is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, aciduly, energy, an acidulous frame, tension and a discreetly tight tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, acidulous/juicy cassis and small notes of violet, associated with touches of dense small black fruits as well as slight hints of cornflower, sweet blond tabaco and a discreet hint of tonka beans and slight floral hints on the finish. Good work on the good bitters. Sapid and sappy tannins.

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

### A Fundo Cordis, Lucie et Laurent Rousseau 2021

#### Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is powdery, peppery, fresh and offers a certain intensity. There are notes of pulpy. Juicy blackberry, concentrated/juicy small black fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of tonka beans, infusion and a discreet hint of crushed raspberry (in the background) and subtle toasted hints that coat the fruit. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, tension, energy, straightness and a good structure/concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of acidulous cassis as well as tonka beans hints, sweet blond tabaco and a discreet moka hints. Beautiful juiciness and freshness. Suppleness and harmony.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## PUISSEGUIN SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Pontet Bayard 2021

#### Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, juiciness and fresh fruitiness. It expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, strawberry, as well as crushed red plum and raspberry. We also find notes of liquorice, nutmeg, ground cumin in the background, as well as violet, rose petals and a delicate hint of toast. The palate has a tight, even drying tannin structure, but expresses notes of juicy fruits (morello, red currant, red plum, black plum, crushed raspberry), as well as a touch of dark chocolate, liquorice and nutmeg. The finish expresses salivating acidity and good bitterness.

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

### Château de Laurets, Edmond de Rothschild Heritage 2021

#### Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight purple reflections. The nose offers concentration, juicy fruity aromas, even with a hint of compote (ripe morello cherry, red cherry in compote, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum with a touch of prunes in chocolate). On the second nose, the wine expresses spicy notes of liquorice, nutmeg, ground cumin, as well as a touch of dried mint, dried rose and roasted hazelnut in the background. In the mouth, there is suppleness, juiciness and gourmandise. The wine expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, wild strawberry and red cherry, combined with touches of chocolate, liquorice, white pepper and cumin, which appear on the finish. There is also a hint of dried mint, toasted almond and dried rose. The tannins are firm, dry on the finish, but softened by a salivating acidity. An aromatic and structured wine, which needs to open up to balance the tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château Guibeau 2021

#### Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, ripe fruit and a savoury spiciness. It first expresses notes of liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, associated with a fine herbaceous touch (dried mint, a touch of pine needles) and juicy fruits (crushed red plum, morello cherry, black plum, strawberry, a hint of blackcurrant). We also find a slight woody touch in the background (fresh oak) and a floral hint of violet. The attack on the palate is enveloping and expressive, with lots of fruit (morello cherry, red plum, black plum, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry) and pronounced, but enveloped woody and spicy notes (toast, fresh oak, liquorice,



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cardamom, nutmeg). The finish is rather persistent, supple, gourmand and chocolatey (mint chocolate). The tannins are fine, quite firm and well structured. Beautiful refreshing acidity on the finish. A well-constructed, sapid and fresh wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château Haut Saint Clair 2021 Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is quite aromatic and expresses delicate woody and spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, a touch of vanilla in the background, toasted, a touch of cedar), with an elegant floral touch of violet. We also find aromas of juicy fruits (morello cherry, strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, red currant), as well as a touch of black plum. The palate is juicy, airy and tangy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant, red currant and bigarreau cherry, combined with spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), dried mint and violet, as well as a hint of toast in the background. The tannins are grippy on the finish, but quite fine, powdery and cocoa-like. The finish is tangy, chiseled and lively.

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

### Château Clarisse 2021 Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy, precision and freshness. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, black plum, crushed raspberry, strawberry, a touch of cranberry syrup), combined with notes of cherry in chocolate, sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, a fine touch of vanilla), fresh mint and fresh flowers (rose, violet). The palate is juicy, silky and enveloping. It offers notes of black fruits (black plum, blackberry, morello cherry), combined with tangy touches of bigarreau cherry and raspberry, a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, clove), and a herbaceous hint of fresh tobacco and crushed mint leaf, as well as a floral touch of violet and lily. The tannins are firm, a bit grippy, but enveloped and offer the wine good aging potential. The finish expresses a salivating acidity and light notes of torrefaction (smoke, toast).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château Clarisse, Vieilles Vignes 2021

#### Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density, accuracy and complexity. The first nose expresses notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cumin, liquorice, a very slight note of cinnamon), cherry in chocolate, cocoa, fresh peppermint and violet. We then find the aromas of juicy fruits: red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, red plum, raspberry and fresh cranberries with a slight bitterness. The palate is savoury, gourmand, with a fruity attack (we sense notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, crushed raspberry and blackberry), which then combine with notes of chocolate, liquorice, nutmeg, cinnamon (in the background), peony and toast. We also find a herbaceous freshness of peppermint and sweet tobacco. The finish is persistent and sapid, with a lot of gourmandise in its notes of plum in chocolate and cherry in chocolate. The tannins are firm, fine-grained and well-built. Beautiful salivating acidity brings freshness. A well-constructed wine, with aging potential.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## SAINT-GEORGES SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Belair Saint-Georges 2021 Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, accuracy and gourmandise. It expresses notes of juicy fruits: morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, blackberry, black plum, as well as a hint of dark chocolate, liquorice and white pepper in the background. There is also a touch of stewed red cherry, black tea, lily and coffee in the background. The palate is juicy and expresses notes of morello cherry, dried red cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry and black plum, associated with notes of dark chocolate, black tea, licorice and white pepper. The finish is persistent and expresses the slightly tight but fine-grained tannins, a salivating acidity, as well as the gourmandise of dark plum with chocolate and a good bitterness. A structured wine, with verticality and sapidity.

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

### Château Haut-Saint-Georges 2021 Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and benefits from aeration. It then expresses concentrated fruity notes (morello cherry, strawberry,

red currant, bigarreau cherry, plum red), combined with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom, a touch of torrefaction (coffee, heated wood at the background), violet and chocolate. The attack on the palate is spicy (nutmeg, cardamom, liquorice, a hint of black pepper), with a tannic structure rather drying and grippy tannins. She also expresses notes tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, blueberries, morello cherries, raspberry), a touch of coffee and chocolate in the background. The finale expresses salivating acidity and good bitterness. A tight and firm wine.

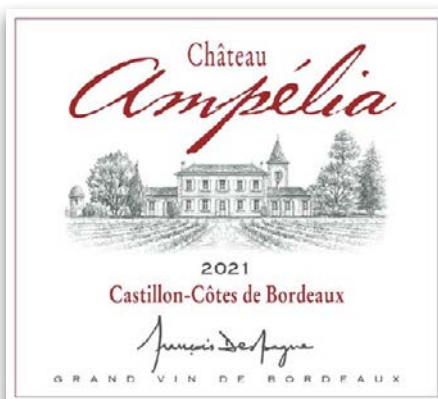
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Château Saint-Georges 2021 Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of fresh fruit (blueberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, raspberry, red cherry), associated with savoury spicy touches (liquorice with a hint of star anise, ground cumin, nutmeg), and a delicate floral bouquet (violet, iris, lilac) and a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut). The palate is silky, velvety, fruity. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, ripe black plum (even prunes in chocolate), wild strawberry and crushed blueberry, combined with spicy notes (vanilla, ground cumin, licorice, a hint nutmeg), and dark chocolate, violet and iris, as well as a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee with milk). The tannins are supple and soft. The finish is full, delicious and textured with a powdery touch of cocoa. Beautiful salivating acidity, good persistence with notes of torrefaction and sweet spices.

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

## FRANCS CÔTES DE BORDEAUX & CASTILLON CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



### Château Ampélia 2021 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Beautiful aromatic nose, quite ample and complex. We find notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of fresh red berries associated with touches of saffron (on its flowery side), spices, a hint of fresh blueberry as well as a very discreet hint of sage and vanilla. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, supple, juicy and offers brightness, gourmandise as well as an acidulous structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, bright raspberry and small notes of acidulous/juicy blueberry associated with touches of fresh/acidulous small plum as well as hints of infusion, toasted, nutmeg and with a subtle hint of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are precise, fine, supple and stretched.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château Rochers de Joanin 2021

#### Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine crunchiness, minerality as well as fine spices. We find notes of juicy/ripe boysenberry, fresh/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of wild red fruits associated with fine touches of lily, star anise as well as a subtle hint of fresh pepper (in the background), saffron (on its floral side) and bergamot. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, an acidulous frame, silkiness, gourmandise as well as brightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant, crunchy cherry and small notes of fresh red berries associated with touches of fresh flowers as well as fine hints of fresh pepper and a hint of infusion/bergamot. Tannins are sapid, supple and subtly sappy. A very discreet hint of cocoa in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### L'Aurage 2021

#### Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Beautiful fresh nose, dense, racy and offers a hint of torrefaction. There are notes of ripe/juicy cherry, bright strawberry and small notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry associated with touches of badian, toast, toasted almond and a discreet hint of moka. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fresh, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful brilliance of fruit, a toasted hint, grilled, roasted as well as beautifully energy and definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright plum and small notes of patinated wild strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, cherry blossom as well as a subtle hint of moka, tonka beans and a subtle hint almost discreetly orangy (in the background). Supple and racy tannins. Beautiful length and definition. A beautiful chew on the finish/persistence. Beautiful gourmand, chewy and sapid persistence. Beautifully textured side.

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

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## Château Alcée 2021

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose offers a mastered power, a beautiful powerful grain, race, tension and harmonious. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cubeb pepper associated with hints of badian and hints of « sens of place » (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, precision, an acidulous frame, harmony, straightness as well as impulse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/pulpy cherry, acidulous raspberry and small notes of bright/pulpy small black fruits associated with touches of cornflower, badian and a hint of sweet blond tabaco and a very discreet sappy hint in the background. Sapid and supple tannins. Beautiful work on the good bitterness in the background and a small chewiness with a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Beautiful saline side on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château le Rey – Les Argileuses 2021

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fresh, fruity, beautifully juicy. It reveals notes of juicy cherry, violet and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with touches of cornflower and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh, elegant, beautifully precise, gourmand, and offers a certain little liveliness on the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy blueberry and small notes of fresh/juicy blackberry associated with touches of violet and a touch of varietal/sage and discreet hints of tonka/chocolate. It has soft tannins.

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

## Château Le Rey – Les Rocheuses 2021

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fresh wild blackberry, juicy cassis, and small notes of almost fresh/pulpy bigarreau cherry associated with touches of lily and fresh pepper with a discreet hint of fresh licorice stick. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, a certain tension, precision, and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, creamy cassis and small notes of fresh/shiny cherry associated with touches of blueberry and hints of toasted almond. Beautiful freshness, material and minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château La Brande 2021

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) Beautiful fresh, voluptuous, aerial nose that offers deepness as well as a relatively dense grain. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of crushed small blue fruits associated with badian touches, iodine as well as slight almost sappy/cypress hints. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced, beautifully creamy and offers a beautiful definition, a very pretty, voluptuous grain, gourmandize as well as a beautiful textured side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, creamy/fresh small red fruits and small notes of racy minerality associated with sappy hints cypress as well as slight chocolate hints, hazelnut as well as soft almond/sweet spices hints. Sapid and supple tannins. Good length. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Puygueraud 2021

Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fresh, peppery and a slight density. There are notes of flowers, pepper and small notes of blackberry associated with hints of nutmeg. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers fat, roundness, a certain richness in precision, a textured side as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy Boysen blackberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of fleshy small blue fruits associated with bright/fresh small fruits as well as hints of nutmeg, sweet blond tabaco and a slight sappy hint. Chewy and gourmand tannins. Good length. Beautiful acidity and good work on the good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château La Prade 2021

Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Beautiful elegant, fresh nose and offers intensity, deepness as well as gourmandize. There are notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy/fresh plum associated with touches of cornflower, tonka beans and a discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, chiseled, gourmand and offers tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy/acidulous cassis and small notes of bright purple plum associated with touches of bright small fruits, a beautiful minerality and beautiful acidity. Chewy/elegant tannins. Beautiful freshness. Racy acidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



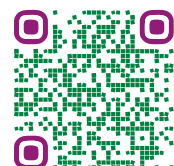
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# Languedoc

## La Capitelles de Baronarques 2020

### Limoux

Beautiful fruity, intense, precise nose that offers a small red thread that stretches. There are notes of blackberry, dense small black fruits and small notes of wild strawberry as well as cassis, liquorice and a discreet hint of badian and a very discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, tension, precision as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, dense small black fruits and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of grilled/torrefaction, cherry blossom as well as a hint of liquorice stick and a discreet hint of spices and cardamom. Good length. Hint of blue fruits.

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

## La Capitelles de Baronarques 2021

### Limoux

The nose is fruity, complex and offers a small concentration and a slight infusion. There are notes of ripe blackberry, small black berries and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of violet, tabaco, discreet hints of pepper and torrefaction. The mouth is fruity, beautifully mineral, elegant, gourmand and offers precision and gourmand/fleshy fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of cornflower, liquorice stick as well as saline hints, cardamom as well as discreet hints of torrefaction and a subtle hint of moka. Good length. A slight creaminess.

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

## La Capitelles de Baronarques 2022

### Limoux

The nose is fruity and offers a certain brightness and a slight concentration. There are notes of bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of camphor, Madagascar pepper and a subtle hint of clove. The bouche is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision, tension, suppleness and brilliance of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, crème de black cherry and small notes of chocolate associated with touches of cornflower, dark chocolate/moka as well as subtle toasted/grilled hints. Tannins discreetly firm. Gourmandise and pleasure ! Beautiful work on the good bitterness.

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

## La Tire, Jeff Carrel 2022

### Fitou

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers power, spices and a stretched side. There are notes of fleshy Boysen blackberry, pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of roasted small red fruits as well as hints of rosemary and liquorice/sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, brightness, tension as well as a certain precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry, purple plum and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with slight hints of liquorice, nutmeg, toasted and a discreet hint of chocolate. Good length. Supple and racy tannins. Beautiful small chew and gourmandise on the finish/persistence.

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

## Le Grand Pan (est vivant !) 2022

### Languedoc Cabrières

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a floral side and a slight hint of cocoa/torrefaction. There are notes of fresh flowers (violet...), fleshy strawberry and small notes of toasted associated with touches of sweet spices, ripe small red fruits as well as a subtle hint of fruits almost roasted and sage. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, suppleness, a beautiful silkiness as well as finesse in its matter/in its textured side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, pulpy red berries and small notes of fresh small blue fruits associated with fresh blond tabaco hints, black olive, flower/rose as well as a discreet hint of racy minerality and liquorice. Good length.

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

## Domaine Le Conte des Floris - Soleil Levant 2022

### Languedoc

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful juicy/fresh fruit, a polished side of the fruit and a certain complexity. There are notes of violet, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of rose associated with touches of bright small red fruits as well as slight hints of bright/pulpy cherry and a discreet hint of liquorice stick. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, tension, a beautiful fat, gourmandise as well as brightness in its pulpy fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of acidulous/juicy cassis associated with touches of juicy small red fruits as well as slight hints of cornflower, badian and a subtle almost sage hint in the background and torrefied almond. Good length. Fresh and sapid tannins.

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

## Domaine Le Nouveau Monde - L'Estanquier 2022

### Languedoc

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a certain small tension. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/fleshy small black fruits and small notes of small fruits. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, aciduly, a certain small gourmandise as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/fleshy/pulpy cassis and small notes of creamy small fruits associated with touches of fresh/crunchy raspberry, a hint of violet, toasted, chocolate as well as a subtle toasted almond hint. A small chew on the finish/persistence. Good length. A small concentration. Chewy tannins. Freshness.

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

## Terre des 2 sources - Empreintes 2020

### Languedoc

The nose is fruity, slightly floral and offers a certain brightness of the fruit and a slight concentration. There are notes of pulpy cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of violet associated with slight mineral hints as well as discreet hints of cornflower. The mouth is juicy, mineral and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight floral side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy redcurrants and small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of flowers and a hint of chocolate/nutmeg. Good length. A slight salinity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Clos Vacquerolles, Domaine Guillaume Armand 2021

### Languedoc

(Organic AB) The nose offers a fine power, a small spicy side as well as a fine and racy grain. There are notes of violet, wild small red fruits and small notes of spices associated with slight hints of nutmeg, pepper and a discreet almost varietal hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, precision, a beautiful elegance in its guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of juicy/fresh small red fruits associated with touches of blackberry as well as a subtle almost plum hint and rose. Racy and sappy tannins. Good length. A slight hint of spices and faded rose on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Les Darons, Jeff Carrel 2022

### Languedoc

The nose is aromatic in its fruit and offers a racy side. There are notes of blackberry, ripe wild red berries associated with touches of dry local grove as well as slight hints of grey pepper, sage and a subtle hint of olive tree and an almost imperceptible hint of orange zest. The mouth is fruity, frank and offers juiciness, suavity, tension, energy, a beautiful freshness and minerality, aciduly as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, creamy purple plum and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of chocolate, sweet blond tabaco and toasted almond and a subtle Mediterranean hint (aromatic herbes, grove, olive tree). Good length. A very discreet varietal hint on the persistence/aftertaste.

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

## Domaine de la Triballe - La Capitelles 2019

### Languedoc, Grés de Montpellier

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a certain energy. There are notes of violet, bright small red fruits and small notes of fresh grey pepper associated with touches of zan, a hint of cornflower, liquorice and a subtle iodine hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain precision, tension, a certain gourmandise in its matter as well as silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, creamy blackberry and small notes of pulpy/bright small red fruits associated with touches of sweet blond tabaco, sage as well as a subtle hint of « sens of place » (local biotop) and a discreet hint of badian. Slightly firm tannins. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine de Roquemale - Lema 2020

### Languedoc, Grés de Montpellier

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, racy and offers a certain deepness. There are notes of fresh wild blackberry, quite ripe small red fruits and small notes of fresh pepper associated with touches of morello cherry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of tabaco and a very discreet almost warm local vegetation hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, minerality, a certain tension, precision, a small concentration/small pulpiness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, pulpy red berries and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of violet, cardamom, roasted small red fruits as well as a subtle almost sage/srubland hint (in the background). Supple, elegant and sapid tannins. Beautiful work of the good bitterness in the background, as well as chocolate hints.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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## Sauta Roc - In Treccio 2019

### Languedoc Pezenas

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, mineral and offers a fresh fruit. There are notes of racy minerality, pulpy/fresh small red fruits and small notes of violet, lily associated with slight touches of bright red berries as well as a slight hint of fresh blueberry and fresh pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, juiciness, tension as well as a certain straightness /a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of pulpy/juicy blueberry associated with touches of pulpy/bright red berries as well as zan hints, toasted and a discreet almost vanilla hint. Supple and sapid tannins. Good length.

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

## Escattes - La Combe 2020

### Sommières, Languedoc

(Organic AB) The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of violet, cubeb pepper and small notes of nutmeg/fresh spices associated with touches of bigarreau cherry as well as hints of cornflower and liquorice. The mouth is minéral and offers freshness, tension, a small fat as well as a slight acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy bigarreau cherry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of ripe/fresh small red fruits, a beautiful mineral/racy touches as well as a discreet hint of local grove and liquorice. Good length. Sapid and fresh tannins. Freshness and precision in its creaminess. Small chewiness/chew on the finish/persistence.

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

## Mas Granier - Camp de L'Oste 2020

### Sommières, Languedoc

Beautiful fresh nose that offers concentration and a certain small complexity. There are notes of creamy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and a very discreet hint of sage/olive tree. The mouth is mineral and offers freshness, a certain fat, silkiness as well as energy. In the mouth this fine expresses notes of juicy/

pulpy blackberry, creamy small red fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, toasted, chocolate as well as a hint of roasted small red fruits and a discreet almost infusion hint in the background. Good length.

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

## Domaine de la Prose - Grande Cuvée 2021

### Languedoc, Saint-Georges d'Orques

The nose offers fresh spices and dried flowers. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of rose petals associated with hints of grey pepper and cassis. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, juiciness, precision as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, violet, rose and small notes of creamy/fresh small fruits associated with touches of dried flowers (in the background), sage/local grove as well as discreet hints of chocolate. Sappy, fresh and discreetly tight tannins. Good length.

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

## Domaine La Bosque - Cayenne 2021

### Saint-Chinian

(Organic AB) Beautiful fruity nose that offers concentration, brightness of the fruit and a beautiful maturity. There are notes of crushed redcurrants, bright cherry and small notes of bright strawberry associated with touches of violet, thyme flower, « sens of place » (local biotop) and discreet hints of cherry blossom and badian. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, pulpiness, a slight creaminess, gourmandize, precision, tension, a certain brilliance /brightness of the fruit, an aerial side as well as a very beautiful work on the matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of laurel berries, cubeb pepper as well as hints of « sens of place » (local biotop), liquorice and cocoa/chocolate. Harmonious, gourmand and unctuous in freshness and lightness ! Congratulations ! Slightly chewy tannins. Finish that tightens

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



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## Domaine La Madura - Classic 2021 Saint-Chinian

(Organic AB) The nose is racy, tense and offers a fine straightness. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, fresh pepper and small notes of laurel berries/grove associated with touches of liquorice stick and a discreet hint of almost roasted-fresh small fruits. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a small tension, precision as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/acidulous cherry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of laurel berries, liquorice stick as well as hints of dry local grove and discreet hints of racy minerality. Supple and racy tannins. Good length. Sapidité.

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

## Canet Valette - Une et mille nuits 2022 Saint-Chinian

(Organic AB) The nose is spicy and slightly tight. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of violet, crushed cassis and small notes of red berries associated with sappy touches, flowers, grey pepper and a discreet almost saffron hint (in the flowery side). The mouth is fruity, stretched, tense, slight tight and offers minerality, freshness and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cherry and small notes of red berries associated touches of flowers, nutmeg hints, fresh local grove as well as slight hints of cardamom and almond. Slightly firm tannins. Good length.

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

## Terre 2 Frères - Signatures XII Saint-Chinian

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration. There are notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of fresh liquorice stick associated with iodine touches, white pepper as well as vanilla extract, a slight cherry blossom hint and an imperceptible almost fresh scrubland hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a certain tension as well as acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of bright raspberry associated with vanilla touches, toasted as well as slight almost sage/scrubland hint in the background. Mouth slightly tight and tense. Finely marked tannins.

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

## Mas Champart - Clos de la Simonette 2019 Saint-Chinian

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a slight concentration. There are notes of concentrated cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of roasted red fruits associated with liquorice touches, racy minerality and an infusion hint. The mouth is fruity and offer minerality, an acidulous frame, a small fat ans well as suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of concentrated cassis, pulpy blackberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with roasted fruits and a hint of tabaco, smock as well as slight toasted/oaky hints. Sapid and slightly chewy tannins. Good length. Quite ripe in its style.

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

## Domaine Les Serrals - Côte à Côte 2021 Faugères

(Organic AB & Biodynamie) The nose is fresh, elegant, racy and offers a certain intensity and a melodious side. There are notes of pulpy/fresh cassis, juicy boysen blackberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with slight hints of thyme, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper, crunchy small red berries and « sens of place » (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, silkiness, a certain gourmandize and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fresh violet/fresh flowers associated with touches of juicy/pulpy cassis as well as hints of crunchy small fruits, fresh scrubland/fresh sage and a very discreet almost olive hint and cardamom. Supple and sappy tannins. Harmony. Good length.

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

## Château La Dournie - Etienne 2019 Saint-Chinian

(Organic AB) The nose offers some concentration of the fruit, a racy grain and a certain gourmandize. There are notes of concentrated cassis, morello cherry and small notes of quite ripe small red berries associated with slight touches of smoke, blond tabaco as well as a discreet hint of cornflower and liquorice. The mouth is fruity, quite ample and offers minerality, tension, precision, a fresh frame as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, jammed cassis and small notes of pulpy/bright cherry associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits, hints of racy minerality as well as a hint of liquorice and chocolate. Silky tannins.

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

## Domaine Mas Conscience - L'Eveil 2021 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is mineral, racy and offers a fine freshness and a small

concentration. There are notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of fleshy/pulpy small fruits as well as hints of smoke, blond tabaco, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of olive (in the background). The mouth is fruity and offers brilliance of the fruit, brightness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as energy. All in harmony, freshness and precision. Rightly concentrated. Density and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright/slightly acidulous red berries ans small notes of bright/acidulous purple plum associated with touches of sage, « sens of place » (local biotop) and a discreet hint of liquorice stick. Hints of chocolate and toasted hazelnut and a subtle hint of coffee (in the background).

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

## Mas Combarèla - Ode Aux Ignorants 2021 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, racy and offers a discreet hint of spices and noble varietal. There are notes of Boysen blackberry, fleshy small red fruits and small notes of chocolate, touches of laurel berries, sage as well as slight hint of varietal freshness, iodized and a hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, suppleness, fat, roundness, gourmandize and a beautiful definition. Full of balance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of unctuous cassis, creamy small fruits and small notes of cherry, bright sage associated with touches of tonka beans, black olive as well as hints of sage, nutmeg, almond and slight sappy, iodine and toasted hints. Sappy and gourmand tannins. Beautiful chew in the background/persistence. Good length. Beautiful freshness that carries. Beautiful energy.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Domaine d'Archimbaud - l'Enfant Terrible 2021 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, precise, tense and offers gourmandize and a beautiful fruit. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of fresh wild cherry, Boysen blackberry and small notes of ripe small fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, sage as well as discreet hints of local grove/« sens of place » (local biotop) and a subtle hint of smoke and vanilla. The mouth is fresh and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandize, a certain small tension, precision, harmony as well as silkiness. Beautiful energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/bright cherry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of laurel berries, sage, bright small fruits as well as slight hints of Zan, black olive, infusion and toasted/vanilla. Sapid and discreetly sappy tannins. Good length.

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

## Mas Origine - Du Bout des Doigts 2022 Terrasses du Larzac

The nose offers a beautiful juicy/fresh fruit, gourmandize and appetite. There are notes of pulpy/fresh strawberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with touches of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of fresh sage, lilac and racy minerality/almost an imperceptible iodine hint. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, tension, a beautiful small stretched/linear side, roundness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh cherry, crunchy/fresh small fruits and small notes of fresh violet associated with touches of liquorice stick, crunchy cassis as well as slight hints of rose and laurel berries. Good length. Racy and sappy tannins. Almost very discreet hints of olive/eucalyptus. Beautiful freshness and touch of the mouth. Gourmandize and silkiness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine de La Réserve d'O - La Réserve d'O 2021 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is racy and slightly concentrated. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of nutmeg, spices and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with a hint of clove, blackberry as well as slight hints of pepper and a subtle hint of smoke. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, fleshiness, a beautiful definition /brilliance of the fruit, energy, purity as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright redcurrant and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with touches of cassis, badian, sage as well as hints of smoke, laurel berries, « sens of place » (local biotop), racy minerality, liquorice and a very discreet sappy hint on the finish/good work on the good bitterness. Racy tannins. Good persistence.

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

## Les Vignes Oubliés 2022 Terrasses du Larzac (Saint-Privat)

The nose is fresh, racy, tense, precise and offers a beautiful racy and stretched grain. There are notes of wild strawberry, concentrated wild blackberry and small notes of quite ripe small red fruits associated with slight blond tabaco touches, smoke, cherry blossom, racy minerality as well as discreet hint of pepper and « sens of place » (local biotop). The mouth is fresh, mineral, full of precision, well-built and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a certain straightness in finesse as well as brightness/juiciness of the fruit. In the mouth this

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wine expresses notes of bright/juicy cherry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of small fruits almost slightly roasted associated with floral touches as well as hints of laurel berries, smoke and a subtle hint of vanilla and liquorice. An imperceptible hint almost iodine and sap in the background. Elegant, sapid and slightly chewy tannins. Beautiful minerality and freshness. Full of precision. A hint of good bitterness/noble varietal in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine du Pas de l'Escalette - Les Clapas 2022 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful polished side of the fruit, a beautiful definition, a certain balanced richness of the fruit and deepness. There are notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of bright red berries associated with hints of racy minerality, roasted small fruits, a hint of crushed cherry, hints of violet, liquorice stick, a subtle hint of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of olive and spices. The mouth is beautifully mineral, silky, delicate and powerful (at the same time), precise and offers brightness, a beautiful energy as well as almost an electric side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright small red berries, almost roasted-juicy red cherry and small notes of crushed small fruits associated with touches of violet, lily as well as hints of Zan, olive tree, slight hints of « sens of place » (local biotop), a discreet hint of liquorice stick, smoke as well as an imperceptible hint of camphor and toasted almond. Beautiful definition and gourmandize. Deepness and a certain concentration.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Clas Mani » 2020 Terrasses du Larzac

Beautiful, elegant and aromatic nose that offers brightness, power/precision, deepness, a beautiful multilayered side and a slight peppery side. There are notes of blackberry, small creamy fruits and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as slight hints of lily, very discreet fresh local grove and an almost imperceptible hint of marmalade. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as creaminess.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy raspberry, bright/pulpy redcurrant and small notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry associated with touches of strawberry, cranberry as well as slight hints of sage, black olive, toasted, chocolate and a subtle hint of « sens of place » (local biotop). Supple and racy tannins. Fine chewiness on the finish and sapidity. A beautiful work on the good bitterness in the background. Beautiful freshness and minerality. Beautiful bitterness and texture.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Les Cruzets » 2022 Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is complex, elegant, aromatic, quite ample and offers a well-mastered power, deepness as well as a multilayered side. There are notes of Sichuan pepper, blackberry and small notes of faded rose associated with slight touches of plum as well as hints of smoke, tobacco and a very discreet hint of « sens of place » (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, a beautiful suppleness /elegance, a melodious side, a beautiful acidity as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, faded rose and small notes of redcurrants associated with hints of old plum as well as slight hints of dried flowers, tobacco and a subtle hint of fresh sage/almost arbutus tree leaf. Good length. A hint of toasted almond and zan in the background. Saline, sapid and discreetly chewy tannins.

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

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Clas Mani » 2019 Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a slight opulence and a beautiful coating side of the toasted. There are notes of fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of bright fresh cassis associated with Bourbon vanilla, sweet blond tabaco and a hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, beautifully mineral, racy, ample (in finesse) and offers tension, precision, a beautiful definition, suppleness, roundness as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with beautiful touches of

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chocolate, vanilla, a subtle hint of sage, black olive as well as a discreet hint of infusion and a subtle toasted hint. Gourmandize and roundness. Racy, precise tannins that offers a slight chew. Good length. Cocoa hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles « Combarels » 2021...à la lumière

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very slight crunchiness and a slight sappiness. There are notes of bright wild small red fruits, liquorice stick and small notes of cornflower associated with slight touches of cassis and a discreet hint of sage. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, tension, juiciness, an acidulous frame, harmony, juiciness, brightness as well as a beautiful pulpiness/juiciness/freshness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of violet, thyme and liquorice stick. Good length. Supple and sapid tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Combarels » 2021 Ombre

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is fruity, beautifully fresh, melodious and offers deepness and complexity. All in delicacy. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of ripe/fresh cherry associated with touches with fresh liquorice stick, cranberry and slight hints of fresh sage. The mouth is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, tension, precision, an acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, bright wild strawberry and small notes of bright/acidulous blackberry associated with touches of sage, fresh local scrubland as well as discreet hints of violet, cherry blossom, almost cranberry hint and a discreet hint of zan. Good length. Chewy and sapid tannins. Beautiful good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25/20 (92+/100)

## Alma Mater - Les Louves 2022

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and aromatic. There are notes of morello cherry, liquorice stick and small notes of deep/bright small black fruits associated with slight hints of roasted small fruits, sappiness/fresh grove and slight hints of black olive. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a slight unctuousity, tension, a good definition as well as a small richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy/pulpy blackberry, roasted cherry and small notes of liquorice stick/zan associated with touches of roasted small fruits as well as slight hints of warm sap/cork oak as well as slight hints of chocolate and a slight toasted hint. A very discreet hint of vanilla. Deepness.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Alma Mater - L'Orangerie 2022

Montpeyroux

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain complexity and a slight deepness. There are notes of blackberry, quite ripe cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with hints of blueberry, a discreet hint of black olive, an imperceptible hint of pepper and olive tree. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, tension, precision as well as finesse in its fruit/richness in its fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/quite ripe cassis, roasted-juicy small black berries and small notes of cornflower, crushed small fruits as well as slight liquorice hints, sweet blond tabaco and a subtle hint of zan. Good length. An imperceptible almost citrus fruits hint in the background. Racy, well-built and slightly chewy tannins. Beautiful freshness, good persistence with a discreet hint of moka. Beautiful matter and texture.

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

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Les Chausmes » 2021

Montpeyroux

(100% Syrah) Beautiful, elegant, racy, concentrated and fresh nose as well as beautiful peppery. There are notes of fresh bigarreau cherry white pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of purple fruits as well as a discreet hint of Madagascar pepper and fresh tabacco. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, tension, a linear side (in a positive way), stretched, full of precision /control as well as a sens of details. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh white pepper associated with touches of bright berries, bright purple plum as well as discreet hints of Madagascar pepper, smoke and a subtle hint of sage. Beautiful guideline. Good length. Beautiful persistence and chew with a subtle hint of black pepper that arrives on the aftertaste. Sapid finish and a discreet almost infusion hint in the background. Congratulations !

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

## Château de Lascaux - Les Nobles Pierres 2019

Pic Saint-Loup

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration of the fruit and a slightly textured side. There are notes of violet, pulpy cherry and wild small red fruits associated with touches of badian, warm scrubland as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, toasted and a very discreet almost iodine hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a small tension, silkiness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of cassis, laurel berries as well as a slight hints of liquorice stick, sage, cardamom and a very discreet almost smoke hint. Chewy and gourmands tannins. Freshness and beautiful work on the matter and on good bitterness. Good length.

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

## Mas Bruguiere - L'Arbouse 2022

Pic Saint-Loup

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, racy and offers a small floral side (even discreetly varietal). There are notes of fresh blackberry, fresh violet and small notes of laurel berries associated with touches of dense/concentrated small red fruits as well as slight hints of sage and a discreet hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision, tension, suppleness, a fine fat, an acidulous frame as well as a small crunchy side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy small red fruits, fresh flowers/pistil and small notes of fresh nutmeg associated with touches of laurel berries, fresh sage/fresh scrubland. Good length. Good work on sappiness and good bitterness. Beautiful freshness and silkiness of the fruit.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Les Héméris - Merlot 2023

Cévennes IGP

The nose is fruity and juicy. There are notes of juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with slight cherry tree hints as well as a discreet hint of liquorice stick. The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a certain small tension as well as energy. Currently discreetly tight. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, acidulous raspberry and small notes of juicy wild berries associated with a hint of olive tree leaf/dry scrubland and a discreet hint of liquorice stick. Discreetly firm tannins. Good work on the good bitterness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (89/100)

## Réserve des Auléines - Assemblage 17, 2023

Cévennes IGP

(Organic AB, 50% Syrah, 50% Grenache) The nose is marked by the local scrubland (olive tree, oak and a hint of sage). There are notes of ripe cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of bright cassis as well as hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, a certain freshness, a small tension, a slight fat as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of crushed small blue fruits associated with touches of almost roasted red small fruits as well as hints of zan, sweet spices, nutmag and an imperceptible hint almost scrubland and black olive in the background and moka. Tannins offer a slight chewiness and sapidity. A discreet hint of good bitterness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Villa desANGES, GSM 2022

Vin de France

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers brightness. There are notes of morello cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of camphor, grey pepper, tabaco and hints of spices. A certain small density and a flatering side at the same time. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, beautifully flatering and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness /pulpiness of the fruit as well as suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy purple plum, bright cherry and small notes of bright small fruits associated with touches of sweet blond tabaco, roasted-juicy small fruits and discreet hints of chocolate.

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

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Les Homs » 2021

Vin de France

(100% Grenache) Beautiful, complex, peppery and elegant nose with a delicate floral side. There are notes of fresh red berries, pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of fresh red plum, concentrated strawberry and a discreet almost sage hint (even an imperceptible vervain hint). The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, supple and tense (at the same time), delicate, complex, easy to access/« readable » and offer a beautiful aerial side in its matter and a beautiful racy structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small red berries, fresh/juicy cherry and small notes of lily associated with touches of sage, fresh thyme as well as slight hints of crunchy small fruits and a subtle almost saline/Mediterranean hint. Good length. Precise, elegant and supple tannins. Beautiful sapidity and gourmandise. Congratulations !

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

# Languedoc

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Les Celis » 2022 Vin de France

(100% grenache) The nose is fruity and offers a certain small tension, precision and a beautiful focus on the fruit. There are notes of pulpy bigarreau cherry, white pepper and small notes of quetsche plum associated with slight hints of violet, an almost discreet smoky hint and a hint of tabaco. The mouth is beautifully mineral, frank and offers a beautiful freshness, juiciness, gourmandize, tension, precision, an acidulous frame, suppleness, a beautiful matter, a textured side, all in tension and straightness in precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy purple plum associated with touches of strawberry sorbet, sage and a discreet iodine/ocean hint. Beautiful, elegant, precise, racy and tense tannins. Good length et persistence with liquorice and morello cherry hints in the background.  
Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - « Nimalaya » 2021, Vieux Carignan Vin de France

The nose is elegant, spicy, delicate and offers power, a beautiful intensity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a stretched side and precision. There are notes of fresh/juicy small red fruits and small notes of blackberry, cranberry associated with slight hints of violet, lily and a discreet hint of fresh sage and « sens of place » (local biotope). A few spices and local flowers hints after aeration. The mouth is fruity and offers delicacy, tension, minerality, a good definition, energy, full of control, precision and a stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with almost juicy/fresh plum touches as well as slight hints of liquorice stick. Supple and racy tannins. Beautiful precision and gourmandize. A subtle chew. Beautiful work on the good bitterness on the finish/persistence. It needs to be decanted.  
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## CORBIÈRES

### Calmel & Joseph - La Pointe 2021 Corbières

The nose is fresh and offers a certain gourmandize as well as a certain concentration. There are notes of boysen blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of quite ripe small red fruits (but fresh) associated with touches of sweet spices, fresh tabaco and a subtle hint almost fresh lilac hint in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness and drinkability, suppleness, pulpiness, juiciness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of small red fruits associated with fresh-juicy plum touches as well as lilac hints, badian and a discreet almost sage hint in the background. Tannins are well-built. Good length.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Les Herbes Hautes, Jeff Carrel 2021 Corbières

The nose is aromatic, spicy, quite ample and offers a good definition. There are notes of blackberry, violet, wild small red fruits associated with touches of arbutus tree fruits, cubeb pepper, discreet hints of fresh spices and a discreet almost zests in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful energy, an acidulous frame, tension, a certain roundness, fat and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous morello cherry, acidulous/pulpy purple plum and small notes of acidulous/pulpy cassis associated with touches of bright red berries as well as hints of blond tabaco, sweet spices and a subtle almost graphite hint, orange zest and chocolate/vanilla. Good length.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

### Château Bel Evêque Rouge 2021 Corbières

The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it is rich, dense and excessive. We find notes of black plum (with a touch of prunes), wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry jam, crushed black fig, dried blackcurrant and red currant jam, associated with gourmet and smooth touches of dark chocolate, cocoa, torrefaction (coffee, toast) and a nuance of sweet spices (vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice, cloves). On the palate, the wine offers a well-built structure, straight and enveloped in a rich and fresh fruitiness. The tannins are powerful, enveloping, slightly firm, but silky. The flavors are round and gourmand. We find notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, dried blackcurrant, black plum, chocolate, cocoa, as well as notes of savoury sweet spices (cinnamon, vanilla, licorice) and a touch of wood and integrated hint of torrefaction (heated wood, coffee). A nice acidity balances the richness of the wine and gives it a straight and chiseled structure. A great wine, with beautiful complexity, with opened, gourmand and warming aromas and with freshness on the palate.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Château Bel Evêque Rosé 2022 Corbières

(Cinsault, Syrah, Grenache Gris, Grenache Noir, rosé made by maceration method, aged 2 months in oak barrels) The wine has a salmon pink color, of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, complex and refined. It expresses notes of ripe and juicy fruits (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, vine peach, red apple, a tangy and bitter touch of grapefruit), associated with a savoury spiciness (clove, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla), as well as a touch of cherry blossom. The mouth is full, with a vinous hint and a touch of sweetness on the finish. It expresses the flavors of stone fruits (vine peach, apricot), black fig, red apple, morello cherry and wild strawberry, combined with a floral hint of cherry blossom, the bitterness of grapefruit and a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, clove, vanilla in the background). The finish is persistent, juicy and round, but quite fresh.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Le Démon de l'Évêque Blanc 2022 Corbières

(65% Bourboulenc, 35% Grenache Blanc) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and aromatic, very floral, with sweetness of fleshy stone fruits. It expresses notes of white peach, juicy yellow peach, a touch of exotic fruits (fresh pineapple), the tanginess of citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit) and a fragrant floral bouquet (lime blossom, acacia, chamomile). On the palate, we find gourmandise and roundness in notes of juicy yellow peach and pineapple, complemented by a sweet touch of lime, honey, as well as a fragrant floral hint (lime blossom, acacia). The tangy and slightly bitter citrus notes (lemon, grapefruit), as well as a beautiful acidity, balance the roundness and juiciness of the wine. The finish is persistent and fresh, complex and refined.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Le Démon de l'Évêque Rosé 2022 Corbières

(55% Syrah, 45% Grenache) The wine has a pale salmon color. The nose is intense, fruity and gourmand. It expresses notes of vine peach, red currants, raspberry, wild strawberry, cherry blossom and a fine bitterness of pink grapefruit. On the palate, the wine is gourmand, vinous, but refined. We find notes of vine peach, cherry blossom, red currants, raspberry and wild strawberry, a pleasant bitterness of pink grapefruit, as well as a touch of black fig and tanginess of bigarreau cherry. The finish is persistent, with acidity and bitterness. Beautiful acidity, roundness and gourmandise.  
Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

### Le Démon de l'Évêque Rouge 2022 Corbières

(Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is open and fruity, juicy and very gourmand. It expresses notes of morello cherry, crushed strawberry, redcurrant jam, raspberry coulis and black plum, combined with a delicate touch of mint, leather (in the background) and coffee. The palate is dense, with firm but well-structured tannins, as well as a refined power enveloped in notes of ripe and juicy fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, black fig, blackberry, raspberry coulis) and associated with a savoury hint of smoke, leather and coffee. Good length and good freshness.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

### Blondus Ricardus 2021 Corbières

(Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Grenache) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is textured and gourmand, even slightly sweet, balanced by an expressive minty touch. It expresses notes of ripe fruit with a touch of jam (griotte, red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, redcurrant jelly, blackberry, black plum), Mediterranean herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary), a spicy touch of liquorice and clove, as well as a distinct saline maritime character. On the palate, the wine also expresses a gourmet fruitiness, associated with minerality and salinity. We find notes of morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, black plum and blueberry, associated with touches of dried fruit (dried cherry, dried strawberry), a savoury herbaceous hint (dried mint, thyme, rosemary), as well as a pronounced spiciness (black pepper, cloves, nutmeg). The tannins are structured, firm and need to melt. A refined wine, with a maritime character, with a beautiful freshness and acidity that needs time to develop.  
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

### Les Oubiels 2020 Corbières

(Syrah, Grenache, Carignan) The nose is reserved, but offers a nice complexity. It expresses notes of dried mint, dried bay leaf, blackberry, dried raspberry, violet and dried rose, combined with fruity aromas of wild strawberry, blackberry, morello cherry and black plum, dark chocolate, cocoa and toast. The palate expresses the gourmet flavors of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, morello cherry, black plum), dried strawberry and garrigue, with a certain sweetness and richness (notes of crushed black plum and prunes), dark chocolate and toasted notes. The finish is fresh and tangy. Nice balance.  
Score : 16.25+20 (92-93/100)



# Languedoc

## Terre des vents Blanc 2022

### Corbières

(Vermentino, Grenache Blanc) The nose is simple, but aromatic and gourmand, with notes of citrus, stone fruits (yellow plum, apricot), acacia, as well as a slight saline and mineral hint. The palate is open, fruity, round, with a medium level of acidity, but in balance with the profile of the wine. Good persistence with a slight bitterness of grapefruit.

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

## Terre des vents Les Passerelles Rosé 2022

### Corbières

(60% Carignan, Syrah, Grenache) The nose is tangy, fruity and expresses notes of strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, vine peach, red plum, red pear and apple blossom. The palate is round, slightly spicy (white pepper), and offers a nice acidity and the bitterness of grapefruit, which return at the end of the palate. The attack is round, the mid-palate is vinous and gourmet, the finish is persistent and fruity.

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

## Les Celiers de l'Aussou, Chais de Grenat, Terroir de Fontfroide 2020

### Corbières

(Carignan, carbonic maceration) The nose is purely fruity and open. It expresses notes of red plum, cherry and blackberry, as well as a spicy touch of white pepper. The palate is light (in a good way), easy to drink. We find the same notes of black cherry, red plum and white pepper, medium persistence and nice acidity. An accessible and pleasant wine.

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

## François-Marie Chefdebien 2020

### Corbières

(Syrah/Grenache aged in oak barrels for 6 months) The nose is woody, a bit candied, with a touch of torrefaction (toast, coffee), dried Mediterranean herbs, red fruits (dried red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry wood, black plum, a touch of blackberry and prunes), with a hint of chocolate and red fruit jam. The palate is round and gourmand, very fruity (black plum, morello cherry, blackberry, dried red cherry), with a touch of chocolate and prunes and a slight sweetness. The finish is persistent and tangy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Saint Estève Cuvée Classique Blanc 2022

### Corbières

(Roussanne, Marsanne) The nose is aromatic and floral (acacia, lime), with gourmand notes of white peach and apricot, combined with the freshness of lemon and lemon peel. The palate is tangy and persistent, with lemony freshness, a gourmand hint of white peach, as well as with a touch of hay and Mediterranean herbs.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Saint Estève Henry de Monfreid 2020

### Corbières

The nose is concentrated, fruity. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, black cherry, blackberry, blackcurrant, sweet spices (clove, black pepper), dried herbs (garrigue, thyme, rosemary), dried wild flowers, bay leaf and menthol. The palate is silky and powerful, the tannins are structured, but velvety. We find the flavors of wild strawberry, black cherry, dry cherry, prunes, cocoa, dark chocolate, cloves and licorice. Good length on the palate with salivating acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château de Fontenelles, Tenue de soirée Rosé 2022

### Corbières

(80% Syrah, 20% Grenache) The nose is aromatic, with notes of raspberry, strawberry, red currants, pink grapefruit, a floral touch of fresh rose and a spicy hint of white pepper. The palate is crunchy, tangy, fruity (raspberry, grapefruit, red currants, red cherry), with a peppery and mineral touch. The acidity is fresh and salivating, beautiful length and gourmandise.

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

## Château de Fontenelles - Elysée 2021

### Corbières

(Syrah, Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre, aging in vats and barrels) The nose is gourmand and textured. It expresses notes of chocolate with mint, black plum, blackberry, morello cherry, a sweet touch of cocoa, as well as a fine floral bouquet (dried violet, dried rose). The palate is airy and fluid (in a good way), with a beautiful freshness of tangy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, dried blackcurrant), a touch of dried aromatic herbs. The mid-palate is straight and structured, with a subtle spiciness (licorice, cloves). The tannins are tight, but fine and not dry. The finish is rapid, balanced, round, with an integrated woody notes and a touch of torrefaction (hazelnut, toasted almond) in the background.

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

## Château de Fontenelles - Le Poète

### Aude, Coteaux de Miramont IGP

(55% Merlot, 25% Syrah, 10% Carignan Vieilles Vignes) The nose is aromatic and peppery, with notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, blackcurrant, strawberry), with a touch of garrigue (beautiful herbaceous freshness) and black pepper. The palate is round and warm and expresses notes of black plums, wild strawberries, blackcurrant and dried herbs. The tannins are polished and velvety. The finish is long and gourmand.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château de Fontenelles Renaissance 2022

### Corbières

The nose is warming and ripe, with juicy, ripe, even jammy fruits. It expresses notes of cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate, red cherry jam, red currant jelly, crushed wild strawberry, as well as roasted aromatic herbs, fresh rosemary, peony, as well as an integrated touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The palate is expressive, gourmand and fresh, less jammy. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, black plum, morello cherry, chocolate cherry and redcurrant jelly, combined with a hint of toasted (even caramelised) hazelnut, dark chocolate and liquorice. The tannins are polished and melted. The finish is warm and round, but fresh at the same time thanks to a salivating acidity.

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

## Château de Fontenelles Notre Dame 2021

### Corbières

(Carignan, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah): The nose is more spicy, then fruity : we find especially notes of nutmeg, cloves and black pepper. It also expresses aromas of plum, prunes, dried cherry, crushed strawberry, as well as herbaceous touches (dried mint, local herbs, garrigue). The palate is fruity and spicy, with a beautiful fruitiness more present than on the nose, and notes of wild strawberry, plum, morello cherry and dried cherry. The finish is long, fresh (with tangy notes of blackcurrant and red cherry) and salivating, but round and juicy. The tannins are silky and melted. Complexity and delicacy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Fontenelles Moural de Salomon 2020

### Corbières

(whole cluster vinification, 80% Syrah, 20% Grenache) The nose offers depth, complexity and an expressive and savoury herbaceous touch. There are many aromatic Mediterranean herbs (thyme, rosemary, sage, bay leaf, garrigue), as well as floral elegance (lily, violet, fresh rose), enveloped in a dense fruitiness, but with great finesse (black plum, morello cherry, fresh wild blueberry, blueberry jam). It also expresses a gourmet touch of chocolate, toast, pine sap and cypress. The palate is structured, refined and offers powerful tannins, but in elegance and delicacy. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (plum, blackberry, morello cherry, wild blueberry), a touch of chocolate and cocoa more expressive than on the nose, herbaceous and floral notes (violet, lily, garrigue, bay leaf, thyme) with a fine minerality in the background. The finish is very long, velvety and gourmand. Elegance and good aging potential.

Score : 17.5+/20 (94-95/100)

## Château Grand Moulin Grandes Vignes Blanc 2022

### Corbières

(50% Grenache Blanc, 25% Vermentino, 25% Roussanne): Beautiful aromatic expression on the nose, with a slight hint of muscat and touches of white flowers, acacia and orange blossom. We also find a fresh and tangy aromas of green pear and green apple, as well as the roundness of white peach. On the palate, the wine offers the roundness of ripe stone fruits (white peach, apricot), a pleasant acidity, chiseled notes of citrus peel (lemon, orange), a floral bouquet (lime blossom, acacia) and a light touch of fresh almond. A pleasant wine of pleasure with a good value for money.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Grand Moulin Grandes Vignes Rosé 2022

### Corbières

The nose is rather discreet and expresses notes of tangy red fruits (raspberry, red cherry, red currants), white flowers, pink grapefruit and yellow lemon. The palate expresses more citrus (grapefruit, lemon, blood orange), white flowers (acacia, cherry blossom). The finish is supple, round and gourmand, with moderate acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Grand Moulin Grandes Vignes Rouge 2021

### Corbières

The nose is refined and tasty. It expresses a discreet note of leather, associated with a spices (pepper, cumin, cloves), smoke, chocolate and cocoa, as well as a juicy fruitiness (blackberry, morello cherry, bird cherry, black plum). The palate is ample, enveloping and juicy. It expresses notes of very ripe black fruits (griotte, black plum, black fig), balanced by a tangy touch of bird cherry fruits. The acidity is refreshing and salivating, the tannins are firm and structured, but polished.

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

# Languedoc

## Château Grand Moulin, Terres Rouges 2019 Corbières

The nose offers density, complexity and depth. The aromas are fruity and gourmand (blackberry, morello cherry, black plum, fig), complemented by a hint of dried cherry and herbaceous and spicy notes (fig leaf, peppermint, pepper, clove). The palate is fruity, deep and juicy. The generosity and density of ripe fruits (black fig, blackberry, black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry) is combined with a touch of smoke, coffee, herbs and dried flowers (dried rose, violet, garrigue herbs). The finish is long, with firm but fine tannins and a mineral structure on the finish.  
Score : 16.25+/20 (92-93/100)

## Château Grand Moulin, Quintessence 2020 Corbières Boutenac

The nose is complex and dense. It expresses notes of fresh and dried black fruits (griotte, blackberry, black fig, black plum, dried blackcurrant), associated with a pronounced but elegant herbaceous hint (dried mint, rosemary, cherry leaf, tobacco), spices sweet (liquorice, cinnamon, nutmeg), as well as a metallic and leather touch. The palate is firm, powerful, but coated and refined. It expresses the flavors of black fruits (black fig, plum, blackberry), very ripe wild strawberry, dried strawberry, as well as cocoa, dried flowers (wildflowers, violet), sweet spices (cinnamon, licorice), cocoa and tobacco. The tannins are powerful and firm, but polished.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Ma cuvée Personnelle 100% Syrah 2022 Vin de Pays d'Aude

The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it surprises with its intensity and freshness and the juiciness of the fruit. It expresses aromas of tart red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry, black plum and blueberry. We then find a pleasant but refreshing herbaceous hints (menthol, thyme, rosemary), associated with distinct but delicate spicy touches (liquorice, clove) and a hint of violet. The palate is precise and straight, with a beautiful verticality and a fleshy fruitiness. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, quetsche plum, blueberry and morello cherry, combined with notes of violet, liquorice, chocolate with mint and rosemary. The finish is refined and fresh, with a nice acidity. The tannins are velvety and sapid. Good length.  
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

## La cuvée Personnelle 100% Mourvèdre 2022 Vin de Pays d'Aude

(Carbonic maceration) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is open, very juicy and purely fruity. It offers the intense aromas of different black fruits (griotte, black plum, blackberry), crushed wild strawberries, raspberry jam, combined with a gourmet touch of chocolate with mint. The attack on the palate is round and fragrant: it expresses gourmand notes of blackberry, morello cherry, black plum and wild strawberry, combined with a hint of dried mint and dark chocolate. The tannins are a little tight. The finish is sapid and spicy: we find a touch of pepper and cloves, as well as a slight bitterness of cocoa.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## La Pége Syrah 2022 Pays d'Occ IGP

(grapes from plots in Boutenac, but the wine has the IGP category, because the vines are less than 7 years old and are irrigated) The nose is floral, with dominant notes of violet and peony, associated with juicy fruits (blackberry, morello cherry, black plum, blueberry). The palate is very spicy, smoky, peppery, slightly toasted, with a dense fruitiness on ripe black fruits (blackberry, morello cherry, black fig, black plum), as well as a touch of chocolate. Nice roundness and a silky texture on the palate, thanks to fine and velvety tannins. The finish is lingering on fresh black fruits and black fruit jam, but refreshed by lively acidity and slight bitterness.  
Score : 16+/20 (92/100)

## Un jour je serais une icône, Jeff Carrel - Syrah 2020 Vin de France

The nose is relatively polished and closed. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of pulpy cassis, bright small red fruits associated with touches of wild small fruits, grey pepper as well as slight hints almost dry Mediterranean grove. The mouth is fruity, beautifully tense, precise and offers juiciness, freshness, a certain straightness as well as an incisive side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of violet, black pepper as well as slight infusion hints, arbutus tree, chocolate and a subtle saline hint. Sapid tannins. Good length. A hint of dark chocolate on the finish/persistence. Suppleness, freshness and spices.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Cuvée à l'Italienne, Jeff Carrel - Sangiovese 2022 Vin de France

The nose is fruity, precise and offers straightness, a precise and frank grain. There are notes of small red berries, fresh plum and small notes of juicy/bright small fruits associated with slight minerale touches as well as hints of badian, tabaco and discreet hints of Sichuan

pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, gourmandise, a beautiful dynamic, a coating /charming side of the fruit, silkiness and suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy small red fruits, bright raspberry and small notes of fresh purple plum associated with touches of juicy/fresh cassis, lily, sage as well as slight hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sweet blond tabaco and toasted almond. Good length.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## COLLIOURE

## Clos Saint Sebastien, Empreintes 2023 Collioure

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and expresses notes of fleshy fruits (wooden strawberries, juicy black plums and red plums), combined with a fresh touch of tangy fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry) and aromatic herbs (dried mint, garrigue, fresh Mediterranean herbs – thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), as well as a hint of wild rose and a delicate minerality (salinity in the background). The palate offers beautiful concentration, freshness, juiciness and an airiness. The attack is purely fruity (we find notes of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, black plum, morello cherry and red plum jam). The flavors complement each other in the mid-palate with gourmet notes of cocoa, toasted (in the background), fresh Mediterranean herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf, sage) and roasted bouquet garni. The finish is sapid, gourmand, even slightly sweet (we find in particular the flavors of morello cherry in chocolate and red cherry jam), with a good level of acidity and a touch of garrigue which refreshes the jamminess of the palate. Good persistence, the tannins are powerful, grippy but with a fine grain.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Clos Saint Sebastien, Inspiration Marine, Tancada 2021 Collioure

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is subtle and delicately perfumed. It firstly expresses mineral (saline, even iodine) and herbaceous notes (fresh bay leaf, fresh thyme, a touch of sage, garrigue), associated on the second nose with notes of morello cherry, fresh red plum, crushed blackcurrant, garriguettes strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as spicy hints (liquorice, even star anise, nutmeg) and resinous touches (pine sap, balsamic). The palate has a dense attack, a deep texture, but in the middle and at the end of the palate, there is freshness and an airiness. We find notes of fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry and black plum, as well as touches of fresh bay leaf, bouquet garni, garrigue, dried wild flowers, a powdery touch of cocoa, as well as a slightly drying minerality (limestone, saline especially in the finish). The finish is quite persistent, expressing the warming side of alcohol and dry tannins, counterbalanced by a salivating acidity. A straight and structured wine.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Clos Saint Sebastien, Inspiration Céleste, Escoumes 2021 Collioure

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers ripe fresh fruit (morello cherry, crushed red currant, wild strawberry, black plum, red plum jam), combined with notes of torrefaction (smoke, coffee, toasted almond, cocoa), sweet spices (licorice, coriander, nutmeg), herbs (bay leaf, fresh, dried bouquet garni, dried mint) and wild rose. The mouth offers accuracy, power and precision. The tannins have a fine grain, sapidity and a powdery cocoa hint, but are rather dry. The fruity texture on the palate is generous, enveloping and fresh. We find notes of black plum, morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry and blackcurrant, associated with touches of menthol, fresh bouquet garni, dark chocolate, toasted almond, dried wild rose and garrigue, as well as a spicy side which appears at the end of the palate on the persistence (liquorice, roasted coriander seeds, nutmeg). The finish offers texture, volume and a good level of acidity which balances the power and dryness of the tannins.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Clos Saint Sebastien, Le Clos 2020 Collioure

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, gourmand and complex. The first nose expresses notes of fresh tobacco, leather, faded rose, prunes and dark chocolate, associated with the second nose with distinguished minerality (salinity, slightly iodized), spicy notes (licorice, cardamom, a hint fennel seeds), torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee), wild flowers and Mediterranean herbs (bay leaf, dried sage, thyme), enveloped in a juicy fruity substance (black plum, prunes, chocolate morello cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry) as well as a sweet touch of red cherry and strawberry jam. The palate is expressive and tasty. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry in chocolate (especially in the attack), strawberry jam, black plum, chocolate prunes, raspberry coulis, fresh wild strawberry, a touch of chocolate prunes, combined with notes aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried sage, a hint of fresh bay leaf and menthol), dried rose, dark chocolate, torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, coffee, slightly more pronounced than on the nose). The finish is persistent and sapid – we find notes of tobacco and leather, and a touch of bitter cocoa. The tannins are firm, but velvety, with a fine grain. Good persistence and acidity, the alcohol is fairly well integrated.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



# Douro

## Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Trans-Douro-Express, Baixo Corgo 2022

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and ripe, even slightly jammy. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis as well as a hint of crushed blueberry, associated with herbaceous touches (dry bay leaf, dried mint, very light notes of blackcurrant leaf), spicy (licorice, white pepper in the background), as well as a slight salinity. The palate is juicy, round, with supple tannins, fine grain and nice acidity. It expresses the gourmet flavors of ripe fruits (juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, wild blackberry, black plum), combined with refreshing notes of wild mint, dry bay leaf, licorice, vanilla (in the background), as well as a sweet touch of cherry in chocolate. The finish is persistent, juicy, with slightly tighter tannins on the finish and a pleasant salty touch. Purity, concentration and a nice freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Trans-Douro-Express, Cima Corgo 2022

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive, tasty, slightly meaty and with notes of maceration. We find in particular the aromas of candied red cherry, crushed strawberry, red plum, a fresh and tangy touch of raspberry and blueberry and a very slight hint of roasted meat in the background. After aeration, the nose also expresses aromas of roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, a distinct spicy side (nutmeg, white pepper, licorice, vanilla in the background), as well as a delicate minerality (graphite). The palate is lively, very tasty, with fruit and freshness. It expresses notes of crushed red cherry, ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, combined with a delicious spicy side (a sweet touch of vanilla, licorice, nutmeg), aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, fresh bay leaf, a hint of mint), a hint of chocolate and toasted hazelnut. The tannins are fine and enveloping. The salivating and refreshing acidity, beautiful length with notes of red chocolate cherry and a delicate bitterness.

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

## Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Trans-Douro-Express, Douro Superior 2022

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, straightness and a beautiful concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of juicy and tangy black fruits (wild blackberry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry), sweet red fruits (crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis), associated with gourmet notes of dark chocolate, as well as a touch of freshness in aromas of dried rosemary, menthol and bay leaf. We also find spicy notes of licorice, vanilla, coriander seeds and nutmeg, as well as a mineral touch (dry stone, graphite) in the background. The palate offers an open and juicy attack, a slightly tight mid-palate and a lingering finish, with good bitterness, refreshing acidity and gourmand fruity notes. Flavors on the palate are fruity and ripe; we find notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, cranberry jam with a slight bitterness, crushed raspberry and crushed blackcurrant (or even crème de cassis), associated with enveloping touches of dark chocolate, grilled vanilla, cinnamon (in the background) and nutmeg. The finish offers a distinguished minerality (dry stone, graphite), juiciness, powdery notes of cocoa and gourmandise, which balance the tight but fine tannins.

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

## Raio de Luz, Inspired by Rocim 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers depth and density. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with a fine spiciness (licorice, grated nutmeg, white pepper), a touch of torrefaction (toasted wood, coffee), roasted bouquet garni, dried mint and dried wild flowers in the background. The palate is supple, full, but juicy and fresh. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, dried cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, as well as gourmet flavors of cherry with chocolate, chocolate with mint, a pronounced but integrated spicy and woody hints, thanks to the concentration of fruits (licorice, toasted vanilla, ground cumin, nutmeg, toasted wood, smoke), as well as roasted bouquet garni and dried wild flowers. The tannins are velvety and enveloping, finely tight on the finish, but balanced by the juiciness of the fruits and a beautiful acidity. A full-bodied wine, but balanced and gourmand.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Odisseia, Scylla, MMXXI Grande Reserva 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers concentration, juiciness and fresh fruity substance. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, raspberry coulis and crushed blueberry, combined with touches of fresh flowers (wild rose, cornflower), refreshing herbaceous aromas (mint, even menthol, berries), crushed bay leaf, with a gourmand spiciness (fresh vanilla, licorice, a touch of cinnamon and star anise) and a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, cocoa). The palate is generous and round, but full of elegance and freshness, with soft and fine tannins. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, black plum, wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, as well as cranberry jam with a slight bitterness, associated with gourmet flavors of cherry and prunes in chocolate (a very light touch which brings sweetness), sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, licorice), cocoa, coffee and toasted wood, highlighted by subtle touches of fresh flowers (wild rose, peony, cornflower) and aromatic herbs (bouquet garni, crushed laurel berries, dried mint). The finish is lingering and sapid: there is a slight sweetness of dark chocolate, coffee (sweet, even coffee with milk) and amarena cherry, balanced by a nice acidity and a pleasant bitterness.

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

## Odisseia Jean-Hugues Gros 2020

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a little reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses concentration and juiciness in the aromas of crushed wild strawberries, raspberry coulis, red plum jam, crushed black plum and a

hint of blackberry. We also find notes of peppermint, dried rosemary, dried bay leaf, a racy minerality (rock, dry stone), a gourmet spicy side (licorice, gray pepper, ground clove, nutmeg), as well as a touch of cocoa and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee) and dried wild flowers. The palate is generous and concentrated, but straight and fresh. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, black plum, associated with touches of roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, and a distinct, but enveloped spicy notes (gray pepper, licorice, cloves, a touch of toasted vanilla) and hints of torrefaction (cocoa, coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish is long, powdery, with gourmand notes of fresh tobacco, chocolate cherry and dark chocolate. The tannins are powerful, a little grippy on the finish, but fine and balanced by a salivating acidity.

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

## Odisseia Jean-Hugues Gros 2020

Douro Reserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness, concentration and complexity. It expresses the aromas of fresh morello cherry, dried

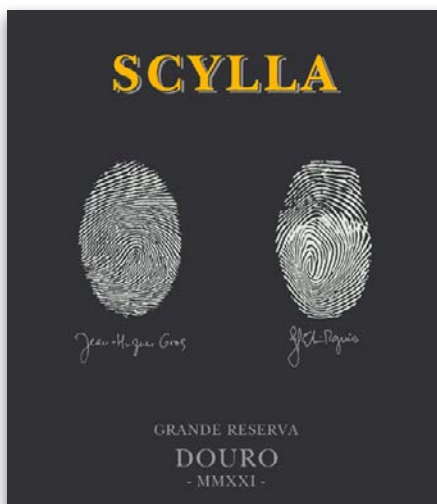
morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum, crushed blackcurrant and blackberry, associated with a fine and elegant floral bouquet (wild rose, lily, violet, a touch of cornflower), a discreet but distinct spiciness (licorice, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds, gray pepper), as well as a touch of dried rosemary, dried peppermint, torrefaction (coffee, very lightly toasted hazelnut), and a gourmet touch of chocolate. The palate is full, textured, fruity and chocolatey, but at the same time offers a nice freshness. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry in chocolate, black plum jam, fresh black plum, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh blackberry and crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of mint chocolate, dried rosemary, fresh peony, vanilla, gray pepper, nutmeg, cinnamon in the background, as well as a touch of gourmet torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut more pronounced than on the nose). The tannins are supple and fine, slightly grippy on the finish. Good persistence in the mouth, on juicy and ripe black fruits, accompanied by a refreshing acidity and a hint of dark chocolate and rosemary.

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

## Bela Luz, Inspired by Rocim 2022

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, density and depth, a pronounced spiciness, as well as an elegant floral bouquet. It expresses notes of licorice, black pepper, toasted vanilla, combined with a fresh touch of fresh bay leaf, wild mint (in the background), cut rosemary, lily and dried rose, as well as a fine hint of torrefaction and bitterness (coffee, toasted almond), complemented by a textured touch of dark chocolate. The fruits on the nose are dense, juicy and ripe: we find notes of wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, cranberry jam, juicy morello cherry and red cherry jam, which envelop the woody and spicy character of the wine. The palate is generous, rich and dense, with a firm and powerful tannin structure,



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but with a fine grain and in balance with the rich fruity substance. We find notes of fresh black plum, dark chocolate plum, juicy morello cherry, chocolate cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, cranberry jam, associated with the gourmandise of dark chocolate, with a gourmand spiciness (liquorice, toasted vanilla, cinnamon in the background, cloves, nutmeg), with a hint of freshness in herbaceous and floral notes (wild mint, fresh bay leaf, fresh bouquet garni, dried rose) and a fine side roasting. The finish is very long, full, gourmand, with lots of flavors, the gourmandise of dark chocolate, a pronounced spiciness (cloves, vanilla) and a nice acidity. A warming wine, rich, generous and fresh.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta da Colmaça 2011

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is complex, dense and deep, but requires aeration to open. It expresses tertiary notes of wet leaves, wilted flowers (rose, wilted peony), a touch of undergrowth and dried tobacco. We also find the fruity aromas of fresh black plum, prunes (even prunes in alcohol in the background), juicy morello cherry, dried red cherry, crushed wild strawberry, crème de cassis, combined with sweet touches of chocolate. with mint, rosemary syrup, plum cream, fresh vanilla and cinnamon, combined with notes of liquorice, cloves, coffee and fresh flowers in the background (rose, peony). The attack on the palate expresses more pronounced tertiary notes (undergrowth, dried mushrooms). They are then completed by notes of prunes, black plum, morello cherry, macerated red cherry (in kirsch), crushed wild strawberry and raspberry jam, as well as wilted rose, fresh peony, dried mint and fresh tobacco in the background. The tannins have power, fine grain and flavor. The finish is long, delicious, with salivating acidity and flavors of chocolate cherry and dark chocolate with mint. Beautiful structure and concentration in an evolved wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quevedo Grande Reserva 2020

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers concentration and density, as well as tanginess and freshness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, juicy red cherry, fresh raspberry, bird cherry, pronounced resinous notes (pine sap, fresh pine needles, rosemary), hints of sweet spices (black pepper, liquorice, ground cumin), bay leaf, thyme and violet (in the background), as well as a mineral (rock, dry stone) and smoky touch. The palate is supple, enveloping, with melted, velvety, fine-grained tannins. It expresses the flavors of crushed blackberry (or even blackberry cream), chocolate morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum, as well as a touch of dark chocolate, torrefaction (coffee, hazelnut). toasted, dried herbs (thyme, rosemary), spices (black pepper, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds) and dried wild flowers. The finish is persistent, warm, chocolatey, gourmand and slightly jammy. Beautiful supple, but refreshing acidity and a pleasant bitterness on the finish. Freshness on the nose and nice substance on the palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Restrito, Grande Escolha 2019

Douro

The wine has a bright, deep ruby color. The nose is dense, textured and expresses a nice concentration of fruit (ripe, jammy and dried). We find notes of juicy morello cherry, dried red cherry, fresh wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and black plum, associated with herbaceous aromas (fresh thyme, fresh rosemary, bay leaf), flowers (violet, dried rose, lily, dried wild flowers), sweet spices (cumin, liquorice, a hint of anise), dark chocolate, coffee, as well as a hint of balsamic and a fine minerality (graphite) in the background. The palate offers juiciness, precision and a beautiful expression of fruit (morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry), complemented by a savoury spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, white pepper), a herbaceous touch (dried rosemary, dried thyme), a hint of dried wild flowers and torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond). The tannins are fine and powdery, ample in the mouth. The acidity is lively and salivating. The finish is persistent and adds a good bitterness and notes of balsamic and bird cherry to the bouquet of flavors. Beautiful freshness and concentration, all in balance.

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

## Douro Prime, Inquieto Touriga Nacional 2018

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is dense, concentrated and warm, with gourmet notes of dark chocolate and sweet spices. It expresses in particular the aromas of crushed fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry jam, as well as cherry jam, accompanied by spicy touches of liquorice, ground cloves, crushed coriander seeds and white pepper, a hint of tobacco, dry pine needles, fresh rose and violet, dried mint, coffee and toast, as well as a very delicate note of undergrowth and minerality (graphite) in the background. The palate expresses juiciness, notes of ripe fruit, as well as a nice acidity. It expresses the flavors of fresh

morello cherry, dried morello cherry, bird cherry, black plum, chocolate prunes, wild strawberry jam, as well as touches of dried tobacco, dark chocolate, coffee, dried mint and a touch of smoke in the background, accompanied by a good bitterness. The tannins are grippy on the finish, but have a fine grain. A concentrated, straight and fresh wine, with a nice complexity.

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

## Douro Prime, Inquieto Reserva 2017

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic and complex: it expresses a fine tertiary hint, enveloped in a fresh fruit and notes of sweet spices. We find in particular the aromas of morello cherry, black plum, crushed wild strawberry, cranberry jam, fresh morello cherry, as well as crushed strawberry and roasted cherry, associated with touches of liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, cloves, dried mint, dried pine needles, dried rosemary, undergrowth, dried tobacco, as well as fresh bay leaf, dried rose, bitter cocoa, coffee and toasted wood in the background combined with a fresh touch of menthol and a hint of balsamic in the background. The palate is expressive, full and savoury. On the attack, it expresses pronounced smoky notes, associated with sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, cloves), very ripe, dried and jammy fruits (griotte, black plum, crushed strawberry, dried morello cherry, red cherry jam, prunes), bitter cocoa, chocolate, undergrowth, dried tobacco, as well as a touch of wilted rose and dry pine needles. The tannins are melted and smooth, very fine. The finish is savoury, chocolatey, with a good coffee bitterness, notes of dried morello cherry and chocolate morello cherry, refreshed by a nice acidity. Nice balance between barely perceptible development notes, spices and fruits.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Lima & Smith, Tecedeiras Douro Reserva 2020

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers density, generosity and beautiful concentration, fruity aromas (with finesse), as well as a warm and gourmand hint of chocolate, with savoury notes of sweet spices. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, wild blackberry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry jam, dried red cherry, liquorice, grilled vanilla, gray pepper, grated nutmeg, ground cumin, as well as only dried mint, fresh peony, wild rose, violet, dry pine needles, dry bay leaf, balsamic and a mineral touch (graphite), combined with a fine hint of torrefaction (coffee with a slight bitterness, toasted wood in the background). The palate offers a lot of freshness on the attack and gourmand chocolaty note on the finish. It first expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, crushed fresh wood, strawberry jam, morello cherry jam, wild blackberry, crème de cassis (in the background) and crushed blueberry; associated with notes of menthol, mint chocolate in the background, rosemary, fresh bay leaf, peony, as well as a fine spiciness (roasted vanilla, licorice, gray pepper, nutmeg). On the finish, we find notes of chocolate prunes, amarena cherry, coffee and cocoa. The tannins are firm, a little grippy, but fine, sapid and not drying. Beautiful salivating and fresh acidity which balances the robust profile of the wine. An expressive and fleshy wine.

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

## Lima & Smith, Tecedeiras Douro Grande Reserva 2018

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses a racy minerality (dry stone, graphite), associated with notes of herbs and dried flowers, as well as a generous and ripe, but refined fruitiness. We find notes of ripe red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, crushed blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), wild strawberry jam and dried cherry, associated with refreshing notes of menthol, dried mint, violet, peony, tobacco, crushed laurel berries, sweet spices (fresh vanilla, liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg), as well as some oak and fine and gourmet notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, a touch of caramel). On the palate, the wine is round, refined, with a good balance between fine, but tight tannins and juicy and fresh fruity texture. The fruity flavors are ripe and fresh, not override or jammy: we find in particular notes of morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, fresh wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, a tangy hint of blueberry, as well as menthol notes, liquorice, fresh vanilla, nutmeg, tobacco and an elegant floral bouquet (peony, fresh rose, violet). The texture in the mouth is smooth and enveloping. The finish is expressive, sapid and offers notes of morello cherry and plum in dark chocolate, as well as fine, powdery tannins and refreshing acidity. Beautiful persistence and concentration, all in elegance. A wine with character and great aging potential.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Niepoort, Jurris 2018

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is finely spicy, fragrant and offers precision and an elegant floral bouquet. It expresses notes of wild rose, peony, violet and dried cornflower, associated with a fine minerality (graphite), the freshness of fruits (wild strawberry, raspberry, tart red cherry, morello cherry, wild blackberry, blackcurrant), with delicate herbaceous hints (dried mint, fresh thyme, a touch of sage)



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and spiciness (liquorice, vanilla in the background, nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds), as well as a touch of dark chocolate. The palate offers juiciness and straightness. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), gourmand red fruits (wild strawberry, red plum, red currant), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, grilled vanilla, walnuts), nutmeg, dried mint, chocolate cherry and fresh flowers (rose, peony, violet). The tannins are velvety, but grippy, balanced by a nice acidity. The finish is persistent, gourmand and delicately spicy (with notes of nutmeg and liquorice) and herbaceous (a touch of dried mint).

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

## Niepoort, Tinta Amarela 2017

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is warming, spicy, chocolatey and fruity. It expresses the aromas of fruit jam (cherry jam, red currant jelly), fresh fruit (juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, even with a touch of anise, grilled vanilla, nutmeg, white pepper), fresh flowers (peony, lily, violet, cherry blossom in the background), aromatic herbs (fresh thyme, a touch of peppermint), as well as tobacco, undergrowth, amarena cherry and prunes in chocolates. The palate is supple, melted and enveloping, with distinct notes of dark chocolate and cherry in chocolate in the attack, which are then completed by notes of black plum, prunes, crushed blackcurrant, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry and cherry jam. We also find a fine spiciness (liquorice, grilled vanilla, nutmeg, white pepper), floral bouquet (peony, cherry blossom) and fine notes of torrefaction (mild coffee, smoke). Very discreet notes of undergrowth appear at the very end of the palate. The finish is long, juicy, gourmand and finely spicy. The tannins are enveloping and melted, accompanied by a supple but fresh acidity. A harmonious and complex wine.

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

## Niepoort, Allez Santé ! 2021

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is purely fruity and expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currants, tanginess of cranberries, blackcurrant, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf and a racy minerality which appears in the second nose. The palate is chiseled and tangy. It expresses notes of raspberry, cranberries (with a slight bitterness), red currant, tangy strawberry, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. The tannins have a fine grain and are slightly perceptible on the finish. The finish is rather persistent and expresses lively acidity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Niepoort, Redoma 2021

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and an enveloped spiciness. It expresses notes of black pepper, clove, morello cherry, blackcurrant, wild strawberry, raspberry and cranberries, as well as a touch of prunes and dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy and airy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, raspberry and cranberries with a good bitterness, associated with a touch of black pepper, blackcurrant leaf in the background and a hint of cocoa. The tannins have a fine grain and are slightly grippy on the finish, without being drying. The finish is tangy, lively and fresh, quite persistent. An accessible wine, fruity and light.

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

## Niepoort, Batuta 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers fruit, juiciness and a certain concentration. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with a touch of prunes, dark chocolate and dried mint, as well as a floral touch of peony in the background. The mouth is round and juicy. It expresses notes of fresh fruit (morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, a touch of blackberry), combined with a touch of dark chocolate, prunes and liquorice. The tannins are fine, enveloping and slightly tight. Beautiful salivating acidity on the finish, accompanied by a good bitterness, good persistence with notes of cherry in chocolate. A fruity wine, with a certain firmness and a well-built structure.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Niepoort, Vertente 2020

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juiciness, fresh fruit as well as light herbaceous and mineral touches. It expresses notes of crushed red plum, morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and wild blackberry, combined with notes of dried mint, dried bay leaf, a hint of eucalyptus, as well as with touches of licorice, white pepper, toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate and dry stone in the background. The palate is supple, fresh and juicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum and wild blackberry, combined

with a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin in the background), a hint of peppermint, fresh tobacco and peony on the background. The finish is quite persistent and expresses gourmet flavors of chocolate cherry, structured but fine tannins, as well as a salivating acidity. A gourmand and airy wine, with a lovely freshness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Niepoort, Bioma 2018

Douro

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The first nose is mineral (dry stone, graphite) and is complemented by aromas of fresh fruit after aeration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, dried red cherry, wild blackberry, crushed raspberry and wild strawberry, associated with notes of prunes, dried black fig, chocolate cherry, liquorice, as well as a hint of toasted vanilla, cloves, toasted wood, dried mint and a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, lilac). The palate offers airiness and lightness, a fine and silky texture of tannins, as well as ripe and tangy fruit. It expresses the flavors of dried red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed blueberry, raspberry, as well as a tertiary touch of undergrowth (which is not on the nose), dried tobacco, licorice, white pepper, dried mint, dried rose and toasted wood in the background. The finish expresses lively acidity, juiciness, good bitterness and offers good persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Niepoort, Quinta de Nápoles 2018

Douro

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is refined and delicate, with a fragrant floral bouquet and pleasant herbaceous aromas. It expresses notes of dried rose, fresh peony, cornflower and violet, combined with notes of dried mint, dried pine needles and fresh tobacco. We also find juicy fruits— notes of morello cherry, crushed red plum, black plum, dried blackcurrant, dried red cherry and wild blackberry, as well as a delicate spiciness and notes of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut in the background, liquorice, cloves). The palate is round, enveloping and silky, with soft and melted tannins. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red plum, black plum, blackberry, wild strawberry and crushed blackcurrant, combined with gourmet touches of cherry in chocolate, vanilla and liquorice (in the background), nutmeg, as well as chocolate with mint and slightly sweet floral notes (peony, iris). The finish is sapid and velvety, with a powdery hint of cocoa and the gourmandise of cherry in chocolate, refreshed by a nice acidity. Beautiful persistence with notes of dried bouquet garni and tobacco.

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

## Casa Ferreirinha, Callabriga 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color, with purplish reflections. The first nose expresses pronounced resinous notes (pine sap, dried pine needles), which disappear after aeration. We then find the aromas of peppermint, fresh rosemary and a fresh fruitiness (griotte, juicy red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, blueberry), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin), a touch of toasted wood, coffee, and a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, dried cornflower). The palate offers a tangy and chiseled attack, with structured and tight tannins. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, blueberry and crushed raspberry, combined with floral touches (dried rose, cornflower, peony), spiciness (liquorice, cumin, a hint of white pepper), dried mint, coffee, toasted hazelnuts and dark chocolate in the background. The tannins have a fine grain and a tight structure on the finish. The finish is persistent, delicately mineral and minty, pleasantly juicy on the finish. A gourmet, round and accessible wine, with good structure, refreshing acidity, as well as a certain concentration and complexity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Casa Ferreirinha, Vinha Grande 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color with slight purple reflections. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses the fruity notes of black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, dried blackcurrant, associated with light herbaceous notes (dried mint, fresh tobacco, fresh rosemary), spiciness (licorice, nutmeg, ground cumin) and a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, heated wood), with a touch of dried wild flowers in the background. The palate offers roundness, supple tannins, as well as fresh and juicy fruitiness. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, morello cherry and roasted red cherry, combined with notes of roasted bouquet garni, fresh tobacco, dried rose (in the background), liquorice, nutmeg, as well as torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee). The finish is quite persistent and gourmand

it offers flavors of crushed black plum and cherry in chocolate, combined with a good bitterness. The tannins are finely tight, but enveloped. Nice acidity and good balance.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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## Quinta Vale D. Maria, Vinha do Rio 2019

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The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers finesse, complexity, as well as depth. It expresses the savory notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, toasted coriander seeds, cumin seeds, liquorice, ground cloves), combined with notes of juicy fruits (griotte, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant), with a touch of macerated and dried fruits (amarena cherry, dried red cherry), red cherry jam, as well as floral bouquet (peony, lilac), herbaceous notes (peppermint, bay leaf, fresh tobacco, rosemary) and with a fine hint of torrefaction in the background (coffee, caramelized hazelnut). The palate is warming and full: it offers notes of fleshy fruits (crushed morello cherry, cherry cherry, prunes in alcohol, crushed wild strawberries, raspberry jam, crème de cassis), combined with expressive chocolaty touches (cocoa, dark chocolate, prunes in chocolate), herbaceous and floral notes (dried mint, tobacco, rosemary, peony, iris), torrefaction (coffee, caramelized hazelnut) and sweet spices (roasted vanilla, licorice, cinnamon, nutmeg). The tannins are powerful, but very fine and melted, powdery and cocoa, refreshed by a salivating acidity. The finish is gourmand and persistent: it expresses a slight alcohol side (cherry in kirsch) as well as the gourmandize of prunes and cherries in chocolate.

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

## Terras do Grifo, Douro Superior 2020

### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is closed and requires aeration. It then expresses concentration, depth and a jammy and textured touch. We find notes of black plum, blackberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh blackcurrant and crème de cassis in the background, associated with notes of chocolate, prunes, as well as dried mint, liquorice, vanilla and peony. The palate is supple, enveloping and juicy. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, red cherry jam, blackberry, crème de cassis, prunes in chocolate, chocolate with mint, as well as a touch of white pepper, liquorice and crushed vanilla. The tannins are enveloping, soft and fine. Good persistence, with a slight bitterness, a touch of dried rose and a soft, but refreshing acidity. A full-bodied, warm, but gourmand and balanced wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Terras do Grifo Reserva, Douro Superior 2019

### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is closed and benefits from aeration. It then expresses a warming spiciness (toasted vanilla, nutmeg, licorice), gourmet notes of fruit jam (raspberry jam, red cherry jam), fleshy fresh fruits (morello cherry, blackberry, black plum), as well as notes of cocoa, chocolate with mint, toasted wood and a touch of slightly sweet floral aromas (fresh peony), as well as a delicate minerality. The palate offers juiciness and freshness, as well as the gourmand flavors of cherry in chocolate and dark chocolate, which we find in the mid-palate. The wine also expresses flavors of red cherry jam, juicy morello cherry, blackberry, plum cream and prunes in the background, associated with notes of sweet spices (licorice, grilled vanilla, nutmeg), roasted bouquet garni, toasted wood and dried wild flowers. The finish is persistent, finely mineral (dry stone, graphite) and chocolaty. The tannins are melted, soft and sapid. Nice acidity, which adds liveliness and balances the profile of the wine.

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

## Terras do Grifo Grande Reserva, Douro Superior 2016

### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is fragrant, fleshy, dense and complex. The first nose is very fruity and expresses notes of black plum, red plum, plum cream, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with a touch of prunes and cherry in kirsch. On the second nose, we find notes of liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, a touch of vanilla in the background, as well as tertiary notes of undergrowth and tobacco leaf, associated with notes of roasted bouquet garni, roasted red cherry and smoke. The palate is full-bodied and expresses power and gourmandise. We find the flavors of very ripe fresh fruit (black plum, blackberry, morello cherry), dried fruit (dried cherry, prunes, dried black fig), dark chocolate, chocolate prunes, coffee, as well as savoury notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, licorice, nutmeg), aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried mint), a tertiary touch of undergrowth and dried flowers, as well as a hint of torrefaction in the background (coffee, toasted hazelnuts, smoke). The tannins are powerful and enveloping, but soft and fine. The finish is lingering and sapid with gourmand notes of amarena cherry, prunes in chocolate and coffee. The acidity is pleasant and refreshing.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Quinta Valle D. Maria Douro Superior 2020

### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers density and a fleshy fruitiness, highlighted by a savoury spiciness. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), raspberry jam and crushed wild strawberry, combined with a hint of prunes. On the second nose, we find

elegant and refined herbaceous and floral notes (peppermint, fresh rosemary, fresh thyme, fresh rose, iris and peony, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, dried vanilla, white pepper, cinnamon in the background) and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted coconut in the background). The palate is generous, full and sapid. It expresses notes of very ripe morello cherry, wild blackberry, red cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry, black plum, crème de cassis and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of prunes in chocolate, dark chocolate, sweet spices (vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg), torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), as well as a fresh touch of herbs and flowers (roasted thyme and rosemary, iris, peony). Tannins are silky and sapid, with a fine, powdery grain. The finish is persistent, enveloping, chocolaty and gourmand, refreshed by a salivating acidity. A fleshy and concentrated wine, with complexity, power and freshness, all in balance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Quinta Valle D. Maria Vinhas do Sabor Douro Superior

### 2020

#### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of herbs and roasted fruits (roasted bouquet garni, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry), with a slight touch of roasted meat in the background, associated with a ripe and juicy fruitiness (aromas of morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum, amarena cherry), with a sweet touch of cherry in chocolate and dark chocolate, as well as a fine spiciness, which is expressed after aeration (liquorice, gray pepper, crushed coriander seeds, ground nutmeg), with a delicate floral bouquet (fresh iris, peony) and a racy minerality (graphite, even a slightly saline note in the background). The palate offers tension, elegance and gourmandise, a fleshy fruit, but all in finesse. It expresses a beautiful complexity and combines the flavors of black plum, blackberry, morello cherry, prunes in chocolate, crushed wild strawberries and raspberry jam with sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice, nutmeg, clove), chocolate, torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), herbs (roasted bouquet garni) and slightly sweet floral notes (iris, peony). The tannins are melted and velvety. Beautiful length, on the gourmandise of cherry and prunes in chocolate, balanced by a nice salivating acidity.

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

## Quinta Valle D. Maria Vinhas Velhas 2020

#### Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, dried cherry and prunes in chocolate, combined with herbaceous touches of tobacco, peppermint, fresh thyme and roasted bouquet garni, as well as aromas of sweet spices (vanilla, licorice, cinnamon, cloves), dark chocolate, fresh flowers (iris, peony, violet). We also find a gourmet hint of torrefaction (coffee, caramelised hazelnuts, toasted wood). The mouth is enveloping and generous, dense and straight. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant (or even crème de cassis in the background), crushed wild strawberry, jam, raspberry, blueberry jam, associated with notes of liquorice, fresh vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, flowers (iris, violet), chocolate cherry and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, a fine hint of caramel). The finish is persistent, gourmand, even slightly sweet, with notes of prunes and cherries in chocolate, balanced by a salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, the tannins are structured, very fine and melted. A fleshy and balanced wine, with good aging potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Nieport Voyeur 2021

### Portugal

(Fermented and aged for 8 months in amphorae) The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it expresses notes of juicy and tangy fruit: fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currant, a touch of cranberries, as well as fresh bouquet garni and a discreet earthy touch. On the palate, the wine offers lightness, fluidity, and notes of tangy fruits: raspberry, strawberry, red currant, cranberries, with a touch of crushed blueberry and wild flowers in the background. The tannins are melted and practically imperceptible. Beautiful acidity, which brings freshness and a good bitterness to the moderately persistent finish.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Restrito Colheita 2020

#### Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density, gourmandise and fruity, chocolaty and finely spicy aromas. It expresses notes of black plum, wild blackberry, ripe morello cherry, morello cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with resinous aromas of pine sap, pine cone and sweet spices (liquorice with a touch of star anise, ground nutmeg, white pepper and cloves), as well as floral touches of dried rose, lily and violet, and a hint of berries crushed bay leaves. The palate is silky, enveloping, with a gourmand and chocolaty attack. It then expresses the flavors of crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, ripe morello



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cherry, raspberry jam, crushed blackcurrant and black plum, associated with notes of liquorice, white pepper, clove, with a touch resinous and herbaceous with pine needles, peppermint and bay berries, as well as a delicate floral hint of dried rose, lily and dried peony. The tannins are smooth, elegant and have a very fine grain. They are slightly sticky on the finish, but are balanced by a salivating acidity. The finish is fresh, persistent and sapid, with notes of mint chocolate and juicy morello cherry. A juicy, concentrated and airy wine.

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

## Quinta de Ventozelo 2020

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The first nose is elegant and fragrant, finely herbaceous and floral, with a juicy and fresh fruitiness. It expresses notes of fresh bay leaf, peppermint, thyme blossom, fresh rosemary, wild rose and iris, combined with aromas of morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, black plum and crushed blackcurrant (or even crème de cassis in the background), as well as a milky touch of cherry yogurt. We also find subtle and integrated notes of sweet spices: vanilla, liquorice with a touch of star anise, gray pepper and ground cloves, as well as a racy minerality (rock, dry stone). The palate is soft, supple and gourmand, with a savoury, fruity and chocolatey attack. It expresses the flavors of blackberry, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, cherry and prunes in chocolate, combined with notes of chocolate with mint, a milky touch of coffee with milk and cherry yogurt, as well as aromatic herbs (peppermint, rosemary, thyme), flowers (iris, peony), sweet spices (vanilla, licorice, cinnamon), and a hint of torrefaction (heated wood in the background, caramelised hazelnut). The tannins are velvety, sapid, with a fine texture. The acidity is supple, but fresh. Good persistence on the gourmandise of red fruits and chocolate. A pleasant, harmonious and fleshy wine.

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

## Quinta da Pedra Alta 2020

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is slightly closed and benefits from ventilation. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of cranberry syrup with a slight bitterness, blackberry, black plum and crushed blackcurrant, associated with woody and roasted notes which appear in second nose (coffee, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond), aromatic herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary, dried mint, bay leaf), flowers (dried rose, lilac, violet in the background), sweet spices (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla), as well as a resinous hint of pine needles and mineral notes of graphite and rock. The palate is a little tight in attack and offers accuracy and straightness. It expresses the flavors of wild black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, cherry jam, as well as aromatic herbs (roasted peppermint, thyme and rosemary), dried rose, roasted (caramelized hazelnut, heated wood) and sweet spices (vanilla, licorice, nutmeg). The tannins are well structured, fine and sapid. The finish is persistent, with notes of dark chocolate with good bitterness, chocolate cherry and dried mint, as well as tight tannins. Beautiful structure and gourmandise.

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

## Quinta da Pedra Alta Reserva 2019

Douro

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, fruity and spicy. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, chocolate cherry, as well as sweet spices (vanilla, cinnamon, black pepper, cloves), aromatic herbs (peppermint, fresh bay leaf, thyme, fresh tobacco) and cherry blossom in the background, complemented by a hint of caramelized hazelnut and coffee. The mouth is supple, enveloping and elegant. It expresses notes of blackberry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, prunes in chocolate and crème de cassis, combined with herbaceous notes of peppermint, thyme, bay leaf and tobacco, with a fine spiciness (vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg) and a mineral touch (graphite). The tannins have a delicate grain and are finely tight on the finish. The acidity is salivating and refreshing. Good persistence on juicy notes of fresh red fruits, with a hint of dark chocolate and a good bitterness.

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

## Vinha do Reino 2021

Douro

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry, red plum, blackcurrant), associated with a touch of white pepper, dried rosemary and violet (in the background). The palate is vertical and tangy, slightly peppery in the finish. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry,

blackcurrant and red plum, associated with a fine peppery note, a herbaceous touch (rosemary), as well as a warm hint of prunes and amarena cherry and a good bitterness in finish (moderately persistent). The tannins are enveloping, fine, a little grippy, but not dry, balanced by a good level of acidity.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Herédias Touriga Franca 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color, with purplish reflections. The nose offers precision, an expressive tanginess and pronounced notes of black plum and red plum, highlighted by a distinct touch of black pepper. We also find the aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, crushed raspberry and fresh red currant, as well as a touch of prunes, chocolate with mint and wild rose in the background. The palate is juicy, silky and fruity, with fine tannins, slightly grippy on the finish, salivating acidity and good bitterness. It expresses the flavors of fresh and tart red cherry, dried red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry and cranberries, as well as a pronounced peppery touch, which we have on the nose, a hint of wild rose and dark chocolate with mint in the background. The finish is tangy, fruity and moderately persistent.

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

## Tom de baton das Herédias 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is reserved at first, but offers concentration and ripe fruitiness (with a touch of sweetness), after aeration. It expresses notes of black plum, wild strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis and cherry jam, a

tangy hint of crushed blueberry, as well as a delicate spicy side (white pepper, nutmeg) and a hint of dried blueberry and dried mint in the background. On the palate, the wine expresses the fruity flavors of fresh morello cherry, red plum, black plum, wild strawberry and crushed blueberry, complemented by gourmet touches of chocolate, prunes, as well as refreshing flavors of mint and licorice. The tannins are fine, well structured, slightly gripping, but balanced by the fruity substance and a nice acidity. Good persistence in the mouth.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Herédias 2021

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose expresses a distinct oaky notes and a racy minerality. We find aromas of rock and graphite, toasted wood and smoke,

which combine in the second nose with the fruity aromas of crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum, blackcurrant and crushed blueberry, as well as with a touch of sweet spices (ground cumin, liquorice) and a floral hint of peony. The palate is juicy, fruity and slightly tight (the tannins are grippy in the mid-palate, but have a fine grain). It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, as well as macerated red cherry, liquorice, nutmeg and smoke, with a less perceptible minerality than on the nose, which returns at the end of the mouth. The finish is fruity, tangy and peppery, moderately persistent. Freshness and a good level of acidity.

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

## Herédias Reserva 2020

Douro

The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it offers pronounced but refined woody and spicy notes (liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cinnamon, toasted hazelnut, smoke), associated with a floral touch (peony), herbaceous notes (rosemary) and juicy fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, black plum, blackcurrant, wild strawberry). The palate is gourmand, round and fruity, with a pronounced oaky notes (smoke, toasted wood), which appears in the mid-palate. We also find notes of morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and sweet spices (nutmeg, vanilla, cinnamon). The tannins have a fine grain, but are rather tight and grippy. The finish is medium persistent, fruity and tangy, with a delicate touch of white pepper.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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## BARBARESCO

### Ricossa Campolibero 2020

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The wine is discreetly fragrant and expresses notes of tangy fresh fruit, as well as a delicate herbaceous and floral notes, which is revealed on the second nose. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh red currant, raspberry, a touch of crushed blueberry, associated with aromas of fresh thyme, fresh tobacco, peppermint (in the background), wild rose and lilac, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, a very slight hint of vanilla, coriander). The palate is chiseled, tangy and offers precision and a lot of energy on attack. It expresses the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currant, a hint of blueberry, combined with herbaceous notes of peppermint, rosemary, blackcurrant leaf (in the background), and a floral touch (wild rose, lilac) and spicy hints (liquorice, a slight hint of vanilla in the background). The tannins are supple and fine. Beautiful acidity and juiciness of fruit on the lingering finish. Delicacy, freshness and accuracy.

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

### Socré 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers delicacy, the gourmandise of fresh fruit, complemented by warm notes of roasted fruit. It expresses the aromas of roasted red cherry, red currant, fresh red cherry, crushed fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, a touch of blackcurrant, associated with spicy notes, which appear on the second nose (liquorice, Sichuan pepper, nutmeg, bourbon vanilla and a hint of cinnamon in the background), as well as a touch of torrefaction (ground coffee, cocoa, oak toast in the background) and notes of herbs and flowers (wild mint, fresh thyme, fresh bay leaf, rose petals, a touch of violet), which refresh the bouquet and bring elegance. On the palate, the wine offers a velvety and finely tight tannic structure, beautiful acidity, lots of liveliness and freshness. It expresses the flavors of tangy fruits on the attack (red cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry), which are complemented by the sweeter notes of roasted fruits and black fruits (roasted cherry, a touch of morello cherry and crushed blackcurrant). We also find gourmand notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, bourbon vanilla in the background), refreshed by herbaceous and floral notes (wild mint, rose). The finish is persistent, with good bitterness and slight notes of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut). A pleasant wine, which offers suppleness and harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Socré Roncaglie 2019

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers aromatic intensity, a savoury spiciness, complexity and concentrated fruitiness. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, fresh red cherry (with a slight touch of roasted red cherry), morello cherry, a hint of wild blackberry and raspberry coulis. On the second nose, we find distinct but subtle resinous notes (fresh rosemary, fresh pine needles, pine bark, pine sap in the background), associated with spicy aromas (liquorice, nutmeg, clove) and with a fine floral touch (dried rose). On the palate, the wine offers a certain volume, an enveloping fruitiness, all in freshness, as well as fairly solid, but silky and melted tannins. It expresses the flavors of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh red cherry with a touch of roasted red cherry, a hint of crushed blackcurrant), an elegant spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, clove), a touch of dried rose and the resinous notes, which we have on the nose (fresh pine needles, a hint of pine sap, fresh rosemary). The finish is gourmand, persistent, with a supple but salivating acidity, a very slight bitterness and a touch of torrefaction (coffee) in the background. A well-balanced wine, quite powerful and well-constructed, but refined.

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

### Socré Pajoré 2019

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic, concentrated and gourmand (even slightly sweet), subtly spicy. It expresses the aromas of wild strawberries, crushed raspberries, roasted red cherries (or even dried red cherries), a touch of morello cherry, blackberry and blackcurrant, combined with notes of sweet spices (licorice, ground cumin, white pepper, nutmeg), herbaceous touches (fresh tobacco, peppermint, dried wild herbs), a delicate minerality (graphite), as well as a floral hint of dried rose and a resinous touch of dried pine needles, associated with a very slight note of coffee in the background. The palate is enveloping and gourmand, with melted and velvety tannins, beautiful acidity and a persistent and sapid finish. We find the flavors of wild strawberry, red cherry (with a hint of dried cherry), crushed raspberry, dried raspberry, a hint of wild blackberry and cranberries, associated with herbaceous and resinous notes (fresh tobacco, needles of dried pine), a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, ground cumin), with a touch of dried rose and coffee in the background. The finish offers sapidity and adds a subtle bitterness and a hint of dried blackcurrant. A gourmand and well-constructed wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Lodali, Rocche dei 7 Fratelli 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose offers a pleasant scent of dried flowers and herbs, enveloped in a fresh and tangy fruitiness. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red plum, crunchy strawberry and fresh raspberry, associated with a very light touch of pink grapefruit in the background (which adds a delicate bitterness to the nose), wild rose, dried rose petals, fresh cornflower and dried wildflowers, fresh thyme, peppermint and dried bay leaf. There is also a fine touch of liquorice and toast in the background. The palate is gourmand, finely tight and expresses a good bitterness which adds complexity to the bouquet of flavors. It also expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, red plum, wild rose, dried cornflower, dried peppermint, thyme and a hint of rosemary. The tannins have a fine grain and a supple, but well-built structure. The finish is gourmand and juicy, with a nice acidity, a pleasant bitterness as well as a subtle herbaceous hint.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Lodali, Loreus, Giacone 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. It is intense, aromatic and spicy on the nose. The first nose expresses notes of liquorice, toasted vanilla, clove and ground cumin, associated with touches of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee, heated wood). On the second nose, we find a ripe fruitiness (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, a touch of wild blueberry and blackcurrant), as well as light herbaceous and floral touches (dried bay leaf, wild mint, even menthol, wild rose, violet, a hint of peony in the background), as well as a delicate minerality in the background. On the palate, the wine offers good concentration (even some sweetness in its flavors), but freshness, thanks to lively acidity and good bitterness. The tannins have firmness, a tight but fine grain. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, candied red cherry, as well as a touch of wild blueberry and candied blackcurrant, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cinnamon in the background), of flowers (wild rose, a sweet touch of fresh peony) and herbs (wild mint, rosemary, a hint of menthol), as well as the gourmandise of chocolate with mint. The finish is persistent, sapid, fruity, slightly chocolately and expresses the tightness of tannins, as well as a good bitterness.

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

### Mura Mura, Roncaglie 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, finely mineral, herbaceous and spicy. It expresses notes of wild mint, laurel berries, thyme, dried rose, fresh tobacco, associated with a distinguished minerality (gravel, limestone) and touches of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, cloves). The fruits on the nose are fresh and tangy: we find in particular the aromas of red cherry, red currants, raspberry and blueberry, as well as a very delicate touch of smoke in the background. On the palate, the attack expresses the slightly grippy tannins, but enveloped in a tangy and juicy fruity substance. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currant and blueberry, as well as herbaceous (wild mint, rose leaf), mineral (gravel, limestone), floral (rose) and slightly spicy touches (liquorice, cumin) The finish is persistent, slightly dry due to the tannic structure, balanced by a salivating acidity. This wine expresses firmness, which should soften with age.

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

### Mura Mura, Serragrilli 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is expressive and gourmand, thanks to notes of ripe fruit (even slightly jammy) and sweet spices. We find notes of morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, blackberry, black plum, raspberry coulis and strawberry jam, associated with notes of ground cumin, liquorice, nutmeg, grilled vanilla and cinnamon (in the background), dark chocolate as well as touches of dried rose, dried mint, as well as delicate mineral aromas (tar, limestone, even chalk). The palate offers a lot of freshness and juiciness in the flavors of tangy and tannic black fruits (blackcurrant, wild plum), gourmand red fruits (strawberry, raspberry, red cherry jam), sweet spices (ground cumin, cloves, liquorice), flowers and fresh herbs (rose, wild mint). The finish is persistent, fresh and expresses the racy minerality of the wine (a slightly drying limestone hint). A gourmand and ripe wine, with beautiful acidity and persistence on the freshness of red fruits.

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

### Mura Mura, Faset 2021

#### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is very fragrant, intense and floral. It expresses notes of fresh rose, accompanied by a light herbaceous touch of cut rose, fresh cornflower, lily and dried wildflowers. The second nose offers notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, wild plum), dried red fruits (dried red cherry, dried cranberries), crushed raspberry, as well as herbaceous aromas of wild mint and fresh



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tobacco. We then find very delicate notes of sweet spices (clove, liquorice), a touch of chocolate as well as a racy minerality (limestone) in the background. On the palate, the attack offers good bitterness, enveloped in gourmand notes of wild blackberry, blueberry, blackcurrant, red cherry, crunchy strawberry and black plum. We also find a delicate floral bouquet (fresh rose, dried rose, fresh cornflower, wild flowers), a touch of chocolate and spice (clove, liquorice). The tannins are fine and melted. Beautiful acidity and persistence on the palate with the gourmandise of ripe red fruits and notes of dark chocolate. A supple and gourmand wine, but with a beautiful structure.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Mura Mura, Starderì 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is subtly floral and herbaceous, delicate and a bit reserved. It expresses notes of wildflowers, fresh rose and lilac, combined with touches of dried mint, thyme flower, laurel berries and fresh tobacco. The fruits on the nose are fresh, tangy and juicy. We find notes of raspberry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry and wild plum, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, ground nutmeg, white pepper). The palate is airy, juicy and tangy, with well-built tannins, but quite supple and fine. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, wild plum, combined with touches of fresh rose, lilac, and delicate notes of sweet spices. The finish is persistent and offers good bitterness, lively acidity and expresses the slightly dry touch of the tannins (but pleasant and enveloped in a gourmand fruitiness). A chiseled and straight wine, well structured and savoury.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Rizzi, Nervo 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of tangy red fruits (raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currant, red cherry), combined with subtle spicy notes (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg in the background), a hint of toasted hazelnut and dried herbs (bay leaf, dried mint), as well as a floral touch of dried rose. The palate is juicy, fruity, tangy and finely tight. It expresses the slightly bitter notes of cranberries in the attack, associated with notes of red cherry, red currant, raspberry, dried blackcurrant, a fine touch of pepper, liquorice and toasted, dried rose, bay leaf, as well as with a distinguished minerality (gravel, limestone). The tannins are fine and silky. The finish is quite persistent, fruity and supple, with salivating acidity, good bitterness and freshness. A gourmet, juicy and pleasant wine.

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

## Rizzi, Rizzi Riserva, Vigna Boito 2019

### Barbaresco

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is very fragrant, with an expressive floral bouquet and slight tertiary notes. It expresses notes of faded rose, dried peony, fresh lilac, combined with delicate touches of undergrowth, dried grass, tobacco, toasted almond, cocoa, liquorice, grated nutmeg and toasted vanilla. We also find fresh fruit (strawberry, raspberry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, dried blackcurrant, even crème de cassis). The palate offers silkiness, a certain volume and notes of very ripe, even dried fruit. It expresses the flavors of crushed strawberry, amarena cherry, crushed raspberry, dried blackcurrant (with a hint of crème de cassis), chocolate with mint, dried rose, peony and lilac, combined with touches of undergrowth, tobacco, faded rose and sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg). The finish is quite persistent and expresses good bitterness, salivating acidity and the slightly grippy tannins (while remaining fine and enveloped). Complexity, gourmandise and a beautiful structure.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Rizzi, Pajorè 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and discreet. It first expresses the subtle, but quite fragrant, floral notes (dried rose, cornflower, lily), which are then completed by the gourmand notes of ripe strawberries, morello cherries (even with a hint of morello cherry jam), crushed blueberries, as well as savoury touches of nutmeg, liquorice stick, white pepper, combined with touches of dried mint, fresh hazelnut and fresh tobacco. The palate is finely tight and offers a certain volume, a firm but silky tannin structure, good bitterness and a gourmand fruity substance. The attack is fruity, enveloping, the mid-palate is more airy. We find notes of strawberry, red cherry, red currant, a slight bitterness of cranberries, crushed blueberry, notes of flowers (rose, lily), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), a hint of dried mint and tobacco. The finish is chocolatey and delicious, with grippy tannins, good bitterness and lively acidity.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## Rizzi, Rizzi 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires ventilation. It then expresses a discreet, but precise mineral framework (limestone, slightly saline), delicate herbaceous notes (peppermint, rose leaf, a hint of tobacco), floral bouquet (rose, lilac, a touch of violet), and delicate touches of sweet spices (liquorice, cloves), enveloped in a juicy fruitiness (wild strawberry, raspberry, red currant, a hint of morello cherry and red plum). The palate is gourmand, with a fruity and juicy attack and a bit drying tannins in the finish. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, crunchy strawberry, tangy raspberry, red plum, associated with notes of rose, lilac, peppermint, sweet spices (liquorice, clove), as well as a fine chocolatey and toasted hint. The finish is persistent, sapid (with spicy and chocolate notes) and offers a tight tannin structure, lively acidity and good bitterness. A powerful and gourmand wine with a firm structure.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Poderi Colla, Tenuta Roncaglia, Barbaresco Roncaglia 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the first nose, we find notes of dried herbs (mint, a touch of hay and basil, a smoky touch of oregano), which are then completed by a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, lily, violet, peony) and a touch of rose leaf and pine needles. After aeration, we find delicate spicy (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg) and fruity (red cherry, a pronounced and gourmand touch of wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, blackberry and blackcurrant) notes, as well as a sweet touch of mint chocolate in the background. The palate is tight and expresses power and firm tannins. The attack is drying, but balanced by a salivating acidity and juicy fruit flavors (bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, crushed blueberry, a slightly bitter touch of cranberries and bergamot). We also find floral notes of rose, lily and peony, a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper), herbaceous hints (dried mint, dried pine needles), as well as a touch of coffee and toasted almond in the background. The finish expresses the astringency of tannins, good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Demarie 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it expresses notes of ripe fruit, even slightly jammy. We find notes of morello cherry, crushed strawberry (even strawberry jam), juicy raspberry, crushed blueberry, black plum in the background and fresh blackberry, associated with a smoky touch, a note of fresh tobacco, mint peppery, as well as aromas of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cloves in the background) and fresh flowers (rose, lilac, a slight touch of peony). The palate is juicy, fruity and straight, with a firm and vertical tannic structure and a fine, but grippy texture of tannins. It also expresses a juicy fruitiness, with a certain concentration and notes of ripe fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of cranberries and blueberries), sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg), dried herbs (dried mint, a light touch of tobacco and dry pine needles) and dried rose. The acidity is lively, salivating and helps balance the dryness of tannins, which expresses itself at the end of the palate. A tight wine, but with quite concentrated and fleshy fruitiness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Cascina Maria 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, fruity and gourmand. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam and redcurrant jelly, combined with floral notes of peony and lilac, with refreshing herbaceous touches (crushed wild mint), as well as savory notes of sweet spices (liquorice, fruity vanilla, cloves), dark chocolate and sweet coffee. The palate offers a silky attack and a tight and grippy structure of tannins, which is expressed in the middle of the palate and at the finish. We find notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, wild plum, crushed raspberry, blueberry, associated with touches of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cloves), peony, rose, chocolate black and dried mint. The finish is moderately persistent and expresses the drying, even a bit astringent touch of the tannins, but at the same time the concentration and depth of its fruity substance which helps balance them. A powerful and concentrated wine, which needs time to open up and round out its structure.

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

## Giuseppe Cortese 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, juicy and slightly tangy. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, fresh raspberry, red currants, ripe red cherry with a touch of red cherry jam in the background, combined with fragrant floral aromas (fresh rose, peony, a touch of lilac), as well as as well as a subtle minerality (limestone) and herbaceous notes (dry pine needles, a touch of rosemary) which appear on the second nose. On the palate, the wine offers precision, a fresh and juicy fruitiness

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in the mid-palate and a fairly persistent finish, with good bitterness, gourmand notes of cocoa and a pleasant powdery texture. It expresses the flavors of ripe red cherry (even with a touch of dried red cherry), wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of blackberry, associated with floral notes (peony, lilac), a herbaceous touch (rosemary, dried mint), as well as a delicate spicy note (liquorice, cumin) in the background and a hint of minerality. The tannins are velvety, with good structure and a fine texture. A precise, well-constructed wine, with volume and gourmandise.

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

## Giuseppe Cortese Rabaja 2021

### Barbaresco

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is a bit discreet, finely spicy and herbaceous. It expresses notes of wild strawberries, crushed raspberries, red currant jelly, a touch of cranberries and dried blackcurrant in the background, combined with delicate spicy and herbaceous hints (liquorice, cumin, dried mint, sage in the background), as well as floral notes (dried rose, violet) and a discreet minerality. The mouth expresses verticality and accuracy. We find flavors of tart red cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of wild blueberry, as well as notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin), aromatic herbs (wild mint, sage) and flowers (dried rose, violet). The tannins are finely tight, but velvety and have a fine texture. Good persistence on the palate, with juiciness, pleasant bitterness and refreshing acidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Pasquale Pelissero, « Bricco » San Giuliano 2021

### Barbaresco

(barrel sample) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is subtle, a bit reserved, but opens up after aeration. It expresses fine herbaceous and floral hints (dried bay leaf, dried mint, fresh tobacco, iris and lilac), as well as a distinguished minerality which appears in the second nose (limestone, dry stone). We also find delicate notes of sweet spices (liquorice, ground nutmeg, cloves, a hint of vanilla), torrefaction (heated wood, toasted hazelnut in the background), dark chocolate and ripe and juicy fruits (morello cherry, fresh black plum, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, wild blackberry). The palate expresses a structure of firm tannins, but with a fine grain, a gourmand and enveloping fruitiness, all in freshness, as well as a beautiful acidity. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, blueberry, crushed raspberry and wild black plum (with its tannic touch), associated with an integrated spiciness (nutmeg, grilled vanilla, a touch of clove), flowers (dried rose, iris), aromatic herbs (dried mint, rosemary), as well as a touch of chocolate and torrefaction (hazelnut toast, coffee). The finish is persistent, with good bitterness, a touch of dark chocolate and salivating acidity. A precise and structured wine, with a good aging potential.

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

## Pasquale Pelissero, « Cascina Crosa » 2021

### Barbaresco

(barrel sample) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, finely spicy, slightly mineral and expresses a ripe fruitiness. We find the aromas of ground clove, nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom and roasted vanilla in the background, associated with a touch of torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, a hint of coffee), aromatic herbs (wild mint, fresh rosemary), a slightly sweet floral touch of iris, as well as juicy and gourmand fruity notes (wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, blueberry jam). The palate is tight and offers accuracy, straightness, young and grippy, but fine tannins, as well as juiciness of the fruit, a savoury spiciness and good volume on the palate. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, blueberry jam, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, black pepper, ground clove), pronounced, but integrated touches of torrefaction (coffee, toasted wood in the background, toasted hazelnut), aromatic herbs (dried wild mint, rosemary), as well as a gourmet touch of plum in chocolate and cocoa on the finish. The finish is persistent, gourmand and expresses good bitterness, as well as lively acidity. Beautiful structure, accuracy and good potential for aging.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Moscone 2021

### Barbaresco

Nice fruity nose that offers a fine intensity as well as good definition. We find notes of ripe wild raspberry, spices and small notes of laurel berries associated with touches of Bigarreau cherry, blue plum as well as hints of roasted herbs. The palate is fruity and offers a tangy structure, a good definition, precision, juiciness, a certain slight gourmandise, a lovely suavity/roundness as well as an airy side of its grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulp blackberry, purple plum and small notes of tangy/pulpy wild raspberry associated with touches of creamy small wild fruits as well as hints of rose, star anise and a subtle hint almost laurel berries.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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## Ellena Guiseppe Barolo del comune di La Morra 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, with subtle mineral and herbaceous notes (even with a hint of evolution in notes of wet leaves). The nose expresses in particular the aromas of dry pine needles, rosemary, fresh tobacco, wild mint in the background, wild rose, peony, a fine spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, a touch of liquorice), enveloped in a juicy and fresh fruity substance (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currant, a touch of crushed blueberry and wild blackberry), as well as a hint of dried cherry and toasted notes in the background. The palate is structured, with fine and powdery tannins, slightly cocoa-flavoured. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, raspberry, fresh bigarreau cherry, red currants, a fine spicy (cumin, licorice, white pepper) and floral (dried rose, peony) notes, as well as a hint of dried herbs (wild mint, a touch of hay), wet leaves and toast. The finish is sapid, persistent, slightly chocolatey. Beautiful salivating acidity which harmoniously completes the profile of the wine. Gourmandise, fleshiness and a beautiful structure of tannins, all in balance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Ellena Guiseppe Barolo Ascheri 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses a distinguished minerality (limestone, wet stone, a touch of graphite), some woodiness in aromas of heated wood, toasted hazelnut and sweet spices (nutmeg, ground cumin, liquorice and white pepper in the background), combined with notes of dried mint, fresh rosemary, fresh tobacco, wild rose and peony, as well as juicy fruits (bigarreau cherry, red currant, raspberry, a touch of blueberry and blackcurrant in the background). On the palate, the wine expresses the woody notes on the attack (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, toasted bread in the background), which is complemented by spicy (licorice, a touch of toasted vanilla, nutmeg and white pepper), herbaceous (fresh tobacco, dried mint), floral (wild rose, lilac) and fruity notes (dried bigarreau cherry, a touch of morello cherry, crushed raspberry, red currants). The finish is persistent and savoury, with gourmet notes of cocoa and chocolate cherry. The tannins are enveloping, powdery and fine, but structured, balanced by a beautiful acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, gourmand and sapid.

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

## Ricossa Antica Casa 2019

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic, with a distinct spiciness and woodiness, but in harmony with the profile of the wine. The first nose expresses notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, roasted coriander seeds, toasted vanilla), roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), associated with notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and of cocoa, with a herbaceous touch (dried mint, dried pine needles) and floral (dried rose), as well as a tertiary touch of dry tobacco and undergrowth in the background. We also find fruity aromas of fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry (in the background), crushed raspberry, blackcurrant and blueberry. On the palate, the wine is firm, with grippy tannins, but juicy and enveloping, thanks to ripe fruitiness. The attack offers a powdery and chocolatey touch, notes of aromatic herbs (dried mint, roasted bouquet garni), sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, white pepper, a touch of grilled vanilla), fruit (cherry red, morello cherry, cranberries, raspberry, elderberry, blueberry) and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish is lingering and gourmand – with notes of roasted bouquet garni, coriander seeds and dried fruit (dried red cherry). The tannins are grippy, but supple and not drying, balanced by a lively acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Mura Mura Sorano 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers intensity, a distinct herbaceous notes, as well as a racy minerality. It expresses notes of limestone, even slightly saline, of tar (in the background), peppermint, laurel berries, fresh tobacco, fresh rose, lilac, as well as tangy fresh fruits (raspberry, red cherry, red currants, cranberries, a delicious touch of black plum and blackberry), as well as a fine spiciness (licorice, cloves) and a touch of toasted hazelnut in the background. On the palate, the wine is enveloping, ample, while remaining fresh and juicy. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, raspberry, red currant, a hint of cranberries and blackberry, combined with notes of fresh rose, lilac, herbs (wild mint, bay leaf), sweet spices (liquorice, clove). The finish expresses firm, but fine and melted tannins, enveloped in a juicy fruity substance and a salivating acidity, as well as a fine limestone minerality and a good bitterness. Beautiful persistence in the mouth, gourmandise, complexity and good aging potential.

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



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## Monchiero Fratelli, Barolo del Comune di La Morra 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose offers gourmandise, precision, pure and juicy fruit, as well as a subtle and elegant spiciness. It expresses the aromas of fresh blueberry, blackcurrant, wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry, elderberry and raspberry, combined with very delicate and slightly perceptible sweet spice notes (nutmeg, clove, a touch cumin), as well as floral nuances (rose petals), a touch of dry bay leaf and pine sap (even an almost imperceptible hint of tar in the background), complemented by a subtle minerality (graphite) in the background. The palate is straight, chiselled and offers the accuracy and finesse of its melted and enveloped tannic structure. The flavors are pure, slightly reserved, but refined and complex. The wine expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, bigarreau cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry and cranberries, which bring a delicate bitterness on the finish. We also find the fine spiciness, which we see on the nose (nutmeg, clove), a touch of dried rose, dry bay leaf and pine sap in the background. Beautiful acidity, the finish is long and sapide, with a pleasant acidity and a limestone mineral touch. Finesse, gourmandise and good balance.

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

## Monchiero Fratelli, Barolo del Comune di Castiglione Falletto 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose offers a precise and elegant mineral framework (a touch of tar and limestone), associated with subtle herbaceous notes (hay, dried bay leaf, a touch of peppermint), as well as touches of dried rose and peony. The fruits on the nose are ripe and juicy: we find notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh blueberry, bigarreau cherry and dried cranberries, complemented by a fine spiciness (liquorice, cardamom) and a slightly smoky touch of bergamot. The palate offers the finesse of tannins, at the same time tight, but enveloped by a juicy fruitiness, a lively acidity and pure fruits, associated

with tasty but subtle spicy notes. We find the flavors of crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, bigarreau cherry, wild blackberry and morello cherry, associated with a mineral touch (graphite, dry limestone), herbaceous (dried bay leaf, dried thyme), smoky and floral notes (dried rose), as well as a hint of liquorice in the background. Beautiful length in the mouth, the finish is tight, but sapid and not drying, balanced by a salivating acidity. Finesse and delicacy, combined with controlled power.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Monchiero Fratelli, Barolo del Comune di Rocche di Castiglione 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses fresh menthol aromas (dried peppermint, a touch of eucalyptus leaf), a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, cornflower, dried violet), a touch of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom), as well as a delicate mineral framework (graphite, a touch of limestone), a note of toasted hazelnut (in the background) and a fresh and pure fruitiness (blueberry, blackcurrant, red cherry, raspberry, a touch of crunchy strawberry, cranberry jam). The palate offers elegance, fine grain, well-built tannins, the freshness of its fruity substance and a delicate spiciness in the background. It expresses the flavors of fresh raspberry, red cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant, red cherry and cranberry jam, combined with notes of liquorice, ground cumin, cardamom, and a fine mineral framework (graphite, limestone), with notes of dried rose, peony and dried violet and a herbaceous touch (peppermint, bay leaf). Beautiful persistence on the palate, with lively acidity, savoury fruit and a fine mineral and herbaceous structure (dried mint) in the background. Precision and good balance.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Simone Scaletta Chirlet, Bricco San Pietro 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers delicacy, subtle but precise aromas. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, red cherry, dried cranberries, crushed fresh



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raspberry with a hint of dried raspberry in the background, as well as a distinct racy minerality (graphite, a dry touch of limestone) and notes of dried herbs (bay leaf, thyme, rosemary, dried mint) and liquorice, which appear after aeration. We also find aromas of fresh rose, lily, as well as a fine hint of torrefaction (toasted almond, coffee). On the palate, the wine is silky, delicate, with a very fine tannin texture. At the same time it has a well-defined structure and a crisp, fresh acidity. On the palate, we find notes of red cherry, fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries (with good bitterness), dried strawberry, dried bitter orange peel and bergamot (in the background), which adds a bitter and smoky touch. There are also notes of toasted almond, the bitterness of coffee and dark chocolate and herbaceous and floral touches (thyme, rosemary, dried mint, dried rose, lily). The finish is persistent and expresses a slightly drying tannins that we do not have in the mid-palate, a pleasant bitterness and a nice acidity. A well-structured wine, with freshness, juiciness and a certain complexity.  
**Score : 15/20 (89/100)**

## Simone Scaletta Bussia 2019 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved, refined, slightly herbaceous and mineral. It expresses notes of tangy red fruits (red cherry, cranberries, strawberry, fresh raspberry, a touch of red currant and blueberry and a slight side of roasted red cherry), combined with notes of fresh rosemary, dried bay leaf, wild mint, fresh rose and violet, as well as spicy notes (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), toasted hazelnut and dry gravel in the background. On the palate, the wine offers suppleness and straightness, a slight herbaceous touch and bitterness in the mid-palate, fine tannins and lively acidity. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, strawberry, red currant, dried cherry and dried raspberry in the background. We also find notes of dried thyme, dried bay leaf, dried wild mint, liquorice and cardamom, combined with a hint of bitter almond and bergamot. The finish is savoury, lingering and adds flavors of bitter chocolate and coffee. A gourmand, straight wine, with a fairly pronounced, but enveloped, bitterness.

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

## Simone Scaletta Bricco San Pietro 2016 Barolo Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is savoury and fragrant. It expresses subtle and enveloped tertiary notes, as well as gourmet notes of sweet spices. We find in particular the aromas of dry tobacco, undergrowth, dry fallen leaves, dried red fruits (dried red cherry, dried strawberry, dried blackcurrant), sweet spices (dried vanilla, cloves, licorice, pepper white, crushed pink pepper berries), aromatic herbs (dried bay leaf, dried thyme, dried peppermint), as well as a touch of dried flowers (rose, cornflower), a resinous touch (dry pine needles, even tar) and toasted almond. We also find notes of fresh fruit (red cherry, strawberry, fresh cranberries, tangy raspberry, bergamot with its smoky and bitter hint), which bring youth to the wine. On the palate, the wine is juicy and enveloping, with a firm tannin structure and a certain astringency in the mid-palate, balanced by a salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, dried raspberry, fresh cranberries, dried red cherry, dried blackcurrant, as well as savoury notes of sweet spices (dried vanilla, licorice, cloves, white pepper), a fine hint of torrefaction (cocoa, coffee, bitter almond), herbaceous and floral touches (dried bay leaf, dried thyme, dried rosemary, dried rose, dried cornflower), as well as delicate tertiary and mineral notes in the finish. Mouth (tobacco, dry leaves, undergrowth, tar in the background). Good persistence, sapid, slightly spicy and savoury, but a bit drying.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Marrone 2020 Barolo

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers aromatic intensity and gourmandise of juicy fruit. It expresses notes of red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh raspberry, fresh cranberries, blueberry, associated with notes of wild mint, even menthol, fresh thyme, rosemary, dry pine needles, as well as floral aromas of dried rose and iris, sweet spices (liquorice, crushed cardamom, nutmeg) and a touch of torrefaction in the background (toasted oak, toasted hazelnut). The palate is supple, but with firmness, thanks to a tight, gourmand, fruity and sapid tannin structure. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, fresh red cherry (with a side of roasted cherry), fresh cranberries, raspberry coulis, a distinct but delicate spiciness (liquorice, cloves, white pepper), floral notes (dried rose, iris), a mineral touch (graphite) and herbal notes in the background (dried mint, dried rosemary). The tannins offer a fine texture and good bitterness. The finish is persistent, slightly drying, but with a gourmand fruitiness. A refined, precise and fresh wine.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Marrone, Bussia 2020 Barolo Antepima

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, spicy, gourmand and finely floral. It expresses notes of grated nutmeg, fresh liquorice, cumin, white

pepper, wilted rose, cornflower, as well as a herbaceous touch (peppermint, fresh thyme, bay leaf), a sweet hint of dark chocolate and torrefaction (toasted, even slightly caramelised hazelnut), a minerality (dry gravel, graphite) and a fresh and tangy fruitiness (strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, cranberries, a hint of blueberry). The palate offers precision, juiciness, complexity and well-built tannins, a bit gripping, but fine. It expresses a gourmand fruitiness (dried red cherry, a hint of morello cherry, cranberries, raspberry, strawberry), sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg), a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), dried herbs (bay leaf, thyme) and flowers (wilted rose, cornflower). The finish is quite persistent, expressive, with tangy fruity notes (red cherry, blackcurrant, even orange peel), and a good bitterness. Nice acidity.  
**Score : 15/20 (89/100)**

## Marrone, Pichemej 2020

Barolo

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses herbaceous and floral notes (tobacco, dried wild flowers, a touch of hay, dried cornflower, bay berries, dried rosemary, peppermint), even light tertiary aromas in the background (wilted rose, damp leaves). We then find notes of fresh red fruits (strawberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, cranberries) of roasted cherry, dried cranberries, as well as a fine spiciness (nutmeg, licorice, pink pepper berries) and a touch of background torrefaction (coffee). The palate is tight and expresses the dryness of tannins (which at the same time have a fine and velvety grain). It expresses fruity flavors (roasted red cherry, fresh red cherry, dried cranberries, dried blackcurrant, crushed blueberry), a tasty spicy side (nutmeg, liquorice, a sweet hint of vanilla) and floral notes in the background (rose, iris). On the finish, we find tertiary nuances of wilted rose, dried wild herbs and fallen leaves. Good persistence in the mouth, with gourmandise of roasted cherry and a touch of chocolate. Complexity and a good overall balance.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Arnaldo Rivera, Undicocomuni 2020

Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers freshness, tangy fruits, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet. It expresses notes of fresh rose, faded rose, lilac and violet, combined with fresh fruity aromas (red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red plum, a touch of crushed blackcurrant), as well as resinous notes (pine needles, pine bark), spicy hints (liquorice, Sarawak pepper, nutmeg), as well as a slight herbaceous touch (mint, fresh thyme). We also find a gourmand and slightly sweet touch of dark plum with chocolate. The palate is tight, but balanced by the juiciness of fruit. It expresses the flavors of juicy red cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of cranberries, wild blueberry and wild plum, combined with floral notes of fresh rose and lilac, as well as a herbaceous touch (mint) and spicy (liquorice, nutmeg). The finish expresses slightly drying tannins, good bitterness and salivating acidity. Good persistence, nice structure, juiciness and freshness.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Azienda Agricola Negretti 2020

Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, precision, a distinguished minerality and a fine herbaceous hint, enveloped in tangy fruits. It expresses the aromas of dried red cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries and dried blackcurrant, associated with notes of blackcurrant leaf, dried mint, bay leaf, wild flowers and dried rose, as well as just a spicy touch (white pepper, liquorice). On the first nose, we also find a slight note of alcohol, which disappears after aeration. The palate is chiseled, fresh and finely tight. It expresses the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, a touch of dried red cherry and dried blackcurrant, as well as blackcurrant leaf, dried mint, dried rose and a hint of sweet spices in the background (liquorice, white pepper, cloves). The finish is quite persistent, sapid and expresses a good bitterness (in the flavors of cranberries and dark chocolate) and the slightly drying touch of tannins, balanced by a lively acidity.

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

## Azienda Agricola Negretti, Rive 2020

Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it expresses aromas of fresh fruit (red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild plum, crushed blackcurrant) with a hint of roasted and candied fruit (roasted red cherry, candied blackcurrant), a fine spiciness (liquorice, cloves), herbaceous (roasted aromatic herbs) and mineral (limestone) notes, as well as with a floral touch (fresh rose, dried cornflower in the background). The palate is juicy and fresh, with silky, fine, but drying tannins. The flavors are fruity, tangy and fresh: we find notes of tart red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild plum, cranberries and blackcurrant, combined with notes of liquorice, nutmeg, cloves, dried rose and has a hint of limestone minerality. The finish is persistent and expresses slight notes of torrefaction (roasted red cherry, roasted aromatic herbs), salivating acidity and the juiciness of fresh fruit.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

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## Azienda Agricola Negretti, Monvigliero 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of fresh bigarreau cherry, red currant, cranberries, raspberry, a touch of dried blackcurrant, associated with notes of spices (white pepper, liquorice, cloves), aromatic herbs (dried mint, dried rosemary), rose petals and a slight hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is more expressive and offers a certain volume in its flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, dried blackcurrant and crushed raspberry. We also find some spiciness (liquorice, cloves, nutmeg), a touch of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), crushed mint, dried rose and a delicate hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, cocoa). The finish also expresses a powdery hint of cocoa, the tight, slightly drying tannins, balanced by a salivating acidity. Good persistence and palatability.

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

## Azienda Agricola Negretti, Mirau 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicate, finely spicy and woody. After aeration, it expresses notes of fresh oak, toasted almond (in the background), liquorice, nutmeg, a very slight touch of clove, associated with notes of fresh fruit (fresh red cherry, strawberry, blackcurrant, raspberry, cranberries), dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower) and herbs (tobacco, mint, even eucalyptus, which appears after the wine has breathed into the glass), as well as a very delicate tar note in the background. The palate is more aromatic, with a gourmand and fruity attack, but the mid-palate is tighter, which expresses the firmness of slightly rough tannins. We find flavors of wild strawberry, ripe red cherry, raspberry, crushed blackcurrant and cranberries, associated with slightly bitter notes of toasted almond, coffee, as well as touches of tobacco, wilted rose, fresh tobacco and crushed mint leaf. The finish is sapid, but tight, due to the firmness of the tannins. It is balanced by a good level of acidity, gourmand chocolate notes and a certain juiciness of the fruits that we find on the finish. The wine appears to be closed at the moment.

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

## Malvira' Boiolo 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses a chalky minerality, as well as a touch of dry stone. On the second nose, we find notes of juicy red cherry, ripe raspberry, strawberry, red plum and fresh blackcurrant, combined with herbaceous notes of fresh tobacco, cut wild mint, a touch of bay leaf, as well as with savoury notes of sweet spices (licorice, ground cumin, clove), a hint of torrefaction (cocoa, toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee) and cherry in chocolate, as well as a hint of rose petals. The palate is enveloping and offers a certain volume, a beautiful fruity substance and a savoury spiciness, as well as a fine floral and herbaceous bouquet. It expresses the flavors of dried red cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, ripe raspberry, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of liquorice, clove, dried rose, dried mint and a touch of cherry in chocolate, as well as a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The tannins are firm, but have a fine grain and a velvety texture. Beautiful acidity, the finish is quite persistent and sapid, with a good bitterness of dark chocolate.

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

## Azienda Agricola Negretti, Bricco Ambrogio 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is quite aromatic and expresses a distinct resinous hint, associated with sweet notes of candied fruit. We find in particular the aromas of ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild blackberry, strawberry, raspberry coulis and red plum, associated with notes of fresh pine needles, pine sap, wild mint, fresh rosemary, a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, a sweet touch of iris), as well as notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg) and a hint of mint chocolate. The palate is finely tight, juicy and fruity on the attack, but expresses firm and grippy tannins on the finish. We find the flavors of dried red cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant, cranberries and crushed raspberry, associated with notes of liquorice, nutmeg and cumin, flowers (dried rose, iris) and aromatic herbs (peppermint, rosemary). The resinous touch of pine needles and a gourmand hint of chocolate appear on the finish, accompanied by a sapidity of ripe fruit and a salivating acidity, which balances the grippy tannins. A wine to keep.

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

## Fratelli Abrigo, Ravera 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses meaty and smoky notes, which disappear after aeration. We then find tasty notes of dried herbs (dried rosemary, dried mint, a touch of fresh bay leaf and tobacco), sweet spices (licorice, ground cumin, pink pepper berries), a delicate floral touch (wilted rose, dried peony), as well as

juicy and tangy fruity aromas (raspberry, fresh bigarreau cherry, dried raspberry, dried blackcurrant). On the palate, the wine offers roundness, freshness, gourmandise and a silky and fine texture of tannins. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, juicy red cherry, fresh raspberry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, as well as a tasty touch of smoked meat (very delicate), sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, clove, white pepper), wilted rose, dried mint, as well as a subtle note of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and chocolate. The finish offers gourmandise (we find notes of chocolate cherry), a warm side, as well as a nice acidity.

Score : 15.5/20 (90/100)

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Monvigliero 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses mineral notes (limestone, tar in the background), floral bouquet (rose, lilac, peony), slightly spicy (liquorice, toasted vanilla, cinnamon in the background) and herbaceous (wild mint, sage) notes. We then find the ripe fruitiness (wild strawberry, morello cherry, red currant, raspberry) and torrefaction (coffee in the background, toasted hazelnut). The palate is finely tight, and offers concentration, gourmandise and a tight tannin structure, a bit grippy, but enveloped in a gourmand fruitiness and a lively acidity. It expresses notes of very ripe strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, a touch of blueberry, as well as a refined spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, roasted vanilla in the background), notes of flowers (rose, peony) and a very delicate touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish is persistent, gourmand, with good volume, balanced by good bitterness and salivating acidity. A wine with volume and a beautiful structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Bussia 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicately perfumed, and expresses notes of dried flowers (rose, dried cornflower, peony), sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, licorice), a touch of dried mint, hay, tobacco, toasted hazelnut and cocoa. We also find ripe fruits (red cherry, raspberry, crushed strawberry, redcurrant, a hint of cranberries) and a delicate minerality (notes of dry stone, even a little earthy). The palate is tight, but balanced by a juicy and textured fruity substance. It expresses notes of strawberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, redcurrant jelly, cranberries and a touch of blueberry, combined with notes of dried rose, peony, cornflower, as well as a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper) and a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, cocoa). The tannins are a bit grippy, but soft and well-constructed. The finish is persistent, gourmand (with notes of amarena cherry) and fresh. Material, beautiful complexity and concentration.

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

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Villero 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, a touch of blackberry and black plum), combined with woody notes and touches of torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut), pine needles, fresh flowers (rose, peony), wild mint, menthol and a fine spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper). The palate is gourmand and tasty. It expresses notes of sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of clove, nutmeg, white pepper), cocoa, dried herbs (dried mint, a hint of tobacco), flowers (dried rose, peony) and ripe fruits (strawberry, raspberry, a touch of blackberry, black plum and morello cherry). The tannins are finely tight and enveloped in the juiciness of the fruit and a beautiful acidity. The finish is long, with juicy notes of morello cherry, amarena cherry and a touch of toasted hazelnut. A gourmet, complex wine, powerful and elegant.

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

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Cannubi 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose opens with delicate floral notes (dried rose, fresh rose, a sweet touch of peony and iris), distinct but subtle spicy aromas (vanilla, clove) and a gourmet hint of dark chocolate and of chocolate cherry. We then find a slight peppery note, as well as notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry), associated with notes of crunchy raspberry and strawberry, as well as touches of dried mint and bay leaf. The palate offers freshness, verticality and a tangy fruity substance. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, cranberries, raspberry and blueberry, associated with a fine spiciness (white pepper, liquorice, cloves), as well as notes of herbs and flowers (dried mint, a touch bay leaf, dried rose). The finish is persistent, slightly bitter, but juicy and fruity, with gourmet notes of cocoa. The tannins are well structured and fine. An airy, refined and well-constructed wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)





# Piedmont

## **Podere Luigi Einaudi, Terlo, Vigna Costa Grimaldi 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers expressive spicy aromas, as well as a fine floral bouquet. It expresses notes of nutmeg, liquorice, coriander seeds, rose, violet and iris, associated with fine herbaceous touches (wild mint, rosemary, a hint of pine needles), as well as 'has a resinous note of pine sap, which appears after aeration. The fruit on the nose is fresh and tangy; we find the aromas of red cherry, raspberry, red currant and blueberry, as well as a delicate touch of wilted rose and dried cherry in the background. The palate is juicy, enveloping and airy, with nice acidity and good bitterness. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, dried raspberry, cranberries, red plum and a touch of wild strawberry, combined with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, licorice, white pepper), fresh rose, iris, with a fine herbaceous hint (dried pine needles, dried mint) and a touch of torrefaction in the background (coffee). The finish is tight, slightly bitter and expresses the drying side of tannins, but persistent and juicy. A wine with complexity and good potential, which seems closed for the moment.

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

## **Podere Luigi Einaudi, Ludo 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses savory, slightly smoky and meaty notes, which are then completed by notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice stick, ground cumin), flowers (rose, lily), coffee and toasted hazelnut (in the background). The fruitiness on the nose expresses aromas of tangy fresh fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, crushed black plum), with notes of dried fruit in the background (dried cherry, dried raspberry) and a fine herbaceous notes (bay leaf, a touch of basil, dried mint). The palate is straight and chiselled, with lively acidity, good bitterness and a tangy fruitiness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries and blueberry, associated with a fresh and integrated herbaceous hint (mint, bay leaf, blackcurrant leaf in the background), as well as notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, licorice). The tannins are tight, a little dry, but fine, balanced by a salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, with savoury spicy notes.

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

## **460 Casina Bric, Fossati 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is aromatic, herbaceous and floral. It expresses notes of hay, dried peppermint, rose leaf, bay leaf, dried rose, a touch of peony and lilac. On the second nose, we find gourmet notes of torrefaction (coffee, chocolate, toasted hazelnut), sweet spices (roasted vanilla, a touch of cinnamon, nutmeg) and cherry in chocolate, combined with aromas of ripe fruit (griotte, blackberry, dried blackcurrant, strawberry, crushed raspberry, plum cream). The palate offers a straight and firm structure, a gripping but fine texture of tannins, a beautiful acidity and a long and gourmand finish, with notes of cherry in chocolate and cocoa. It also expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, raspberry, dried strawberry, blackcurrant, sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of toasted vanilla), torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and flowers (dried rose, fresh peony). Beautiful power and structure, with volume and gourmandise of fruit.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## **460 Casina Bric, Seradenari 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is savory and fragrant, with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, liquorice, a hint of vanilla), flowers (dried rose, dried peony, lilac) and dried herbs (wild mint, a touch of tobacco, bay leaf), combined with a fresh fruitiness (juicy red cherry with a slight maceration side, strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, a hint of red plum) and a light touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee). The palate is fleshy and offers volume, flavors of very ripe fruit (wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, blackberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of black plum), associated with savoury notes of sweet spices (clove, a touch of liquorice, nutmeg and vanilla in the background), flowers (dried rose, peony), a hint of chocolate, cherry in chocolate and coffee, as well as a touch of chocolate mint. The tannins are well constructed, slightly gripping, without being drying and balanced by a nice acidity. The finish is long and gourmand and offers a rich but fresh fruitiness, complemented by notes of fresh flowers on the finish.

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

## **460 Casina Bric, Bricco delle Viole Riserva 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses notes of flowers (fresh rose, faded rose, lily, peony), a herbaceous hint (peppermint, a touch of tobacco and pine needles) and spicy notes (liquorice, a touch of vanilla, cloves), with a touch of slightly toasted hazelnut and ripe, juicy fruits (strawberry, juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, blueberry), as well as a mineral framework (limestone). The palate is gourmand and expressive. In the attack, we find notes of macerated strawberry,

fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, wild plum, associated with notes of peppermint, bay leaf, fresh tobacco, flowers (dried rose, fresh rose, peony), with a fine spiciness (liquorice, a hint of vanilla and clove) and roasted (toasted hazelnut, a slightly bitter touch of cocoa and dark chocolate). The finish offers gourmandise, juicy fruity notes (even with a hint of Amarena cherry), a spicy touch (nutmeg), as well as a salivating acidity and a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa. The tannins are soft, but well-structured and tight. Powerful and complex wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## **Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is fragrant, finely spicy, with refined notes of dried flowers and a juicy fruitiness. It expresses the aromas of white pepper, clove, liquorice and cumin, combined with notes of dried rose, lilac, as well as fine herbaceous hints (wild mint, rose leaf, a fine resinous touch of pine sap) and torrefaction (mild coffee and lightly toasted wood in the background). The fruits on the nose are fresh and tangy: we find notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red plum, crunchy strawberry, red currants and blueberry. The mouth is enveloping, silky, velvety and textured. The attack is fruity and ample and offers flavors of morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, blueberry, crushed strawberry and raspberry coulis, associated with notes of liquorice, cumin, white pepper, chocolate mint, dried rose, peony, sweet coffee and toasted hazelnut. The tannins are very soft, but quite powerful. Beautiful refreshing and salivating acidity. The finish is long, sapid, chocolatey and fruity – it expresses notes of cherry in chocolate and a touch of prunes, refreshed by a touch of wild mint on the finish. Very nice texture on the palate: powdery, fleshy and rich, while remaining fresh and refined.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## **Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno, Cannubi 2020** Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and expresses elegant floral notes (fresh rose, rose hips, peony, a touch of violet), herbs (fresh tobacco, fresh crushed mint, pine needles, a very discreet touch of blackcurrant leaf), sweet spices (white pepper, licorice, cumin), enveloped in a juicy fruity substance (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry), with a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut). The palate is tasty, fruity and delicious. It expresses notes of juicy fruits (griotte, strawberry, raspberry, red plum, blueberry), associated with floral notes (fresh rose petals, fresh peony, rose hips, lilac), sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, nail cloves, nutmeg), dark chocolate with mint, chocolate cherry, plum cream, as well as touches of wild mint, tobacco and pine needles (even pine sap in the background). The finish is long, fleshy and delicious: it expresses notes of dried cherry, chocolate cherry and nutmeg. The tannins are very fine and soft. Beautiful richness of fruit, complexity and suppleness. A full, gourmand and balanced wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## **Brezza Barolo, Cannubi 2020** Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses smoky, slightly meaty notes, which then develop towards aromas of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cumin, coriander seeds), fresh herbs (cut wild mint, crushed laurel berries, thyme) and flowers (dried rose, lilac). We also find a resinous touch of pine needles and a tangy fruitiness (bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, a touch of blueberry and morello cherry). The palate is chiselled, very fresh, with a delicate bitterness, gourmand chocolate notes on the attack and a well-built, tight, but refined tannin structure. We also find gourmand fruity flavors (ripe morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, a touch of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and blueberry), associated with notes of wild mint, thyme, and a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin, coriander seeds), as well as a floral touch (rose, lilac). The finish is persistent, with a nice concentration, gourmand chocolate notes and a lively acidity, which balances the slightly drying tannins on the finish. Controlled power, elegance and substance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## **Brezza Barolo, Castellero 2020** Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is delicately spicy and woody. It expresses notes of nutmeg, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds (in the background), combined with touches of sweet coffee and toasted hazelnut in the background. On the second nose, we find aromas of fresh fruit (red cherry, red plum, raspberry, crushed blueberry, crunchy strawberry), as well as fine herbaceous (peppermint, tobacco) and floral (lily, rose) notes. The attack on the palate is fruity and gourmand, followed by a mid-palate, which expresses a slight bitterness and tight tannins. We find the flavors of bigarreau cherry, fresh and dried raspberry, red plum, crushed blueberry and dried blackcurrant, combined with notes of dried mint, blackcurrant leaf and dried rose in the background. The finish is quite persistent, juicy and enveloping, while remaining fresh. Beautiful acidity, which balances the slightly tight tannin structure on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

# Piedmont

## Brezza Barolo, Sarmassa 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color with very slight garnet reflections. The first nose expresses fine notes of sweet spices and torrefaction. We find in particular the aromas of white pepper, nutmeg, licorice, toasted hazelnut and coffee in the background. On the second nose, the wine expresses a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, lilac, a touch of violet), associated with herbaceous touches (dried mint, dry pine needles, fresh tobacco) and a gourmand fruity substance (griotte, crushed black plum), wild strawberry, raspberry, a hint of blueberry). On the palate, the wine is juicy, with a certain volume and a powdery texture, but with finesse. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, crushed wild blackberry, wild strawberry, raspberry, combined with gourmet notes of chocolate cherry, plum cream (in the background), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, ground cumin), torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and flowers (dried rose, lilac). Beautiful acidity, the tannins are silky and enveloping. The finish is persistent, with a tight tannic structure, but with a velvety texture and enveloped by a concentrated fruitiness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Bava Barolo, Scarrone 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale garnet color. The first nose expresses slightly smoky and meaty notes, which develop towards tertiary notes of wet leaves and wilted rose, dried peony, associated with spicy aromas (nutmeg, white pepper, fresh liquorice), dried fruits (dried cherry, dried raspberry), crushed strawberry and a very light note of macerated cherry and prunes in the background. We also find the refreshing notes of peppermint and fresh pine needles, which appear on the second nose. The palate is suave, gourmand, with perceptible tannins (very slightly grippy), but fine and mellow. It expresses tertiary notes of faded rose, wet leaves, dried peony, dried tobacco, associated with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, clove, liquorice), dried fruits (dried cherry, dried strawberry, a fine touch of prunes), crushed strawberry, macerated red cherry and crushed morello cherry, as well as herbaceous touches (dried mint, dried pine needles in the background). The finish is salivating, with lively acidity and notes of crushed red fruits. Complexity with integrated notes of development.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## G.D. Vajra, Baudana 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses the freshness of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry), a touch of dried blackcurrant and crushed black plum, a fine floral bouquet (rose, lilac, lily), herbaceous notes (peppermint, a touch pine needles), as well as hints of spices (liquorice, nutmeg, fruity vanilla in the background). The palate is straight, vertical and tangy. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, blueberry, raspberry, blackcurrant in the background, bitterness of cranberries), associated with herbaceous touches of peppermint, blackcurrant leaf in the background, and a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg) and a floral bouquet (rose, lily, lilac). The tannins are tight, a bit grippy, but have a fine texture. The finish is fresh, tangy, with good bitterness, a slight toasted touch and lively acidity.

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

## G.D. Vajra, Barolo Costi di Rose 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is discreet and requires aeration. It then expresses subtle floral scents of violet and lily, combined with notes of fresh rose, cut rose stem and expressive peony petals, which appear after aeration. We also find a subtle limestone minerality, and a fresh and juicy fruitiness (the aromas of bigarreau cherry, blueberry, raspberry, red currant and black plum), associated with a touch of peppermint. The spiciness of the wine (notes of liquorice, nutmeg) is very delicate and very slightly perceptible. The palate offers an airy fruitiness and juiciness, accompanied by a tannic structure, which expresses the slightly drying minerality, but balanced by a lively and salivating acidity. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry), flowers (rose, lily), a slight spiciness (rose stem, blackcurrant leaf, peppermint), as well as a smoky, spicy and peppery touch (liquorice, white pepper) in the background. The finish is persistent, tangy, slightly bitter, chiseled and fresh.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## G.D. Vajra, Barolo Ravera 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses notes of juicy and ripe fruits (griotte, strawberry, crushed raspberry, ripe red cherry, even red cherry jam, red currant jelly, red plum), underlined by a distinguished minerality of limestone and clay, herbaceous freshness (a fine touch of wild mint and rose leaf), delicate smoky and spicy notes (liquorice, white pepper) and a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony, lilac). We also find a very slightly perceptible roasted side (toasted hazelnut). On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, volume, and at the same time – straightness and energy. It expresses the flavors of ripe strawberry, wild blackberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, crushed blueberry, associated with herbaceous touches

of peppermint and rose leaf, with subtle and slightly perceptible spicy notes (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg), as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, lilac). The tannins are young, suave, elegants and offer a fine grain. The finish is persistent and expresses a lively acidity, a good bitterness, a fine hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut) and the gourmandise of red fruits. A young and firm wine, which requires time.

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

## Poderi Colla, Dardi Le Rose, Barolo Bussia 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses delicate herbaceous and floral aromas (rose, lilac, a touch of peony, rose leaf, bay leaf, mint), associated with fruity notes of bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant and crushed blueberry, as well as a touch of licorice, white pepper and nutmeg. There is also a subtle touch of bergamot zest and bitter almond. The attack on the palate is open, aromatic and expresses notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currants, a touch of blueberry), associated with gourmet and savoury touches of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper and cumin), dark chocolate, as well as enveloped floral and herbaceous notes (rose, peony, dried mint). The finish is juicy, sapid, and offers notes of ripe fruit and good bitterness, as well as lively acidity. The tannins are a little rough, but integrated and not astringent.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Demarie 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is fragrant and delicious and expresses notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, raspberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, blueberry, dried cranberries), complemented in the second nose by a savoury spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg grated cumin, Sarawak pepper), notes of dark chocolate and torrefaction (toasted almond, a slight touch of coffee), as well as a fine herbaceous and floral notes (peony, rose, dried mint, mint chocolate). The palate offers roundness and suppleness on the attack, structure and tannic firmness in the mid-palate, as well as a bit drying tannins on the finish. We find gourmet notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild blackberry and blueberry, associated with sweet touches of chocolate cherry, notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, vanilla in the background, a hint of pepper), peppermint, sweet tobacco and fresh flowers (peony, rose). The finish is quite persistent, gourmand, chocolatey and fruity, with a nice acidity which balances the slightly dry, but fine, sapid and powdery tannins.

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

## Cascina Maria 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is fragrant, gourmand and combines floral, herbaceous and spicy notes. It expresses the aromas of dried peony, rose, lily and lilac, peppermint, blond tobacco, as well as liquorice, grated nutmeg, cloves and ground cumin. On the second nose, we find notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blueberry, blueberry jam, blackcurrant jam and morello cherry in chocolate, as well as a touch of crushed bay berries and balsamic cream. On the palate, the wine is enveloping, supple and voluminous on attack, thanks to notes of cherry jam and plu, in chocolate. We then find the flavors of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild plum, crushed blackberry, crushed blueberry, chocolate with mint, a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee), dried rose, peony and chocolate with mint in the background. The finish is long and sapid: it expresses notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, a hint of cinnamon) and a touch of fresh leather and balsamic, very slightly perceptible. The tannins are powerful, grippy, but have a fine texture and a powdery hint of cocoa. Beautiful salivating acidity, which refreshes the rich and fleshy profile of the wine.

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

## Viticoltore Mauro Molino, Barolo Conca 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is fruity and gourmand: it expresses pronounced aromas of ripe fruit and fruit jam (crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, juicy morello cherry, blackcurrant jam, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry), combined with a pronounced spiciness and savoury sweet spices (roasted vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon in the background, cumin, white pepper), with a touch of dark chocolate, ground coffee, toasted hazelnut, chocolate plum, as well as dried mint, peony and lily. The palate offers juiciness, straightness, gourmandise of ripe fruit and an expressive spicy side. We find notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, blackberry, associated with sugary touches of cherry jam, blackcurrant jam, kirsch morello cherry, chocolate cherry and bitter chocolate, as well as with notes of sweet spices (toasted vanilla, cinnamon in the background, nutmeg, cloves). The tannins have a fine grain and a well-built structure. Beautiful length in the mouth, with gourmand notes of jam and chocolate (red cherry jam, mint chocolate), spicy hints (cinnamon, nutmeg) and cocoa, balanced by a good level of acidity. A full-bodied wine, with volume and power, but with a perceptible alcohol note.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

# Piedmont

## Nadia Curto, Arborina 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is finely mineral and spicy, and offers subtle floral notes and a tangy fruitiness. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, red cherry, associated with hint of limestone, even chalky touch, and dry stone, dried rose, lily, rosehip, ground cumin and licorice, as well as a slight note of hay and dry pine needles in the background. On the palate, the wine is vertical, tight, but balanced by juicy fruitiness and lively acidity. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, strawberry and crushed blueberry, associated with notes of rose, lily, mint, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin) and a touch of dried grass and dried cherry in the background. The finish is persistent and sapid, with notes of juicy red cherry, good bitterness and a mineral and herbaceous hint in the background.

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

## Nadia Curto, la Foia 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. It has an aromatic and floral nose, slightly mineral after aeration. We find notes of rose, lilac, iris and lily, associated with juicy and tangy fruit (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, blueberry, fresh blackcurrant), with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, a very delicate touch of vanilla in the background) and herbs (wild mint, bay leaf), as well as a touch of macerated cherry in the background. On the palate, the wine expresses tangy fruits with a slight bitterness (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, blueberry, a touch of crushed blackcurrant), floral and herbaceous notes (rose, lilac, wild mint, blackcurrant leaf), associated with a touch of sweet spices (licorice, white pepper). The tannins are firm, grippy on the finish and slightly drying. Beautiful salivating acidity and good persistence on the palate, with a delicate note of bitter cocoa.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Nadia Curto, la Foia Riserva 2017

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved, but opens after aeration. It expresses fragrant floral notes (fresh rose, dried rose, lily), combined with aromas of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, a touch of cardamom), fresh tobacco, bay leaf, cedar, as well as with tertiary touches of infused black tea and undergrowth, enveloped in fresh fruits (tart wild blackberry, bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries), with a very light touch of prunes and chocolate with dried mint in the background. On the palate, the wine offers suppleness, as well as a firm tannin structure, drying on the finish. It expresses the flavors of fresh bigarreau cherry, dried cherry, raspberry, cranberries (with a good bitterness) and crushed blueberry, associated with a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg), light tertiary notes (undergrowth, black tea), as well as floral (dried rose, lily) and herbaceous (dried mint, tobacco) touches. The finish is quite persistent and expresses tight tannins, salivating acidity, as well as good bitterness.

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

## Giacomo Borgogno & Figli 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, spicy and gourmand: it offers pronounced aromas of grated nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, combined with a delicate and refreshing herbaceous hints (wild mint, rose leaf, fresh tea leaf, fresh tobacco), notes of flowers (fresh rose, lilac), as well as a subtle minerality in the background (clayey touches, even slightly saline in the background). We also find concentration and depth, all in freshness, in aromas of ripe fruit (red cherry, raspberry, wild plum, blackberry and blueberry). On the palate, the wine offers the enveloping texture and juiciness of the fruit, associated with a fine but firm tannic structure and a salivating acidity. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, crunchy strawberry and blackcurrant, associated with herbaceous touches (mint, tobacco, rose leaf), floral (rose, lilac), as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom) and minerality (salinity, which appears at the end of the mouth). The finish is persistent, tangy, slightly bitter, with juicy notes of fresh fruit and a pleasant herbaceous touch.

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

## Azienda Agricola Cagliero Barolo, Terlo 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and expresses savoury notes of aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, mint), sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, liquorice in the background), as well as fresh tobacco and flowers (dried rose, lily, violet). We also find fruity, fresh and tangy notes: crunchy strawberry, raspberry, red plum and blueberry. The palate offers straightness, firmness and tangy fruit with good bitterness and integrated herbaceous notes. It expresses notes of raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, blueberry and red plum, associated with notes of aromatic herbs (thyme, dried rosemary, dried mint, fresh tobacco), flowers (dried rose, lily, a hint of violet in the background) and sweet spices (liquorice, cloves). The finish is airy, juicy, with notes of ripe bigarreau cherry, blueberry, as well as a hint of toast and coffee and a good bitterness in the background. Good acidity, the tannins are fine, but tight.

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

## Azienda Agricola Cagliero Barolo Ravera 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicate and benefits from being aerated. It then expresses subtle floral notes (fresh rose, lily, a touch of peony), a fine spiciness (cardamom, licorice, nutmeg, white pepper), herbaceous notes on the second nose (bay leaf, fresh tobacco, a touch thyme), as well as a very light smoky and tangy touch of bergamot, limestone minerality and toasted hazelnut. We also find fruity notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, blueberry and red plum. The palate offers freshness, liveliness, great energy and a tangy fruitiness on the attack. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, blueberry and red plum, combined with fine floral (rose, a touch of peony and lily), herbaceous (rosemary, dried mint, tobacco) and spicy notes (liquorice, a hint of white pepper and cardamom), as well as a fine bitter and smoky touch of bergamot and a hint of torrefaction, which appears at the end of the palate. The tannins are tight, grippy and give a firm structure to the wine, balanced by salivating acidity and fruity freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Azienda Agricola Cagliero Barolo, Ravera Riserva 2018

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and offers freshness and gourmandise. It expresses notes of red cherry (even morello cherry), crushed blueberry, raspberry and redcurrant jelly, associated with notes of wild mint, rosemary, pine needles (even sap in the background), sweet tobacco, sweet spices (liquorice, a very light touch of vanilla and cumin), flowers (peony, lilac, rose petals in the background), as well as a gourmet touch of mint chocolate, torrefaction toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee) and on a fine tertiary hint (undergrowth). The palate is also fragrant and gourmand, complex and airy. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, dried blackcurrant in the background, blueberry, raspberry and currant jelly, combined with gourmet notes of watered chocolate cherry, grilled vanilla in the background, licorice, of toasted hazelnut, coffee and cocoa, as well as refreshing touches of crushed wild mint, rosemary, rose and lilac, pine needles in the background and a fine and slightly perceptible tertiary side (undergrowth). The finish is long, enveloping and supple, with nice acidity and notes of chocolate cherry and sweet tobacco. The tannins have a firm structure, balanced by a juicy fruity substance and the depth of the wine. Beautiful complexity and harmony, combined with firmness and power.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Diego Morra, Barolo Zinzasco 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is discreet and requires aeration. It expresses notes of aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, dry bay leaf), a touch of pepper, as well as notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, a touch of cardamom and liquorice), flowers (lily, dried rose), associated with aromas of juicy fresh fruits (bigarreau cherry with a hint of morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, a touch of elderberries), as well as a herbaceous hint in the background (dried mint, tobacco). The palate offers a fine and enveloping texture of tannins, good bitterness, salivating acidity, as well as the gourmandise of fruits. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, a touch of strawberry, crushed raspberry and blueberry), associated with touches of sweet spices (white pepper, cardamom, liquorice), with a fine herbaceous side (mint, bay leaf, roasted thyme) and floral (dried rose, lily), as well as a hint of torrefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut). The finish is supple, gourmand and fruity, with good bitterness and a persistent but savoury tanginess (cherry in chocolate).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Diego Morra, Barolo del Comune di Verduno 2019

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration, complexity and gourmandise of ripe fruit, with notes of roasted fruit. After aeration, it expresses a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, lilac, iris and violet in the background), associated with a subtle spiciness (fresh liquorice, cloves, crushed cardamom, Sichuan pepper and juniper berries in the background) and herbaceous (dried mint, bay leaf). We also find notes of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and a touch of wild strawberry in the background, as well as a hint of torrefaction (coffee) and chocolate cherry. The palate offers roundness on attack, as well as a firm, but fine and powdery tannin structure and an acidic structure, which gives the wine verticality and beautiful freshness. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, juicy morello cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and a touch of roasted red cherry, combined with a savoury spiciness (liquorice, Sichuan pepper, crushed cardamom, juniper berries) which is expressed especially on the finish, with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, roasted bay leaf, dried mint), flowers (dried rose, iris) and a gourmet touch of chocolate cherry. The tannins are velvety, powdery, even chocolatey, but quite tight and structured. Beautiful acidity and length on the palate, complexity, depth and good aging potential.

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



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## Diego Morra, Barolo San Lorenzo di Verduno 2019

### Barolo

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is subtle, delicately perfumed and expresses floral notes of rose, lilac and iris, associated with light notes of sweet spices, which complete the bouquet with savoury touches of nutmeg, ground cardamom and liquorice. After aeration, we find notes of roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, blueberry, crushed raspberry and black plum, associated with aromas of wild mint, bay leaf, roasted thyme, coffee in the background and dark chocolate. The palate is tense, but offers a beautiful enveloping fruitiness and a lively acidity, which balances a tight structure of tannins. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, juicy morello cherry, chocolate cherry, black plum, blueberry and crushed raspberry, combined with touches of sweet spices (cardamom, nutmeg), aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, bay leaf) and flowers (dried rose, lilac), as well as a gourmet touch of mint chocolate in the background. The finish is juicy and fruity, with liveliness and nice acidity, which balances the firm tannin structure and a slight bitterness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Diego Morra, Barolo Monvigliero 2019

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and complex: we find savoury notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, a touch of white pepper, liquorice in the background, cumin) and roasted and dried herbs (roasted thyme, dried bay leaf, dried mint), a fine floral bouquet (peony, wilted rose, lily), a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut) and a hint of bitter almond in the background, as well as very light tertiary notes (dried tobacco, undergrowth). We also find aromas of fresh and dried fruits: dried red cherry, fresh red cherry, blueberry, raspberry, crushed red currants, red plum, which bring freshness and gourmandise. The palate is airy, juicy and savoury, with structured, powdery, fine-grained tannins and lively acidity. It expresses the flavors of dried strawberry, fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and red plum, combined with notes of fresh tobacco, peppermint, roasted thyme and bay leaf, as well as with pronounced spicy, but enveloped notes (licorice, cumin, cardamom), and delicate tertiary (undergrowth, wilted rose) and floral (dried peony, lily) hints. The finish is persistent, finely spicy and chocolatey.

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

## Casa E. di Mirafiore, Lazzarito 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, blueberry, black plum and wild blackberry, combined with touches of roasted and fresh aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, peppermint, crushed bay berries), flowers (lily, violet, rose petals) and sweet spices in the background (grated nutmeg, cumin, liquorice). The palate is gourmand, juicy and fruity, with a savoury, but enveloped spiciness, firm but fine and powdery tannins, and a salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, wild blackberry, blueberry, black plum in the background and crushed raspberry, combined with spicy notes of nutmeg, white pepper and liquorice, and with a herbaceous touch (roasted thyme, bay leaf) and floral (withered rose, lily). The finish is sapid and lingering and expresses savory notes of roasted aromatic herbs and dried red cherry, combined with a touch of dried rose. Beautiful structure, straightness and a fresh and juicy fruitiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Casa E. di Mirafiore 2019

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is floral, finely spicy and herbaceous, with a mineral limestone touch in the background. It expresses notes of fresh rose, lilac, rose hip and peony, combined with a subtle touch of crushed peppermint, fresh tobacco, bay berries and fresh thyme and a fine spiciness (licorice, cardamom, crushed, coriander seeds in the background). We also find aromas of fresh fruit (red cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blueberry, red plum), as well as a touch of fresh hazelnut in the background. On the palate, the wine offers sapidity, grippy tannins, even drying on the finish, as well as a very lively and pleasant acidity, which helps balance the firmness of the tannins. It expresses notes of tart bigarreau cherry, crushed blueberry, crushed raspberry and red plum, combined with notes of aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, bay leaf, tobacco), flowers (dried rose, lilac) and sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, licorice in the background), as well as a touch of cocoa and torrefaction (toasted almond). The finish is tight and firm, with powerful, even drying, tannins. A chiseled, straight wine, with a certain complexity, but young and closed.

Score : 15.25 (90/100)

## Fontanafredda, Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2020

### Barolo

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, floral and subtly herbaceous. It expresses notes of lilac, rose hip and peony, combined with touches of wild mint, rosemary and rose leaf. We also find a fresh and tangy fruity substance (red cherry, crushed raspberry, a touch of cranberries, red plum and blueberries), associated

with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves) and roasted aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), which appear after aeration, as well as a delicate note of dark chocolate and fresh hazelnut. The palate is juicy, chiseled and tangy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, tart strawberry, cranberries (with a slight bitterness), red plum, blueberry and crushed raspberry, associated with floral (rose, peony), herbaceous (fresh thyme, bay leaf, peppermint) and spicy (licorice, nutmeg) notes. The tannins are young, grippy and dry on the finish, but rather fine and balanced by a salivating acidity. Good persistence and freshness and a delicate touch of cocoa on the finish.

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

## Fontanafredda, Vigna La Villa, Paigallo 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses a nice concentration of fruit, even a textured touch. We find the aromas of ripe raspberry, juicy morello cherry, blueberry, red plum, crunchy strawberry in the background, associated with fresh herbaceous notes (wild mint, fresh bay leaf, fresh thyme), and a distinguished minerality (limestone, dry stone), sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper), as well as a touch of rose and lilac. The palate is silky, enveloping and juicy, even a little warm in the finish. It expresses notes of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, a touch of roasted red cherry in the background, crushed blueberry and blackberry, combined with fine spicy notes (nutmeg, a hint of cumin and licorice), fresh and roasted herbs (roasted thyme, fresh peppermint), as well as a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, lilac). The tannins are firm, but sapid and balanced by a salivating acidity and a gourmet chocolate touch, which appears on the finish. A wine with a firm structure, concentration and gourmandise, as well as beautiful freshness and a persistent and sapid finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Bersano, Nirvasco, Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fruity and offers a pronounced but integrated spiciness, as well as herbaceous and floral notes. It expresses the aromas of nutmeg, ground cumin, liquorice (in the background), peppermint, fresh tobacco and fresh bay leaf, associated with a fine floral bouquet (wild rose, lilac) and the freshness of fruits (strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, red plum, a touch of blackberry). After aeration, we also find notes of dried peony, wilted rose and fresh hazelnut, which add to the complexity of the wine. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, a beautiful fruity substance, as well as delicate floral and herbaceous notes. It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, red plum and wild blackberry in the background, combined with touches of wild rose, lilac, peppermint, bay leaf and delicate notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg). We also find a subtle tangy note of blood orange and a touch of faded rose in the background. The tannins are well structured, firm, but enveloped, thanks to a salivating acidity and a juicy fruity substance. Beautiful length, freshness and complexity.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

## Le Strette, Corini-Palaretta 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is finely spicy, warm, gourmand and offers depth and concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, associated with notes of liquorice, cloves, crushed coriander seeds in the background, as well as a hint of torrefaction (mild coffee, cocoa, toasted hazelnut), with a floral touch (rose petals, peony, dried wild flowers) and herbaceous notes (dried mint, rosemary). The mouth is tight, even slightly closed. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry (with a touch of dried wild strawberry in the background), morello cherry, wild blueberry, raspberry coulis, as well as notes of dried mint, fresh tobacco, a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, a touch of lilac) and gourmet notes of sweet spices (licorice, ground cumin, a hint of white pepper). The finish is sapid, powdery, with gourmet notes of cocoa and toasted hazelnut. The tannins are tight, structured and have a fine texture. Beautiful persistence with freshness, good acidity and bitterness as well as gourmandise notes of chocolate on the finish.

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

## Le Strette, Bergera-Pezzole 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a savoury spiciness (liquorice, cumin seeds, nutmeg), delicate herbaceous notes (rosemary, dried mint), a touch of cocoa and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut), enveloped in a fresh and juicy fruitiness (strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blueberry, a touch of dried blackcurrant and wild blackberry) and complemented by a delicate floral bouquet (dried rose, dried peony) and a fine minerality (limestone, graphite). The palate is chiseled, tangy, with a tight tannin structure and good bitterness on the finish. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, wild blueberry) as well as red fruits (red cherry, raspberry, cranberries), flowers (fresh rose, lilac) and sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, white pepper), associated

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with a herbaceous touch (dried mint, dried pine needles). The finish is persistent, powdery and textured, with freshness and gourmandise, good acidity and a fine hint of torrefaction (cocoa, toasted hazelnut, coffee).

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

## Livia Fontana, Fontanin 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and offers precision, a distinguished minerality, a savoury spiciness as well as touches of fresh and dried flowers. It expresses notes of rose (with a very subtle tertiary hint of faded rose), dried peony, lily (which appears in the second nose), a sweet hint of iris, gourmet spicy aromas (liquorice, nutmeg, vanilla in the background), a touch of mint chocolate, torrefaction (caramelized hazelnut), herbaceous notes (fresh tobacco, dried mint, wild thyme in the background). The fruity substance on the nose is fresh and juicy; we find notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blueberry, blackberry and morello cherry, as well as hints of chocolate cherry and plum in chocolate. The palate is savoury and fresh, juiciness and a pronounced but integrated spiciness. It expresses notes of red cherry in chocolate, raspberry coulis, dried cranberries, a hint of dried raspberry, combined with notes of cherry in chocolate, cocoa, cloves, liquorice, nutmeg, with a fine hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, cocoa), as well as floral (dried rose, dried peony) and herbaceous notes (dried mint, fresh tobacco, dried rosemary). The finish is long, savory, gourmand and persistent: with notes of cocoa, dried herbs, a tertiary touch of faded rose, a fine and powdery texture of tannins as well as a refreshing acidity. Roundness, gourmandise and a beautiful structure.

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

## Livia Fontana, Villero 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a savoury and fragrant spiciness (nutmeg, white pepper, licorice), associated with a fine floral bouquet (lily, rose, dried peony), a hint of torrefaction (toasted almond) and aromatic herbs (mint wild, rosemary, tobacco), wrapped in a juicy fruitiness (crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, a touch of morello cherry and blackcurrant), combined with a touch of dark chocolate. The palate is tasty, very fragrant, with pronounced flavors of sweet spices. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, red currant jelly, crushed raspberry, juicy cherry, wild blueberry, as well as liquorice, nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin, wilted rose in the background), dried peony, lily, rosemary and dried mint. At the end of the mouth, we also find a fine powdery hint of bitter cocoa and a touch of chocolate with mint. The tannins are very fine, melted, but with a firm structure. Beautiful persistence and salivating acidity. A complex and balanced wine.

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

## Giacosa Fratelli, Scarrone Vigna Mandorlo Riserva 2018 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color with light garnet reflections. The nose is delicately perfumed and harmoniously combines tertiary notes, spices, flowers and the gourmandise of its fruits. It expresses light notes of undergrowth, faded rose, dried tobacco, a savoury spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, a very light note of vanilla in the background), a bouquet of fresh flowers (lilac, peony), aromas of fresh herbs (wild mint, sage, rosemary), a gourmet touch of chocolate with mint, toasted hazelnut and toasted wood and enveloped in a juicy fruitiness (red cherry, wild strawberry, blueberry wild, a touch of blackberry and morello cherry). The palate is juicy, with a fresh, fruity and gourmand attack, which is completed in the mid-palate by savoury notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, licorice, white pepper, ground cumin), harmoniously integrated tertiary touches (rose faded, undergrowth), a hint of cocoa and torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut), as well as herbaceous notes (dried sage, dried mint) and fresh flowers (lilac, peony). The fruits on the palate are ripe (morello cherry, strawberry, red cherry, cranberries, blueberry), with a hint of dried fruit (dried cherry, dried blackcurrant). The tannins are fine, well-structured and firm, but not drying. Beautiful salivating and refreshing acidity. The finish is long, gourmand and sapid and offers precision, good bitterness as well as a touch of bitter cocoa. An excessive, refined and balanced

**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## Ettore Germano, Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2020 Barolo

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth and concentration, even a textured touch. It initially expresses smoky notes (with a slight hint of smoked meat), spicy and floral notes (especially dried or wilted flowers), which are then complemented by notes of fresh and macerated fruit. We find in particular the aromas of faded rose, lilac, iris, associated with touches of dried mint, rosemary leaves, a hint of walnut and nutmeg in the background, cumin and liquorice, and enveloped in a juicy and concentrated fruitiness (crushed black plum, fresh ripe wood, morello cherry, a touch of blackcurrant in the background, raspberry and blueberry), as well as a gourmand touch of chocolate and a hint of torrefaction. The palate is expressive, with

lots of flavors and intensity, as well as a tight tannic structure and good bitterness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, blueberry and blackcurrant in the background, associated with notes of faded rose, dried peony, faded lilac, as well as herbaceous touches of tobacco and dried mint, sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, a very delicate hint of cinnamon in the background). Good length, the tannins are firm, slightly rough, but balanced by a salivating acidity.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Ettore Germano, Prapò 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses rather discreet spicy notes (nutmeg, liquorice, a touch of dried vanilla in the background), delicate herbaceous and floral touches (dried mint, rose, cornflower), as well as fresh fruits (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blueberry, a touch of blackberry and red plum) and a hint of dried chocolate cherry in the background, as well as a hint of torrefaction (coffee) and a delicate minerality (limestone, a hint of graphite). The mouth is gourmand and more expressive than the nose. It offers notes of ripe fruit, with slight hints of dried fruit (ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, dried strawberry, a hint of plum, even prunes, with chocolate), sweet spices (nutmeg, dried vanilla, a touch of white pepper and cinnamon in the background), flowers (a touch of wilted rose, lilac, lily), as well as dried wild herbs, coffee and cocoa. The finish is persistent, sapid and expresses good bitterness, as well as notes of roasted aromatic herbs, tobacco and dried flowers which add to the complexity of the wine.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Ettore Germano, Cerretta 2020 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, gray pepper, a touch of liquorice), aromatic herbs (bay leaf, dried mint), flowers (wild rose, lilac), as well as a fine minerality (rock, limestone), associated with juicy fruity notes (crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, red cherry, elderberry, cranberries), as well as a touch of cocoa and toasted almond in the background. The palate expresses notes of tangy but juicy fruits (wild strawberry, crushed morello cherry, red currant, elderberry, a hint of blueberry and macerated cherry in the background), associated with spicy touches of licorice, gray pepper and licorice, roasted aromatic herbs, flowers (wilted rose, dried peony, lilac), as well as a good bitterness of coffee and dark chocolate. The finish expresses tight tannins, but balanced by a salivating acidity, a good bitterness, as well as fruit juiciness and a herbaceous touch on the persistence. A somewhat discreet wine on the nose, but gourmand on the palate.

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

## Ettore Germano, Vignarionda 2019 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is discreet at first and requires aeration. It then offers delicacy and a juicy fruitiness (notes of wild strawberry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blueberry), associated with a delicate spiciness (blackcurrant pepper, white pepper, nutmeg, a subtle touch of fresh vanilla in the background), a refined floral bouquet (lilac, dried rose, cornflower), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco, peppermint, rosemary and a very discreet touch of wet leaves in the background. On the palate, we find notes of crunchy strawberry, fresh raspberry, tangy red cherry, cranberries and wild blueberry, as well as sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, a touch of vanilla), bitter chocolate and floral bouquet (faded rose, lilac, cornflower), complemented by a mineral touch (tar in the background). The tannins are tight and drying in the finish, but balanced by a salivating acidity, as well as gourmand chocolate notes and a powdery hint of cocoa, which we find in the finish. Good persistence, with a slight bitterness and smokiness of bergamot. A gourmand, structured and firm wine, which needs time.

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

## Ettore Germano, Lazzarito Riserva 2018 Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is delicately perfumed and complex. The first nose is subtle and floral – it expresses notes of fresh rose petals, lily, pistil and pollen, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, clove, a touch of cumin), tertiary touches undergrowth, tobacco, faded rose and wet leaves, as well as a fresh and juicy fruitiness (crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, cranberry juice, red cherry, crushed blueberry and a very delicate touch of blood orange peel in the background) and a hint of peppermint. The palate is tight, with good bitterness and slightly drying tannins. The flavors are quite expressive and juicy: we find notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry, cranberry juice, crushed wild blueberry, associated with a fine spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, ground cumin) and tertiary hints (wilted rose, undergrowth, tobacco, a hint of wet leaves which we find especially in the finish), as well as notes of flowers and herbs (lily, lilac, dried mint). The finish is sapid and persistent, a little dry (due to the firm tannins) with a lively acidity and a delicious touch of chocolate.

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

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## Réva Barolo Cannubi 2020

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The wine has a pale ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The first nose expresses a smoky (even slightly meaty) aroma, which is then complemented by notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, toasted vanilla in the background), flowers (dried rose, lilac) and aromatic herbs (rosemary, dried mint), a mineral touch (limestone), combined with fresh and tangy fruits (raspberry, blueberry, morello cherry, wild blackberry, a touch of cranberries and bergamot). The palate is straight, chiseled, with a silky tannin structure, but quite firm, and juiciness of fruit. It expresses notes of raspberry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, morello cherry and tart red cherry, as well as good bitterness and a subtly smoky hint of bergamot, notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), dark chocolate, sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper in the background), aromatic herbs (rosemary, dried mint) and a touch of fresh flowers (peony, dried rose). The finish is persistent, sapid and expresses a beautiful fine, but firm tannin structure and lively acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Palladino, Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The first nose offers an expressive minerality, with touches of limestone and dry stone. We then find notes of dried aromatic herbs (dried thyme, dried bay leaf, crushed bay berries, dried wild grass), associated with aromas of tangy red fruits (dried raspberry, dried cranberries, elderberries, bigarreau cherry), with a sweet hint of wild strawberry, dried rose, as well as a very delicate spiciness in the background (liquorice, a touch of vanilla, ground white pepper, nutmeg). On the palate, the wine is straight, chiseled and lively, with a salivating acidity, a pleasant bitterness and a fresh and tangy fruitiness. It expresses notes of fresh raspberry, dried cranberries, crunchy strawberry, red currant, bigarreau cherry, combined with notes of dried herbs (thyme, bay leaf, dried wild herbs), dried rose and fresh rose in background, with a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, a touch of vanilla in the background), as well as a racy minerality on the finish (limestone), accompanied by a slight bitterness. The tannins are structured and tight, but have a fine grain. Good control of tannic power and good length and balance.

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

## Palladino, Barolo Ornato 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose expresses juiciness, concentration of fruits, as well as subtle herbaceous and floral hints (bay leaf, infused tea leaf, dried thyme, dried peppermint, dried rose, lily), associated with integrated spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice stick, white pepper, clove), enveloped in notes of morello cherry, fresh strawberry, dried raspberry, cranberries, and crushed blueberry (in the background). We also find a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee). On the palate, the wine is ample and enveloping, while remaining straight and firm. The tannins are velvety and soft, but well structured, slightly gripping, without being dry. The flavors are complex and expressive: the attack offers smokiness, which is completed by gourmand notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, morello cherry, a touch of red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, blueberry, a good bitterness of cranberries and a touch of bergamot), with a fine spiciness (liquorice, vanilla, cloves, black pepper), herbaceous (dried thyme, bay berries, dried mint), floral notes (dried rose) and a hint of chocolate. We also feel a mineral touch of graphite. The finish is persistent, gourmand and chocolatey, balanced by a nice acidity and a good bitterness.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Palladino, Barolo Parafada 2020

### Barolo

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant and combines fine herbaceous notes with spiciness and a racy minerality. It expresses the aromas of dried peppermint, dried thyme, dried rose, dried violet, graphite, white pepper, liquorice and vanilla, enveloped in a fresh and tangy fruits (notes of dried raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, bigarreau cherry and morello cherry). We also find a discreet toasted and smoky note in the background. The palate is gourmand, straight and structured. The tannins are slightly grippy on attack, but have a fine grain and a velvety texture. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, cranberries and dried raspberry, combined with a touch of dried blackcurrant, fine herbaceous notes (dried mint, bay leaf, Earl Gray tea, thyme), floral bouquet (dried rose) and toasted hints (toasted hazelnut, cocoa, a touch of coffee). The finish is gourmand, with notes of chocolate cherry, mint chocolate and a mineral touch of graphite. Beautiful persistence on the palate, well-structured tannins, freshness thanks to a salivating acidity and good aging potential. The woodiness is still expressive the wine needs time to integrate it.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Mura mura – Sorano 2020

### Barolo DOCG

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine unctuousity, density as well as a fine hint of austerity. There are notes of violet, purple plum and small notes of boysenberry associated with touches of small roasted red fruits, infusion, cornflower as well as fine hints of tonka bean and zan. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a good definition, suavity, a lovely freshness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of lily, tonka bean, fresh nutmeg, fresh almond as well as a subtle almost varietal hint (in the background). Good length. Tannins are supple and sappy. Nice minerality on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Mura mura – Sorano 2021

### Barolo DOCG

The nose is elegant, velvety and offers a lovely elegance as well as a beautiful velvety grain. A « complete » side but without heaviness, all in balance. We find notes of crushed strawberry, blueberry and small notes of lilac associated with touches of small blue fruits, small wild fruits as well as delicate hints of star anise. The palate is nicely mineral, elegant and offers a juicy/acidulous structure, a small stretched side as well as a certain power in precision. Velvet and delicate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, Bigarreau cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of crushed raspberry, hints of chocolate, violet, star anise as well as an almost laurel berries hint and toasted/vanilla. Lovely finesse and delicacy. A subtle chewiness on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Sara Vezza, Josetta Saffirio 2020

### Barolo del comune di Montforte d'Alba

Nice elegant, delicate nose which offers a certain power while subtlety as well as a beautiful power of the grain with finesse. We find notes of small ripe red fruits, Cubeb pepper and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of fresh/crunchy plum as well as discreet hints of smoke and sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, accuracy, tension, sensuality as well as straightness in subtlety/precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild cherry, ripe/juicy red berries and small notes of purple plum associated with a touch of wild raspberry, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cardamom and a discreet hint of sense of place (local

biotop). Nice suavity and tanginess on the finish/persistence. Tannins are slightly mellowness and tasty. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate in the background. Very nice persistence.

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

## Sara Vezza, Josetta Saffirio 2020

### Barolo Ravera

The nose is elegant, mineral and offers deepness, a certain concentration as well as a certain power of the grain. There are notes of wild raspberry, small ripe berries and small notes of flowers associated with touches of smoke as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is nicely mineral, nicely readable/easy to access, very precise and offers freshness, juiciness as well as a certain enveloping fat/suavity (and that supports the fruit). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of flowers as well as subtle toasted hints, toasted almond and a subtle almost sappy hint. Beautiful definition and tangy finish. Tannins are nicely mellow.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Sara Vezza, Josetta Saffirio, Castelletto 2020

### Barolo Persiera

The nose offers power, intensity, a fine concentration, a subtle hint of noble austerity as well as a lovely powerful and stretched grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small ripe wild fruits and small notes of delicate spices associated with touches of graphite, smoke as well as fine hints of strawberry, cornflowers and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a good definition, a certain gourmandise, brightness/brilliance of the fruit, velvety as well as a tangy structure. All in control/precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of clove, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of tonka bean (in the background) and crushed almond (in the background). Tannins are finely mellow. A beautiful small chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)





# Piedmont

## Carlo Revello & Figli 2020

### Barolo

The nose is racy, well-built and offers a certain freshness as well as a racy and stretched grain. We find notes of wild blackberry, small ripe wild berries and slight notes of racy minerality associated with touches of fresh cherry, fine hints of fresh blond tobacco, a subtle hint of Cubeb pepper as well as a very discreet hint of licorice and an imperceptible almost aniseed hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, minerality, suppleness as well as a certain small power in delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy purple plum, fresh roasted cherry and small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with varietal touches as well as subtle hints of toasted almond and a very discreet hint of good bitterness. Tannins are tasty. Small firmness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Carlo Revello & Figli – Boiolo 2020

### Barolo

Nice elegant nose which offers well-controlled power, freshness as well as a certain deepness. Everything in control. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small crunchy fruits associated with a hint of lilac as well as fine almost aniseed hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, pulpiness, a certain concentration, a small freshness, sapidity, tanginess as well as a nice energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small roasted red fruits as well as a hint of smoke and flowers. Tannins are finely firm. A good work on the good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Carlo Revello & Figli – Giachini 2020

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, racy and harmonious. It reveals notes of ripe wild violet plum, wild strawberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a nice brightness of the fruit, pulpiness as well as a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, Quetsche plum and small notes of tangy redcurrant candy associated with touches of flowers (cornflower, violet...) as well as a subtle, almost laurel berries hint and sweet spices. Salinity on the finish/persistence. Tannins are mellow.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## G.D. Vajra – Albé 2020

### Barolo

Beautiful elegant nose, gourmand, racy, harmonious, supple, aromatic, nicely built and offers complexity. There are notes of tangy violet candy, pulpy redcurrants and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of sweet pepper, star anise as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is nicely structured, elegant, delicate, precise, well-balanced and offers precision, a tangy structure as well as a lovely finesse in its unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright blueberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of licorice stick, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of infusion and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are supple, tasty and harmonious. A beautifully gourmand, elegant and precise wine. A very nice persistence.

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

## G.D. Vajra – Bricco delle Viole 2020

### Barolo

Beautiful, precise and elegant nose that offers frank, very precise and offers a fine power, deepness as well as a nice multi-layered side. We find notes of purple plum, small wild red fruits and small notes of lily associated with touches of star anise, small blue fruits, discreet hints of tangy cherry candy as well as a hint of smoke and delicate hints of vanilla. The palate is elegant, well-balanced, nicely racy, very supple and offers minerality, precision, a nice suavity, a nice definition as well as a beautiful harmony. A lovely creamy matter with delicacy and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright blueberry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of vanilla, licorice stick, salinity/iodine as well as fine hints of chocolate and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). Tannins are supple, racy, sapid and precise. Presence of a subtle hint of good bitterness and chewiness in the background. Presence of an imperceptible almost orange/bitter orange hint on the aftertaste.

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

## Moscone 2017

### Barolo DOCG

The nose is spicy, precise and offers tension, a good definition as well as a nice stretched grain. A certain straightness. We find notes of wild blackberry, Cubeb pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy small fruit (almost creamy), hints of blue plum, fine hints of Bourbon vanilla as well as an almost /discreet hint of fresh local grove, rose and toast. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, precision as well as a nice sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, red berries and small notes of red plum associated with touches of juicy/fresh blackcurrant as well as hints of star anise, nutmeg, smoke, sense of place (local biotop) and a discreet hint of toasted almond. A subtle saline hint in the background. Tannins are tasty.

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

## Fratelli Revello – Gattera 2020

### Barolo

Nice fruity nose that offers a precise grain, a velvety side as well as a fine concentration. There are notes of blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of ripe small wild fruits associated with hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, distinguished and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandize, a nice small fat, roundness, precision as well as a nice textured side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulp blackberry, wild red berries and small notes of fleshy/juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of racy minerality (almost slightly iodized) as well as fine toasted hints and almost varietal. Tannins are velvety. Hint of good bitterness on the finish. Beautiful length.

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

## Fratelli Revello – Cerretta 2020

### Barolo

Nice fruity nose, ripe, intense and which offers velvety, precision and a certain power in control. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe/acidulous wild strawberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine hints of cubeb pepper, laurel berries and a subtle almost smoky hint. The palate is nicely suave, fruity and offers delicacy as well as gourmandize. Supple and round. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of small bright/fleshy red fruits associated with touches of blueberry, liquorice, smoke, nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of « toasted-freshness ». Good length. Tannins are velvety, precise and relatively powerful. Nice hint of

good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Ciabot Berton – 2020 De la Comune di La Morra

### Barolo

Nice elegant and complex nose. Powerful and fine at the same time. A beautiful intense grain, elegant and airy. We find notes of Sichuan pepper, blackberry and small notes of quite ripe small fruits associated with touches of local grove as well as hints of star anise, tobacco, a subtle hint of smoke and black tea. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, precision, tension, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, wild red berries and small notes of aromatic herbs associated with a touch of pepper, black tea as well as a hint of infusion, fine hints of nutmeg, smoke, sense of place (local biotop) and sage. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Hint of chocolate and a subtle hint of good bitterness in the background/on the finish. A beautifully silky, supple, harmonious and delicate wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Ciabot Berton – 1961, 2020

### Barolo

The nose is spicy and relatively marked by a grilled herb/aromatic herb side. There are notes of small fruits, fresh pepper and small notes of wild black berries associated with touches of infusion as well as an almost Mediterranean hint and sage. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, lovely definition as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet plum, quite ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of star anise, warm grove as well as an almost balsamic hint, almost Mediterranean hint (in the quality of the fruit), fine hints of juicy roasted fruits and cardamom. Tannins are chewy and sapid. A nicely gourmand and well-executed wine! Good length. A subtle saline/sapid hint on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



# Tuscany

## TOSCANA

### Campo alla Sughera 2020

Toscana

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers precision, complexity and a beautiful concentration of fruit, combined with herbaceous freshness and a refined spiciness. We find the aromas of fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum and wild blueberry, combined with aromas of delicate, but distinct, sweet spices, which harmoniously complete the profile of the wine: fresh vanilla, liquorice stick, grated nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds. We also find a herbaceous touch of wild mint, dried pine needles and a subtle, but elegant floral bouquet (dried rose, fresh peony, lilac), as well as a mineral touch of limestone in the background and a fine hint of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The palate is enveloping, voluminous, with a firm and straight tannic structure, well integrated into a rich and deep fruity substance. We find flavors of very ripe fresh morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, ripe black plum, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and wild blackberry, combined with slightly bitter notes of dark chocolate, and a savoury spiciness (liquorice with a fine hint of star anise, fresh vanilla, grated nutmeg, roasted coriander seeds), with a herbaceous hint of dried pine needles, fresh wild mint and a floral touch of peony. The finish is expressive and persistent, chocolatey and powdery (cocoa), rich and juicy, but balanced by a fresh and supple acidity. A full-bodied, well-structured, rich and balanced wine.

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

## BOLGHERI

### Tenuta Campo al Signore, Volante 2021

Bolgheri

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and complex: it expresses spicy (nutmeg, black pepper, ground cumin, liquorice with a touch of star anise and toasted vanilla in the background) and herbaceous (dried pine needles, peppermint, dried rosemary, fresh tobacco) aromas, harmoniously enveloped in notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry, blueberry, a touch of wild blackberry) and completed by a hint of saline minerality and a fine floral bouquet (peony, wild rose). The palate is finely tight and offers straightness, accuracy and freshness. It expresses notes of juicy fruits: wild strawberry, morello cherry, blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, combined with a fine spiciness (liquorice with a touch of star anise, black pepper, nutmeg), floral notes (peony, rose wild), aromatic herbs (dried mint, bouquet garni, fresh tobacco), as well as a hint of chocolate and torrefaction in the background (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish is persistent, chiseled and tangy: it first expresses tangy notes of red cherry and raspberry and continues with the gourmandise of cherry in chocolate and cocoa. The tannins are fine, but structured and tight. Beautiful salivating acidity which brings a lot of freshness to the wine.

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

### PietraNova 2022

Bolgheri

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is silky, gourmand and very fruity, complemented by subtle spicy and herbaceous notes which appear in the second nose. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and wild blackberry, a sweet note of cherry in chocolate, dark chocolate, liquorice, nutmeg, as well as a salty mineral touch, a hint of violet, fresh peppermint and green olive in the background. The palate offers accuracy, straightness and juiciness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, tangy red cherry and raspberry coulis, combined with a herbaceous touch of fresh peppermint, bouquet garni, a gourmet hint of cherry in chocolate and sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg). The finish is persistent, sapid, and adds delicate notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted wood) and a slight bitterness to the profile of the wine. The tannins are very fine and silky, the acidity is lively and refreshing. A very gourmand and airy wine, full of youth.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Tenuta Campo al Signore 2021

Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers delicacy and finesse, gourmand fruity aromas, as well as a savoury spicy and herbaceous notes. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry and blueberry, combined with touches of sweet spices (liquorice with a hint of star anise, grated nutmeg, dried vanilla, white pepper), aromatic herbs (dried peppermint, tobacco, bay leaf, rosemary), balsamic, a hint of black olive in the background, as well as a light floral touch (dried rose) and a saline hint in the background. The palate is juicy and enveloping, but fresh and chiselled. The attack is round, chocolatey (cherry in chocolate) and then expresses notes of black plum, ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry and blueberry, associated with a fine spiciness (liquorice, toasted vanilla, white pepper, grated nutmeg), herbaceous notes (fresh peppermint, rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, tobacco) and a touch of wild rose. The finish is juicy, persistent and expresses notes of tart red cherry, accompanied by a hint of dried pine needles and balsamic. The tannins are

well constructed and finely tight, slightly drying on the finish, but balanced by a salivating acidity. A concentrated wine with a beautiful structure and good aging potential.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Castello di Bolgheri, Varv ra 2022

Bolgheri

The wine has a deep ruby color, with slight purplish reflections. The nose is aromatic, lively and fruity. It expresses notes of fresh and tangy red and black fruits (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, red plum, black plum, raspberry, cranberries, a touch of amarena cherry), associated with a touch of balsamic, green olive, as well as with a herbaceous hint (wild mint, bay leaf, rosemary, a touch of blackcurrant leaf, tobacco), spicy notes (liquorice, grated nutmeg, a touch of vanilla, clove) and a floral aroma (withered rose), combined with a resinous and smoky note in the background. The palate is gourmand, juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, red currants, raspberry, crushed strawberry, as well as a touch of blackcurrant in the background. We also find notes of delicate notes of torrefaction (cocoa, coffee, toast), sweet spices (liquorice, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg), herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried peppermint) and balsamic. The tannins are structured, fine, a bit grippy, but enveloped. The finish is persistent and gourmand, with a sweet touch of cherry in chocolate and chocolate with mint, combined with good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Campo alla Sughera, Ad o 2021

Bolgheri Rosso

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fleshy and deep, even textured, but it offers a nice freshness at the same time. It expresses notes of very ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, redcurrant jelly and fresh raspberry, roasted red cherry and black plum in the background, combined with touches of dark chocolate with mint, violet and lilac, as well as a very delicate resinous hint (pine sap, pine needles) and spiciness (fresh liquorice, even star anise, cloves, a hint of vanilla), which appear on the second nose. The palate is silky and full, with a warming, chocolatey attack, with gourmet notes of ripe fruit. It expresses notes of chocolate morello cherry, crushed strawberry, black plum, wild blackberry, raspberry coulis and very ripe fresh morello cherry, combined with savoury notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, liquorice, cloves), cocoa, dried mint and a sweet hint of flowers (iris, peony). The tannins have a fine, velvety and melted grain. The finish is persistent, with the gourmandise of ripe fruit and a touch of chocolate, slightly sweet and bitter. The finish is persistent, juicy and rich, balanced by a nice acidity. A gourmand, full-bodied and harmonious wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Castello di Bolgheri 2021

Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a deep ruby color. The wine is a little reserved on the nose and requires aeration. It then expresses savoury and gourmet notes of ripe fruit (even crushed fruit), sweet spices and torrefaction. We find in particular the aromas of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, red currant jelly and black plum, associated with notes of fresh vanilla, liquorice (even star anise), nutmeg, toasted almond and dark chocolate, balanced by notes of peppermint, resinous touches of pine sap and pine needles, balsamic, fresh rose and violet, with a delicate saline minerality background. The palate is silky, full and fresh, balanced by a salivating acidity and a good bitterness on the finish. It expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, candied red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and redcurrant jelly, combined with pronounced floral scents of fresh rose and peony, as well as touches of sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), bitter chocolate, aromatic herbs (peppermint, rosemary), a resinous hint of pine needles and a fine minerality (salinity, graphite). The tannins are tight, a bit rough, but balanced by a salivating acidity and a juicy fruitiness. The finish is persistent, gourmand, with a good bitterness of dark chocolate.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Campo alla Sughera, Arnione 2020

Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, textured and complex: it offers an expressive spiciness, a beautiful concentration of fruits, as well as a delicacy of floral and herbaceous notes. We find in particular the aromas of juicy fresh morello cherry, black plum, wild blueberry, raspberry coulis, associated with notes of mint (or even menthol), rosemary and dried pine nuts, fresh rose, peony, as well as spicy notes (liquorice, fresh vanilla, ground cumin, cloves) and roasting (toasted pine nuts, heated wood, sweet coffee). The palate offers fleshiness of very ripe fruit, depth as well as a robustness and gourmandise, thanks to ample, silky and generous tannins. We find the flavors of dark chocolate plum (or even prunes), juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, roasted red cherry, raspberry and cherry jam, as well as a touch of cr me de cassis, a pronounced spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, vanilla, clove), notes of mint chocolate, flowers (peony, lilac), as well as a resinous hint of pine needles and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted pine nuts). The finish is persistent, rich and savoury, refreshed by a salivating acidity, but integrated and supple, as well as a fine coffee bitterness.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

# Tuscany

## PietraNova Liborio 2019 Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and offers depth and complexity, but needs to breathe to fully open up. It expresses notes of juicy and tangy fruits (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, red currant, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant and blueberry), combined with savoury touches of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), dried thyme, dried mint, with a mineral touch of graphite, spicy notes (liquorice with a very subtle touch of star anise, toasted vanilla, cloves, roasted coriander seeds, cinnamon), floral (rose, peony), dark chocolate and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, a slight smoky touch). The palate offers volume, an enveloping touch and notes of ripe and juicy fruit, all in elegance. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, roasted bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, crushed raspberry, associated with refined herbaceous nuances (bay leaf, thyme, rosemary), a warm but integrated spiciness (liquorice, vanilla, clove, a hint of cinnamon), a note of dark chocolate, peony and toasted hazelnut. The tannins are velvety and powdery. Nice refreshing acidity. The finish is persistent and sapid, with notes of toast, smoke, chocolate, the gourmandise of morello cherry, cocoa and a fine minerality (graphite). A complex, refined and fresh wine.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## CHIANTI CLASSICO

### Tenuta Perano (Frescobaldi) 2020 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juicy fruit, gourmandise and a certain concentration. It expresses the tangy notes and a textured and tannic touch of fresh blackcurrant, mountain ash, wild plum, as well as notes of morello cherry, crushed raspberry and strawberry, associated with a fragrant floral bouquet (wild rose, violet, a touch peony and iris in the background), complemented by a hint of balsamic, a fine spicy (white pepper) and herbaceous (dried oregano, fresh basil) notes. The attack on the palate is juicy, tangy and gourmand, straight and chiselled. The tannins are well structured, quite firm, but velvety and discreet at the same time. The wine expresses more flavors of red fruits on the palate: tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, combined with notes of fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry and wild plum, as well as savory notes of white pepper, oregano, fresh basil, tea with bergamot and wild rose. The acidity is lively and salivating, good length with a pleasant bitterness and chiselled notes of fresh basil and wild mint. An airy, well-structured, juicy and fresh wine.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

### Mazzei, Fonterutoli 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, juicy morello cherry, ripe strawberry, blueberry and crushed raspberry, combined with notes of menthol, peppermint, fresh rose, as well as a touch of dried basil and green olive. The palate is chiseled, tangy, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, blood orange (in the background), crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and fresh blackcurrant, combined with notes of dried basil, peppermint, fresh rose and green olive. The tannins are fine, but tight and a bit grippy. Good persistence on freshness and salivating acidity, accompanied by good bitterness.

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

### Panzanello 1427 2020 Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is juicy, fruity and quite aromatic. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, wild plum, mountain ash, fresh red currant, combined with notes of fresh mint, fresh basil in the background, olive, fresh thyme and fresh flowers (violet, wild rose) with a delicate peppery touch. The palate is juicy, airy, with lightness, good bitterness and incisive acidity. It expresses bitter notes of cranberries, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, fresh red currant, blackcurrant, tangy blueberry and mountain ash, combined with touches of fresh mint, green olive, ground white pepper (in the background), wild rose and cut grass. The tannins are tight, slightly drying on the finish. The finish is moderately persistent, chiseled, with high acidity and good bitterness.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

### Morino 2021 Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers notes of ripe and roasted fruit. It expresses in particular the

aromas of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, red currant jelly, associated with notes of balsamic, dried Mediterranean herbs, fresh basil, as well as a touch of peony and violet. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, a certain roundness, fruit and good bitterness, with a lively acidity, which balances the fine tannins, and a firm structure. The wine expresses flavors of roasted red cherry, dried red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild plum, raspberry coulis, crushed strawberry and cranberries with good bitterness, combined with touches of balsamic, fresh basil and dried Mediterranean herbs. The finish is rather persistent, powdery, with a fine mineral touch (dry gravel) and a hint of chocolate in the background. A gourmand and well-structured wine.

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

### Castelli del Grevepesa, Clemente VII 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved, but opens after aeration. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, juicy morello cherry, associated with a touch of crushed blackcurrant and crème de cassis, as well as a refreshing herbaceous notes of blackcurrant leaf, wild mint, basil, a touch of tapenade and flowers in the background (rose, violet). The palate is juicy, straight and fresh, with firm and grippy tannins, softened by a salivating acidity. The wine expresses flavors of tart red cherry, morello cherry, crisp strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, as well as herbaceous notes of blackcurrant leaves, wild mint and basil, as well as a floral touch. violet and dried rose in the background. The finish is tangy, moderately persistent, with good bitterness, a certain astringency of tannins and a grassy hint on the finish.

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

### Ariolo in Terrabianca, Sacello 2020 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is a bit reserved, but opens after aeration. It expresses notes of ripe strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis), as well as notes of crushed wild mint, basil, dried rosemary, balsamic cream, a very light spicy touch (liquorice, a hint of vanilla) and floral (rose, peony). The palate is juicy, fruity and gourmand. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant and redcurrant jelly, combined with floral (rose, peony), spicy (licorice, a hint of

vanilla), herbaceous notes (crushed wild mint, rosemary) and a hint of balsamic cream. The tannins are powdery and fine, but a bit drying. Nice acidity and fruity substance which balance the tannic structure of the wine. Good persistence in the mouth.

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

### Poggio Santo 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, tangy bigarreau cherry, associated with floral notes of violet, peony and a gourmand touch of prunes in chocolate in the background, refreshed by touches of wild mint and basil. On the palate, the wine is airy and offers gourmandise, fruitiness, and lightness. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, bigarreau cherry, cherry jam, combined with notes of peony, rose, black plum and wild mint in the background. The tannins are fine, a bit grippy, but enveloped and not astringent. The finish is rather persistent, with a nice salivating acidity and a touch of fresh tobacco, liquorice and toasted hazelnut in the background. An airy and accessible wine.

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

### Pellegrini Della Seta, Terra di Seta 2021 Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved, but opens up after aeration. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, blueberry, crisp strawberry, raspberry, red currants, a touch of crushed blackcurrant, as well as a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaves, thyme and rosemary, as well as a delicate touch of liquorice. We also find a fine mineral framework (slightly limestone) in the background. On the palate, the wine is chiseled, a little tight, but juicy, with a crunchy acidity, which balances the tight tannin and a slight bitterness. The flavors are fresh, tangy. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red currant, a touch of cranberries, fresh blackcurrant, blackcurrant leaf, thyme and rosemary, associated with a very fine spicy note (licorice, clove). The finish is moderately persistent, tangy and with good bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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## Poggio Santo 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic, gourmand, fruity and floral. It expresses the fragrant notes of rose, peony and violet, associated with a gourmand and sweet fruitiness, there are aromas of ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, dried red cherry, blackberry, black plum. We also find herbaceous aromas (fresh tobacco, dried mint, a touch of hay), a mineral hint (dry gravel, graphite) and some spiciness (white pepper, nutmeg, licorice). On the palate, the wine is supple, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, cranberry jam and red currant jelly, combined with a floral bouquet (dried rose, peony), a touch of wild mint in the background, fresh tobacco, cocoa, as well as a fine spiciness (white pepper, nutmeg, licorice). The finish expresses a firm tannic structure and a sapid and gourmand texture of tannins, enveloped in a beautiful fruity substance and a beautiful acidity. The finish is moderately persistent, but savoury and gourmand.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta di Nozzole, Nozzole 2021

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is open, fruity and gourmand. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, a touch of dried red fruits in the background (dried cranberries, dried raspberry, dried red cherry), as well as a hint of blueberry and fresh blackcurrant. We also find notes of dried mint, basil, rosemary, as well as a spicy touch (licorice, vanilla in the background, nutmeg) and floral bouquet (peony, violet) and a hint of dark chocolate in the background. The palate is gourmand, juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, red currants, crushed raspberry, associated with an integrated spiciness (liquorice, cloves, nutmeg) and a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, violet, peony), associated with herbaceous notes (dried rosemary, basil, thyme). The tannins have a fine grain and a velvety structure. Nice acidity and persistence on the palate, with a slight bitterness. A lively and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Reggine 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, even pale. The nose is gourmand, warming and offers concentration and juicy aromas of ripe black fruits. It expresses notes of morello cherry, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, black plum, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with savoury touches of sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg, cloves, white pepper), a touch of dark chocolate, fresh flowers (rose petals, violet), as well as a racy minerality (graphite, dry gravel) and a touch of mint and dried Mediterranean herbs. The mouth is frank, straight and chiseled. It expresses the flavors of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry), dried herbs (mint, basil, Mediterranean herbs), sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg) and flowers (rose petals, violet). The tannins are grippy, but fine, with good bitterness. Beautiful salivating acidity, good persistence and juiciness on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Marchesi d'Orsi di Villanova, Casaloste 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, spicy and fruity, with a slight hint of roasted fruit. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as expressive floral, slightly sweet aromas (iris, peony), associated with a fine spiciness (liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cinnamon in the background) and herbaceous notes (dried thyme, dried rosemary, a sappy touch of dried pine needles). The palate is juicy and silky, but offers a firm tannic structure, a fine grain of tannins and a slight bitterness on the finish. We find the flavors of morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackberry and blackcurrant, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, grilled vanilla, cloves), flowers (peony, violet, dried rose) and aromatic herbs (thyme, dried rosemary, basil). The finish is moderately persistent, but silky and gourmand, with juicy notes of ripe fruit, good bitterness and nice acidity.

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

## Torcilacqua 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, slightly meaty and smoky. It expresses notes of roasted meat and smoke, which disappear after aeration and are complemented by notes of fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, strawberry, red currants, raspberry, cranberries and blueberries, combined with a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, lily, rose), with refreshing herbaceous notes (wild mint, rosemary, fresh basil), as well as a very light touch of liquorice and nutmeg in the background. The palate is juicy, gourmand and silky, with lots of freshness and liveliness. It expresses

notes of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, morello cherry, blueberry and red currant, combined with a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg) and flowers (violet, fresh rose, lily), as well as with notes of aromatic herbs (thyme, wild mint, bay leaf). The finish is quite persistent and expresses good bitterness, lively acidity and notes of juicy fruit. Freshness and gourmandise.

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

## Podere Castellinuzza 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The nose is gourmand, fruity and offers concentration and a sweet touch of roasted fruit. It expresses in particular the aromas of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, roasted raspberry, strawberry, dried cranberries, red currant jelly, associated with notes of cocoa, dark chocolate, chocolate cherry, toasted hazelnut, with a savoury spiciness (liquorice, clove, a hint of cinnamon), a floral bouquet (dried rose, violet) and herbaceous hints (dried mint, dried thyme), as well as a resinous touch of pine sap, pine needles and tapenade in the background. On the palate, the wine is gourmand, fruity and juicy. It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, dried cranberries, as well as notes of chocolate with mint, cocoa, a resinous touch of pine sap and dried pine needles, a floral bouquet (dried rose, violet), as well as a fine herbaceous hints (dried mint, rosemary, thyme) and some spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg). The tannins are well structured, a bit grippy, but enveloped by a beautiful fruitiness and a salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, fruity, gourmand and slightly bitter.

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

## Tenuta di Arceno 2021

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juiciness and fresh, ripe fruitiness, as well as notes of roasted fruit. It expresses the aromas of roasted red cherry, strawberry, roasted raspberry, fresh raspberry, dried cranberries, fresh bigarreau cherry and fresh red currants, combined with floral notes of violet, rose petals, as well as with fine herbaceous hints (sage, basil, peppermint). The palate is expressive, savoury and silky. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, red cherry, fresh crushed raspberry, red currant jelly, cranberry jam and fresh red plum, combined with fragrant floral notes (violet, fresh rose, fresh peony), with herbaceous freshness (wild mint, sage, basil) and the gourmandise of chocolate with mint. The tannins are melted, sapid, gourmands, with a slight hint of cocoa. The finish is fruity, juicy, pleasant and moderately persistent. Beautiful acidity and a firm tannic structure. A gourmand and well-made wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Poggio al Sole 2021

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a juicy and fresh fruitiness (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, fresh strawberry, raspberry, wild blackberry, a touch of blackcurrant), associated with a touch of kirsch cherry, dried rose, hay (in the background), dried basil, liquorice and cloves, as well as a touch of chocolate with mint. The palate offers juicy and pure fruit (flavors of strawberry, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, redcurrant jelly, crushed raspberry and wild blackberry), combined with a hint of macerated cherry, liquorice, clove, herbs (dried mint, thyme, a touch of basil) and flowers (dried rose, peony). The tannins are a bit grippy, but enveloped. Good persistence in the mouth, on the gourmandise and freshness of tangy bigarreau cherry. Nice salivating acidity.

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

## Istine 2021

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, floral and delicately herbaceous. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, fresh raspberry, cranberries, fresh red currants and blueberry, combined with notes of violet, dried rose, dried mint, sage and basil. On the palate, the wine is juicy, tangy and airy. It expresses the flavors of fresh strawberry, tart red cherry, cranberries, fresh red currants, combined with a floral bouquet (rose, violet, cherry blossom) and refreshing herbaceous hints (sage, basil, mint in the background). The tannins are a bit grippy and grainy. The finish is a little tight, with good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Querceto di Castellina, L'Aura 2021

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is tangy, fresh and purely fruity. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, fresh red currant, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaves, basil and a floral hint of fresh rose. The palate is juicy, gourmand and offers the intensity of fruit and a pleasant bitterness of cranberries. We also find notes of

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bigarreau cherry, fresh strawberry and red currant, blackcurrant leaves, peppermint and fresh rose, associated with a tannic framework of wild black plum. The tannins have a fine grain and a fairly firm structure, but not drying. Beautiful acidity, liveliness, energy and purity of the fruits. Good, fresh, chiseled length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Terre di Melazzano 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The nose is gourmand, fruity and slightly jammy. It offers delicacy and a certain complexity. We find notes of roasted bigarreau cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, as well as a fine spicy (liquorice, clove, white pepper), floral (peony, violet) and torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut), as well as a touch of tapenade and basil in the background. The palate is silky, juicy and fruity, with light notes of roasted red fruits (roasted cherry, roasted raspberry). We also find notes of fresh wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, blackberry, raspberry coulis, peony, fresh rose, liquorice, white pepper, cloves and coffee, with a hint of cocoa in the background. The tannins are fine, melted and supple, slightly grippy but integrated. The finish is lingering and sapid, with pleasant bitter notes of bergamot, dried herbs and coffee and refreshing acidity. Delicacy and a beautiful fruitiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Capraia 2021

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a brilliant ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and offers concentration and juiciness. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, kirsche red cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry jelly, as well as a touch of balsamic cream, prunes, dark chocolate, of chocolate with mint, clove, peony and iris, combined with notes of thyme and fresh rosemary. The palate is ripe, concentrated and expresses a rich fruitiness, as well as a firm and grippy tannic structure. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, wild black plum, crushed blackcurrant, kirsched red cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis and wild strawberry, combined with notes of dark chocolate with mint and prunes in chocolate, cloves, cumin, balsamic cream, coffee (with a good bitterness) and flowers (peony, dried rose). The finish is tight and expresses the dry side of the tannins, softened by a salivating acidity. A powerful and fleshy wine, a bit austere.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Fattoria La Ripa 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers intensity, concentration and juiciness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, ripe raspberry, crushed red currant, a touch of cranberries, as well as notes of dried aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary), dried rose and a subtle minerality (limestone, dry gravel) in the background. The palate is juicy, chiseled and straight. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, red currant, cranberries, strawberry and raspberry, as well as touches of dried rose, thyme, rosemary and fresh tobacco. The tannins are enveloping, silky and melted, with a fine powdery touch of cocoa. Nice acidity, a well-built tannic structure, balance, freshness and gourmandise. The finish is persistent, with gourmand notes of candied red cherry. An airy and pleasant wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Viticcio 55, 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity and finely spicy. It expresses the savory notes of sweet spices (clove, nutmeg, white pepper, licorice), ripe fruits (morello cherry, fresh wood, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, red plum, red cherry), associated with freshness wild mint, menthol, rosemary and fresh basil. We also find a fine touch of balsamic, rose and violet. The palate is round, juicy and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild black plum, red plum, red cherry and crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of wild mint, rosemary, fresh basil, a fine spiciness (clove, white pepper, nutmeg, licorice) and floral hint (rose, violet), as well as a gourmet touch of cocoa and cherry in chocolate. The tannins are firm, but not drying, enveloped in juicy fruitiness and salivating acidity. The finish is persistent, warm and fresh, thanks to good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Rietine 2019

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic, fragrant and expresses distinct tertiary notes : dry tobacco, leather, faded rose, undergrowth in the background. We then find a beautiful herbaceous freshness (fresh wild mint, menthol, basil, fresh bay leaf, wild thyme), a floral bouquet (violet, dried cornflower, dried rose, peony), spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove, crushed

coriander seeds, black pepper), as well as a concentrated fruity substance (roasted red cherry, morello cherry, morello cherry jam, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, raspberry jam, red currant jelly) with a hint of dark chocolate, chocolate kirsched cherry and crème de cassis in the background. The palate is enveloping, juicy and gourmand, with a rich and ripe, but refined fruitiness. It expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), flowers (dried rose, peony, violet), herbs (dried thyme, bay leaf, basil, wild mint), as well as delicate tertiary touches, less pronounced than on the nose (undergrowth, tobacco, leather, faded rose). The tannins are sapid, melted and have a fine grain and a firm structure. The finish is sapid and fresh thanks to a nice acidity.

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

## Riecine 2021

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and gourmandise, as well as a refreshing tangy frame of red fruits. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, a touch of wild plum and blueberry, combined with notes of fresh basil, wild mint, Mediterranean herbs, violet and wild rose. The palate offers suppleness, juiciness and fresh fruitiness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, fresh raspberry, red currants, as well as wild plum and blueberry, combined with notes of wild mint, basil, fresh thyme, wild rose and violet. The tannins are sapid, a bit grippy, but balanced by a fresh acidity. The finish is gourmand, juicy and fruity, rather persistent.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Pensieri di Cavatina 2021

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium or even deep intensity. On the nose, the wine is reserved and needs to be aerated. It then expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, blueberry and crushed blackcurrant, combined with refreshing herbaceous notes (peppermint, fresh basil, fresh thyme, rosemary), as well as touches of iris and fresh olive. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, grippy but fine tannins and a tangy fruitiness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, wild plum, as well as peppermint, fresh basil, cut rosemary and iris. The finish is moderately persistent and expresses a salivating acidity and a delicate touch of candied cherry which balances the dryness of the tannins and a slight bitterness on the finish.

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

## Il Contadino Cusano, Tenuta Poggio Torselli 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness and tangy fruit. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, morello cherry, red plum and blueberry, combined with notes of fresh mint, basil, fresh thyme, balsamic and rose petals. The palate offers a tasty and silky attack, with a firm and slightly drying tannin structure, which is expressed in the middle and end of the palate. We find flavors of morello cherry, red plum, wild black plum, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and tangy bigarreau cherry, combined with notes of fresh thyme, dried bouquet garni, roasted cherry, dried mint and balsamic cream in the background. The finish is tasty and persistent, refreshing, thanks to a lively acidity, which, with a chocolate touch, softens the dryness of the tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Castello La Leccia 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juiciness, gourmandise and pure fruit. It expresses notes of ripe raspberry, wild strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, combined with notes of roasted red cherry, roasted bouquet garni, mint, as well as subtle notes of rose and violet. The palate is juicy, fruity and warming. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, macerated red cherry, morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, as well as notes of dried mint, roasted bouquet garni, rose, peony and a slight note of prunes. The finish expresses grippy, even dry tannins and a slight bitterness, balanced by a salivating acidity. A firm wine, with character.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Agricola Querciabella 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a fresh tangy structure and purity of fruit. It expresses the aromas of bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, cranberries, a touch of crushed blueberry, combined with notes of fresh basil, Mediterranean herbs, rose petals and wild flowers. The palate is chiseled, lively and slightly bitter on attack. It expresses the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, tangy raspberry, cranberries, crunchy strawberry and crushed blueberry, combined with a

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fine herbaceous touch (fresh basil, thyme) and mineral in the background. The finish expresses a crunchy acidity, bitterness of cranberries, as well as slightly grippy and grainy tannins, balanced by the salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Castello Vicchiomaggio, Guado Alto 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is discreet at first, after aeration, it expresses notes of fresh red berries, red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, elderberry, a touch of tangy blackcurrant as well as subtle herbaceous and floral aromas (laurel, dried grass, violet, dried rose) and a very slight hint of licorice, nutmeg and smoke in the background. The mouth is enveloping, open, juicy and pure. It expresses sweet notes of wild strawberry, candied red cherry, raspberry, cranberries with a slight bitterness, as well as red cherry and crushed blackcurrant, which bring tanginess and freshness. There are also touches of dried rose, bay leaf, dried grass and cumin. The tannins are velvety and elegant. Nice length with juicy and sweet black fruits, refreshed by a nice acidity. A gourmet wine, straight, but silky and refined.

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

## Vignamaggio, Terre di Prenzano 2020 Chianti Classico

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers aromas of tangy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry), juicy black fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum), aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried basil, dried thyme), black tapenade, dried rose, as well as a delicate peppery touch (white pepper) and a hint of bitter cocoa. We also find a distinguished minerality (dry stone), which appears on the second nose. The mouth offers a silky texture and gourmandise. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, fresh and roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, ripe strawberry, black plum in the background and crushed blackcurrant, combined with nuances of Mediterranean herbs, fresh thyme, dried basil, bay leaf, as well as a touch of white pepper, dried rose and black tapenade. The finish is persistent and expresses velvety but firm tannins, the sweetness of the fruity substance, associated with notes of dark chocolate, as well as good bitterness, notes of dried flowers and a nice acidity. A gourmand and well-constructed wine.

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

## Fattoria Montecchio 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a distinguished minerality (limestone, even a bit chalky, dry gravel), which develops towards fresh herbaceous notes (wild mint, thyme, basil), a fine floral bouquet (rose, iris). We also find fresh juicy fruitiness: the aromas of red cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, strawberry, raspberry coulis, as well as crushed blueberry. The attack on the palate is lively, chiseled and tangy. It expresses a strong acidity of the wine, as well as a good bitterness. In the mid-palate, we find notes of maceration (macerated cherry), even dried fruit (dried red cherry, dried blueberry, dried blackcurrant), as well as fresh morello cherry, strawberry and raspberry coulis, associated with notes of dried herbs (thyme, wild mint, basil) and floral touches (rose, iris). The finish is gourmand and combines notes of macerated cherry and fresh morello cherry with a salivating acidity. The finish is moderately persistent, with good bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Fattoria Montecchio, Vendemmia 2019 Chianti Classico

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose expresses gourmandise, the juiciness of ripe fruits and the sweetness of roasted red berries. We find the aromas of roasted red cherry, roasted red currant, raspberry coulis, fresh strawberry, morello cherry, red plum, a fine smoky side of bergamot, spicy notes (white pepper, ground nutmeg, cumin ground, a hint of liquorice and toasted vanilla), a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), as well as a floral (iris, fresh rose) and herbaceous (mint, thyme) nuance. The palate is straight, frank, well structured, with a suave, warm and gourmand attack. We find the flavors of roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed ripe morello cherry, raspberry coulis and crushed blackcurrant (with a hint of crème de cassis), combined with notes of dried mint, thyme, basil, cherry in chocolate, bitter cocoa, ground cumin, cloves and toasted vanilla, as well as a floral touch (dried rose, peony) and torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish expresses a slight bitterness, a touch of balsamic, as well as structured, but soft tannins and a nice acidity. Tasty, nice tangy and fresh persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta di Lilliano, Ruspoli 2021 Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, fruity, with a fresh tangy and finely spicy framework. It expresses chiseled notes of red fruits (tart bigarreau cherry, red currant, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry), tangy blackcurrant in the background, a distinct peppery touch (black pepper), as well as

herbaceous notes (blackcurrant leaf, dried thyme) and dried rose. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, lightness and airiness, with well-structured and fine tannins. It expresses the lively and chiseled flavors of bigarreau cherry, cranberries (with good bitterness), crunchy strawberry, raspberry, red currant, blackcurrant, blackcurrant leaf, fresh grass in the background, black pepper and thyme. Beautiful acidity, which gives the wine energy and liveliness. The finish is sapid, moderately persistent. A young and straight wine, which offers gourmandise and precision.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## Podere Ciona 2020 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, crushed red currant and morello cherry, combined with herbaceous notes of crushed mint and fresh basil, balsamic and earthiness in the background. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, an airy and tangy fruitiness, as well as freshness and gourmandise. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, candied bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, red currant jelly, crushed blackcurrant as well as mint, basil, white pepper and some earthiness. The tannins are fine and velvety. Good length with fresh, salivating acidity. A fresh, refined and gourmand wine, with a pleasant acidity on the finish.

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

## Carpineto 2020 Chianti Classico

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tangy, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currants and cranberries, combined with herbaceous notes of oregano and fresh basil, peppermint, white pepper and a fine sweet touch of wild blackberry and chocolate morello cherry in the background. The palate is fresh, silky and airy, with fruit and juiciness. It expresses notes of red cherry juice, fresh morello cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currants and a very delicate bitterness of cranberries in the background, combined with notes of white pepper, fresh basil and peppermint. The tannins are fine, tighter on the finish, but softened by a salivating acidity. The finish is quite persistent, with a good bitterness of cranberries and a smoky and tangy touch of bergamot. A juicy and airy wine, but well structured.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Castello di Gabbianno 2020 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, even pale. The nose is fragrant, fruity and finely spicy. It expresses notes of ground white pepper, fresh nutmeg, a touch of clove, combined with notes of tart red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis and crunchy strawberry, as well as a light note of basil and rose in the background. On the palate, the wine is airy, juicy and fruity, with firm tannins and salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, cranberries, morello cherry, crushed raspberry and crunchy strawberry, combined with hints of pepper (white pepper), nutmeg, basil and rose in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, tangy and juicy.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Rocca di Castagnoli 2021 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness and a tanginess of red fruits. It expresses notes of raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, red currant, associated with aromas of blackcurrant and fresh blueberry, as well as a fine herbaceous touch in the background (fresh thyme, a touch of mint, as well as a smoky note of oregano and dried grass) and a very light touch of white pepper and tapenade. The palate offers a lively and tangy attack, with good bitterness and perceptible, but fine tannins. It expresses notes of tangy raspberry, cranberries, fresh blackcurrant, crunchy raspberry and red currant, combined with herbaceous flavors of blackcurrant leaf (or even tomato leaf), fresh basil and oregano, as well as with a touch of tapenade and white pepper in the background. The finish is tangy, quite persistent and expresses good bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Tenuta Casenuove 2019 Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and expresses a fine spiciness (ground nutmeg, cloves, a touch of licorice stick and vanilla in the background), as well as slight tertiary notes (cigar box, a hint of undergrowth and wet leaves). We also find notes of ripe and candied fruits (fresh morello cherry, candied red cherry, red currant jelly, fresh blackcurrant, wild strawberry), as well as a fine floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony, a hint of violet), as well as a touch of rosemary and tobacco in the background. The attack on the palate is supple, savoury and enveloping. It expresses the flavors of candied blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum (with a touch of prunes), which are then completed by



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notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cumin), ground, clove, a touch of licorice), tobacco, undergrowth (a very discreet note in the background), dried aromatic herbs (dried rosemary, dried oregano, dried basil) and dried flowers (rose, peony). The tannins are well structured, slightly grippy, but balanced by a salivating acidity and a juicy fruitiness. Good balance and good structure overall.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## **Poderi Melini Granaio 2021** Chianti Classico

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose first expresses savory notes, a bit meaty, and then offers a concentrated fruity substance, as well as fine spicy and herbaceous hints. We find notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, dried cranberries, blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, strawberry, associated with notes of blackcurrant leaf, fresh tobacco, nutmeg, fresh hazelnut, thyme and licorice, as well as a touch of wild flowers in the background. The mouth is tight (even closed) and tangy. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, raspberry, red currant, cranberries and bigarreau cherry, associated with herbaceous touches of blackcurrant leaves, fresh tobacco, as well as a spicy note of licorice and nutmeg. The finish is expressive, with salivating acidity, tangy flavors of red cherry and cranberries, a slight bitterness and a smokiness. The tannins are grippy and firm.

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

## **Quercia Al Poggio 2021** Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, a touch of blackcurrant), a herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, even tomato leaf), as well as a floral touch of rosehip and lilac and a hint of liquorice and leather in the background. On the palate, the wine has a firm tannic texture, a bit dry, but fine, a lively acidity and a straight and concentrated fruitiness, complemented by notes of dried herbs, spices and flowers. We find flavors of roasted red cherry, dried cranberries, ripe strawberry, tangy blackcurrant, as well as blackcurrant leaves, dried thyme, liquorice and cocoa especially on the finish, lilac and dried rose. The finish is persistent, with herbaceous freshness, juicy fruits and a slight bitterness.

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

## **Castello di Meleto 2021** Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved, but offers some concentration and complexity. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, wild plum, wild strawberry, as well as notes of aromatic herbs (thyme, dried rosemary), a spicy touch of white pepper and cumin, as well as a hint of freshness of blackcurrant leaf and liquorice, and a sweet touch of cocoa. On the palate, the wine is juicy and fruity on the attack, but tannic and rather firm and astringent on the finish. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, blackcurrant, wild plum (with its tannic touch), strawberry, cranberries, a touch of blackcurrant leaf, thyme, cut grass, wild flowers, as well as a bitterness on the finish, associated with a touch of liquorice, dark chocolate as well as a salivating acidity. A structured and firm wine, which needs time to soften.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## **Tolaini, Vallenuova 2021** Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juiciness, a certain concentration, ripe fruit and gourmandise. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, raspberry coulis, as well as a touch of pine sap, peppermint (or even menthol in the background), fresh rose, iris, as well as a touch of oregano and thyme. The palate offers a round attack and grippy tannins, especially in the mid-palate (their astringency and slightly raspy texture is rounded off by a lively acidity). It expresses the flavors of tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, red currant and crushed raspberry, combined with a smoky touch of oregano, notes of dried basil, white pepper, fresh rose and iris. The finish is slightly peppery and smoky (oregano), with a slight bitterness and a lively acidity of bergamot, moderately persistent. A fresh and lively wine.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## **Badia a Coltibuono 2021** Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is closed at first, but the wine expresses itself better after aeration. We find notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, associated with notes of fresh rosemary, crushed mint, a touch of white pepper and rose. On the palate, the wine offers freshness, tangy notes of red cherry, fresh blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, cranberries, as well as herbaceous hints (rosemary, cut grass) and a floral touch (rose), spice (liquorice) and roasted red cherry. The tannins are firm, a bit dry, but fine. Great acidity, the finish is juicy and tangy.

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

## **Santo Stefano, A Collegalle 2021** Chianti Classico

The wine offers a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, a warm and ripe fruitiness. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blueberry, red currant jelly, as well as a touch of mint, liquorice, ground cumin, thyme and dried basil, dried rose petals and balsamic. On the palate, there is precision, fruity substance, a firm tannin structure, but balanced by a salivating acidity. We find the flavors of dried morello cherry, roasted red cherry, cranberries, raspberry coulis, red currant, as well as dried basil, dried rose petals, ground cumin, licorice (in the background), a subtle minerality and a touch of black pepper, smoke and roast. The finish expresses firmness and a certain astringency of tannins, associated with lively acidity and good fruity substance.

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

## **Podere Terreno 2022** Chianti Classico

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and discreet. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, a touch of strawberry and blueberry, as well as light touches of wild flowers and aromatic herbs. On the palate, the wine offers a tangy fruity substance (notes of bigarreau cherry, strawberry, raspberry, cranberries), herbaceous notes (thyme, a touch of bay leaf) and wild flowers, a lively acidity and firm tannins, a bit rough. The finish is rather long, with a touch of lingering bitterness of cranberry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## **Poggerino 2021** Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh, fruity and precise. It expresses notes of red cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry and red currants, combined with notes of wildflowers and cornflower, as well as a hint of basil and balsamic. The palate is lively, frank and tangy. There are flavors of red cherry, crushed raspberry, tart strawberry, as well as cranberries, wildflowers, dried basil and balsamic. The finish is chiselled, on the fruit and a salivating acidity. The tannins are structured, but fine, very slightly bitter. A straight and fresh wine.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## **Poggerino Nuovo 2020** Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and a certain complexity. It expresses the aromas of ripe strawberry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild blackberry, a touch of blackcurrant, morello cherry and crushed blueberry, combined with notes of dried thyme, mint, basil, a touch of oregano, dried rose, liquorice, smoke, as well as a fine minerality. On the palate, the wine is supple and airy. We find notes of raspberry, fresh strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blueberry, a hint of blackcurrant, as well as herbaceous notes (thyme, dried mint, basil), a floral hint (wildflowers), as well as a fine minerality and bitterness on the finish. The tannins have a fine texture but are slightly grippy (especially on the finish). Good persistence with notes of cranberries and bitterness. Lively salivating acidity.

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

## **Cultusboni RS 2021** Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, cranberry syrup, a touch of blackberry, as well as fresh mint, cut rosemary and a touch of coffee and toast in the background. The palate expresses a power of fine, but rather firm tannins, enveloped by the juiciness of the fruits. We find the flavors of tart red cherry, fresh cranberries, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry and red plum, combined with notes of fresh aromatic herbs (thyme, bay leaf), wild flowers, and a touch of dried mint, nutmeg and balsamic in the background. The tannins are structured and tight, a bit drying in the finish. The acidity is lively and gives the wine great energy.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## **Mannucci Droandi, Ceppetto 2020** Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, ripe, fruity and slightly candied. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, macerated red cherry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh blackcurrant, black plum (with a slight touch of prunes), refreshed by a touch of menthol, peppermint and fresh basil. We also find refined notes of fresh flowers (iris, peony) and a hint of liquorice and chocolate with mint. The palate is juicy, with a round and fragrant attack; but the mid-palate and finish are tight, even drying. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, tangy crushed blackcurrant, tangy bigarreau cherry, cranberries, as well as notes of fresh basil, green olive, balsamic and cut grass in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, firm. The tannins have a grainy and drying texture.

Score : 13.75+/20 (86-87/100)

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## Famiglia Zingarelli, Tenuta Sant'Alfonso Single Vineyard 2021

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The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The wine is discreet on the nose and needs to be aerated. It then expresses notes of fresh tobacco, fresh tea leaf, sweet spices (a slight touch of vanilla, clove, nutmeg), as well as a hint of wilted rose, basil and tapenade. We then find notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blueberry, wild blackberry and wild plum, as well as a hint of crushed mint leaf. On the palate, the wine is velvety, with a round attack, but the mid-palate and finish are firm and tannic. The round and slightly sweet flavors help balance the structure of the wine. We find notes of ripe strawberry, morello cherry, cranberry syrup, raspberry coulis, bitterness of cranberries, as well as notes of licorice, clove, nutmeg, white pepper, dried rose, fresh tobacco and black olive and a smoky hint of bergamot on the finish. The acidity is lively and salivating. A straight, firm and powerful wine, which still needs to round out.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## Conti Capponi, Villa Calcinaia 2020

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and discreet, but offers fruit and a certain gourmandise. It expresses tangy aromas of bigarreau cherry, crushed red currant, raspberry, mountain ash and fresh blackcurrant, combined with notes of dried basil, peppermint, Earl Gray tea in the background, as well as a slight note of white pepper, liquorice and fresh hazelnut. In the mouth, the attack is tight, tannic and dry (we can see a rough texture of tannins). There is more juiciness on the mid-palate, thanks to fruity notes of crunchy strawberry, raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, cranberries and mountain ash, combined with touches of Earl Gray tea, basil and peppermint, to good bitterness and salivating acidity in the finish. A tight, slightly austere wine.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

## Bibiano 2021

### Chianti Classico

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tangy at first, but after aeration it offers fruit concentration and a fine spiciness. We find in particular the aromas of ground clove, white pepper, liquorice, a touch of chocolate with mint, slightly sweet floral notes (peony, iris, lily), as well as notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry), fresh raspberry, wild blackberry, blackcurrant, blueberry, red cherry juice, morello cherry). The palate is straight, chiseled and tangy. It first expresses notes of black olive (or even tapenade), fresh basil, dried mint, associated in the mid-palate with tangy notes of cranberries, bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry and blueberry, with a floral (lily, iris) and spicy (white pepper, licorice) touches in the background. The finish is rather persistent, with bitter notes of bergamot and cranberries and a lively acidity. The tannins are tight, slightly bitter. An incisive, straight wine, with juiciness and freshness.

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

## Castellinuzza 2020

### Chianti Classico

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and gourmand, fruity, slightly spicy and herbaceous. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry (with a touch of roasted cherry in the background), fresh morello cherry, candied blackcurrant, cranberries, as well as a slightly tannic and textured touch of mountain ash and wild plum. There is also a hint of clove, dried basil, thyme, fresh black olive, balsamic and black tea in the background, combined with a floral touch of dried rose. The palate is tangy and chiseled on the attack, which develops towards the tangy notes of bigarreau cherry and the bitterness of pink grapefruit in the mid-palate. It also expresses the flavors of fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, fresh blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, morello cherry and mountain ash, associated with notes of fresh basil, infused black tea, a fine smoky side of bergamot and a touch of dried rose. The tannins are fine, a little grippy on the finish, but quite delicate. A salivating acidity and good bitterness bring a lot of freshness to the finish. A straightforward, incisive wine, with a gourmand nose and a chiseled palate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



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## CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA

### Castelli del Grevepesa, Clemente VII 2020

#### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and a ripe and juicy fruitiness, even a bit sweet. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry jam, combined with sweet spices (licorice, cloves, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds), flowers (dried rose, violet, cornflower in the background), dried herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, dried mint), as well as a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee), cocoa and cherry in chocolate, chocolate with mint and balsamic. The mouth is tight, even closed. It expresses grippy tannins, dry, but sapid, softened by a salivating acidity. The flavors are fresh and fruity: we find notes of wild strawberry, tangy bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant, as well as a herbaceous hint (rosemary, dried mint, thyme, bay leaf), a floral touch (dried rose), notes of sweet spices (licorice, cumin, clove) and a bitter and smoky touch of bergamot on the finish. A powerful and structured wine, which needs time to round out.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Tenuta di Arceno 2020

#### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers fruit freshness, nice intensity and concentration. It expresses notes of fresh bigarreau cherry, fresh morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry, wild blackberry, blueberry and cranberries, combined with fragrant notes of cornflower, wild rose, violet, and refreshing herbaceous aromas (wild mint, basil,

rosemary, fresh tobacco) and a fine spiciness (cumin, nutmeg, licorice, coriander seeds), as well as a hint of cocoa, toasted almond and a touch of leather. The palate is juicy, fruity and finely spicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, cranberries and bergamot with a slight bitterness, raspberry, crunchy strawberry and blueberry, combined with notes of nutmeg, liquorice, cumin and clove, as well as floral touches of dried rose, violet and cornflower. The finish is firm and expresses a tight tannin structure, good bitterness and salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth. The wine seems closed at the moment and needs time to open up.

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

### Arillo in Terrabianca, Poggio Croce 2020

#### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is savoury, aromatic and offers pronounced notes of sweet spices at first nose. It expresses in particular notes of ground coriander seeds, cumin, cloves, liquorice, associated with notes of fresh tobacco, leather and damp leaves (in the background), dried rose, lily, peony, with fine herbaceous hints (dried basil, fresh thyme, dried rosemary), a touch of cedar and dry pine needles. We also find a ripe and juicy fruitiness: the

aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, wild strawberry and blackcurrant in the background, as well as a very delicate smoky and lemony touch of Earl Gray tea. The palate is melted, juicy, and offers an enveloping fruitiness, as well as fine-grained tannins, but with a firm structure. It expresses the flavors of crushed wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh blackcurrant and crushed blueberry, combined with delicate notes of undergrowth, tobacco and cedar in the background, with touches of sweet spices (cumin, cloves, toasted vanilla, cinnamon in the background, coriander seeds), dried herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, dried mint, dried basil) and flowers (dried rose, peony, violet, dried blueberry in the background), combined with a touch of cocoa and roasting (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The finish is sapid, with lively acidity and a smoky touch of bergamot on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Istine, Levigne 2020

#### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a warming spiciness (notes of licorice, vanilla, cinnamon in the background, white pepper, cloves), a ripe fruity substance (morello cherry, cranberries, strawberry, bigarreau cherry, raspberry, red currant, black plum) and a floral bouquet (dried rose, dried peony, violet), as well as a touch of fresh tobacco, fresh hazelnut and fresh oak in the background. On the palate, the wine is juicy, savoury and gourmand. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, red currant and black plum, combined with a touch of fresh tobacco, basil, dried rose, dried peony and a fine spiciness (licorice, cloves, white pepper). The finish has an average persistence. Beautiful freshness, lively acidity, fine but slightly grippy tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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## Rietine 2018

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is delicate, but fragrant and savoury. The first nose expresses notes of dried herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, dried basil, dried mint, a touch of hay), dried flowers (wildflowers, dried rose, dried peony, lily), sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of cinnamon, ground cloves, white pepper) and fruits (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, dried raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, cranberries, elderberry, red currant). The palate is savoury, gourmand and expressive, less evolved than the nose. There is a ripe fruitiness, even a bit sweet and jammy in its notes of wild strawberry, red cherry jam, crushed morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis, blackberry and black plum. We also find a slight hint of prunes in chocolate and kirsch cherry in chocolate, as well as a lot of freshness, thanks to herbaceous hints (wild mint, basil, bay leaf, thyme), floral notes (rose, violet, peony) and a lot of gourmandise in its spiciness (a hint of cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and liquorice). The tannins are fine, powdery and enveloped, with a beautiful structure. The finish is persistent and sapid, with lovely freshness and salivating acidity. A gourmand and harmonious wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Terre di Melizzano, Cantinato 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The nose expresses notes of ripe fruit (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry, black plum, blackcurrant), associated with delicate notes of dried fruit (dried raspberry, dried red cherry), a touch of macerated cherry, as well as 'with a refined spiciness (nutmeg, clove, licorice, white pepper), with a herbaceous touch (crushed mint leaf, basil, thyme) and floral notes (iris, peony), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and fresh hazelnut in the background. The palate is enveloping, silky, with a firm, but velvety and delicate tannic structure. It expresses notes of ripe fresh fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant), with jammy flavors of candied cherry, raspberry coulis and redcurrant jelly, associated with notes of chocolate with mint, crushed wild mint, dried basil, thyme, as well as a fine spiciness (clove, nutmeg, white pepper) and floral notes (iris, peony). The finish is persistent and sapid. It expresses a tannic hint of wild plum, as well as a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond). Nice fruitiness on the palate, silky and concentrated, refreshed by a pleasant bitterness and a nice acidity.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

## Vignamaggio, Gherardino 2018

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with garnet reflections. The nose is refined, complex and expresses tertiary notes harmoniously integrated into the profile of the wine. We find aromas of undergrowth, cedar, wet leaves, dried tobacco, a touch of leather, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, cardamom, cloves), flowers and dried herbs (dried rose, dried cornflower, dried mint, sage, fresh basil) and a hint of balsamic in the background, enveloped in a fruity substance - notes of dried strawberry, dried raspberry, dried red cherry, fresh morello cherry, cranberries and blackcurrants. On the palate, the wine offers a silky texture of tannins and a firm, but smooth structure. It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, morello cherry jam, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum, blackberry, as well as notes of savoury sweet spices (clove, a hint of licorice and nutmeg), dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower), roasted bouquet garni, dried basil, dried oregano, as well as black tapenade and tertiary touches of undergrowth, dry tobacco and wet leaves in the background. The finish is long, warm, slightly jammy and chocolatey, with gourmand notes of chocolate cherry, good coffee bitterness and nice acidity. A refined and harmonious wine, powerful, but elegant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Riecine 2020

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is delicious, fleshy and offers delicate sweet notes of ripe fruit. It expresses the aromas of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild blackberry and fresh crushed blackcurrant, combined with fragrant floral notes (fresh rose, even rose syrup, violet, lilac), with herbaceous touches (peppermint, thyme, a fine smoky side of oregano, rosemary) and spicy touches (liquorice, white pepper, cloves), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and sap of pine in the background. The palate offers juiciness, suppleness and well-built tannins (firm, but with a fine texture). The flavors are airy, fruity and fresh : we find notes of crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, bigarreau cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry and wild plum, combined with touches of wild mint, basil fresh, thyme, rosemary, with a resinous hint of pine sap in the background, as well as a delicate spicy touch (liquorice, white pepper, cumin) and floral bouquet (wild rose, violet, lilac). The finish is persistent, chiselled and expresses grippy tannins, balanced by a salivating acidity.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

## Fattoria Montecchio 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a brilliant ruby color, of medium intensity. The first nose expresses racy minerality (limestone), notes of dried aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, Mediterranean herbs, dried mint), a delicate spicy touch (clove, liquorice, cumin), a hint of dried rose and fresh black olive, combined with fruity notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, cranberries. The palate offers accuracy, juiciness and fresh fruitiness, associated with a well-built, powdery, fine-grained tannic structure. We find the flavors of fresh and dried red cherry, fresh morello cherry, strawberry, crushed blueberry and raspberry, associated with a slightly drying limestone minerality on the finish, with herbaceous nuances (dried thyme, dried rosemary, bay leaf) and floral hints (dried rose, a touch of violet). The finish offers a slightly drying tannins, balanced by a crunchy acidity and a good bitterness.

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

## Fattoria Montecchio, Vendemmia 2018

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The first nose is finely spicy ; it expresses notes of sweet spices (ground cloves, liquorice stick, cumin, toasted vanilla) as well as a hint of pepper (white pepper) in the background. We also find herbaceous hints (dried Mediterranean herbs, thyme, dried mint, dried rosemary, a hint of fresh tobacco), a floral touch (fresh rose, cornflower) and a tangy fruitiness (dried red cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, raspberry, crushed blackcurrant). The palate is enveloping, rich, but straight and chiseled, with a lively acidity which refreshes roasted notes of the flavors and powerful, but fine tannins. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry blackberry, raspberry coulis, cranberry jam, crushed strawberry and black plum, combined with notes of dried peppermint, dried basil, thyme, rosemary, liquorice, grilled vanilla (in the background), ground cumin, nutmeg, dried rose, peony, as well as dark chocolate, chocolate cherry and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, cocoa). The finish is persistent, juicy, with a good bitterness, power and harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Fattoria La Ripa 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, finely spicy and toasted, with enveloped tertiary notes. It expresses the aromas of dried strawberry, dried red cherry, dried raspberry, raspberry coulis, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, red currant, elderberry syrup, combined with notes of liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, slight notes of undergrowth (with a touch of mushrooms), wet leaves and leather in the background, wilted rose, dried peony, as well as infused black tea, tobacco, dried mint and dry pine needles. There is also a touch of coffee, bitter almond and cocoa in the background. The mouth is melted, round and gourmand. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, strawberry jam, dried red cherry, cherry jam, fresh morello cherry, raspberry coulis, red currant jelly, combined with notes of nutmeg, liquorice, cloves, fresh tobacco, infused black tea, wilted rose, peony, as well as undergrowth, damp leaves and leather in the background. The tannins are very fine, melted and almost imperceptible. Beautiful salivating acidity, a fairly persistent finish with a good bitterness of cocoa and coffee.

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

## Capraia 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, spicy and gourmand. It expresses the distinct, but integrated notes of sweet spices (coriander seeds, cumin, nutmeg, cloves, liquorice), chocolate with mint, fresh tobacco, a touch of undergrowth and wilted flowers, dried flowers (rose, violet), as well as a ripe fruitiness (wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, black plum, a touch of prunes), as well as a touch of toasted bitter almond, cocoa and crème de cassis. The palate is full, fleshy and generous. The attack offers notes of morello cherry in chocolate, red cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry, wild blackberry, prune cream, blackcurrant cream, very ripe fresh morello cherry and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of dark chocolate, liquorice, toasted vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, cumin, fresh tobacco, as well as touches of dried herbs (peppermint, basil, thyme, rosemary) and dried flowers (rose, violet, peony). The finish is gourmand, chocolatey and persistent. The tannins are powerful, but melted and refined. Good acidity and great aging potential.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Pensieri di Cavatina 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a brilliant ruby color, of medium intensity and with light garnet reflections. The nose expresses delicacy, gourmandise, depth of aromas and a subtle sweetness, brought by notes of candied fruit. It expresses the aromas of candied red cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, ripe black plum, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild blackberry and crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis). After aeration, it reveals a savoury spiciness (a subtle touch of vanilla,



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fresh liquorice, nutmeg, clove), resinous nuances (pine sap, pine needles), an elegant floral bouquet (violet, wild rose, lily), a herbaceous hint (wild mint, dried basil, dried rosemary, thyme, bay leaf), as well as a fine mineral texture in the background (dry gravel, limestone). The palate is frank, straight and juicy. The tannins are powerful, but fine and sapid, with a touch of good bitterness and a powdery note of cocoa. We find the flavors of juicy morello cherry, candied red cherry, chocolate red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, black plum and wild strawberry, combined with refreshing herbaceous and resinous notes (pine sap, pine needles, basil, peppermint, thyme, rosemary), a floral touch (wild rose, violet) and spicy notes (roasted vanilla, nutmeg, fresh licorice). The finish is quite persistent, with good citrus bitterness (grapefruit, bergamot), with firm tannins and a salivating acidity, which helps to balance the wine. A structured wine with a beautiful juicy fruitiness.

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

## Tenuta di Lilliano, Ruspoli 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved at first, but opens after aeration. It expresses delicate aromas of evolution (undergrowth, cedar), associated with touches of dried rose and cornflower, a mineral hint (dry stone, limestone, even graphite), sweet spices (white pepper, cumin, a hint of liquorice), torrefaction (coffee), as well as fresh and dried fruits (fresh strawberries, dried cherries, dried blackcurrants, dried cranberries, raspberry coulis, morello cherries). On the palate, the wine is silky, enveloping and offers melted, powdery and sapid tannins (with a pleasant bitterness of cocoa), as well as a fresh, but supple acidity. The attack expresses notes of jammy fruits (red cherry jam, blackcurrant jam), dried fruits (dried cherry, dried cranberries, dried raspberry) and fresh fruits (crunchy strawberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, cranberries), associated with a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa, with a fine spiciness (ground cumin, cloves, a touch of liquorice), notes of dried flowers (rose, violet), as well as tobacco, cedar, undergrowth and aromatic herbs dried. The finish is persistent and complex ; it offers a lively acidity of red fruits, a savoury spiciness as well as a racy minerality on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Carpineto 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is intense and initially expresses pronounced meaty and smoky notes, which develop towards notes of sweet spices and dried herbs after aeration. We find in particular the aromas of fresh nutmeg, liquorice, clove, ground cumin, white pepper, dried peppermint, fresh rosemary, bay leaf and a very discreet touch of eucalyptus in the background, associated with gourmand fruity notes of red cherry jam, ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly and crushed blackcurrant, as well as elegant notes of lily, rose, violet and with a hint of fresh hazelnut in the background. The palate offers precision, concentration, a firm tannic structure, good bitterness (in the flavors of coffee and cranberries) and a lively acidity. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, cherry jam, cranberries, wild plum, combined with flavors of dried mint, fresh nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper, leaf of bay leaf, fresh rosemary and a touch of balsamic in the background. The finish is persistent, tight and tangy. A firm and well-built wine.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## Tenuta Casenuove 2018

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and gourmand, subtly spicy. It expresses notes of fresh nutmeg, liquorice (with a touch of star anise), clove and ground cumin, combined with fragrant floral notes (violet, fresh rose) and a fresh touch of peppermint. We also find ripe fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh raspberry), with a gourmand jammy touch of red cherry jam and redcurrant jelly. The palate expresses intense fruity flavors, juiciness and grippy tannins, dry and slightly raspy, softened by fruity substance and salivating acidity. We find notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, fresh raspberry, tangy blackcurrant, crunchy strawberry, as well as herbaceous touches more perceptible on the palate (blackcurrant leaf, cut grass, peppermint), completed by some spiciness (liquorice, pepper white, nutmeg). The finish is juicy, with salivating acidity and a touch of violet in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta di Nozzole, La Forra 2020

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is delicately fragrant, floral and finely spicy. It expresses notes of violet, peony, fresh rose, liquorice, vanilla, clove and coriander seeds, enveloped in a juicy and gourmand fruitiness; the aromas of wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, cranberry jam and red currant jelly, as well as a fine herbaceous touch (wild mint, rosemary, fresh basil) and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut). The palate is juicy, enveloping, gourmand and fresh. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, raspberry coulis, cranberry jam, as well as a touch of chocolate cherry, dark chocolate with mint, a savoury spiciness (liquorice,

vanilla, nutmeg), elegant notes of flowers (peony, wild rose, violet) and a herbaceous touch (wild mint, rosemary), completed by notes of torrefaction (caramelized toasted hazelnut). The tannins are fine, but well structured. The finish is gourmand, warming and persistent, with good bitterness and refreshing acidity. A harmonious and refined wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Viticcio 2018

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers concentration, intensity, fruity gourmandise as well as savoury notes of sweet spices and aromatic herbs. It expresses the aromas of grated nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, cloves and crushed coriander seeds, combined with notes of wild mint, dried basil, sage, thyme, bay leaf and fresh tobacco, enveloped in a ripe fruitiness (the aromas of morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, elderberry in the background) and associated with a delicate floral touch (rose wild, elderflower, peony). We also find subtle tertiary notes undergrowth, wilted flowers, wet leaves), a touch of dark chocolate, coffee and bitter almond. The attack on the palate is gourmand, silky and enveloping, with lots of flavors. We smell notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh blackcurrant, blackcurrant jam, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum and wild blackberry, combined with refreshing touches of peppermint, chocolate with mint, menthol, fresh basil, thyme, rosemary, with a savoury spiciness (licorice, crushed vanilla, clove, nutmeg), as well as refined and integrated tertiary notes (wilted flowers, wet leaves, undergrowth, tobacco, brewed black tea) and a fine floral bouquet (rose, violet, peony). The finish is sapid, suave and expresses the fine grain of elegant and polished tannins, but quite powerful. Beautiful fruity and floral length, with fresh acidity.

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

## Podere Ciona 2016

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is discreetly fragrant, spicy and complex. It expresses gourmand notes of powdered cinnamon, toasted vanilla, crushed coriander seeds, liquorice (or almost star anise) and Sichuan pepper, combined with a juicy and warming fruitiness (the aromas of ripe morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant with a touch of crème de cassis, ripe plum, even prunes, kirsched red cherry, redcurrant jelly and raspberry eau-de-vie). We also find notes of dried basil, peppermint, dried thyme, a touch of coffee, toasted almond, dark chocolate, wild rose, violet and balsamic cream. The palate is round, warm and suave, with silky and very fine tannins. It expresses the gourmand notes of ripe morello cherry, kirsched red cherry, redcurrant jelly, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and a touch of blackcurrant cream, combined with gourmand notes of cherry in chocolate, bitter cocoa, chocolate with mint, as well as a savoury spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, Sichuan pepper) and freshness of herbs and flowers (peppermint, wild rose). The tannins have a well-built structure and a refined and delicate texture. The finish is long, gourmand, fruity, with good bitterness and refreshing acidity. A pleasant and balanced wine, with good aging potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Rocca di Castagnoli, Poggio A' Frati 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity (even deep). The nose offers intensity of aromas, concentration, fine spiciness and ripe fruitiness. It expresses notes of cocoa powder, liquorice, ground cloves, grated nutmeg, white pepper, associated with notes of cherry morello cherry, black plum (even prunes in alcohol), cream of blackcurrant, blackberry liqueur, wild blackberry and mountain ash, combined with sweet notes of peony and iris, as well as a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond), fresh tobacco, peppermint and rosemary. The palate is juicy, full, quite rich, even with a hint of alcohol (which reflects the aromas of fruit liqueurs on the nose). It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, kirsch morello cherry, macerated prunes, crushed blackcurrant, crème de cassis, crushed wild strawberry and raspberry jam, combined with touches of dark chocolate, ground coffee, liquorice, balsamic, ground nutmeg, peppermint and rosemary, as well as dried rose and peony. The tannins are well structured, firm, but velvety. Good length and salivating acidity which balances the alcohol level of the wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Terra di Seta 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, fresh blackcurrant and cranberries, associated with a fine spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, cloves, nutmeg), herbaceous (peppermint, dried basil) and floral (violet). We also find delicate notes of black tapenade and fresh hazelnut in the background. The palate is fragrant, chiselled and tannic. The tannins are dry on the attack, even a bit astringent. We find the aromas of fresh morello cherry, blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, the tannic hint of mountain ash and wild plum, as well

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as spicy (liquorice, nutmeg), floral notes (violet), a hint of balsamic, black tapenade and aromatic herbs (dried basil, dried mint). The finish is quite persistent, with good bitterness and a delicate smoky touch of bergamot. The acidity is lively and salivating.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Il Contadino Cusano, Tenuta Poggio Torselli 2020

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive and offers aromas of gourmand and savoury sweet spices. We find notes of grated nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin, fresh liquorice stick, associated with fruity notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant, blueberry, black plum, cherry with chocolate and raspberry coulis, as well as herbaceous touches (dried mint, fresh thyme, fresh oregano), balsamic, black tapenade, fresh flowers (rose, violet, peony) and torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, cocoa). The palate is gourmand, juicy and fruity. It expresses the flavors of fresh fruit with a touch of roasted and macerated fruit (fresh morello cherry, macerated cherry, cherry in chocolate, crushed blackcurrant, crème de cassis, raspberry coulis), notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, seeds of crushed coriander, nutmeg, cloves), aromatic herbs (fresh thyme, dried mint, roasted bouquet garni), flowers (dried rose, violet), a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut) and tobacco. The tannins are firm, well structured, fine and not drying. The finish is long, sapid, with a hint of cocoa and a nice freshness, thanks to a salivating acidity.

**Score : 15.5/20 (90/100)**

## Castello di Gabbiano 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is closed and discreet. The wine benefits from being aired. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, wild raspberry, black plum, a touch of cherry in kirsch and prunes with alcohol in the background, as well as a savoury spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg, pink pepper), herbaceous (peppermint, fresh basil, bay leaf, rosemary) and floral notes (fresh flowers, rose, peony, iris), as well as a hint of balsamic and fresh black olive in the background. The palate is straight, firm, with powdery and fine, but structured tannins. It expresses the juicy and tangy notes of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberry juice, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, complemented by notes of fresh peppermint, dried basil, dry pine needles (in the background), with a fine spicy (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg) and floral (rose, peony, cornflower) notes. The finish is tight, a bit astringent. Beautiful salivating acidity and a good bitterness of bergamot and cranberries in the background.

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

## Borgo Salceto, Lucarello 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is rather reserved. The wine benefits from being aired. It then expresses the gourmand aromas of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, red currant jelly, crushed blackberry and crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of cherry in chocolate, dark chocolate with mint, dried mint, sweet spices (liquorice, clove, a hint of star anise and vanilla), fresh flowers (rose, peony), as well as a very light touch of caramelised hazelnut in the background, accompanied by a hint of tobacco and a tertiary note of faded rose in the background. On the palate, the wine expresses youthful fruity and tangy flavors (fresh morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, crushed wild blackberry), associated with some spiciness (licorice, a hint of vanilla), chocolate hint (cherry in chocolate), herbaceous (peppermint) and floral (fresh peony, rose) notes. The tannins are firm and grippy on attack. The finish is lively, tangy, juicy and persistent, with a gourmand note of ripe red cherry. A chiseled, structured wine, with nice energy.

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

## Capannelle 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is tasty, and first expresses notes of spices (coriander seeds, cumin, a touch of licorice), brewed tea and dried herbs (bay leaf, a touch of thyme, mint and basil, as well as roasted bouquet garni), which then combine with small tangy red fruits (cranberry, bigarreau cherry, wild strawberry), a sweet hint of amarena cherry, as well as roasted notes (coffee, toasted wood) and a fine note of dried rose in the background. The palate is round, but structured, with a beautiful juiciness of ripe fruit, a salivating acidity and grippy, but quite fine, tannins. We can see notes of crunchy bigarreau cherry, cranberry, wild strawberry, dried raspberry, combined with notes of roasted bouquet garni, dried wild flowers, sweet coffee, a touch of toasted wood and cocoa. There is also some spiciness that appears at the end of the palate (cloves, nutmeg and a hint of vanilla). The finish is sapid, enveloping, juicy, with a beautiful persistence which continues with notes of dried herbs and torrefaction.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Poderi Terreno 2017

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, gourmand, warming and offers freshness and complexity. It expresses notes of very ripe fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, fresh blueberry, wild strawberry and crushed fresh raspberry, combined with notes of dried aromatic herbs (mint, rosemary, thyme), fresh basil in the background, fresh tea leaves, flowers (rose, rose hips), as well as spicy touches (ground cumin, white pepper, licorice stick) and torrefaction (mild coffee, fresh toasted wood in the background). On the palate, the wine is firm, tannic and structured. The tannins have a medium grain and show a certain astringency, especially on the attack. We find flavors of dried red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, as well as spicy touches of white pepper, ground cumin, cloves and herbaceous notes of fresh tea leaf, basil and oregano. The acidity is high and salivating, which helps balance the dryness of the tannins on the finish. The finish is fruity, moderately persistent. The wine is fragrant on the nose, but rather closed on the palate.

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

## Borgo Scopetto 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is a little reserved, but expresses sweet and silky aromas after aeration. We find notes of fresh ripe morello cherry, chocolate cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry, blueberry and crushed blackcurrant, as well as a touch of rosemary, wild mint, fresh bay leaf, wild rose, delicate spicy notes (licorice, pink pepper, cloves) and a touch of black olive in the background. On the palate, the attack is juicy and fruity. It develops in the mid-palate towards tannic power with a slight astringency, then enveloped by notes of ripe fruit (morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blueberry). We also find notes of sweet spices (clove, cumin, licorice, a touch of cinnamon), dried rose, rosemary and bay leaf, with a hint of black tapenade in the background. Good persistence and lovely freshness, provided by a salivating acidity.

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

## Castello La Leccia 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is textured and offers depth, concentration and delicacy at the same time. It expresses notes of ripe black plum, juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, candied red cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, as well as fresh herbaceous notes (crushed mint, fresh basil, fresh thyme), a fragrant floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony, iris), as well as savoury notes of sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla in the background, crushed coriander seeds, cloves), tobacco, torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut) and a resinous touch in the background. The palate offers accuracy, straightness and grippy, firm tannins, enveloped in juicy fruit. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, macerated red cherry, ripe black plum (even prunes), wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis), mint chocolate, sweet spices (vanilla, clove, licorice), dried flowers (rose, peony, iris), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and torrefaction (bitter coffee, cocoa, toasted hazelnut). The finish is persistent and expresses the warming hint of the alcohol, a good bitterness (coffee, cocoa) and a salivating acidity, which helps balance the profile of the wine.

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

## Le Fonti di Panzano 2019

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers fresh fruity notes (crunchy strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, red currant), a gourmet touch of red cherry jam, as well as a savoury spiciness (notes of nutmeg, liquorice, cloves, white pepper), combined with a hint of fresh tobacco and delicate herbaceous hints (dried pine needles, dried mint, dried rosemary, thyme, bay leaf) and a hint of violet, cocoa and mild coffee in the background. The palate offers intensity and lots of flavors. We find notes of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, red chocolate cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, associated with notes of dark chocolate with mint, liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, fresh tobacco and fresh flowers (rose, violet). The tannins are firm, slightly grippy and sapid. The finish expresses a salivating acidity, juiciness and gourmandise of fresh fruit, combined with a touch of chocolate, balsamic and crushed basil. A gourmand, airy wine, but concentrated and well constructed.

**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Mannucci Droandi, Ceppetto 2017

### Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is textured, gourmand and deep, with a slight sweetness in the aromas. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, candied and fresh morello cherry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, crushed fresh blackcurrant, as well as crushed peppermint, fresh basil, fresh thyme, a refined spiciness (liquorice, ground white pepper, grated nutmeg, cardamom), a fine floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony, lilac), as well as delicate developing

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aromas in harmony with the profile of the wine (dried flowers, tobacco, wet leaves, a touch of mushrooms). The palate offers a juicy, fruity and slightly sweet attack. The mid-palate expresses the controlled power of the tannins with a firm structure, but a fine and powdery texture. We find the flavors of candied red cherry, ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, as well as a sweet hint of dark chocolate, chocolate cherry, spicy notes (roasted vanilla, liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom), floral (rose, peony, lilac) and integrated tertiary nuances (undergrowth, tobacco, a hint of leather). The finish expresses the dryness of the tannins, balanced by the juiciness of the fruity substance and a beautiful acidity. The finish is sapid, savoury, with gourmand notes of bitter chocolate, chocolate cherry, chocolate prunes and crème de cassis. Beautiful complexity, which combines maturity and freshness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Felsina, Rancia 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, accuracy and freshness. It expresses notes of fresh fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, strawberry, cranberries, a touch of blackcurrant and blueberry), the intense and pleasant herbaceous hint, which appears after aeration (fresh thyme, fresh rosemary, bay leaf), aromas of sweet spices (ground cumin, nutmeg, cloves, licorice), as well as nuances of dried flowers (dried rose, violet, dried cornflower). There is also a touch of dried mint and dried pine needles. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, freshness and airiness. It expresses notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, cranberries, fresh blackcurrant, combined with herbaceous notes (fresh thyme, rosemary, bay leaf, dried peppermint), spiciness (liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin, nutmeg) and floral bouquet (dried rose, violet), with a racy minerality in the background. The tannins are grippy, but fine and enveloped. Beautiful salivating acidity, a pleasant bitterness on the finish (cranberries and a bitter touch and smoke of bergamot). Beautiful balance overall, freshness and gourmandise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Agricola Querciabella 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, the wine is reserved and needs to be aerated. It then expresses the gourmand notes of cherry in chocolate, wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, crushed red currant, fresh blackcurrant, as well as herbaceous hints (peppermint, eucalyptus, basil, oregano, thyme), a touch of flowers (rose, violet), as well as notes of sweet spices (dried vanilla, cinnamon in the background, nutmeg, cloves), dry pine needles and fresh tobacco. The palate has a supple, gourmand attack, with a slight sweet touch, brought by notes of cherry in chocolate, roasted cherry and a powdery side of cocoa. In the mid-palate, we find polished and fine tannins, slightly grippy. We also find notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry and black plum (even with a hint of prunes), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, dried vanilla, cinnamon in the background, cloves), a herbaceous and floral touch (dried basil, dried peppermint, oregano, dried rose, violet). The finish is fresh, slightly bitter and tangy. A straight, chiselled and firm wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Mazzei, Ser Lapo 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a certain concentration, juiciness and ripe fruit. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, dried red cherry, raspberry coulis, red cherry (in the background), wild blackberry and wild plum, associated with a mineral touch (dry stone, limestone), fresh tobacco, a touch of cedar, spices (white pepper, cloves, ground nutmeg, a hint of liquorice in the background), with integrated herbaceous and vegetal notes (basil, mint, green olive), fresh rose and tangy fruits (crunchy strawberry, bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries, blackcurrant, blueberry, blood orange in the background). The palate expresses freshness and concentration. We find notes of bigarreau cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, crushed raspberry and crunchy strawberry, associated with a good bitterness of cranberries, herbaceous and vegetal notes (basil, peppermint, fresh tobacco, olive), a floral hint (fresh rose) and spicy notes (liquorice, ground cumin, grated nutmeg). The finish is tight, chiselled and tangy. We find a salivating acidity, firm, slightly drying tannins and a good bitterness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Vigneti La Selvanella, 50a Vendemmia 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. The wine then expresses the fresh aromas of tangy red and black fruits : tangy bigarreau cherry, fresh morello cherry, tangy strawberry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, fresh blackcurrant, quetsche plum and blueberry, combined with notes of fresh peppermint, fresh basil (in the background), balsamic, tapenade, liquorice, a touch of clove and nutmeg, as well as a very discreet note of ground coffee and toast. There is also a subtle floral touch of violet and dried rose in the background. The palate offers juiciness and a tanginess of fresh red fruits: it expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry,

bigarreau cherry, cranberries, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant and blueberry, combined with notes of fresh peppermint, fresh basil, a savoury, but delicate spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, cloves), as well as a touch of black tapenade, brewed black tea and dried rose. The tannins are firm, tight, slightly bitter, enveloped by salivating acidity and a juicy fruitiness, expressed in a fairly persistent finish.

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

## Panzanello 1427 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses minerality (limestone, dry stone, even a bit dusty), which is then completed by fruits (tart strawberry, raspberry, sour red cherry, blueberry, cranberries, wild black plum), a herbaceous touch (peppermint, thyme, bay leaf), a floral hint (wild rose), as well as by touches of pepper and liquorice. The palate offers a silky attack, but straight and tannic, with a slightly drying and bitter tannins (good bitterness). We find notes of crunchy strawberry, tangy red cherry, tangy raspberry, cranberries, mountain ash, the tannic touch of wild plum, as well as a touch of white pepper, liquorice, wild rose, thyme and laurel. The finish has a medium persistence and expresses tight tannins, with a certain astringency, a good bitterness, a chiseled acidity and a tangy fruitiness, which is completed by notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin).

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

## Quercia Al Poggio 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color with very slight garnet reflections. The nose opens with distinct, yet refined tertiary notes: wet leaves, dry tobacco leaf (cigar box) and a fine touch of fresh mushrooms. We then find the notes of crushed strawberry, dried strawberry, cherry juice, fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry jam and black plum (even with a touch of prunes in alcohol), as well as a herbaceous hints (dried mint, a hint of eucalyptus, dry pine needles, a discreet touch of basil in the background), spicy notes (liquorice, coriander seeds, nutmeg, a hint of star anise), floral bouquet (fresh lily, dried rose in the background) and toasted notes (toasted almond, a touch of bitter cocoa). The palate is tight and chiseled, with structured tannins balanced by the juiciness and fruitiness of the wine. It expresses on the attack the fruity flavors of morello cherry, dried red cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant and fresh black plum, which are then completed by spicy notes of white pepper, licorice and nutmeg, by a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, lily), a hint of torrefaction (toasted almond) and by more discreet tertiary notes, than on the nose (dry tobacco, a touch of wet leaves). The tannins are tight on the finish, but softened by a salivating acidity.

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

## Santo Stefano, « drugo » 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is delicate, refined and offers complexity by combining the herbaceous, spicy and mineral notes with a tangy and fresh fruitiness. The first nose expresses a subtle minerality (limestone and more slightly - graphite), which are then complemented by notes of sweet spices (ground gray pepper, a hint of liquorice, ground clove), cocoa, dried peppermint, dried basil, Earl Gray tea (with a smoky touch of bergamot), as well as a delicate floral bouquet (fresh rose, lily). We also find a fresh and slightly jammy fruitiness (morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blackcurrant, mountain ash, wild plum, a tangy touch of dried raspberry) with a slightly sweet note of candied orange in the background. The roasted aromas (toasted hazelnut, coffee) are very slightly perceptible and appear in the background on the second nose. The palate is firm, textured, with powdery tannins with a hint of cocoa, slightly dry in the mid-palate. We find the flavors of fresh morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, mountain ash, cranberries, crunchy strawberry and bergamot in the background, associated with notes of ground clove, liquorice (in background), dried rose, with the herbaceous and smoky hint of Earl Gray tea and dried oregano and a slightly dry mineral touch of chalk and graphite on the finish. The tannins are young and firm, a little astringent, but enveloped in the juiciness of tangy fruit and balanced by a salivating acidity. The finish is rather persistent, mineral and with good bitterness. A wine with a structure and freshness.

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

## Badia a Coltibuono 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color with very light garnet reflections. The nose is gourmand, fruity, with notes of fruit and roasted herbs. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, red currant jelly, raspberry coulis, crunchy strawberry, red plum, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, combined with notes of bouquet garni (thyme, rosemary), roasted bay leaf, wild mint, fresh basil, dark chocolate, liquorice, cloves, balsamic, fresh tobacco, fresh rose and peony (in the background). On the palate, the attack is juicy and round, gourmand, the mid-palate expresses more the character of tannins, tight, but with a velvety texture, even savoury, with notes of bitter cocoa. It



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also expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, juicy fresh morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, cranberries (with a slight bitterness), crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, crunchy strawberry and blueberry, combined with herbaceous notes of fresh basil, mint and oregano, bouquet garni (rather fresh than roasted), mild coffee, cloves and liquorice (in the background), as well as a hint of fresh rose in the background. The finish is quite long and expresses good bitterness and lively acidity.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Poggerino Bugialla 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is fragrant, fruity, and offers a pleasant floral and herbaceous aromas, which brings complexity and freshness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, raspberry, blueberry, crushed mint, fresh basil, fresh oregano, lilac, rosehip, as well as fine spicy touches of liquorice stick, nutmeg and clove, combined with a very slight note of toasted hazelnut. On the palate, the attack is savoury and supple. It offers notes of crushed strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, blueberry, blackberry and wild plum with its tannic touch. We then find notes of basil, fresh mint (in the background), oregano, toast, lilac and dried rose, as well as the bitterness of dried cranberries on the finish. The tannins are firm, but balanced by a salivating acidity. A wine that offers accuracy, power and straightness.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

## Castello Vicchiomaggio, Agostino Petri 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a lot of freshness, fruit and a fine tanginess, as well as a mineral touch. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, red cherry, red currant, elderberry, blackcurrant, and cranberries, crushed mint, bay leaf, fresh tobacco, wild flowers, rose hips, fresh rose and lilac, as well as a touch of sweet spices in the background (nutmeg, liquorice, cloves) and a hint of torrefaction (ground coffee). The palate is gourmand and well-built: it offers roundness, some sweetness and the juiciness of ripe fruits and a good structure of tannins, all in balance. We find more notes of black fruits than on the nose: crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry, associated with flavors of red cherry, strawberry and ripe red currants, as well as a hint of cocoa, coffee, sweet spices (cloves, liquorice, nutmeg), fresh tobacco and flowers (dried rose, lilac). The finish is persistent, warming, with slight notes of cocoa and mint. Very pleasant velvety texture of tannins and a nice acidity.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Reggine 2017 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a deep ruby color with light garnet reflections. The nose is gourmand and concentrated, even a bit sweet, but fresh at the same time. It expresses notes of crushed strawberries, dried strawberries, morello cherries, red cherry jam, blackcurrant and wild blackberries, combined with spiciness (liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, a hint of cinnamon), a hint of smoke (almost bergamot), bitter cocoa, mint chocolate, as well as dried rose and cornflower, dried mint, tobacco and black tea. The palate is juicy and gourmand, it offers a balance between fruity, woody flavors and delicate tertiary notes. We find flavors of dried red cherry, morello cherry, dried strawberry, crushed wild strawberry, cranberries, a fine bitterness of black tea and bergamot, as well as notes of clove, nutmeg, liquorice, toasted background, ground coffee, undergrowth (very lightly) and tobacco. The tannin structure is firm, a bit dry, balanced by a nice acidity. The finish is fruity and persistent. A wine with concentration, freshness and good aging potential.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Tenuta Perano (Frescobaldi) 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth, complexity and concentration. It expresses gourmand notes of wild strawberry jam, ripe morello cherry, raspberry coulis, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry jam, combined with touches of mint chocolate, peppermint, dry pine needles, fresh tobacco, oregano and basil, as well as a discreet minerality (graphite, dry gravel) and a hint of balsamic cream in the background. There are also notes of sweet spices (roasted coriander seeds, liquorice, cloves), dried wild flowers and dried rose. The attack on the palate is smooth, delicious and fruity. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, wild blackberry, blueberry and the tanginess of bigarreau cherry, with a tannic and slightly bitter touch of mountain ash, which appears in the middle of the palate. We then find notes of wild mint, fresh basil, fresh tobacco, romarin, dried wild flowers, a touch of dried rose and lily, as well as a delicate spicity and toasted side (coriander seeds, licorice, white pepper, toasted almond in the background). The tannins are firm, a little dry on the finish, but fine. The finish is long, sapid, with a salivating acidity which balances the dryness of tannins and a slight bitterness. Good structure, juiciness and energy.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Conti Capponi, Villa Calcinaia 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and savoury and opens with smoky, meaty and roasted notes (fresh oregano, roasted meat, roasted red cherry). It then expresses the tangy notes of blackcurrant, morello cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry and cranberries, combined with aromas of peppermint, liquorice (with a slight hint of star anise), ground cumin, vanilla, coffee, toasted hazelnut, as well as a slightly sweet floral bouquet on the nose (peony, iris). The attack on the palate is fragrant and reflects the notes on the first nose (smoky touch of oregano, roasted meat, roasted red cherry). The mid-palate expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, mountain ash, fresh red currant, associated with notes of peppermint, roasted thyme, dried peony, iris, liquorice, toasted vanilla and mint. The finish has a medium persistence and expresses a good bitterness (coffee). Nice salivating acidity which softens the dryness of tight tannins.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## Castello di Meleto 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is discreet, finely spicy and herbaceous, with a tangy but gourmand fruitiness. It expresses notes of ripe strawberry, crushed raspberry, ripe red currant, juicy red cherry, cranberry jam and red plum, combined with sweet notes of vanilla, chocolate with mint, as well as a spiciness of black pepper, liquorice and ground cloves. We also find discreet notes of fresh tobacco and toasted oak in the background. On the palate, the wine offers fruit, salivating acidity, firm, slightly drying tannins, as well as a rather persistent finish, with a slight bitterness of cranberries and a smoky touch of bergamot. It expresses the flavors of tangy strawberry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, wild plum with its tannic touch, fresh blackcurrant and tangy blueberry, combined with notes of dried mint, thyme (in the background), dried basil, with a hint of pine sap, sweet spices in the background (liquorice, ground cloves) and a fine floral bouquet (rose, lily, peony). The finish is tight and expresses the astringency of young tannins, as well as a good bitterness.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Podere Terreno 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses gourmand aromas of red chocolate cherry, ripe black plum, wild strawberry, wild blackberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, combined with a fine peppery side (ground white pepper in the background), fine notes of sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, a touch of cinnamon in the background), fresh flowers (iris, peony, dried rose) as well as a touch of bitter cocoa and toasted almond. The palate offers juiciness, fine but firm tannins, enveloped in good fruity substance and refreshing acidity. We find flavors of fresh red cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry coulis, cranberry juice with good bitterness, red plum, blueberry and tart red cherry, combined with touches of white pepper, liquorice, ground clove, dried mint and basil in the background, as well as a subtle limestone minerality and a floral bouquet (peony, dried rose). The finish is quite persistent, with good bitterness and salivating acidity.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Bibiano 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses ripe fruit, with a touch of roasted fruit and jam. We find in particular notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blueberry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly, associated with spicy notes of liquorice, cloves, coriander seeds, a refreshing touch of peppermint, as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut and mild coffee. There are also touches of dried rose, tapenade, bitter cocoa and dried basil in the background. The palate is tight and tannic on attack, but aromatic and juicy. It expresses notes of tart bigarreau cherry, crushed blackcurrant, mountain ash, fresh raspberry, red currant and blueberry, combined with sweeter notes of raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, as well as cranberry jam with a slight bitterness. We also find notes of tapenade, sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin), herbs (dried thyme, dried basil) and flowers (dried rose, lily). The tannins are young, tight and astringent. The acidity is lively and salivating. Good length, with good bitterness and acidity, with some juiciness.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

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### Tenuta di Arceno, Strada al Sasso 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, blueberry, red currants and blackcurrant in the background, associated with a floral bouquet (rose, peony, violet), with notes of sweet spices (licorice, vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, ground cumin), with a hint of torrefaction (caramelised

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hazelnut, toasted bread) and a fine herbaceous touch (wild mint, dried basil, fresh tobacco, thyme, dry pine needles). On the palate, the wine is fruity and juicy, with a tight and firm tannic structure, even drying on the finish. We find the flavors of morello cherry, tart bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, strawberry, blueberry and red currants, combined with a tasty spicy side (liquorice, a hint of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves), with notes of flowers (peony, fresh rose), aromatic herbs (thyme, wild mint, rosemary), roasting (toasted hazelnut, toasted bread in the background) and fresh tobacco in the background. The finish is a little tight due to the tannic structure, but sapid, with a salivating acidity and gourmand flavors of dark chocolate and chocolate prunes which appear on the finish. Power and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Felsina, Colonia 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and offers a distinct mineral framework (gravel, limestone, graphite), a refined fruitiness with notes of fresh fruit (griotte, bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry), candied fruit (raspberry coulis, cranberry jam, candied blackcurrant) and dried fruit (dried blackcurrant, dried red cherry), a fine herbaceous hint (thyme, dried mint, dried basil, rosemary, a touch of sage) and floral bouquet (dried rose, violet), as well as enveloped notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, cloves, white pepper, nutmeg), a hint of tobacco, undergrowth, a delicate touch of torrefaction (coffee) and smokiness of bergamot. The palate is enveloping, with a nice concentration of fruit, a firm, but refined structure of tannins, thanks to their fine grain. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (griotte, bigarreau cherry, strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, cranberries), savoury sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cloves, cardamom, vanilla in the background), flowers (rose fresh, dried rosé, violet, lilac), aromatic herbs (rosemary, pine needles, peppermint, thyme, fresh basil in the background and finish), as well as a fine hint of torrefaction (toasted bitter almond, ground coffee), notes of undergrowth and tobacco. The finish is sapid, gourmand.

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

## Tenuta di Lilliano, Ruspoli 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant and complex ; it offers a tangy and lively frame, fresh fruit, as well as enveloped spicy and tertiary notes. We find the aromas of crushed strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, associated with notes of undergrowth (in the background), dried tobacco, dried peppermint, dark chocolate, cocoa, dried rose, fresh iris, as well as touches of liquorice, nutmeg, balsamic cream and fresh basil in the background. On the palate, the attack is refined and silky, enveloping and savoury. It expresses notes of ripe fresh fruit (morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, raspberry, cranberries, red cherry), enveloped herbaceous hints (dried mint, dried basil, rosemary), floral notes (dried rose, iris), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg), as well as integrated tertiary touches (tobacco, cedar, undergrowth). The finish is persistent and offers good bitterness, a balsamic hint, salivating acidity and a firm, but silky tannique structure.

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

## Il Contadino Cusano, Tenuta Poggio Torselli, Montecapri 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, juicy morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, blueberry, as well as herbaceous notes (fresh rosemary, thyme, basil, wild mint, a touch of oregano), sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg, coriander seeds, cumin), fresh flowers (rose, peony, lily), as well as a touch of sweet coffee, dark chocolate and balsamic cream. The palate is firm and expresses structured and dry tannins on the attack, balanced by a salivating acidity and the juiciness of ripe fruit. We find the flavors of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, redcurrant jelly, combined with tasty sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg, cloves), a herbaceous touch (wild mint, oregano, thyme, rosemary), floral (rose, fresh peony iris) and roasted (coffee, cocoa, toasted hazelnut), as well as a hint of tobacco and balsamic cream. The finish is savory and juicy. It expresses fresh acidity and the gourmandise of ripe fruit, which balance a firm structure of tannins. A wine with controlled power and good aging potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Riecine, Vigna Gittori, Gaiole 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose expresses the tasty roasted and meaty notes : roasted bouquet garni, roasted meat and roasted red cherry, which develop towards the aromas of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries, red currant, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry), aromatic herbs (thyme, bay leaf, rosemary, wild mint, basil), fresh tobacco, black olive, balsamic in the background, sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, cloves) and flowers (rose, elderberry, violet), as well as a slightly saline mineral touch in the background.

The palate has a velvety texture, melted fine-grained tannins and concentrated and enveloping fruitiness. The flavors are expressive, fruity and gourmand. We find notes of wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, elderberry syrup (in the background), crushed blackcurrant, redcurrant jelly red and red plum, combined with savoury spicy notes (licorice, white pepper, ground cumin, cloves), a fine touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), a sweet hint of dark chocolate and cherry, chocolate, a fragrant floral bouquet (wild rose, elderberry, iris, peony), as well as integrated herbaceous hints (wild mint, dried basil, dried rosemary, thyme), a touch of tobacco and balsamic in the background. Good acidity, freshness and good length. The tannins are sapid, powdery and silky. A gourmand, aromatic and balanced wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Mazzei, Castello Fonterutoli, Castellina 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers savory notes of sweet spices (ground cloves, crushed coriander seeds, liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom) and roasted aromatic herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary), which are complemented by notes of oregano and dried mint, rose and wild flowers, with a touch of torrefaction (sweet coffee, slightly milky, toasted hazelnut, toasted bread) and ripe fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, redcurrant jelly, raspberry coulis, blackcurrant crushed, wild plum, blackberry, dried red cherry, cranberries). The palate is lively, chiselled and offers tannic power, enveloped in juicy fruitiness. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, crunchy strawberry, cranberries and black plum, associated with a good bitterness of coffee and bergamot, with notes of torrefaction (bread toast, toasted hazelnut), aromatic herbs (thyme, oregano, peppermint, a hint of sage) and sweet spices (cumin, crushed coriander seeds, toasted vanilla). The tannins are powerful, but powdery, fine and silky. Great persistence on the palate, with good bitterness of tannins, notes of cocoa, dark chocolate and macerated cherry in chocolate. The acidity is crispy and salivating and adds liveliness to the wine. A wine with potential, which needs time to open up.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Mazzei, Castello Fonterutoli, Vicoregio 36, Castelnuovo Berardenga 2020

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The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and offers intensity and complexity. The first nose expresses distinct resinous notes (pine sap, pine needles), as well as a touch of balsamic, which are complemented in the second nose by notes of sweet spices (fresh licorice, cumin, toasted vanilla, seeds of crushed coriander, cinnamon in the background), herbs (dried mint, basil, thyme, sage), flowers (dried rose, violet, lilac) and ripe fruits (morello cherry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry, red currant, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry), cocoa and torrefaction (toasted oak, mild coffee). On the palate, the attack is gourmand, fruity and suave, in the mid-palate, the wine expresses the power of the tannins and their fine and delicate texture at the same time. We find the flavors of dried red cherry, ripe morello cherry, wild plum, crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry and the bitterness of cranberries, combined with a smoky and slightly bitter touch of bergamot, coffee, with a herbaceous touch (dried mint, thyme, oregano), spicy (crushed coriander seeds, white pepper, liquorice, toasted vanilla, ground cumin) and a floral touch (dried rose). The finish is persistent and expresses the dryness of the young tannins, as well as a nice salivating acidity that helps to balance them. A straight wine, which offers accuracy and firmness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Vignamaggio, Monna Lisa 2017 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is finely spicy, slightly evolved, but harmonious and still youthful. It expresses notes of fresh liquorice, white pepper, cloves, crushed coriander seeds, toasted vanilla, a hint of roasted (coffee, toasted almond) brewed black tea, wet leaves and undergrowth, dried flowers (dried rose, dried violet, iris) as well as a tangy touch of candied blood orange in the background and red and black fruits, fresh and dried (dried red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, dried strawberry, dried cranberries, fresh strawberries, crushed blackcurrants, wild plums), as well as a refreshing herbaceous hint in the background (dried mint, basil, eucalyptus). The palate offers delicacy, roundness and juiciness, all in elegance. The tannins are velvety, powdery and melted, but well structured and quite firm. We find the flavors of dried red cherry, candied red cherry, fresh morello cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed strawberry, dried cranberries, wild plum and redcurrant jelly, associated with herbaceous notes (dried mint, even eucalyptus, dried basil, Mediterranean herbs), fine tertiary touches (dry tobacco, infused black tea, undergrowth, leather in the background), gourmandise of cocoa and dark chocolate, as well as savoury spicy notes (ground cumin, cloves, liquorice, toasted vanilla in the background) and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted bitter almond). The finish is persistent, sapid, suave and gourmand - we find notes of chocolate cherry, a hint of cinnamon, a beautiful concentration and depth of fruity substance with a beautiful freshness of notes of dried eucalyptus and a nice acidity. A refined wine, with great delicacy and complexity.

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## Mazzei, Castello Fonterutoli, Badiola, Radda 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is airy, finely spicy and herbaceous and offers freshness and juiciness. It expresses the aromas of fresh peppermint (even eucalyptus), a touch of fresh basil, thyme, rosemary and oregano, liquorice, Sarawak pepper, toasted vanilla, grated nutmeg and cloves, combined with juicy fruits (fresh, ripe raspberry, bigareau cherry, morello cherry, redcurrant jelly, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry), as well as a refined floral bouquet (fresh rose, violet) and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The palate is supple, enveloping, while remaining straight and firm, thanks to controlled power of tannins and good bitterness. We find the flavors of ripe morello cherry, tangy bigareau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, wild plum, crushed blackcurrant and cranberries, associated with a smoky and slightly bitter hint of bergamot, with herbaceous notes (dried mint, thyme, rosemary, a touch of sage), floral (violet, a touch of rose and peony) and a tasty spiciness (roasted vanilla, liquorice, coriander seeds, nutmeg). The finish is long, savoury and gourmand, with notes of chocolate cherry and dark chocolate with mint and a beautiful freshness, brought by a salivating acidity. The tannins are firm, grippy, but enveloped.

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

## Terre di Melizzano 2017 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. The nose expresses perceptible tertiary notes (wet leaves, undergrowth, dry tobacco, a slightly earthy touch, notes of faded flowers : faded rose, faded peony enveloped and integrated), but in balance with fruitiness (red cherry dried, juicy fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, dried cranberries, blueberry), spiciness (liquorice, a hint of star anise, cloves, nutmeg) and herbaceous notes (wild mint, fresh thyme, basil), which brings freshness in wine. There are also delicate touches of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted walnut, cocoa). The palate is silky, enveloping and textured, with melted, sapid and fine tannins, but quite solid. It offers a gourmand, concentrated and elegant fruitiness in its flavors of juicy fresh morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, cherry jam, blueberry jam, raspberry coulis, as well as melted spicy notes (cinnamon, licorice, a touch of star anise, nutmeg), flowers (dried rose, dried violet, peony) and its herbaceous freshness (dried mint, basil, fresh tobacco). We also find a subtle hint of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted walnut, cocoa) and tertiary notes that are enveloped and less present than on the nose (wet leaves, undergrowth in the background). The finish is sapid and persistent, with salivating acidity and a gourmand note of dark chocolate.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Castello La Leccia 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. It is reserved for the nose and benefits from aeration. The nose expresses notes of fresh wild strawberry, dried strawberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, black plum, as well as a refined spiciness (ground cumin, liquorice, cloves, juniper berries), herbaceous (peppermint, oregano, fresh thyme, basil) and floral hints (delicate aromas of lily and rose), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and black tapenade. On the palate, the wine is gourmand, generous, with fine-grained, powerful and grippy tannins. It expresses notes of wild plum, wild strawberry, cranberry jam, morello cherry, candied red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, a light touch of prunes and crème de cassis, as well as touches of dark chocolate, a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa, notes of sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, crushed coriander seeds), dried mint, oregano, basil, fresh tobacco, tapenade and dried flowers (dried rose, violet, dried peony). The finish expresses the dry side of the tannins and a salivating acidity which helps to balance it. Good length with herbaceous notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Terra di Seta, Assai 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. It is reserved for the nose and benefits from being airy. The nose expresses notes of fresh wild strawberry, dried strawberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, black plum, as well as a refined spiciness (ground cumin, liquorice, cloves, juniper berries), a herbaceous (peppermint, oregano, fresh thyme, basil) and floral touch (delicate aromas of lily and rose), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and black tapenade. On the palate, the wine is gourmand, generous, with fine-grained, powerful and grippy tannins. It expresses notes of wild plum, wild strawberry, cranberry jam, morello cherry, candied red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, a light touch of prunes and crème de cassis, as well as touches of dark chocolate, a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa, notes of sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla, a hint of cinnamon, crushed coriander seeds), dried mint, oregano, basil, fresh tobacco, tapenade and dried flowers (dried rose, violet, dried peony). The finish expresses the dryness of the tannins and a salivating acidity which helps balance it. Good length with herbaceous notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Carpineto 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is refined, concentrated and textured, finely chocolatey. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, black plum, wild blackberry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, combined with touches of cocoa powder, chocolate red cherry, prunes in chocolate, dark chocolate with mint, with a distinct but integrated spiciness (liquorice stick, star anise, clove, nutmeg), with a bouquet of fresh flowers (violet, rose, cornflower, lily), peppermint and notes of torrefaction in the background (ground coffee, caramelized hazelnut), as well as a tangy and smoky touch of bergamot and blood orange that appear after aeration. The palate offers gourmandise, elegance in its power and concentrated fruitiness. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry (with a touch of macerated morello cherry), fresh wild plum, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, cherry and raspberry jam, as well as a hint of blackcurrant and blueberry. We also find spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), floral notes (rose, lily, iris) and a hint of torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut), refreshed by a fine herbaceous nuance (peppermint, basil). The tannins are tight on attack, but sapid, fine and balanced by the juiciness of the fruits and a lively acidity. The wine is closed at the moment and needs time to open.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Castello di Gabbiano, Bellezza 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a pale ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose offers juiciness, concentration and sweet notes of macerated fruit, as well as a gourmand spiciness. It expresses in particular the aromas of dried red cherry, red cherry in kirsch, ripe morello cherry, black plum (with a touch of prunes in alcohol), crushed wild strawberry, wild blackberry and candied blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), combined with notes of dark chocolate with mint, liquorice, cumin seeds, crushed coriander seeds, roasted bouquet garni, infused black tea, fresh tobacco, wet leaves and undergrowth (in the background), dried rose, fresh basil, balsamic cream and tapenade. The palate offers powerful, but silky tannins enveloped in ripe and juicy fruitiness and round, but refreshing acidity. It expresses the flavors of candied red cherry and red cherry in kirsch, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis), crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, mountain ash and wild black plum, with a hint of prunes in alcohol. We also find some spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds), floral hints (dried rose), a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, coffee), as well as notes of balsamic cream, dried mint and a mineral and earthy note, which expresses itself in a drying and chalky sensation at the end of the mouth. The finish is persistent, juicy, sapid and salivating. Power, a nice fruitiness, concentration and freshness.

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

## Agricola Querciabella 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The first nose offers herbaceous freshness (wild mint, a touch of eucalyptus, basil) as well as a resinous touch (pine sap, pine needles) and balsamic. We then find gourmand notes of sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, cinnamon in the background, coriander seeds, cloves), flowers (faded rose, dried peony, violet), fresh tobacco, a hint of undergrowth and mushrooms, red cherry in chocolate and fresh fruit aromas : bigareau cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, fresh raspberry, crushed blueberry, a touch of blackberry. The palate is gourmand, silky, with flavors of ripe and jammy fruit which bring a certain sweetness to the wine. We find the flavors of candied morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, very ripe fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum (with a touch of prunes), wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis), associated with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, toasted vanilla, clove), herbs (basil, dried mint, fresh tobacco) and tertiary touches that appear at the end of the palate (withered rose, damp leaves, undergrowth), as well as a hint of torrefaction in the background (toast, bitter coffee, toasted hazelnut). Beautiful acidity, the tannins are firm, but velvety.

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

## Ruffino, Riserva Ducale Oro 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with light garnet reflections. The nose is textured, complex and concentrated, with a pronounced spicy and chocolate notes. The first nose expresses aromas of dark chocolate, licorice, cloves, a touch of cinnamon and dried vanilla, as well as a hint of ground black pepper and juniper berries. Then, we find the herbaceous notes of dried rosemary, bay leaf, as well as a touch of black tapenade, associated with a ripe and concentrated fruitiness ; the aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, dried blackcurrant, blueberry, strawberry, of wood and a fine touch of menthol and fresh tobacco. On the palate, the wine is firm, chiselled and straight, but gourmand. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, blackcurrant and blackberry, combined with notes of dried thyme, rosemary, sweet spices (clove, a touch of cinnamon, cumin), dried rose, dark chocolate and dried mint. The tannins are powerful and firm, balanced by the concentration on the palate and salivating acidity. A powerful and firm wine, which should further evolve in the bottle.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



# Tuscany

## Fattoria La Ripa 2017 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is reserved, but opens better after aeration. It expresses notes of tangy fresh fruit (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, strawberry), candied cherry, crushed wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, crème de cassis, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg, clove), chocolate with mint, dried rose, dried peony and integrated tertiary notes (undergrowth, a very delicate touch of truffle, wet leaves), dried rosemary and dried thyme. The palate is juicy, airy and silky, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, crème de cassis, raspberry coulis, prune cream in the background, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg), cherry in chocolate, sweet coffee, cocoa, chocolate with mint, dried rosemary, thyme, dried rose, as well as notes of development undergrowth, tobacco, infused black tea, damp leaves and wilted rose. The tannins are polished, with a fine and melted grain. The finish is persistent and warm (slightly kirsch), with a nice acidity and a powdery hint of cocoa. An airy wine, complex and juicy.

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

## Querceto di Castellina, Sei, Castellina 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is warm, spicy and savoury. On the first nose we find subtle smoky and meaty notes, which develop towards the sweet and gourmand aromas of dark chocolate and ripe fruit : juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, candied red cherry, black plum (even plum cream), wild blackberry. We also find the refreshing notes of peppermint, chocolate with mint, pine sap, rosemary in syrup, fresh basil, aromas of sweet spices (liquorice, a touch of toasted vanilla and cinnamon, white pepper and cumin), as well as notes of dried wild flowers, violet, dried rose, a hint of tapenade, toasted hazelnut and a chalky mineral texture in the background. On the palate, the attack is juicy and suave, with ripe and fresh fruity texture. We find notes of juicy morello cherry, candied red cherry, wild black plum (with its tannic touch), crushed raspberry, cranberries and wild strawberries, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, white pepper, a touch of toasted vanilla), with a good bitterness of coffee and herbaceous and floral notes (peppermint, rosemary, fresh basil, dried rose, violet). The finish is rather persistent, with a salivating acidity which brings liveliness and energy to the wine, as well as gourmandise and the sweetness of chocolate in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Capraia, Effe 55, 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, depth and at the same time : delicacy and freshness. It expresses refined herbaceous notes: crushed mint leaves, rosemary, thyme, blackcurrant leaf in the background, a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin, cloves, black pepper, coriander seeds), associated with notes of dried flowers (dried rose, dried peony, dried wildflowers), a touch of fresh tobacco, undergrowth, a smoky hint of oregano, as well as a touch of cocoa and coffee. The fruity substance on the nose is complex and refined and combines notes of tangy fresh fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, cranberries), with juicy ripe fruits (crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, blackberry) and dried fruits (dried red cherry, dried raspberry). The palate is gourmand and offers intense flavors of ripe and jammy fruits (ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis), cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate, as well as a savoury spiciness (liquorice, cinnamon, grilled vanilla, nutmeg, clove), refreshing notes of aromatic herbs (dried wild mint, rosemary, thyme, dried basil, sage in the background) and fresh flowers (rose, iris, peony). There are also touches of dark chocolate, cocoa, fresh tobacco and dry black tea in the background. The tannins are firm, powerful, but have a fine grain and a refined, melted texture. The finish is persistent and refreshing, thanks to a nice acidity.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Viticcio, Prunai 2017 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. The nose is reserved at first, but opens after aeration. It expresses elegant and integrated tertiary aromas (undergrowth, white truffle, wet leaves, black tea), associated with tangy touches of citrus (bergamot, dried blood orange peel), a savoury spiciness (liquorice, clove, cumin, nutmeg), as well as floral notes (dried rose, dried peony, iris), herbaceous hints (dried mint, dried basil, rosemary, pine needles) and a gourmand fruitiness (fresh morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried raspberry, crunchy strawberry, dried blackcurrant, blueberry, cranberries). We also find a delicate minerality in the background (graphite, limestone). The palate offers a juicy, pure and silky attack. It expresses the fruitiness of the wine (flavors of morello cherry, dried red cherry, crunchy strawberry, dried raspberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry), which are complemented in the mid-palate by notes of mint pepper, pine needles, rosemary, fresh basil, thyme, dried rose and violet, as well as touches of nutmeg, liquorice, cumin

and clove. Delicate tertiary notes (white truffle, undergrowth, wilted flowers) and a mineral frame (graphite) appear at the end of the palate, accompanied by gourmand notes of cocoa, sweet coffee, tea with bergamot and cherry in chocolate. The tannins are firm, grippy, but fine. Beautiful salivating and refreshing acidity. An expressive, flavorful wine with good aging potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Tenuta Fizzano, Il Crocino 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with very light garnet reflections. The nose offers complexity and elegance. We first find the aromas of ripe and concentrated fruits (even with a touch of dried fruit): fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, fresh black fig, cranberry, crushed raspberry and strawberry, associated with herbal notes of dried basil, oregano and thyme, as well as a touch of dried wild flowers and torrefaction (coffee, toast). There are also notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin), dried black tea and cocoa in the background. On the palate, the wine expresses power of tannins, concentration and straightness. The flavors are complex, but a bit closed. We find notes of dried morello cherry, cranberry, wild plum, as well as touches of torrefaction (coffee, smoke), spices (clove, cumin), black tea, dried bay leaf, dried wild flowers, as well as a perceptible bitterness and a hint of bergamot. The finish is more round and expresses notes of Amarena cherry and dark chocolate, which with a salivating acidity balance the power and dry young tannins. The finish is persistent, with the bitterness of bergamot. A wine that needs time to open up.

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

## Capannelle 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved and delicate. It expresses notes of dried red fruits (dried strawberry, dried raspberry, dried red cherry), very ripe fresh fruits (griotte, wild plum, crushed blackcurrant, see crème de cassis), sweet spices (licorice, ground cumin, white pepper), a sweet touch of dark chocolate, as well as herbaceous notes of black tea, dried mint, dried rosemary and dried basil. In the background, we also find a fine note of undergrowth and balsamic. On the palate, the attack is quite open and fruity, the mid-palate is rather tannic and firm, and the finish is gourmand, with a salivating acidity. The wine expresses notes of dried red cherry, dried raspberry, ripe wild strawberry, blackcurrant, as well as a touch of chocolate with mint, sweet spices (cloves, a hint of licorice and vanilla), a fragrant floral bouquet (fresh and dried peony, dried rose) and herbaceous notes of dried mint, basil and oregano. The tannins have a fine grain, as well as a firm structure. The finish is juicy and persistent, with notes of dried red fruits and a touch of menthol.

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

## Borgo Scopetto 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. On the nose, the wine is discreet and requires aeration. It first expresses delicate tertiary notes (undergrowth, even mushrooms, wet leaves, wilted rose), which then combine with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cumin, liquorice), tea with bergamot, dried flowers (dried peony, dried violet), dried red fruits (cranberries, red cherry). We also find freshness, brought by notes of fresh fruit (morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, black fig) and fresh herbs (basil, thyme, bay leaf, a smoky hint of oregano) and a slight sweetness of cocoa. On the palate, the wine has fresh and tangy flavors on the attack, which develop towards notes of dried herbs (mint, basil), spices (ground cumin, cloves, licorice), cocoa and dried flowers (rose, wild flowers). The finish is quite long and expresses more the tertiary notes of mushrooms and undergrowth, integrated into a bouquet of ripe and dried red fruits. The tannins are firm and give the wine a good structure. A salivating acidity and good palatability on the finish help soften their certain astringency. A full-bodied and powerful wine, but with a certain finesse.

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

## Tolaini, Vigna Montebello Sette 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is subtly fragrant, gourmand, spicy and chocolatey. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, candied red cherry, blackcurrant jam, raspberry coulis, combined with notes of dark chocolate with mint, liquorice, grilled vanilla, cloves, toasted hazelnut (in the background), as well as bay leaf, fresh tobacco, dried basil, oregano, a hint of bitter cocoa and coffee, as well as a floral touch (peony, iris). On the palate, the attack is tasty and spicy. It expresses notes of licorice, nutmeg, ground cloves, combined with a smoky touch of oregano, a hint of basil, fresh tobacco, fresh flowers (iris, peony, rose in the background) and tapenade. We also find tangy fruits : cranberries, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, mountain ash and a fine bitterness of coffee and toasted bitter almond which appear on the finish. The tannins are grippy and tight, balanced by a salivating acidity. Good length with notes of tangy red fruits.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

# Tuscany

## Tenuta di Nozzole 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is refined, subtle, with freshness, complexity and delicate tertiary aromas. It expresses in particular notes of dry tobacco, faded rose, wet leaves and undergrowth, associated with a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, cloves, liquorice, coriander seeds), with a resinous touch of pine sap and dry pine needles, with a fine floral (peony, dried rose, violet) and herbaceous (dried mint, dried basil, dried thyme) hints, wrapped in a beautiful fruitiness, with youthful and gourmet touches (ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, redcurrant jelly). On the palate, the wine offers depth, juiciness and gourmandise, with a beautiful tannic structure. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, ripe morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, as well as herbaceous freshness (wild mint, thyme, rosemary, basil), floral notes (dried rose, violet, peony) and an enveloped tertiary notes (dry tobacco, undergrowth, wilted rose, wet leaves), as well as delicate spicy notes (liquorice, coriander seeds, nutmeg). Beautiful persistence on the palate, with a pleasant bitterness of coffee, bergamot and bitter chocolate, with lively acidity and good bitterness. The tannins are firm, but velvety and well constructed.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Casaloste 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fragrant, spicy and gourmand, with subtle tertiary notes. The first nose expresses notes of dark chocolate, liquorice, vanilla, a very light touch of cinnamon in the background, which are then completed by notes of tobacco, wet leaves, cedar and a discreet touch of undergrowth. The second nose offers notes of dried red fruits (dried cherry, dried strawberry), red fruit jam (tart red cherry jam) as well as crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, associated with notes of dried mint, dried basil, oregano, black tapenade and balsamic. The palate offers concentration, smoothness, roundness and controlled power of tannins. We find notes of cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate, ripe purple fig (in the background), wild blackberry, blackcurrant jam (or even crème de cassis), ripe morello cherry and wild strawberry, associated with touches of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, cloves), dried flowers (rose, wildflowers, cornflower), as well as delicate notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). The tannins are firm, very fine and sapid, with a velvety texture and a touch of chocolate. The finish is persistent and complex : it first expresses gourmand notes of chocolate cherry which are complemented by a good bitterness of coffee and notes of dried mint. Beautiful acidity, freshness, gourmandise and complexity. A concentrated and deep wine, which will continue to develop.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Famiglia Zingarelli, Tenuta Le Macie, Sergioveto 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with very light garnet reflections. The nose is savoury, spicy and fragrant. It expresses notes of fresh tobacco, balsamic, black olive, a touch of basil, as well as a smoky note of oregano, fine aromas of sweet spices (clove, nutmeg, white pepper), combined with notes of tangy fruits : red cherry, red currant, raspberry, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant and fresh herbs (cut thyme, bay leaf), as well as a very delicate note of coffee in the background. On the palate, the wine offers complexity, juiciness and a firm tannic structure, balanced by a salivating acidity. It expresses notes of tart fruits : red cherry, cranberry, cranberries, raspberry and red currant, combined with a touch of blueberry and blackcurrant. In the mid-palate, we find spicy notes of white pepper, clove and nutmeg, a slight bitterness of coffee, as well as notes of faded rose, fresh tobacco, basil (in the background) and a hint of smoke. The finish is persistent, juicy and finely spicy, which ends with a good bitterness. Complexity, power, a dry but integrated tannic structure. A straight and firm wine, with good potential.

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

## Rocca di Castagnoli, Stielle 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is finely spicy and chocolatey and offers concentration, complexity, as well as a fine mineral framework (a touch of limestone). It expresses notes of gray pepper, liquorice, grated nutmeg, ground cumin, associated with powdery notes of bitter cocoa, chocolate cherry, a touch of cedar and fresh tobacco, as well as a refined fruity material, ripe and fresh. We find in particular notes of morello cherry, dried bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, dried raspberry, fresh blackcurrant and mountain ash, as well as herbaceous (dried mint) and floral (rose, lily) notes. The palate offers intensity of flavors, a firm tannin structure (the tannins are astringent and slightly bitter on attack), as well as a crunchy and salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of crushed blackcurrant, tangy strawberry, raspberry coulis, bigarreau cherry, mountain ash, as well as the bitterness of cranberries and bergamot (in the background), a fine spiciness (ground gray pepper, licorice, ground cumin) and herbaceous hint of dried mint, a sweet floral touch (peony, iris). The finish is persistent, dry at the beginning (dry chalky minerality and tight tannins), softened by a salivating acidity. A firm, structured wine, but fresh and juicy.

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

## Tenuta Casenuove 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is subtly perfumed and offers accuracy, a fine spiciness (cloves, crushed coriander seeds, a touch of liquorice) and a perceptible mineral framework (graphite, with a slight touch of iron). It also expresses enveloped tertiary notes (cedar, dry tobacco, undergrowth and damp leaves in the background), a slight hint of torrefaction in the background (toasted hazelnut, coffee and bitter cocoa), as well as a concentrated fruitiness (wild strawberry), blackberry, raspberry coulis, candied blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, cranberry jam), combined with notes of dried mint, dried oregano, dried basil and wildflowers. The palate offers concentration, juiciness, a savoury spiciness and firm tannins, a little gripping in the mid-palate. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, cranberry jam and dried raspberry, combined with herbaceous notes of dried mint, dried basil, rosemary, some spiciness (licorice stick, cloves, cumin) and floral (dried rose, field flowers). The finish is juicy and persistent and expresses fine tertiary notes of tobacco, cedar and undergrowth which complete the profile of the wine. Good acidity, the tannins are powdery and sapid, with a good bitterness on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Borgo Salceto, I Salci 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is concentrated, complex and juicy, with distinct notes of dried and macerated fruits (macerated red cherry, prunes in alcohol). It expresses the aromas of very ripe morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, candied blackcurrant (or crème de cassis), crushed blackberry, as well as chocolate morello cherry, dark chocolate with mint, tangy hint of cocoa beans, integrated notes of sweet spices (licorice with a touch of star anise, nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds), fine tertiary touches (dry tobacco, wilted flowers (rose, lilac), herbaceous notes (fresh basil, wild mint), and nuances of tapenade and balsamic. The mouth is melted and silky. It offers a controlled power of tannins (velvety and fine, but drying), sapid and powdery, with pleasant notes of bitter cocoa. We also find distinct notes of macerated fruit (cherry in kirsch, prunes in alcohol), crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant with a touch of crème de cassis), blueberry and roasted red cherry and morello cherry, associated with light tertiary notes of dry tobacco, cedar and undergrowth, with notes of sweet spices (licorice, a hint of star anise, nutmeg) and dried flowers (rose, lilac) and dried herbs (mint). A lingering, tannic and tight finish is balanced by salivating acidity, concentrated fruitiness and sweet notes of chocolate cherry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Ruffino, Romitorio di Santedame 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is refined and subtle, but deep and complex. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, wild blackberry, dried blackcurrant. We also find aromas of dried mint, cut rosemary, basil, bay leaf, hay and wild flowers, fresh tobacco which bring freshness and elegance. The notes of torrefaction and sweet spices are very fine and integrated, there are notably touches of ground cumin, sweet coffee, liquorice (or even star anise), toast and a very slight hint of caramel in the background. The palate is silky, but concentrated and straight. The tannins are melted and velvety, ample and give the wine an elegant structure. There is a nice concentration of fruits and complexity. We find notes of wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, wild blackberry, completed by notes of cocoa, sweet coffee, tobacco, dried basil, dried mint, liquorice, star anise and violet. The finish is long, warm and fresh at the same time thanks to a harmonious combination of notes of cocoa, sweet spices (cinnamon, cumin) and a beautiful acidity. Elegance, fleshiness, all in balance.

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

## Bibiano, Vigne di Montornello 2020 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, the wine is discreet and benefits from aeration. It first expresses notes of sweet spices (grated nutmeg, ground cumin, liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cinnamon), associated with a gourmet touch of mint chocolate, roasted notes (sweet coffee, toasted almond, even caramelised), fresh tobacco, leather (in the background), flowers (peony, rose), enveloped in notes of ripe strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, fresh blackcurrant and morello cherry. The palate is chiseled, expressive, firm and tannic. It expresses notes of mountain ash, tangy blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, wild blueberry, as well as the bitterness of cranberries and bergamot. We also find spiciness (white pepper, liquorice, ground cumin, clove), notes of torrefaction (toasted bitter almond, coffee), herbaceous (peppermint, basil) and floral (rose) touch. The finish is persistent and expresses lively acidity and good bitterness. The tannins are firm and tight on the finish. The wine appears to be closed at the moment.

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

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## Bibiano, Vigna del Capannino 2020

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of ripe red fruits (bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh morello cherry, red currants, blueberry, crushed blackcurrant), associated with a pronounced but integrated spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, cloves, white pepper, a hint of cinnamon, toasted vanilla), notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, a touch of smoke), dried herbs (dried mint, dried basil, dried bay leaf), tapenade, fresh tobacco, a hint of balsamic and dried wildflowers. The palate offers a juicy and round attack, a tannic and tight mid-palate and an aromatic and tangy finish. It expresses the flavors of crushed blackcurrant, juicy morello cherry, crunchy wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blueberry, cranberries and tangy bigarreau cherry, combined with notes of bitter cocoa, fresh tobacco, sweet spices (ground cumin, coriander seeds, a hint of cinnamon and vanilla), torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), as well as notes of olive, aromatic herbs (bay leaf, basil, mint) and flowers (rose, lily). The finish is persistent and expresses notes of torrefaction, a fine bitterness of coffee, as well as a salivating acidity, which balances the astringency of the tannins.

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

## Castello Vicchiomaggio, Le Bolle 2020

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is deep, concentrated and complex. The first nose expresses notes of ripe fruit and a hint of dried fruit : morello cherry, blackcurrant, dried red cherry, blueberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as crème de cassis. On the second nose, we find a distinct but elegant spiciness : notes of liquorice (even of star anise), nutmeg, cloves, as well as a very slight touch of vanilla and toast. Then, the wine offers subtle floral and herbaceous aromas of rose, lily, dried mint, bay leaf and fresh tobacco. The palate is precise, straight and concentrated, with a nice freshness. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, crushed raspberry, combined with spicy touches (clove, liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cumin), herbaceous notes (dried mint) and floral bouquet (dried rose, lily). The tannins are well-built : firm, but fine and not drying. The finish is long, gourmand and savoury, with a nice acidity which balances the wine and brings freshness. A pleasant bitterness and a touch of mint in the background. A wine to keep, concentrated and refined.

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

## Le Fonti di Panzano 2019

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and needs aeration. It then expresses the notes of aromatic herbs (even medicinal herbs) : peppermint, eucalyptus, sage, thyme and rosemary, combined with a fresh and tangy fruitiness (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry), red plum, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, strawberry, crushed raspberry), a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, even eau-de-vie de rose, peony, rosehip, violet) and a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, star anise in the background, clove, a touch of toasted vanilla and cinnamon). There is also a touch of balsamic, black tapenade and fresh tobacco. The palate offers a gourmand and round attack, with lots of fruit and a jammy touch. We find notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh raspberry, redcurrant jelly, fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, red cherry jam and black plum, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, star anise, cumin, cloves, nutmeg), flowers (rosehips, wilted rose, fresh rose petals, violet), with a herbaceous touch (peppermint, menthol in the background, thyme, sage), notes of chocolate and toast. The tannins are powerful, but have a fine, melted grain. A salivating acidity brings liveliness and freshness to the wine and softens the fine, but grippy tannic structure. A complex wine, but seems closed at the moment.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Le Fonti di Panzano 2018

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color with garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, fresh and offers a tangy frame of juicy red and black fruits. It expresses the aromas of bigarreau cherry, fresh morello cherry, red currants, strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant and wild blackberry, combined with herbaceous notes of peppermint, menthol, rosemary, wild thyme, fresh basil, as well as a resinous hint of pine sap and pine needles, a subtle floral bouquet (violet, fresh rose) and an integrated spiciness (liquorice, crushed vanilla, nutmeg, cumin, cloves). We also find tertiary notes of tobacco, undergrowth and wet leaves, as well as a fine mineral framework (graphite). On the palate, the attack is gourmand, savoury, slightly jammy and sweet. It expresses notes of red cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), wild plum and plum cream, combined with refreshing notes of wild mint, menthol, fresh basil, rosemary, pine sap and a gourmand spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), as well as a floral touch (peony, fresh rose), delicate tertiary notes (wiltedflowers, undergrowth) and with a gourmand hint of cherry in chocolate and chocolate with mint. The tannins are tight, grippy, but fine. The finish is persistent, with lively acidity and good bitterness. Gourmandise, controlled power and good balance overall.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Tenuta Perano, Rialzi (Frescobaldi) 2019

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a brilliant ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is textured, concentrated, with lots of fruit and freshness. It expresses the aromas of tangy and tannic black fruits (wild blackberry, morello cherry, wild plum, a touch of crushed mountain ash and blueberry), sweet red fruits (wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry), associated with gourmet notes of dark chocolate with mint, chocolate prunes, a savoury spiciness (liquorice with a touch of star anise, ground cumin, a hint of grilled vanilla and cinnamon, grated nutmeg), as well as notes of fresh tobacco, balsamic cream, toasted hazelnut, cedar, caramelised toasted brioche (which adds a slight sweet touch in the background) as well as wild rose and peony. The palate is intense, but elegant, with a silky attack, a beautiful fruity substance and a beautiful structure of melted and sapid tannins. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, complemented by the tangy and delicious side of ripe black fruits (griotte, wild blackberry, mountain ash, crushed blueberry). In the mid-palate, we find tasty notes of dark chocolate with mint, a hint of coffee and toasted almond, sweet spices (roasted vanilla, roasted coriander seeds, ground nutmeg, star anise in the background), combined with a herbaceous touch of fresh basil, cedar and fresh tobacco, as well as a fine floral bouquet (wild rose, peony, violet). The finish is persistent and long, with lots of flavors and gourmandise, expressed by notes of black fruits, sweet spices and wild mint. Beautiful acidity brings freshness and energy. A lively, chiselled, well-constructed wine, which will further develop over time.

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

## Santo Stefano 2019

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers gourmandise, complexity and a ripe fruitiness, slightly jammy in the background. It expresses notes of roasted bigarreau cherry, red cherry jam, fresh morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry coulis, mountain ash, cranberries and crushed blueberry, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla), toasted in the background, grated nutmeg, ground cumin), as well as subtle touches of tobacco, undergrowth (in the background), prunes, dry black tea, tapenade, bitter cocoa, fresh oregano, dried basil, rosehips and lilies. The palate offers a juicy and silky attack, with textured and velvety tannins. It expresses notes of red cherry juice, cranberry jam, ripe morello cherry, wild plum, mountain ash, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis and tangy strawberry, combined with a gourmet touch of cocoa and dark chocolate with mint, as well as subtle and integrated spicy notes and touches of torrefaction (liquorice, ground cumin, white pepper, coffee, toasted almond in the background). There is also a touch of black tapenade, brewed black tea, balsamic, dried peppermint and a hint of tobacco in the background. The finish offers persistence, a certain roundness at the beginning and expresses tight tannins, rounded by a salivating acidity at the end of the palate.

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

## Castello di Meleto 2019

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicate, but gourmand and fruity, with a certain concentration and depth. It expresses notes of crunchy morello cherry, wild blackberry, candied bigarreau cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, tangy black plum and crushed fresh blackcurrant, combined with toasted notes of caramelized hazelnut, toasted almond and liquorice in the background, with touches of flowers (wild rose, violet, iris, a touch of peony) and aromatic herbs (fresh basil, crushed mint leaf, fresh rosemary, fresh bay leaf), as well as a mineral touch (graphite) and a hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate offers juiciness and an airy attack. It then expresses the flavors of tangy fruits (crunchy strawberry, cranberries, bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, a tangy and slightly smoky hint of bergamot, a tannic side of wild plum), aromatic herbs (crushed mint, fresh basil, a touch of pine needles, dried rosemary and thyme), flowers (wild rose, violet, peony), sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cloves) as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut and fresh tobacco in the background. The tannic structure is tight, firm, with a touch of bitterness. The finish is quite persistent, chiseled and tangy. Fruitiness and freshness.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

## Castello di Meleto, Casi 2019

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses freshness and a chiseled hint of tangy red and black fruits (crunchy strawberry, wild raspberry, red currant, bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant and crushed blueberry) with a touch of cranberry bitterness and a delicate balsamic nuance. We then find herbaceous aromas of fresh basil, fresh peppermint, cut rosemary and fresh bay leaf, spicy notes which appear after aeration (clove, cumin, a touch of liquorice and star anise in the background), a pleasant sweetness of crushed vanilla and cocoa, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (iris, peony, fresh rose). The palate is chiselled, firm, slightly bitter on the attack, but well-structured and fresh. The tannins are velvety and melted, a little dry on the finish, but enveloped in a beautiful salivating acidity. The wine expresses



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the tangy flavors of cranberries, red currant, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant and crunchy strawberry, complemented by notes of fresh basil, a slightly woody touch of rosemary, a delicate spiciness of mint peppery, complemented by spicy touches of clove, cumin, liquorice, a fine sweetness of vanilla and fresh flowers (iris, peony, rose and violet in the background) and a hint of balsamic on the finish. The finish is quite persistent, aromatic and fruity, with a pleasant bitterness and acidity of bergamot. A firm, refined wine that needs time to open up.

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

## Castello di Meleto, Trebbio 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers ripe and gourmand fruit, complemented by sweet spices, herbaceous freshness and a touch of dark chocolate. It expresses in particular the aromas of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, cranberry jam, ripe red plum, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, licorice, cloves, a touch of toasted hazelnut and of smoke, refreshing aromas of peppermint, menthol and pine needles, as well as fresh flowers (cornflower, violet, wild rose). We also find a hint of minerality (limestone) and a touch of leather, cocoa and fresh tobacco in the background. The palate offers juiciness and crunchy fruit (wild strawberry, wild blackberry, fresh bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, a touch of bitterness from cranberries and pink grapefruit in the background), combined with notes of sweet spices (cumin, liquorice, a touch of toasted vanilla), toasted hazelnut in the background, with the smoky side of bergamot, as well as floral (violet, wild rose, cornflower) and herbaceous notes (peppermint, cut rosemary). The tannins are firm and have a fine and elegant texture. Beautiful acidity on the finish, good persistence on bitterness and freshness. A wine with complexity, fruit and structure, but closed at the moment.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Castello di Meleto, Poggiarso 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration, depth and gourmandise. It expresses notes of ripe fruit (wild strawberry, raspberry, wild blackberry, red currant jelly, candied bigarreau cherry, juicy morello cherry, wild plum, a touch of crème de cassis), combined with notes of sweet spices (toasted vanilla, ground cumin, a touch of nutmeg, liquorice), aromatic herbs (dried peppermint, fresh rosemary, bay leaf, dried basil), flowers (dried rose, lily, a touch of peony). We also find a resinous note of pine sap, leather and fresh tobacco in the background. The palate offers a full, gourmand and juicy attack, but chiselled and fresh, thanks to a firm tannin structure and tanginess, rather than candied fruit. It expresses the flavors of crunchy strawberry, wild plum, cranberries, raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, associated with notes of dried herbs (thyme, dried rosemary and bay leaf, a touch of dried basil and peppermint), a resinous touch of pine sap and dried pine needles, flowers (dried rose petals, a hint of peony and lily) and sweet spices (ground cumin, licorice, nutmeg in the background). The finish is persistent, tight, with a salivating acidity that balances the young and dry tannins, as well as light mineral notes of limestone and graphite, fresh tobacco and leather in the background. A firm and tight wine, but with complexity that should open up after aging.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Conti Capponi, Villa Calcinaia, Vigna Bastignano 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is finely spicy and offers ripe fruit and gourmandise. It expresses notes of red cherry jam, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis), combined with fresh aromas of peppermint (or even menthol), iris and rose, as well as touches of liquorice (with a hint of star anise), fresh vanilla, cinnamon stick, cloves, a delicate herbaceous hint (fresh basil, touch of smoked oregano), with a touch of black tapenade and torrefaction (ground coffee, toasted bread). The attack on the palate is firm and expresses the dry side of the tannins. In the mid-palate and on the finish, the juiciness of the fruit and a lively acidity help reduce the astringency of the tannins. We find a certain roundness and concentration, notes of ripe strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, wild black plum, as well as herbaceous and spicy notes of peppermint, fresh basil, liquorice, fresh vanilla (in the background), and touches of black tapenade, iris and rose. The acidity is very lively and brings a lot of energy to the wine. The tannic structure is tight, even astringent on the finish (the wine needs time to round out).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Ariolo in Terrabianca, Terrabianca 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant and offers a lot of freshness. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), red fruits (roasted red cherry, red cherry in kirsch, dried cranberries, strawberry, roasted raspberry, red currants), associated with a refreshing and integrated herbaceous hints (wild mint, basil, dry pine needles, rosemary, thyme, bay leaf), a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, peony, cornflower, lily), as well as notes of sweet spices (coriander seeds, liquorice, ground cumin, cloves), with a touch of cedar and fresh tobacco, as well as a very slight note of undergrowth and leather in the background. The palate is warming and fleshy, with very fine, but structured and firm tannins. It expresses notes of red cherry in kirsch, crushed blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), chocolate cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry jam and roasted red cherry, associated with notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds), cocoa, a fine hint of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted oak), as well as herbaceous and floral notes, which bring elegance to the wine (notes of dried rose, peony, violet, lily, crushed wild mint, rosemary and basil). The finish is long, sapid and gourmand. It expresses notes of cherry in chocolate, cocoa and a touch of caramelised hazelnut. Beautiful salivating and refreshing acidity and a pleasant bitterness on the finish. A fleshy wine, which expresses controlled power and complexity.

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

## Castelli del Grevepesa, Clemente VII 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires ventilation. It then expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, strawberry), ripe black fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry morello cherry), associated with savoury herbaceous notes (dried thyme, rosemary, dried bay leaf, peppermint, dried basil), a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, dried cornflower, fresh peony, lily), notes of sweet spices (licorice, cumin, cloves, nutmeg, white pepper) and torrefaction (coffee sweet, heated oak, toasted bread), as well as a touch of balsamic, tobacco and undergrowth in the background. The palate is juicy, gourmand, with a pronounced savory spiciness. It expresses in particular the flavors of clove, ground cumin, white pepper, liquorice and coriander seeds, associated with a ripe and fleshy fruitiness (the flavors of morello cherry, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, strawberry wood, red cherry in kirsch, raspberry coulis and wild plum), with refreshing herbaceous notes (wild mint, basil, thyme, rosemary), with a gourmand hint of chocolate (cherry in chocolate, dark chocolate), as well as with floral hints (dried rose, lily, peony) and notes of torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted oak, toasted hazelnut). The tannins are enveloping, melted and soft, with a fine texture and a firm structure. The finish is persistent, with gourmand notes of cherry in chocolate, chocolate with mint and a nice acidity.

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

## CHIANTI SUPERIORE

### Villa Saletta 2019 Chianti Superiore

(Sangiovese, Cabernet, Merlot) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant and warm, slightly chocolatey. It expresses gourmand notes of ripe morello cherry, chocolate cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, black plum (with a touch of prunes in chocolate), as well as savoury notes of sweet spices (roasted vanilla, a touch of cinnamon, nutmeg, liquorice and roasted coriander seeds), as well as a hint of sweet tobacco, coffee, dried aromatic herbs and dried rose. On the palate, the wine is straight, chiseled, with a slightly tight attack due to the firm tannin structure (and slightly grainy tannins). It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, black plum with a touch of prunes, crushed wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with chocolate notes (cherry in chocolate, bitter cocoa), smoke and torrefaction (coffee with good bitterness, toasted almond), aromatic herbs, fresh tobacco and dried rose. The tannins are more supple at the end of the palate, thanks to a concentration of fruits and a salivating acidity. Power and complexity. A tertiary touch (undergrowth) appears at the very end of the palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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## CHIANTI COLLI FIORENTINI

### Torre a Cona, Badia a Corte 2019

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is spicy, frank, sappy and discreetly powdery /textured, with a hint of varnish. It expresses notes of violet, cooked blueberry and roasted cherry combined with hints of grey pepper, sap, rosemary and a dry, sappy side with discreet hints of clove. Benefits from decanting. The mouth is fruity, mineral, creamy, acidulous and offers tension, roundness, juiciness as well as a good acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, creamy cassis and small notes of small acidulous/juicy red berries combined with hints of violet, racy minerality as well as rosemary, slight clove hints and a discreet hint of star anise and tobacco. Good length. Discreet hints of almost vanilla in the background. Sappy tannins.

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

### Torre a Cona, Badia a Corte 2016

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is complex, spicy /peppered, aerial and offers a captivating side as well as stretched side. There are notes of violet, violet plum and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with touches of black pepper, rosemary and dried berries, as well as hints of local undergrowth and a hint of mushroom. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, a beautiful tension, precision, a slight construction on freshness, fullness and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fresh/bright blueberry and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of juicy/fresh/bright red berries, hints of incense, slight hints of undergrowth, vanilla as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and spices. Lovely freshness. An imperceptible saline hint on the finish /persistence.

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

### Torre a Cona, Badia a Corte 2015

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is patinated, fresh and offers a certain slight intensity and a delicate stretched side. There are notes of undergrowth, truffle and small notes of fresh pepper associated with hints of dried pistil, saffron and discreet hints of rosemary, dried zest and a touch of camphor. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, tension, minerality, a mineral structure, fat and roundness. There are notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cherry and smaller notes of creamy cassis associated with hints of undergrowth, camphor, saffron and tea as well as slight hints of truffle and toast/chocolate. Discreetly powdery/marked tannins. Good length. This wine needs to be decanted.

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

### Lanciola 2022

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is fruity, chiselled and fresh. There are notes of cherry, wild blackberry and small wild red berries combined with floral touches and spices. Fruity on the palate, with minerality, tension and a slight, racy acidity. There are notes of juicy blackberry, crunchy wild red berries and small notes of cherry associated with a floral touch. Slight, almost toasty/chocolate notes in the background. Good length. Good sapidly on the finish /persistence

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

### Fattorie Giannozzi, Villa Marcialla 2022

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is spicy, with a certain deepness, slightly tight. The wine benefits from being decanted. There are notes of blackberry, rose and small notes of ripe red berries associated with hints of blueberry and liquorice stick and slight, almost rosemary-like hints. Fruity on the palate, with good balance, a little tension, good definition and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses juicy/pulpy blackberry, cherry and small notes of bursting cassis associated with hints of toast and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are racy and straight. Beautiful persistence and sapidly.

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

### Fattorie Giannozzi, Villa Marcialla 2021

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a certain brightness and a beautiful racy grain. There are notes of pulpy wild strawberry, racy minerality and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of pepper/spices, a hint of infusion/darkness and discreet hints of black olive and black pepper/toast. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, tension, a beautiful energy as well as an acidulous structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, bright redcurrant and smaller notes of cornflower associated with touches of pulpy blackberry, hints of tangy/bright small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of cornflower and chocolate. Juicy, sapid and gourmand

tannins. A beautiful, fruity and gourmand wine. Beautiful touch and creaminess.

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

### Cantina Sociale Colli Fiorentini, Collerosso 2022

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is a lovely blend of flowers, spices and fleshy/ripe fruit. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, lily and hints of tonka bean. On the palate, the wine is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, well-defined, gourmand, silky and supple, with a beautiful body. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, small bright red berries and small notes of crushed blackcurrant associated with hints of toast, chocolate, a hint of salt and an imperceptible hint of sage in the background. Good length. Sapid and well-built tannins.

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

### Tenuta San Vito, Darno 2022

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is spicy with a slight patina aspect. There are notes of violet, pepper and small notes of ripe wild red berries associated with hints of pepper and local grove. On the palate, the wine is beautifully gourmand, pulpy, fleshy, juicy, fresh, well-defined, fat with a beautiful texture and touch. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, pulpy/fleshy wild strawberries and small notes of gourmand small blue fruits combined with hints of vanilla, chocolate and violet. Beautiful persistence, sapidly and a fine chew.

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

### Poggio al Chiuso 2021

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is slightly restrained. There are notes of wild small red fruits, tobacco and slight hints of pulpy cherry and clove. The palate is fresh, fat, mineral and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy cherry associated with hints of clove, tobacco and slight oaky notes. Slightly marked tannins. Freshness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### La Querce, Sorrettole 2021

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is racy, spicy. It benefits from being decanted. There are notes of spices, small fruits, tobacco and small notes of wild red fruits associated with a hint of infusion and a discreet hint of undergrowth. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity and offers a

certain gourmandise, fat, silkiness and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, violet and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of blackberry, cassis as well as discreet hints of cinnamon, tobacco and spices. Good length. A subtle hint of sense of place (local dry soil). Nice freshness and minerality.

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

### Malenchini 2021

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is spicy and racy. There are notes of sense of place (local dry soil) and more lightly of fruit combined with a touch of balsamic. Wine benefits from being decanted. The palate is energetic and offers tension, a beautiful acidulous structure, fat as well as a discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, juicy blackberry, small dense/pulpy fruits and slight notes of tonka bean associated with touches of undergrowth and a discreet almost balsamic hint. Tannins are discreetly marked and tight.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Marzocco di Poppiano 2021

#### Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is racy and offers a fine deepness. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of violets, dense small black fruits and small notes of quite ripe red berries associated with hints of camphor, flowers and slight hints of spices, sense of the place (local dry soil) and discreet pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, acidity, minerality, precision, tension as well as beautiful acidulous and ripe fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy redcurrants, juicy/acidulous strawberries and small notes of boysenberry associated with hints of sense of the place (local dry soil), blond tobacco as well as slight hints of black olive and a hint of pepper. Sappy and supple tannins. Good work on the good bitterness in the background. Good length.

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



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## Castello di Poppiano, Guicciardini, Il Cortile 2021 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise as well as matter/texture. There are notes of pulpy strawberry, crushed wild cassis and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with slight touches of balsamic, spices and a subtle hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a certain gourmandise, precision, tension as well as precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberries, pulpy/juicy red berries and small notes of pulpy/juicy cassis associated with hints of rose, violets, a discreet hint of balsamic and chocolate. Supple tannins. A subtle hint of chocolate in the background.

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

## Castelvechio, Il Castelvechio 2021 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose needs to be decanted. It offers warm spices, quite ripe fruit and small notes of violets and racy minerality combine with a hint of infusion and black pepper/toasted. On the palate, the wine is fruity and offers gourmandise, pulpiness, acidity as well as a patina side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with hints of patina/varnish and spices. Good length.

Score : 14/20 (87/100)

## Fattoria San Michele a Torri 2021 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is fruity and offers a hint of patina. There are notes of pulpy cherry, violet and small notes of small red fruits /patinated fruits associated with touches of spices, undergrowth and a hint of balsamic. On the palate the wine is fruity, juicy and offers suavity, a small freshness, gourmandise as well as precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of cornflowers associated with hints of patinated small red fruits as well as hints of tonka bean and a discreet hint of black olive and balsamic on the finish. The finish is slightly tight. Discreetly tight tannins. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Fattoria di Fiano, Ugo Bing 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is spicy and racy. There are notes of ripe wild fruit and a touch of tobacco. On the palate the wine offers fat, fullness, a slight silkiness as well as a mineral structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, small crushed red berries and small notes of tobacco leaf associated with hints of star anise, discreet hints of undergrowth as well as slight hints of camphor, spices and a hint of cinnamon. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Fattoria Torre a Cona, Crociferro 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is fruity, precise, clean and offers a slight power. There are notes of quite ripe wild blackberry, cooked cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with hints of tonka bean, tobacco and a discreet touch of white pepper. The palate offers fruit, minerality, freshness, roundness, a stretched side, precision and matter. Easy to access. On the palate, the wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy raspberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with a touch of pulpy plum as well as hints of chocolate, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are sappy and supple. Freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Fattoria di Fiano, Ugo Bing 2019 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose offers notes of tobacco, almost dried red fruit and small notes of pulpy cherry associated with a touch of cassis, undergrowth and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, precision, tension, fat as well as a certain roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, violet and small notes of pulpy/juicy cassis associated with touches of cornflower as well as a racy minerality, chocolate and a hint of sweet blond tobacco and cloves. Tannins are racy.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

## Poggio al Chiuso 2018 Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is spicy and offers quite ripe fruit and a certain slight richness. There are notes of quite ripe wild cassis, cloves and small notes of crushed red fruit associated with touches of blond tobacco and a subtle hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, minerality, juiciness,

an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quite ripe raspberry, clove and small notes of undergrowth associated with hints of patinated fruits, purity as well as hints of chocolate. Subtle sapid hints. Good length. Freshness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Tenuta San Vito – Madiere 2021 Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is slightly intense, fruity, dynamic and offers a certain gourmandise. There are notes of wild raspberry, violet and small notes of boysenberry associated with a hint of balsamic, small red fruits, discreet hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of a sense of place (local biotop)/sap. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, a certain straightness as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright redcurrant and small notes of flowers /sap associated with hints of ripe/acidulous small red berries as well as a fine hint of plum, nutmeg and sweet spices. Elegant and polished tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Poggio al Chiuso – Le Cappelle 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose offers a few spices and a racy side (dry local soil). There is a hint of truffles and cloves. The palate offers minerality, precision, suavity, a certain silkiness and a beautiful freshness that leads the tasting. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, small pulpy red berries and small notes of cherry blossom associated with hints of violet, small acidulous plums as well as hints of tonka bean, clove and a very discreet hint of almost sage. Good length. Beautiful freshness. Tannins are racy. Beautiful sapidity on the finish. The finish becomes tighter. Superb length.

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

## Fattorie Giannozzi – Villa Marcialla Riserva 2020

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, a certain deepness and a slight infusion. There are beautiful notes of bigarreau cherry, roasted/juicy small red fruits and small notes of violet associated with a hint of pulpy small blue fruits and star anise and a subtle/discreet hint of a sense of place (local biotop) in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful minerality, precision, a small complexity, a good definition, gourmandise and beautiful fruitiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of roasted/

juicy cherry combined with a touch of bright fruit as well as slight hints of liquorice stick, toast, nutmeg, vanilla (discreetly) and a hint of chocolate and black olive. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Tenuta San Vito - Madiere 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose benefits from decanting. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of pulpy wild red fruit associated with hints of tobacco, nutmeg and a discreet patina/balsamic hint. The mouth is fruity, juicy, suave, beautifully defined, gourmand, tight, precise and well-structured. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with hints of patinated red berries, balsamic, chocolate and a hint of toasted hazelnut and local undergrowth. Good length and a very discreet hint of truffle on the finish. Good length.

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

## Castello di Poppiano – Guicciardini Riserva 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is spicy, precise, stretched, fresh and offers a nice grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of spices associated with touches of wild strawberries, fine hints of fresh tobacco as well as a hint of saffron and cinnamon. The palate is fresh and offers minerality, fruit, fat, roundness, a nice tannic structure, gourmandise as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of quite marked racy minerality as well as hints of blond tobacco and clove. Beautiful sapid hint in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Malenchini, Vigna di Lappeggi 2020 Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is spicy. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of violets, tobacco and small notes of red berries combined with hints of balsamic. On the palate, this wine is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame and fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy redcurrants, acidulous/pulpy raspberries and small notes of acidulous/





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pulpy cassis combined with hints of tobacco, nutmeg and a discreet hint of juicy/acidulous blueberries as well as discreet hints of undergrowth.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

## Castelvechio, Vigna La Quercia 2020

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is elegant and harmonious. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of small wild red fruits and tobacco associated with a hint of "sense of the place" (local biotope) as well as discreet hints of cornflower and spices/nutmeg. Small creaminess with freshness and precision. The palate is suave and offers a slight pulpiness, a certain energy as well as an acidulous structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, flowers and small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with touches of tangy blackberry as well as fine hints of blackcurrant, cornflower and spices. Tannins are supple. A small patined side on the palate. Nice persistence. Powdery/fine chew on the finish brings gourmandize.

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

## Marzocco di Poppiano, Riserva 2020

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of boysenberry, tangy/pulpy wild strawberry and small notes of almost roasted small fruits associated with a hint of small blue fruits, star anise, a subtle hint of sappiness and a discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, precision, roundness and a beautiful coating side, a slight aerial side in its fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright redcurrant and small notes of violet plum associated with hints of star anise, lily, chocolate as well as slight hints of local undergrowth. Tannins are precise, straight and mellow. Beautiful sapid and gourmandize persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Fattoria San Michele a Torri, San Giovanni 97, 2020

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is racy. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild cherry, berries and small notes of pepper associated with hints of tobacco and a touch of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, minerality, tension as well as a fine tannic structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, violet and small notes of cornflowers associated with hints of nutmeg, camphor, chocolate/coffee as well as a patined hint.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

## Fattoria di Fiano, Ugo Bing 2019

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is patined. It reveals a fin and tight grain. There are notes of dried raspberry, wild blackberry and small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with hints of tobacco, undergrowth and slight touches of pepper, spices and a discreet hint of local grove. The mouth is juicy and offers minerality, suavity, a certain freshness as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of red berries as well as hints of balsamic and local undergrowth. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (89/100)

## Lanciola 2019

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is floral, with a slight intensity and stretch. There are notes of violet, lilac and small notes of red berries associated with hints of spice and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral structure, a good definition, a certain gourmandize, roundness, acidity as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried raspberry, flowers and small notes of juicy/fresh cherry associated with hints of fresh cassis as well as undergrowth, nutmeg and discreet hints of cornflower. Good length.

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

## Fattorie Giannozzi, Villa Marcialla Riserva 2019

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose offers a fine power, a fine patined side, a discreet peppered note, slight complexity and very fine creaminess. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition, precision, a beautiful brightness of juicy/acidulous/pulpy fruit as well as a tight guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, small acidulous/bright red berries combined with a touch of acidulous blackberry as well as hints of tobacco, lily as well as slight hints of pepper and nutmeg. Good length. Fresh and mineral.

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

## Castelvechio, Vigna La Quercia 2016

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is racy and offers a slight grain, a small stretched side as well as beautiful spiciness. The palate is supple and offers a slight unctuousity, richness and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, violet and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with hints of tobacco, truffle and a touch of undergrowth.

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

## Marzocco di Poppiano, Riserva 2019

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine charming side. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild strawberries, sweet pepper and small notes of wild small blue fruits associated with hints of roasted berries, discreet sage hints and a subtle hint of balsamic. The mouth is mineral, precision, roundness, a certain fat, a small unctuousity as well as concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, roasted strawberry and small notes of creamy cassis associated with a touch of cornflowers, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. Sappy and racy tannins. Sapidity and gourmandize.

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

## La Querce, La Torretta 2020

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

Beautiful nose combining tobacco, wild fruit and a few spices. Elegant, precise and discreetly tight grain. The wine needs to be decanted. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, a small fat, a small unctuousity and a mineral frame. On the palate, this wine offers notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of creamy blackberry associated with touches of pulpy cherry as well as cornflower, chocolate and a hint of tobacco. Good length. Hints of chocolate. Fresh and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## La Querce - La Torretta 2019

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose has a slight intensity of freshness, precision and fine deepness. There are notes of violet, dried cherry and small notes of bright red berries associated with hints of nutmeg, saffron, a touch of clove and a discreet hint of spices and local dry soil. The palate is juicy, fresh and offers minerality, a mineral frame, precision and roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of wild red berries associated with hints of balsamic, black olive as well as hints of satin, local undergrowth and a hint of white pepper. Polished tannins. Good length. Freshness.

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

## Fattoria di Fiano, Ugo Bing 2017

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The nose is volatile. There are notes of quite ripe small red fruit and a touch of cherry associated with slight hints of violet as well as subtle hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers acidity, juiciness, a good definition and a slight unctuousity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, bright raspberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of cornflower as well as hints of lily, sweet blond tobacco, star anise as well as a subtle hint of truffle and balsamic. Beautiful freshness and juiciness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Marzocco di Poppiano, Marzocco Poppiano Riserva 2018

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Riserva

The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild redcurrants, wild small red fruits and small notes of lilies associated with a hint of cassis as well as blond tobacco and a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is nicely mineral and offers freshness, precision, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful fresh structure as well as volume. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with hints of chocolate, creamy redcurrant as well as hints of balsamic and vanilla. Sappy and slightly mellow tannins. Good length.

Score : 15.75+/20 (92/100)

## Castello di Poppiano, Guicciardini 2016

Chianti Colli Fiorentini

The nose is fresh and gourmand/charming. There are notes of wild strawberry, tobacco and small notes of camphor and undergrowth. The palate is mineral, fat and precise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh/pulpy cherry, undergrowth and small notes of dried small fruits associated with a touch of dried cassis, lily, tobacco as well as a hint of truffle. The finish is slightly tight.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)



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## VINSANTO DEL CHIANTI

### Malenchini 2017

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

Beautiful precise nose, frank that offers a small power. It reveals notes of dry apricot, small dried yellow fruits and small notes of citron, zest associated with slight hints almost tarte tatin and tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers fat, gourmandize, a good balance, a certain richness balanced by a beautiful acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry apricot, candied peach and small notes of crystallized clementine associated with touches of tarte tatin, caramelized and a hint of blond tobacco and chocolate. Good length. Beautiful definition and delicacy in its power

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

### Tenuta San Vito, Malmantico 2016

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose has a certain power, a small concentration and a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of dry apricot, dried fig and small notes of blond tobacco associated with touches of dried orange zests and a hint almost cedrat and rancio. The palate is fruity and offers precision, suavity, a mineral frame, roundness, fat and a certain concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried fig, crushed dried apricot and small notes of fruit paste (clementine) associated with a touch of pineapple syrup and hints of spices, tobacco and an imperceptible floral hint in the background. Good length.

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

### Fattoria Torre a Cona, Merlaia 2016

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

Beautiful frank nose, spicy that offers a small concentration in precision/delicacy. It reveals notes of quince, dried orange and smaller notes of cedrat, associated with a hint of dried kumquat and hints of fresh leather and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers precision, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried quince, candied kumquat and small notes of dried orange zests associated with a touch of dried apple as well as a hint of dried pineapple and sweet spices. Good length. Almost a discreet tannic side in its structure and aromatic on the finish/persistence.

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

### Marzocco di Poppiano, Vinsanto di Meri 2015

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers energy as well as a certain deepness on citrus notes. It reveals notes of kumquat, tobacco and small notes of candied mirabelle associated with touches of zest of crystallized orange as well as hints of fresh leather and nutmeg. The palate is acidulous and offers energy, an acidulous frame, a good definition, a certain tension, energy, a slight concentration as well as a discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, orangette and small notes of fresh leather associated with touches of dried mirabelle as well as hints of tobacco, toasted and a hint of cigar. Good length. A small tannic side in its structure and in its aromatic on the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Cantina Sociale Colli Fiorentini, Santa Pienza 2012

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose offers a small power, a tight grain and a small peppery side. It reveals notes of tobacco, strawberry, dried zest and small notes of dried lemon associated with a hint of gray pepper and spices. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, tension and a certain precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes

of quite ripe kumquat, dried apricot and small notes of sweet/juicy lemon associated with a touch of crystallized grapefruit and hints of candied pineapple, nutmeg and discreet hints of spices, a slight tannic hint (in the background) and toasted almonds. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Castello di Poppiano, Guicciardini, Vin Santo della Torre Grande 2012

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose offers a certain concentration, a stretched side and offers deepness as well as a peppery side. It reveals notes of dried quince, candied kumquat and small notes of toasted almond associated with touches of tobacco, flowers and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers precision, tension, an acidulous frame as well as a good work on the good bitters. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, dried zest and small notes of sweet kumquat associated with touches of fresh tobacco, fresh leather and a hint of roasted almond. Good length. Good work on good bitters. A floral/pistil side.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

### Lanciola, Vin Santo Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2010

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose offers a small power as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of almond, flowers and small notes of dried zest associated with small floral touches, slight hints of fresh tobacco and a very discreet hint almost local grove. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a small roundness, a good balance, a good guideline as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sweet kumquat, crystallized lemon and small notes of tarte tatin associated with a touch of peach in syrup and slight hints of yuzu and toasted. A slight chew and gourmandize in the background.

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

### Fattoria di Fiano 2003

#### Vinsanto del Chianti

The nose offers intensity and a small freshness. It reveals notes of dried orange, rancio and small notes of candied citrus associated with patinated touches as well as hints of blond tobacco as well as a hint of caramelization, cedar and a very discreet roasted hint in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, fat, roundness, a certain unctuousity, matter, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied clementine, dried apricot and small notes of marmalade associated with touches of caramelization, tarte tatin and hints of nutmeg. Good length. Small tannic side. Beautiful energy and acidulous/sapid finish. What a beautiful gourmet finish!

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Castelvecchio 2003

#### Vinsanto dei Colli Etruria Centrale

Beautifully complex and floral nose with intensity as well as fine grain, racy and quite powerful. It reveals notes of kumquat in syrup, dried fig, tobacco and smaller notes of white pepper associated with floral touches as well as hints of sage/rosemary and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, acidulous and offers precision, an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zest, juicy/tangy mandrin and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of small dried fruits and hints of racy minerality and a good toasted hint/roasted almond. Good length.

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



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## San Silvestro Albarè Bianco, Pas dosé 2020

Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic, with a hint of brioche and toast, slightly yeasty. It also expresses notes of dried and fresh lemon zest and grapefruit, combined with notes of fresh citrus fruits (orange zest, lemon juice) and a hint of lemon curd in the background. We also find notes of white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, dried acacia, dried linden in the background). The palate is complex, with notes of candied and dried lemon zest, fresh and dried orange, white flowers and toasted brioche. Good length and freshness with a slightly bitter note of chestnut honey and beeswax. The mousse is a bit coarse. Nice acidity.

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

## Coppo Luigi Coppo, Bianco brut 2020

Alta Langa

The nose is a bit sweet, but gourmand. It expresses notes of fresh yellow peach, peach in syrup, a hint of dried apricot, as well as citrus (orange, lemon zest), associated with notes of fresh white flowers (acacia, apple blossom), a hint of butter and yogurt. The palate is gourmand, with sweet flavors of lemon curd, candied orange in the background, juicy peach, pineapple in the background, toasted brioche and yogurt. In the finish, we find bitterness and a nice acidity, softened by honeyed notes. The mousse is fine and rather delicate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Deltetto Bianco Brut 2020

Alta Langa

The nose is gourmand, a bit sweet, and expresses notes of pastry cream, lemon curd and toasted brioche, refreshed by notes of fresh lemon and grated lemon zest. We also find a touch of apple and orange blossom, a touch of honey and butter in the background, a touch of candied orange and praline. The palate is fresh, lemony, with tangy notes of fresh lemon, lemon zest, a gourmand touch of pastry (lemon curd, pastry cream) and notes of stone fruit. The finish is fresh and tangy and offers good length, as well as good bitterness of grapefruit.

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

## Ferraris Agricola, Tenuta Santa Chiara Bianco Brut 2020

Alta Langa

The nose is a bit evolved, but pleasant. It expresses notes of dried lemon and orange jam, combined with aromas of dried flowers, toast, fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut. On the palate, we find the same notes of developpement (dried flowers), citrus hints (dried lemon zest, orange jam), a touch of toasted hazelnut, as well as a long, fresh, chiseled and straight finish, with lemony notes and great energy. The foam is fine and pleasant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Terrabianca Bianco Brut 2021

Alta Langa

The nose of this wine is a bit more delicate than those of the previous wines, but refined, with precise and chiselled citrus notes (fresh lemon, dried lemon, dried bitter orange, dried yuzu), a touch of toast, brioche, fresh bread, dried aromatic herbs and a lactic hint of butter. In the mouth, the mousse is a little coarse, the attack expresses gourmand notes of brioche and bread, but the mid-palate and the finish are chiseled and lemony, with a hint of orange, dried lemon and yuzu, complemented with a touch of dried aromatic herbs. Long finish with lively acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Vite Colte, Cinquecento Bianco Brut 2020

Alta Langa

The nose is pleasantly spicy (nutmeg, clove), with slight notes of brioche and developpement (wilted flowers), associated with citrus notes (candied lemon, dried lemon, candied orange). On the palate, we also find some spiciness (nutmeg, clove), associated with notes of dried lemon, candied orange and chamomile. The finish is surprising, with a good bitterness of grapefruit, bitter orange, dried lemon, complemented by gourmand notes of butter and brioche. The mousse is expressive, but fine. The palate is gourmand, ample, a bit toasty, but straight and fresh, thanks to a nice acidity and a long gourmand finish, slightly herbaceous and lemony.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Cerrino Bianco Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is fresh and chiselled, with citrus freshness. It expresses notes of fresh lemon, lemon juice, orange zest, orange juice, combined with a touch of white flowers and a delicious taste of white peach. The palate is fresh, refined and lemony. We find the lemony hints (yellow lemon, lemon juice, orange, orange zest), a touch of white flowers and stone fruits. Good length and lively acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Contratto Bianco Blanc de Blancs Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is slightly evolved and expresses notes of honey and wax, associated with floral touches of acacia, orange blossom, as well as notes of dried orange and dried apple. On the palate, we find the same notes of developpement (honey, wax) and floral bouquet (acacia, orange blossom), but with more fresh lemony touches (yellow lemon, grapefruit), as well as an integrated spiciness (clove, walnut), nutmeg and a touch of brioche. Beautiful complexity and freshness, the finish is persistent, tangy, with a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Fabio Perrone Bianco Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose expresses aromas from aging on lees, notes of brioche, lemon yogurt, raw butter, combined with fresh notes of lemon, grapefruit zest, grapefruit juice, dried lime, as well as with a floral hint of acacia, dried lime, kaffir leaf, hay, and a touch of nutmeg in the background. The palate is delicate, elegant, and refined, and expresses good bitterness, lively acidity, lemony hints (lime, lemon, grapefruit), notes of hay, brioche and lemon yogurt. The finish is long and tangy, with a good bitterness.

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

## Mauro Sebaste, Avremo Bianco Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is gourmand, deep and ample. It expresses notes of lemon cream, candied lemon, fresh lemon, orange sabayon and orange zest, combined with touches of white tea, vanilla, nutmeg, toasted brioche and brown butter, palate is elegant, fresh and refined. We find the same complexity and freshness as on the nose, notes of lemon juice, orange zest, lemon and orange cream, brown butter, nutmeg, as well as fresh apricot and peach in syrup. Good length and acidity, the foam is fine and pleasant.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Contratto, For England Bianco Blanc de Noirs Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose expresses aromas of vanilla, brioche, candied lemon, associated with lactic touches of butter, yogurt, as well as aromatic herbs and white flowers, orange blossom and bitter orange. The palate is gourmand, savoury and expresses notes of brioche, yogurt, candied lemon and white flowers, complemented by the roundness of crunchy stone fruits and a delicate bitterness of bitter orange on the finish. The wine seems a little less tangy than the others, but still just as fresh and refined. Gourmandise, fruitiness and elegance.

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

## Pianbello, Bianco Orme Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The first nose is spicy and lemony. It expresses notes of fresh lemon, dried zest and candied lemon, associated with gourmet notes of fresh and dried stone fruits (white peach, dried apricot in the background), as well as a lactic touch of raw butter, fresh brioche in the background, dried herbs and white flowers. The palate is gourmand and spicy, with sweet notes of brioche, juicy flavors of stone fruits, floral scents, as well as a tangy finish, with a slight bitterness. The finish is long and gourmand, with a nice complexity and a touch of fresh hazelnut in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Rizzi Bianco Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose offers a distinguished minerality (limestone), a beautiful freshness in its citrus aromas (yellow lemon, lime, lemon yogurt), a floral touch of lemon blossom, as well as the gourmandise of white peach and fresh brioche. The palate is slightly bitter, but pleasant and gourmand, with a nice liveliness of citrus fruits (lemon, lemon yogurt, bitter orange), a touch of butter and spices (nutmeg in the background), a touch of aromatic herbs and with a distinguished minerality. The foam is fine and pleasant. The finish is long, chiseled and tangy. An elegant and refined wine.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Tenuta Carretta, Airali Bianco Pas dosé 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is round and gourmand: it expresses notes of lemon cream, fresh brioche, milky touches of butter, yogurt, refreshed by notes of fresh bitter orange and candied bitter orange. The attack on the palate is open, fruity and savoury: it reflects the milky notes of butter, the gourmandise of brioche and lemon cream, and expresses touches of stone fruits (white peach) and citrus fruits (orange, lemon). The finish is straight and fresh, with an elegant minerality, touches of development (faded flowers), a tangy touch of dried citrus fruits, as well as a nice bitterness. Beautiful persistence on freshness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Banfi, Cuvée Aurora Bianco Extra brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is refined, delicately mineral. It expresses fresh lemony notes at the beginning, which develop into aromas of candied citrus fruits. The nose also expresses slight hints of developpement (dried herbs and wilted flowers), associated with gourmand touches of fresh and crunchy stone fruit, lemon yogurt and butter. The foam is explosive, but pleasant. The palate is elegant, refined and mineral, slightly evolved.



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It expresses gourmand notes of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), lemon, lemon yogurt, white flowers, combined with notes of wax and chestnut honey (slightly bitter). The finish is refined, persistent and complex, with notes of fresh lemon.

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

## Daffara & Grasso Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is gourmand, fresh and tangy: it expresses notes of green apple, fresh yellow lemon, fresh lime, associated with delicious touches of stone fruits (white peach, apricot), white flowers, as well as a distinguished minerality (limestone), and subtle lactic and herbaceous notes. The palate is fresh and lemony, with tangy notes of lime, lemon and grapefruit. We also find a fine herbaceous hint, gourmet and slightly sweet touches of candied lemon, brioche, a touch of toast and smoke in the background. Beautiful length, freshness and elegance.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Ettore Germano Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The first nose expresses a fine bitterness, a toasted and smoky touch, which are complemented by notes of dried lemon, fresh grapefruit, bitter orange, lemon yogurt, fresh lemon and lime juice. The palate is fresh, juicy and balanced. It expresses the flavors of lemon and lime juice, grapefruit, as well as a touch of fresh pineapple. The foam is fine and pleasant. The finish completes the profile of the wine with notes of orange juice, fresh brioche and yogurt, as well as a slight bitterness. A pleasant and harmonious wine.

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

## Massimo Rivetti Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is lemony and combines the freshness and sweetness of citrus fruits (lemon curd, lemon candy), while remaining very fresh: it also expresses notes of grated lemon zest, grapefruit, lime, and orange zest. On the second nose, we find an expressive minerality (limestone), lactic touches of yogurt, gourmet notes of toasted brioche, fresh hazelnut, underlined by delicate herbaceous notes of hay and cut grass. The palate is gourmand, lively, refined and balanced. It expresses notes of lemon curd, orange sabayon, a touch of spice (vanilla) and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut), combined with the gourmandise of fresh brioche and lemon yogurt. The finish is long, gourmand and complex, with a harmony between sweetness, acidity and bitterness in its notes of orange sabayon, candied lemon and fresh lime. The foam is fine. A wine with great elegance and freshness.

**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Marcalberto Bianco Millesimo2mila19 Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is delicious, even a little sweet (candied lemon, pineapple in syrup), refreshed by citrus notes (yellow lemon zest, lime zest, pomelo juice). We also find a very delicate lactic hint of fresh butter as well as a touch of fresh hazelnut. The palate is straight, chiselled and tangy, with an expressive racy minerality, notes of evolution (faded flowers), a delicate but refined bitterness. The foam is silky and fine. The finish is persistent and chiseled, lemony and tangy. A wine with great elegance and vivacity.

**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Ivaldi Bianco Andrea Blanc de Blancs Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is fragrant and expresses gourmand notes of stone fruits (apricot, peach), which are then completed by notes of fresh pineapple, pineapple yogurt, as well as a delicate floral bouquet (honeysuckle, acacia, orange blossom) and a sweetness of notes of brioche and browned butter, while remaining fresh. The palate is savoury, gourmand, fresh, with refreshing herbaceous notes, even a little vegetal, but pleasant (fresh cut grass, cucumber), as well as with a lactic touch of natural yogurt, and a lively tanginess of lemon juice and fresh lime. The finish is long, chiseled and offers a lot of freshness and good bitterness. A complex and refined wine, with a good balance between fruit, refreshing vegetal notes and limestone minerality.

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

## Marziano Abbona Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose expresses pronounced notes of developpement, but at the same time it is harmonious and complex. We first find aromas of brioche and toasted bread, which are then complemented by more evolved notes of honey, wax and wilted flowers. We also find the gourmandise of candied lemon, grapefruit jam, white peach, the liveliness of fresh citrus fruits, as well as a lactic touch of butter and brioche, as well as dried flowers and hay. The palate is elegant and savoury (we find notes of fresh citrus fruits and jam), with a slightly sweet finish, but very gourmand with notes of toasted brioche and lemon jam, combined with pleasant touches of wilted flowers and nutmeg.

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

## Roberto Garbarino Bianco Le Rapide Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is delicately perfumed: it opens with notes of aging on lees (fresh yeast, fresh bread, brioche), flowers (acacia, apricot blossom), then associated with notes of fresh lemon, fresh apricot, peach, with a gourmand touch of pastry cream. The palate is gourmand, lemony, with a touch of sweetness of candied lemon and the juiciness of fresh pineapple and fresh peach. Refined floral notes bring freshness to the wine. The finish is round, savoury, with notes of stone fruits and a slight sweetness. The acidity seems more supple than in other wines, but remains fresh and pleasant.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Roccasanta Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose expresses distinct herbaceous notes, which add complexity to the wine: we find in particular the aromas of medicinal herbs (menthol, eucalyptus), which are then complemented by notes of fresh lemon, lemon yogurt, orange fresh, fresh apricot, and a fine minerality. The finish expresses notes of citrus (lemon, orange), apricot, mineral and herbaceous touches (mint, eucalyptus), complemented by notes of dried herbs, vanilla and hay. The finish is quite persistent, the foam is fine and silky.

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

## Tenuta Rocca Bianco Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose expresses a racy minerality, a pronounced lemony aromas: notes of fresh citrus fruits (grapefruit, lemon, orange), associated with a touch of dried lemon and dried herbs. The palate is lemony and tangy and

reflects the notes found on the nose (fresh lemon, grapefruit, orange, dried lemon, dried herbs). The foam is fine and pleasant. The finish is moderately long, but fresh and elegant, with lively acidity.

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

## Roberto Garbarino Bianco Il Viaggio Extra brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic and finely herbaceous. It expresses notes of menthol and peppermint, combined with aromas of citrus (lemon, lime), white peach in the background, a fine floral bouquet (acacia, orange blossom, apple blossom), as well as a fine minerality of limestone and notes of aging (lees, brioche, yogurt). The palate is refined, delicate, tangy and fresh. It expresses notes of citrus (lime, yellow lemon), white peach, white flowers (acacia, orange blossom) and a fine brioche and a lactic touch (yogurt). The finish is long and elegant; it expresses a salivating and refreshing acidity, complemented by touches of dried flowers and hay, as well as a racy minerality.

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

## Agricola Brandini Bianco Brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is fragrant and pleasantly spicy. It reveals notes of nutmeg and vanilla, associated with touches of dried flowers, a tangy hint of dried green apple, dried lemon zest, as well as a fine minerality and tertiary aromas of honey and wax in the background. The flavors on the palate reflect the aromas on the nose: we find a fine spiciness of nutmeg and vanilla, notes of citrus, green apple and honey, completed by a touch of dried lemon and candied lemon. In the mid-palate, we find a racy minerality (limestone). The finish is astonishing, long and spicy, with the gourmandise and roundness of white peach, a subtle and pleasant bitterness. A harmonious and elegant wine.

**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

## Bosca Bianco Ispiro Brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose is lemony and evokes aromas of varied fresh and dried citrus fruits, with dominant notes of lime and grapefruit, complemented by notes of candied and fresh lemon. We then find the aromas of dried white flowers, freshly cut grass, dried grass, as well as a gourmet note of white peach and a delicate minerality. The palate is refined, and expresses limestone minerality on the attack and notes of citrus (lemon, lime, grapefruit) and white flowers in the mid-palate. The finish is gourmand, with a slight sweetness of flavors: we find in particular notes of candied lemon and lemon curd, then associated with touches of candied lime and its fine bitterness. A wine with a nice length on the palate, on gourmandise, delicacy and roundness, while remaining fresh.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Cascina Cerutti Bianco Enrico Cerutti Brut 2019

### Alta Langa

The nose expresses notes of fresh citrus fruits, juice and zest of lemon, associated with notes of orange and fresh pineapple, which are then completed by aromas of evolution, honey and wax, as well as than with a gourmet touch of brioche. The palate expresses more notes of evolution, but pleasant and harmoniously integrated into the profile of the wine. We find flavors of lemon, lemon zest, candied lemon, brioche, honey, a touch of wax, as well as white flowers. The finish is long, tangy, refreshing and complex. At the end of the palate, we also find notes of fresh hazelnut, as well

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as herbs and dried flowers (lime blossom, acacia). A fragrant, gourmand and balanced wine.

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

## Fontanafredda Bianco Blanc de Blancs Brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is delicate, mineral, with a slight hint of toast and smoke in the background. It also expresses notes of lemon, lemon zest, lemon juice, as well as white flowers (acacia, dried linden), a touch of dried green apple, as well as a gourmand hint of yogurt and brioche. On the palate, we find gourmandise, elegance, beautiful depth and complexity. The wine expresses the flavors of fresh lemon, candied lemon, grapefruit, lime, which bring a pleasant bitterness, as well as the gourmandise of white peach, a touch of fresh and dried white flowers, as well as a slight herbaceous (hay, dried aromatic herbs) and spicy (nutmeg) touch. The finish is persistent, lively and tangy. The foam is silky and fine.

**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Il Cascinone Bianco Alasia Brut 2019

Alta Langa Riserva

The nose expresses a pleasant sweetness in the aromas of lemon curd, pastry cream, brioche, fresh hazelnuts and browned butter, refreshed by tangy touches of orange zest and juice, fresh pineapple. The palate is savoury and balanced. It expresses notes of brioche, toast, nutmeg, candied lemon, orange sabayon and lemon curd, refreshed by touches of passion fruit and lemon zest. The finish offers sweetness and gourmandise of lemon curd and candied lemon. Good persistence, freshness and good acidity.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Paolo Berutti Bianco Brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic and offers a fragrant floral bouquet (lilies, dried wild flowers, linden), combined with notes of dried apple, dried lemon, a slight touch of menthol and wax. The palate is straight and lively, but at the same time gourmand and fruity. It expresses pronounced lemony notes (the flavors of fresh, dried, candied citrus fruits, such as candied lemon, fresh grapefruit, candied orange, fresh lemon), associated with sweet notes of brioche, honey, as well as touches yogurt and wax. In the finish, we find a lively acidity and a beautiful minerality. Good persistence, juicy and tangy.

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

## Pecchenino Bianco Ecole Brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic and rather original. With tangy aromas of green apple, lime and yellow lemon, it expresses a pronounced note of anise, a racy minerality (limestone), associated with the gourmandise of fresh pineapple and a bitter hint of grapefruit. The palate is juicy and balanced and also expresses a pronounced minerality, a distinct aniseed note, as well as a delicate bitterness, associated with tangy and slightly sweet citrus notes (fresh lemon, candied lemon, fresh pineapple, passion fruit). Beautiful persistence, originality and freshness.

**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Piazzo Comm. Armando ianco Ritorno in Brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose expresses aromas of aging on lees, as well as a touch of integrated and pleasant evolution, enveloped in the fruity aromas of lemon, lime, fresh pineapple, white peach and apricot. We also find a

distinguished minerality (limestone), a bouquet of white flowers, as well as a sweet hint of fresh brioche. The palate is gourmand, juicy and balanced. The flavors reflect the aromas, which we have on the nose: we find the roundness of white peach, fresh apricot, juicy pineapple and brioche, but the minerality is more pronounced and complemented by notes of cut grass and orange juice. The finish is long and salivating, with a slight vegetal touch in the background.

**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Sara Vezza Bianco Brut 2020

Alta Langa

The nose expresses a beautiful racy minerality (limestone), associated with lemony freshness (dried lime, fresh lime, yellow lemon), a touch of toast (hazelnut, brioche), as well as a hint of evolution in the aromas honey, wax and dried flowers. The palate is gourmand and expresses fresh lemony flavors (lemon, lime), complemented by a fine bitterness of bitter orange, as well as notes of lees, toasted hazelnut, honey and wax. Good length with lemony notes, lively acidity and liveliness on the finish.

**Score : 17+/20 (92/100)**

## Vinchio Vaglio Bianco Brut 2019

Alta Langa

The nose is subtle and slightly honeyed. It expresses notes of dried citrus fruits, fresh stone fruits (apricot, white peach), citrus juice, fresh pineapple, dried white flowers, toast and brioche. The palate offers a fine foam and gourmand notes of dried and candied citrus peels (lemon, orange), flower honey and white flowers. The finish is long and fresh, with a nice balance, good bitterness and a racy minerality in the background.

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

## Enrico Serafino Bianco Parcellaire Extra brut 2018

Alta Langa

The nose is gourmand and harmonious. It expresses notes of fresh citrus (lemon, orange zest and orange juice, pomelo), juicy apricot, pineapple, passion fruit, combined with sweet touches of lemon curd and orange sabayon. The palate is lively, with a mineral attack and a lemony mid-palate (we find flavors of bitter orange, lime and yellow lemon). The finish is long, mineral and spicy, even a bit peppery. On the finish, we also find notes of citrus zest (yellow lemon, lime and bitter orange), acacia, linden, dried flowers and dried tea leaf, as well as a subtle minerality. The finish is long, salivating and savoury and complex, a bit toasty (a touch of hazelnut).

**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

## Terre del barolo Bianco Vinum Vita Est Extra brut 2018

Alta Langa

The nose is refined, with a slight hint of vanilla, even of caramel in the background. After aeration, it expresses mineral notes and a touch of medicinal herbs, which are then complemented by aromas of lemon, freshly grated citrus zest, dried citrus zest, and a spicy touch of nutmeg, as well as a sweetness of orange sabayon, brioche and lemon curd. The palate is gourmand, opened, a bit sweet, but fresh, with notes of infused linden blossom, honey (which is more pronounced on the palate, than on the nose), lemon, grapefruit, lemon zest, pastry cream and lemon yogurt. The finish is salivating, tangy, mineral (limestone) and a bit peppery. A gourmand wine, with slightly sweet notes, which remain fresh, and a good balance.

**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Bera Bianco Brut 2018

Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic and expresses pronounced chalky and limestone mineral notes, with a touch of wet stone, associated with notes of dried lemon zest, bitter orange, orange zest, as well as a minty hint of dried herbs (mint, even a little eucalyptus), with a bitter touch of lime, as well as a tangy hint of lemon and fresh pineapple. The palate is lively, chiseled, tangy and fresh, with a long finish, on the distinguished minerality of wet stone and limestone, with a fine bitterness and notes of fresh and candied orange peel. We also find delicate notes of honey and dried herbs (mint). The finish is long and complex: it combines chalky and fruity notes, a beautiful structure, energy and liveliness.

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

## Ravasini Bianco Cuvée Leonora Brut 2018

Alta Langa

The nose is gourmand and ripe. It expresses sweet aromas of honey (associated with a touch of wax), candied lemon, lemon juice, a hint of caramel, yogurt, brioche, as well as the freshness of green apple, lemon zest, pomelo and pineapple and a fine minerality. The palate expresses the same fruitiness (pineapple, pomelo, orange, lemon), complemented by notes of apple blossom, toast and brioche on the finish. Beautiful acidity of citrus and a persistence with a herbaceous touch of menthol and lemon in syrup.

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

## Cocchi Bianco Pas dosé 2017

Alta Langa

The nose is complex, evolved, but pleasant and balanced. It expresses notes of dried lemon zest, fresh orange, linden, chamomile, a light touch of toast, brioche and yogurt, combined with a fine bitterness of lime and grapefruit, a delicacy of fresh brioche, notes of dried herbs, dried flowers (field flowers, acacia), as well as a mineral (chalky) and spicy (vanilla, nutmeg) hint in the background. The palate is mineral and chiselled (limestone, wet stone), complemented by notes of dried flowers, dried citrus peels, fresh lemon zest, lemon juice, toasted bread and nutmeg. A refined wine, but a bit restrained, even too young. Good length with a slight bitterness and a marked, but integrated acidity.

**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Tosti 1820 Bianco Giulio I brut 2017

Alta Langa

The nose is marked by notes of aging on lees, complex and gourmand. It expresses the aromas of brioche, yogurt, toast, as well as honey, menthol, wild mint (even peppermint), combined with the fruitiness of lemon zest, orange, grapefruit and dried pineapple. The palate is reserved in attack, but develops after aeration towards notes of fresh and candied citrus fruits (yellow lemon and orange), fresh herbs (especially towards a hint of mint), fresh flowers, a touch of brioche and sweet spices, complemented by a slight bitterness and a nice acidity. The finish is tangy and lively, quite persistent. A gourmand wine, but a little reserved.

**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Cocchi Bianco Bianc de Biancs Brut 2017

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The nose is aromatic, gourmand, a bit sweet. It expresses notes of candied orange and lemon peel, fresh lemon and orange, a chalky minerality, a touch of toast and brioche, a hint of honey in the background, as well as scents of dried and fresh flowers (acacia, apple

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blossom, wild flowers). On the palate, the attack is open and gourmand, with flavors of candied citrus peel and ripe peach, which are then complemented by an aniseed, minty and mineral touch. Beautiful acidity, an elegant bitterness of grapefruit and lime on the finish and good persistence. A refined wine, youthful, with lots of energy and elegance.

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

## Banfi Bianco Cuvée Aurora Blanc de Noirs Pas dosé 2016 Alta Langa

The nose is quite aromatic, evolved, but balanced and gourmand. It expresses notes of wilted flowers, dried grass, infused chamomile, a touch of white tea, as well as aromas of dried peel of lemon, orange and lime, a very slight note of browned butter, fresh hazelnut and yogurt. The palate offers a delicate bitterness, a chalky minerality, a little dry, as well as gourmand notes of brioche, browned butter, orange peel, lemon, wilted flowers and dried grass. The finish is persistent, tangy, salivating and fresh, with the same chalky minerality and good bitterness.

**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Tenute Rade Bianco Pas dosé 2016 Alta Langa

The nose is aromatic and offers an expressive limestone, even chalky, minerality, which is complemented by notes of dried citrus zest, fresh bitter orange, fresh white peach, fresh pineapple, as well as of torrefaction and development in the second nose (brioche, toast, vanilla, a touch of caramelised brioche), with a bouquet of fresh flowers (acacia, lemon blossom). The palate is fruity and youthful: it expresses notes of candied lemon, bitter orange, grapefruit, herbs and dried flowers, as well as a beautiful freshness and chalky minerality enveloped in a gourmand fruitiness. The acidity is lively and salivating. The finish is persistent, a little bitter. A straight, young, chiseled wine, with a lot of energy, despite the vintage.

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

## ALTA LANGA RISERVA

### Ravasini Bianco pas dosé 2018 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is aromatic and ripe, with a fine spiciness and distinct notes of aging on lees (fresh brioche, a touch of milk, butter, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond), associated with notes of dried citrus zest and dried pineapple. The palate is complex and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of honey, brioche, associated with a tertiary touch of wilted flowers (peony, acacia, a hint of rose), while remaining quite fresh, thanks to notes of fresh lemon zest, pomelo and orange zest. The finish is long and gourmand, with notes of brioche, associated with a fine bitterness of orange and grapefruit, with tertiary touches of wilted flowers, wax and honey. Nice length of complexity and freshness and good balance.

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

### Ettore Germano Bianco Blanc de Noirs Riserva 65 mesi Pas dosé 2016 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is expressive, with aromas of toast, brioche, and a hint of smoke. It also expresses notes of dried chamomile, dried linden, dried lemon zest, fresh bitter orange, as well as notes of evolution (wax, chestnut honey). The palate expresses notes of herbal infusion in the attack (green tea in the background, linden,

chamomile), which are then completed by notes of dried citrus zest, fresh bitter orange, pomelo, wild flowers, and dried linden. A refined, elegant and aromatic wine, with great energy. The finish is long, tangy, with a herbal and chalky touch.

**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

### Roccasanta Bianco Pas dosé 2016 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is reserved at first, but after aeration expresses notes of medicinal herbs, menthol, chamomile, linden, acacia, as well as green apple, lime, lemon peel. The notes of honey, wax and butter lightly mark the nose, but are more expressive on the palate (especially, in attack). On the palate, we also find flavors of orange juice, bitter orange, pomelo, lime, pineapple, chestnut honey, wax, chamomile, lime blossom, as well as a touch of brioche, yogurt and butter. The finish expresses notes of bitter orange and juicy pineapple. Beautiful length with a pleasant bitterness, A complex and balanced wine.

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

### Tenute Rade Bianco Pas dosé 2015 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is gourmand, slightly sweet with notes of candied lemon, lemon curd, bitter orange, green apple, tea infusion, lime blossom, chamomile, associated with tertiary touches of hay, wax, as well as a hint of brioche and green anise in the background. The palate is complex and delicious: it expresses notes of dried citrus peel, lemon juice, pomelo, dried flowers, chamomile, wax, honey, as well as a slight toasted hint and a good bitterness. A somewhat reserved wine, but complex and pleasant.

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

### Daffara & Grasso Bianco 90 mesi Pas dosé 2014 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is delicious, fruity, even young. It expresses notes of fresh pineapple, white peach, apricot, lemonade, lemon curd, candied lemon, lime jam, as well as a herbaceous touch of mint, a fine floral bouquet (iris, acacia, apple blossom, orange blossom), a touch of green apple and flower honey in the background. The palate is fresh and tangy, on youth. It expresses notes of lemon, lime, lemon zest, orange zest and pomelo, which are then complemented by notes of anise and liquorice in the background. The palate shows little evolution, but a beautiful fruity, spicy and minty expression. The finish is dry, chalky, chiselled. There are notes of flowers and fresh citrus peel. The finish is long, very salivating and tangy. A lively, young wine, with lots of energy.

**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

### Fontanafredda Bianco Vigna Gatinera 96 mesi Blanc Noirs pas dosé 2014 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose expresses scents of aging on lees and pronounced notes of evolution (butter, brioche, toast, flower honey), but delicate and integrated, refreshed by notes of menthol and very tangy citrus fruits (lime, zest of lime, grapefruit). The palate shows more notes of development (honey, wax, dried flowers), associated with young flavors of fresh lemon, grapefruit, dried mint, lemon yogurt. The finish is lively and energetic, very lemony, tangy and salivating, but pleasant and balanced. On the finish, we also find complexity and notes of brioche, honey, candied lemon, tea, dried herbs and flowers. A complex and refined wine, with a beautiful freshness.

**Score : 18/20 (94/100)**

### Gancia Bianco Cuvée « 36 mesi » Pas dosé 2014 Alta Langa

The nose is a bit reserved, discreet and firstly presents fine notes of evolution (wax, chestnut honey, dried herbs, wilted flowers in the background), which then combine with aromas of fresh citrus peels, and candied, lemon, grapefruit, mint, tea, linden, acacia and chamomile, as well as a mineral touch. The palate offers freshness, notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit), tangy apricot, citrus zest, candied lemon peel, dried flowers and honey in the background. The finish is reserved, a little closed, but very fresh and straight, with salivating acidity and good bitterness. Beautiful persistence in the mouth with hints of lime, mint and tertiary notes.

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

### Bera Bianco (90 mesi) Brut 2013 Alta Langa

The nose expresses dominant aromas of candied citrus fruits (candied lemon, candied orange), associated with notes of fresh pomelo, the gourmandise of acacia honey, linden honey, complemented by a delicate bitterness of candied bitter orange, a delicious freshness of mint syrup, peach, as well as dried pineapple and fresh acacia flowers. We also find touches of wilted flowers in the background. The palate is tangy and expresses the young flavors of fresh citrus fruits, a delicate touch of spice (nutmeg, pepper), and menthol, as well as floral notes of acacia and linden, combined with a touch of infused tea. The finish is sapid, expressive and savoury, with good bitterness and lots of freshness. A dynamic, refined and chiselled wine.

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

### Coppo Bianco Riserva Piero Coppo Brut 2013 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is complex, gourmand and expresses aromas of varied citrus fruits (fresh lemon, lemon zest, jam of citrus peels, candied orange, fresh pomelo), fresh flowers (acacia, honeysuckle), as well as a delicate, but pronounced sweetness in the notes of vanilla and toasted brioche in the background. We also find a slight touch of menthol, mint in syrup, a fine touch of rosemary, a hint of caramel, honey, wax and dried flowers (linden, chamomile). The palate is marked by flavors of lemon zest and mint in syrup, which we find in the attack. Then, it expresses notes of jam of citrus peels, fresh lemon, pomelo, fresh white flowers (acacia) and dried flowers (linden), as well as a touch of brioche in the background. The finish is mineral and chalky, a little dry, but tangy and chiseled. Liveliness and the expression of fresh fruit notes, which bring energy and youth to the wine, despite its vintage.

**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

### Tosti 1820 Bianco Riserva Giulio I 100 mesi Extra brut 2012 Alta Langa Riserva

The nose expresses gourmandise, even sweetness in its notes of candied citrus fruits (candied lemon peel, candied orange), pastry (lemon curd, orange sabayon), mint in syrup, sweet flower honey, as well as youthful notes of fresh flowers (not wilted flowers), fresh herbs (peppermint) and in a racy minerality. On the palate, the wine offers a lot of finesse, a lively acidity and a present, but fine foam. It expresses the flavors of lime and pomelo peels, candied orange peels, candied lemon peels, lemon juice, honey, as well as a mineral touch of chalk and a hint of honey. The finish is tangy and fresh.

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



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## Enrico Serafino Bianco Zero 140 Pas dosé 2010

### Alta Langa Riserva

The nose first expresses notes of aging: flower honey and wax (in the background), associated with aromas of fresh white flowers (acacia, linden, honeysuckle, apple blossom), fresh mint, mint syrup, toasted brioche, with a light touch of vanilla and candied lemon peel, candied citron, as well as a hint of liquorice and nutmeg in the background. The palate is fresh and expresses energy and a pronounced tanginess (lime, candied citrus fruits), a hint of flower honey, caramelized pineapple and mint in syrup. A fresh, balanced, chiselled and tangy wine, with a good bitterness and fine notes of evolution.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Gancia Bianco Cuvée 120 mesi brut 2010

### Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is aromatic and expresses notes of evolution and aging on lees (brown butter, fresh hazelnut), which then combine with aromas of honey and wax in the background, bitter orange peel, fresh orange and fresh pineapple. The foam is very fine and pleasant, but intense. The finish is complex and as it develops, it adds notes of toast, honey, brioche, dried and fresh white flowers, dried peel and candied pineapple to the wine bouquet. A wine with lots of flavors, refined, balanced, tangy and lively.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Ivaldi Andrea Extra brut 2020

### Alta Langa Riserva

The nose is ripe, concentrated and juicy. It expresses the aromas of wild strawberries, morello cherries, red currants (even red currant jelly), raspberries, blood orange, peony, rose and cherry blossom. The mouth is straight, frank and chiseled. It offers the gourmandise of ripe red fruits (strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry, red currants), combined with a good bitterness of pink grapefruit, grapefruit peel, a hint of pepper (white pepper), as well as a touch of dried mint. Good length, lively acidity and a pleasant long bitterness on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## ALTA LANGA ROSATO

### Colombo Brut 2020

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is refined and expresses fine notes of red fruits (fresh strawberry, raspberry, red currant), pink grapefruit, combined with a floral touch of rosehip, peony and fresh rose, as well as a hint of white pepper and brioche. The palate is chiseled, refined and elegant, open, pleasant and very fruity. It expresses notes of red fruits (strawberry, raspberry, red currant) more pronounced than on the nose, and associated with floral notes of peony, rose hips and rose. Good persistence in the mouth, liveliness, a delicious fruitiness, associated with freshness and lively acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Massimo Rivetti Extra brut 2019

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is expressive, gourmand, and offers aromas of red berries (strawberry, raspberry, currants, morello cherry), pink grapefruit, candied red orange, vanilla, dried rose, rose hips, raspberry coulis. The palate is refined and offers a slight bitterness, a beautiful acidity and gourmandise in the notes of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red currant, blood orange, rose petals and rosehip.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Banfi Cuvée Aurora Extra brut 2019

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is gourmand and expresses notes of raspberry jam, fresh wild strawberry, red currant, red cherry jam, blood orange, white pepper, a slight touch of toast, as well as a fine floral bouquet (notes of dried rose, rosehip and acacia). The palate is refined, elegant, fresh, with a subtle and enveloping foam. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, cherry jam, raspberry, red currant, rosehip and acacia. Good length on gourmandise and notes of grapefruit, but without bitterness, with a slight minty touch.

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

### Il Cascinone Alasia Brut 2019

#### Alta Langa Rosato

This rosé stands out from the others by its very pale color. The nose is delicate, refined, and expresses notes of raspberry, rose petals, fresh strawberry, pink grapefruit, white pepper, a touch of blackcurrant leaf and apple blossom. The palate is delicate, elegant, refined. It reflects the aromas of the wine in these flavors of strawberry, raspberry, pink grapefruit and apple blossom, adding sweeter notes of raspberry coulis and crunchy red apple. A very gourmand, tangy wine, but at the same time juicy, round and accessible.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Tosti 1820 Rachele Rosè brut 2019

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is gourmand and expressive. It offers notes of raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, rosehip, fresh morello cherry, red apple, candied/roasted cherry, toasted brioche (in the background) and barberry. The palate is fruity and juicy and expresses notes of wild strawberries, fresh morello cherries, raspberry coulis, barberry jam, a spicy touch of vanilla, pink pepper, as well as a hint of grapefruit bitterness. The finish is long and gourmand, tangy, with a fine touch of dried mint in the background and a subtle minerality.

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

### Agricola Brandini Brut 2018

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is gourmand and expresses notes of raspberry coulis, crushed strawberries, red apple, morello cherry, barberry, cranberries, as well as a touch of white pepper, mint, rose hips and a pleasant hint of development (faded rose). The palate expresses the flavors of juicy red fruits (crushed strawberry, red apple, morello cherry, barberry, cranberries), a floral touch (rosehip, dried rose), associated with an expressive minerality (chalk), a hint of pepper (pink pepper), as well as a fine bitterness of pink grapefruit. The finish is long, tangy and complex, complemented by notes of fresh and dried flowers.

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

### Gancia Cuvée 36 mesi rosé Brut 2018

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is aromatic and finely spiced (white pepper, nutmeg). It also expresses aromas of dried raspberry, dried strawberry, fresh morello cherry, pink grapefruit, blood orange, as well as a fine floral bouquet (rosehip, rose), and a touch of barberry jam (even English candy in the background). The palate offers gourmandise and roundness and expresses notes of morello cherry, strawberry, dried raspberry, grapefruit, blood orange, red apple, a touch of dried mint, dried flowers, white and pink pepper. Good acidity and good persistence on the palate.

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

### Enrico Serafino Zero Rosé pas dosé 2017

#### Alta Langa Riserva Rosato

The nose is gourmand and a bit sweet. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberries, morello cherry jam), candied pink grapefruit, raspberry coulis, red apple, as well as a fine floral bouquet (rosehip, cherry blossom, rose). The palate is balanced and refined, with good bitterness. It expresses gourmand notes of wild strawberry, red apple, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, barberry, rose and a touch of dried herbs. The finish is persistent, refined, with good bitterness and a spicy touch in the background.

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

### Cocchi Rösa Brut 2017

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is gourmand, subtle and very floral. It expresses notes of peony, rosehip, rose in jam, combined with touches of raspberry coulis, dried raspberry, wild strawberry, pink grapefruit, red apple, and cranberries. On the palate, we also find notes of cranberries with a slight bitterness on the finish, delicious touches of wild strawberry, raspberry, red apple and pink grapefruit, as well as a herbaceous, spicy touch and toasted brioche. The finish is persistent, with a delicate sweetness, roundness and lots of gourmandise, balanced by a good bitterness.

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

### Fontanafredda Contessa Rosa Rosè brut 2017

#### Alta Langa Riserva Rosato

The nose is complex and expresses distinct spicy notes of white pepper and nutmeg, associated with aromas of dried rose, rosehip, a touch of dried red apple, pink grapefruit, dried raspberry, fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry, cranberries and dried mint in the background. The palate is finely peppery, tangy and bitter (good grapefruit bitterness), with pleasant fruity (strawberry, raspberry, cranberries) and menthol notes. The finish is lively and chiselled, a little herbaceous, but balanced, with a hint of chalky minerality. The finish is long, with salivating acidity.

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

### Roberto Garbarino L'istinto Extra brut 2016

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is evolved and expresses tertiary notes (faded rose, dried rose hips, wet leaves, undergrowth), a chalky minerality, as well as aromas of dried red fruits, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, barberry, a floral (dried mint) and spicy (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg) touch. The finish is pleasantly lemony and offers notes of grapefruit, lemon, bitter orange, associated with a fine spiciness (clove, nutmeg), as well as a sweet hint of jammy and fresh red fruits. A gourmand, harmonious and fresh wine.

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

### Ravasini Cuvée Leonora rosé Brut 2019

#### Alta Langa Rosato

The nose is expressive, with a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, rosehip, cherry blossom), with pronounced citrus notes (pink grapefruit, blood orange), associated with gourmand notes of red apple, strawberry, raspberry, with a light touch of caramel and toasted brioche. The palate expresses notes of red fruits (strawberry, raspberry, red cherry), grapefruit, rose, apple blossom and raspberry coulis. The finish is tangy and a little peppery (pink pepper). A very fragrant and balanced wine.

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

# English sparkling wines

## Breaky Bottom Vineyard, Cuvée David Pearson 2015 East Sussex

In the glass, the wine shows a pale lemon hue. Its aroma is quintessentially "Champagne," with discreet yet alluring hints of freshly baked brioches and delicate pastry notes enveloped in a buttery veil. On the palate, its piercing acidity commands is softened by a delicate touch of sweetness that emerges in the aftertaste, reminiscent of sweet lemon curd. The wine's mineral and linear character adds depth and complexity, leaving a lasting impression of refinement and finesse.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Candover Brook Rosé NV, Hampshire

This pale rose wine captivates with its delicate hue. Aromas of intense red fruits, notably cranberries and strawberries dance on the nose, promising a tantalising sensory journey. Upon tasting, it initially seems dry, yet the refreshing minerality adds depth and complexity to the palate. The wine's cleanliness and precision shine through, making each sip a truly pleasurable experience, leaving a lasting impression of elegance and refinement.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Chapel Down, Rosé Reserve 2020 Kent

This pale coral Pinot Noir- and Pinot Meunier-based "rosé d'assemblage" tantalises with a bouquet of vanilla and floral notes, gracefully interwoven with hints of smokiness, enhancing the wine's complexity. Balanced acidity leads to a harmonious palate, offering flavours of strawberry cream, subtly grounded by chalky mineral undertones.  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Digby Fine English, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2013 Hampshire

A pale straw 100% Chardonnay wine with a discreet nose, hinting at herbal notes amidst a mineral, tight structure. Citrus flavours dominate the palate, while a lingering austerity suggests potential for further aging.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Greyfriars Vineyard, Blanc de Blancs 2015 Surrey Hills

Medium straw in hue, this Chardonnay presents a floral nose with hints of ripe orchard fruits. Its slightly oxidative character is complemented by oaky notes, while a saline touch adds complexity. With a balanced profile, it offers a salivating experience, revealing umami richness and a lingering savoury finish.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Gusbourne, Blanc de Blancs, Selhurst Park Vineyard 2018 West Sussex

Pale lemon in colour, this Chardonnay greets the senses with a delicate floral aroma intertwined with subtle hints of brioche. Its mineral essence adds depth to its very light and elegant profile. The texture is characterised by a pleasingly chalky feel and low dosage (3,3 g/l), contributing to its refined charm.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Gusbourne, Fifty-One Degrees North 2014 Kent/Sussex

(64% Chardonnay, 36% Pinot Noir). Pale lemon colour with a hint of copper, this wine boasts a very fresh nose, reminiscent of strawberries and strawberry yogurt. On the palate, subtle almond notes emerge, accompanied by citrusy flavours. A touch of bitterness and nuttiness add depth to the experience, creating a nuanced and savoury profile.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Hambledon Vineyard, Premiere Cuvee NV, Hampshire

In the glass, this wine shows a vibrant straw yellow colour. The nose is captivatingly intense, offering a delightful blend of nutty and floral aromas of a classic blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Meunier. On the palate, it unveils its character with a pronounced dryness. There's an intriguing complexity here, with herbal and umami notes adding depth and interest to each sip.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Langham Wine Estate, Blanc de Blancs NV Dorset

Medium yellow colour. With pronounced oxidative and chalky characteristics on the nose, this Chardonnay is dry and precise, showing a linear character. Laser-like acidity cuts through, enhancing the juicy apple flavours. Clean and refreshing finish. Simply delicious.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Hambledon Vineyard, Premiere Cuvee Rosé NV Hampshire

Medium salmon in hue, this Saignée-method rosé wine exudes an inviting aroma of red fruits with a spicy, vinous character. On the palate, flavours of cranberry intertwine with subtle notes of rosehip and rhubarb. Its citrusy acidity is balanced by a touch of rich and powerful body, making it a versatile pairing option for a variety of foods.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Harrow & Hope Vineyard, Blanc de Blancs, 2014 Magnum Buckinghamshire

Intense straw in colour, this Chardonnay captivates with its smoky and full-bodied presence, evoking a sense of baroque richness and opulence. Its creamy texture reminiscent of salted butter adds a luxurious touch. Citrusy notes enliven the palate, balanced by well-integrated oak spiciness and ripe yellow apples flavours.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Hattingley Valley, Kings Cuvée 2015 Hampshire

Medium straw colour. This wine exudes aromas of melted butter and caramel, with additional hints of chalk and smoky undertones. On the palate, the interplay between minerality and sweetness creates a sensation of salted caramel, contributing to its very umami and savoury profile. Displaying signs of development, it offers a unique character akin to a "Marmite".  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Henners, Brut Rose NV, East Sussex

Very pale rose colour. The aroma is a delicate bouquet of floral and red fruit notes. Upon tasting, one notices the seamless integration of sugar, lending a balanced sweetness that harmonises with its inherent dryness. This wine exudes elegance, with an austere demeanour. Within its restraint lies a savoury complexity, inviting contemplation with each sip. It's a wine of quiet refinement, leaving a lasting impression of sophistication and poise.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Hundred Hills, Blanc de Noirs 2019 Oxfordshire

Medium straw colour with a subtle copper hint. This Pinot Noir-based Blanc de Noirs offers a chalky texture and a pleasantly dry profile. A touch of oxidation adds depth, while its textured character enhances the drinking experience. Delicious and impeccably balanced, it promises a satisfying sip from start to finish.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Hundred Hills, Rosé de Saignée 2018 Oxfordshire

Intensely salmon-coloured, this Saignée Pinot Noir bursts forth with the essence of delicately sweetened crushed cranberries. Opulent and rich, it overwhelms the senses with its vibrant character. Juicy notes of strawberry and sour cherry dance on the palate, leaving a lingering and satisfying finish.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Langham Wine Estate, Pinot Noir 2019 Dorset

Medium straw colour. The nose reveals some oxidative notes of ripe sour apples and yellow pears reminding of low intervention style. This Pinot Noir is balanced and harmonious on the palate. Clean and dry, it offers a pleasing texture with a chalky finish that adds to its overall appeal.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Nyetimber Vineyard, Blanc de Blancs, 2014 Magnum West Sussex

Pale lemon in colour, this Chardonnay shows its classic and balanced character. With a touch of smokiness, it reveals notes of citrus and floral tones. Crisp acidity is in harmony with a touch of sweetness emerging on the finish, complemented by a creamy, buttery mouthfeel.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Raimes Family Vineyard Blanc de Blancs 2018 Hampshire

The wine displays a delicate pale lemon-green hue in the glass. Its nose is subtle yet enticing, with delicate floral and briochy notes. On the palate, it presents as pretty dry and chalky. This wine embodies an austere elegance, with a distinct mineral character that speaks to its terroir.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



# English sparkling wines

## Ridgeview Wine Estate, Oak Reserve MV East Sussex

Medium straw in colour, this multi-vintage Chardonnay offers a luscious blend of vanilla and sweet spices on the nose. While slightly on the sweeter side, it maintains good balance, with an oaky style that is very recognizable and unique.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Ridgeview Estate, Blanc de Blancs 2010 Magnum East Sussex

Intense straw-lemon colour. On the nose slightly smoky, this wine exudes richness and power with prominent notes of meadow flowers and vanilla. Reminiscent of a classic Champagne house style, it maintains a very fresh profile. This opulent Chardonnay offers a saline and smoky complexity, yet retains good balance and potential for further aging.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Squerries Estate, Blanc de Blancs 2015 Kent

Pale lemon in colour, this Chardonnay delights with luscious citrus and orchard fruit notes that tantalise the palate. Its balance of acidity and sweetness is impeccable, offering a delicious interplay of spice and acidity that leaves you salivating for more.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Sugrue South Downs, Cuvée Dr Brendan O'Regan 2016 Magnum East Sussex

Medium yellow-lemon in colour, this wine offers prominent brioche and smoky notes. Its high acidity amplifies citrus tones, reminiscent of lime, while maintaining a tense and still very youthful demeanour. Delicate mousse complements herbal, mineral, and chalky undertones. Residual sugar is so seamlessly integrated that remains nearly invisible, contributing to an intense and multifaceted finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Squerries Estate, Brut Late Disgorged 2013 Kent

Medium straw in hue, this wine presents a developed nose with both oxidative and reductive nuances. Exhibiting a dry and mineral character, it follows a linear trajectory on the palate, showcasing austere restraint. Notes of brioche and rye bread add complexity, while high acidity contributes to a prolonged smoky finish.

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

## Wiston Estate, Library Collection Blanc de Blancs 2010 Sussex

Medium yellow colour. This Chardonnay captivates with spicy, truffle and vanilla aromas. Despite its maturity, it retains a pretty fresh profile, showcasing excellent balance. Notes of citrus and saline hints add to the complexity, offering a delightful and harmonious tasting experience.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Wiston Estate, Rosé 2018 Sussex

Medium salmon in colour, this Pinot Noir- and Meunier-based rosé presents a discreet nose that belies its captivating complexity. Austere and compact on the palate, its sweetness is impeccably balanced, enhancing its gourmandise. Red fruit flavours, including cranberry and barberry, dominate, offering a delightful and nuanced tasting experience.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Woodchurch Vineyard, Blanc de Blancs, 2014 Kent

Medium yellow colour. Yogurt and salted butter on the nose. Balanced and round on the palate, it offers a creamy texture with a saline and savoury character. Notes of salted caramel add depth, while the residual sugar is well-balanced. Despite its richness, this Chardonnay maintains high acidity and good length, resulting in a harmonious finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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