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Welcome to this 26th edition ! I'm very pleased to introduce to you this 2024 Summer edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue we chose to taste a lot of wines from France, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary and from United-States. More than 2.000 reviews are to read in the following pages !

Well, in the first part of the magazine you will discover some winemakers interviews, wineries articles as La Maison Cardinale, Château Cantenac-Brown, Château Lascombes, Domaine Raoul Gautherin, Lakoya, Malvira, Caiarossa... articles about the volcanic terroir of Vesuvio, about Alta Langa, Romagna Sangiovese... and about the Hungarian Bubble Revolution. Discover also the legend of Trasimeno Lake and surprising history of Trasimeno Gamay grape variety. Then, find out how Bellenda winery experiments with Metodo Classico in Conegliano Valdobbiadene.

In the second part you will find a special report about "Bordeaux EnPrimeurs". With my team we tasted more than 1.000 wines for this 2023 EnPrimeur campaign. **This vintage was a real challenge for winemakers but finally 2023 is fantastic, out of the ordinary but quite heterogeneous.**

Before reading this session, I would like to remind you that it is wine enPrimeur, that is to say unfinished wines, in the process of being created / blended and therefore not complete ! This could, if I dared to compare, be like an ultrasound of a baby in the sixth month of pregnancy. Just as for the child this "examination" allows us to have a good idea of what the wine will become without having a fixed, determined and 100% reliable image. The majority of the wines will remain in ageing between 12 and at most 24 months.

Even if in general the blends are definitive in certain cases they can still vary marginally. Keep in mind also that it would be incongruous to compare a wine from an AOC (appellation) with a wine from a different AOC because we don't expect the same thing from those wines!

Afterwards, in the second part find interviews of restaurants chosen from our selection of more than 600 restaurants offering great wine lists. Go on page 26 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 2.000 wines and Spirits with reviews and score ! How to finish a magazine well? speaking about Armagnac of course!

Enjoy the reading, savor the tastings and read with delicacy about our favorite restaurants ; a beautiful rich panel for this new issue!

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Bellenda

METODO CLASSICO OF CONEGLIANO VALDOBBIADENE



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Situated on the hills of Conegliano Valdobbiadene, on the beautiful slopes of Carpesica, Bellenda is wine estate, particularly enthusiastic to the revival and rediscovering of Metodo Classico (production of sparkling wines by second fermentation in the bottle) in the area. Cosmo family never stops experimenting with bottle fermentation of Glera and believes, that Conegliano Valdobbiadene is the place, where wines from this grape variety, produced by Metodo Classico, perfectly reflect the multiple facets of the terroir of the area.

VertdeVin: *The history of Bellenda winery starts in 1986... Did your family produce wine before or you were in another business?*

U.Cosmo: Our family, originated from Venice, moved to the region of Conegliano Valdobbiadene in 18th century. We always had vineyards and lands and worked in agriculture but, mostly in milk and egg production. The grapes we were growing were sold to a local cooperative.

VdV: *Why did you decided to make wine yourself and not to sell the grapes anymore?*

U.C: I think, because doing the same thing every day was boring for my farther and me, and we decided to meet the challenge of winemaking. My father studied in the Enological School of Conegliano, but he worked as an enologist only first few years, before switching on the other family business. For me it was different - I studied veterinarian science, and with my brother, who studied enology we produced some wine for the family, but we never sold it. So we naturally decided to produce wine for the market too.

VdV: *What varieties were planted in your vineyards in that time?*

U.C: Mostly Glera, a bit of red grapes like Marzemino, Merlot, some white grapes like Verdiso and some Verduzzo that we do not have any more. When we created the winery, we decided to plant more Glera, some Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and old local grapes - Bianchetta and Marzemina Bianca.

VdV: *And why did you plant Chardonnay and Pinot Noir?*

U.C: With my brother Luigi we joked that we like

Champagne, but it is too expensive for us, so we will produce our own Champagne. But it is a joke, obviously. The reason is that we tried to challenge ourselves with Metodo Classico. And when you think about Metodo Classico, you firstly think about Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Using Glera in Metodo Classico came about 15 years later, when we considered, that we are able to produce Metodo Classico wines with this variety too.

VdV: *When did you issued your very first Metodo Classico wine? What was the name of the cuvee?*

U.C: The very first vintage was 1988, and the first marketed was 1993. It named just "Bellenda Metodo Classico". Not really a name because in the very beginning we produced only two wines and we did not need marketing names for them. Now we increased our production, and all your wines have a specific name. Wines, produced by Charmat method are named after the area, where the grapes are grown, for example, Miraval and San Fermo vineyard gave respective names for the wines. But wines made by Metodo Classico have more personal names, linked to ourselves. So "S.C. 1931" means the initials of my farther "Sergio Cosmo" and the year of his birth - 1931. "Sei Uno" was born as a joke in 2011, the year of my 50th birthday. I wanted a new wine for the event, and as it did not have a label yet, I just wrote on the label "Sei Uno", "Six One" for the year of my birthday, 1961. It was not intended to be a real label, but it was appreciated, so we kept it for the name of a new cuvée.

VdV: *Cuvée Radicale is atypical. Why did you decide to make such a wine?*



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U.C.: It was also a matter of challenge, an experiment. Radicale is a reproduction of one of the firsts experiments of making sparkling wine in the area. We tried to replicate the first approach of second fermentation, when the wine started to be disgorged before the release, because consumers wanted clear wines. The difference is that in this time the wine was sweeter. For Radicale the base wine is similar to our wine "Con Alti", made by a single fermentation, but the process of vinification is different. We feel the notes of evolution of autolysis here, because the wine is disgorged just before release. It express the aroma of saffron typical for morainic soil, which takes time to develop, you have to be patient to make this wine. The tradition of our area is selling wine within six month, so to keep it in cellar is indeed atypical.

VdV: Which is the idea of experimentation with Metodo Classico of only four month aging?

U.C.: For many years we had an idea to switch more of our production to bottle fermentation. We like bottle fermentation on the lees, as Col Fondo, But I think, that a sparkling wine should be clean, that is why, Metodo Classico for me is the best way to produce sparkling wines. For this experiment, the second fermentation lasts the same time as for our Sam Fermo wine, but in the bottle. And the evolution of the wine is different. We are going to experiment with 4 months in bottle, we will see how it goes. The 4 months of ageing on lees will be a new experiment for us. As for other wines, we have the following periods of maturation: 18



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months for "Sei Uno", 24 months for "S.C. 1931" and 36 months for our Dry Cuvee "Lei".

VdV: Does Glera suit well for Metodo Classico?

U.C.: Yes, and it can age well. I think, that the only reason why Glera was not used to produce wines with Metodo Classico before, because it gives pleasant wines ready in three months, and nobody wanted to challenge this grape in Metodo Classico. But now winemakers are ready to try bottle fermentation and long aging on lees.

VdV: Would you like to try some unknown local varieties to challenge climate change?

U.C.: We have a lot of local varieties to test. But Glera still standing well to climate change and do not have any big problem, because it accumulates a low level of sugar, normally, it have 10-10.5% of alcohol potential in a normal harvest. Even in hot years, like 2022, we had about 10.8% of alcohol content, which is not high. So I think, that if things do not change dramatically, Glera is a variety which is still convenient for us.

VdV: Which zones of whole Prosecco area after you are the most suitable for making Metodo Classico wines?

U.C.: For sure, not the plain of standard DOC. Conegliano Valdobbiadene area (but not all Rive), also Asolo. But we cannot produce Metodo Classico wine with long aging on lees everywhere; we have to choose specific areas for it. For making Metodo Classico the wine should have some structure, otherwise, you lose a part of flavours on the palate. So we are experimenting with a shorter aging in the bottle, to test what method suits better to express the grape and the terroir. But anyway Charmat is a good compromise and it can be used in many areas.

VdV: So the experimentation in wine is definitely the philosophy of the family. Do you have other ideas or projects for the future?

U.C.: Indeed, the experimentation is our family's signature. For now we are experimenting with a short fermentation in the bottle. We also make some research on fermentation. We have found, if we make partial and progressive fermentation, we can control and analyses the work of indigenous yeasts and obtain complex aromatics.

VdV: What do you think about the future of Metodo Classico in the region of Prosecco?

U.C.: Now the producers are more enthusiastic for this method, than in the past - they are about 20 to produce Metodo Classico, and it is put on the label. Consumers are more curious to discover something different. However, Metodo Classico will not replace Charmat method, it is not possible for the reason of terroir and of volume, that the whole region of Prosecco needs to produce (more the 600 000 000 bottles). But it will be complimentary, showing the difference of wines that come from hills of Conegliano Valdobbiadene from those from valleys.

Many thanks to Umberto Cosmo for his time and his hospitality!

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Find the tasting comments on pages 65 & 66 and the complete version of article on verdevin.com

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La Maison Cardinale

THE BEST BLEND OF THEM



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Château Fleur Cardinale, Grand Cru Classé of Saint Emilion, has got a strong communication with a deep philosophy. We are sure you can search on social medias and discover their very cool videos like « Hip Hop at Château Fleur Cardinale », « When blending wines becomes rock and roll » or « Vintage after Vintage » created with the famous slam artist Souleymane Diamanka. Château Fleur Cardinale is unconventional even if traditional, modern even if deeply rooted in Saint Emilion with wines that are a perfect blend with juicy aromas and complex flavors! But have you ever heard of their other winery Château Croix Cardinale or even of their white wine Fleur Cardinale Blanc?

This is the reason why, after a deep pondering, the family Decoster decided to do the best blend of them. They bought Château Fleur Cardinale in 2001 and Château Croix Cardinale in 2011. These two wineries are like Ying and Yang. They deserved their own identity and spotlight. As consequence, last December we have been able to witness some teasers about a change... Then in January 2024, the team communicated about La Maison Cardinale's creation. This entity is the reunification of Château Fleur Cardinale, Château Croix Cardinale, the white wines including Fleur Cardinale Blanc and all the experiences and creations the team will implement.

This is not a revolution, just a revelation lead by an intuition! La Maison Cardinale decided to have a clear visual identity celebrating the complementarity and opening of their spirit to both French arts de vivre and new creativity. The wines of the estates will sport labels representing their terroir and style. It's the unicity in the diversity.

Château Fleur Cardinale is located in the east of the appellation but on the north facing side in a beautiful amphitheater and represents 27,5 hectares of vines. The soils are mainly clay with limestone; on which grow 74% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. Powerful and elegant, this wine is the perfect definition of a Grand Cru Classé of Saint Emilion. The second wine is called Intuition de Fleur Cardinale and has been existing since 2018. Château Croix Cardinale is on the opposite side, on the south facing steep slopes. This wine is totally atypical because of its terroir and localization. 4,26 hectares are enjoying mainly limestone with clay soils on which 30% of Cabernet Franc, 30% of Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% of Merlot are thriving. Then the wine has got a majority of Cabernets bringing

structure and definition. Révélation de Croix Cardinale is the name of the second label of the winery. Finally, Fleur Cardinale Blanc is a small vineyard of 2,4 hectares close to the forest on the north-west part of the property, where the freshness will bring crispiness. On deep clay soils are growing 40% of Sauvignon Blanc, 30% of Sauvignon Gris and 30% of Semillon. The wine is fresh, fruity, spicy and you can forget it in your cellar to get more complexity. Intuition de Fleur Cardinale Blanc is the second label.

All the vineyards are currently turning organic and since 2021, Château Fleur Cardinale is the first Cru Classé to obtain Engagé R.S.E (Corporate Social Responsibility) label, at a Confirmed level. Also, La Maison Cardinale is acting with Reforest'Action, a social purpose company: for each case of wine sold they are planting one tree which is then an average of 10 000 trees planted per year.

If you want to visit, you can. La Maison Cardinale is open to public and has got very nice experiential visits like a 360 virtual reality immersion. Even children are welcome to the winery where they will discover through game and have a glass of fruit juice while you are sipping your wine at the end of the visit. If you are a company, you can also organize events and seminars in their beautiful spaces. La Maison Cardinale is definitely the best blend of them, and we invite you to follow the ascension of this entity.

A big thank you to Caroline Decoster for the interview she has given us.

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CHÂTEAU Cantenac Brown

EARTH REVIVAL

Château Cantenac Brown is a Grand Cru Classé of 1855 located in Margaux. The founder, John Lewis Brown, had roots in Scotland. So, in 1806 he naturally decided to exhibit the famous Tudor-style with an extraordinary mansion displaying a clever mix of red bricks and Gironde blond limestone... and 365 windows! Though this article is not about the historical Château but about the brand-new ecological cellar made in raw earth. To learn more about it, I met José Sanfins, the General Manager and winemaker of the estate, for a memorable visit.

In 2020, the dream of a new cellar with the highest environmental quality appeared. Obviously, Château Cantenac Brown already had a cellar, but it was time to embrace their true vision: the perfect blend between nature and culture. The owner, the French family Le Lous represented by Tristan Le Lous, chose Philippe Madec, architect, and specialist in eco-construction, to build this one-of-a-kind cellar... and it was a challenge. As a matter of fact, the first concept of eco-construction is to have the least waste as possible: it is why the old structure* was kept. The decision was made to rebuild in it to create a new vats room and the barrels cellar. It was inaugurated in April 2024.

While arriving to the annex, I couldn't be happier to observe some sheep grazing in the park giving a Scottish flair to my arrival! Then, I admired the outside with the big bay window and its sun blockers as the building is south oriented. José



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José Sanfins et Tristan Le Lous

Sanfins explained that all the materials used are recyclable and sourced locally: wood, metal, earth, and stones. And he showed me the famous and unique compressed raw earth walls (clay and sand mix). The workers applied a 1000-year-old technic directly on site to build these 1-meter-thick walls!

When I entered the stainless-steel vats room, I enjoyed the daylight and thought that it was a game changer for those working here. The sound was also special as the roof is insulated with wood wool

allowing the perfect temperature all year long with the help of bioclimatic wells. The gravity system is used, and they are so many small details: José highlighted that there are making the difference. Then we took a little corridor. It was designed as a parenthesis: we were leaving the sounds and the lively vats room to enter in the silence and the rest of the barrels room. The cellar vault, made of wood, is unbelievable: it is a double suite of Fibonacci with the golden number. Hundreds of barrels are sleeping.

The visit ended in the tasting room: bright, with spectacular wooden tables. Château Cantenac Brown is open to public and if the main goal of this new cellar was to continue to produce an exceptional wine, the architect thought also about the future guests visiting the estate. As a visitor and wine professional, I was stunned by the infrastructures and cannot wait to taste the future vintage created in these cellars.

Thank you to José Sanfins for his passion and professionalism.

**This building surrounds the historical Château and was built by Axa Millésimes, which owned the winery from 1989 to 2006.*

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Château Lascombes

IT'S TIME TO SHINE

Château Lascombes has always been prized as one of the best wines in the Médoc with a unique signature as the blend has always a high percentage of Merlot. This Second Grand Cru Classé of 1855 has just changed owner at the end of 2022: the American family Lawrence is now running the estate! They are not new to wine: they own several estates in the USA, especially in the famous Napa Valley.

They love to purchase high potential vineyards and usually they have one and only one desired result: make it shine! To achieve this goal, the family decided to hire a new President and CEO who has a clear strategy. We wanted to discover it, so Axel Heinz welcomed VertdeVin Magazine at the estate for an interview.

Axel arrived in July 2023 at Château Lascombes and has already embraced the Médoc vibes. With roots from Germany and Bordeaux, this oenologist has a strong wine background and is directly coming from Tuscany where he has spent 18 years at the iconic Ornellaia estate. The choice of a transversal strategy allows Axel to have autonomy to reach the objectives. Few changes have then already been made and some others will take time: it is not a fast race.

We can't deny the actual quality of Château Lascombes wines. The technical facilities have been totally renewed for the harvest 2021 allowing the team to work with great tool. Axel emphasizes that a study of the soils has been made and a deep work is done to recreate the historic plots from 1855. Naturally, the blend will go through an evolution to go back to a more classic Margaux style. Let's precise that the historic plots are on a (small)



Axel Heinz

hill with deep gravels, paradise for the marvelous Cabernet Sauvignon grape variety. Moreover, some adjustments are implemented little by little in the winemaking process: "we will adapt from vintage to vintage" specifies Axel. Maybe the most visible change today is the current label: "It was important for us to send a message to explain our wish to go back to the basics". Château Lascombes has chosen to use a label from the twenties synonymous of classicism: goodbye lavender purple color, bonjour chic red Bordeaux!

Then, the team is now extending to support the wine merchants. The idea is to accompany the

trade part for a profound understanding of Château Lascombes philosophy to sell it better. Also, the European Union and the USA are historic markets where the estate wants to grow strong. But it won't be possible without an intense work on communication. Today, the winery needs to be on social networks. "Château Lascombes should be more visible" says Axel, "but we need to find the good way to tell our story". It is an important path to enhance the reputation and create a good interaction with their wine lover's community who wants to come in Margaux. Wine tourism is then a part of this communication plan: the Château is currently open to public and will continue to be. We will know in the next few months how the estate wants to position itself guided by a strong experience of the other wineries in the Napa Valley. Axel precises "the guests should leave the Château with the understanding of who we are, what are our inspirations and convinced by the experience they just lived". It is why in the future the historic building will be renovated.

As you can see, this one and only goal to make Chateau Lascombes shine again seems to be easy on paper. But a lot of strategic decisions need to be taken and Axel Heinz is definitely the man of the situation. He and his team have high expectations. As we do!

We deeply thank Axel Heinz for his time and kindness.

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DOMAINE Raoul Gautherin et fils

The Chablis vineyard, an exclusive white wine region with 6200 ha, is certainly one of the best known world wide. However, it has survived some very difficult times; at the end of the 19th century, its 30,000 ha of vines were destroyed by Phylloxera, the two world wars and the consequences of fairly frequent frosts prevented the vineyard from being revived. The vines became fallow land or were transformed into fields moreover most of winegrowers gave up their trade. By 1955, the vineyard had shrunk to 550 hectares!

Founded in 1585, Domaine Raoul Gautherin et fils is one of the oldest estates in Chablis

Fortunately, some winegrowers with a strong belief in the Chablis terroir, have kept going the production of wine. The Gautherin family, established in Chablis in 1585, is one of them. A several generations of growers and winemakers, the Gautherin family owns the best climats of Chablis, one of the first winery to recover from phylloxera.

Today, the estate has 17 hectares, 40% of which are Grand Cru (Les Clos, Vaudésir and Grenouilles) and 1^{er} Cru (Mont de milieu, Montmains, Vaillons, and Lys from the 2022 vintage), and 90% of its vines are old vines. In Chablis, only 2% of the vineyards are classified as Grand Cru and 10% as 1^{er} Cru, so that's a lot!

Adrien, the 14th generation of the family, took over the estate in 2015. He runs the estate with his father Alain, who is still very active.

In Chablis, there are two schools of winemaking: one that values tradition, with a powerful style and long ageing in bottle, mainly using barrels, and the other that seeks a modern flavour and freshness with stainless steel vats. Which school



Adrien represents the 14th generation, he joined the estate in 2008 as he ended his studies in Beaune and internship in California. He has been co-manager with his father since 2015.
"The 15th generation? My daughter is still 3 years old. We'll see!"

does he belong to? "I'm somewhere in between" Adrien replies, "I take the best of both schools. I try to balance freshness and roundness".

Indeed, his wines have lovely freshness with clean acidity but are never aggressive in the mean time are round but never heavy. They are also uncomplicated, with a very pleasant finish.

Vinification adapted to each parcel

The secret of his well-balanced wines lies in careful vinification adapted to the characteristics of

each terroir. Adrien vinifies not only in stainless steel vats and 228-litre barrels, common in Chablis, but also in 600-litre barrels, looking for micro-oxygenation instead of much wood, and egg-shaped concrete vats. For example, for 'Chablis cuvée vieille vigne', he vinifies in 3 to 5 different ways!

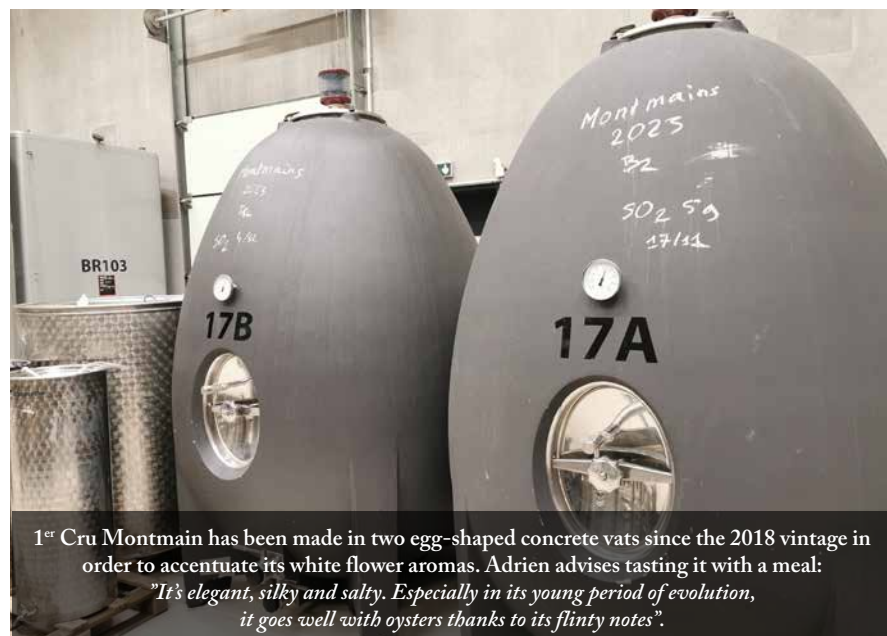
"We select our 2 or 3 best plots of old vines, i.e. those that are at least 35 years old. Fermentation doesn't happen all at once in one vat. I adapt the temperature and length of vatting according to the characteristics of the plots. The wine is then matured in barrels for 12 to 15 months."

The nose is fresh, with notes of aromatic herbs, honey and crunchy yellow apples. On the palate, it is round but airy, with a salty finish. This cuvée is a great success with customers. "It was created in 2003. I started with just 10 barrels to remember the year of the heatwave. But now I make 60 barrels, so 20,000 bottles a year. It's become a calling card for our estate!"

In 2017, the estate built its new winery exploiting the geothermal system. "Since the 2018 vintage, I've been able to make the wine as I mean. I've been able to drop down my electricity bill by 80%. It's ecological and economical at the same time!" Adrien Gautherin is a pioneer of this new technology in Chablis. Adrien, the descendant of one of the oldest estates in Chablis, is not simply the guardian of the temple, his project is just begin.

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1^{er} Cru Montmain has been made in two egg-shaped concrete vats since the 2018 vintage in order to accentuate its white flower aromas. Adrien advises tasting it with a meal:

"It's elegant, silky and salty. Especially in its young period of evolution, it goes well with oysters thanks to its flinty notes."

HUNGARIAN BUBBLE REVOLUTION

THE NEXT GENERATION READY TO REWRITE HISTORY

As summer reaches its peak, many consumers opt for well-chilled sparkling wines. In Hungary, bubbles are experiencing a renaissance: it began with *pét-nats* a few years ago, and now it seems everyone is dedicated to creating their own sparklings – *méthode traditionnelle*, of course!

French cellar masters are readily offering their expertise, and even in the famous Tokaji Wine Region, it's rare to find a winery without a quality sparkling made from Furmint. However, one wine district stands out above all others.

Over 150 years of sparkling wine production history

The *Etyek-Buda wine district* has always been a treasure trove for wine enthusiasts. As legend has it, 150 years ago, a businessman named József Törley noticed the similarities between the landscape and climate of Etyek-Buda and Champagne and decided to create Hungary's first sparkling wines using the traditional method. By 1899, he had become the largest sparkling wine producer in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, and his business, Törley *Pezsgőpincészet*, remains one of the most successful Hungarian cellars today.

Written in the terroir

Nestled in Hungary's picturesque hills, just about 20 kilometers from Budapest, Etyek-Buda benefits from a climate influenced by the Pannonian Basin and the Buda Hills, which together create a cooler microclimate. The soil-forming rocks in the Etyek Hills area consist mainly of loess and loess-like



Áron Szövényi of Anonym Pince - Photo Emil Chailhoub

Quaternary sediments, as well as sand, limestone, sandstone, and occasionally dolomite. The typically loamy soil of the wine region has developed on these young sandy and loess slope deposits. Its high active limestone content creates the characteristic "calcareous-influenced wines" typical of the wine region. The average annual temperature ranges slightly lower than the Hungarian average (9.5-10.5 degrees Celsius), accompanied by moderate rainfall (400-800 mm) and frequent winds, which help minimize fungal and frost damage.

Today, Etyek-Buda boasts over 1300 hectares of vineyards, with many wineries now led by the second generation since the end of the Soviet era, bringing fresh ideas and innovations. Tamás Hernyák of *Hernyák Birtok*, having studied in Bordeaux and Champagne, returned inspired to strengthen the local winemaking community and poised to define a unique identity for the wine district. Reco-

gnizing the region's history and ideal conditions for sparkling wine production, under Tamás's lead the new generation of winemakers of Etyek-Buda pursued a Protected Designation of Origin for their bubbles, establishing rigorous quality standards to preserve the region's excellence.

Here comes the Etyeki Pezsgő

The Etyeki Pezsgő (i.e. sparkling wines of Etyek) Protected Designation of Origin came into effect starting from the 2020 harvest. It ensures that wines meet strict criteria for grape varieties (Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay), planting density (3300 vines/ha), yield (2 kg/vine), production area, production methods, and quality standards. Wines, whether blanc de blanc, blanc de noir, or rosé, exclusively use the traditional method, aging on lees for a minimum of 24 months to develop rich, toasty flavors and a creamy texture, distinguishing Etyeki Pezsgő from other Hungarian sparklings. A dedicated committee oversees the final product quality before market release, with the first control tasting scheduled for this summer.

Rooted in history, the designation promotes Etyek-Buda's cultural heritage and unique identity, ensuring that future generations can continue to produce these exceptional sparkling wines.

Borbála Kalmár

Winemakers to watch

Tamás Hernyák of *Hernyák Birtok* has decided to exclusively focus the entire cellar on sparkling wine production, aiming to offer a broader selection of bubbles displaying all the PDO hallmarks already. Similar to him, Szilárd Nádás of *Nádás Borműhely* also conducts already numerous experiments with sparkling wines. Áron Szövényi from *Anonym Pince* stands out with his use of magnum bottles. Előd Szijjártó, likely the youngest winemaker in the area, has established his winery from scratch despite his youth. His debut sparkling wine was exclusively purchased by a Michelin-starred restaurant.



Előd Szijjártó - Photo Ferenc Dancsecs



Italy

CHIANTI CLASSICO

TO 100 YEARS MORE TO COME!



2024 is a special vintage for Chianti Classico: they are celebrating the 100 years old of their creation. 33 winemakers have been originally fighting to preserve the wine, the territory, the landscapes, and the economy of Chianti Classico. Today, they are 480 producers, of which 342 market wines under their own label. You can easily recognize the Black Rooster (Gallo Nero) trademark, a historical symbol of the area, on each bottle.

As a reminder, Chianti Classico is in between Florence and Siena in Italy. The boundaries of the Chianti wine producing area were implemented in 1716. In 1932, the suffix "Classico" was added to distinguish the original Chianti from other producers that were making wine outside these 1716 boundaries. The DOCG (Controlled and Guaranteed Designation of Origin) was obtained in 1984: it allows to express the excellence of these 100% red wines with 80% of Sangiovese minimum and 20% of native and/or international grape varieties. Since 2014, a deeper work is done about the restructuring of the DOCG with the appearance of Gran Selezione and in 2021 of the UGA (Additional Geographic Units): 11 sub-zones in the 70 000 hectares of Chianti Classico area have been identified and their names are displayed on the Gran Selezione labels only.

Happy 100 years old to the Consortium Vino Chianti Classico... and to 100 years more to come with delicious bold wines with one word: respect! Respect for

the environment, for the people producing wines, for those who are enjoying it but also respect for this unique territory in the world, for its tangible and intangible cultural heritages, for its landscapes, history and local traditions.



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ROMAGNA SANGIOVESE

ALL YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THE TERROIR

This increasingly popular and virtuous denomination involves 5200 wineries, 8 cooperative wineries, 108 producers and 4 bottlers. With an area under vine of 5890 hectares and 9 million bottles produced in 2023 against 10 and 11 in 2022 and 2020 respectively, the top denomination is undoubtedly Romagna Sangiovese, flanked by 5 DOC and 4 IGT wines.

A Romagna Sangiovese that gives wineries the opportunity to produce it in and version, the quality pyramid is made up of Romagna Sangiovese, Romagna Sangiovese Superiore, which in recent vintages has been registering an increasingly high level, and Romagna Sangiovese Sottazona (Imola, Serra, Brisighella, Oriolo, Marzeno, Modigliana, Castrocaro, Predappio, Bertinoro, Cesena, Mer-

cato Saraceno, Longiano, Verucchio, Coriano, San Clemente). For each type, there is the possibility of claiming the 'Riserva' version.

Focusing on the characteristics of the highest of the three versions, certain aspects should be emphasized: 9 tonnes is the production yield in the vineyard; Sangiovese grapes must be used for at least 95%, the wines can be marketed from 1 September of the following harvest.

The soils that influence the vines and features the sub-zones are: red and brown earths, blue clays, ochre earths with fossiliferous limestone, chalky marl and arenaceous marl.

Marl-arenaceous is a constant rocky matrix from Ozzano to Cesena and Longiano. The soils are the result of erosion and deposition of rocky mantles and alluvial soil sediments. In the Apennine belt,



the soils become sandier and more clayey, their colors the result of different geological ages. Then there are more emerging rocky complexes such as the "Vena del Gesso", born 6 million years ago, and the "Spungone", a mixture of marine shells and limestone, born 3 million years ago. In terms of climate, Romagna is between sub-continental and Mediterranean, with the Apennines blocking the flow of south-westerly winds as opposed to north-easterly winds from the sea. In the inland hilly areas, there are low temperatures in spring and heat peaks in summer, but high temperature ranges between day and night.

Romagna Vintages: 2022 vs 2020

Hot and dry, the 2022 vintage in Romagna was marked by rains in August known as 'must rains', which were beneficial for production volumes. A vintage with rather high winter temperatures, however, predisposed to an early bud break; in general, it is an early vintage with alcohol contents and acidity in the norm in which interesting quality peaks are found precisely in the reds.

The year 2020 was an eventful vintage, reversed with average temperatures, but marked in spring by frost and low temperatures until June. An early harvest and a smaller quantity of grapes than in 2019 but of excellent quality, making 2020 one of the best vintages in recent years.

Erika Mantovan

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TRASIMENO LAKE & WINES

UNDISCOVERED BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF UMBRIAN HILLS

A south-eastern neighbor of Tuscany, Umbria, is a lesser known wine region, but it offers places with magnificent landscapes, a great, but undiscovered potential for winemaking, a rich millennial history and numerous opportunities for enotourism. Gentle slopes, descending towards the Trasimeno Lake are particularly suitable to vines and olives. Here we find white and red grape varieties (including one with an unexpected name), which produce sparkling and still wines of all colours with a surprising and perfumed profile.

More than 2000 years of history

For numerous centuries the territory around the Lake of Trasimeno, which gives the name for the appellation, was inhabited by the Etruscan people. They cultivated vines, olives, and thanks to them it is possible to trace the origins of the viticulture in this region. Agriculture is still important in the area: thanks to its climate and landscape it can offer wines, olive oil, cereals and other products. Today, the region is famous not only for its beauty (the sunset over the Trasimeno Lake is considered as one of the most beautiful in the world) and a legend, related to the battle between Romans and Hannibal, according to which the Hannibal's chariot remains in the middle of the lake. Its potential to vine growing and winemaking now is revealing itself – 22 wine cellars produce wine in 9 communities of the region, from 11 white and 14 red grape varieties. The project of Colli del Trasimeno Wine Route passes through all the nine municipalities, offering an opportunity to visit these wineries, discover their production, as well as origins of the winemaking in the region.



Mystery of Trasimeno Gamay

Historically, white Grechetto and red varieties Sangiovese and Trasimeno Gamay were present in the area. But, if there are no questions about the first two, the origin of the third one is really curious. In fact, Trasimeno Gamay is a well-known grape variety of Spanish origin – Grenache Noir (also called Garnacha in Spanish, Granaccia in Italian Liguria and Cannonau in Sardinia). It was introduced on the shores of Trasimeno Lake in the 16th century during the period of Spanish domination in Central-Southern Italy. But, differently to the traditional since Etruscans times “vite maritata” technique of vine cultivation (when a vine grows near to a tree and climbs it up), the new variety was cultivated in “alberello” technique also named “gobelet” in French and “bush vines” in English. This type of wine training system is used in the French area of Beaujolais, where the true grape Gamay is grown. Nobody knew the name of the new grape, when it was introduced in the area of Trasimeno, so for this reason Grenache, cultivated in Trasimeno area was mistakenly called “Gamay” (or “Trasimeno Gamay”). Indeed, the organoleptic profile of Grenache, grown here, is closer to the fruitiness, juiciness and an airy texture of Gamay, than to the power and concentration of Southern Grenache, traditionally cultivated in the Mediterranean countries.

Terroir and wines of Trasimeno DOC

Trasimeno Lake is the fourth largest lake in Italy – it covers 128 km², but it is not very deep – the maximum depth of the lake varies from 6 to 8 meters, depending on seasons and places. However, the lake is an important factor, defining the particularity of terroir of Trasimeno. It creates humidity,

regulates the temperature and reflects sun rays directly on the vines. Combined with a hilly landscape, slopes and an altitude (some vineyards in the area are situated between 200-350 meters above the sea), these characteristic creates a favorable condition for the ripening of grapes, which is reflected in the concentration of fruits and the round texture of its wines. The soil of the region is also important and gives to its wines a lively acidity and a marked racy minerality, with even saline and iodized hints. Around Trasimeno Lake we can find sand, clay and limestone, as well as sub-soils of 250 million years-old, containing deposits of shellfish of Jurassic period.

Today, Trasimeno area produces red, rosé, white, sparkling and sweet passito wines from Trasimeno Gamay, Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cilieggiolo, Grechetto, Trebbiano Spoletino, Trebbiano Toscano, Chardonnay and some other Italian and international grape varieties, which reflect the uniqueness of the Trasimeno's terroir. There are oily and round and in the same time citrusy and fresh white wines, gastronomic rosé with smoky and toasty notes (even if a wine was not aged in oak), fruity, airy, fresh and complex red wine with a good aging potential as well as refined sparkling wines, made by Metodo Classico.

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Find numerous tasting comments on Trasimeno wines on pages 68 to 74, and visit the website of Colli del Trasimeno Wine Route for your next wine experience in Umbria:
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THE VESUVIO TERROIR

VULCANIAN SOILS, A HERITAGE OF BIODIVERSITY



Wines influenced by the presence of volcanoes have never been so “à la page” as in this period. The Vesuvius area is known for the impactful eruption in 79 A.D., which changed the face of Herculaneum forever. Pompeii, Stabia and Oplontis, whose ruins now attract visitors from all over the world. But for some time now it has also been a place associated with the production of wine, thanks above all to the meticulous work carried out by the Consortium for the protection of the area, which has well understood how to promote these lands: begin by the history.

History begins in the 17th century B.C. with the settlement by Greek peoples and later, with the Romans, there are certain traces of the production of the iconic Falerno wine. The historicity of these lands in terms of wine production is clear in the remains of what were wine-making procedures found by excavations at Villa Augustea in Somma Vesuviana. Other authoritative evidence can be found in Aristotle, who tells that the Thessalians have planted vines in the Vesuvian area since the 5th century BC.

The vine finds space among the fertile volcanic sands that surround the craters and which, precisely because of the sand, have not been attacked by phylloxera. A unique genetic heritage protected for centuries by a production fabric composed of small, often family-run companies. The production of one million and a half bottles takes place in two macro areas: the Vesuvius and Mount Somma. The first is the volcanic area created following the eruption of 79 a.D; vines are exposed on the south and close to the sea, so it grows in a special microclimate. Mount Somma is the original, primordial wine-growing area: green and lush with heroic terracing hosting several types of trees. The vines benefit from severe temperature excursions, both cool and humid microclimate. The whole is for sure a heritage of biodiversity.

The indigenous varieties **Piedirosso** and **Caprettone** followed by **Coda di volpe bianco**, **Aglianico**, **Falanghina** and **Catalanesca** are used to produce: **Vesuvio PDO** (white, red or rosé); **Vesuvio Lacryma Christi PDO** (white, red or rosé), the denomination's peak of excellence; **Vesuvio PDO** (monovarietal), a designation reserved for wines made from indigenous grapes vinified in purity; **Pompeiano PDO** (classic and monovarietal), which describes the characteristics of the grapes used and the Campi Flegrei area, from the sea to the slopes of Vesuvius.

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COLLI DI LUNI

THE LITTLE GEM OF LIGURIA



Due to its diverse soils and production styles, Vermentino in the Colli di Luni area proves to be one of the most interesting white wines on the Italian scene.

The production area of around 170 hectares protected by the DOC Colli di Luni, which has been in operation since 1989, is in the provinces of La Spezia and Massa Carrara in a landscape that winds its way through various impervious areas, such that viticulture here is defined as 'heroic'. An area dedicated to wine, rows of vines alternate with olive groves and streams. One breathes in history as one learns that the foundation of Lunae dates to 177 B.C., vines were already known in Greek and Phoenician times. The area also became known for its marble, the famous Carrara marble, which reached the Roman Empire. Evidence of the wine trade dates to the 1st century B.C. with the historian Diodoro Siculo, who states: 'In Liguria neither olive trees nor vines, but forests, land inaccessible to Ceres and Bacchus'. Shortly afterwards, Strabo, a rather reliable Greek geographer, writes: 'The little wine the Ligurians produce is resinous and sour'. To arrive at Pliny the Elder's chronicles: 'The wines of Liguria hold the palm of Etruria'.

Vermentino rows of vines climbed the hills in the early Middle Ages, surrounding small villages. While the fame of Colli di Luni wines has declined due to countless historical transgressions, today, with the promotional work of the Consortium and

especially the controlled designation of origin, the market position of these wines has changed. A denomination that is mostly claimed in white, in which the main grape is Vermentino (minimum 90%), although there is also a red version with grapes mainly known in the Tuscan terroir: Sangiovese, Canale and Cilieggiolo.

The territory can be divided into four macro-areas. The first is certainly the most interesting pedoclimatic zone for the cultivation of 'Vermentino': loose soils, rich in minerals, located in the hills, enjoy a warm and sunny climate.

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The grapes from the vineyards located in this area produce wines with distinct mineral and aromatic notes, attributable respectively to flint and Mediterranean herbs such as thyme, basil, and mint. The vineyards belonging to this pedoclimatic zone produce grapes of great concentration, rich in sugar content and high skin ripeness. Vineyards

located in the 150-300 metres mid-hill area with privileged exposures (south facing the sea) belong to this zone.

A second, is the cool hillside zone with medium-textured soils characterized by the presence of clay, which retains water reserves and keeps the soils 'fresh' despite the slopes. This results in a slightly longer growing cycle with slightly later harvests.

But thanks to the slope, the soil manages water, avoiding stagnation and asphyxia. Here, the wines are fresher but with excellent skin ripeness.

A third area is hilly, with soils characterized by the presence of sand, which keeps the soils warm due to its lower water reserves. It determines a slight shortening of the growing cycle with slightly earlier harvests. It can be affected by medium water stress in summer, the wines are more elegant but finer from grapes with medium skin maturity.

And finally, a fourth area, the foothills, and plains, with looser loamy deep soils in which 'Vermentino' manages to achieve a balance, between sugar maturity and acid level, that is almost constant in the various vintages. Correct soil management between green manure and reduced tillage is fundamental interesting in these recent hot years for good drought resistance.

A recent comparative tasting of 37 different samples produced in these areas gave us an image of Colli di Luni of high quality, in which styles and profiles of wines dialogue with each other, telling of an area that makes its diversity an enjoyable place for those who want to be amazed by its nuances. Always affable, generous and of great harmony was the Colli di Luni of LVNAE, fruity, gourmand and very persistent the Colli di Luni Pinacce of Giacomelli, and finally, of good power and density and revealing a good evolutionary potential was the Lunaris from Cantine Bondonor.

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THE ALTA LANGA MOVEMENT

MAKING SPARKLING WINE SYNONYMOUS TOURIST DESTINATION

Alta Langa is now a movement, a brand. Not yet a destination, because more work still needs to be done on it, but the area is plenty of historical villages and many points of views facing the steep hills and moreover farmer of nuts and cheese plus others food specialities. Surrounded by the green also lots of resorts and family cottage.

The group of more than 70 wineries within the Consortium represent a collection of experiences, of men and women, at work in family businesses and/or more structured companies, photographing the energy of a large part of Piedmont, which is drawing strength from its history by returning sparkling wines that were not there. With a style and taste that are now identifiable, created in 440.5 hectares of vineyards spread across three different provinces: 215 in Cuneo, 178 in Asti and 47.5 in Alessandria. And although 2/3 of the vineyard area is planted with Pinot Noir, the remaining 1/3 of Chardonnay yields increasingly interesting expressions. Numbers in hand, the ceiling of 3 million bottles produced in the last harvest was finally broken through. Volumes absorbed for 90% in the domestic market.

Being a classic method produced according to a stricter production specification than that of Champagne, the vintage effect is increasingly remarkable although there are also cuvées with so-called "reserve wines" or dosages and use of wood that go to create the House style. This is the case with Enrico Serafino, for example, with Contratto, Gancia, Cop-



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po, Ettore Germano, and Cocchi, to mention a few names. Names that are also well expressed in the cuvées that benefit some from 40 and others from 60 or even 100 months on the lees.

The important challenge for Alta Langa now is to go deeper into the different three macro territories, their soils and therefore inevitably different hardnasses and tastes. A first major work of mapping has already been done. Generally speaking, it can be said that Alta Langa wines produced in the Cu-

neo area express themselves with marked acidity, yes, but with a taste in the fruit that is very intense, more intense than in the Alexandrian areas, where the freshness of the same prevails while more fleshy in the Asti area.

The history of Alta Langa began with a group of producers in the 2000s, who invested in the first experimental vineyards, in 2002 came the DOC and in 2011 the DOCG with retroactive effect until the 2008 vintage. Alta Langa is also designed for the presentation of the new vintages the Consortium always chooses unseen locations to the insiders of the city of Turin, Piedmont. The latest preview, "La Prima dell'Alta Langa 2024," was staged at the Teatro Regio in Turin, one of the largest theaters in Europe and one of the most celebrated opera-symphony institutions on the national scene. A successful sixth edition, after those at the Castle of Grinzane Cavour, Palazzo Serbelloni (Milan), the Italdesign Museum (where the iconic "Terra" goblet was presented) and the evocative Reggia di Venaria. More than sixty Alta Langa producers will be present at the grand tasting at Teatro Regio, with more than 150 labels being tasted. In 2020, a vintage just released for most producers, sees sparkling wines of great harmony and a readiness to drink more evident than in other vintages.

Worth trying, beyond the names already mentioned in this text, are the cuvées of Sordo, Sara Vezza, Reva and Colombo.

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CONEGLIANO- VALDOBBIADENE

THE ORIGIN OF SPARKLING WINES IN PROSECCO REGION

Conegliano Valdobbiadene is a small region in the north-east of Italy, situated almost in the center of Prosecco DOC, that stands out of its vast area by its landscape, its sparkling wines and its history. Here, Glera variety can perfectly express subtle differences between 43 Rive – “crus”, situated on particular for the area pyramidal hills. Exposition to the sun, location on the hill, soil composition – all these characteristics of a Riva are the factors, which define a variety of styles and profiles of Conegliano Valdobbiadene sparkling wines.

Recent and ancient history of the region

Conegliano Valdobbiadene is the heart of Prosecco region where the history of production of its sparkling wines started in the middle of XIX century (but the very first mentions of Conegliano Valdobbiadene as a winemaking region refer to 1772). At that time the control of alcoholic fermentation was not possible and depended on the weather in spring. Sometimes, fermentation stopped spontaneously, so a semi-fizzy wine was sold in barrel and was appreciated locally by the rich people of Venice. Later this wine started to be sold and recognized outside Conegliano Valdobbiadene. In 1876 the first School of Winemaking in Italy, “Istituto Cerletti”, was founded here, followed in 1923 by the Institute for Viticultural Experimentation and the beginning of scientific exchanges with other winemaking regions. Vine growers studied how to work the

steep slopes and the Charmat method of the second fermentation in pressurized tanks, was perfected.

In the beginning the only area of Conegliano Valdobbiadene produced sparkling wines from Glera grape variety, which was called “Prosecco”, and Charmat method was even defined as a specific technique of producing wines of Conegliano Valdobbiadene. Then around 2000, the popularity of sparkling Prosecco increased, and to respond the market demand, the production area was enlarged to nine provinces of Friuli and Veneto. In order to protect the wine, in 2009 a vast Prosecco DOC was created for this and the grape variety was renamed to Glera. Conegliano Valdobbiadene obtained then the highest status of DOCG because:

- sparkling wine of the area is originated from its slopes
- its terroir is totally different from those of flat area of Prosecco DOC
- conditions here suit better for Glera, where it cumulates more sugar, more aroma compounds and expresses perfectly the mosaic of terroir of Conegliano Valdobbiadene

In addition, comparing to the extended area, Glera was the principal and historical grape variety in Conegliano Valdobbiadene, linked to its terroir. In 1980, the region had about 80% of surface planted with white varieties, and 20% with reds (later reduced by 10-15%). But on the later extended flat area in 1980 the situation was the opposite – 80% of vineyards were planted with red varieties and 20% - with white varieties. After the creation of Prosecco DOC, the tradition of red winemaking on the flat area was lost, following the demand



of the market and by switching the vineyard to 80% white varieties and 20% of red varieties. So Conegliano Valdobbiadene remains the original place for the white varieties, where Glera offers the best expression, thanks to its match with the terroir and with the method of production.

Today, Conegliano Valdobbiadene produces 92 000 000 (which is 1/6 of Prosecco DOC production), not only with Charnat method, but also by Metodo Classico (second fermentation in the bottle), with minimum of 85% of Glera, completed by local varieties (Verdiso, Perera, Glera Lunga).

Terroir of Conegliano Valdobbiadene

Conegliano Valdobbiadene is situated about 100 km from the Dolomites, a part of the Prealpes, which protect the area from cold northern winds. This factor contributes to a mild spring-summer climate and a long-lasting autumn, as well as high diurnal temperature amplitude and good ventilation, thanks to the mountain winds. Soils of Conegliano Valdobbiadene are sedimentary (morainic, marl and conglomerates), but with different composition, which gives wines different organoleptic profile and different extract. Morainic soil, for example, has more important calcareous content, which gives a perceptible minerality in wines and more extract in grapes, which allows to reduce the dosage and to produce Brut, rather than Extra-Dry sparkling wines.

But the “terroir” is also formed by people, who work the land. The landscape of Conegliano Valdobbiadene is characterised by series of steep slopes with a particular “hogback” shape, (“Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene” is also a UNESCO World Heritage





Site). Over the centuries, winemakers adapted these hills (sometimes with 70% gradient slopes) for work with particular terraces “ciglione”. They are not covered with stones, but with grass, which reinforces the slopes and reduces soil erosion. Thanks to ciglione, located mainly on slopes with gradients of between 15° and 60° the viticulture in the region is possible. Thousands of small-scale wine producers work on the hills of Conegliano Valdobbiadene, creating a “patchwork” agricultural landscape, highly fragmented configuration of small vineyard plots and wooded areas. This also creates a unique ecological network and ecosystem.

Rive and variety of expressions of Glera

“Rive” is traduced from the local dialect as “steep terrains”. It is also named “crus” of Conegliano Valdobbiadene and reflects the essence of a specific sub-zone, formed by its soil, its altitude,

its exposition on a slope and its microclimate. Depending on altitude of the same slope (varying from 50 to 500 meters above sea level), budburst on vines will occur it different times, giving to the wine different aromatic compounds. This connection with subtle differences of microclimate and morainic soils in the terroir of a Riva makes its wines unique and now is closely studied. The term “Rive” with following specification of the name can be put on the label, if stricter rules, comparing to general Conegliano Valdobbiadene are respected:

- the grapes must come only from the commune shown on the label
- yield must be no higher than 13 tons per hectare.
- harvesting must be only by hand
- the year of production must always be shown,
- Rive can only be produced in the Spumante (“fully sparkling”) version.

With Glera, very sensible to microclimate and terroir, we can say, that there are at least 43 expressions of this grape variety, by the number of Rive.

Landscape, viticulture and sustainability – the future of Conegliano Valdobbiadene

The UNESCO – protected landscape of Conegliano Valdobbiadene is very important in the region there are no more vineyards planted from 2021, in order to protect its biodiversity, maintain the balance on the planted areas and take care of soils and the quality of terroir.

Since 1st January 2019, the use of glyphosate and any other systemic herbicide in the Conegliano Valdobbiadene area was prohibited, and it became the largest zone in Europe free from most controversial chemical substance.

Then, to preserve the soil and restore its organic matter, no more chemical nitrogen can be used in the vineyards and must be replaced by an organic matter. And to protect the unique microclimates of Rive and anticipate the effects of climate change on the region, a forecasting study is now in progress.

The goal of these actions is to have a 100% of the vineyards of Conegliano Valdobbiadene certified by S.Q.N.P.I. Certification (National Quality System for Integrated Production), which will show, that the vineyard is free from any not natural substance and made choice of healthy products for its treatments in order to respect the environment and the harmony of ecosystem, creating a compromise between its environmental and economic needs.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville



Find tasting comments on Conegliano-Valdobbiadene wines on pages 66 & 67

GRÜNER VELTLINER

AUSTRIA'S SIGNATURE GRAPE



Grüner Veltliner can lay claim to being Austria's signature grape variety. Not only is it the most widely planted variety, covering 32% of vineyard space, it is capable of producing a wide range of styles including world-class, age worthy wines. Rarely found elsewhere, you will find small plantings in neighbouring Czech Republic and Hungary. More recently, growers in New Zealand, Argentina and the U.S.A. have been experimenting with the variety. However, Austria is still responsible for over 90% of all plantings. It is possible that, because it is only grown in one small country, it doesn't quite get the recognition it deserves. Having said that, Grüner Veltliner, or GrooVee as some call it, is an essential component on fashionable wine lists from New York to London to Tokyo. Many sommeliers realise it is one of the great all-rounders, a wine that can be paired with a wide spectrum of dishes.

In style the wines vary from light and racy to rich and powerful and include some serious structured wines that will keep and develop for decades. It depends on the meso-climate and soils. Grüner Veltliner grows well in cooler climates and requires careful canopy management. High yields can lead to dilute wines.

The largest plantings in Austria are in the Weinviertel, where most of the wines are light and refreshing with racy green fruits and a characteristic hint of ginger, white pepper and sometimes dill. Many of the grapes are made into sparkling wine. Otherwise, they are a source of great thirst-quenching summer wines.

However, in regions such as the Wachau, Kamptal, Kremstal and a few other chosen sites, Grüner Veltliner excels in the free-draining loess and primary rock soils. Wines from south-facing vineyards in the Wachau tend to be richer and higher in alcohol, especially those labelled Smaragd. Those from Kremstal and Kamptal tend to be lighter and racier, but in no way inferior. Grüner Veltliner is very well suited to the loess soils here bringing a rich spiciness to the wines. Some argue that the Lamm vineyard, next to the famous Heiligenstein vineyard (planted with Riesling) is the finest site of all for Grüner Veltliner.

Grüner Veltliner is rarely aged in new oak, so the wines offer a freshness and purity of fruit that make them great to drink on their own, but also fantastic food wines too. Locals would enjoy them with white asparagus in season and year-round with the famous Wiener Schnitzel. However they partner well with a wide spectrum of foods, including Asian cuisines.

John Wilson



Bründlmayer - Ried Käferberg 2022, 10TW Kamptal

Fresh nuanced herbal and floral aromas; closed at first on the palate but opens out to reveal intense but subtle peach fruits interwoven with lemon peel and ginger. Medium-bodied with a real elegance and a lingering finish.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Malat - Ried Gottschelle 10TW Grüner Veltliner 2021 Kremstal DAC

Orange peel and exotic fruits on the generous nose that carry though onto a youthful but intensely flavoured palate. There is a strong seam of mineral acidity to keep the richness in balance and retain a lovely juicy freshness.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Birgit Eichinger - Ried Lamm 10TW Grüner Veltliner 2022 Kamptal

A very seductive floral honeyed nose. Fleshy plump nectarine and pineapple fruits on the palate with a subtle spiciness, orange peel, and honey. Youthful and very promising.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Pichler - Ried Klostersatz 2023, Wachau DAC

Yellow fruits aromas with a touch of ginger. Lively and spicy with abundant stone fruits, fine mineral acidity and good length. Elegant and restrained with excellent balance.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Grüner Veltliner Radikal 2021, Herbert Zillinger Weinviertel

Zillinger is from the less fashionable Weinviertel region, but still crafts marvellous wines. This wine explodes with flavour on the palate. Lush, textured, mouth-watering mangoes, ripe peaches and red apples. Plenty of spice, slightly funky with a strong mineral background. Finishes dry.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Zahel - Grüner Veltliner Ried Goldberg Laaerberg, Alte Reben Wein aus Wien

From vineyards above the city of Vienna, a lighter style of Grüner Veltliner with fresh fruit aromas. The palate has generous green fruits, a crisp acidity with grapefruit and a dry mineral finish.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Obrecht Jeninser winery

The prestigious wine-growing area in German-speaking Switzerland covers 480 hectares; pinot noir is undoubtedly the star grape as it accounts for 80% of the total area. The iconic red grape from Burgundy finds ideal conditions here in lime-rich soils and a rather mild climate.

The canton can be divided into four sub-regions that, due to their soil and climatic and morphological characteristics, yield wines with very different flavours and profiles.

The Klettgau area, on the border with Germany, is the most important and largest area: 389 hectares of vineyards. The vineyards stretch all the way to the northern border of Switzerland, from Gächlingen to Trassadingen, via Oberhallau and Hallau. The soils are deep, clayey and calcareous, excellent for pinot noir and blauburgunder.

Around the city of Schaffhausen, near the Rhine Falls, wine growing has been going on since the end of the Middle Ages. Today there are less than ten hectares in production, which, when added to those in the Reiat area, add up to around 30.

The same area can be found in the municipality of Stein am Rhein, in the highest part of the canton, along the Rhine River, the steep hills of Wolkenstein are known. Here, the soils, unlike those in Klettgau, are shallow, sandy and gravelly. Fine wines are among the finest. Finally, in Buchberg, the fifth largest wine town in the canton, on 33 hectares, the soils are marly with sandstone and sedimentary rocks. Here the wines are full-bodied, rich and elegant.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville

Jürg Obrecht Jeninser Pinot Blanc 2021 Graubünden

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is pure and expresses notes of juicy and fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, white peach, ripe apricot), associated with touches of exotic fruits (pineapple, a hint of fresh banana) and an elegant and airy floral bouquet. We find notes of white flowers (lily, acacia, hawthorn, apple blossom), as well as a limestone and minty mineral touch in the background. The palate is lively, with a mineral, saline and tangy attack. It expresses citrus flavors (lemon, lemon zest, lime), a chiseled touch of green apple, as well as the gourmandise of apricot and white peach. We also find the notes of white flowers (acacia, hawthorn, apple blossom). The finish is persistent, dynamic, with a salivating acidity and a slightly drying saline and calcareous minerality. A wine with a beautiful structure, freshness and accuracy.

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

Jürg Obrecht Jeninser Pinot Blanc 2022 Graubünden

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is delicate and fresh. It expresses pleasant mineral touches (limestone, clay), associated with gourmand notes of yellow peach, ripe apricot, a touch of honey, apple blossom, acacia, a herbaceous hint of mint in the background and with tangy citrus hints (lemon peel, lemon juice, orange in the background). The palate offers a round, even slightly oily attack. We find the gourmandise of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), an exotic touch of melon, even green mango, the acidity of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, orange zest), as well as white flowers (acacia), a lactic hint as well as minerality of limestone in the background. The finish is long, fruity, with roundness, good bitterness and medium acidity.

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

Jürg Obrecht Jeninser Sauvignon Blanc 2022 Graubünden

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. On the first nose, we find a limestone minerality, expressive scents of citrus (yellow lemon, grated lemon zest, grapefruit) and passion fruit, which are complemented on the

second nose by notes of white peach, fresh pineapple, honeysuckle and apple blossom, combined with a touch of butter and fresh almond after aeration. The palate is gourmand, with a fruity attack (stone fruits – yellow peach, apricot) and the mid and end of the palate are lively and chiseled, with flavors of green apple, yellow lemon, lime and grapefruit with a good bitterness. We also notice delicate notes of hay, linden and apple blossom. The acidity is salivating and lively. Beautiful freshness and persistence, with typical notes of Sauvignon Blanc.

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

Rötiberg Kellerei Klettgau Chardonnay 2022 Schaffhausen

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses the aromas of fleshy and juicy fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot, yellow plum), fresh yellow apple, lemon, a gourmand and slightly sweet minty touch (reminiscent of mint syrup), as well as a hint of apricot yogurt and a very delicate touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity and juicy, with roundness and gourmandise on the attack (flavors of yellow peach, pineapple, apricot and melon) and a mid-palate with freshness and acidity of citrus fruits (lemon zest, lemon juice, a hint of grapefruit, but without bitterness). The finish offers a round and pleasant lactic hint, a fine minerality (wet clay, limestone), as well as a supple, but pleasant acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Rötiberg Kellerei Klettgau Pinot Gris 2022 Schaffhausen

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with very slight golden highlights. The nose expresses the fleshiness of exotic fruits (fresh pineapple, a touch of passion fruit and yellow melon) and stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach), a sweet hint of lemon cream, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (orange blossom, apricot blossom, acacia), a lactic touch of lemon yogurt and a note of lemon zest. The palate offers precision, good bitterness on attack and a pleasant roundness, refreshed by medium acidity. It expresses notes of stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow plum, apricot), lemon peel, bitter orange, grapefruit, as well as exotic fruits (pineapple, a hint of mango), lemon yogurt a hint of toast at the end of the palate, associated with a delicate saline minerality. A gourmand and supple wine.

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

Rötiberg Kellerei Klettgau Blanc de Noir 2022 Schaffhausen

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with golden or even orange highlights. The nose is fragrant and gourmand: it expresses the aromas of expressive but refined red fruits (red cherry, raspberry, red currant), associated with a touch of pear drops, vine peach, ripe apricot, as well as a bitterness of pink grapefruit and fresh almond, a touch of fresh rose and white pepper in the background. The palate has a gourmand, fruity and supple attack. It first expresses notes of vine peach, ripe raspberry and red currants, associated in the mid-palate with notes of grapefruit (with its good bitterness), bitter orange, candied lemon, apricot and yellow peach. The finish is quite persistent and sapid. It offers a delicate saline minerality, good bitterness, as well as a spicy touch (peppery and vanilla) and a salivating acidity. A gourmand and original white wine.

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

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RESTAURANT GARDENIA

*Green heart among the lands
of Erbaluce di Caluso*



Not far from the historic center of Caluso, capital of Erbaluce, the grape that gives rise to one of Italy's greatest whites, the Gardenia

Restaurant has been located in a 19th-century courtyard since 1977. Here, Piedmonts cuisine is on stage, but with great French contamination. France that Mariangela Susigan experienced from a very young age; her parents having moved there after World War II for work.

There is no shortage of agnolotti, fritto misto piedmonts, finanziaria, but a pioneering desire to experiment got the better of her to such an extent that she pushed into the vegetable world at an early age, a commitment that led the restaurant to be awarded a Michelin star in 2001 and twenty years later to that of the Green Star. Sustainability and the use of zero-mileage products for the construction of a virtuous supply chain respecting the land and agricultural labor. What we find today is a Piedmonts cuisine of a matrix lightened or enriched - depending on one's point of view - by herbs and vegetables processed with intelligence, the objective is to valorize all parts of the ingredient, even waste is preserved, reworked.

A recent bright painting on the ceiling by artist Gosia Turzeniecka amplifies the dialogue between food and nature. Nurtured at first hand through the restaurant's vegetable garden, which combines wild herbs with forgotten vegetables, small fruits, unusual medicinal and aromatic plants, edible flowers, native species and ancient root varieties. A circular economy process, from the vegetable waste from the kitchen and the woody biomass from mowing and pruning, compost is produced which is used to fertilize the garden, thus minimizing food waste. Herbs already harvested in the Canavese valleys, in Valchiusella and in the morainic amphitheater, studied, preserved, and protected to then be expressed in dishes. A good example is the Gran Riserva carnaroli risotto, wild strawberries, civrin, spruce buds and salted lemon.

A project of this magnitude could not remain hidden; in fact, the "Serra Experience" was born, a place for events or to experience the Chef's Table and enjoy the soul of the restaurant together with a seductive wine pairing developed by sommeliers Elisabetta and Gabriele, who rightly give great space to the wines of the territory and the family wine cellar, Cantine Crosio, together with another thousand references.

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RESTAURANT GREPPIA

*Food & wine tradition and
hospitality in the centre of Verona*

The Guizzardi family's business has been among the 'Ristoranti Tipici', 'Ristoranti Storici' and 'Bottega Storici' for a few years now. Recognitions awarded by the Municipality of Verona to a few, to those who are committed to protecting traditional food and wine products and preserving their culture. It should come as no surprise that Greppia falls into this category. The business, with 40 years of experience behind it, focuses on family, hospitality and traditional recipes accompanied by a selection of wines that looks to classic, Veronese and Italian labels, without forgetting to scout the world's leading wine denominations.



Selected by Sommelier Luca Guizzardi, who oversees 300 labels in continuous rotation, with a special focus on the search for 'Biodynamic' and 'Natural' wines.

The history of this sign in the historic center of the city of Romeo and Juliet is undoubtedly linked to that of home-made pasta. Worked and cut by hand, it is presented on the plate mainly with meat sauce, but also with other condiments. If fresh pasta is a must-have, there is a vast selection of antipasti, in which the local Sopressa, a typical Verona Salume made with a coarse-grained mixture mixed with garlic and herbs, a sausage of ancient tradition, probably dating back to the Scaligeri (13th century), stands out. Other typical dishes are sarde in saòr, giardiniera d'orto, lardo di Colonnata with polenta, and culatello di Zibello with balsamic vinegar. On the main courses, little secrets can be found in the cooking times of meat from selected farms, lamb, beef, veal, horse, donkey, and pork. Try the grilled rib-eye steak with seasonal vegetables. Quality selection as the mantra for the Guizzardi family, who grew up in Verona's Samaritana alley. Which in the future will see its work expand by opening to tourism at 360°, also offering a room rental service above the restaurant. A restaurant located in the narrow streets of Verona's historic center, with a very large table turn, a spacious dehors, Roman rooms and authentic columns inside to support the ancient, vaulted ceiling.

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RESTAURANT LALIQUE

The "Culinarian of the Vine"

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey is a 1st Grand Cru Classé of 1855 in the heart of Sauternes: the wines are delicious, and the place is marvelous. Since 2014, the winery is owned by Silvio Denz, a businessman but also an aesthete. He is also the happy owner of Maison Lalique, the famous crystal glass-making factory, and decided to create a place blending crystal, wine, hospitality, and gastronomy! It's finally in 2018 that the hôtel-restaurant opened after works and a lot of historical research. Today, we can't deny the success.



Welcome to the Lalique Restaurant where the Chef Jérôme Schilling is creating a suspended moment totally inspired by the vineyards of Sauternes: it is why, he gained the title of « Culinarian of the vine ». Jérôme Schilling has always been surrounded by vineyards or wines. He is originally from Alsace and when he did the opening of the Lalique restaurant in 2018, his goal was clear. He wished to highlight the terroir of Sauternes and especially Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey one in every aspect. It is also important that his team is involved in the menu creation which includes the Chef Sommelier... and it is rare enough to be pointed out.

2022 was the consecration's year: the Chef won the iconic title of MOF (Meilleur Ouvrier de France), and the restaurant was endowed with two Michelin stars! We then know that the experience will be marvelous, and it is upon arrival with the warm welcome of Julien Cozzi, the manager of Lalique Restaurant team. The place is elegant, designed by Lady Tina Green and Pietro Mongarelli. The fully glazed dining room has a beautiful view on the vineyards and even the ceiling is a "ciel de vigne" with crystal chandeliers.

The menu encompasses a creation around a vintage of Chateau Lafaurie-Peyraguey: everything inspires the Chef, and he plays with the flavors, colors, textures, scents of the wine to create a unique dish. Then, you will be able to experience a course around the « sarment » (the vines branch) and a vegetarian course using a vegetable growing in Sauternes terroir. Obviously, Sauternes wine is used in the kitchen but also winemaking products: nothing is lost, everything is used. For instance, the first press can be part of the salting and lies can be included in different sauce. Everything is perfect in term of plating: the design and beauty of the dishes are stunning. In addition of this Sauternes obsession, you will be able to discover a signature of Jérôme Schilling: his love for acidity which gives fresh and juicy recipes.



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Sauternes wines are marvelous to pair with gastronomy. The Chef Sommelier Logan Guignot-Trufley was also in Alsace at Villa René Lalique Hôtel & Restaurant before joining the Lalique restaurant in Sauternes in 2023. He also has a strong background in wine and like the Chef Schilling, he is into competitions: finalist of Master of Port 2023, semi-finalist of Best Sommelier of France 2024 (the next steps of the competition will take place this autumn, let's keep our fingers crossed for him!) ... With his team, they have a very important role: to (re)educate guests about Sauternes thanks to clever pairings but also cocktails. But don't get confused, the pairings are not 100% sweet wines: you can follow the advice of the sommeliers and discover gold nuggets from their 2700 wines list!

The Chef Sommelier is also working on different projects like alcohol free drinks for the gastronomical restaurant, and the bar list which has already some amazing exclusivities with Lalique partners.



The five stars hotel is a nest, very confidential with few rooms, at 45 minutes' drive from Bordeaux. You obviously have the Lalique Restaurant, but you can also enjoy La Terrasse de Lafaurie: a summer restaurant open from May to October. They are working around a brasero, and the menu is 39 euros per person. The wine list is delightful and every Wednesday, there is band playing music for you! Who said Sauternes was boring?

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Excellence in Paestum

In Paestum, in the marvellous Cilento region, between the sea and the hills overlooking Capri, the Pagano family's facilities are among the jewels of our peninsula. With an 8 million euro renovation by architect Giampiero Panepinto, the Savoy Club is a dream structure with restaurants, including the red bistro "Tre Olivi", headed by chef Oliver Glowig, the Holo Spa, the Beach Club 93, with a private beach and multifunctional spaces for conferences, weddings and events, and 44 elegant rooms. A place for all-round well-being that recalls that which has existed since the times of the ancient Greeks. 700 square metres in which there is no lack of swimming pools, Turkish baths, and a salt pool reminiscent of the Dead Sea.

The new summer season at the Savoy Club is also an opportunity to visit the Paestum archaeological park and promote Cilento and its thousand-year history of myths and beauty, little known to international travelers. A sort of village that looks to history and excellence, especially culinary excellence, the latest menu at the Tre Olivi pays homage to Mediterranean cuisine and tradition by relying on organic ingredients produced by Giuseppe Pagano's estate, San Salvatore 1988, known for its wines, but also cheeses and oil. The Mediterranean diet is the only way forward, which in this oasis is offered 10 months a year to a foreign clientele, with the American target growing.

The cuisine of chef Oliver Glowig

German by origin but extremely involved with the flavors of Italian cuisine, chef Oliver Glowig shows his expression of Cilento cuisine through two tasting menus: "My Signature" with its iconic dishes and "Paestum Tale," the cost of both is €160 per person. Guests can also choose 3 dishes from both menus composed by 8 courses each. Emphasis is placed on land rather than sea dishes, as this is the way of tradition in the Cilento region. Local meats and vegetables from the garden. The courses are rich, varied, yet light, with definite and mouthwatering flavors. Like



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the Animelle di vitello, ricotta e spugnone or the Bottoni ripieni di salsiccia di Noglia with raw red shrimp from Acciaroli and onion essence.

To close, the trend of offering non-sweet desserts is confirmed, Oliver flaunts "The Artichoke Ode, with artichoke baba with olive oil ice cream and bread.

Among the commendable dishes, to be tried at least once in a lifetime, are the Eliche cacio e pepe with sea urchins and the Pigeon with goose foie gras sauce, white fig carpaccio and Menaica anchovies.

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Crab, shallots, Granny Smith apple, samphire, bell pepper, miso mayonnaise, herbal transparent veil, crayfish bisque, lemon whipped cream with Domaine de Pignan 2023

This Domaine de Pignan 2023 is a great deal! A very delicate nose with hints of apple and citrus coming from this very well-balanced assemblage. The velvety rich texture brings complexity to the acidity and the freshness is still vivid even in the aftertaste. We thought that bringing elements like crab with the acidity of the Granny Smith would pair well with Domaine de Pignan. The herbs we brought into the green layer would reveal the complexity of the wine and reach its peak with the langoustine bisque. Fantastic!



Duck Breast, cooked in low temperature, beets purée and Japanese Yukari with Chateau Ascension 2019

Saint Emilion at its best!!
The 2019 of Chateau Ascension gives a remarkable complexity with hints of fresh berries and a very smooth balance. This is a dense and well concentrated vintage that goes perfectly well with the richness of the duck. You can also taste some hints of wild berries that plays well with the acidity of the pickled radish.
Great marriage!

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FRANCIACORTA MOSNEL

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The region of Franciacorta is located in Lombardy, in the Province of Brescia, only one hour drive to east from Milan. This well-known financial and fashion center contributed significantly to the popularity of sparkling wine of Franciacorta, which were known till then only locally, and to the recognition of their high quality. Today, Franciacorta is a successful story of Italian winemaking, with a unique terroir, highlighted by engaged producers, such as Mosnel.

Ancient history of sparkling wines

According to old documents, the viticulture in Franciacorta already existed even in 12th, when local monasteries introduced and developed the vine growing and winemaking in the region. Moreover, there is a reference to producing sparkling wines in the area in 16th century. The origin of the name “Franciacorta” dates back to 13th century and refers to the term “Franzacurta”, found in old documents and probably meaning the exemption of local villages from commercial taxes “Franche Curtes”, thanks to the protection of their clergy. The quality of sparkling wines of Franciacorta was known firstly only locally, but thanks to the proximity of an important city of Milan, the recognition of their finesse went outside the boundaries of the region. In 1967 Franciacorta was one of the first wine regions in Italy to obtain the DOC status, and in 1995 – it was the first Italian wine region producing sparkling wines, to obtain the highest DOCG status.

Mosnel at the origins of Franciacorta appellation

Mosnel is one of Franciacorta’s oldest wine brands and family estates – its history dates back to 1836, when the Barboglio family inherited Camignone estate and its vineyards, which were producing “perfettissimi vini” already in the 17th century. Wine was always one of the domain’s major activities, but the turning point for Mosnel arrived when its previous owner Emanuela Barzanò Barboglio, decided to focus exclusively on wine, in 1968. Thus Mosnel became a reference for local producers and for the whole appellation, which she contributed to establish in 1967. Then, in 1990 she was among the founding members of the Consorzio. Nowadays, Giulio and Lucia Barzanò,

the children of Emanuella, are the owners of 42 ha of Mosnel’s vineyards. The winery is run by Giulio, who supervises the production together with an experienced team, and Lucia is in charge of communication and marketing.

Highlighting the terroir in wines with less sugar

Franciacorta is a hilly region and a naturally shaped amphitheater overlooking Lake Iseo. A large glacier formed it during two ice ages, moving down from Camonica valley. So the soils here are of morainic origin and have a specific composition. They are rich in sand, silt and loam, but poor in clay, permeable and often thick. The whole area of Franciacorta is also covered with stones and pebbles, carried here by the old glaciers. These stones not only give a

particular texture and add a component in the local soil, by they were also used to build houses and “brolì” – typical for the region stonewalls, surrounding buildings and vineyards.

The regulating effect of the Lake Iseo and the cooling effect of the Prealps have an important influence on the climate of Franciacorta. In summer, cool breezes coming from Camonica Valley across the lake refresh the hot air, and in winter the lake protects the region from cold northern winds, heating them by some degrees.

This is why we can find some Mediterranean vegetation in Franciacorta. Mosnel is located on the north-east corner of Franciacorta region where the cooling influence of Prealps mountains is even greater than that of Lake Iseo. Both mountains and lake provide constant ventilation, thus contributing to growing healthy grapes and fostering aromatic precursors, leading to flavorful grapes.

The vineyards of Mosnel are grown on soils of fluvio-glacial origin, with a high percentage of pebbles and marl of its soils. Even the winery name comes from the local dialect and means “heap of stones”. The permeability of this soil force the wine roots dig deeper and thus cumulate minerals and aromatic elements.

These particularities – a cooler climate and stone soils - allows to get concentrated grapes and produce great wines even with low or no residual sugar, as Mosnel has chosen to do in 1981, well before it became trendy.

“Franciacorta is a region highly suitable for viticulture and we operate in the vineyards and in the cellar with the greatest care. This results in some very balanced Franciacorta which require a minimal amount of the dosage liqueur”.

Giulio Barzanò



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“We see ourselves as wine producer first. The fact the wine we produce is a sparkling wine comes after. We carefully supervise each step of production: from choosing the best parcels where to plant the vines, through harvest to the choice of the barrique to age our wines. This is done with a clear purpose: producing a wine of utmost quality”

Lucia Barzanò

Vinification for harmony and complexity of wines

The second reason of the elegance and depth of Mosnel's sparkling wines is a great attention to the aromatic expression of a wine, during the vinification process. One third of each base wine, for both vintage and non-vintage sparkling wines, is fermented and aged in barriques. This process provides not only more complex aromas and more depth on the nose, but also a greater smoothness and persistence on the palate. Another feature of Mosnel is the long ageing on lees undergone by each bottle, which gives time to wines to fully reveal themselves. Wines are aged for 24 months minimum even though specifications of the appellation require only 18 months.

Grape varieties and respect for the environment

In addition to common in the region Chardonnay and Pinot Noir Mosnel uses also Pinot Blanc and Erbammat. Once widespread Pinot Blanc was gradually abandoned, because it is highly demanding and more difficult to cultivate. However, Mosnel still has one sixth of its vineyards planted with this variety, because of the elegance that it brings to wines. If Pinot Blanc reminds the past, Erbammat represents the future of the winery. Erbammat is a high-acidic and late-ripening native grape variety, recently introduced in Franciacorta's specifications, in order to face the effects of climate change. Mosnel is experimenting with one hectare of Erbammat, planted on its vineyards, all organically farmed. In addition, Mosnel recently embraced BIOPASS Project aimed at assessing the "identity" of each parcel through an evaluation of soil and organic matter, copper content and biodiversity, in order to better adapt the work to a parcel and intervene only when necessary.

Promising projects and experiments with lees aging

One of the most ambitious projects, recently released by Mosnel is "Riedizione", which aims to investigate ageing on the lees, bringing it to the next level of complexity. 400 magnums of "Riedizione Brut 2000" has been aged for 19 years on the fine lees and disgorged in 2020. Another special projects and experiments with lees aging are the two Mosnel's cuvées with fifteen years of ageing: "EBB" and "Parosé 2007 Re-edition 2023". "The Re-editions, together with the Reserves, are our most ambitious projects, capable to fully embody the Mosnel Style, made up of care, sense of waiting, and the ability to wait most precious things", says Lucia Barzanò.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville

Franciacorta Mosnel Brut Satèn 2019

Franciacorta Satèn

(100% Chardonnay, 2020 draw, disgorging November 2023) The color of the wine is brilliant, a pale lemon yellow color and fine bubbles. On the nose, the wine is subtly fragrant, with slight aromas of toast and brioche. It expresses refined aromas of warm brioche, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices (ground cumin, coriander seeds, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla), which enhance the wine after aeration and complement the ripe fruit (yellow peach, apricot, lemon, grapefruit, citron) and candied fruits (candied lemon peel, candied bitter orange in the background). There are also lactic aromas of fresh butter, browned butter and lemon yogurt. The palate is very elegant, frank, complex and precise. The attack is filled with tangy and chiselled flavors of grapefruit, bergamot (with a delicate bitterness and a smoky touch), candied lime and bitter orange, enveloped in a fruity, juicy and gourmand fruitiness of white peach, yellow nectarine and apricot. At the end of the palate, very persistent, the wine develops its complexity and expresses spicy (cumin, coriander seed, clove, toasted vanilla), toasted (toasted hazelnut, toasted bitter almond) and lactic notes (lemon yogurt, fresh butter), complimented by flavours of toasted bread and warm brioche. The foam is silky and persistent. A wine of great finesse, very subtle and at the same time rich in flavors.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



Franciacorta Mosnel Parosé Rosé Pas Dosé 2018

Franciacorta Rosé

(Pinot Nero 70%, Chardonnay 30%, tirage 2019, disgorging June 2023) The color of the wine is brilliant, pale golden. On the nose, the wine is delicate, subtly fruity and floral. It expresses very light, but perceptible and gourmand notes of red and white fruits – white raspberry, pineapple strawberry, garriguetta strawberry in the background, as well as stone fruits (white peach and white nectarine). After aeration, we find the liveliness of citrus fruits – a bitter touch of grapefruit zest, lemon, bitter orange and bergamot with its smoky hint, as well as a subtle tertiary touch of wilted rose and wet leaves, as well as sweet and toasted spices (vanilla in the background, cloves, a hint of nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond), a lactic hint of cherry yogurt. On the palate, the wine is complex, rounder and juicy than on the nose. It offers a chiseled and lemony attack, with slightly bitter citrus notes (grapefruit, lime and bergamot), enveloped in the gourmandise of vine peach, red cherry, white raspberry, garriguetta strawberry and pineapple strawberry. In the mid-palate, we find sweet spices (vanilla, ground cumin, nutmeg), a lactic touch of cherry yogurt and a hint of toasted hazelnut and toasted almond. The finish is persistent, frank and straight, with

lively acidity and good grapefruit bitterness and perfume of cherry blossom. The mousse is refined and delicate. An elegant wine, with lots of flavor and finesse.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Franciacorta Mosnel EBB Extra Brut 2018

Franciacorta

(100% Chardonnay, 2019 draw, disgorging June 2023) The color of the wine is clear, a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fine, with a lot of subtlety and a precise limestone and saline mineral framework. The fruity aromas are chiseled and tangy: we find notes of lemon, fresh lemon zest, a touch of grapefruit juice and bergamot, as well as a hint of yuzu. After aeration, the wine expresses a lactic and yeasty aromas of lemon yogurt, fresh butter and fresh brioche, complemented by delicate tertiary notes of chestnut honey, wax and tobacco in the background (even by a very discreet touch of white truffle) and sweet spices (vanilla, nutmeg). We also find youthfulness in aromas of fresh stone fruits (white peach, apricot), fresh quince and fresh white flowers (white rose, acacia, lily). The attack on the palate is racy, straight and mineral, with lively and chiselled notes of lime, bergamot, lemon zest, as well as calcareous touch and salinity (even iodized) in its mineral framework. The mid-palate expresses flavors of white peach, tangy apricot and fresh quince, combined with scents of rose, lily and acacia, as well as a touch of sweet spices (nutmeg, cumin), fresh brioche and vanilla yogurt. The finish has a lot of energy and liveliness, and lingers for a long time on the palate with iodized and saline mineral notes. The bubbles are very silky and velvety. Lots of elegance and finesse in this wine, energy and subtlety.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



MALVIRA'

Discover one of the greatest Roero wineries



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Founded in the heart of Roero, Piedmont, by Giuseppe Damonte in the 1950's, the winery is currently run by his sons Massimo and Roberto Damonte, the second generation. In the 42-hectare vineyard park, the winery is home to 80-year-old vines in sandy and clayey mixed limestone soils, with exposures and altitudes divided into seven different blocks where Nebbiolo, Barbera and Arneis are grown, as well as the international Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling. The wines reveal a powerful, structured and mineral profile, the winery's flagship Arneis and Nebbiolo from the 14-hectare Trinity Vineyard belonging to the family since 1986. Fresh, citrusy and iodized the white Roero, intense, enveloping and dense the Roero Riserva Trinità. For the past few years, the winery has successfully run the Villa Tiboldi farmhouse and its restaurant.

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Malvira' – S.S. Trinità 1999 Roero Riserva

(Red wine) The nose is beautiful, elegant, delicate, aromatic, aerial and offers a beautiful textured matter. There are notes of quite ripe raspberry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of pulpy/ purple plum associated with touches of liquorice/ zan stick, sweet blond tobacco, vanilla as well as a subtle floral hint, toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible fresh truffle hint. The mouth is full of delicacy, juicy, velvety, gourmand, aerial and offers precision, tension, a stretched/ tension side, a beautiful mellowness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ ripe wild blackberry, pulpy/ ripe cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco, discreet cloves, zan and a subtle saline hint. beautiful definition and gourmandise. Beautiful, mellow, mineral and sapid persistence. Subtle hint of chocolate in the background.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Malvira' – Renesio 2019 Roero Riserva

(Organic Red wine) Beautiful, precise, pulpy, warm and elegant nose that offers a velvety, delicate and powerful grain. There are notes of violet, pulpy/ ripe plum and small notes of blackberries associated with touches of cornflowers, nutmeg and a subtle hint of star anise. The mouth is elegant, precise, mellow, fresh, supple and offers a mineral frame, a beautiful jutosity, brightness (of the fruit), fullness in delicacy as well as a beautiful quality of the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, juicy/ fresh bigarreau cherry and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with touches of nutmeg, toast, cardamom and a subtle hint of toasted almond. Good length. A very discreet sappy hint in the background. Tannins are mellow and subtly sappy.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Malvira' – Vigna Saglietto 2019 Roero Arneis Riserva

(Organic white wine) Beautiful nose, elegant, precise, delicate in its concentration/small richness and that offers a fine straightness as well as a certain freshness that leds. There are notes of fresh quince, ripe yellow apple and small notes of white flowers associated with a touch of fresh physalis, hints of apricot flowers as well as an almost sappy (noble) hint in the background and fresh almond. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers jutosity, brightness, a certain gourmandise, suavity, precision, fullness, a nice freshness, a beautiful elegance as well as delicacy in its fat / bâtonnage on lies. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy pear, quenette and small notes of pulpy / ripe lemon associated with fine almost physalis touches as well as a subtle hint of ripe pineapple and almond. Beautiful finish / persistence. A very discreet sappy hint on the persistence that extends the tasting.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Malvira' – Renesio 2013 Roero Arneis

(Organic white wine) The wine needs to be put in carafe. The nose is fresh, deep and offers a nice fresh spices side as well as a beautiful and finely velvety grain. There are notes of fresh nutmeg, fresh/ ripe small fruits and small notes of freshly-toasted oak associated with slight varietal touches and a very discreet almost fresh beeswax hint. The mouth is fruity and offers jutosity, brightness, a beautiful contrôle / precision, tension, suavity as well as energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy quenette, bright apple and small notes of pulpy vine peach associated with a subtle almost apricot/ apricot flowers hint and a hint of fresh almond. Beautiful sappy hints, iodized and toasted (in the background). Good length. Beautiful persistence and a very subtle almost tannic hint (from an aromatic point of view) in the background.

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

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CAIAROSSA

Balance, passion and respect for the land

A magnificent Tuscan winery, founded in 1998 in Riparbella village, one hour from the city of Pisa. The 31 hectares of vines means a production of 130000 bottles. Caiarossa is involved in a biodynamic viticulture, one of the best wines produced are the "Aria di Caiarossa" and "Pergolaia". Both blends of international and native varieties like Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Grenache, Viognier, Vermentino and Sangiovese. Purchased by Eric Albada Jelgersma, owner of Château Giscours in Margaux Appellation, in 2004, today the children Valérie, Dennis and Derk manage the winery. The wine makers are Jérôme Poisson and Francesco Villa, their style is influenced by Bordeaux, very visible and very appreciated through the wines. The protocol of production is classic, long fermentation takes place in cement and oak tanks of different sizes and capacities, and then another 11-20 months of aging in small oak barrels (only 30% new).

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Aria di Caiarossa 2021

Toscana Rosso IGT

Beautiful, fruity and flowery nose that offers precision, deepness as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of small blue fruits, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh/bright small red fruits, fine hints of Bourbon vanilla as well as a delicate hint of local grove and an imperceptible hint of aromatic herbs (in the background).

The palate is nicely structured, fresh, well-balanced and offers power in finesse, precision in its concentration, a certain freshness, a good definition, an acidulous structure as well as brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright red berries and small notes of bright red plum associated with a touch of toasted tonka bean and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are mellow. An imperceptible hint of noble varietal / sense of place (local biotope) in the background. A fine toasted hint on the persistence.

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

Caiarossa 2021

Toscana Rosso IGT

The nose is elegant, precise, nicely racy and offers a fine infusion side as well as a beautiful precise and stretched grain. It reveals notes of ripe/dense wild red berries, pepper and small notes of violet, local grove associated with touches of tonka bean, delicate hints of sweet spices as well as fine hints of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, infusion and an imperceptible iodine hint (in the background). The palate is beautifully structured, tangy, nicely stretched and offers freshness, gourmandise, precision, tension, an acidulous frame, a certain density in controle/balance, a nice grain, a nice creaminess in freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, pulpy/juicy wild

strawberry and small notes of bright/juicy purple plum associated with touches of bright small fruits, hints of cornflower, star anise, black olive as well as fine hints of racy minerality and a subtle hint of toasted almond. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. Long and beautiful persistence. A subtle chewiness on the finish.

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

Caiarossa Bianco 2021

Toscana Bianco IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a nice grain as well as a certain intensity and concentration. We find notes of vine peach, fleshy/ripe small white fruits and small notes of ripe mirabelle plum associated with touches of flowers / a racy "viognier" aromas as well as discreet hints of butter in the background. The palate is nicely structured, supple, round, airy, gourmande and offers juiciness, tanginess, brightness, a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine straightness as well as precision. Nice minerality and gourmandise on the mid-palate. It expresses notes of juicy/acidulous mirabelle plum, juicy/acidulous quince and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of yellow flowers, beeswax as well as a toasted hint and toasted almond. Beautiful acidulous and saline finish. Good work on the good bitterness that prolong the finish/persistence. Beautiful almost tannic hint on the finish, from a structural and aromatic point of view.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Caiarossa Bianco 2022

Toscana Bianco IGT

The nose is nicely built, finely tight and offers a fine density as well as a good definition. The wine needs to be put in carafe. There are notes of Mirabelle plum, fresh yellow flowers and small notes of fresh/juicy berries associated with fine touches of quince as well as hints of fresh nutmeg, bright apple, a subtle almost kumquat hint and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The mouth is nicely fruity, mineral and offers fruit, gourmandise, precision, a beautiful acidulous frame, a nice elegant fat, energy as well as a Burgundian character in its matter. Beautiful mid-palate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy apple, bright pear and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of quince as well as hints of juicy/fresh fruit as well as a subtle freshly-toasted hint and toasted almond on the finish. Beautiful energy, chew and sapidity on the finish/persistence. A very nice freshness.

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



BOSCO DE' MEDICI

An important historical legacy shines in the heart of Pompei



An all-round reality, a place of peace and history. Born from a desire to build. A first project idea was born in the vineyards overlooking Vesuvius in the early 1900s, Raffaele Palomba decided to try his hand at wine production. What became a riding school in the late nineties was transformed into a farm in 1996.

The name, Bosco de' Medici, inevitably recalls Tuscany; a stone with an inscription and a sign was found between the rows of vines. An 'M' with a crown. It turns out that the land was once owned by a branch of the noble Medici dynasty that moved to the Kingdom of Naples. In 1567, Luigi De Medici of Ottajano, prime minister of the Kingdom of Naples, entrusted his nephew Giuseppe with the task of producing excellent wines in an area recognized as highly vocationed since Roman times. The winery's new impetus started more recently, the new generation, Raffaele's grandchildren, built the winery in Pompeii not far from the Sanctuary and the archaeological excavations and put the first wines on the market; 2014 is the first official vintage of Bosco De' Medici wines, with 8000 bottles produced, Raffaele's dream is fulfilled. Today the company produces around 30000 bottles, and one of the most prominent oenologists in Italy is Vincenzo Mercurio. Wines based on Piedrosso, Falanghina and Caprettone. It is precisely this latter protagonist in the Pompei Bianco Igt that also tells its own story over time, showing good evolutionary potential. With herbaceous, citrus, and even honeyed aromas and a good wrap-around. The expertise of this reality is based on the protection of the unique terroir of Vesuvius (the only active volcano in continental Europe), zoning, sustainability, and continuous experimentation in the cellar. Only natural substances that stimulate the vine's immune response are used, avoiding pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, and herbicides. Harvesting is done manually in the 8 hectares of the estate within the Vesuvius National Park, all exposed to the south - south-east and at an altitude of approximately 250-300 m above sea level. The soil is volcanic/sandy, rich in minerals such as iron, potassium, phosphorus, and silica. One of the most fertile soils in the world. The ash and lapilli that penetrate the subsoil provide nutrients for the vines. Confirming this are the hundred-year-old pre-phylloxera vines that stand alongside the new plantings that are not yet ten years old.

Erika Montovan

TENUTA LILIANA

In Salento, eyes on Cabernet Sauvignon

A land of rare beauty, of sunshine, chosen by entrepreneur Antonio Intiglietta to produce wine in his own way. With a very vertical project. Few frills. The chosen vineyard is in Parabita, in the province of Lecce. He named the estate after his wife: Liliana Angelillo.

To finance this project, he is launching a crowdfunding campaign aimed at the regeneration of one of the most beautiful and well-known lands in terms of tourism with a still unexpressed potential in agriculture.

Shareholders with a minimum subscription of 250€ participate in the profits and enjoy a discount on the purchase of bottles.

In this land, one expects wines based on Negroamaro, Primitivo or Malvasia. Not at all. Assisted by French rootstock grower Pierre Marie Guillaume, the estate's oenologist Andrea Fattizzo has chosen to plant three different clones of cabernet sauvignon (685, 169, 412) two hundred meters above sea level. Contrata Specchia, as it is called, is the highest vineyard in Salento. The result in the bottle is called LADAME, a Salento IGP Parabita Contrada Specchia 100% cabernet sauvignon. Somewhat against the current trend, if you like, of seeking out indigenous varieties, every terroir in its beginnings has focused on international; one should not be too surprised by this choice because the objective is the search for elegance and finesse. This is the first way for this land with a vocation for wine to be talked about, which can, at a later stage, deepen and propose its sub-zones and different production areas.

Here, the soil lends itself to the French berry, loamy-sandy with a clay content of around 20 per cent and a capacity for water retention, rich in organic matter, macro and microelements. But also, with a good amount of lime, which makes



the soil cool and dry. The elevation ensures temperature fluctuations between day and night. First produced in 2018, the vineyard area consists of 1.80 hectares; less than six thousand plants per hectare facing north-south. The label, with an inverted triangle facing Mother Earth, represents fertility, life. Made by Seriprint of Locorotondo (Bari), with a cotton paper by Manter by Fedrigoni for a curious touch sensation.

Erika Montovan

LVNAE

Historical cradle of Vermentino

A winery closely linked to its place of origin and that in a certain sense pays homage to the history of an ancient Roman city: the town of Luni. On the border between Liguria and Tuscany, all that remains today are the ruins of what was once a powerful maritime city. A thousand-year history, already in 177 BC a Roman colony was founded at the mouth of the river Magra and named 'Portus Lunae'. Pliny the Elder, in his work 'Naturalis Historia' about the wine of this place wrote: 'Etruria Luna palma habet...' (65 AD).

The Bosoni family, rooted in this territory for 4 generations, is committed to the cultivation of vines, the production of wine and the protection of the territory and, of course, its promotion. An activity that is well received by the market, possible thanks to the relationship of trust established over the years with about 100 small wine growers, who feel they are an active part of a larger project. Only indigenous varieties are produced: Vermentino, Albarola, Vermentino Nero, Malvasia, Pollera Nera and Massareta. Grapes grown on no less than 65 hectares, a very large area for the area. Attention to the environment is in the foreground, the territory is respected through organic viticulture, the use of green energy that is substantiated in photovoltaic, geothermal and low environmental impact production facilities.

A design vision resulted in the construction of a new wine cellar, which is inspired by the surrounding nature and looks towards sustainability. The photovoltaic system installed on the roof allows more than half of the energy requirements to be covered; the remaining electricity used is acquired only from renewable sources. A geothermal system with horizontal probes allows for natural air conditioning of some of the rooms in the basement. The green mantle covering the main front of the cellar supports the natural air conditioning of the rooms and contains storage tanks for rainwater recovery.

Outside, there is a single sloping grass and stone floor in memory of traditional dry-stone walls, a reminder of heroic viticulture. For production, the characters of the individual plots are protected through separate vinification in temperature-controlled steel tanks. Wines that are aged in wood see the use of large barrels. The production style focuses on the



expressiveness of the fruit, its dynamism and, above all, harmony between the textures. A result made possible by the particularly heterogeneous soils even in small areas. The common thread in the hilly area is the skeleton and the poverty of organic substance.

An alternation of ancient rocks, where iron clays, sandstone and sand are only minimally evident. This type of substrate, combined with an optimal exposure of the vines and a ventilated climate, allows the right balance of root and leaf development. Finally, the woods surrounding the plots favor a rich biodiversity that is transmitted to the wine in a precise identity imprint.

"Each plot at LVNAE is like the key of a piano and only by uniting the different harmonies can we fully appreciate the symphony of the Colli di Luni," explains Diego Bosoni. We find the best

explication of this approach to wine production in the "Numero Chiuso" label: a complex and deep Vermentino, satisfying and mineral, with great substance and personality able to ageing in bottle. Produced in a limited edition, approximately 2,600 numbered bottles (contents of a single 20 hl cask). Confirmation of the Bosoni family's desire to experiment and unveil the full potential of Vermentino.

Erika Montovan



Lunae – Labianca 2023 Liguria di Levante

(80% vermentino, 20% malvasia) The nose offers notes of bright apple, vine peach and small notes of rose, honeysuckle associated with touches of passion fruit, exotic fruits as well as a hint of starfruit, citrus and a discreet pearly (nacre)/iodine hint. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, nicely gourmand, enveloping and offers a fine richness, energy, a beautiful suavity, finesse, a floral side full od delicacy, salinity as well as a good definition. The attack is chiselled. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, pink lychee and small notes of fresh exotic fruits associated with touches of vine peach, apple blossom, nacre and a very discreet almost sage hint. Good length. A subtle, almost tannic hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



GIOVANNA MADONIA

*The purest expression of the
Bertinoro di Romagna sub-zone*

One of Bertinoro's most enthralling wineries, it stretches on the western side of the Cesena hills, between 100 and 350 meters above sea level. Here, the vineyards overlook the medieval village situated between the Tuscan-Romagna Apennines and the Adriatic Sea and its sea breeze. Known as 'The Balcony of Romagna', it is also a wine town that excels in hospitality. Albana and Sangiovese are concentrated in a few very territorial varieties, which are cultivated on ochre-colored and brown clayey soils, rich in limestone of marine origin locally called 'spungone'. One likes to spend afternoons, days, in these lands for their still wild, sincere nature, olive trees, vineyards, lots of woods.



In this context, on the hill of Montemaggio, the Giovanna Madonia winery produces artisanal wines, Romagna Sangiovese DOC in the Superiore and Riserva versions with the geographical mention "Bertinoro" and Romagna Albana DOCG, Secco and Passito. Spontaneous fermentation, without the controlled use of temperature, low use of sulphites and long macerations. 60,000 bottles are produced on the 14 hectares under organic cultivation, which in the ancient underground cellar of the manor house, dating back to the 1700s, where modern steel tanks accompany the ancient traditions of wood and cement. But the great work with the future in mind began in 1992, when a clonal study of the plants between 250 and 350 meters above sea level facing south-west was initiated. By restoring the ancient form of bush-training, Giovanna Madonia and her daughter Miranda are the custodians of a wealth of knowledge that has enabled her to pay particular attention to the plots where the grapes are grown in the various plots and how the clones respond in these soils, which are recognizable in the wines for their elegance, distinct flavor and excellent ageing capacity. In the vineyard, as little use is made of pesticides as possible, the winery is organically managed and awaiting certification.

Among the best wines of the denomination and of the company is Ombroso Romagna DOC Sangiovese Riserva Bertinoro, produced on 6 hectares, aged for 12/15 months in French oak tonneaux, half new and half second and third year. A very rich, powerful wine with great personality. Authoritative in representing the profile of this sub-zone.

Erika Montovan

CHIARA CONDELLO

*From Predappio to the conquest of the
world with Sangiovese di Romagna*

Chiara is one of the undisputed stars of the Romagna wine scene. Able in just a few years to impose herself on the market for the quality and personality of her wines. With a fresh and captivating soul, faithful to the territory in which they are born. A talent and commitment recognized throughout the world, the winery exports to many countries. Very young, under 40, after completing her studies in economics in 2012 and an experience abroad, she returned to her Fiumana di Predappio.

She began working alongside her father in running the business, and in 2015 decided to open her own business. He immediately has clear ideas: to create a space of his own in which he can express himself through wines that bear his signature. The greatest efforts are in the vineyard, where he cultivates the vines 3 million years ago there was the sea. Everything starts in the vineyard; one works by watching the grapes arrive in the cellar. Chiara concentrates on a few references, to make them at their best. She produces Il Tre Vigne (Chiara Condello) and the cru Le Lucciole, in a small plot near a vast wooded area, rich biodiversity and a cooler climate.

The soils, between 150 and 300 meters above sea level, are of ancient marine origin and are composed of poor soils, of a calcareous-clayey matrix, with tuffaceous and sandstone components, known locally as 'spugnone'. Draining and capable of retaining water in depth, they allow the vines to face even hot and dry periods without suffering from water stress. The production philosophy immediately espoused the principles of organic farming, with manual work in the vineyard and cellar practices reduced to the minimum necessary, to allow the potential of the grapes to be expressed in a manner faithful to the varietal characteristics and terroir. The vinification protocol is practically the same for both the wines it produces, with spontaneous fermentation, long maceration (varies according to the vintage) and partial use of the whole bunch (variable), no temperature control and no filtration. Ageing in large barrels.

Her being young and having immediately thrown herself into the world of wine, travelling and dealing with producers from all over the world has helped her professional and human growth. Chiara is aware that her commitment has helped turn the spotlight on the entire denomination and tell its story outside the borders of the territory. Recently released is Stralisco 202°, a pure Sangiovese produced as her grandfather used to make it: 100% with cement tanks. Fermentation in open vats and no passage in wood. Very elegant and deep.



Erika Montovan



GRAND CRU CLASSE & VIGNOBLE JARDIN

Au cœur de l'appellation Saint-Emilion, les micro-parcelles du **Château Croix de Labrie, Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Emilion**, forment une superficie de 5,16 hectares. Des vignes travaillées en **agriculture biologique et biodynamie** dont sont issus deux grands vins : Château Croix de Labrie et Chapelle de Labrie. **Ici, les maîtres-mots sont le soin, l'attention, la douceur.** Un vin dominé par les Merlots, comme le sont les plus grands classés. Château Croix de Labrie est de ceux-là, peut-être **le plus grand des petits domaines les plus prestigieux et des plus rares.**

The tiny plots of Château Croix de Labrie, Grand Cru Classé, total an area of 5.16 hectares (12,75 acres) in the middle of Saint-Emilion Grand Cru appellation area. 100% organic agriculture and biodynamic techniques are applied, whose fruit produces great wines : Château Croix de Labrie and Chapelle de Labrie. The watch-words here are care, attention and gentleness. This is a Merlot like the best of the Crus Classés. Château Croix de Labrie is a Grand Cru and is one of that select family, perhaps the best of the small estates - very exclusive and rare.



Artisan Vigneronne et propriétaire, **Axelle Courdurié** travaille le vignoble de la taille à la vendange, et de la vinification à l'élevage. Son époux, Pierre, est un «globe wine trotter». Il accompagne Axelle à la production et aime à dire que **leur domaine est conduit à la manière des petits domaines de Bourgogne.**

Axelle Courdurié is the owner and winegrower, who works the vines from pruning through to harvesting and then from winemaking to ageing. Her husband, Pierre, is a wine globetrotter, who has travelled around the world for fifteen years, promoting the wines of his partners. He supports Axelle with production and likes to say that their estate is managed rather like the small Burgundy estates.

“Nous voulons que nos vins reflètent les terroirs qui les ont produits. Nous voulons aussi qu'ils nous ressemblent.”

*« We want our wines to reflect the terroirs that produced them. We also want them to be familiar. »
Axelle and Pierre Courdurié*

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COLLE CIOCCO

*An immersion in the history
of Sagrantino*

Named after the toponym of one of the most historic areas on the first border with Montefalco. Colle Ciocco means the root of the olive tree. Indeed, seems to be everywhere. A luminous hill surrounded by history, from Spello "Splendidissima Colonia Julia", Assisi "Cradle of St. Francis", Perugia "the Augusta", Spoleto "Ducal City". Punctuated by medieval towers, this vast hill is home not only to vines, but also oaks, holm oaks and above all olive groves, as mentioned. An unbelievable panorama.



The Spacchetti family has been living this alternation of colours and scents since the 19th century, wine has been produced since 1870. More recent documents attest that the Sacchetti family is one of the five historic cellars in the production of Sagrantino. A tradition that has withstood the passage of time, in dialogue with it, living with the expectation and the criticalities and joys that each harvest brings. The wines produced in this rich context of biodiversity encapsulate all the charm and mystery of the passage of time, of the vineyards at an altitude of 500 metres above sea level. The company cultivates about 20 hectares: 12 hectares of Sagrantino and other black and white grapes and 9 hectares of olive groves (3000 trees). Vines are planted on soil rich in skeleton and draining. In addition to the ever-present Sagrantino, Sangiovese, Merlot, Viognier, Chardonnay and Grechetto destined to produce Montefalco Sagrantino dry and passito, Montefalco Rosso (Merlot and Sangiovese) and Montefalco Bianco, Monefalco Grechetto "Clarignano", Spoleto Trebbiano Spoletino "Tempestivo" and the rosé "Brixio". Lamberto Spacchetti, a former naval officer for 40 years, decided to follow in his father's traditions and currently runs the production with his daughter Silvia. Focusing on the reds, the Montefalco Sagrantino is vinified in steel and matured in oak barrels for 12 months, before ending up in the bottle where it stays for a further 8 months before release. Montefalco Rosso is a blend of Sangiovese, Sagrantino and Merlot. It matures for 12 months in large Austrian casks. With the earliest traces of Sagrantino passito to be traced back to 1088, it is the most traditional of Montefalco's wines, obtained from the vinification of grapes and then left to dry for over three months on racks. After racking and maturing for a year in oak barrels, a six-month rest in glass. A very pleasant red, of great longevity and which improves its organoleptic characteristics over time. Intense, deep and complex, with aromas of blackberry and black cherry. Surprising for the balance between tannin and pulp, with great structure. "There is always a right moment to drink it, I prefer it with cheese, but also with chestnuts or dry baked biscuits and dark chocolate," confided Lamberto Spacchetti.

Erika Montovan

TENUTA DI SARAGANO

A historic green oasis in Umbria

In the epicenter of Umbria, among Todi and Montefalco, a family-run estate that broke through the 100-year barrier a few years ago. Founded in 1921, Tenuta di Saragano, in the heart of Umbria, preserves the beauty of its landscapes by engaging in sustainable agriculture.



In the hands of the same Pongelli Benedettoni family since the 13th century, the property covers 220 hectares, 12 of which are devoted to vines at an altitude of over 470 metres above sea level. The highest point in the entire Montefalco area. Count Riccardo Pongelli Benedettoni and Ivan Vincareti (entrepreneur and oenologist) also concentrate on the production of oil (the Frantoiano, Moraiolo and Leccino cultivars are grown on 18 hectares for a total of 5000 plants).

An all-round activity that includes wine, extra virgin olive oil, grains, barley, field beans, flax, lentils and calves.

The Saragano Estate is certified by the ICEA Institute, which monitors the production method in respect of human health and the environment, for a model of sustainable development of quality Italian agriculture.

Immersing oneself in this green oasis means admiring many stone farmhouses interspersed with a lake, gullies and pine forests. Their names - Collobocco, Castiglione, Col Ferrante La Ghirlanda - echo the ancient place names found in the Gregorian Cadastre. Here, a resort and a bistro are also located. Guests can thus enjoy an all-round experience.

The grotto carved out of the sandstone is an ancient room used for storing wine due to its almost perfect conditions caused by the absence of light and a constant temperature. Here aged the wines produced in 5 several plots: 'Segreta' (1 ha riesling destined for the production of bubble's), 'Piantata' (1.5 ha sagrantino, sangiovese and merlot), 'Palmira' (4.5 ha sangiovese, merlot, grechetto di Todi and trebbiano spoletino), 'Palazzo' (2 ha sagrantino, sangiovese and merlot), 'Le Torri' (1 ha sagrantino, sangiovese and merlot). Long, very long ageing periods to allow the tannins of the reds to soften. The result, as far as Montefalco Rosso is concerned, is an elegant wine with aromas of cherry, incense and black pepper. Harmonious and very evolving on the palate.

"Our company is a 100 percent organic, it's a winning approach; we have been able to manage very well the difficult vintage picking good grapes. Biodiversity helps plants defend themselves.

We respect nature, if we respect it, it rewards us. We do things slowly, "all and now" is no guarantee of durability over the years. Among the winery's latest projects is a rosé wine made from Sangiovese grosso, north-facing grapes, the cooler side with slow ripening and lower alcohol content, fermentations start with indigenous yeasts. In the vineyard, for this wine as for the others, there is a very strong selection of grapes. The yields are very low: 30 quintals per hectare" - said Ivan Vincareti.

Erika Montovan

LOKOYA WINERY

Focusing on the "terroir purity" expressions

Founded in 1995 by Jess Jackson (Jackson Family Wineries) the winery is named after the Native American tribe that inhabited what is now Mount Veeder (in the Mayacamas mountain range, western side of Napa Valley). The production is a concentration of Cabernet Sauvignon, made in the most vocation areas of Napa Valley: Mount Veeder, Howell Mountain, Spring Mountain and Diamond Mountain. The wines, unfiltered, age in French oak for 18 to 22 months and reveal great expression of the fruit in all production zones.

Cabernet Sauvignon dialogues with vineyards, climate and soils and light under the guidance of wine-maker Christopher Carpenter in rare heights in Napa. The Lokoya Winery produces 4 distinct mountain Cabernet Sauvignon cuvées. Grapes are produced in the Mount Veeder, Howell Mountain, Spring Mountain and Diamond Mountain areas, from 150 to 700 meters above the sea. The main idea is to work the Cabernet Sauvignon in a Bourgogne way, with a cuvée by terroir, without any blend. To go further in the search for the purest expression of the terroir, the wines are fermented with native yeast, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

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Lokoya – Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley
Beautiful and creamy nose that offers power, nice grain finesse as well as intensity. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, wild blackcurrant and small notes of pepper associated with touches of violet/flowers, wild strawberry as well as discreet almost dry local grove hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of pulpy purple plum associated with touches of pepper, fresh small red fruits, nutmeg, cardamom, creamy blue berries as well as hints of vanilla and toast. Tannins are elegant, supple and racy. Good length and persistence.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Lokoya – Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Mount Veeder, Napa Valley
The nose is fruity, pulpy and offers a beautiful definition. There are notes of bright boysenberry, violet and small notes of small blue fruits associated with hints of cardamom, sense of place (local biotop) as well as fine hints of varietal freshness. The palate is elegant, fine, creamy, mineral, fresh, racy and offers tension, precision as well as a beautiful textured matter. Everything in balance and with an airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy/bright blackcurrant and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of nutmeg, black olive, violet and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are racy, powerful but full of control. Good length. Beautiful acidulous fruit and sapidity on the finish.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Lokoya – Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
The nose is nicely complex, elegant, dense/concentrated and offers deepness as well as richness. It reveals notes of wild blueberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh small blue fruits, graphite, sense of place (local biotop), almost sappy as well as discreet hints of black tea/maceration and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is mineral, racy, juicy, fresh, elegant, well-balanced, precise, chiseled, concentrated and offers an acidulous frame, salinity, a beautiful definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cornflower and small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of Madagascar pepper, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of graphite. A very discreet hint of cardamom and toasted / almost blond tobacco in the background. Beautiful texture and very nice sapidity on the persistence.
Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Lokoya – Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
Nice elegant, precise, chiseled, frank and delicate nose. It reveals notes of wild boysenberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of blond tobacco associated with fine touches of black cherry, fine hints of toasted almond as well as a almost sense of place (biotop local) hint. The palate is beautifully mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, a racy side, delicacy, a beautiful structure, a beautiful acidity of the fruit as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, creamy black cherry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of pulpy/juicy small fruits, hints of toasted hazelnut, cardamom, almond, a subtle hint of local grove, dark chocolate/cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of sage and toast. Tannins are elegant and ripe. Beautiful harmony and melodious side in its power.
Score : 19/20 (98/100)



LA DISPENSA BOUTIQUE

An englishman in Chile

Matt Ridgway had, in his own words, an idyllic childhood “wading through ponds, jumping on haybales ...” in the British County of Dorset. As soon as he was old enough to travel, he did, with a goal to end up in southeast Asia, teaching English as a foreign language.

There's a book to be written, detailing Ridgway's global adventures, which include selling real estate in multiple countries, a one-way cheap flight out of (boring) Ecuador to Buenos Aires and a failed relationship. All of which led to Chile, and a property purchase 200km south of Santiago. Ridgway chose the spot because he was missing the greenery of his childhood; the plan to renovate and sell on.

As with every great story, the protagonist has a foil: Ridgway's is his Malaysian neighbour, Sharif (yes, in Chile). When the time came to landscape his property, ready for the sales brochures, Ridgway researched any number of fruit trees and crops, as suitable candidates. “In three years, you'll have a vineyard, and in five you'll be making wine” predicted Sharif. The reply was a blasphemous ‘no’. Long story short, Sharif got the last laugh when his friend and neighbour turned up less than a handful of years later with his first modest haul of grapes, asking for help to turn it into wine.

“Unfortunately,” Ridgway grins, “the wine was really, really good...” The vintage was 2015, a cracker in Chile's already very consistent terms. “I thought, this winemaking lark is easy... we'll make loads of money... and that's how I fell into the financial black hole of owning a winery”, he concludes.

Ridgway makes for a great interviewee. He is a natural storyteller, and even more likeable for his refreshing candour. He is a self-taught winemaker, who wants to make wines he wants to drink himself. Rolling his eyes when he refers to the oft-

used description of Chile as a “viticulural paradise”, Ridgway nevertheless concedes that his success “attests to the fact that Chile makes winemaking easy for everyone”.

He dislikes Carménère and has planted southern Rhône grape varieties (he was a fan of Chateaufeuf du Pape as a young man), at his home property (1.8ha). Meanwhile, at his parents-in-law house down the road, he has chosen Sangiovese for the 1ha vineyard there. His one foray into native grapes is his impressively old País vineyard (1ha), that he found out about from his worker. The variety was widely uprooted in Colchagua by wealthy families in the late nineteenth century who replaced it with more famous international varieties.

Ridgway calls the País vineyard, “a beast... We do zero work, other than some pruning here. We couldn't get to the site during Covid, and we saw how well it did without any spraying, so now we leave it alone. The vines are spur trained, with some growing to 2.5 meters in height. Some of the vines give us 25kg of fruit.”

There is a curious irony that today Ridgway's wines of preference are “fruity and fresh”, when you consider his first wine love was Chateaufeuf. Acknowledging the apparent contradiction, Ridgway talks about a vinification process that helps him deliver the clean, easy-drinking styles of wine he loves.

Wines are co-fermented, and not blends, which he believes results in wines that take longer to “gel”. He has stainless steel tanks and only two, old oak, 225 litre barrels as he wants, “his wines to taste of fruit.” He likes the micro-oxygenation that concrete tanks offer, and so made his own. Obviously!

There's an infectious enthusiasm about Ridgway, and a carafe-full of charm! He's clearly as sharp as a tack too. The Chilean wine industry can feel large and businesslike, with not enough personality. Voices like Ridgway's need more airtime, to introduce those who want to drink characterful, boutique wines, to what Chile can offer.



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The Wines

Estate Sangiovese 2021

Open top fermented with native yeasts. This is nothing like any Italian Sangiovese most will have tried. Cherries? Yes, plump and freshly picked. A chewy, moreish palate with a savoury edge.

Estate Pais 2021

Here is a red wine that lends itself to a touch of time on ice. It oozes bright, red summer berry fruits and has the supplest of tannins. Aged entirely in flexitank, after open top fermentation. The concentration of the dry-farmed, old vines is ripely evident.

Cinsault Blend 2021

Topped up with 15% País and 5% each of Marsanne and Roussanne. There's a lightly floral note to the ripe hedgerow fruit here. A pretty mouthful of wine. Like the 100% País, could be served lightly chilled.

Field Blend 2020

45% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre and 5% Roussanne. The blend is made as soon as all the wine is pressed, the Grenache and Syrah are co-fermented. Ageing takes place in concrete. A more structured affair, tannins nicely melded and a pleasing underscore of acidity. Perhaps the most 'gastronomic' of the four.



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WINE AND WORLD POLITICS

Wine grows on sun-drenched slopes in beautiful regions, seemingly untouched by all of the world's evil and woes. That might be what most people think but, as a matter of fact, wine finds itself in the maelstrom of world politics more often than one might think.

Wine as symbolic tool

It was just a queer little bottle. For Boris Johnson, however, it represented the "historic freedom" that the then British Prime Minister wanted to give back to his fellow countrymen in 2021. He felt very close to his great role model, Winston Churchill, Britain's greatest statesman of the 20th century, a fan of champagne poured from 568ml pint bottles. Johnson wanted to reintroduce the format after Brexit and lead the British into great times.

The market responded with scepticism; 98.7% of British retailers rejected the proposal in a government survey. Downing Street nevertheless legally reintroduced the bottle size at the end of 2023 with great fanfare. "The changes will help to boost innovation, increase business freedoms and improve choice for consumers," a government announcement explained, desperately attempting to sell Brexit as a success story.

Champagne stakeholders responded politely, but with chilly pragmatism: „This is a non-story trying to be a story“, commented James Simpson, managing director of the UK branch of Pol Roger, producer of Churchill's favourite sparkling. Even back in Sir Winston's times the export share of the special format was just three per cent.

In order to cater, again, for the British quirk, the méthode champenoise would have required the installation of new lines across the production process, from the manufacturing of the bottles for second fermentation to disgorgement and labelling. After that, it would have taken four years for the first pint bottle to appear on a British supermarket shelf (Pol Roger's Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill current vintage is 2015), at significantly higher price due to the costs of the customised production lines.

Meanwhile, and after two other conservative prime ministers, Johnson's party was defeated with a landslide victory by the Labour party. The winners celebrated with 75cl bottles, perhaps signalling a movement towards Europe. Or simply the pragmatism of universal standards.

Wine as scapegoat in politics

Wine often slips into major conflicts as collateral damage. In 2020, American President Donald

Trump tried to punish European countries for subsidising Airbus – which, incidentally, the American government had similarly done with Boeing.

Trump was able to present European wine to his supporters as a luxury of the arrogant liberal elites, while true Americans drink beer and Coke. Producers from France, Italy, Portugal, Germany and other wine-producing countries were hit hard by tariffs.



While Trump never achieved his goal, the current candidate still boasts about it in his campaign speeches.

Since the invasion of Ukraine, Vladimir Putin has threatened to impose punitive tariffs on wines from any country that has spoken out against Russia's invasion. In Europe, annual sales of one billion euros/year are at stake, even after the conflict unfolded.

European sanctions start at a bottle price of 300 euros only. And even the ultra-premium products that are affected still eventually reach Russia via China or Saudi Arabia. Sales in general have even increased following the travel restrictions for Russian citizens and to/from Russian territory. Prosecco has grown five percent in Russia, its sixth biggest market in volume, since 2022. Even some American exporters are taking a share of the pie, even though the USA has banned all alcohol exports to Russia.

Even more surprising is the similar story unfolding in Ukraine. "Away from the front line, in the cities, people try to live with normality," says Luca Giavi, director of the Prosecco DOC (Consorzio Tutela Prosecco DOC). Sales in the occupied country, Prosecco's 17th-largest market in volume, increased a whopping 83 percent in 2023.

Sometimes a single word of critique is enough. When Australia's former prime minister Scott Morrison spoke out about human rights infringements and the source of the coronavirus pandemic, it was reason enough for Chinese president Xi Jinping to increase import taxes on Australian wine

over 200%. A hard blow for the country's wine industry, reliant on 42% export rates to China, worth 1.3 billion Euro.

Eventually, pragmatism prevailed. First, the Australians diligently looked for new markets – and found them. Recently, Jinping gave in: the Chinese government announced a review of the tariffs.

But Jinping's attention is now elsewhere. The dispute between the EU and China over subsidised production of Chinese electric cars sold in the EU market could jeopardise global wine and spirits trade once again. President Jinping has threatened to impose new punitive tariffs on European brandy, particularly on cognac as retaliation. With its huge appreciation for spirits, China is the spirit's second largest market, accounting for 335 billion Euro in exports.

Learning from the Old Masters

The use of wine as a way to assert political and economic power is certainly not new. And neither is political resistance to products of certain provenance as a way to affirm freedom and identity.

The Spanish conquistadores brought the first vines in Mexico as early as 1524 and had propagated them throughout Colombia, Peru and Chile by the end of the century.

However, King Carlos banned cultivation in order to offer Spanish winegrowers a convenient export market. The Americans didn't care. By the 19th century, both colonisers and colonised were drinking their own wine.

Centuries earlier, wines from the Rhône and Rhine were already very popular abroad in the 3rd century. However, winegrowers on the Apennine (Italian) peninsula were legally favoured. And the Gallic and Germanic winegrowers complied with the requirements of the capital's bureaucrats.

The otherwise somewhat colourless Emperor Probus made a name for himself in historiography by lifting the ban on viticulture in the provinces north of the Alps, since the wines were obviously popular. Amphorae containing wine from the Moselle, for example, were exported as far as Rome. The emperor did not want to offend the capital's spoilt citizens used to a wide ability of goods by preventing them access to one of their favourite nectars.

Current Rulers in Moscow and Beijing might want to take him as inspiration.

Matthias Stelzig

Wines to discover and savour this summer!



Vertde Vin
Score
16.25
92-83/100

Cerro la Isa Viñedo Singular Garnacha 2020 Rioja DOC

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and fleshy. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, red currant jam, juicy red plum and vine peach in the background. [...] It expresses the flavors of crushed wild strawberries, ripe morello cherries, roasted red cherries in the background, red currant jelly, raspberry coulis, as well as cranberry syrup. Then, we find the herbaceous notes of fresh tobacco, peppermint, as well as a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, cumin, liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cardamom), sweet notes of dark chocolate, morello cherry in chocolate, as well as peony and iris in the background. The finish is straight, chiseled and fresh. It expresses a salivating acidity, a good bitterness and smokiness reminiscent of bergamot as well as a fresh touch of red cherry. The tannins are firm and powerful, but fine and silky.

(Read full review on [vertdevin.com](https://www.vertdevin.com))

Price: €€€



Vertde Vin
Score
16.75
93-94/100

Ronco Blanchis Sauvignon 2023 Collio DOC

An excellent vintage for the Sauvignon from the Blanchis hill in the municipality of Mossa (Gorizia), which expresses itself with ripe notes and good freshness. A complex, deep wine, already approachable to the drink with a dynamism and acid verve given by green and zesty notes. It opens on the palate with cedar, elderberry and mediterranean aromas. With wildflowers and savory sensations in the finish.

Price: €

Attems - Ribolla Gialla 2023 Venezia Giulia IGT

A wine that recalls the classicism and recognizability of the place before the grapes.

We are among the plains and slopes of the province of Gorizia in alluvial soils, between sand and pebbles. A bright, straw-yellow wine with great fruity persistence, ripe yellow citrus fruits, pepper, and wild herbs. Very fresh on the palate, inviting and engaging with great drinking power.

Price: €

Vertde Vin
Score
16.5
93/100



Vertde Vin
Score
18
96/100

Château d'Ampuis 2018 Côte-Rôtie

(93% Syrah, 7% Viognier) The nose is elegant, aromatic, spicy, nicely defined, racy, dense and offers deepness. It reveals notes of bright wild small red fruits, bright cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of prunes, fine hints of smoke, dried vanilla, discreet hints of tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh local grove and fresh balsamic/ripe orange zest. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, voluptuous, delicate, powerful and offers beautiful energy as well as acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright red berries, smoke, tobacco and small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of clove as well as discreet almost dry local garrigue hints, balsamic, pepper and spices. Beautiful tannic structure, powerful, ripe and controlled. Very beautiful, powerful, elegant, precise and stretched persistence.

Price: €€€€



Vertde Vin
Score
17
94/100

Ridge - Lytton Estate 2019, Petite Sirah

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

The nose is elegant, delicate and offers creaminess in finesse as well as a fine mellowness. There are notes of crushed red berries, bigarreau cherry and small notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant associated with fine hints of fig, dark chocolate, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is elegant, delicate, juicy, pulpy, gourmande, nicely stretched, very precise and controlled. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cherry, juicy/bright red berries and small notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry associated with touches of acidulous small fruits, vanilla, toast, sweet blond tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of sweet spices/toasted in the background. Tannins are mellow, elegant and delicately stretched. A subtle floral/pine and tangy hint on the finish/persistence.

Price: €€€

Vertde Vin
Score
16.25+
93/100

Domaine Fabrice Vigot Vieilles Vignes 2022

Nuits Saint-Georges

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, warm and enveloping, with lots of fruit and a savoury spiciness. It expresses the aromas of crushed strawberries, juicy morello cherries, red currant jelly and roasted red cherries. [...] It expresses flavors of roasted fruit at the start (roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry), ripe morello cherry, crushed strawberry and dried cherry, a hint of black plum and roasted herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary). The mid-palate is powdery and chocolatey, with flavors of morello cherry in chocolate, cocoa and prunes in chocolate in the background. We also find notes of coffee and a delicate bitterness of toasted almond. The tannins are grippy, firm, but not dry, well enveloped in the fruit and balanced by the salivating acidity. Nice freshness and persistence with a good bitterness of chocolate and a spicy touch of black pepper and liquorice. (Read full review on [vertdevin.com](https://www.vertdevin.com))

Price: €€



BORDEAUX 2023

A WINEGROWER'S VINTAGE!

A vintage of two parts: stress and complexity! 2023, a winegrower's vintage !

Key elements of the 2023 vintage:

- A mix of challenging weather conditions: hail; frost (4-5 of April) as well as considerable rainfall, that was not always forecast. This led to some vineyards being affected by fungal disease. The rain did not fall evenly, with some properties seeing up to double the amount of rain that fell in other estates within the same appellation.
- Generally speaking, less hours of sunshine than normal.
- Even bud break
- Early but homogeneous and quality flowering
- An almost tropical climate in spring (high temperature and record rainfall)
- Management of mildew which required constant attention
- Merlot was particularly susceptible to disease
- In August it was hot but the nights were cool (including a heat wave between August 18 and 24)
- Certain sites struggled to achieve full maturity.
- Some producers, fearful of the heavy rains forecast at the beginning of September, or in attempts to limit the damage, chose to harvest before the grapes has reached optimum maturity. Those who took the gamble of waiting were able to get perfect ripeness as the weather forecast, once again, was wrong as the predicted rains did not come.
- Extremely long harvests, among the longest in history for some châteaux
- It was also important to extract judiciously, and approach the end of maceration with caution.

How are the wines?

The vintage conditions has given vibrant, chiselled wines which offer bright fruit, a graphite side (on both the nose and palate) as well as chalky tannins. The IPT and anthocyanins are very high, comparable to the levels in

2022, but with a significant difference in quality. Tannins are tastier/savoury, digestible and fresh.

Finally, 2023 produces wines that are both classic AND modern. In the sense that they are balanced, digestible, taut, precise and fresh, without lacking depth, texture, silkiness and power. The « power » is no longer heft, but an altogether more balletic strength.

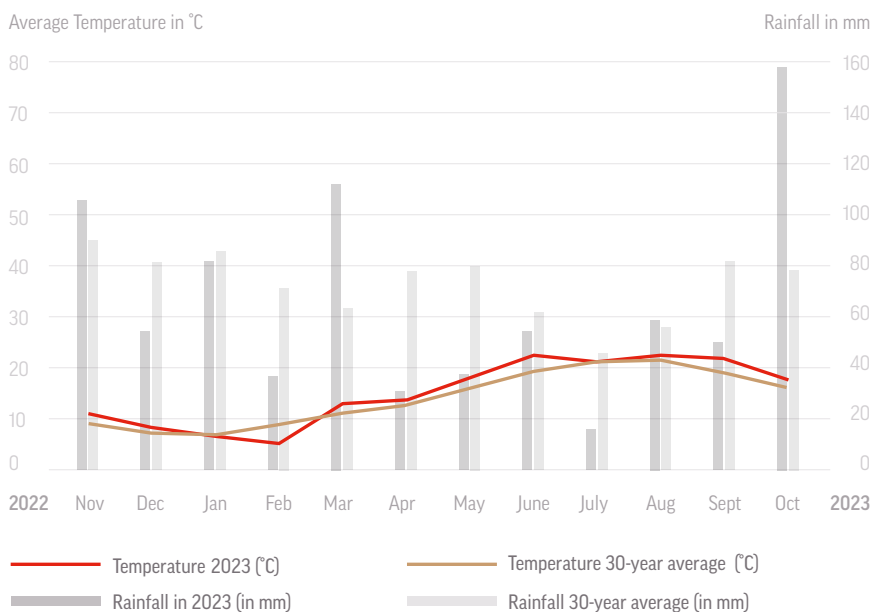
The cool vintage means that the white wines have benefited from crisp and tangy grapes, giving perfumed, lively and vibrant dry white wines.

2023 is a great vintage for sweet wines. The weather conditions boosted the development of "noble rot" (*botrytis cinerea*), and following heat in September and October, have concentrated aromatic compounds, with a beautiful level of sugar and all-important acidity. A part of 2023 Sauternes offers a few notes of "passerillage" (drying, Passito technic). An outstanding vintage for sweet wines: powerful and concentrated, but also fresh and balanced. Don't forget to buy and to drink Sauternes!



METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

2023 and 30-year average (source: CHATEAU-FIGEAC weather station)



**BARSAC, SAUTERNES
& CÉRON**

**Château Bastor-
Lamontagne**

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

Château Broustet

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Caillou

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Cantegril

Sauternes
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Coutet

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Fargues

Sauternes
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Doisy Daene

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Chateau Doisy-Vedrine

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château du Cros

Loupiac
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Filhot

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Chateau Guiraud

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Bergeron

Sauternes
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Peyraguey

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Chateau La Tour Blanche

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (94-95/100)

**Château Lafaurie-
Peyraguey**

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Liot

Sauternes
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Myrat

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Raymond-Lafon

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

Château Rayne Vigneau

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Romer du Hayot

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

Château Sigalas Rabaud

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Suduiraut

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

GRAVES

Château de Chantegrive

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

Château de Portets

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

Château Du Petit Puch

Graves
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Haura

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

Château Haut Selve

Graves
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Haut-Bacalan

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

Château Le Bonnat

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

Château Méjean

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

Château Rahoul

Graves
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Clos Floridene

Graves
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Brondelle

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

Château Callac – Prestige

Graves Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Crabitey

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

**Château Roquetaillade La
Grange**

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

Château Saint-Robert

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

Clos Floridene

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

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Château Carbonnieux

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Couhins

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Couhins-Lurton

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

Château de France

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Rouillac

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Fieuzal

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

Château Haut Lagrange

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

Château Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé de
Graves
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Château La Garde

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Louvière

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

**Château La Mission Haut-
Brion**

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé de
Graves
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

**Château Larrivet Haut-
Brion**

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Latour-Martillac

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

**Château Le Thil Comte
Clary**

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

**Château Malartic-
Lagravière**

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Pape Clément

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Château Smith Haut
Lafitte**

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru
Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Trigant

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Clos Marsalette

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

Domaine de Chevalier

Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine de La Solitude

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Domaine Lespault
Martillac**

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

L'Esprit de Chevalier

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

**La Chapelle de La Mission
Haut-Brion**

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château le Virou

Sublimus rouge 2023



« La bouche est joliment moelleuse, fraîche, souple, pulpeuse et offre un côté graphite/graphène, de la rondeur ainsi que de la matière. »

Forbes
Tom Mullen

.....
95-96 pts

Château Barre Gentillot

Révélation rouge 2023



« La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée et offre de la jutosité, du pulpeux, de la gourmandise, de la souplesse, de la rondeur, de la justesse, de la profondeur, de la complexité ainsi qu'un côté cristallin »

Forbes
Tom Mullen

.....
94 pts

— VIGNOBLES —

Pierre Jean Larraqué

Des histoires, des terroirs, des émotions

Château le Virou

Sublimus blanc 2023



« Tout en souplesse et délicatesse. Un joli gras tout en finesse, presque aérien. »

Forbes
Tom Mullen

.....
94-95 pts



DEPUIS 1640
Château
LE VIROU



LE PLUS GRAND CLOS VITICOLE D'EUROPE

L'expression authentique d'un terroir argilo-calcaire exceptionnel, niché au cœur du plus grand clos viticole d'Europe, 100 hectares ceints de murs façonnés par l'homme depuis 1640.

DEPUIS 1750
Château
BARRE GENTILLOT



L'ÉTOILE MONTANTE DES GRAVES DE VAYRES

Dans une appellation confidentielle et pourtant 2ème plus ancienne du Bordelais, cette propriété bâtie en 1750 confirme, millésime après millésime, la grandeur de son terroir en produisant des vins d'excellence.



Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Les Hauts de Smith
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Bouscaut
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Carbonnieux
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de France
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château de Rouillac Blanc
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Haut-Lagrange
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Louvière
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Larrivet Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Latour-Martillac
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.25+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Malartic-Lagravière
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Olivier
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Pique Cailou
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Pape Clément
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 17.25+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Clos Marsalette
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine de Chevalier
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

La Clarté de Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Les Hauts de Smith
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

MARGAUX

Alto de Cantenac Brown
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Aurore de Dauzac
Margaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Bellevue de Tayac
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Brane Cantenac
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Cantenac Brown
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château D'arsac
Margaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château D'issan
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Dauzac
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Dauzac – Franc de Pied
Margaux
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Desmirail
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Deyrem Valentin
Margaux
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Du Tertre
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Duffort-Vivens
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-05/100)

Château Ferrière
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Giscours
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Château Kirwan
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château La Gurgue
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Tour de Bessan
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Larruau
Margaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Lascombes
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Le Coteau
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Malescot St Exupéry
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Margaux
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château Marquis d'Alesme
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Marquis de Terme
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Château Mongravey
Margaux Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Moutte Blanc
Margaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



Château Pavail de Luze
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Peche-Leibre
Margaux
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Prieuré-Lichine
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Rauzan Ségla
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Rauzan-Gassies
Margaux, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Siran
Margaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Tayac
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Chevalier de Lascombes
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Confidences de Prieuré-Lichine
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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

Pavillon Rouge de Château Margaux
Margaux
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Sirène de Giscours
Margaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Labastide Dauzac
Margaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Le Blason D'issan
Margaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

S de Siran
Margaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC

Château Anthonic
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Biston Brillette
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Branas Grand Poujeaux
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Chasse-Spleen
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Dutruch Grand Poujeaux
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Granins Poujeaux
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Lalaudey
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Lestage Darquier Grand Poujeaux
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Malmaison
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Mauvesin Barton
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Pomeys
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Duplessis
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Poujeaux
Moulis-En-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

LISTRAC-MÉDOC

Château Cap Leon Veyrin
Listrac-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Clarck
Listrac-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Clarke
Listrac Médoc
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Donissan
Listrac-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Fourcas Dupre
Listrac Médoc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Fourcas Hosten
Listrac Médoc
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Lafon
Listrac-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lestage
Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Chateau Martinho
Listrac Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Reverdi
Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

SAINT-JULIEN

Amiral de Beychevelle
Saint-Julien
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Batailley
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Beychevelle
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Branaire-Ducru
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Finegrave
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Gloria
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Gruaud Larose
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château La Bridane
Saint-Julien
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Lagrange
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Langoa Barton
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Léoville Barton
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Léoville Poyferré
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Château Moulin de La Rose
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Moulin Riche
Saint-Julien
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Saint-Pierre
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Talbot
Saint-Julien, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Teynac
Saint-Julien
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Connétable Talbot
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Evoke
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

La Fleur Lauga
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Les Fiefs de Lagrange
Saint-Julien
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Les Trois Canons de La Bridane
Saint-Julien
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Sarget de Gruaud Larose
Saint-Julien
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pavillon de Léoville Poyferré
Saint-Julien
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

PAUILLAC

Alias Croizet-Bages
Pauillac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Carruades de Lafite
Pauillac
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Clerc Milon
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Croizet-Bages
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Croizet-Bages
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château d'Armailhac
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Duhart-Milon
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

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

Château Grand Puy Ducasse
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Grand Puy Lacoste
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Haut Batailley
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Haut-Bages Libéral
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Haut-Batailley
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Fon du Berger
Pauillac
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Lacoste Borie
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Lafite Rothschild
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Lynch Moussas
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Lynch-Bages
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Mouton Rothschild
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 20/20 (100/100)

Château Pédesclaux
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Pibran
Pauillac
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

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

Château Pontet-Canet
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Château Tour Saint-Fort
Pauillac
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Fleuron de Liot
Pauillac
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine les Sadons
Pauillac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Echo de Lynch-Bages
Pauillac
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Fleur de Pédesclaux
Pauillac
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Moulin de Duhart
Pauillac
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Grand Vin de Château Latour
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Le Petit Mouton Rothschild
Pauillac
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Les Forts de Latour
Pauillac
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Pichon Baron
Pauillac, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Les Griffons de Pichon Baron
Pauillac
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Les Tourelles de Pichon Baron
Pauillac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Pastourelle de Clerc Milon
Pauillac
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

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

Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse
Pauillac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Réserve de Pichon Comtesse
Pauillac
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Verso de Haut-Batailley
Pauillac
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

SAINT-ESTÈPHE

2nd de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Bel-Air Ortet - Germaine
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Clauzet
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château de Côme
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Domeyne
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Graves de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Haut-Beauséjour
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Haut-Marbuzet
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Croix de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Laffitte Carcasset
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Lafon Rochet
Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Le Boscq
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Le Crock
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Lilian Ladouys
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Martin
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Meyney
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Montrose
Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

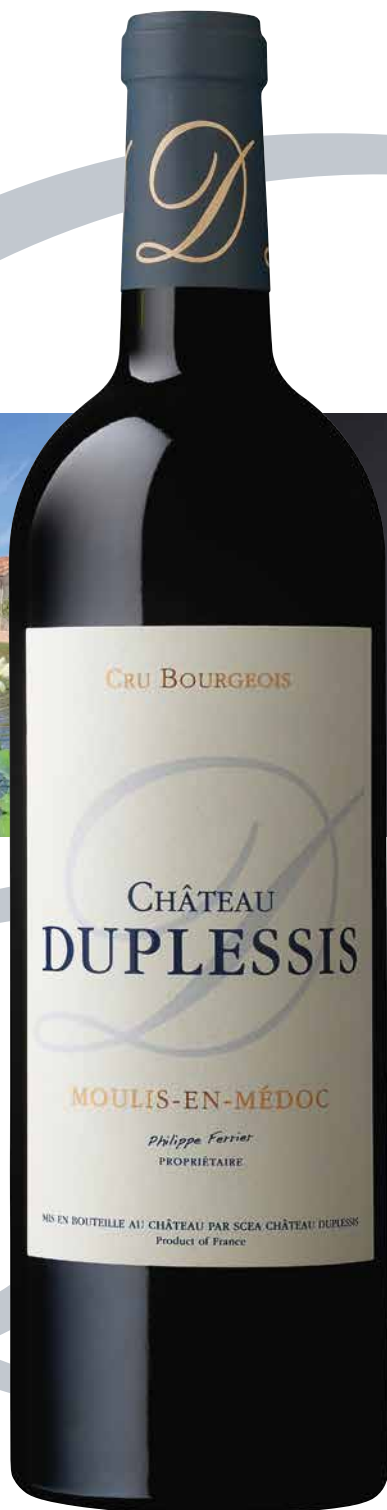
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Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Petit Bocq
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Phélan Ségur
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Ferrier

Philippe Ferrier
Vigneron à
Moulis-en-Médoc



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Château Puy Castera Saint Estèphe

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Segur de Cabanac

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Tour de Pez

Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Tour de Termes

Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Tronquoy

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Corsaire de Lafitte Carcasset

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Cos D'estournel

Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Cos Labory

Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Dame de Montrose

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Les Pélerins de Lafon-Rochet

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

Pagodes de Cos

Saint-Estèphe
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Prieur de Meyney

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

HAUT-MÉDOC

Bruilières de Beychevelle

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cerres

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

Château Lamothe Bergeron

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Arnauld

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

Château Barreyres

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

Château Beaumont

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Bel Air Gloria

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

Château Belgrave

Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Bellegrave Du Poujeau

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Bernadotte

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

Château Bertrand Braneyre

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

Château Bibian

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Caroline

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

Chateau Castera

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

Château Charmail

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

Château Chemin Royal

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Cissac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Cissac

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Citran

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Clément-Pichon

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

Château Corconnac

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

Château Bel Orme Trondoy de Lalande

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

Château Coufran

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Croix du Trale

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château d'Agassac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château d'Arcins

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Doyac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château d'Aurilhac

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Braude

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château de Cartujac

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

Château de Cassana

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

Château de Lauga

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Malleret

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château de Villambis

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Dillon

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

Château du Moulin Rouge

Haut-Médoc
Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Château du Retout

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château du Taillan

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Fonréaud

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Haut Beyzac

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Fon du Berger

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

Château La Garricq

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Lagune

Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château La Tonnelle

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

Château Lamothe-Cissac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lanessan

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château Larose Perganson

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Larose-Trintaudon

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Larrivaux

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Le Monteil d'Arsac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Malescasse

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois
Exceptionnel
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Martin

Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Maucaillou

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

Château Maucamps

Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Moulin de Blanchon

Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

**Château Moutte Blanc
Cuvée Marguerite Déjean**

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

Château Paloumey

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

Château Peyrat-Fourthon

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Supérieur
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Puy Castéra

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

Château Ramage La Batisse

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

Château Reysson

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Rollan de By

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Saransot-Dupré

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Ségur

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Ségur Fillon

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Sénéjac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Soudars

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

Château Tour du Goua

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

Château Verdignan

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

Château Vieux Landat

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

**Haut-Médoc Giscours,
Grande Réserve**

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

L'Prme de Rauzan-Gassies

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Légende de Fonréaud

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

Le Haut-Médoc de Dauzac

Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

MÉDOC

Château Anguilley

Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Beauvillage

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Bellerive

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Blaignan

Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Bournac

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Carcanieux

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Chantemerle

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château d'Argan

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90/100)

Château d'Escurac

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château de By

Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château de Tourteyron

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château des Bertins

Médoc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château du Monthil

Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château du Perier

Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Escot

Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Fleur Lamothe

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Fontis

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Garance Haut Grenat

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Greysac

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Grivière

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Haut Barrail

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Haut Condissas

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Haut-Bana

Médoc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Haut-Maurac

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château l'Argenteyre

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château l'Écrin de Couleys

Médoc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château La Branne

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Cardonne

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château La Chandelliere

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Clare

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La France Delhomme

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château La Gorce

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Ribaud

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château La Roque de By

Médoc
Score : 14.25+/20 (87-88/100)

Château La Tour de By

Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Tour de By - Cuvée Héritage

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Valière

Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Laujac

Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Laujac

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75+/20 (88-89/100)

Château Les Lattes

Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Les Ormes Sorbet

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Letruelle

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Livran

Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Lousteauneuf

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Maison Blanche

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Moulin de Canhaut

Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Noaillac

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Pierre de Montignac

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Château Plagnac

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Poitevin

Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Pontey

Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Potensac

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Ramafort

Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Saint-Christoly

Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Saint-Hilaire

Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Taffard de Blaignan

Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Tour Seran

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Vernous

Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Vieux Robin

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

Clos Manou

Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine de La Pigotte

Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

L'Amphore Du Domaine de La Pigotte

Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

L'Enclos de Château Signonac

Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Prétexte par Emmanuel Martin

Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Vieux Château Landon

Médoc
Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Villa Carmin

Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

BLAYE
CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château Le Virou - Sublimus

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Le Virou - Le Secret

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Le Virou - Vieilles Vignes

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Haut Bertinerie

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Le Virou - Les Vieilles Vignes

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Le Virou - Sublimus

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Peyredon Lagravette

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

CÔTES-DE-BOURG

Domaine de Cambes

Côtes de Bourg
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

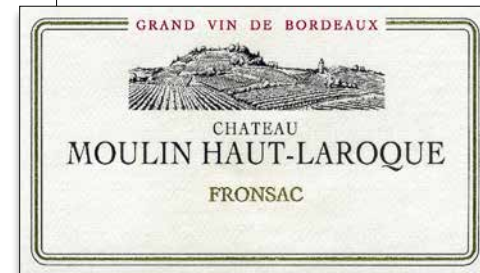
Roc de Cambes

Côtes de Bourg
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

FRONSAC

Château Moulin Haut-Laroque

Fronsac
Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Château Carlmagnus

Fronsac
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Dalem

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

Château de Carles

Fronsac
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Carles - Haut-Carles

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

Château de La Huste

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

Château de La Huste

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

Château de La Rivière

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

Château Fontenil

Fronsac
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château George 7
Fronsac
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Croix
Fronsac
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Dauphine
Fronsac
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Dauphine
Fronsac
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Vieille Cure
Fronsac
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Les Trois Croix
Fronsac
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Plain-Point
Fronsac
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Villars
Fronsac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Clos Du Roy
Fronsac
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

La Belle Endormie
Fronsac
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

CANON-FRONSAC

Château Barrabaque
«Cuvée Prestige»
Canon Fronsac
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Canon Pecresse
Canon-Fronsac
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château du Gazin
Canon Fronsac
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Toumalin
Canon Fronsac
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

POMEROL



Château Bourgneuf
Pomerol
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Benjamin de Beauregard
Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Blason de L'Évangile
Pomerol
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

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

Château Bel Air
Pomerol
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Bellegrave
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Cantelauze
Pomerol
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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

Château Certan de May
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Clinet
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Valois
Pomerol
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Fayat
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Feytit Clinet
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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

Château Grand Village
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Hosanna
Pomerol
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château L'Enclos
Pomerol
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château L'Évangile
Pomerol
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château La Cabanne
Pomerol
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Clémence
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Commanderie
Pomerol
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Conseillante
Pomerol
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château La Croix de Gay
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Croix St Georges
Pomerol
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Fleur de Gay
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Fleur-Pétrus
Pomerol
Score : 18.5/20 (100)

Château La Grave
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château La Patache
Pomerol
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Pointe
Pomerol
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château La Renaissance
Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Violette
Pomerol
Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Château Lafleur
Pomerol
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Lafleur-Gazin
Pomerol
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Lagrange
Pomerol
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Latour à Pomerol
Pomerol
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Le Bon Pasteur
Pomerol
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Le Chemin
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Le Gay
Pomerol
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Le Moulin
Pomerol
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Mazeyres
Pomerol
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Montviel
Pomerol
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

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

Château Petit Village
Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Pince
Pomerol
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Porte Chic
Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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

Château Saint-Pierre
Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Trotanoy

Pomerol
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Vieux Maillet

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Vieux Taillefer

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



Clos René

Pomerol
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos Roskam

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos de la Vieille Eglise

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

Clos Vieux Taillefer

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

Clos 56

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

Enclos Tourmaline

Pomerol
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

L'Éclat de Valois

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Hospitalet de Gazin

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

Le Petit Petit Village

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

Les Champs Libres

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

Les Pensées

Pomerol
Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Les Perrières

Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Pétrus

Pomerol
Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Romana de Château La Renaissance

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

LALANDE-DE-
POMEROL

Château Apogée

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Bertineau Saint Vincent

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

Château Chambrun

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Haut-Chaigneau

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Croix Bellevue

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Croix des Moines

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Fleur de Bouïard

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Mission

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Sergue

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

Château Maine Chaigneau

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Maine Chaigneau Cuvée JS

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Moncets

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Pavillon Beaugard

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Saint-Jean de Lavaud

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Sergant

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

Château Siaurac

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Tournefeuille

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Tournefeuille - La Cure

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Château Vieille Dynastie

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Enclos de Viaud

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Ambroisie

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

La Parenthèse

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Le Lion de La Fleur de Bouïard

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Le Plus de La Fleur de Bouïard

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Lurra

Lalande de Pomerol
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

SAINT-ÉMILION
GRAND CRU

Annonce de Belair Monange

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Chapelle de Labrie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Abelys

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Adaugusta

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Angélys

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)

Château Ascension

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Barrail Saint-André

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Bernateau

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Candale

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Cantenac

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Chantel Alouette

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Croix Cardinale

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château de Fontbel

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château de Paradis

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Saint Pey

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château des Rêves

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Château Franc Bigaroux
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Château Franc La Rose
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Franc Le Maine
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Gracia
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Grand Destieu
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Haut Gravet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Haut Gros Cailloux
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Haut-Brisson
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Haut-Troquard La Grâce Dieu
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

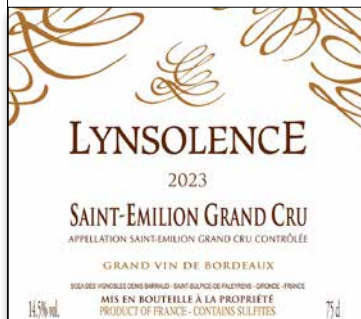
Château La Révérence
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Château La VouÛte
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lalande de Gravet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Le Conte
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Leydet Valentin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Château Lynsolence
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Magnan de Gaffelière
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Martinet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Milon
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Mondou
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Monlot
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Moulin Galhaud
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Moulin Saint-Georges
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Palais Cardinal
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Palatin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

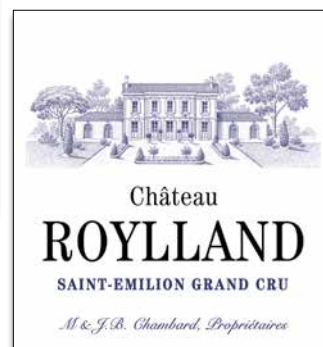
Château Petit Val
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Peymouton
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Pindefleurs
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Puyblanquet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Roc de Candale
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



Château Roylland
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Chateau Sanctus
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Simard
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Tausinat L'Hermitage
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Tour de Pressac
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Tour Perey
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Touzinat Prieuré
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Trapaud
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Tour Peyronneau Cabernet Franc
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Trianon
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Zaya
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Clos de La Cure
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Clos des Baies
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Clos des Six
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Closerie de Fourtet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Croix de Beauséjour
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Intuition de Fleur Cardinale
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Éclat de Valentin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

La Croix de Montlabert
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Les Angelots de Gracia
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Muse du Val
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Révélation de Croix Cardinale
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Terte Roteboeuf
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Xans Entre Amis
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



**SAINT-ÉMILION
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ**

Château Badette

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Château Balestard
La Tonnelle**

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Château Beau-Séjour
Bécot**

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

**Château Beauséjour
Duffau Lagarrosse**

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Belair Monange

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Château Bellefont-Belcier

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Bellevue

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Berliquet

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Boutisse

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Cadet Bon

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Canon-La-Gaffelière

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Cap de Mourlin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Chauvin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Clos Dubreuil

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Corbin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Corbin Michotte

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Côte de Baleau

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Croix de Labrie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Dassault

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château de Ferrand

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Pressac

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Destieux

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Jean Faure

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Faugetes

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Figeac

Saint-Émilion, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé A
Score : 20/20 (100/100)

Château Fleur Cardinale

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Fombrage

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Fonplegade

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Fonroque

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

**Château Grand Barrail
Lamarzelle Figeac**

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Grand Corbin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

**Château Grand Corbin
Despagne**

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

**Château Grand Corbin
Manuel**

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Grand Mayne

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Haut Cadet

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Haut-Sarpe

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château La Clotte

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Commanderie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château Franc Mayne

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château La Confession

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Couspaude

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Dominique

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château La Fleur

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Marzelle

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Serre

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château La Tour Figeac

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Larcis Ducasse

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Larmande

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Laroque

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Laroze

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Lassegue

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Mangot

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Monbousquet

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Montlabert

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Montlisse

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château Rol Valentin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Pavie

Saint-Émilion, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé A
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Peby Faugères

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Petit Faurie de Soutard

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Pierre 1er

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Saint Georges Côtes Pavie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Sansonnet

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



Château Soutard

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Soutard-Cadet

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Tour Saint Christophe

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Trotte Vieille

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Valandraud

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé B
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Villemaurine

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Clos de Sarpe

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Clos de L'Oratoire

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Clos Fourtet

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Clos Saint-Martin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Couvent des Jacobins

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Mondotte

Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Clos des Jacobins

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)



SAINT-ÉMILION

Arômes de Pavie

Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Carillon d'Angélus

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

Chapelle d'Ausone

Saint-Émilion
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Ausone

Saint-Émilion
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château La Gaffelière

Saint-Émilion
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Petit Cheval

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

Château Quinault l'Enclos

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

Domaine des Gourdins

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

L'Archange

Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Le Petit Cheval

Saint-Émilion
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

N°3 d'Angélus

Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Rolland Maillet

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

MONTAGNE
SAINT-ÉMILION

Château Beauséjour - Cuvée Prestige

Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Clos de Bouäard

Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Flaunys

Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Franc Baudron
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Indépendance
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Couronne - Réserve
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château La Papeterie
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Maine Chaigneau
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Montaignillon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Roc de Calon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Roudier
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dame de Bouïard
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Reclos de La Couronne
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Vieux Château Palon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

SAINT-ÉMILION SATELLITES

Château Bernon Becot
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Guibot La Fourvielle
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Château Haut Saint Clair
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Lafaurie
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Roc de Becot
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



Château Haut Bernat
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Cap Saint Georges
Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Bel Air Cuvée Astéries
Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Tour du Pas Saint-Georges
Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Vieux Montaignillon
Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Croix de Rambeau
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Lussac
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Claymore
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Les Combes
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Mayne Blanc - Cuvée Spéciale
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Tour Perruchon
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Clos de L'espérance
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

L'Exception 1600
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Marquis de Lussac
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

CASTILLON CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château Alcée
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Ampélia
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Cap de Faugères
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Claud Bellevue
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château d'Aiguilhe
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Dubois Grimon
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Joanin Bécot
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Croix Lartigue
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Laussac
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Laussac - Cuvée Sacha
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Roqueville
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Clos Lunelles
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos Puy Arnaud Grand Vin
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Côtes de Montpezat Cuvée Compostelle
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



Domaine de L'Aurage
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.75/20 (93-100)

**Domaine Du Haut
Ventenac Les Merisiers**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

**L'Excellence Château
Roquevieille**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

FRANCS CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

**Domaine du Haut
Ventenac L'Audacieux**
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

**Domaine du Haut
Ventenac L'Authentique**
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Prade
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Puygueraud
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Château Fleur Haut
Gaussens**
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Ad Francos
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Puygueraud
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Les Charmes-Godard
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

OTHER CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château Renon
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château L'Indécise
Sainte Foy Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château L'Indécise Blanc
Sainte Foy Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

GRAVES DE VAYRES

**Château Barre Gentillot -
Révélation**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

**Château Barre Gentillot -
Inspiration**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

**Château Barre Gentillot -
Vieilles Vignes**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Bel-Air Eiffel
Graves de Vayres
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

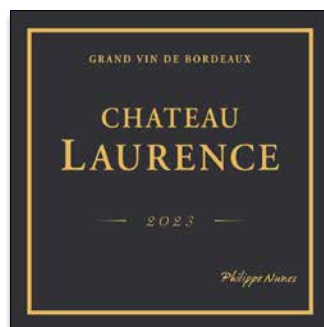
**Château Goudichaud -
Héritage**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

**Château Barre Gentillot -
Vieilles Vignes**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR

Château Croix-Mouton
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.25/20 (90-91/100)

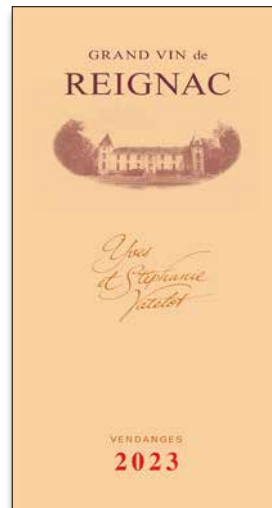
Château du Rosaire
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château Laurence
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

**Château Laurence - Petite
Laurence**
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Lescalle
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



Grand Vin de Reignac
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château La Verrière
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Pabus
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

**Château Pey La Tour -
Réserve**
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Recougne
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Reignac - Balthus
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Reignac de Tizac
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Trocard
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Château Trocard Monrepos
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Clos Bertineau
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Clos La Providence
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

BORDEAUX BLANC

Chateau Marjosse Blanc
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Thieuley Blanc
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Aile d'Argent
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Blanc de Lynch-Bages
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Blanc de Tronquoy
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Brio de Cantenac Brown
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

**Château Beynat - Moi j'ai
un rêve (Vin Orange)**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

**Château Clarke, Le Merle
Blanc**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Chateau Couhins
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

**Château d'Arsac Cuvée
Céline**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Château de Birazel -
Grande Romane**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

**Château de Birazel -
Romane**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château de Chantegrive
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

**Château de Chantegrive -
Caroline**
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château de La Rivière
Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Chateau de Malleret

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

Château Doyac, Le Pélican Blanc

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Escot

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Fage

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

Château Fonréaud - Le Cygne

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Fourcas Dupré Blanc

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Franc Baudron – Recto-Verso

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

Château Goudichaud - Héritage

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

Château Grand Village

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

Château Haut Selve

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

Château Haut-Fontenelle

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Grâce Fonrazade

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

Château La Laurence

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Laurence - La Petite Laurence

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

Château La Rose Perrière

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

Château Le Bonnat

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Leroy-Beauval

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Lestage - La Mouette

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

Château Loudenne

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Margaux

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Mont-Perat

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

Château Pas de l'Âne Optimus

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

Château Plain-Point

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

Château Poitevin

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Rayne Vigneau

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Reignac

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Chateau Reynon

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

Château Roquefort

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Roquefort, Les Roches Blanches, Sauvignon Blanc

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

Château Sainte Marie Vieilles Vignes

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Saransot-Dupré

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Suduiraut – Pur Sémillon

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

Château Suduiraut – Vieilles Vignes

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

Château Talbot – Caillou Blanc

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Thieuley Cuvée Francis Courselle

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Tour Saint-Christophe – Angela

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

Château Verrière - Sauvignon Blanc

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

Clos des Lunes - Lune d'Argent

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos des Lunes - Lune D'or

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos des Lunes d'Argent

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cos d'Estournel

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

Demoiselle de Sigalas

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de La Solitude

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

Domaine Lespault Martillac

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Ephémère de Saincrit

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Intuition de Fleur Cardinale

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

La Fleur de Bouïard – Sauvignon

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Fleur Cardinale

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Le Blanc d'Aiguilhe

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

Les Arums de Lagrange

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Lions de Suduiraut (Sec)

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Opalie de Château Coutet

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

Pagodes de Cos

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Sauvignon Gris de Château de Bellevue

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Stella Solare

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

BORDEAUX

Ad Vitam

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

Argile de Château Pabus

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

Château Bellevue Lançon

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

Château Beynat - Cuvée Léonard

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

Château Brande Bergère O'Byrne

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

Château d'Anglade

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

Château de Birazel - Auguste

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

Château de Brondeau

Bordeaux
Score : 13.5/20 (85-86/100)

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Château de Marsan
Bordeaux
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Haut-Sorillon
Bordeaux
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Lafite Montiel
Bordeaux
Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Château Lamothe Vincent - Héritage
Bordeaux
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Chateau Marjosse
Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Mont-Perat
Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Perrin d'Hoge
Bordeaux
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Pey Latour
Bordeaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

**Château Reignac de Tizac
100% Cabernet Sauvignon**
Bordeaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

**Château Roquefort, Les
Roches Blanches, Merlot**
Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Thieuley Rouge
Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

**Domaine du Bouscat,
Belle-Annie**
Bordeaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

**Domaine du Bouscat, Les
Portes de L'Am...**
Bordeaux
Score : 16 5/20 (93/100)

G d'Estourel
Bordeaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

**Vignobles Rousseau
(Marselan Pur)**
Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

OTHER BORDEAUX

Château Haut-Fontenelle
Bordeaux Rosé
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Le Rosé du Haut-Tellas
Bordeaux Rosé
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

**Château Saincrit -
Butinage Sauvignon Gris**
Bordeaux Moelleux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

ENTRE-DEUX-MERS

**Château Haut-Tellas
L'impertinente**
Entre-Deux-Mers
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

**Château Haut-Tellas La
Première**
Entre-Deux-Mers
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

**Château Haut-Tellas -
Dauphin**
Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

**Château Haut-Tellas - Fûts
de Chêne**
Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Haut-Tellas - Ovoid
Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Roquefort, Rives
Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

BERGERAC

Les Verdots
Bergerac
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

N° 1 Saint-Cernin
Bergerac
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Les Verdots
Bergerac Blanc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

VIN DE FRANCE

**Château Haut-Tellas
(Malbec)**
Vin de France
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Blanc de Fontenil
Vin de France
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château du Retout Blanc
Vin de France
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château du Tertre Blanc
Vin de France
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

**La Fleur de Boüard -
Chardonnay**
Vin de France
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)



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Champagne Rosé

Champagne Laurent Lequart, Andésyne, Rosé d'assemblage

The wine has a salmon pink color. The nose is tangy and fragrant. It first expresses notes of raspberry, fresh cranberries, mara be bois strawberry, grapefruit combined with gourmet aromas of red apple, vine peach and juicy apricot. On the second nose, we find an elegant floral bouquet – the aromas of wild rose, peony and lily in the background. We also sense a fine mineral notes and hints of brioche and bread dough after aeration. On the palate, the wine is straight and fresh, with a tangy and frank attack. It first expresses notes of tanga apricot, grapefruit, raspberry, wild strawberry and red apple. In the mid-palate, we find notes of cranberries, vine peach, wild rose and peony. In the end of the palate, we have a salivating acidity, a good bitterness of grapefruit and blood orange, as well as a touch of bread dough and minerality. Beautiful length, freshness and gourmandise. The foam is ample, with medium bubbles.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Laurent Lequart, Saigné de Meunier

The wine has a raspberry pink color, of medium or even deep intensity. The nose is aromatic and gourmand, with expressive notes of ripe red fruits. We find aromas of wild strawberry, raspberry, red currants, vine peach, tart red cherry and elderberries, combined with notes of dried rose, peony, and a fine hint of red apple pulp, thyme flower and dried mint. There are also subtle touches of toasted brioche and cherry yogurt. In the mouth, the foam is generous and fine. The attack expresses expressive notes of red fruits (raspberry, red strawberry, fresh cranberries and red cherry), associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit, a hint of vine peach and crushed red apple. In the mid-palate, the floral scents of fresh rose and dried rose appear, accompanied by a spicy hint of white pepper, a lactic touch of cherry yogurt and toasted brioche. Good length with bitterness, a spicy touch and dynamic acidity. Accuracy, straightness and complexity, with a savoury fruitiness.

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

Champagne André Chemin Cuvée Rosé Premier Cru

(8% Coteaux Champenois, 74% Pinot Noir, 18% Chardonnay)

The wine has a salmon pink color of medium intensity. The nose is subtle and fresh. It expresses the delicate notes of fresh flowers (peony, wild rose, cherry blossom), combined with the tanginess of grapefruit, lemon and orange zest. After aeration, we find gourmand aromas of wild strawberry, fresh raspberry, red cherry, as well as a hint of raspberry yogurt and a light touch of toast and honey in the background. The palate firstly expresses a good bitterness of grapefruit and the liveliness of lemon, which are then completed by a tangy touch of crunchy apricot, red cherry, strawberry and raspberry. In the mid-palate, we find gourmand notes of dried raspberry, a hint of wild rose and peony, as well as a touch of toast and spice (white pepper). The finish is lemony, with notes of blood orange and grapefruit. Good length, with chiselled notes of citrus and a pleasant effervescence. A Champagne with tension and freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Jeeper Grand Rosé Brut

The wine has a salmon pink color, of medium intensity. The nose is refined, complex and elegant. The first nose offers pure tangy fruit: aromas of raspberry, bigarreaux cherry and cranberries. Aeration opens up the spicy and toasted nuances: we sense subtle aromas of toasted hazelnut, vanilla (in the background), cumin, even a very fine touch of liquorice and fresh mint, as well as flowers - fresh wild rose, dried rose. Then, we find notes of dried cherry, fresh crunch, vine peach and grapefruit. The palate is sapid, generous and expressive, but with finesse. The attack is very fruity and gourmand, with notes of vine peach, red apple and raspberry. In the mid-palate, we find morello cherry, sweet spices (a touch of vanilla and nutmeg) and toasted hazelnut. The finish is persistent and expresses floral notes (dried rose, a touch of peony) and citrus (orange zest, grapefruit). At the end of the palate, we also find the roundness of fleshy fruits, juiciness and sweetness, refreshed by a tangy touch and a bitterness of grapefruit. A vinous, enveloping, complex and gourmet champagne.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Champagne Piillot, Les Protelles Brut Nature

(organic) The wine has an original and atypical color, of red cherry and medium intensity. The nose is dense, juicy, with notes of ripe fruit and a gourmand sweetness. We find notes of raspberry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry (even with a touch of raspberry jam), morello cherry (with a slight hint of kirsch which brings originality), tanga red cherry. We smell also notes of peony and dried rosé, associated with a touch of limestone and citrus (grapefruit). The palate is tasty, with a delicious and fruity attack and a dominant note of morello cherry. Then, the palate expresses flavors of wild strawberry, raspberry,

vine peach, associated with notes of rose, cherry blossom and red apple. The finish is chiseled and straight: it expresses a racy (limestone) minerality, slightly dry and a good grapefruit bitterness. Beautiful refined length, with accuracy, freshness, minerality and straightness, but at the same time gourmand and round.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Champagne Jacquinet & Fils, Symphonie Rosé, Millésime 2014

(50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir, disgorging: April 2024, dosage 7.4 gr/l) The wine has a salmon pink color with light orange highlights, of medium intensity. The nose is subtly fragrant and spicy. On the first nose, we find notes of fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, wild strawberry, fresh red currants, tart cherry, associated with notes of nutmeg, white pepper, a very delicate layer of caramel and vanilla in the background, of fresh rose, wilted rose and peony. The palate is gourmand, fruity and chiselled, with a lively acidity on the finish. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh cranberries (especially in the finish), fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, a touch of blackcurrant in the background, as well as fresh rose, peony, a hint of lilac and faded rose in the background. There is a very light touch of vanilla on the finish, nutmeg and pralines. The finish is persistent, salivating, thanks to a high acidity, but gourmand, thanks to a juiciness of ripe red fruits, perceptible throughout the tasting. The foam is fine and silky. A champagne with verticality and straightness, freshness and a beautiful fruity substance.

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

Champagne H. Blin, Rosé de Saignée Sélection Parcelle

(100% Meunier) The wine has a salmon pink color with orange highlights. The nose is fragrant, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of fresh raspberry, dried raspberry in the background, crunchy strawberry, fresh red currants, fresh cranberries, as well as wild rose, peony, a hint of grapefruit and a smoky touch of bergamot. After aeration,

we also find a gourmand hint of raspberry yogurt and the freshness of cut rose stems. The palate is juicy, fruity and tangy. We find notes of wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry, fresh raspberry, red currants, as well as peony, wild rose, associated with the tanginess of citrus fruits (grapefruit, bitter orange) and a lactic touch of raspberry yogurt. The finish is long, with precise flavors of fresh raspberry, cranberries and grapefruit with their bitterness. Beautiful lively and energetic acidity. A gourmet champagne, fruity and vinous, but complex and chiselled.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Champagne H. Blin Rosé

The wine has a salmon pink color. The nose offers a beautiful tangy citrusy framework (grapefruit, lemon zest, lime juice in the background), combined with aromas of tanga red fruits (cranberries, bigarreau cherry, raspberry), and a touch of cherry blossom and, nutmeg in the background and a light touch of butter. On the second nose, we also smell a limestone minerality and a hint of lemon yogurt. The palate

is fruity, with notes of raspberry, bigarreau cherry, a note of fresh morello cherry, cranberries, as well as lemon zest, pink grapefruit (with a delicate bitterness), a tangy touch of apricot and vine peach in the background. The finish is lively, tangy, with a flavor of apricot and white peach, which lasts on persistence, accompanied by a good bitterness. The acidity is sharp, but balanced by the fruity substance. Good length and a lemony freshness which carries the tasting. The bubbles are fine and persistent, but explosive.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Philipponnat Cuvée 1522 Rosé Premier Cru Extra-Brut – 2015

(77% Pinot Noir, 23% - Chardonnay, disgorged in July 2023, dosage 4.5 gr/l) The wine has a bright raspberry color. The bubbles in the eye are fine and numerous. The first nose is dense and airy at the same time, with a sweet hint of red cherry jam and lots of gourmandise and juiciness. On the second nose, the aromas become richer and more expressive: we find notes of wild strawberry, berberis, vine peach, red apple, as well as a liveliness of bitter orange in the background, candied lemon and grapefruit, with a touch of mint. After aeration, the champagne also offers floral scents of fresh rose, rose water, lilac, as well as a very delicate touch of toast, vanilla, cherry yogurt and toasted brioche. The palate is refined and very elegant. From the attack, we notice a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime, as well as a lot of freshness. We find the flavors of fresh red cherry, cherry yogurt, berberis, cranberries, vine peach and wild strawberry, associated with notes of lilac, rose water in the background, toasted hazelnut, brioche and dried rose, as well as a hint of saffron and nutmeg. The finish is long, tangy, with freshness, good bitterness and precision. Lots of elegance and complexity. A great champagne, precise, concentrated and subtle, with a racy minerality, liveliness and a velvety, filling mousse.

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



Champagne Rosé

Champagne Philipponnat Royale Réserve Rosé Brut

(first press 100%, Pinot Noir 69%, Chardonnay 29%, Meunier 2%, reserve wines aged in wood - 27%, dosage 9 gr/l, disgorged in April 2023) The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is tangy, precise, with a beautiful fruitiness and freshness, a fragrant floral bouquet and a delicate, but perceptible spiciness. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, fresh raspberry (with a touch of crushed raspberry), fresh red cherry, red apple, vine peach and blood orange, associated with aromas of wild rose, lilac, fresh peony and cherry blossom and grapefruit which appear in the second nose. We also find notes of nutmeg, a subtle hint of vanilla, toasted almond in the background and saffron. The palate offers a silky effervescence, an enveloping fruity volume, but with finesse, gourmandise and a slight vinous touch. It expresses the flavors of ripe red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, combined with notes of vine peach, bitter orange and grapefruit, as well as peony, cherry blossom, wild rose, spices (nutmeg, a touch of vanilla), a lactic touch of cherry yogurt and a hint of toasted almond, which appears in the mid-palate and persists on the finish. The finish is very juicy and fruity, with a note of sweet wild strawberry, balanced by a tangy touch of bigarreau cherry. Nice salivating acidity, combined with a delicate bitterness, gives the wine a good structure and complements the juiciness of the fruit. A refined and harmonious gastronomic champagne.

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

Champagne Guy Larmandier Rosé Premier Cru

The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is concentrated and textured, with gourmand notes of juicy red fruits: wild strawberries, morello cherries, red cherry jam, crushed raspberries and red currant jelly. We also find aromas of juicy apricot, grapefruit and bitter orange zest in the background, associated with lactic notes of cherry yogurt, brioche and a mineral hint of limestone. The palate is straight, incisive and precise, with the juiciness of ripe fruits (strawberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, vine peach, apricot, as well as grapefruit with a slight bitterness), a gourmet lactic note of cherry yogurt, fresh brioche and peony. The finish is quite persistent, tangy and lemony, very refreshing and gourmand, with roundness of ripe cherry on the finish. The foam is delicate and silky. A refined and pleasant champagne, with gourmandise, fruit and complexity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Champagne Bruno & Grégoire Perseval Premier Cru Rosé

(100% Pinot Noir) The wine shows a beautiful intense pink color. The nose is expressive, with bright fruity aromas. The first nose expresses notes of cherry juice, fresh strawberries, crushed raspberries, morello cherries and the tanginess of cranberries. On the second nose, we find the liveliness of citrus fruits (grapefruit, yellow lemon), a gourmet touch of red apple and vine peach, as well as a distinguished minerality (limestone), a lactic touch of yogurt with red fruits, fresh blackcurrant and a floral scent (peony, wild rose, berberis flower). The palate is lively, tangy, with a tense finish. We find flavors of red fruits (raspberry, bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, garnet at the end), vine peach, blackcurrant and grapefruit, combined with a touch of peony, wild rose and goji berries in the background. The finish offers good bitterness, vibrant acidity, a tangy touch of lemon and a hint of limestone on the finish. A lively, fresh and straight champagne and at the same time with fruit and gourmandise. The foam is fine and persistent.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Jaunaux Robin Le Dessous de la Cabane Brut Rosé

(organic, 60% Meunier, 30% Pinot Noir, 10% Chardonnay, 15% red wine from Meunier, aged in ½ barrel, ½ stainless steel vats, dosage 7 gr/l) The wine has a salmon pink color of medium intensity. The first nose is gourmand, textured, floral and slightly vanilla. On the second nose, we find notes of ripe morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as notes of red apple in the background and a beautiful herbaceous freshness (fresh cut grass), which brings liveliness and tension. Then, the wine expresses the aromas of peony, fresh rose in the background, as well as white pepper and nutmeg, associated with a hint of fresh bread, apricot and vine peach. On the palate, the bubbles are expressive, but persistent. We find the tangy and slightly bitter notes of grapefruit and lemon zest, combined with flavors of tanga apricot, bigarreau cherry, raspberry and cranberries in the background. In the mid-palate, we smell peony and a touch of fresh rose. The finish is tense and chiselled, with lemon acidity and grapefruit bitterness. A gourmand champagne, with a beautiful fruity expression, freshness and tension of fresh citrus fruits. Good bitterness on the finish and lively acidity. The foam is intense and persistent.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Jaunaux Robin Rosé de Saignée Extra-Brut

(organic, 100% Meunier, 2020 harvest) The wine has a salmon color of medium intensity. The bubbles are numerous and fine. The nose is chiselled, precise and initially expresses tangy red fruits: fresh cranberries, raspberry, bigarreau cherry, red currants, as well as aromas of wild rose, berberis flower and peony. On the second nose, we see a clear and distinguished minerality (limestone, even chalky, dry stone), associated with notes of brioche, strawberry jam in the background and cherry yogurt. The mouth is straight, open and gourmand, and at the same time lively and tense. It expresses round notes of morello cherry, a tangy touch of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, crunchy strawberry and red currants. In the mid-palate, we feel the floral notes of wild rose, peony and cherry blossom, as well as a touch of slightly toasted brioche and cherry yogurt (as an aroma of aging more than malolactic fermentation). The finish is persistent, with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness of grapefruit, enveloped in the roundness of flavors of ripe morello cherry and vine peach, which appear at the very end of the palate. Beautiful effervescence, fine and delicate.

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

Champagne Bollinger La Grande Année Rosé 2015

The wine has a salmon pink color with orange hints and numerous fine bubbles. The nose is deep, vinous and fleshy, velvety and complex. It expresses the aromas of ripe and juicy red fruits, with a slight sweetness of fruit jam: we find in particular the aromas of wild strawberry, garriguettes strawberry, raspberry coulis, berberis, morello cherry and tangy bigarreau cherry. Then, the nose reveals elegant floral scents of rose, peony, wild rose, as well as a touch of cherry blossom and poppy. On the second nose, we find a fine toasted touch and spiciness (toasted bitter almond, nutmeg, cloves, a hint of toasted wood and apricot kernel), combined with a lactic touch of cherry yogurt, brioche and red fruit pastry cream. On the palate, we find complexity, tension, a refined vinous texture, a very long finish and a chiseled and precise acidity. The flavors are juicy and gourmand: the attack reflects the nose in notes of bigarreau cherry, garriguettes strawberry, wild strawberry, morello cherry and raspberry coulis and is completed by a touch of goji berries and red currants. In the mid-palate, we find fleshy notes of vine peach and red apple, associated with a lactic hint of cherry yogurt, a toasted and slightly bitter nuance of almond and apricot kernel, clove, as well as red fruit pastry cream and brioche. Floral notes of peony, wild rose, a hint of faded rose and the bitterness of grapefruit appear on the persistence, at the end of the palate. The foam is very fine and silky, the finish is very long and complex (all the groups of aromas can be found there – red fruits in the cherry, toasted in the almond note and tangy in the grapefruit note). A great Champagne, powerful and elegant.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Champagne Lanson Le Rosé Création 67

(based on 2019 harvest, 30% reserve wines, disgorged 11/2023) The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is subtly fragrant, slightly bitter (grapefruit and cranberries) and tangy. It expresses notes of dried raspberry, garriguettes strawberry, bigarreau cherry, a juicy touch of morello cherry, as well as a hint of cranberries. After aeration, we find toasted and spicy aromas (a very fine hint of toasted almond, praline, nutmeg and cloves in the background), as well as light lactic notes (cherry yogurt) and floral hints (peony, wild rose), associated with a chalky minerality. On the palate, on the attack, we find this distinguished, slightly drying minerality, which continues in the mid-palate with notes of fresh raspberry, garriguettes strawberry, bigarreau red cherry, a touch of grapefruit with its bitterness. The mid-palate offers notes of rose, peony, a hint of cherry yogurt and cloves (as well as nutmeg in the background). The finish is long and lemony, with notes of grapefruit zest and lemon and a roundness of vine peach which completes the profile. Beautiful tension and balance, liveliness and accuracy. The bubbles are generous and fine.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Champagne Couvent & Fils Rosé

The wine has a pale salmon pink color with orange highlights. The first nose is chiseled, with aromas of citrus fruits – we find the notes of grapefruit, bitter orange in the background and lemon zest. Then, we smell the aromas of vine peach, crunchy apricot, as well as tangy red fruits (raspberry, cranberries, fresh strawberry) and wild rose. The finish offers a touch of limestone minerality, fresh bread and yeast. On the palate, the wine is round, gourmand, even slightly vinous. We find the gourmet flavors of yellow peach, apricot, raspberry, fresh strawberry, as well as grapefruit (with good bitterness), orange zest, a touch of berberis, wild rose and cherry yogurt. The finish is savoury, fruity, rather persistent, with a good level of acidity and a very slight bitterness at the end of the mouth. Round, fruity, the bubbles are quite fine, moderately persistent.

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

Champagne Rosé

Le Brun de Neuville, Au Bout du Chemin, Rosé de Noirs & Blancs, Extra-Brut

(60% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Noir red wine, 2016 harvest base) The wine has an onion pink color, with orange highlights and very fine bubbles in appearance. The nose is delicate and refined, with notes of tangy red fruits (raspberry, wild strawberry, elderberry, dried red cherry, red currant) and fresh flowers (wild rose, orange blossom, peach blossom), associated with lively aromas of citrus (blood orange, grapefruit, lemon zest), gourmet touches of stone fruit (vine peach) and a distinguished minerality (limestone), which appears on the second nose, as well as a hint of cherry yogurt, dried linden and chestnut honey. The palate offers a fine mousse, tension, energy and fresh fruity flavors. We find notes of blood orange, vine peach, grapefruit, lemon zest, vine peach, wild rose and dried linden, which are complemented by a pleasant bitterness and a honeyed side on the finish. Beautiful chiselled and salivating acidity, good persistence on the palate with notes of wax, cherry yogurt and honey, complexity and great energy.
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Champagne Konrat Rosé

The wine has a raspberry color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and intense. It expresses fresh and lively notes of tangy red fruits (crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, red currant), which are then complemented by subtle nuances of roasted fruits (roasted raspberry, roasted red cherry), touches of brioche and pastry (fresh brioche, red fruit tart). Then, we notice tangy citrus aromas – of pink grapefruit (associated with a delicate bitterness, a smoky hint of bergamot), a gourmet touch of vine peach, as well as a hint of wild rose and fresh walnut. On the second nose, a slight toasted note appears. The palate is gourmand, with a fruity and sweet attack and a tangy and slightly bitter framework (in a good way), which gives the wine a beautiful structure and verticality. On the palate, we find notes of crushed raspberry, dried raspberry, wild strawberry, red currants, as well as vine peach, candied grapefruit, pastries (brioche, red fruit tart) and pomelo. The finish is persistent, with ripe fruit and a pleasant bitterness. The foam is silky and fine. A gourmet and harmonious champagne.
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Champagne Christian Briard Cuvée Rubis Rosé

The wine has a salmon pink color with orange highlights. The nose expresses gourmet notes of fresh and roasted red fruits. We find the aromas of fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, crushed red currant and raspberry, combined with a fragrant floral bouquet – fresh rose, dried rose, iris and berberis flower. There is also a lactic touch of cherry yogurt and a touch of fresh brioche. After aeration, the wine also expresses a delicate bitter touch of grapefruit. The palate is gourmand, with a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit on the attack, a round and fruity mid-palate with flavors of vine peach, strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, red currant, as well as fresh rose and of iris. The finish is tasty, delicious, with good bitterness, a touch of cranberry syrup and a lactic touch of cherry yogurt and brioche. A fruity, pleasant and round champagne, with beautiful acidity and balance.
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Philippe Lancelot, Les Hauts d'Epernay 2019

(biodynamic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. On the nose, we find subtlety, elegance, as well as a beautiful intensity of aromas. The wine offers notes of tangy and lively citrus fruits (lemon zest, grapefruit, lemon juice, a hint of blood orange), fresh quince, a subtle minerality (limestone) and refined and gourmet notes of aging – warm brioche, fresh butter, apricot yogurt, as well as touches of juicy white peach and a hint of vine peach in the background, combined with a hint of white flowers (dried wildflowers, linden) and honey flowers in the background. The palate is chiseled, tangy and precise. It expresses citrus flavors (yellow lemon zest, lime zest, blood orange, a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit), a touch of white peach and crunchy apricot, fresh butter, a touch of toasted bread, toasted brioche, as well as dried wild flowers (wild rose), wax and flower honey in the background. The finish is persistent and delicate, with subtle bitterness (grapefruit juice), refined minerality and lively acidity. Very fine bubble, silky on the palate. Elegance, beautiful complexity and tension.
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Champagne Ayala Rosé Majeur, Assemblage de 24 Crus

The wine has a salmon pink color. The first nose offers expressive floral scents (wild rose, peony, a touch of iris), which are complemented after aeration by notes of fresh red fruits (wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, red currant), blackcurrant, a hint of blueberry, vine peach, pink grapefruit, as well as a fine spicy touch of white pepper and nutmeg. The palate is gourmand, refined and complex. The attack is tangy, with precise notes of bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries in the background and red currants. In the mid-palate, we find notes of vine peach, a tangy and bitter touch of grapefruit and cherry stone, as well as a lactic hint of cherry yogurt. In the finish, we find a pleasant minty touch (reminiscent of liquorice and peppermint, which brings a lot of freshness) and a fragrant floral bouquet (peony, iris, wild rose). Beautiful sharp acidity and a touch of bitterness on the finish. Precision and finesse.
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)



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Conegliano Valdobbiadene

BELLENDI WINERY

Bellenda Con Alti/Non Filtrato 2022 Colli Trevigiani IGT

(unfiltered, no added sulphites) The wine has a pale, cloudy lemon yellow colour (due to yeast remaining after a single fermentation in the bottle). A fragrant and typical nose of local grape varieties which constitute the blend (Glera, Verdiso, Grechetto) and the limestone and moraine terroir of the region. We find a precise minerality, delicate yeasty notes (fresh yeast in the background, bread), a burst of fresh and juicy fruits (green apple, green pear), a touch of citrus (lemon, grapefruit, lemon zest) and airy floral scents (honeysuckle, linden, acacia). The palate is pleasant, straight and aromatic. The attack expresses delicate effervescence, with fine bubbles, tangy fruity flavors (green apple, green pear, lemon zest, fresh yellow lemon), a limestone and slightly yeasty mineral touch, as well as white flowers (lime blossom, chamomile, acacia, honeysuckle). The finish is chiseled, fresh, airy, with a touch of dried green apple skin in the background.

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

Bellenda Così è/Col Fondo 2022 Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG

(unfiltered) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, slightly cloudy. On the nose, we find pronounced yeasty notes characteristic of the Col Fondo method – of toasted bread, fresh yeast and especially fresh brioche, with a touch of honey and wax, which appear after aeration. The fruity aromas on the nose are rich and fresh at the same time. The wine expresses in particular notes of juicy apricot, green apple, yellow lemon, white peach and candied lemon. The palate is fruity and juicy, with sharp acidity and good grapefruit bitterness. The flavors reflect the aromas (yellow lemon, green apple, tangy apricot, candied lemon), but we also find floral scents of lemon blossom, honeysuckle, the tangy flavors of citrus fruits, which appear at the end of the mouth (citron, a smoky touch of bergamot), and a distinguished minerality from the clay-limestone soil, rich in moraine components from the old glacier. The finish is persistent, chiseled and straight. The bubbles are fine and silky.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Bellenda San Fermo Brut 2022 Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut DOCG

(from the Glera grape variety, planted at a place called San Fermo, which is located in the municipality of Carpesica, on the hills, created by the glacier, with clay-limestone soils, of moraine origin. The wine remains on its lees for 1-3 months, second fermentation is done with the Charmat method for 2 months) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses fragrant and gourmand notes of fresh grapes, white currants, yellow peach, apricot, peach in syrup, combined with tangy touches of green apple, fresh quince and lemon. We also find notes of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom, honeysuckle), as well as a delicate saline and limestone minerality. On the palate, the wine is silky and savoury. The attack offers gourmet flavors of ripe stone fruits (apricot, white peach), brioche and sweet white currants, refreshed by notes of green apple, fresh lemon zest, candied lemon peel, a touch of grapefruit and fresh pineapple, as well as a fine floral bouquet (acacia, honeysuckle). The finish is sapid, quite persistent and expresses a lively lemony acidity, a saline and limestone mineral framework and a hint of fresh almond. The foam is ample and intense. A fresh, expressive and pleasant Prosecco.

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

Bellenda Sei Uno, Extra Brut Rive di Carpesica 2021

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG (the Glera grape variety comes from the Carpesica region, from the vineyard planted at 180 meters above sea level, on clay-limestone soils of moraine origin. Vinification by the classic method, second fermentation in the bottle with aging on lees for 12 months and 6 months in cellars after disgorging) The wine has a lemon yellow color with green reflections. The nose expresses the pronounced and refined aromas of aging on lees (fresh bread, brioche, toasted yeast in the background), an aromatic floral bouquet (acacia, chamomile, apple blossom, orange blossom in the background) and notes of fresh green fruits (green apple, green apple skin), a touch of chiseled and tangy citrus (lime zest, yellow lemon, grapefruit, a smoky hint of bergamot), enveloped in juicy notes of white peach and apricot. We also feel subtle herbaceous aromas of mint and white tea, which appear after aeration, and a limestone and saline minerality. The palate is refreshing and offers precision and elegance. On the attack, we find the racy saline and limestone minerality, accompanied in the mid-palate by notes of citrus (yellow lemon, lime zest, lime), a delicate bitterness of grapefruit and bergamot, by gourmandise of apricot and white peach, as well as by a fine floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is long, lively, with sharp acidity, a precise saline mineral framework, good bitterness and a touch of yeast and hazelnut on the finish. The foam is silky and delicate. A refined and elegant Prosecco.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

S.C. 1931 Metodo Classico Pas dosé 2020

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG (the grapes of the Glera variety come from the vineyard planted at 180 meters above sea level, on the hills of Conegliano, in the Carpesica region with clay-limestone soils of moraine origin. Vinification by the classic method, base wines are partly fermented in vats, partly – in barrels, and remain on the lees for 3 months. After the second fermentation in the bottle, the wine remains on the lees for 16-18 months before disgorging) The wine has a pale lemon yellow colour. On the nose, it offers a distinguished and expressive minerality (limestone, wet stone, saline), associated with the liveliness of citrus fruits (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit), the gourmandise and juiciness of stone fruits (white peach, apricot), as well as light spicy notes (nutmeg, a hint of vanilla in the background), toasted hazelnut, acacia honey and brioche. The palate is refined and fragrant, chiseled, with tension and complexity. It expresses tanginess of fresh citrus fruits (lime, grapefruit, yellow lemon), green apple and green pear, with a gourmet touch of fresh grapes and stone fruits (apricot, white peach). We also find a spicy and toasted touch (nutmeg, hazelnut), acacia honey, linden, good bitterness, notes of dried herbs and a mineral framework (limestone). The finish is persistent, fresh, tangy and chiseled. Beautiful acidity and structure, the bubbles are fine and silky.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

S.C. 1931 Metodo Classico Pas dosé 2012

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden highlights. On the nose, it expresses precise but integrated tertiary notes – wax, lime infusion, a touch of mushrooms, faded rose, as well as a slightly bitter touch of chestnut honey. We also find a delicate spiciness (cumin, nutmeg), a touch of fresh lily and acacia, aromas of fresh and dried fruits (dried lemon, fresh lime, dried green apple, dried apricot, fresh white peach, fresh yellow plum, lime jam), combined with touches of aging on the lees – brioche, a touch of butter. On the palate, the wine is complex, slightly bitter on the attack (good

bitterness of chestnut honey). It then expresses mild (but not sweet) flavors of juicy white peach, dried apricot, yellow plum, lime jam, fresh lemon and roasted green apple. We also find notes of brioche, butter, a spicy touch (nutmeg, cumin) and fine tertiary notes (wax, wilted flowers, mushrooms). The finish is very persistent, with lively acidity and a delicate bitterness of lime zest, which balances the sweetness.

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

Radicale 2014 Spumante Nature Metodo Classico Extra-Brut

(Not Disgorged, with no added sulfites, 100% Glera, grown in the Carpesica region, on clay-limestone soils of moraine origin). Fermentation with grape skins, 60% in barrels, 40% in stainless steel vats. Second fermentation in the bottle with native yeasts. Aging on lees for 24 months, in a vertical position, which prevents the wine from developing. The wine is produced only in magnums, not disgorged before sale, with no sulphites added after disgorging) The wine has a straw color of medium intensity. Very expressive, complex and aromatic on the nose. It expresses notes of dried green apple skin, dried green pear skin, fresh green apple and pear, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet – the aromas of dried chamomile, acacia, linden infusion. We also find the pronounced spicy aromas of dried vanilla and nutmeg, dominated by the note of saffron (characteristic for soils of moraine origin), as well as toasted brioche, bitter almond, dried lemon, grapefruit and a hint of petrol. The mouth is full, and very savoury. The attack is fragrant and also expresses a dominant touch of saffron, accompanied by various fruits (dried lemon, dried citron, fresh grapefruit, green apple, fresh green pear). We also find tertiary notes, more pronounced on the palate (dried tobacco, petrol, wax, chestnut honey), herbs and flowers (dried mint, linden, infused tea, chamomile), as well as a touch of nutmeg and hazelnut. The finish is enveloping, savoury, rich and very long, with a delicate bitterness and lively acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Radicale 2018 Spumante Brut Metodo Classico

(standard bottle version) The wine has a straw color, with light golden reflections. The nose is fragrant, complex and atypical, but harmonious and pleasant. The first nose is spicy, floral and herbaceous – it expresses the dominant aroma of saffron, complemented by notes of nutmeg and cumin, as well as aromas of various herbs and flowers (dried rose, dried white flowers, dry tea, infusion of linden and chamomile). Then, we find fruity notes of dried lemon, green apple, dried green apple, dried orange, fresh bitter orange and grapefruit. After aeration, we also find a distinguished and precise minerality (limestone, saline) and integrated tertiary notes (mushrooms, a touch of earth, white truffle). The palate is fragrant and complex, with salivating acidity and a richness of flavors. It expresses notes of dried green apple, roasted sweet golden apple, a good bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey, notes of dried citrus (dried bitter orange, dried yellow lemon), as well as nutmeg, infusion of chamomile, lime blossom and green tea, mushrooms and white truffle. The finish is persistent, lively and tangy, with a salty touch in the background. A complex wine, which changes in the glass.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Lei Dry Rive di Carpesica 2018 Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG

(second fermentation in bottle, total aging for 36 months) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand and aromatic. It expresses notes of ripe stone fruits (juicy yellow peach, crushed apricot), associated with aromas of peach in syrup, candied orange, candied lemon, fresh golden apple, pineapple, roasted apple, as well as caramel in the background, vanilla and fresh

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brioche. The palate offers a good balance between sweetness and acidity. It features the flavors of peach in syrup, crushed yellow peach, ripe apricot, pineapple in syrup, rosemary in syrup, candied lemon, vanilla and brioche. The finish is persistent, tangy and fresh – it expresses notes of lemon syrup (or even limoncello) and a delicate bitterness of grapefruit. Beautiful balance, freshness and gourmandise.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Würm Metodo Classico 2008

Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature

(The Chardonnay vines, which provide the grapes for this wine, are planted on the hills with generous moraine components, left by the Würm glacier. The base wines are fermented in barrels and stainless steel vats, and after the second fermentation in the bottle, the wine remains on the lees for 150 months) The wine has a straw yellow color of medium intensity. On the nose, it expresses generous, complex, fleshy, even warm aromas of yellow peach, cooked apple, dried apricot, candied lemon, candied bitter orange and ripe mango, associated with notes of vanilla, toasted hazelnut, honey, wax, white tea, infused chamomile, saffron, as well as tobacco, hay, dried apple, grilled fennel and crushed coriander seeds. The persistence on the palate is long, multidimensional, with lively acidity, saline minerality and floral notes. A complex, generous, refined and elegant wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

OTHER WINERIES

Vitale Sui Lieviti Brut Nature 2022

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

The nose is juicy, fruity and tangy. It first expresses notes of lemon, grapefruit, a touch of mint, enveloped in the aromas of yellow apple, melon, apricot and yellow peach. We also find aromas of acacia, linden, bay leaf, fresh tea, as well as a mineral touch. The palate expresses the gourmandise of stone fruits (apricot, white peach), a tangy and slightly bitter touch of grapefruit, lemon, as well as fresh quince, acacia, mint and a mineral touch in the background. The finish is tangy and gourmand, with notes of candied lemon peel.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Còl Volpere Le Volpere Rive di Farra di Soligo Brut 2022

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

The nose is incisive, lemony and herbaceous. It expresses aromas of lime zest, yellow lemon, grapefruit, green apple, tangy apricot, a herbaceous and floral touch (apple blossom, acacia), associated with a racy minerality (limestone). The palate is juicy and gourmand. It expresses flavors of white peach and apricot, balanced by fresh notes of green apple, lemon zest and grapefruit. We also find a limestone mineral touch and notes of white flowers. A lively and precise wine.

Score : 15.25+/20 (91-92/100)

Le Vigne di Alice Col Albi Brut Rive di Collalbrigo 2022

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

(Charmat method 20 months on lees) The nose is fragrant and gourmand. It expresses juicy notes of white peach, fresh grapes, apricot and lemon, combined with notes of white flowers (acacia, chamomile), a slight hint of brioche and lemon cream. The palate is precise and straight, with freshness and gourmandise. We find notes of fresh grapes, white peach, apricot, as well as grapefruit, acacia and brioche in the background. The finish is sapid and tangy, with a touch of green apple on the persistence.

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

Le Vigne di Alice Signature Brut Nature 2017

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

(disgorgement in 2022): The nose is aromatic, with notes of toast and brioche at the beginning. Then, it expresses delicate notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, saffron), white flowers (acacia, dried lime), dried lemon, as well as honey, white peach and apricot. The palate is harmonious, filling and complex. It expresses the juicy flavors of stone fruits (white peach, apricot), honey with a touch of wax, dried chamomile and lime blossom, combined with the liveliness of lime and grapefruit. The finish is long, sapid, with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg), chestnut honey with a hint of bitterness and lime.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Barisan Arfanio Brut 2023

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

The nose is complex, gourmand and balanced. It expresses the aromas of sweet and tangy citrus fruits (candied lemon, lemon zest, orange zest, lime, grapefruit), associated with a lactic and yeasty hint (yogurt, fresh brioche, yeast), a floral scent (chamomile), as well as a touch of fennel, bitter almond and vanilla. The palate offers fresh notes of lemon, grapefruit, candied lemon, combined with the gourmandise of vanilla, yogurt, fresh brioche and a floral hint of acacia. The finish is persistent, tangy and sapid, with a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit and a herbaceous touch of tea.

Score : 15.25+/20 (91/100)

Mongarda Extra-Brut 2021

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

The nose is fine and tangy, with citrus notes which are first revealed (lime zest, lemon, grapefruit zest) and are complemented by a mineral calcareous touch as well as a metallic hint. We also find notes of white peach, apricot, fennel and green apple. The mouth is precise and vertical. It expresses the flavors of chopped citrus fruits (grapefruit, lime zest, lemon), green apple, white flowers and coriander seeds, combined with limestone minerality. The finish is persistent, with good bitterness and expressive minerality. Beautiful acidity, concentration and elegance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Rive de Nadal 1.11 Fal 2021

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G.

The nose is very aromatic and floral. It expresses notes of lime, acacia, and chamomile, combined with tangy aromas of lemon juice and a slightly bitter touch of grapefruit and lime. There are also notes of white tea, chestnut honey and yellow peach. On the palate, the wine is chiseled, but filling and complex. We find the tanginess of grapefruit and lime (accompanied by a good bitterness), lemon juice, as well as white peach, linden, chamomile, chestnut honey and a touch of limestone. The finish is persistent, with lively acidity, sapidity and perceptible bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Volpere Codèr Col Fondo Agricolo 2021

Colli Trevigiani IGT

The nose is fine and elegant, delicately yeasty. It expresses the aromas of yeast, hay, dried lemon peel, dried chamomile, dried apple, as well as tangy apricot and lemon. The palate is lively, tangy and yeasty. It expresses the flavors of dried tea, dried orange, dried chamomile, fresh grapefruit, white peach and apricot. The finish is persistent and complex, tangy and spicy. We find the flavors of dried lemon zest and sweet spices on the persistence (saffron, nutmeg). Complexity and a chiseled structure.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Mongarda Col Fondo 2022

Colli Trevigiani IGT

The nose of the wine is fleshy, ripe and expresses notes of yellow peach and crushed apricots, candied lemon, toasted brioche, yogurt with a hint of butter, refreshed by notes of fresh lemon and grapefruit. The attack on the palate is chiseled and lemony, with flavors of lemon, grapefruit and its good bitterness. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses flavors of yellow peach, apricot, yogurt, lemon curd, toasted brioche and butter, as well as nutmeg, dried herbs and white flowers. Nice complexity, precision and freshness.

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

Moro Sergio, Batistàra Col Fondo Agricolo 2021

Colli Trevigiani IGT

The nose is delicately perfumed and tangy. It first expresses the aromas of apple, lemon, dried lime zest), associated with racy minerality (limestone, even saline), a refreshing vegetal touch, a bitter hint of grapefruit and a slight smokiness of bergamot and Earl Gray tea. On the palate, it is straight, tangy and chiseled. We find the flavors of green apple, yellow lemon, green pear, candied lemon peel, as well as dried herbs, Earl Gray tea and chamomile. The foam is fine and velvety. Good persistence on the mouth, tangy and mineral.

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

Moro Sergio, Batistàra Col Fondo Agricolo 2022

Colli Trevigiani IGT

The nose is fruity and aromatic, expressing more notes of fleshy and juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), than notes of citrus (we can still smell the aromas of candied lemon and grapefruit zest). We also find slight lactic touches, yogurt, a hint of vanilla, brioche and white flowers (apple blossom, acacia). The palate expresses lactic and floral notes (apple blossom) at the start, which are then complemented by flavors of yellow peach, apricot, fresh lemon and the bitterness of grapefruit. The finish is long, filling and aromatic.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Moro Sergio, Menùz Metodo Classico Brut Nature 2018

Spumante di Qualità

(disgorgement in November 2023): The nose is aromatic, with precise notes of aging on lees (yeast, fresh bread, brioche). It also expresses citrus aromas which bring vivacity (citron, lime, dried lemon), as well as the gourmandise of stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach) and melon, associated with touches of dried apple, butter and a savoury spiciness (saffron, nutmeg, coriander seeds, vanilla in the background). The palate offers complexity and expression. We find notes of yeast, brioche and bread, associated with yellow peach and juicy apricot, tangy notes of citron, dried lemon and bergamot, as well as notes of spices (especially saffron and nutmeg, with a hint of vanilla). The finish is persistent, with good bitterness and lots of freshness in a salivating acidity. Lots of finesse and great complexity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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SPARKLING WINES

Il Poggio, Raggio di Luna

Vino Spumante Brut

(Chardonnay) The nose offers concentration and juiciness. It expresses the gourmet aromas of white peach, apricot, tangy citrus fruits (lime, lemon zest, lemon juice), associated with a floral touch of lemon blossom, as well as a hint of fresh yeast and brioche. The finish is long, chiselled and refreshing, with a slight bitterness. The bubbles are fine and pleasant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Duca della Corgna Tuffetto 2022

Umbria IGT Bianco Frizzante

(Grechetto, Trebbiano Toscano) The nose offers lightness and airiness. It expresses notes of white peach, lemon, acacia, green apple and a touch of fresh grapes. The palate offers delicacy, a fine effervescence, which adds texture to the wine. It expresses the aromas of apricot, white peach, lemon, acacia, green apple and green pear. Beautiful freshness and medium persistence.

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

Pucciarella Ca' de sass 2021

Trasimeno DOC Spumante Metodo Classico

(Chardonnay) The nose is aromatic and expresses fresh lemony notes (fresh lemon, candied lemon, grapefruit), a touch of aging (brioche, a hint of vanilla), dried acacia, associated with the roundness of white peach and apricot. The palate is tangy, with a nice concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of lemon and grapefruit, combined with gourmand notes of white peach and apricot, touches of brioche and vanilla, as well as a good bitterness of almond, hay and bitter orange. Good length and refreshing acidity.

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

Carini Mon père

Trasimeno DOC Spumante Metodo Classico

The nose is marked by notes of aging (toast, brioche, toasted hazelnut, a touch of hay), refreshed by the aromas of lemon, lime and lemon zest. We also find aromas of green pear and dried apple skin. The palate is chiselled and tangy, with notes of fresh herbs, lemon, lime and green apple. In the mid-palate, we find notes of toasted hazelnut, brioche and hay. The finish is persistent, with lively acidity and a good bitterness of bitter orange and bitter almond.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Beroli Cristina

Trasimeno DOC Spumante Metodo Classico

(Chardonnay) The nose is aromatic and delicious. It expresses notes of apricot, white peach, lemon cream, fresh lemon, a touch of fresh butter, warm brioche and white flowers (lime blossom, acacia). The palate is expressive and tasty. We find flavors of fresh lemon, lemon cream, grapefruit, apricot, an expressive touch of brioche, white peach and acacia. The finish is quite persistent and fresh.

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

Pucciarella Rosè 2021

Trasimeno DOC Spumante Metodo Classico Rosè

(Pinot Nero) The wine has a pale salmon color, the bubbles are fine and elegant. The nose expresses notes of strawberry, almond, blackcurrant, red currants, wild rose, apple blossom, a smoky touch of bergamot, a fine lactic hint of butter, as well as a touch of star anise, toast, toasted yeast and hazelnut. The palate offers a delicate (but moderately persistent) effervescence, a sharp acidity, a good bitterness of grapefruit, a touch of star anise, vine peach, a racy calcareous minerality (which comes from marine sediments in the soil), a touch of toasted and aromatic herbs. Beautiful length and complexity, the persistence on the palate is slightly bitter and spicy.

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

WHITE WINES

La Querciolana Bianco du Boldrino 2023

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Viognier and Manzoni – a cross of Pinot Grigio and Rislieng, made by Italian scientist Manzoni) The wine has a lemon color of medium intensity. It expresses notes of lemon zest, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, green apple, a touch of pineapple, apricot and white peach. We also find notes of rosemary, a salty mineral touch, as well as chamomile and lime blossom. In the mouth, the texture is round, even oily, with a gourmand touch of honey on the finish. It also expresses the freshness of lemon and grapefruit, complemented by a gourmand hint of candied lemon and a touch of dried lemon. We also find a good bitterness of honey, chestnut and bitter almond, a mineral touch of wax, mint and rosemary on the persistence. Nice acidity and lots of freshness which balances the oiliness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Querciolana Camporso Il Viognier 2022

Umbria IGT Bianco

(100% Viognier, 9 months in new barrels and in one year barrels) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic with stone fruits, typical for Viognier (apricot, white peach). We also find notes of dried pineapple, dried pineapple, associated with integrated woody notes (a delicate hint of fresh wood, fresh hazelnut, toast), with notes of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom, chamomile), a mineral touch and dried herbs (thyme, rosemary, tea). The palate is rich, round, with expressive flavors of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, peach in syrup), honey, fresh pineapple, thyme, rosemary, acacia and chamomile. We also find a good bitterness of toasted almond, as well as a touch of vanilla, even caramel. A fleshy wine, harmonious and structured, with medium acidity and a richness typical for Viognier, complemented by a racy minerality and notes of local herbs, as well as an integrated woody notes.

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

Querciolana Camporso Il Sauvignon 2022

Umbria IGT Bianco

(100% Sauvignon, 1 year in barrel) The nose is aromatic, with pronounced and expressive aromas, typical of Sauvignon Blanc (lemon, gooseberry, passion fruit, green apple, grapefruit). Notes of torrefaction are integrated and appear in the second nose (toasted hazelnut, heated wood, a slight hint of vanilla and caramel), associated with a floral bouquet (apple blossom and acacia). The mouth is expressive, filling, ample. We find woodiness in attack (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, vanilla), complemented by a touch of wax and the fleshiness of stone fruits (apricot, white peach) and exotic fruits (passion fruit, pineapple). The acidity has a medium level,

soft, but pleasant. At the end of the palate, we find a good bitterness and structuring tannins of oak. The finish is long and sapid, a bit heady, but savoury and balanced.

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

Carini Poggio Cannetto 2022

Umbria Bianco IGT

(Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco) The nose is juicy, fruity and fragrant. It expresses the aromas of stone fruits (white peach, apricot), fresh pineapple, combined with an expressive scent of acacia, tanginess of citrus (lemon juice, lemon zest) and green apple, as well as a delicate salinity and a touch of toasted hazelnut and almond. The palate offers beautiful concentration and an airy and fine, not oily texture. We find the flavors of white peach, apricot, fresh pineapple, refreshed by the tanginess of lemon, the bitterness of grapefruit and bitter almond as well as a beautiful acidity. The finish is structured, textured and complex, with a hint of acacia and toasted hazelnut. A fragrant, refined and balanced wine.

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

Montemelino Bianco 2022

Umbria Bianco IGT

(Trebbiano Spoletino, Trebbiano Toscano, Grechetto, bottled a few days before) The nose is aromatic and chiseled. It expresses notes of green fruits (green apple, gooseberries, yellow lemon, lime, grapefruit), associated with a herbaceous and vegetal touch of cucumber, acacia, as well as a hint of white peach. The palate is sapid and tasty, slightly milky, enveloping and oily. It expresses the flavors of peach in syrup, candied green apple, candied lemon, lychee, a hint of pear drops, refreshed by notes of fresh lemon, fresh green apple, gooseberries, blood orange and orange juice. The salivating acidity and good bitterness of grapefruit balance the roundness and delicate sweetness of the wine.

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



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Il Poggio Umbria Pinot Bianco 2023

Umbria IGT Pinot Bianco

The nose of the wine is subtle and delicate, very lemony. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lemon juice, grapefruit, white peach, honey and bitter almond in the background. The mouth is expressive, oily, slightly bitter. It expresses notes of lemon zest, grapefruit, lemon juice, white peach, honey and beeswax. The finish is expressive, persistent, with a good bitterness of grapefruit and bitter almond.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Podere Marella, Marella Bianco 2022

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Grechetto, Trebbiano Spoletino) The nose is gourmand, slightly sweet and very fruity. It expresses notes of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow nectarine), mango, pineapple, as well as yellow apple, associated with touches of acacia, hazelnut and bitter almond. The palate is gourmand, with expressive flavors of yellow peach, apricots, yellow nectarine, as well as pineapple, butter and hazelnut. The texture is oily and fresh at the same time. There is a refreshing tangy touch of citrus, green apple, thyme and rosemary, which balances the richness of the wine.

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

Coldibetto Verzellino 2021

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Vermentino) The nose is lemony and fresh. It expresses pronounced citrus notes (lemon, lime, grapefruit, lime zest), as well as green apple, white peach, acacia, apple blossom and brioche. The palate is airy, subtle and light, a little less aromatic than the nose. It expresses notes of lime zest, yellow lemon and grapefruit, combined with touches of acacia, apple blossom, brioche, fresh almond, as well as a touch of saline minerality on the finish. Nice freshness and good persistence in the mouth.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Ag. Casaioli Della Villa 2023

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Chardonnay, Viogner, Sauvignon Blanc) The nose is round and textured, very gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of pineapple, candied lemon, fresh lemon and candied lime, white peach, as well as floral scents of acacia and apple blossom. The palate is textured, even oily, marked by the flavor of green apple. We also find notes of candied lemon, pineapple, fresh lemon, as well as melon and mango. Beautiful acidity and persistence on the palate with notes of white flowers. A gourmand and fresh wine.

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

Cantina Goccia Bianco 2023

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Grechetto, Vermentino): The nose is straight and lively, with expressive citrus notes, as well as a distinctive chalky and saline minerality. We find aromas of lime, yellow lemon, bitter orange and grapefruit, associated with notes of green apple and rosemary. The mouth is chiseled and expressive. It expresses notes of fresh citrus fruits (grapefruit, bitter orange, lemon, lime), as well as rosemary, green apple (which marks the finish) and a racy minerality (saline on the persistence). There is also a certain roundness expressed by the white peach flavor. Accuracy and liveliness, combined with good bitterness.

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

Casali del Toppello 2023

Umbria IGT Bianco

(Sangiovese in bianco) The nose is gourmand, juicy and lemony. It expresses notes of lemon, crunchy pineapple, vine peach, yellow peach, as well as a mineral and floral touch (acacia). The palate is supple, juicy, with notes of stone fruits (vine peach, yellow peach, yellow plum, apricot in the background), a touch of lemon peel and lemon juice, as well as pineapple. The finish is moderately persistent, rounded and gourmand, with a good level of acidity. An original, fruity, fresh and pleasant wine.

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

Berioli Vercanto 2022

Trasimeno DOC Grechetto

The nose is textured and ample. It expresses notes of melon, pineapple, bitter almond, a slightly saline mineral touch, as well as notes of grapefruit zest and candied lemon, and passion fruit. The palate expresses flavors of melon, pineapple, candied lemon

and grapefruit, combined with a hint of passion fruit and a mineral touch. It offers high acidity and a finish with good bitterness and a fine floral bouquet (acacia, linden). Good persistence.

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

Duca della Corgna, Nuricante 2022

Trasimeno DOC Grechetto

The nose is very aromatic and lemony. It expresses notes of lime, lemon zest, grapefruit and bitter orange, as well as green apple, rosemary, thyme and chamomile. The mouth is filling, round and silky. It expresses notes of apricot, white peach, lemon curd, bitter orange and lemon. The finish is chiseled and long, with a hint of bitter almond and thyme.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Madrevite 'Elvè 2023

Trasimeno DOC Grechetto

The nose is fragrant and floral - it expresses pronounced notes of apple blossom, dried lime and acacia, which are then complemented by fresh herbaceous and citrus hints (notes of lemon zest, grapefruit, lime). We also find a distinguished minerality: saline and marine, associated with notes of bitter almond, fresh rosemary, mint and white peach. The palate is oily and round, but fresh. It expresses notes of white peach, grapefruit, bitter orange, lemon, apple blossom, acacia, rosemary, dried mint and thyme. We also find the mineral and saline nuances. The acidity is lively and salivating, good persistence in the mouth with a good bitterness of bitter orange.

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

Montemelino Grechetto 2022

Trasimeno DOC Grechetto

The nose is expressive and lively. The first dominant aromas evoke dried fruits (bitter almond, hazelnut). It also expresses the aromas of fresh quince, lime, dry bitter orange, blood orange, dried lemon, pineapple and apricot, associated with floral notes of acacia, linden and apple blossom, as well as hay, peach and sweet spices. The palate offers a slight dry and gripping, chiseled sensation, which balances its oily and round texture. It expresses the flavors of lemon, lime, apricot, peach, blood orange, as well as honey and wax. The finish offers the acidity of Meyer lemon, good persistence, with good bitterness, a touch of bitter almond and sweet spices. The structure is firm, with a nice tangy structure.

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

Ag. Casaioli Pelagalla 2023

Trasimeno DOC Grechetto

The nose is fragrant and delicately floral. It expresses notes of acacia (dominant aroma) and honeysuckle combined with chiseled notes of lime, cut grass, peach and tangy apricot. The palate is chiseled, slightly herbaceous. It also expresses notes of tangy apricot, white peach, lemon zest, acacia and honeysuckle, as well as pineapple and almond. Good length, complexity and freshness.

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

Poggio Santa Maria MM78 2023

Trasimeno DOC Bianco Scelto

(Chardonnay aged in barrels) The nose is complex, dense and savoury. It expresses notes of candied lemon, fresh pineapple, yellow peach, apricot, yellow apple, as well as a touch of apple blossom and acacia. We also find gourmand spiciness and toastiness, expressed in notes of vanilla, brioche and toasted hazelnut. The mouth is tense, stretched and enveloping. It expresses notes of yellow apple, candied lemon, yellow peach, pineapple, as well as fresh brioche and vanilla. The finish is refreshing and chiseled, with lively acidity, good bitterness of bitter almond and grapefruit and a touch of wax and hay in the background. Persistence and complexity on the finish.

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

Cantina Nofrini Lambardo 2023

Trasimeno DOC Bianco Scelto

(Chardonnay) The nose is chiseled and lemony. It expresses notes of candied lemon, grapefruit zest, lime, lemon juice, combined with aromas of fresh melon, almond and white peach. The palate is lively and tangy, with citrus notes (lime, yellow lemon, candied lemon, grapefruit). It expresses chiseled notes of citrus (lime, grapefruit, lemon juice), aromatic herpes, a salty and fruity touch (white peach, apricot). The acidity is salivating, the finish is moderately persistent.

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



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Pucciarella Agnolo 2023

Trasimeno DOC Bianco Scelto

(Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc): The nose is precise, lively and tangy. It expresses notes of lime and yellow juice, lemon zest, grapefruit, green apple, as well as peach, green plum, apple blossom and bitter almond in the background. The palate has a nice filling, fresh, lemony texture, with good bitterness and a pleasant saline touch. It also expresses notes of honey, lemon, grapefruit, white peach, green apple and lemon zest. The finish is persistent, slightly bitter and lively. Good structure and balance.

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

Carini Rile 022

Trasimeno Bianco Scelto

(Chardonnay, Grechetto, Trebbiano): The first nose is rather discreet, but after aeration, the wine expresses notes of juicy stone fruits (apricot, white peach), white flowers (acacia, apple blossom) and tangy citrus fruits. The mouth associates roundness and liveliness. We find flavors of lemon, white peach, apricot, lemon zest, acacia and apple blossom. Beautiful refreshing acidity, concentration and good persistence on the palate.

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

ROSÉ WINES

Cantina Goccia Rosata 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Pinot Nero, Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon) The wine has medium onion color. The nose is fruity and juicy, textured and even oily. It expresses aromas of raspberry, strawberry, red apple, vine peach, pear drops, berberis, as well as a hint of minerality, a tangy and bitter touch of grapefruit, a hint of lily, bay leaf and white pepper. The palate is lively and chiseled, but with a good concentration. It expresses notes of vine peach, raspberry, red apple, refreshed by citrus notes of blood orange, lemon and grapefruit. The finish is pleasant, persistent and rather complex, with a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit and a lively acidity, associated with a saline mineral touch and a nuance of lily and rose in the background. A sapid and dynamic, gastronomic rosé.

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

Carini Le Cupe 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay) The wine has a pale raspberry color. The nose is gourmand, even sweet. It opens with the aroma of berberis, rose in syrup, soft caramel (toffy) and pear drops. We then find notes of crushed strawberries, raspberry coulis, vine peach, crunchy apricot, a tangy touch of red currants, a slight minerality and a hint of Mediterranean herbs in the background. The mouth is quite harmonious, less sweet than the nose. It expresses the flavors of vine peach, tangy raspberry, strawberry, as well as wild rose and rose in syrup. The finish is straight, fresh and salivating. There is a good bitterness of grapefruit, a slight salinity, a salivating acidity, as well as a hint of bay leaf. A gourmet rosé, with a good balance between delicate bitterness, acidity and a chiseled and fresh fruitiness (crunchy apricot).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Casali del Toppello Cornaletto 2022

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay) The wine has a pale orange (antique pink) color. The nose is gourmand, juicy and expresses above all the notes of stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach, yellow plum), with a refreshing touch of citrus which appears on the second nose (clementine, orange peel), associated with a floral bouquet (linden, orange blossom). We also find a distinguished and expressive minerality in a limestone note, even flint smoke, and a touch of fresh hazelnut. The palate is enveloping, with an oily texture, balanced by a good bitterness, delicate, but perceptible (bitter orange, grapefruit). We also find stone

fruit flavors (apricot, yellow peach, yellow plum). The finish is quite persistent, with the tanginess of citrus fruits (fresh orange and orange zest), a subtle minerality, less present, than on the nose and a nice acidity. A pleasant and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Duca della Corgna Martavello 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay) The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The first nose is very slightly mineral, with a floral dominance (rose, peony, apple blossom). On the second nose, we find notes of red apple, vine peach, red pear and yellow plum (even a touch of mirabelle plum), as well as a tangy and bitter hint of grapefruit and almond, and a pronounced iodine minerality. The palate is expressive, aromatic, and gourmand. It expresses notes of crushed plum, iodized minerality, bitter orange, fresh quince, dried orange, dried strawberry, blood orange and vine peach. The wine also has structure and density on the palate, thanks to a tannic touch on the finish, an oily structure and good almond bitterness. On the persistence, we also find a spicy touch of nutmeg, as well as a floral (violet, dried rose) and herbaceous notes (dried Mediterranean herbs, dried tea). A rosé with character and structure.

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

Il Poggio Es...senza 2022

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Sangiovese, Pinot Nero) The wine has a deep color for a rosé - cherry rosé. The nose expresses notes of crushed strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, a bitter touch of dried cranberries (associated with a tangy hint of cranberry juice), blackcurrant, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. Then, we find floral and herbaceous notes of wilted rose, hibiscus, wild rose, rosemary, combined with a smoky hint of bergamot and a touch of balsamic cream. The palate is vinous, expressive, complex, structured and long. It expresses the flavors of dried red cherry, morello cherry, crushed strawberry, dried blackcurrant, dried cranberries, as well as the smoky touch of bergamot (more expressive from the mid-palate and on the finish), complemented by a hint of dried rose, toast, tobacco and faded rose. The finish expresses salivating acidity and a dense structure. A structured rosé wine, even full-bodied, but well-made, complex and balanced, with a long and deep finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Querciolana Rosè di Boldrino 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay, long skin contact) The wine has a deep yellow color, copper rose of medium intensity. The nose is very aromatic: grapefruit, orange, orange zest, pomegranate, strawberry, crushed raspberry, a bit of pastry (confectionery, marshmallow), white flowers and herbs (thyme, maquis sage, rosemary, myrtle). The mouth is a bit oily, but harmonious (yellow peach, vine peach, apricot, grapefruit) associated with pronounced flavours of aromatic herbs (thyme, maquis, rosemary). Nice length, which expresses also a hint of dried orange peel, dried wild flowers and herbs. A gourmand and gastronomic rosé, with a pleasant salty note, good structure and density, as well as lively acidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Madrevite La Bisbetica Rosè 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay) The wine has an orange color, with copper reflections. The nose expresses pleasant touches of strawberry, lactic notes of strawberry yogurt, as well as peony, wild rose, hints of clementine juice and zest, a gourmet touch of apricot, soft caramel and toffee, as well as candied lemon peel, and a delicate minerality. The palate is incisive, tense, with a distinguished calcareous, saline, even iodised mineral notes. It expresses flavours of juice and zest of lemon, grapefruit and nutmeg in the background. We also find gourmand notes of vine peach, pear drops, red currants, dried



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red cherry, as well as a pleasant bitterness of bitter almond and a sharp acidity. Nice structure and expression, the finish is long and floral, with notes of wild rose and lily in the background, as well as lively acidity, salinity and minerality which characterise the profile of the wine.

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

Montemelino Ciliegio 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Ciliegio) The wine has a pale pink color. On the nose, it is delicately aromatic, elegant and expresses notes of red orange, raspberry, (especially on the first nose), dried strawberry, clementine, a touch of lavender, rosemary, sage, a hint of mint, as well as a woody touch of toasted hazelnut and almond, even if there has been no aging in wood. The palate is expressive and tangy. It expresses notes of lime, a smoky touch of bergamot and Earl Gray tea, raspberry, red currant, rose, a herbaceous hint (rosemary, sage, rose stem). The palate offers lively acidity and a pleasant bitter touch of grapefruit on the finish. An original wine, with a rather different nose and palate, airy, with a delicate structure and good length.

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

La Querciolana Rosé di Boldrino 2023

Umbria IGT Rosato

(Trasimeno gamay) The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is delicate and opens after aeration. It expresses aromas of red cherry, red currant, pink grapefruit and white peach, combined with a hint of white pepper and limestone. The palate offers density, a vinous and oily touch, but it is structured and fresh (thanks to lively acidity and good bitterness). We find flavors of red cherry, grapefruit, red currant, white peach, as well as dried raspberries, pear drops in the mid-palate and a saline, even iodine hint. A dense, gourmet rosé, with a beautiful persistence on the palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina Nofrini Rosay 2023

Trasimeno DOC Rosato

(Trasimeno Gamay, Sangiovese) The wine has a pale onion color. The nose is fragrant and fruity. It expresses notes of red apple, red pear, fresh crushed orange, orange blossom, apricot, as well as a touch of wild rose and nutmeg. We also find a distinguished and expressive minerality: limestone and saline. The palate is expressive, with a good pronounced bitterness on attack, expressed in flavors of grapefruit, bitter almond and lime. We also find notes of blood orange, wild rose and orange zest. The finish is persistent, chiseled and mineral, with a perceptible saline touch and a vibrant, salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Podere Marella, Marella Rosato 2023

Trasimeno DOC Rosato

(Sangiovese, Trasimeno Gamay, Merlot): The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is aromatic, subtly spicy (nutmeg), and slightly toasted (a touch of toast and hazelnut). We also find a floral hint of fresh rose and dried rose, fresh orange, dried red orange, lemon juice, a touch of bay leaf, red cherry, passion fruit, pineapple, red plum, a sweet touch of biscuits and yeast. The palate is enveloping, oily, even vinous, with a note of cherry in kirsch, chestnuts, red plum, pear drops, crushed strawberry. The finish is sapid, spicy (white pepper, nutmeg), salivating and a slightly bitter (good bitterness of grapefruit). An intense and original wine, vinous and gastronomic, with gourmet notes of crushed raspberry, crushed red currant and a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit and walnuts on a persistent and sapid finish.

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

Poggio Santa Maria SB83 2023

Trasimeno DOC Rosato

(Sangiovese). The wine has an onion pink color of medium intensity. It expresses notes of vine peach, fresh strawberry, red currants, red plum, red orange, red cherry (associated with a lactic touch of cherry yogurt), a spicy touch of nutmeg and white pepper. We also find a fine floral bouquet with notes of wild rose, chamomile, dried lime, faded rose, iris and lavender, which appears after aeration. We also feel a slight minerality on the nose. The palate is chiseled, tangy and oily at the same time, with an iodised and saline touch, which stands out more than on the nose. The wine also expresses flavors of lime, red orange, grapefruit, a slight bitterness of wine lees and grapefruit, even a slight tannic sensation. Notes of tart cherry and morello cherry, as

well as flowers (withered rose, violet, iris) appear on the finish. Good length with good bitterness and a refreshing tanginess.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Poggio Santa Maria SB83 2023

Colli del Trasimeno Rosato

(Organic, Sangiovese) The nose offers some creaminess, notes of juicy red fruits and roundness. It expresses the aromas of red currants, pink grapefruit, vine peach and red apple, combined with a hint of white pepper, rosé and peony. The palate is vinous, but refined, with a certain fatness, balanced by a pleasant bitterness and a good level of acidity. It expresses notes of vine peach, red currants, red apple, white pepper and peony. An elegant, slightly spicy, gourmet rosé.

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

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Cantina Nofrini Madonna del Rancio 2022

Umbria IGT Rosso

(Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Trasimeno Gamay): The nose is juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red plum, black plum and blackcurrant with a pleasant herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. We also find notes of sweet spices (liquorice, black pepper) and coffee. The mouth offers a nice structure, but a little tight. It expresses notes of red plum, black plum, morello cherry, blackcurrant and blackcurrant leaf in the background, combined with touches of coffee, liquorice and black pepper.

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

Montemelino Rosso 2020

Umbria IGT Rosso

(blend of Sangiovese and local grape varieties, aged for a year in barrels) The nose is fragrant, floral and spicy on the opening: it expresses in particular aromas of black pepper, liquorice, cumin and dried rose, associated with a hint of smoke and herbs (tomato, fresh bay leaf, roasted Mediterranean herbs, a delicate bitterness of tea). We also find the gourmandise of toasted hazelnut, chocolate and cocoa, enveloped in notes of black plum, blackcurrant, dried cranberries, dried raspberry, morello cherry and red cherry. On the palate, the wine is structured and balanced. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, cranberries and black plum, combined with herbaceous notes of fresh bay leaf, thyme and rosemary, a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice), as well as a touch of dried rose. We also find a saline mineral framework and a hint of tar. Pleasant salivating acidity on the finish, the tannins are fine, but

slightly grippy. A vibrant, powerful and balanced wine.

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

Poggio Santa Maria Michelina 2022

Umbria IGT Rosso

(Sangiovese) The nose is tangy, subtly floral and tight. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry, raspberry, strawberry and cranberries, with touches of liquorice, aromatic herbs, dried rose, coffee and toast. The palate is tangy, fruity and slightly bitter. It expresses notes of raspberry, tart strawberry, morello cherry, bird cherry, dried rose, coffee and roasted aromatic herbs. The finish is tight, tangy and slightly bitter.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

La Querciolana Grifo+ 2019

Umbria IGT Rosso

The nose is textured and enveloping. It expresses notes of liquorice, toast, caramel and dark chocolate which dominate after aeration (refreshed by a touch of menthol). We also find notes of cedar, fresh tobacco, bay leaf, thyme, rosemary, enveloped in fruity notes of dry cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum. The palate expresses flavors of morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry and chocolate morello cherry, combined with herbaceous touches (thyme, bay leaf) and torrefaction notes (coffee, caramel, toasted hazelnut). The finish is very long, sapid and gourmand, with notes of chocolate, liquorice, dry menthol and a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa. At the very end of the palate, we also find notes of rose and violet. A harmonious, fresh and flavorful wine. The tannins are very silky.

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



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Carini Tegolaro 2021

Umbria IGT Rosso

(Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is delicate, but fragrant. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, dried red cherry and blackcurrant, combined with a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg) and notes of torrefaction (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, coffee). The palate is savory and gourmand. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, black plum, blackcurrant and dried red cherry, associated with notes of sweet spices (cardamom, cumin, licorice, even star anise), as well as a good bitterness of coffee and with a hint of hazelnut and toasted wood. The tannins are silky and structured. Good length, complexity, elegance in power.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Casali del Toppello Amantius 2019

Umbria IGT Rosso

(Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Merlot) The nose is gourmand, juicy, slightly sweet and tangy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, fresh strawberry, dried strawberry, blackcurrant and black plum, combined with touches of mint, liquorice, menthol, cocoa, prunes and nutmeg. The mouth is concentrated and tangy. It expresses flavors of morello cherry, black plum, prunes, blackcurrant, and red cherry, associated with touches of prunes, liquorice, cumin, dried mint and a good bitterness. The finish is persistent, tangy, with fine and velvety tannins. Good acidity and good persistence on the palate.

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

Ag. Casaioli Fontinus 2019

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is discreet, but gourmand, even a little sweet, with dominant notes of chocolate and cocoa. We also smell notes of mint, violet, coffee, nutmeg and undergrowth, associated with a concentrated fruity substance (dried strawberry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry). The tannins are melted and almost imperceptible. The acidity is medium, but quite fresh. The finish is long, chocolatey and gourmand, with a hint of dried rose and undergrowth in the background.

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

Cantina Nofrini Rosso Principe 2023

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is fragrant, complex, with a dominant peppery touch. It expresses the gourmand aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry coulis and crunchy strawberry, combined with aromas of thyme, mint, rose and peony, as well as a touch of liquorice in the background. The palate offers fruit and a beautiful freshness in its notes of strawberry, raspberry and morello cherry, combined with notes of liquorice, thyme and pepper. The finish is tight, but gourmand, with freshness and good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Coldibetto E-Trusco 2021

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is aromatic, tangy and very fresh: it expresses notes of blackcurrant, raspberry, red cherry, blueberry, as well as a fine minty hint, a touch of cocoa and a savoury spiciness (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds). The palate is sapid, gourmand, with less acidic notes than the nose. It expresses the flavors of liquorice, cocoa and dried mint in the attack, complemented by notes of crushed strawberry, juicy morello cherry, raspberry coulis, as well as crushed coriander seeds. The finish offers suppleness and gourmandise, with a pleasant acidity and medium persistence, on cocoa and dried red fruits.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Il Poggio Legamè 2019

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The first nose is fragrant and floral and expresses aromas of violet, peony and wild rose. On the second nose, we find the profile completed by a touch of dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower), torrefaction (coffee, toast), sweet spices (white pepper, liquorice) and undergrowth, wrapped in a concentrated fruity material (griotte, raspberry, crushed strawberry, dried raspberry, chocolate morello cherry). On the palate, the wine is round and gourmand, with distinct notes of dark chocolate, licorice and mint chocolate, wild strawberry, black plum and morello cherry. We also find notes of vanilla and coriander seeds. The finish is sapid, with good bitterness, a distinct herbaceous side and a touch of black plum. The finish is persistent, with lots of freshness, lively acidity and energy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Madrevite Opra 2022

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is incisive and tangy, slightly smoky and meaty at first. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, red currant, raspberry, crushed blueberry, tart red plum and cranberries, as well as mint chocolate and wild rose. The finish is moderately long, with salivating acidity.

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

Pucciarella Trasimeno Gamay Pucciarella 2022

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is gourmand, fruity and concentrated. It expresses notes of blackberry, black plum, strawberry, raspberry, rose, peony, mint chocolate, as well as a touch of sweet spices and aromatic herbs. The palate offers flavors of juicy red and black fruits (wild strawberry, blackberry, black plum, raspberry), a spicy hint of licorice, mint chocolate and peony. The tannins have a fine texture, but a firm structure. A wine with a certain concentration and good structure.

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

Montemelino Giovanotto 2023

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay

The nose is purely fruity and expresses notes of red currant, strawberry, raspberry, crushed blueberry, a hint of white pepper, peony and tangy red plum. The palate offers lightness, fluidity and an airy side. We find flavors of strawberry, red cherry, red plum, red currant and white pepper, as well as lively acidity and supple tannins. The finish is chiselled, slightly herbaceous (rose stem) and bitter (cranberries). A pleasant wine, airy and juicy.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

Duca della Corgna, Divina Villa 2019

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay Riserva

The nose is aromatic and complex, with harmoniously associated fruity, spicy and tertiary notes. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, very ripe raspberry, juicy morello cherry, the concentration of aromas in notes of dried red fruits (dried red cherry, dried strawberry), completed by a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), dark chocolate, dried rose, dried mint, violet and liquorice. We also find the tertiary aromas of tobacco and undergrowth integrated into the profile of the wine. The palate has structure and juicy fruitiness. It expresses the flavors of crushed strawberry, juicy morello cherry, ripe raspberry, as well as torrefaction (coffee, toast hazelnut), dark chocolate, a hint of dried mint and dried rose, which return on the finish. The tannins are firm, but fine. The finish is quite long, gourmand and complex. Beautiful structure and tangy frame, finesse and delicacy.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Madrevite C'Osa 2021

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay Riserva

The nose is aromatic and herbaceous, menthol after aeration. It also expresses notes of fresh strawberry, red currant, red cherry, dried strawberry, associated with a refreshing herbaceous touch of dried mint, blackcurrant leaf and dried tobacco, a hint of toast, liquorice and violet. Good structure on the palate, some concentration, refreshing and lively acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Duca della Corgna Poggio Pietrosso 2019

Trasimeno DOC Trasimeno Gamay Riserva

The nose is discreet, but the wine opens up after aeration. It first expresses the aromas of dried strawberry, cherry, raspberry, dried raspberry, blackcurrant, aromatic herbs, mint, blackcurrant leaf, as well as tobacco and liquorice. The palate is stretched and refined. It expresses flavors of tart strawberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, dried raspberry, tobacco, liquorice and mint. The tannins are fine, powdery and well structured. A wine with lots of finesse and freshness.

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

Montemelino Grappolo Rosso 2020

Colli del Trasimeno Rosso

(organic, Sangiovese and Gamay from Trasimeno, aged for one year in barrels) The nose is fragrant and offers a nice concentration. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry, strawberry jam, raspberry and tangy cranberries, a gourmet touch of chocolate and cocoa, as well as a spicy touch (liquorice, vanilla in the background), floral



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bouquet (iris, peony, dried cornflower) and a nuance of rosemary in syrup. The palate is fruity, frank and straight. It expresses the flavors of dried cherry, dried raspberry, morello cherry, a tangy touch of cranberries and red cherry. The finish is warm and gourmand, with a savoury spiciness (cloves, cumin). We find notes of cocoa, chocolate and integrated hints of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut). Good persistence and complexity, a lively and refreshing tangy structure, combined with good bitterness. A balanced, harmonious wine, with lots of flavors.

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

Poggio Santa Maria Montelungo 2021

Colli del Trasimeno DOC

(Merlot aged in barrels) The first nose expresses notes of smoke, toast, dry herbs, morello cherry, fresh plum, prunes, dry blackcurrant, as well as fine floral (dry rose, violet) and spicy (liquorice) notes. The palate is silky, with juicy and dried fruity notes (morello cherry, black plum, dry blackcurrant, prunes, as well as bird cherry). We also find notes of cocoa, coffee, a refined spiciness (licorice, black pepper). The tannins are smooth and fine, but firm and structured. The finish is persistent with a pleasant bitterness and a touch of dried mint.

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

Poggio Santa Maria Tresa 2020

Colli del Trasimeno DOC

(Merlot aged in barrels) The nose is dense and complex. It expresses notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cloves), coffee, toasted notes, combined with gourmet aromas of morello cherry, black plum, strawberry and red plum, as well as chocolate mint and dried morello cherry. The mouth is tense, but gourmand. It expresses the flavors of dried strawberry, morello cherry, fresh black plum, a mineral touch, as well as the bitterness of coffee and a touch of chocolate. The finish is long, with tension and dynamism. Jutosite, a smoky and cocoa touch on the persistence. The tannins are sapid, with a fine grain.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

La Querciolana Grifo di Boldrino 2016

Colli del Trasimeno DOC

(50-60% Sangiovese, blended with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot) the wine has a garnet color of medium intensity. The nose expresses notes of delicate sweet spices (liquorice, cloves, nutmeg), a touch of well-integrated torrefaction (vanilla, toast), and dry mint. The tertiary notes are enveloped, in harmony with the profile of the wine (notes of dried mushrooms, dried rose, dried violet). We also find fruits: dried blackcurrant, wild strawberry, morello cherry, dried cherry, wild strawberry and chocolate cherry. The palate offers pronounced notes of torrefaction (toast, toasted hazelnut) and fine, cocoa tannins. We find flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, chocolate cherry and dried blackcurrant, associated with delicate tertiary notes (mushrooms, dried rose), as well as roasted aromatic herbs. The finish is persistent, filling and chocolatey, but fresh, elegant and refined thanks to a beautiful acidity.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

La Querciolana Gamay de Boldrino 2022

Colli del Trasimeno DOC

(Trasimeno Gamay) The nose is aromatic and fruity. It expresses the aromas of fresh strawberries and dried strawberries, black plum in the background, crushed wild strawberries, blackcurrant and prunes. We also find a smoky and toasted touch, even if the wine is not aged in barrels. The palate offers tension and lots of fresh fruit (wild strawberry, black plum, red plum, blackcurrant, wild strawberry, morello cherry, dried cherry). We find a fine spiciness (nutmeg), a touch of chocolate prunes, lilac and dried rose. Nice acidity, airiness and good bitterness. Very good integration of 16% alcohol. The finish is gourmand, with notes of morello cherry jam. Richness, but quite balanced by freshness and bitterness. The tannins are fine, but present and give good structure to the wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Montemelino Grappolo d'Oro Riserva 2020

Colli del Trasimeno Riserva

(Merlot) On the nose, the wine is smooth and textured, but reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses the notes of red plum, black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, associated with the freshness of liquorice, menthol and eucalyptus, as well as the gourmandise of cocoa, chocolate, toasted hazelnut and morello cherry in

chocolate. We also find aromas of bay leaf, rosemary, Mediterranean herbs, as well as a touch of pepper and minerality (limestone). The palate is precise and vertical, with nice acidity and a filling finish. It expresses the flavors of black plum, red plum, wild strawberry, cranberries and prunes, associated with a mineral framework (limestone), herbaceous freshness (bay leaf, rosemary, mint, eucalyptus), savoury notes of spices and chocolate (liquorice, white pepper, dark chocolate, cocoa, a hint of vanilla), as well as a floral bouquet (violet, iris). The tannins are firm, but fine. The finish is salivating and fresh, with precision and a good persistence with the notes of cocoa.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Querciolana Camporso Gamay Trasimeno Riserva 2019

Colli del Trasimeno Riserva DOC

The nose is complex, dense and spicy with an expressive chocolate hint (cocoa, dark chocolate). It expresses a sweetness and freshness at the same time. We find notes of crushed strawberry, strawberry jam, black plum, prunes, morello cherry in chocolate, as well as liquorice, dried mint, vanilla, toast and coffee in the background. The palate is straight, structured, with silky and sapid, but quite firm tannins. We find the flavors of crushed strawberry, black plum, wild strawberry, morello cherry, blackberry and prunes, combined with notes of crushed peppermint, violet, peony, toast, coffee, dried thyme and rosemary. The finish is long, silky, with very delicate notes of torrefaction, balanced by the fresh and concentrated fruity substance. The acidity is lively and refreshing, a good bitterness on the finish and a lot of complexity. Great success.

Score : 17+/20 (94-95)

Carini Òscano 2022

Colli del Trasimeno Rosso Scelto

(Sangiovese, Gamay) The nose is fruity and gourmand, with a refreshing tangy hint. It expresses the aromas of blackcurrant, black plum, fresh morello cherry, fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, bird cherry and morello cherry in chocolate. We also find notes of liquorice, nutmeg, as well as a hint of Mediterranean herbs and dried rose in the background. The mouth is straight, harmonious, with a certain complexity. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, blackcurrant and black plum, combined with a refreshing acidity and good bitterness of cranberries. We also find a savoury spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg) and herbaceous notes of thyme, rosemary and bay leaf. The finish is quite persistent, tangy and structured, with tight but fine tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Montemelino Vinea Alta 2020

Trasimeno Rosso DOC

(Pinot Noir) The nose is fragrant, but delicate and subtle.

It firstly expresses a smoky touch and pronounced aromas of Mediterranean herbs (fresh thyme and rosemary, roasted thyme and rosemary, bay leaf), as well as scents of violet and rose. We also find gourmet notes of strawberry, blueberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf, notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, cloves, pepper in the background), dark chocolate and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, even vanilla and caramel in the background). Notes of dried mint and menthol bring a fresh touch to the nose. The palate is straight, complex and fresh. It expresses notes of dried blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, morello cherry and strawberry, black plum, associated with notes of liquorice, white pepper, a herbaceous hint of dried mint, rosemary, thyme and sweet tobacco, as well as touches of coffee, chocolate, cocoa, toast and smoke. Beautiful, well-controlled tannin structure, closed with a fine texture. Good persistence, accuracy, complexity and mastery.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Podere Marella Caluna 2021

Trasimeno DOC Rosso

(Sangiovese, Trasimeno Gamay, Canaiolo) The first nose is tasty, spicy and herbaceous. It expresses aromas of coffee, toast and smoke, roasted aromatic herbs, enveloped in gourmet notes of morello cherry, dried cherry, black plum, chocolate morello cherry and strawberry. We also find notes of sweet spices (licorice, cumin) and mint. The palate is spicy and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of strawberry, black plum, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, chocolate, licorice and toast. Good length, gourmandise and complexity.

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



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Ag. Casaioli Collicelli 2022

Trasimeno DOC Rosso

(Sangiovese, Merlot) The nose is rather discreet, but offers concentration and density. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, as well as wild strawberry, associated with a savoury and refreshing herbaceous side (mint, bay leaf, rosemary), as well as a touch of chocolate and cocoa in the background. The palate offers density, good structure, energy and straightness. We find fruity notes of crushed strawberry, black plum, blackcurrant, morello cherry and bigarreau cherry, combined with notes of bay leaf, thyme, licorice, dried mint and chocolate in the background. The tannins are firm, structured, but not dry. A straight and concentrated wine, with a certain complexity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina Nofrini Monte Ruffiano 2022

Trasimeno DOC Merlot

The nose expresses notes of red cherry, juicy morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, a hint of dried cherry and recurrant jelly, combined with pleasant touches of liquorice and toast. The finish is sapid, tangy and slightly spicy, the tannins are perceptible, but melted and pleasant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Il Poggio 2019

Trasimeno Rosso Scelto DOC

(Merlot, Sangiovese) The nose is concentrated and juicy. It expresses distinct notes of black fruits (blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry, bird cherry), combined with aromas of red plum and strawberry. There are also notes of roasted thyme and rosemary, liquorice and smoke. The palate offers firmness and good structure. It expresses flavors of blackcurrant, black plum, blackberry, bird cherry and morello cherry, combined with touches of dried blackcurrant, roasted aromatic herbs, dark chocolate and a good bitterness of cocoa. Beautiful texture on the palate, enveloping and pleasant, nice acidity and good persistence on the palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Carini Oscano 2022

Trasimeno DOC Rosso Scelto

(Trasimeno Gamay, Sangiovese) The nose is chiseled and offers a lot of freshness. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry, fresh red cherry and dried red cherry, combined with notes of dried mint and roasted peppermint, thyme and rosemary. The palate is fruity and slightly bitter. It expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, dried red cherry, blackcurrant, as well as roasted aromatic herbs and dried mint. The tannins are powerful and tight, but well structured. Nice acidity, energy and verticality.

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

Coldibetto Terre del Cardinale 2021

Trasimeno DOC Rosso Scelto

(Sangiovese, Merlot) The nose is concentrated, juicy and very fruity. It expresses notes of black plum, blackberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, bird cherry and cranberries, combined with aromas of dried mint, toasted mint and dried cherry. The palate is fleshy, but fresh and tangy. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, morello cherry, blackberry, cranberries and bigarreaux cherry, combined with touches of mint, toast and liquorice. The tannins are fine, but tight, well structured. A well-made wine, with some complexity.

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

Pucciarella Sant'Anna 2021

Trasimeno DOC Rosso Riserva

(Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon): The nose is precise, concentrated and complex. It first expresses the aromas of fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, red currants, raspberry and blackcurrant, associated with a savoury herbaceous side (bay leaf, roasted thyme), notes of licorice, cumin and pepper. The palate is sapid, fruity. It expresses notes of dried strawberry, dried red cherry, fresh red cherry, raspberry, licorice, pink pepper, cumin and bay leaf. The tannins are present and structured. The finish offers beautiful acidity and an elegant herbaceous side.

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

Berioli Spiridione Merlot 2018

Trasimeno DOC Riserva

The nose is aromatic and complex. It expresses distinct notes of evolution (mushrooms, undergrowth), associated with fruity notes of crushed strawberry, dried cherry, black plum and red plum. We also find spicy notes of vanilla, liquorice and pink pepper. The finish expresses depth, structured and tight tannins, as well as refreshing acidity and good bitterness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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Umbria IGT Passito

(Semillon) The nose is aromatic, sweet and very gourmand. It expresses notes of candied quince, roasted Golden apple, roasted pear, peach in syrup, honey, as well as tangy notes of candied lemon and orange, grilled vanilla and toasted hazelnut. The palate offers a delicate richness, a supple texture and sweet flavors of roasted golden apple, peach in syrup, roasted quince, roasted apricot, grilled vanilla, toasted hazelnut, as well as rosemary in syrup and laurel. The finish is persistent, honeyed, with a touch of quince paste and roasted peach. The supple, but fresh acidity balances the sweetness of the wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Querciolana Camporso Passito Viognier 2023

Umbria IGT Passito

(organic, aged in new French oak barrels): The nose is very gourmand and fragrant. It expresses the aromas of very ripe apricot, dried apricot, juicy yellow peach, dried pineapple, fresh pineapple, roasted apple, roasted pear, combined with a spicy touch of saffron, nutmeg, balancing herbaceous and lemony notes of fresh bay leaf, dried orange, candied lemon, rosemary in syrup, as well as a hint of sweetness from lemon curd and pastry cream. The palate is juicy, savoury and dense. It expresses notes of juicy stone fruits (crushed yellow peach and apricot, a hint of Mirabelle plum), roasted apricot, peach in syrup, balanced by flavors of mint in syrup, bay leaf and rosemary in syrup, as well as than with a spicy touch of saffron. A concentrated, powerful and rich wine, with an oily texture and medium acidity, but quite balanced. The finish is persistent, milky, with notes of dried pineapple, plum jam and crushed mirabelle plum.

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

La Querciolana Camporso Gamay Trasimeno Passito 2022

Trasimeno Passito

(grapes are dried until December) The nose is very aromatic and offers aromas of dried cherry, crème de cassis, dried raspberry, raspberry jam, prunes, stewed cherry and dried blackberry. There is a savory spiciness in the notes of liquorice, clove and ground cumin, as well as herbaceous and floral notes of fresh tobacco, dried rose and dried mint. The palate is sweet, rich, with fine and velvety tannins. It expresses the flavors of prunes, chocolate, morello cherry in chocolate, dried blackcurrant, bird cherry, mint in syrup, crème de cassis and dark chocolate. The finish is long, sweet, but balanced by a nice acidity. We also find notes of prunes, infused black tea, infused dried apple and infused hibiscus on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



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Château Val d'Arenc 2023

AOP Bandol

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with notes of white peach as well as lemon zest. It's discreet. The second nose opens slightly with a hint of saline and minerality. The palate is fresh with a buttery note from the attack. Then we have touches of pineapple as well as yellow peach and nectarine. There is a slight sweetness at the start. The finish develops on mirabelle plum and baked apple.

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

Domaine de la Font des Pères 2020

AOC Bandol

The wine has a beautiful light lemon yellow color. The nose is powerful and aromatic with a nice mix of fresh fruits and dried fruits. There are notes of mint as well as apple and dried lemon. We also perceive some touches of almond. The second nose is still aromatic but more on exotic fruits like lychee and pineapple. The palate is fresh with a beautiful velvety texture and invigorating acidity. We have a smoky mineral side which accompanies fruits like candied lemon, pineapple and dried banana. There is a saline hint in the mouth which complicates the whole and we end the tasting with a finish with fine hints of black tea. Beautiful wine.

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

Domaine Ray-Jane 2023

AOC Bandol

The wine has a pale color on the straw with green reflections. The nose is fresh with hints of grass. We also perceive fine hints of plum. The whole thing is discreet. The second nose is always discreet with touches of citrus like pomelo. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack. Then the notes appear. We have fine hints of white fig as well as grass. We also perceive white peach and salinity in the mid-palate. There are hints of fresh almond as well as white grapes. There is more expressiveness on the palate than on the nose.

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

CÔTES DE PROVENCE

Château Léoube - Secret de Léoube Blanc de Blancs 2022

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of lemon and apple. There is also a fresh minerality that emerges. The second nose is fresh and tangy, always with touches of lemon and white peach. It's simple. The palate is fresh with a nice dynamic acidity. We find citrus fruits but also peach. The palate is simple with a hint of iodine. It is a refreshing wine.

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

Château Léoube - Blanc de Léoube 2023

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale color on the straw. The nose is fresh and the aroma is discreet on the fruit like pear. The second nose opens more on lime and on a slightly smoky, slightly mineral side. The palate is fresh with acidity present from the attack. There are notes of lemon as well as white grapes. It's simple and refreshing.

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

Château Léoube - Love by Léoube Blanc 2023

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale color on the straw. The nose is fresh and fruity with fine hints of white peach and passion fruit. The second nose opens with small creamy notes. We find the fruits with pears as well as touches of pomelo. The palate is fresh and juicy with measured acidity. We find a fruity tasting with orange, peach, a hint of salinity in the mid-palate and hints of lemon. It's a nice wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Mas de Cadenet 2023

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with touches of lemon and pear. It's discreet. The second nose opens up and is more focused on citrus fruits. The palate has a little fizziness on the attack. It's fresh and fruity but

always discreet. We find lemon juice, apple and pineapple. The whole is lively with hints of pear.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Coussin - César à Sumeire 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is vinous, fresh with fruits like white peach. It's discreet. The second nose is more smoky with a racy minerality. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. We have fine hints of lemon and white peach. There is a salinity in the mid-palate and the tasting ends with iodine and a hint of lychee.

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

Château Coussin - César à Sumeire 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale straw color. The nose is fresh, vinous with notes of lemon and apple. The second nose opens with more white peach and lychee. The whole thing remains discreet. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity. We have notes of flowers like acacia and hints of citrus fruits like lemon zest. There is also a salinity present in the mid-palate which continues in a fine finish with apricot blossom.

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

Château Coussin 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a shiny pale straw yellow color. The first nose is aromatic on orchard fruits with notes of yellow peach as well as pear. The second nose opens with lemon as well as a fine hint of passion fruit and goat's cheese. The palate is round, fine with notes of juicy lemon and white peach. We have a pleasant saline touch. The finish is on the pomelo. There is efficiency in simplicity.

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

Château d'Astros - Amour 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and discreet on pineapple and lemon with a hint of bergamot. The second nose opens with white pepper as well as yellow apple. The palate is fresh, lively with present acidity. The aromas are discreet with lemon and apple. The whole is refreshing and ends with a little salinity and a hint of green olive.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château des Demoiselles 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of fruit such as apple but also peach and pear. The second nose continues the same aromatic with hints of pineapple and touches of candied lemon. The palate is fine, fresh and fruity. We find juicy peach and tangy lemon. We also have the pear always present. There is a nice salivating acidity. The finish offers a finish of almond and lemon.

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

Château La Mascaronne 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green reflections. The nose is fresh with fine hints of fresh liquorice. We also have lemon zest. It's discreet. The second nose opens with notes of nectarine as well as fresh mango. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of juicy yellow peach but also pineapple and always pulpy lemon. The finish has a saline touch.

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

Château Maïme - Origine 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a lemon yellow color. The first nose is discreet with notes of pear and white peach. The second nose develops, more aromatic, with more stone fruit and a slight butteriness. The palate is round with a nice freshness and juiciness. We find lemon but also pear and white peach. We always perceive a light creamy butteriness in the background. The finish is a little saline with hints of iodine.

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



Provence white wines

Château Maïme - Héritage 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a straw color with lemon highlights. The nose is fresh with minerality and lemon notes. We also have fine touches of peach. When aerated, we have a saline side that develops. In the mouth, there is fruit and freshness. We have touches of pineapple as well as juicy peach. There is always a saline side present and a velvety side in the mouth. The finish is on lemon zest.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Sainte Roseline Cru Classé - Lampe de Méduse 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a fine pale lemon colour. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of apple as well as white peach. It's aromatic. The second nose is pretty with a slight iodine touch. We find fruits with minerality. We have hints of pineapple as well as white flowers like jasmine. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice dynamic acidity. There are notes of lemon as well as juicy apple. There is a slight saline impression in the mid-palate. We perceive hints of peach as well as tangy pineapple. Pleasant and nicely crafted wine. The finish is subtle on apricot.

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

Château Sainte Roseline Cru Classé - Collection 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of lemon and pineapple. The second nose opens with gourmandise. There are touches of orchard fruits like juicy white peach. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity. We find notes of lemon as well as nectarine. We perceive a salinity in the mid-palate which continues in the finish. The latter is fine with notes of almond as well as honeysuckle. Nice wine.

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

Château Sainte-Croix - Prestige 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale color on the straw. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of lemon and grapefruit. We also find touches of white pepper as well as fine hints of rosemary. When aerated, stone fruits such as white peach and apricot develop. We also perceive a discreet buttery side. The palate is round, fruity with beautiful notes of ripe lemon as well as juicy white peach. There is a slight bitterness in the mid-palate which enhances the whole. The finish is pretty on olive branch and apricot. It's salivating.

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

Château Sainte-Croix - Acacia 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale yellow color. The nose is aromatic, powerful and delicious with notes of lemon as well as white peach. We also perceive nectarine and white grapes. There is a Sauvignon side that emerges with these citrus fruits and these almost passion fruit touches. The second nose is pretty, pleasant with fruits: citrus and orchard fruits. There is a certain dynamism. The palate is fresh with notes of rose as well as lemon and grapefruit. There are also fine hints of passion fruit. There is a nice salivating acidity which brings balance. The finish is always aromatic with grapefruit notes.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Coussin - La Croix du Prieur 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with white peach and lemon zest. The second nose is more delicate with fine floral hints of yellow jasmine as well as pear. The palate is fresh and fruity, aromatic and seductive. We find juicy white peach, small apricot and pear. It's simple and effective while ending in a pineapple finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine La Tourraque - Cuvée Classic 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of dried banana as well as yellow peach. We also perceive fine hints of violet and apple. The second nose opens with more citrus notes such as ripe lemon and grapefruit. The palate is fresh with acidity present from the attack. We find notes of very ripe lemon as well as peach, a little side of pineapple and a fine, imperceptible hint of acacia honey. The finish is salivating with a hint of salt and notes of candied lemon.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Estandon - Heritage 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a beautiful pale straw color. The nose is fresh with a beautiful aroma of lime, lemon but also juicy yellow peach. The second nose opens and is powerful. We find the same notes as on the first nose with orchard fruits and citrus fruits. There is also a minty freshness. On the palate, there is well-balanced fruit and acidity. We find notes of fruit such as juicy lemon but also pomelo. We also perceive touches of luscious

pear and white peach. The whole is fresh with a finish with a hint of salinity.

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

Gilardi Le Vin ensoleillé - Châtellenie de Mistral 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine is pale with a lemon color. The first nose is fresh and fruity. It's very lemony, almost sauvignon-like. There are notes of fresh yellow and green lemon as well as grapefruit. We also have touches of passion fruit and slightly, imperceptibly, a hint of asparagus. The second nose is aromatic and opens with other fruity aromas such as peach and apricot. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack and offers a beautiful dynamic acidity. We find lemon, grapefruit, passion fruit, a hint of lychee and pineapple as well as juicy white peach. The finish is salivating with a saline touch. It's pretty and effective.

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

La Tourraque - L'intrigue 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with a racy minerality. There are notes of lemon and peach. The second nose is more on a crunchy apple side. The palate is fresh with a little sweetness on the attack. There are notes of coriander berry as well as basil in the background. We find lemon and yellow peach. The finish is slightly saline.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Maison Mirabeau - Pure - Mirabeau en Provence 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with a hint of iodine. There are touches of lemon as well as white peach. The second nose is more aromatic, still with stone fruits as well as touches of candied lemon. The palate is fresh and fruity. We have a nice acidity with delicious notes of peach, green grapes and brunoise. We have hints of honeysuckle as well as pineapple. It's a lovely wine that ends in a limey finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Rimauresq Cru Classé - R 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale, light straw color. The nose is fresh and discreet with notes of light almond. The second nose opens with touches of racy minerality and lemon. The whole thing is delicate. The palate is clear, fine with notes of candied lemon as well as browned butter. We have hints of pine sap and basil. It's a lovely, delicate wine with a finish of white peach and a hint of iodine. There is a nice silky texture on the palate.

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

Saint Jean de Villecroze 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a light straw yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity, slightly smoky. We have a little salinity which accompanies notes of lemon and white peach. The second nose is more focused on apple and pear. The mouth is marked by acidity from the attack. There are notes of green apple, pear and lemon. We have fine hints of acacia honey. The whole thing is refreshing with a salivating finish with a touch of salt.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is discreet with notes of fruit such as lemon and nectar. The second nose is more intense with notes of yellow peach as well as apricot and pear. The palate is fresh, balanced with refreshing acidity and notes of fruit such as juicy white peach and pear. We have hints of lemon and green apple. It is simple and efficient.

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

Torpez - Ultimum 2019

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon straw color. The first nose is fruity and intense. There are notes of candied lemon and apricot. The second nose is more mineral, greener with notes of lime and citrus leaf. The palate is fresh and fruity. There are notes of lemon, juicy peach as well as apple. There is a controlled acidity and a beautiful texture on the palate which coats the palate. We finish the tasting with small buttered wedges.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Torpez - Bravade 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with a slight reductive aspect. It gradually opens up with fruits like lemon and white peach. The second nose is discreet with a hint of minerality. There are notes of green apple as well as white fruits. The palate is fresh and fruity with always this little mineral side which brings dynamism. There are discreet notes of white fruits and a hint of lemon. The finish is slightly saline and always discreet.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

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CÔTES DE PROVENCE LA LONDE

Domaine de La Sanglière - Prestige 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with discreet notes of melon as well as honeysuckle. We also perceive minerality. The second nose is more aromatic with touches of orchard fruits such as yellow peach and apricot. We also have touches of lemon. The palate is fresh with a slight sparkle on the attack. You can smell the yellow peach as well as the apricot. We have lemon zest and a very salivating acidity. The finish has imperceptible touches of fresh mango.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine de La Sanglière - Speciale 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a beautiful aromatic palette around orchard fruits such as yellow peach. We have hints of lemon and pomelo. The second nose is also citrus with a saline hint. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity. There are notes of lemon as well as yellow peach and pomelo. The whole thing is discreet, balanced and juicy. The finish is salivating on lemon.

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

Figuière - Confidentielle 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

The wine is very pale with a straw color. The nose is discreet with fruity notes of apple and pear. We perceive fine woody touches. The second nose is more aromatic but still discreet. We have fine hints of vanilla which accompany notes of nectarine and white peach. Without forgetting a delicate floral side with jasmine in particular. The palate is fresh with salinity from the attack. We find fine buttery hints with juicy peach and apple. The tasting is fine, crystal clear. The finish is on olive blossom.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Vignelaure - La Source 2023

AOC Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a clear color with pale lemon yellow. The nose is aromatic with notes of crunchy apple, lemon but also fine hints of grapefruit. We also have touches of yellow peach. The second nose opens more on orchard fruits and also on some white fruits such as pear. It's attractive. The palate is fresh and tangy with pear and apple notes. It's simple but effective with a nice round texture in the mouth. The finish is more on juicy white peach and lemon.

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

COTEAUX VAROIS

Estandon - Génération Estandon 2023

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The wine has a very pale lemon color. The nose is fresh and vinous. There are notes of lemon and racy minerality. The second nose opens with lemon and grapefruit with fine hints of passion fruit. The palate is fresh with a little sweetness on the attack. We find citrus fruits but also juicy yellow peach. We have a salinity which appears in the mid-palate. The finish is on lemon zest.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

COTEAUX D'AIX

Domaine d'Eole - Tradition 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is vinous and fruity. There are notes of apple and cooked lemon. The second nose is more expressive with hints of racy minerality as well as juicy white peach. The palate is fresh and aromatic with notes of pineapple and pear. We perceive fine hints of white peach as well as greener notes which bring a slight astringency. The finish is refreshing with pomelo zest.

Score : 15.25+ 90-91/100)

Domaine Naïs 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of apricot and yellow peach. We also perceive fine hints of exotic fruits such as mango. The second nose is always aromatic and fruity. There is roundness with touches of lemon, yellow peach and melon. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity which is evident from the attack. We have hints of cream as well as lemon, apple and tangy apricot. The finish is slightly saline and floral with olive blossom.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Coste - Le Blanc 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight creaminess. There are notes of fruit like lemon and juicy white peach. The second nose opens with delicacy and always fruit with fine hints of pear. The palate is fresh with fruit, particularly juicy pear. We have small notes of candied lemon as well as white peach. There is a nice balance with a refreshing controlled acidity. At the end of the palate there are some hints of iodine as well as flowers such as honeysuckle which linger.

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

Les Béates - Les Béatines 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a light, pale straw color. The nose is discreet and fruity with fine notes of lemon. The second nose is more expressive with fresh hazelnut and pear. The whole thing remains discreet. The palate is fresh with a soft texture. There are notes of lemon as well as pear. It's slightly winy with a hint of pineapple. The finish has a saline touch.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château La Coste - Les Pentes Douces 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The wine has a beautiful light straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of juicy lemon as well as pear. It's slightly winy. The second nose is more aromatic with beautiful notes of white peach as well as small hints of lime. The palate is fresh with brightness and still this vinous aspect. There are notes of lemon as well as hints of lime zest.

Score : 15.25+ 90-91/100)

IGP & VIN DE FRANCE

Domaine La Coste 2022

IGP des Portes de Méditerranée

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is vinous with notes of lemon and apple. The second nose is saline and always fruity. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted bread. The palate is round with nice acidity. The aromas are more expressive with citrus but also peach. We perceive fine hints of apple as well as a nice buttery, toasted side. There is a fatness with an acidity that is at the same time dynamic. The finish is lovely with notes of butter, crème fraîche as well as stewed apple with a hint of vanilla.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Richeaume - Tradition Blanc 2023

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a beautiful pale color on the straw. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of lemon, a salinity also appears gradually as well as notes of nectarine. The second nose is more fruity with stone fruits such as apricot and peach. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack. There is freshness and a salivating acidity present. We find stone fruits such as apricot and white peach. We also perceive the juiciness of lemon and hints of white fig. There is a beautiful velvety feel on the palate and the tasting ends in a long fleshy finish with fruit and a hint of flower like yellow jasmine.

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

Domaine Richeaume - Coulemelle Blanc 2022

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a beautiful light straw yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of pear as well as white peach. We also have fine hints of lemon. The second nose is also fruity with the same aromatic notes. The palate is fresh with sweetness but also a nice acidity. We find gourmet notes of candied lemon, juicy white peach as well as white fig. We also have discreet hints of orange and orange blossom. The finish is fine with a small mineral touch and the juiciness of white grapes.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Estandon - Pleine Nature

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a very pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with yellow and green lemon. The nose is discreet. The second nose is vinous with hints of lemon again. It's simple. The palate is fresh with acidity present from the attack. We find very fine notes of verbena as well as lemon. We perceive a small iodized salinity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Estandon - Insolence

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a very pale color on the straw. The nose is fresh with notes of lime as well as discreet hints of passion fruit. The second nose opens up and is aromatic with notes of yellow peach and pomelo. The palate is fresh and fruity with touches of ripe lemon, peach and pink grapefruit. The finish is slightly saline on yellow peach.

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

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Le Page de Vignelaure 2022

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a light straw yellow color. The nose is fresh and round with lovely notes of fruit such as mango and apricot. We also have fine hints of almond. The second nose is still aromatic with sweet spices and touches of cooked apple. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of juicy fresh mango, dried apricot and pineapple. There is a beautiful liveliness in this wine and the finish has a touch of astringency.

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

Vignelaure 2021

IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is intense and aromatic with notes of acacia honey but also apricot tart. We also have fine hints of apple and banana. It's fresh and pretty. The second nose opens with the same notes. There is a very tangy fruity side. The palate is fresh with a soft texture. We have notes of apple but also of peach and green plum. The tasting is delicate, discreet with body and a small touch of astringency on the finish.

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

Château d'Astros - Aventure 2022

IGP Var

The wine has a yellow color with pale green reflections. The nose is fresh and fruity with a nice minerality and notes of white peach and lemon. The second nose develops more on orchard fruits with also the presence of small, crunchy white fruits such as pear and grape. The palate is round with a slight sweetness on the attack. There are notes of pear, apple but also white peach and white grapes. We have a fine saline hint. The whole thing remains discreet and refreshing.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Yssole - « Signore » 2021

IGP Var

The wine has a pale straw yellow color. The first nose is fruity with notes of lemon and lemon zest. We perceive a hint of fresh minerality. The second nose is more aromatic with touches of yellow peach as well as a slightly smoky side. We have fine hints of butter. The palate is fresh and tangy with notes of fresh herbs such as basil in a discreet way but also lemon and melon. The finale remains discreet.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Estandon - Terre Nouvelle 2023

IGP Var Correns

The wine has a very light, pale yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity, delicious with notes of lemon, grapes and white peach. We also perceive a slight hint of seawater. The second nose is fresh and fruity with always this touch of iodine which accompanies tangy fresh fruits. We have white peach but also apple and a hint of fresh grass. The palate is fresh and fruity with a salinity present from the attack. We have white fruits like pears and white grapes. We also perceive touches of lemon zest as well as grapefruit. The whole thing ends with a saline finish of juicy peach.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine La Tourraque - La Briande 2023

Vin de France

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is very aromatic, powerful with notes of earl gray tea and coriander berry but also peach in syrup. The aroma is quite sweet. The second nose is also intense with notes of flower honey, peach in syrup and even tangerine in syrup. The palate is fresh and fruity. We find tea and coriander with a more direct palate while the aromas are quite rounded. The finish is still persistent with its notes of tea, peach in syrup and acacia flower. The wine is light on the palate.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

ROSÉ WINES

Château Coussin - La Croix du Prieur 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of small, crunchy red fruits as well as vine peach. The second nose is fresh with hints of citrus fruits such as pomelo. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. There are notes of small red fruits such as redcurrant with hints of citrus and mango. The finish has a refreshing saline touch.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Coussin 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The wine has a pale rose gold color. The nose is fresh, slightly vinous with notes of small, crunchy red fruits as well as red apple. The second nose is a little more aromatic with touches of rose and peach. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. We have notes of apple as well as lemon and peach as well as nectarine. A slight salinity appears in the mid-palate and continues into a blackberry finish with a slight astringency.

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

RED WINE

Domaine Naïs - Symphonie de Naïs 2020

AOP Côteaux d'Aix en Provence

This wine has an intense ruby color, limpid and shiny. The nose is intense and woody with notes of crunchy black fruits such as blackberry and blackcurrant but also stewed black fruits. We perceive a hint of sweet spices, notably vanilla and touches of wood. The second nose is even more intense with very beautiful notes of black sweet cherry as well as rose. There are fine touches of black pepper. The palate is fresh, powerful and clear with black fruits accompanied by an intense smoky perception. There are touches of cherry, blackberry as well as vanilla and leather. We also perceive a hint of charcoal with a juicy meatiness. The finish is long on black cherry and spices.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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PETIT CHABLIS

Jean Collet & Fils - Petit Chablis 2023

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is pure, chiselled and racy: it expresses tangy notes of fresh lemon, lemon zest, lime, green apple and fresh herbs, as well as clear limestone minerality. We also find a touch of acacia and hay in the background. The mouth is lively, vertical and vibrant. It offers a salivating acidity, notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit), green apple and limestone, as well as a good bitterness of lime. The finish is slightly bitter, tangy and quite lingering. A very fresh and balanced wine, which combines liveliness and minerality with a certain roundness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils, La Terre de mon Père 2023

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is airy, very fresh and lemony. The first nose expresses notes of grated lemon zest, lime, a touch of green apple pulp as well as tangy pineapple and acacia in the background. The mouth is chiseled, with lightness and fluidity. The attack is reserved, but the mid-palate offers a consistent, even slightly oily texture. It expresses notes of lemon peel, lemon juice, lime, green apple pulp, acacia and a touch of cut grass. The finish expresses a lively acidity and a good bitterness in the background. A simple wine, but pleasant and refreshing.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Jean Durup Père et Fils, L'Eglantière 2023

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is airy, lemony, on freshness and lightness. It expresses notes of tangy green fruits (green apple, green pear), yellow lemon, lemon zest and green plum, associated with a salty mineral and floral touch (acacia). The palate is fresh, chiselled and straight, especially lemony. It expresses notes of green apple, lemon zest, green plum, lemon juice and acacia. The mid-palate offers a certain roundness of white peach, and in the finish, we feel a delicate bitterness and salinity. The finish is moderately persistent, with lively acidity.

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

Domaine Soupé 2022

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers juiciness and a fleshiness of stone fruits, while remaining fresh. It expresses the aromas of white peach, tangy apricot, crushed green apple, lemon zest, lemon juice and a gourmet touch of pineapple in the background. We also find a delicate saline and limestone minerality in the background, a hint of linden and apple blossom. The palate is straight, lively, with a nice acidity and a slight bitterness. It expresses the flavors of green apple, grapefruit (which brings a good bitterness), lemon juice, lemon zest, as well as green plum and tangy apricot in the background. The finish is quite persistent, mineral and slightly bitter. Nice freshness, precision and a lively and fresh acidity, but not sharp.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Passy le Clou 2022

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and floral: it expresses notes of fresh lime, acacia, apple blossom, a very slight hint of honey in the background, as well as notes of lemon, grapefruit, white peach, apricot tangy and green apple, as well as a hint of fresh almond and limestone in the background. The palate offers fluidity and juicy fresh fruit flavors: crushed green apple, green plum, tangy apricot, white peach, lemon juice, combined with a slightly perceptible minerality in the background, as well as airy floral scents (acacia, apple blossoms). The finish is moderately persistent and expresses a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime, as well as a salivating acidity.

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

Domaine Soupé Petit Chablis 2023

Petit Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with green reflections. The nose is aromatic, tangy and expresses notes of citrus (lime, yellow lemon, a touch of grapefruit zest) and green fruits (green apple, green plum). We also find an herbaceous and vegetal

touch (cut grass, cucumber) and white flowers, associated with a fine mineral hint. The palate is light, airy and chiseled. It offers refreshing flavors of green apple, green pear, yellow lemon and green lemon, combined with a touch of acacia and a pleasant roundness of white peach and apricot in the mid-palate. The finish is moderately persistent, but pleasantly tangy and fresh, slightly bitter on the finish. The acidity is lively and salivating. A straight and fresh wine.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

CHABLIS

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils - Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Elevée en Fût de Chêne 2022

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a certain concentration and complexity, as well as a fine spicy and yeasty hint in the background. It expresses the aromas of dried lemon peel, fresh lemon, lime, green apple skin, grapefruit, as well as tangy apricot. After aeration, the wine expresses aromas of honey and wax, as well as a fine floral bouquet (dried lime blossom, dried chamomile, a touch of acacia), fresh hazelnut, toasted notes in the background, as well as a perceptible limestone minerality. The palate is savoury, honeyed on the attack and in the mid-palate. It also expresses notes of crushed lemon, candied lemon peel, candied lime, a good bitterness of grapefruit, as well as flavors of tangy apricot and green apple pulp. We also find notes of dried flowers (lime blossom, chamomile, acacia), infused green tea, as well as fresh almond and fresh hazelnut. The toasty and woody notes are almost imperceptible (we find them in aromas of dried fruits and sweet spices : nutmeg, a very slight touch of cumin). The finish is slightly bitter and herbaceous, with a salivating and refreshing acidity. Good length and structure on the palate.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Soupé - Chablis 2023

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with green reflections. The nose firstly expresses floral notes of apple blossom, acacia, honey-suckle and lily, which are then complemented by notes of lime zest, lime juice, yellow lemon, as well as Granny apple and Reine Claude plum. There is also a touch of fresh brioche in the background, yogurt and gooseberries, as well as a mineral hint of limestone. The palate is lively, tangy, with a beautiful nice and a delicate bitterness of grapefruit and lime, which is more expressed on the finish. It also expresses flavors of green apple, gooseberries, yellow lemon, grapefruit zest, a touch of butter and yogurt, as well as apple blossom, acacia and cut grass in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, slightly bitter, with salivating acidity and liveliness.

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

Domaine Soupé - Chablis 2022

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers tension, tangy notes of citrus (lemon, lime), green apple, green pear, white peach, as well as acacia flowers, lime blossom, a hint of fresh hazelnut, hay and cut grass in the background, as well as vanilla yogurt and limestone. The palate expresses a limestone mineral structure on attack, racy and slightly dry, associated with chiselled notes of lime, yellow lemon, and green apple, as well as a juicy and slight sweetness of white peach. The finish offers a delicate bitterness of grapefruit and lime, as well as a hint of linden, acacia, linden honey and a touch of yeast (fresh bread) in the background. The acidity is lively and salivating, good persistence and expression of the terroir.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Soupé - Chablis Vieilles Vignes 2022

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of white peach, yellow plum, green plum, green apple, as well as crushed lemon and lemon peel. After aeration, the wine expresses gourmand and slightly sweet aromas of warm brioche, vanilla yogurt, dried wild flowers, dried linden and apple blossoms, associated with a distinguished minerality (limestone, dry stone). The mouth is straight, fresh, chiseled. The attack expresses notes of green apple, lemon juice, green pear, as well as a touch of green plum, dried wild flowers, apple blossom and linden, as well as yogurt, warm brioche in the background and a limestone touch. The finish



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offers concentration, lively acidity, tangy green fruit flavors, as well as good grapefruit bitterness. Accuracy and freshness, beautiful mineral structure.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Felix - Chablis 2023

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers freshness, precision and a tangy citrus notes, associated with a racy, saline and limestone (even chalky) minerality. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lime zest, lemon juice, as well as green apple, Reine Claude plum, apricot, cut grass and acacia. The palate is gourmand, juicy and very fruity, even slightly sweet. It expresses notes of white peach, ripe apricot, fresh lemon, candied lemon, grapefruit jam as well as apple blossom and acacia (but we feel a little less minerality). Good bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey, very pleasant on the finish. The acidity is lively, salivating and refreshing. Nice concentration, complexity and balance. Density and an oily touch on the palate.

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

Jean Collet & Fils - Chablis 2023

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. On the nose, it is closed and requires aeration. Then, it expresses precise aromas of green apple and citrus (lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit), associated with a touch of crunchy apricot, minerality (limestone, dry stone, rock), as well as with a hint of green pear, wild herbs and acacia. The palate offers roundness and gourmandise on the attack with flavors of white peach and juicy apricot, even a slight touch of vanilla and lime blossom in the background. In the mid-palate, we find flavors of acacia, ripe lemon, a touch of grapefruit and passion fruit in the background, as well as a very slight hint of toast and yeast. The finish is quite persistent, with good bitterness, flavors of ripe green apple and refreshing acidity.

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

La Chablisienne - Les Vénérables 2020

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, honeyed, fruity and slightly lactic, with an expressive minerality which appears as a second nose. It expresses notes of chalk, limestone, lime, lemon, green apple, candied apple, wax, hay, fresh hazelnut, as well as a touch of quince, nutmeg, apple blossom, acacia and apricot. The palate is ample, slightly more woody than the nose (we also find notes of toasted wood in the background), with a pronounced grapefruit bitterness. We also find notes of lime zest, yellow lemon, fresh green apple, candied green apple, yellow lemon zest, a touch of honey, wax and hay, as well as flowers (dried linden, acacia). The finish is mineral and tangy, persistent, with a slightly drying touch of limestone and a vibrant acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Passy le Clou 2022

Chablis

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers a certain concentration, juiciness of stone fruits, as well as citrus freshness. It expresses the aromas of yellow peach, apricot, ripe green apple, fresh lemon, candied lemon peel and candied grapefruit. We also find a sweet touch of apple blossom and honeysuckle, associated with a herbaceous touch (wild herbs, a touch of hay) and mineral (rock, a touch of limestone). On the palate, the attack is lively, tangy, slightly bitter (with notes of lime and grapefruit) and herbaceous. It also expresses notes of green apple, yellow lemon and the roundness of white peach and apricot. In the mid-palate, we also find a salty mineral touch and floral notes (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is rather persistent, saline and tangy.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine de Vauroux 2022

Chablis

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is juicy, fruity and floral, with a delicate limestone minerality in the background. It expresses notes of candied lemon peel, yellow lemon zest, white peach, tangy apricot, green apple, a vegetal touch of cucumber, which brings freshness, as well as apple blossom, dried lime blossom and a touch of yeast. The palate is fruity and tangy, with a fresh attack on notes of apricot and white peach, a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime in the mid-palate, notes of hay, dried linden in the background and acacia. The finish is lively, with refreshing acidity and good bitterness, combined with a delicate salinity.

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

Domaine de Vauroux - Vieilles Vignes 2022

Chablis

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight golden reflections. The nose is distinguished, mineral and expresses aromas of limestone and wet stone in the background. After aeration, we find notes of honey, wax (in the background), hay, dried linden and acacia, as well as notes of juicy stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach) and citrus (candied lemon in the background, lemon zest, grapefruit). The palate is tasty and expressive. On

the attack, we find notes of honey and wax, associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit, bitter almond and lime. We also smell notes of green apple, hay, dried lime and acacia. The finish is chiseled, thanks to salivating acidity, good bitterness and lingering flavors of green apple and lime juice. Good length, freshness and racy minerality.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

J. Moreau & Fils - Hommage à Mademoiselle Victoire 2022

Chablis

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose offers precision and a tangy framework of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit) and green fruits (green apple, green plum), which are completed on the second nose with notes of tangy apricot and ripe white peach. We also find a mineral touch of limestone, a hint of fresh chamomile, apple blossom and acacia. The palate is gourmand, with a fruity and juicy attack: it expresses notes of white peach, apricot, lemon, green apple, green plum, grapefruit zest, as well as wild flowers. In the finish, we find a limestone and saline mineral framework, as well as a slight bitterness. The acidity is lively and sharp, but pleasant and refreshing. Good persistence on the palate.

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

CHABLIS PREMIER CRU

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru

Les Lys, Sélection Parcellaire 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

(Aged for 20 months) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers complexity and density in elegance, as well as a fine spicy and honeyed hint. It expresses notes of fresh lemon, dried lemon, grapefruit, flower honey, a touch of pollen, wisteria, lily and acacia, as well as delicate spicy notes (nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds, a minty hint of liquorice), as well as a touch of fresh hazelnut and cut mint (in the background). After aeration, we also notice notes of lemon juice, candied lemon peel, apple blossom and white peach. The palate is straight, precise, mineral on attack (a slightly dry note of limestone). Then, it expresses the spicy and woody notes (a touch of licorice, nutmeg, coriander seeds, fresh hazelnut, dried almond) well integrated into the juiciness and freshness of its fruity substance. There are also subtle notes of honey, wax, fresh lime and chamomile infusion. Beautiful texture on the palate: chiseled and rounded at the same time in these notes of crushed lemon, lime, grapefruit, green apple pulp, tangy apricot and white peach in the background. The finish is persistent, chiseled, with sharp acidity and good bitterness of lime.

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

Jean Collet & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is concentrated, tense and gourmand. It expresses notes of white peach, ripe apricot, ripe lemon and dried lemon peel, combined with a bitter hint of grapefruit and almond, aromas of dried lime blossom, honey and wax in the background, as well as of acacia and limestone. The palate is gourmand, with pure fruit on the attack (apricot, white peach, lemon, green apple and grapefruit), then complemented by notes of honey, beeswax, dried lime and acacia. There is also a delicious hint of brioche and fresh yeast in the background. The finish is straight, precise and chiseled, with lively acidity and the bitterness of lime, enveloped in a subtle touch of candied lemon. A wine with consistency, complexity and freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Jean Collet & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose opens with a limestone and saline minerality, a slight bitterness of grapefruit, the tanginess of lemon and a touch of pulp of green apple. We also find a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, honeysuckle, apple blossom) and a lactic touch of lemon yogurt, combined with notes of cut grass in the background. The palate is lively and expressive, with lots of fresh citrus fruits (lemon juice and zest, a hint of orange zest, candied lime, grapefruit), combined with flavors of green fruits (green apple, pear green, a touch of green plum), flowers (apple blossom, honeysuckle), with an enveloped, but fragrant minerality (limestone, a touch of clay) and a milky roundness (lemon yogurt, peach yogurt). The finish is voluminous and sapid, but refined. We find notes of crunchy apricot, a hint of fresh hazelnut and lemon juice, as well as a good bitterness of lime and a sharp acidity. Tension, associated with gourmandise.

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

Jean Collet & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Mont de Milieu 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green reflections. The first nose is mineral, saline and racy. Then, it expresses the notes of lime zest, lemon juice, orange zest, grapefruit, green apple, as well as a fine floral bouquet (elderflower, acacia, apple

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blossom), a very delicate touch of toasted hazelnut and liquorice in the background, and a hint of fresh bread and yeast. On the palate, the wine offers juiciness, a tangy and airy scent of citrus and fresh green fruits (lime zest, yellow lemon, grapefruit, green plum, green apple), associated with floral notes of apple blossom, elderberry and acacia, as well as a gourmand touch of toasted hazelnut and vanilla in the background. The finish expresses a slight dryness of chalky and saline minerality, lively acidity, good grapefruit bitterness and good length. A chiselled wine, with substance, a certain density and an expressive minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Jean Collet & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is concentrated, gourmand, fruity and slightly toasted. It expresses notes of candied lemon, fresh lemon, white peach, ripe apricot, ripe green apple (with a touch of yellow apple), as well as flower honey, acacia, apple blossom, hawthorn, linden, fresh almond, toasted hazelnut, as well as wax and hay in the background. We also feel a limestone minerality after aeration. On the palate, the wine is lively, very tangy and slightly bitter, but balanced, thanks to a round texture and gourmand fruits. We find chiseled notes of lime and yellow lemon, a touch of lime zest, green apple, as well as apple blossom, acacia, linden, fresh almond, flower honey and toasted hazelnut in the background. The finish is tangy, mineral and saline, with precision and sharp acidity. Precision, accuracy of flavors and straightness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

J. Moreau & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Vaucoupin 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose expresses a precise mineral framework (saline, even iodized and limestone). Then, the minerality is complemented by notes of wild flowers, acacia, apple blossom, green apple skin, lemon zest, grapefruit and white peach. After aeration, we also find aromas of green pear, fresh hazelnut, nutmeg and smoke in the background. The palate offers straightness, freshness, good bitterness and salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of green apple, green apple skin, grapefruit, lemon, a precise mineral framework (saline, iodine and limestone), as well as a hint of honey, dried wild flowers, fresh hazelnut and nutmeg in the background. Beautiful roundness, all freshness, with notes of crunchy yellow peach and tangy apricot. The finish is persistent, saline, with a nice acidity and a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit, combined with notes of dried flowers.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

J. Moreau & Fils - Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses delicacy, elegant floral scents (apple blossom, acacia, lemon blossom), as well as a juicy and gourmand hints of stone fruits (crunchy apricot, yellow peach) and exotic fruits (pineapple), associated with the liveliness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon zest, grapefruit) and a herbaceous touch of hay. We also perceive a very subtle spiciness (vanilla in the background, nutmeg) and dried fruits (fresh hazelnut, fresh almond). The palate is savoury, straight and chiseled, with a sharp lemon acidity and a racy minerality (limestone rock), enveloped in the juiciness of stone fruits (apricot, white peach). In the mid-palate, we find the flavors of candied lemon peel, ripe green apple, as well as grapefruit, hay, honey, hazelnut and fresh almond. The finish expresses limestone mineral notes, as well as lively acidity. A wine with a beautiful structure, accuracy and a certain complexity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine de Vauroux - Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2021

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fragrant, with a delicate spicy and honeyed hint in the background. We find notes of fresh vanilla, a touch of cumin in the background, flower honey, a hint of wax and hay, a fragrant floral bouquet (apple blossom, honeysuckle, acacia), as well as stone fruits (apricot, nectarine, yellow plum) and citrus (grapefruit, lemon zest). After aeration, iodized and limestone mineral notes appear. The palate is chiseled, with a lively acidic structure and citrus notes on the attack (lemon, grapefruit, lime). Then, it expresses the flavors of green apple, tangy apricot, white peach, a floral touch of acacia and apple blossom, a hint of vanilla in the background, as well as a good bitterness of grapefruit and a mineral frame of limestone. The finish is persistent and expresses a sharp and salivating acidity, highlighted by an iodized note. A dynamic and precise wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Soupé - Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and offers concentration and lemony freshness. It expresses notes of lemon zest, candied lemon peel, lemon

juice, as well as green apple, fresh green pear, white flowers (apple blossom, acacia, lily), a touch of white peach and apricot. After aeration, we find light notes of dried fruit and toast (fresh hazelnut, fresh almond, even a slight touch of apricot kernel), honey in the background and pollen. The palate is savoury, expressive, even dense, complex. It expresses notes of candied lemon peel, lemon zest, crushed green apple, crunchy yellow pear, apricot, white peach, combined with notes of honey, wax, apple blossom, acacia and linden infusion, as well as notes of fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond and a discreet hint of vanilla and roasted apple in the background. The finish is quite persistent, tangy, with a nice concentration and an oily texture, balanced by a good bitterness of grapefruit.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Soupé - Chablis Premier Cru Mont de Milieu 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and juicy: the first nose expresses notes of ripe stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow plum, green plum), associated with aromas of green pear, fresh lemon peel, lime jam and grapefruit in the background. On the second nose, we find spicy aromas (vanilla, a minty touch reminiscent of licorice, as well as fresh coriander seeds). We also smell a delicate floral scent of apple blossom and fresh lime blossom, associated with notes of honey from linden and chamomile infused in the background. The attack on the palate gives the impression of a slight sweetness of flower honey, candied lemon peel, ripe green pear, yellow peach and apricot, which we smell in the background. Then, the wine expresses fine woody notes (a fine touch of vanilla, toasted wood and fresh hazelnut in the background), an aromatic floral bouquet (apple blossom, acacia, fresh linden), a touch of honey and wax in the background. The finish is persistent, slightly bitter (grapefruit, chestnut honey), sapid and complex, which balances a slight oily sensation in the mouth. Density, gourmandise and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Soupé - Chablis Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre 2022

Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green reflections. The first nose is tangy, on citrus fruits (grated lemon zest, lime, grapefruit), and the second nose expresses a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (white flowers, orange blossom in the background, apple blossom, acacia). It also expresses notes of white peach, ripe apricot, crunchy yellow apple, as well as a very delicate woody hints: a touch of fresh wood, vanilla and bitter almond in the background. There is also a hint of linden honey and linden infusion in the background. The palate is full and sapid, while remaining fresh and chiselled. In the gourmand and filling attack we find notes of white peach, tangy apricot and candied lemon peel. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses woody notes (fresh hazelnut, fresh wood in the background, toasted bread, vanilla), accompanied by honeyed and floral hints (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is sapid, chiseled and mineral. It expresses notes of citrus zest, a dry touch of limestone, as well as a touch of good bitterness of grapefruit and honey. Beautiful salivating acidity and a herbaceous touch (peppermint), which brings liveliness. Great balance and harmony, beautiful tangy structure on the palate.

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

CHABLIS GRAND CRU

Domaine Soupé - Chablis Grand Cru Preuses 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers finesse, freshness and a chiseled hint of fresh and candied citrus fruits. It expresses notes of lemon juice, lemon zest, the gourmandise of yellow peach, crushed green apple, as well as delicate toasted and spicy aromas: vanilla, toasted hazelnut, toasted coriander seeds in the background, as well as toasted sesame, a hint of smoke in the background and fresh almond. We also find aromas of flower honey, apple blossom and acacia. The palate expresses woody notes especially in the attack (toasted hazelnut in the background, fresh almond, fresh hazelnut), associated with touches of vanilla, nutmeg in the background, honey, acacia, apple blossom, as well as candied citrus fruits (candied lemon, candied grapefruit, candied lime). The finish is persistent, tangy and slightly bitter (grapefruit and chestnut honey). A vertical, precise, but reserved wine, with a solid acidic structure, depth and fresh fruity substance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils - Chablis Grand Cru « Les Clos » 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with light golden highlights. The nose is fragrant, floral and delicately woody. It first expresses notes of apple blossom, acacia, dried linden and infusion of chamomile in the background, associated with

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a touch of acacia honey, wax, coriander seeds, liquorice (a very delicate aroma which also recalls mint), vanilla (in the background, almost imperceptible) and toasted hazelnut, which brings sapidity. Then, we find notes of citrus (fresh lemon, lemon zest, a touch of grapefruit), stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach, yellow plum in the background) and quince. After aeration, we smell more honey, accompanied by a touch of vanilla yogurt. The palate is full, savoury and complex, with a round and silky texture. It expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, a light touch of toasted wood, vanilla, cumin seeds, honey, wax, as well as white flowers (dried linden, chamomile infusion, lily, acacia), citrus (dried lemon peel, lemon juice), green apple, fresh quince, white peach and tangy apricot. The finish is persistent, salivating, tangy and gourmand at the same time, with a good bitterness of grapefruit, which only appears at the end of the palate. We also sense notes of limestone, toasted wood, yellow peach and apricot with honey and thyme in the background, which bring a lot of gourmandise. A complex wine, very long and dense, which reveals itself gradually during the tasting.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils - Chablis Grand Cru « Vaudésirs » 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with golden highlights. The first nose is honeyed, floral and herbaceous: it expresses notes of sweet tobacco, infusion (herbal tea, chamomile, linden), tea leaf, as well as thyme flower, acacia, apple blossom and fresh rosemary in the background. After aeration, we find the fresh aromas of green apple, yellow lemon, lemon zest, green plum and tangy apricot, a mineral touch (limestone), slightly spicy (a hint of liquorice and coriander), of aging (toasted hazelnuts in the background, yeast, toasted bread, vanilla yogurt, apricot yogurt). The palate is silky, elegant, slightly bitter on the attack (bitterness of lime and chestnut honey), but pleasant. Then, it expresses notes of honey, wax, ripe apricot, candied lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit in the background, green plum and green apple pulp, combined with fine woody and spicy notes (slightly toasted hazelnut, a touch of liquorice, nutmeg and coriander seeds). In the mid-palate, the wine also expresses flavors of fresh wood and toasted wood, lime blossom and chamomile infusion, as well as apple blossom and vanilla yogurt. Pleasant smooth and oily texture, lots of gourmandise, density and concentration, balanced by a good level of acidity and a very delicate bitterness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils - Chablis Grand Cru « Grenouilles » 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. Then, it expresses notes of candied lemon, ripe yellow peach, juicy apricot, lime in the background, a light tangy touch of green apple and fresh pineapple. We also find floral aromas of fresh lime, lily, chamomile, a touch of acacia honey, pollen, as well as delicate spicy and woody notes (fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, a hint of vanilla and yogurt, vanilla, crushed coriander seeds, cumin seeds), as well as dried white tea, a hint of hay and a limestone mineral touch. The palate is oily, with a round attack and a generous and sapid mid-palate. It first expresses notes of ripe stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), associated with flavors of honey, infusion, dried lime, chamomile and acacia, which are then completed by notes of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, vanilla yogurt, coriander seed and nutmeg. We also find the delicious and tangy notes of candied lemon, lime jam, candied green apple and fresh pineapple. The finish is tasty, long, generous, but quite fresh. The wine leaves notes of candied apricot with thyme, a delicate bitterness and a slight woody note on the palate.

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

J. Moreau & Fils - Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose expresses delicate, but pronounced woody and spicy notes. We find the aromas of fresh hazelnut (with a touch of toasted hazelnut, fresh wood and toasted wood in the background), a very light touch of vanilla, a hint of clove, as well as flower honey, pollen in background, dried lime and orange blossom, combined with a juicy and ripe fruitiness of yellow peach, apricot, fresh lemon, orange zest and yellow apple. The palate is savory, with a woody and spicy attack that reflects the nose in notes of fresh wood, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, vanilla and clove. Then, we smell notes of honey, wax and pollen, combined with touches of dried lime, chamomile and wild flowers. The mid-palate is fruity, round and fleshy: it expresses the flavors of yellow peach, apricot, candied lemon, candied grapefruit and grapefruit juice, as well as lemon zest and green apple. The finish offers salivating acidity, freshness and straightness. A fragrant, complex, persistent and well-constructed wine.

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

J. Moreau & Fils - Chablis Grand Cru Valmur 2022

Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, airy and juicy. It expresses the aromas of green apple, green pear, lemon juice, white peach and fresh pineapple, and yellow lemon zest. Then, the wine expresses the delicious aromas of honey, fresh vanilla, fresh hazelnut and a hint of toasted almond, associated with notes of lime blossom, fresh chamomile, apple blossom, as well as crushed coriander seeds and a pleasant touch of mint in the background. The palate is firm, with a nive tangy structure, slightly bitter and mineral (limestone) on the attack, notes of lemon zest, grapefruit zest, grapefruit juice, green apple, tangy apricot, peach, white, as well as fresh hazelnut, a hint of toasted almond, toasted wood in the background, honey, dried lime blossom, chamomile and acacia. The finish is persistent and gourmand, with a salivating acidity, a pleasant bitterness of buckwheat honey. There is also a hint of coriander seed and toast in the background.

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

LADOIX

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut - Ladoix Les Hautes Mourottes 2022

Ladoix

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic, floral at first, with fine toasted and honeyed touches. It first expresses the aromas of acacia, fresh lime, fresh chamomile, as well as fresh wood and fresh hazelnut in the background. Then, we find notes of ripe lemon, grapefruit zest, orange in the background, fresh apricot and white peach, completed by a touch of peach yogurt and vanilla in the background. The palate is airy, finely toasted and spicy on the attack (we find in particular the flavors of dried vanilla, fresh wood and toasted hazelnut), associated on the palate with a good bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey, with a touch lemon zest, juicy lemon, crunchy apricot, as well as notes of wax in the background, dried linden and acacia. The finish expresses more the toasted (toasted wood) and lactic (lemon yogurt) hints, a lively acidity and a good bitterness, which persists on the finish. The texture in the mouth is round, but not oily thanks to a beautiful tangy and bitter structure, as well as a fine minerality, which we feel at the very end of the mouth.

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

Edmond Cornu & Fils - Ladoix 2022, Vieille Vigne

Ladoix

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fine, tense, with a perceptible touch of honey, a delicate fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, lily, lilac), slightly perceptible spicy touches (dried vanilla in the background, a hint of clove), as well as notes of citrus (lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit), white peach and fresh hazelnut. The palate is sapid, juicy and offers notes of juicy stone fruits on the attack (white peach, apricot, yellow nectarine, associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit and lemon zest, with flavors of green apple, juice of yellow lemon, flower honey, white flowers (acacia, lily), a hint of fresh hazelnut and wild herbs in the background. The finish is tangy, chiseled and salivating, with a good bitterness, which appears at the end of the palate. Good persistence, lots of freshness and flavors.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

SANTENAY

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Santenay Blanc « Clos Genets » 2022

Santenay

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers juicy and gourmand notes of exotic fruits (melon, a very slight touch of fresh banana, passion fruit in the background), associated with notes of stone fruits (white peach, apricot), as well as a touch of candied lemon. It also expresses aromas of fresh wood in the background, toasted hazelnut, a fragrant floral bouquet (fresh lime, acacia, apple blossom, white lily in the background), a slight spiciness (nutmeg, clove), honeyed and lactic hints (peach yogurt). The palate is fragrant, with a woody (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut) and spicy (nutmeg, a hint of coriander) attack, a lively and chiselled tangy framework, which we find in the mid-palate in the flavors of lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit and a touch of lime. The wine also expresses flavors of crunchy apricot and passion fruit, combined with floral notes of acacia and dried linden flowers. At the end of the palate, we find a good bitterness, a salivating acidity, as well as a gourmet touch of acacia honey. Good persistence, with a slight woody hint and a pleasant bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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SAINT-ROMAIN

Domaine Coste-Caumartin Saint-Romain, Le Clos du Château Monopole 2022 Saint-Romain

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is textured and velvety, slightly woody and spicy. It expresses notes of fresh hazelnut, toasted wood, vanilla and nutmeg in the background, combined with notes of honey, wax in the background, linden infusion, white tea and chamomile, as well as with a vegetal hint of cucumber, the freshness of lemon, green apple, lime and Reine Claude plum. There is also a slight touch of gooseberries, white peach and tangy apricot. The palate is gourmand, with pronounced flavors of white peach and apricot, combined with tangy touches of crushed lemon, green apple and lemon. We also find woody and spicy notes (fresh wood, fresh hazelnut, nutmeg), but less pronounced than on the nose. The floral bouquet (chamomile, linden and acacia) appears at the end of the palate, on the persistence, with a slight bitterness of grapefruit. A wine which has precision, juiciness and a certain complexity, all in freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

AUXEY-DURESSES

André Goichot - Auxey-Duresses 2022 Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and rather complex. It expresses notes of candied lemon peel, lemon zest, crushed lemon, as well as pineapple, crunchy apricot, white peach, acacia and fresh wood. After aeration, the bouquet is completed with notes of honey, candied lemon, as well as a touch of hazelnut, coriander seeds and fennel. The palate is juicy, tangy, fresh and slightly woody. In the attack, we feel notes of fresh hazelnut and flower honey (quite sweet and neutral). Then, the wine expresses the flavors of apricot, yellow peach, fresh lemon, candied lemon, vanilla, toasted wood, as well as acacia flower and linden. The finish is straight and persistent, with a lively acidic structure and a good bitterness, rather woody. A straight wine, which offers precision, a fragrant bouquet, as well as a salivating tangy frame which gives the wine a beautiful structure.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Labry - Auxey-Duresses 2022 Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is fruity and subtly spicy. It expresses the gourmet notes of juicy stone fruits (white peach, ripe apricot, Mirabelle plum in the background), combined with aromas of fresh pineapple, fresh lemon and candied lemon, as well as notes of vanilla, nutmeg and cloves. After aeration, we find the woody notes of toasted oak, toasted hazelnut, dried almond, as well as a honeyed and floral touch (flower honey, infused linden, acacia, apple blossom), associated with gourmet lactic hints (vanilla yogurt, browned butter) and a touch of toasted brioche. The palate is expressive and offers complex, precise and pronounced flavors. In attack, we find woody, spicy and lactic notes (heated oak, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, vanilla yogurt, browned butter, toasted brioche, fresh vanilla, nutmeg, cloves). In the mid-palate, they are enveloped in a juicy and ripe fruity substance (flavors of yellow peach, ripe apricot, white peach, fresh lemon, candied lemon, fresh pineapple and mango in the background). The finish also offers a sweet hint of honey and a fine floral bouquet (apple blossom, acacia, dried lime). A fragrant wine, rich in flavors, but refined. The finish is persistent and fresh, with good bitterness of chestnut honey and salivating acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Nuits-Saint-Georges « Les Damodes » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, with a pleasant sweetness in these aromas of citrus and stone fruit. It expresses notes of candied lemon peel, citrus jam, yellow peach and juicy apricot, combined with the freshness of green apple, fresh quince and crushed lemon. We also find a floral bouquet (lilac, lime blossom, lemon blossom), a delicate chalky minerality which appears after aeration, as well as delicate woody and spicy notes (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, vanilla) and a touch of linden honey. The palate offers an expressive attack, with an expressive woody side (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, vanilla), but balanced by the juiciness of the fruits and a beautiful expression of fruits (tart apricot, white peach, ripe lemon, green apple, a touch of grapefruit and fresh quince). We also find flavors of sweet spices (nutmeg), a floral touch (lime blossom, acacia, lemon blossom). The acidity is lively, energetic and sharp and gives the wine verticality and a beautiful structure. The finish is long, tangy and chiseled, salivating and very fresh. A precise, complex and fresh wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru « Clos des Perrières » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers density and finesse, complexity and juiciness. It expresses the aromas of ripe yellow peach, juicy apricot, candied lemon peel, fresh lemon, fresh green apple, as well as an elegant floral scent (acacia, elderberry, fresh lime), a woody touch and integrated spice which highlights the ripe fruits (toasted hazelnut with a hint of caramel, fresh vanilla, a hint of star anise, which brings interesting hints of liquorice and menthol). The palate is elegant, lively and lemony. The attack expresses notes of freshly grated lemon zest, grapefruit, lemon juice, then associated with notes of tangy apricot, green apple, white peach, fresh wood, fresh hazelnut, a lactic touch of lemon yogurt and butter, as well as acacia, fresh lime and flower honey. The finish is chiseled, straight, with a salivating tangy framework of lemon and lime. Nice energy and freshness on the palate.

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

BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE

Domaine du Beauregard - La Roture 2022 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is lively and chiseled and expresses pronounced lemony and herbaceous notes, as well as a racy minerality. We find the aromas of lemon, lemon zest, lime, green apple, a touch of cucumber and cut grass (which brings freshness and not a herbaceous side), associated with a limestone touch. On the palate, the wine is fresh and straight. It expresses notes of lemon, lemon zest, lime, green apple, as well as a distinguished minerality, more present on the palate than on the nose (notes of limestone rock, even chalk). The finish is quite persistent, fresh and tangy. We find a lively acidity, expressive citrus notes (grapefruit, lemon zest), a salivating acidity and a good bitterness. A straight and lively wine.

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

Agnès Paquet - Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Beaune 2022 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is textured and fleshy: it offers a fine, slightly sweet vanilla and toasted aromas, notes of ripe yellow peach, apricot, fresh lemon and candied lemon, ripe green apple, as well as lime blossom infusion, acacia and honey in the background. The mouth is silky, supple and offers an enveloping volume, but with freshness. It expresses the flavors of fleshy yellow peach, ripe apricot, crushed lemon, grapefruit zest in the background, as well as an expressive but integrated woody notes (vanilla, toasted hazelnut, a very slight touch of toasted

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wood), as well as a touch of fresh butter and flower honey in the background. We also find floral notes of linden, acacia and apple blossom, as well as a touch of nutmeg and a good bitterness of grapefruit on the finish. Good length on the gourmandise of stone fruits and vanilla, refreshing acidity and bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS

Manuel Olivier - Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Chardonnay 2022

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and chiselled, very lemony at the beginning. It expresses notes of fresh lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit, which are then complemented by aromas of crunchy apricot, juicy white peach, as well as delicate woody and spicy notes (vanilla, heated wood, nutmeg in the background) and a fine floral touch (linden, acacia). The palate is fruity, expressive, with a touch of gooseberry and passion fruit on the attack, as well as a fine lactic touch (yogurt, butter). The mid-palate is gourmand, generously fruity and fresh. We find notes of yellow peach, fresh apricot, crushed lemon, grapefruit, as well as a spicy and milky hint, which is more expressed on the finish (vanilla, nutmeg, butter, natural yogurt). We also sense flavors of toasted hazelnut, a touch of heated wood, fresh lime and elderflower in the background. The finish is chiseled, salivating and slightly bitter. Great structure, good balance, a fleshy and silky touch of ripe fruit, and a lovely freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits « Demoiselle Huguette » 2022

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden highlights. The first nose offers concentration, ripe fruit and a slight sweetness. We first find notes of flower honey, apple blossom, infused linden, as well as toasted hazelnut (with a touch of caramel), toasted wood and vanilla. On the second nose, the wine expresses notes of lemon zest, pomelo, lemon juice and green apple, associated with a touch of peppermint, nutmeg and notes of juicy stone fruits (apricot, white peach). The palate is lively, with sharp acidity and pronounced citrus notes (lemon juice, lemon peel, lime zest), tangy green apple, as well as tangy apricot. We then find notes of lemon yogurt, a less pronounced spicy and woody side (fresh hazelnut, a light touch of vanilla), notes of white flowers (lime blossom, apple blossom), as well as peppermint in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, with a sharp acidity and a touch of toasted wood, which return at the very end of the palate. A vibrant wine, still very young, which needs time to combine wood, acidity and fruit.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits « 16ème Génération » 2022

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is rich, but airy and fresh: it combines notes of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot), tasty spicy aromas (vanilla, a touch of nutmeg and coriander seeds), woody hints (hazelnut toasted, heated wood in the background) with notes of dried mint, white flowers (acacia, apple blossom) and the liveliness of citrus fruits (crushed lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit) and green apple. The mouth is tasty and enveloping. It expresses the chiseled notes of citrus fruits in attack (yellow lemon zest, lemon juice, a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime), which is then completed by flavors of juicy and crunchy stone fruits (apricot, peach white), with woody and spicy notes (toasted wood in the background, a touch of vanilla and nutmeg) and a floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom, linden). The finish offers tension, a delicate bitterness and a sharp acidity, balanced by a touch of honey which appears at the very end of the palate. Good persistence and nice freshness.

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

BOURGOGNE CÔTES DE NUITS VILLAGES

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes - Côte de Nuits Villages 2023

Côte de Nuits Villages

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers juiciness and a certain concentration: it expresses notes of yellow peach, juicy pineapple, ripe apricot, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, as well as a distinct honey aroma. Then, we find the aromas of lilac, acacia, as well as a refreshing minty touch and notes of cream, fresh hazelnut and vanilla in the background. The palate offers roundness in attack, a certain volume, but all in freshness. It expresses the flavors of yellow peach, crunchy golden apple, apricot, candied lemon peel, as well as lilac, apple blossom, vanilla yogurt, infused lime blossom and fresh hazelnut in the background. The finish is chiseled, tangy, slightly bitter and persistent. There are notes of grapefruit, crushed lemon and lime zest. A well-structured wine, with juicy fruitiness and a certain complexity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

BEAUNE

Château de Meursault - Beaune Tuvilains Premier Cru 2022 Beaune

(Organic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, buttery at the beginning, but at the same time fresh and tangy thanks to expressive citrus notes (lemon zest, lemon juice, a touch of bitter orange and grapefruit in the background). We also find the roundness of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), a touch of vanilla and fresh hazelnut, chestnut honey and wax, as well as slightly sweet notes of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom) and gourmet touches of lemon curd and apricot yogurt. The palate offers a very fragrant attack, with woody (toasted wood, vanilla, toasted hazelnut, with a hint of caramel) and honeyed (chestnut honey with its slight bitterness, beeswax) notes. In the mid-palate, the woody, toasted and vanilla side is enveloped in fleshy fruit flavors (yellow peach, apricot, candied grapefruit, fresh lemon, candied lemon). The finish offers beautiful flavor and persistence, a good bitterness of chestnut and grapefruit, as well as fragrant floral notes (apple blossom, lime blossom, acacia). The texture in the mouth offers volume and roundness, but with delicacy.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Meursault - Beaune Blanches Fleurs Premier Cru 2022

Beaune

(Organic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is airy, floral and refined. The first nose expresses gourmet notes of vanilla, butter and warm brioche, associated with refined scents of acacia, apple blossom, honeysuckle, as well as a tanginess and roundness of candied lemon and lemon curd. We also find notes of yellow peach, juicy apricot, lemon zest, quince, honey and hay in the background. The palate is expressive and tasty, with a slightly more woody attack than the nose (in addition to vanilla and brioche, we perceive notes of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut and sweet almond in the background). In the mid-palate, we find notes of ripe yellow peach, apricot, lime blossom, honeysuckle, a hint of hay, butter, fresh lemon and candied lemon. The texture on the palate is oily and voluminous, but refined and not heavy. The finish is persistent, tangy and slightly bitter (grapefruit), with notes of toasted wood which appear at the very end of the palate. A complex wine, with volume, lively acidity and structure, which needs time to open up.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

BEAUNE PREMIER CRU

Domaine Seguin-Manuel - Clos de Mouches Beaune Premier Cru 2022

Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, subtly woody and floral, with aromas of juicy fruit, even a little sweet. It expresses notes of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut (even caramelized hazelnut in the background), which are complemented by notes of vanilla yogurt, fresh vanilla in the background, acacia flowers, apple blossoms, fresh lemon, candied lemon, white peach and ripe apricots, as well as a touch of limestone in the background. The palate offers a straight and fresh attack, a slightly woody mid-palate and a delicious and fruity finish. We find the flavors of fresh lemon, candied lemon and a touch of grapefruit in the attack, combined with notes of vanilla, yogurt, butter, toasted hazelnut, apple blossom and acacia, as well as tangy apricot and white peach. At the very end of the palate, we feel tangy notes of lime, a salivating acidity, a delicate bitterness, a returning toasted and chalky touch. An airy, precise and complex wine.

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

MONTAGNY ET MONTAGNY PREMIER CRU

Didier Charton-Vachet - Cuvée Théophanie Montagny 2022 Montagny

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is delicately toasted and floral: it expresses in particular the aromas of fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut in the background, lime blossom, acacia and apple blossom. After aeration, it offers juicy and tangy fruity notes of green apple, yellow lemon zest, lemon juice, grapefruit, apricot and yellow nectarine, combined with a hint of fresh butter, vanilla and brown butter in the background. The palate offers a silky and round attack, with gourmet notes of

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ripe yellow peach, apricot and honey in the background. In the mid-palate, we find tangy notes of lemon zest, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, acacia and apple blossom, as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut. The finish is persistent and fragrant, with refreshing acidity and savory notes of vanilla, fresh butter and brown butter. Concentration, sapidity and freshness.

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

Didier Charton-Vachet - La μ Cuvée des Coères Montagny Premier Cru 2021

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose offers density, complexity and freshness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon zest, grapefruit, candied lime), combined with delicate woody and spicy touches (nutmeg, a touch of vanilla, clove, fresh wood in the background and toasted almond). Then, we find notes of chestnut honey, acacia, lime blossom, crunchy golden apple, yellow peach and apricot, combined with a hint of fresh butter, warm brioche and wax. The palate is airy and juicy. The attack is supple, floral (lime blossom, acacia), slightly honeyed (chestnut honey with good bitterness) and lemony (yellow lemon, grapefruit, lime zest in the background). In the mid-palate, we feel the flavors of yellow peach, yellow plum and apricot, sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, a hint of vanilla), toasted almond and fresh hazelnut, as well as just a hint of golden apple. The finish is persistent, fruity and silky, with notes of ripe stone fruits and refreshing acidity. A well-structured wine, with tension and a beautiful aroma.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Didier Charton-Vachet - Les Jardins d'Ysabeau Montagny Premier Cru 2021

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and needs to be aerated. It then expresses the tangy notes of lemon zest, lemon juice and grapefruit, combined with juicy and gourmand aromas of white peach and tangy apricot. We also find a floral touch of acacia and linden, a gourmet hint of flower honey, fresh butter and lemon yogurt, combined with delicate and integrated woody aromas (toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut, toasted oak in the background, peanut butter). The palate offers accuracy, tanginess of lively and refreshing citrus fruits : we find in particular the flavors of lemon juice, lemon zest, a hint of lime jam, grapefruit, as well as green apple background. The mid-palate offers the gourmandise of white peach, apricot, floral honey, as well as a floral touch of acacia, linden and a lactic hint of fresh butter and lemon yogurt, associated with notes of fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut and toasted oak in the background. The finish is precise, fresh and tangy, with fragrant floral notes of acacia, linden and apple blossom, as well as the freshness of lemon. Great persistence on the palate, with lots of freshness, lively acidity and delicate bitterness.

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

André Goichot, Château du Cray - Montagny Premier Cru Le Cornevennt 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a bright lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, with expressive woody and milky notes, but integrated into the profile of the wine. It expresses the aromas of fresh butter, vanilla and fresh wood in the background, combined with notes of lemon yogurt and the freshness of citrus fruits and green fruits (green apple, green plum, yellow lemon, lime, grapefruit), with the distinguished minerality of limestone, as well as notes of honey and white flowers (acacia, apricot blossom, wild rose). The palate is savoury, gourmand, with notes of stone fruit (white peach, apricot), citrus (candied lemon, lemon zest, a touch of orange, grapefruit), a slight woodiness (fresh wood in the background), spiciness (nutmeg) and lactic touch of lemon yogurt. We also find a touch of honey and white flowers (acacia, apricot blossom, hawthorn). The finish is persistent, tangy and slightly toasted. A wine that still requires time to integrate the wood.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Seguin-Manuel - Montagny Premier Cru, Les Chaniots 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is very fresh and tangy, but reserved at first. After aeration, it expresses notes of ripe green apple, yellow lemon, fresh quince, lime, white peach, apricot, as well as a floral touch of acacia and apple blossom, combined with milky notes of yogurt, butter, a touch of vanilla, hay and honey in the background. The palate expresses a good bitterness on attack, gourmand honeyed notes (acacia honey, wax), associated with flavors of candied lemon, fresh lemon, grapefruit, white peach, apricot, toasted wood in the background, as well as vanilla and nutmeg. The finish is complex and velvety, with a round texture, saffron and honeyed notes, as well as a floral touch of acacia in the background. Until the finish, we find a good bitterness and slightly bitter toasted notes of almond.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Montorge - Montagny Premier Cru, Les Coères 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and floral. It first expresses notes of acacia, apple blossom and honeysuckle, which are complemented after aeration by tangy notes of lemon, lime zest, as well as gourmet aromas of white peach and tangy apricot. We also find a fine note of flower honey, sweet spices (vanilla, nutmeg), toasted hazelnut, fresh oak in the background, as well as a delicate lactic touch of natural yogurt and raw butter. The palate is tasty, elegant, with a fruity and lactic attack. We find in particular the aromas of ripe lemon, tangy apricot, white peach, ripe green apple, pineapple, vanilla yogurt and butter. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses woody and spicy notes of toasted oak, toasted hazelnut, as well as flower honey, white flowers (acacia, apple blossom) and sweet spices (vanilla, nutmeg). Beautiful refreshing acidity and a touch of candied lemon on the persistence. A chiseled, frank and balanced wine, with elegance and complexity.

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

Domaine de Montorge - Montagny Premier Cru, Les Chaniots 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is toasty, spicy and savoury. It first expresses the aromas of vanilla (with a touch of cinnamon in the background), nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, heated oak, a very slight hint of coffee with milk, as well as notes of flower honey, toasted brioche and a gourmand lactic touch (vanilla yogurt, fresh butter). After aeration, the nose expresses aromas of tangy fruits (lemon peel, grapefruit, tangy apricot), associated with notes of juicy yellow peach, Mirabelle plum and melon, as well as a touch of white flowers. The palate is harmonious, delicious, with perceptible, but enveloped, woody and spicy notes. We find the flavors of vanilla, clove and nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, heated oak, a hint of coffee with milk, toasted bread and vanilla yogurt, wrapped in concentrated fruit flavors stone (yellow peach, apricot, yellow nectarine), as well as a tangy hint of candied lemon, lemon zest and orange. The finish is persistent, expressive, woody and fruity, with flavors of heated oak, toasted hazelnut, vanilla, honey and a touch of dried white flowers. Beautiful acidity, envelopped in a gourmandise of yellow peach on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Montorge - Montagny Premier Cru, Monopole Montorge 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, floral, honeyed and spicy. It expresses notes of linden honey, nutmeg, vanilla in the background, dried linden, chamomile and acacia, combined with a hint of toasted hazelnut, toasted oak in the background, fresh hazelnut, as well as with a pleasant lactic touch of raw butter and yogurt. We also find gourmet notes of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), crunchy pineapple and citrus fruits (candied lemon, fresh lemon, lime zest). The palate is balanced, with woody and spicy notes on the attack (heated oak, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, vanilla, nutmeg), honey and white flowers (acacia, linden). We also find fresh and gourmand fruitiness in the flavors of yellow peach, apricot, fresh pineapple, candied lime, candied lemon, fresh lemon. Beautiful acidity, a long, precise and chiselled finish, with sapidity, freshness and tension.

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

Domaine de Montorge - Montagny Premier Cru, Cuvée des Quatre Clochers 2022

Montagny Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, delicately woody and spicy. It expresses the aromas of vanilla, ground clove, cumin and cardamom, as well as toasted hazelnut, toasted wood and praline (in the background). The fruits on the nose are juicy and ripe: we find the aromas of yellow peach, juicy apricot, yellow plum, tangy pineapple, golden apple, as well as candied lemon and lemon zest, associated with floral touches of iris, apple blossom and acacia. The palate offers precision, a chiselled citrus hint on the attack (in the flavors of lemon zest, grapefruit, fresh and candied lemon) and a juicy and delicious mid-palate with flavors of yellow peach, apricot, mirabelle plum and pineapple. We also find a fine toasted hint (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), a hint of honey, vanilla, cloves, nutmeg and white flowers (iris, apple blossom). The finish is persistent, gourmand and fresh, subtly woody and spicy. Nice salivating acidity and a touch of delicious caramelized hazelnut, which persists on the finish.

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

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Bourgogne

MERCUREY

Camille Giroud - Mercurey 2021

Mercurey

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses a perceptible, but integrated woody aromas, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet. On the first nose, we find in particular the aromas of fresh wood (but delicate and not dominant), vanilla, a touch of fresh hazelnut, linden blossom and chamomile. On the second nose, fruity notes appear: citrus (lemon, lemon zest), crunchy stone fruits (tangy apricot, white peach) and green pear, accompanied by a very fine touch of nutmeg. The palate offers precision, sapidity and liveliness. On the attack, we find chiseled notes of lemon, lime and green apple (even a slight lively and pleasant herbaceous hint). In the mid-palate, there are tangy stone fruits (apricot, white peach), a spicy and woody touch (vanilla, fresh hazelnut), as well as an elegant floral touch (lime blossom, chamomile). The finish is persistent, energetic and chiselled, with salivating acidity. It expresses a good bitterness of lime, a toasted hint, as well as a racy minerality (limestone), a little drying. A straight and dynamic wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Camille Giroud - Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Vergers Premier Cru 2021

Chassagne-Montrachet

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is complex and dense. The first nose expresses delicate woody and spicy notes (fresh wood in the background, toasted hazelnut, a slight touch of apricot kernel, vanilla, cloves, coconut in the background), associated with a fleshy and fresh fruitiness in the background. second nose (yellow peach, apricot, tangy pineapple, yellow plum), with notes of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, pomelo), a gourmet touch of brioche and lemon cream, as well as a fine floral bouquet (acacia, linden) and a hint of honey. The palate offers a balanced, gourmet and savoury attack. There are notes of honey, fresh thyme, toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, a touch of vanilla and clove. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses the enveloping flavors of yellow peach, apricot and yellow plum, a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, linden) and the liveliness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lemon zest). The finish is chiseled, straight and refreshing. It completes the profile of the wine with lively, salivating acidity and good grapefruit bitterness. The persistence is long, tangy and mineral, with expressive notes of citrus zest and a racy minerality. Lots of freshness, beautiful complexity and structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE

Camille Giroud - Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2021

Corton-Charlemagne

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is deep, dense and complex, but reserved at first. After aeration, it first expresses the integrated and controlled woodiness (the aromas of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond), delicate touches of vanilla and brioche, as well as fleshy fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot). After aeration, the wine expresses the freshness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lemon zest, lime zest, grapefruit) and green apple, as well as a fine floral (hawthorn, acacia, lime blossom) and honeyed bouquet. The palate is savory and expressive. The attack offers vanilla roundness, as well as perceptible woody notes (fresh wood, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond), as well as the liveliness and chiseled flavours of citrus fruits (yellow lemon zest, grapefruit, juice of lime). The mid-palate offers roundness of stone fruit (white peach, tangy apricot), a touch of green apple, a fine vanilla and floral note (linden, chamomile). The finish is straight, very savoury and expressive, tangy, with woody notes (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut) which reappear on the persistence. A complex wine, well structured and very young for the moment. Keep for several years.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

MEURSAULT

Château de Meursault - Meursault du Château 2022

Meursault

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, buttery, with notes of vanilla and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood) at the beginning. Then, it expresses notes of white flowers (honeysuckle, acacia, apricot blossom), candied lemon, orange zest, ripe apricot and yellow peach, as well as a tangy side of green apple in background, associated with a mineral hint. The palate is tasty, fragrant and quite concentrated, while remaining airy and more tangy than the nose. It expresses

the flavors of fresh lemon, green apple, pomelo, tangy apricot, white peach, combined with notes of fresh wood and toasted hazelnut in the background, vanilla, flower honey and white flowers (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is tangy, chiselled, with salivating acidity and good persistence. A lively and straight wine, with a verticality in its expression.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Meursault - Meursault Les Dresseoles 2022

Meursault

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon-yellow color. The nose is delicately perfumed, airy, with subtle notes of vanilla, browned butter, honey (with a slight touch of wax) and a hint of nutmeg in the background. After aeration, the wine expresses notes of lemon zest, dried lemon, grapefruit, apricot and yellow peach, as well as acacia and apple blossom. The palate is enveloping, but fresh and subtle. It expresses notes of lemon juice, candied lemon, apricot, yellow peach, as well as gourmet notes of vanilla, honey, a slight touch of toasted wood in the background, browned butter, acacia and apple blossom. The finish is fragrant, with gourmet notes of toast and vanilla, combined with a good bitterness of candied lime and a salivating acidity. The finish is persistent and fragrant. A wine with concentration and complexity, while remaining airy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Meursault - Meursault Le Limouzin 2022

Meursault

(Organic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is subtly vanilla and honeyed at the beginning. It then expresses notes of fresh butter, brown butter, toasted wood in the background, as well as floral notes of acacia, apple blossom, hawthorn, a refreshing herbaceous touch (crushed mint), a limestone touch and a gourmand and tangy fruitiness. We find in particular the aromas of orange juice, lemon, a flavorful and fleshiness of stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach, yellow plum). On the palate, the wine offers concentration, an enveloping but refined texture and first expresses the woody flavors: fresh wood, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut, vanilla, a hint of coconut and brown butter. In the mid-palate, the wine offers the juiciness of stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach), tangines of citrus fruits (candied lemon, lemon juice, grapefruit in the background) and a refined floral scent (apple blossom, acacia). The finish is long, sapid, woody and spicy (with notes of toasted hazelnut and vanilla), but at the same time fresh, thanks to the salivating acidity.

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

MEURSAULT PREMIER CRU

Château de Meursault - Meursault-Perrières Premier Cru 2022

Meursault Premier Cru

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, density, freshness and expressive lemony aromas. We find the aromas of fresh lemon, lemon zest and bitter orange in the background, combined with sweet notes of vanilla, toasted hazelnut, browned butter and fresh butter, as well as a delicate touch of nutmeg. There is also a juicy and fleshy side of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), a milky touch of lemon yogurt and notes of dried aromatic herbs and white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle). The palate is fresh and straight, with notes of lemon, grapefruit and green apple pulp on the attack, then complemented by notes of dried lemon, apricot, yellow peach and torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, vanilla, a hint of coconut). The finish is persistent, lively and tangy, with gourmand notes of honey, vanilla and toast. Good persistence in the mouth, with good bitterness of grapefruit bitterness and salivating acidity. A harmonious, enveloping, precise, well-constructed, complex and concentrated wine, while remaining refined and airy.

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

Château de Meursault - Meursault-Charmes Premier Cru 2022

Meursault

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and fresh: it first expresses tangy notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit) and green apple, which then combine with notes of candied lemon, tangy apricot, yellow peach, white flowers (apple blossom, lime blossom, chamomile), as well as a touch of vanilla, toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, lactic (fresh butter) and honeyed hint. The palate is textured, tasty, complex and fresh. In the attack, we find notes of toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, vanilla and coconut in the background, then combined with enveloping flavors of crunchy stone fruits (apricot, white peach), ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit in the background), with a touch of fresh quince, acacia and lime blossom. The acidity is salivating and lively. The finish is chiseled, persistent and slightly bitter (flavors of grapefruit and chestnut honey). A pleasant buttery and toasted note on the finish. Beautiful complexity and structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bourgogne

Château de Meursault - Meursault Les Charmes Dessus Premier Cru 2022

Meursault

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, buttery and toasty at the beginning. The first nose expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, fresh butter, brown butter, vanilla and fresh wood in the background. On the second nose, we find notes of lemon curd, lemon zest, fresh pineapple, tangy apricot, as well as apricot yogurt, acacia, honeysuckle and apple blossom, as well as only flower honey and wax in the background. The palate expresses woody notes in attack (we feel in particular the flavors of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut and fresh wood), then enveloped in fruity notes of apricot, yellow peach, fresh quince, fresh lemon, candied lemon. We also find a fragrant floral bouquet (apple blossom, acacia), as well as a milky touch of fresh butter and lemon yogurt. The finish offers the juiciness of stone fruits, refreshed by the lively and chiseled side of lemon and grapefruit and completed by gourmandise of toasted hazelnut, and brown butter). A lively and salivating acidity brings straightness and freshness to the wine.

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

Château de Meursault - Meursault Clos des Grands Charrons Monopole 2022

Meursault

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose offers a pure expression of fruit: we sense the aromas of yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum, roasted yellow peach in the background, which are completed after aeration by notes of candied lemon, zest of lemon, with a delicate touch of vanilla, raw butter and lemon yogurt. We also find subtle notes of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, apple blossom and acacia. The palate is fragrant and expressive. On the attack, we find the woody and spicy notes (fresh wood, vanilla, fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, a hint of nutmeg), enveloped in the ample but airy mid-palate by flavors of yellow peach, apricot, candied lemon and fresh lemon. We also find milky notes of lemon yogurt, raw butter, as well as floral touches of acacia and apple blossom. The finish is tasty, toasted and vanilla, with notes of honey and hay appearing on the finish. Beautiful refreshing acidity, tension and good bitterness. The woody side is present, but well integrated.

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

Edmond Cornu & Fils - Meursault 2022

Meursault

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is airy, floral and tangy. The first nose expresses notes of fresh citrus fruits

Lemon, lime juice, grapefruit juice and orange zest, green apple, crunchy white peach, combined with aromas of apple blossom, chamomile and acacia infusion. We also find light notes of fresh vanilla, toasted hazelnut (even a hint of praline), ground cumin, flower honey and fresh bread in the background. The palate offers a fragrant, floral, slightly woody and spicy attack. It expresses notes of chamomile and fresh linden, fresh wood in the background, fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, associated with a juicy, tangy and fresh fruitiness (the flavors of lemon zest, lemon juice, grapefruit juice in the background, green apple, apricot and white peach). The finish is quite persistent, honeyed, slightly bitter and tangy thanks to the notes of ripe grapefruit and fresh quince in the background. A fresh and airy wine.

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

Maison Louis Latour Château de Blagny - Meursault-Blagny Premier Cru 2022

Meursault-Blagny

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is a little reserved, but offers density, gourmandise and notes of fresh vanilla, honey and candied lemon peel on the first nose. After aeration, we find the aromas of linden flowers, acacia, apple blossom, juicy stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach, mirabelle plum), orange jam and a light touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, with a hint of caramelized hazelnut, raw almond), combined with a tangy hint of lime and yellow lemon zest. The palate expresses a savoury spiciness (vanilla, cardamom), a hint of wood (roasted hazelnut, dried almond), as well as a touch of honey. In the mid-palate, we find notes of yellow peach, apricot, candied lemon peel, fresh pineapple, as well as toasted wood (in the background), browned butter and wax. The finish is delicately perfumed, but quite persistent. We first sense notes of juicy stone fruits, which then evolve into honeyed, toasted and floral notes. Beautiful salivating acidity, complexity and harmony.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Domaine Roger - Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot-Clos Pitois Premier Cru 2022

Chassagne-Montrachet

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose offers precision and delicacy, complexity and tension. It expresses pronounced but quite subtle notes of oak (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond), associated with touches of acacia honey, fresh wax, white flowers (acacia, hawthorn, apple blossom), as well as with a delicate limestone minerality. On the second nose, the wine expresses gourmet notes of white peach, yellow plum and green apple pulp, associated with tangy notes of lemon juice, lemon zest, lime and grapefruit, as well as with a delicate spicy touch (cardamom, vanilla). The palate offers depth, complexity and concentration, while freshness and balance. It expresses buttery, toasted (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), milky (fresh butter) notes on the attack, associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit and the tangy side of lemon, lime and green apple in the mid-palate. The finish is sapid, gourmand, slightly bitter and spicy (roasted vanilla, cardamom), with a pleasant oily texture. Good persistence, complex and refined, with notes of browned butter, toasted wood in the background and a lovely supple, but fresh lemony acidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

CRIOTS BÂTARD-MONTRACHET

Domaine Roger Belland - Criots Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru 2022

Criots Bâtard-Montrachet

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers accuracy, beautiful complexity, freshness and elegance. The first nose is woody (fresh wood, fresh hazelnut, fresh almond), but after aeration, it obtains refined and airy notes of white flowers (acacia, hawthorn, lily), a gourmet and very discreet touch of flower honey, lemon yogurt, sweet spices (ground cumin, cardamom, vanilla), as well as gourmet aromas of stone fruits (crunchy apricot, white peach, yellow peach) and a chiseled hint of fresh lemon, zest of lime and candied grapefruit in the background. The palate is straight, with an oily and dense and flavorful texture, with young woody and fruity flavors, which will develop with time. The attack is round, buttery, slightly spicy (vanilla, cardamom, cumin) and delicious. The palate then offers notes of ripe yellow peach, apricot, candied lemon, orange zest, lemon yogurt, flower honey, white flowers (apple blossom, acacia, hawthorn), a touch of lime zest, as well as a savoury, gourmet, toast, buttery and slightly vanilla finish. Good persistence in the mouth, with a long finish, sapid, complex, rich and balanced, thanks to salivating acidity and

good bitterness. There is also a pleasant note of toasted hazelnut at the end of the mouth.

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



PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Maison Louis Latour Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru, Sous Les Puits 2022

Puligny-Montrachet

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness, tension and a fine tanginess. It expresses notes of green apple pulp, ripe lemon, crunchy apricot and fresh pineapple. After aeration, we find aromas of juicy peach, fresh flowers (white lily, acacia, linden, chamomile), hay in the background, honey, as well as a herbaceous touch of crushed peppermint and fresh quince, which bring freshness and originality. The aromas of oak and torrefaction are delicate and integrated the wine expresses in particular notes of fresh hazelnut, roasted hazelnut in the background, vanilla and brown butter. The palate is fragrant, precise and complex. In attack, it expresses perceptible, but not exuberant, woody notes (toasted wood, fresh wood, toasted hazelnut), vanilla, crushed cardamom and brown butter. Then, we find the delicacy of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum) and candied citrus fruits (candied lemon and orange peel, a touch of grapefruit jam), associated with floral notes of acacia and apple blossom, as well as a touch of linden honey and hay. The finish is fragrant, long, slightly bitter and fresh, thanks to a salivating acidity and tangy notes of green apple and fresh quince, which appear on the finish.

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

Bourgogne

SANTENAY

Domaine Roger - Belland Santenay Comme-Dessus 2022 Santenay

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a beautiful lemony freshness and tangy aromas of lemon zest, grapefruit and green apple, combined with touches of white peach and apricot, as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and lightly toasted hazelnut, fresh butter and acacia, which appear in the second nose. The palate is gourmand and balanced, with a juicy attack, on fleshy stone fruits (white peach, apricot) and a lemony, slightly bitter finish (with notes of ripe lemon, lemon cream and lemon zest). In the mid-palate, we find toasted, vanilla and butter notes, with a discreet hint of toasted wood. The texture on the palate is oily and pleasant, balanced by good bitterness and refreshing acidity. Good persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Roger - Belland Santenay-Beaugard Premier Cru 2022 Santenay

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose offers woody and toasted notes (toasted hazelnut, heated wood), a touch of honey and white flowers (linden blossom, acacia, a hint of chamomile). After aeration, we find notes of lemon zest, candied lemon peel, grapefruit jam and orange zest, associated with ripe and juicy stone fruits (white peach, apricot), a delicate touch of vanilla and nutmeg in the background. The palate is expressive and savoury. The attack offers perceptible woody notes (toasted hazelnut, heated wood), as well as a delicate bitterness and a touch of brown butter. In the mid-palate, we find notes of linden, flower honey (with a hint of wax) and acacia, associated with juicy flavors of yellow peach, white peach, ripe apricot, peel of candied lemon, lemon zest and candied grapefruit. The finish expresses good bitterness, a fine hint of toast and honey, as well as a salivating acidity. Good concentration on the palate, density, a silky texture and fresh acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

POUILLY-VINZELLES

Maison Latour - Pouilly-Vinzelles, En Paradis 2021 Pouilly-Vinzelles

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, chiseled and offers freshness and precision. It expresses notes of fresh lemon zest, lemon peel, a delicate but perceptible notes of oak (fresh wood, fresh hazelnut, yeasted hazelnut, a hint of vanilla), an expressive floral bouquet (acacia, lily, apple blossom), notes of crunchy stone fruits (white peach, apricot), as well as a milky touch of fresh butter and yogurt. The mouth is straight, chiseled and fresh. The attack is lively and lemony, while remaining gourmand. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lemon peel and orange in the background, combined with flavors of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot). The mid-palate adds integrated woody notes to the flavors (roasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut), as well as a spicy hint of vanilla. The finish is long, gourmand, floral (acacia, apple blossom, lime blossom) and honeyed. The acidity is lively and offers freshness and verticality to the wine.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Mathias - Les Longeays 2023 Pouilly-Vinzelles

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is floral and honeyed. It expresses notes of flower honey, honeysuckle, acacia and linden infusion. After aeration, we find notes of candied lemon peel, grated lemon zest, ripe green apple, white peach, tangy apricot and fresh quince, combined with subtle aromas of fresh hazelnut and vanilla in the background. The palate offers a gourmand, round, even slightly oily attack. We find flavors of white peach, apricot, candied lemon peel, lemon zest, crushed green apple, a good bitterness of apricot, as well as notes of flower honey, linden and infused chamomile, fresh hazelnut and vanilla yogurt in the background. The finish is straight, juicy and airy, with gourmandise of stone fruits, a limestone touch and a slight bitterness, which appears at the end of the palate.

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

MÂCON-LUGNY

Maison Louis Latour - Mâcon-Lugny, Les Genièvres 2022 Mâcon-Lugny

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and offers roundness, notes of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow plum, apricot), ripe citrus fruits (yel-

low lemon, a hint of bitter orange and grapefruit), a slight gourmand and enveloped touch of oak (roasted hazelnut, a hint of vanilla), as well as acacia honey, white flowers (apple blossom, honeysuckle) and brown butter. On the palate, the wine is supple, silky, very savoury, with a round and ample, but refined texture. It expresses the flavors of yellow peach, ripe apricot, candied lemon, fresh lemon, a touch of butter (brown butter), toast (slightly roasted hazelnut), honey, acacia, honeysuckle and yellow pear in the background. A salivating acidity and a slight bitterness come at the end of the palate to balance the roundness of the texture. The finish is persistent, toasty and gourmand.

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

MONTAGNY

Maison Latour - Montagny Premier Cru, La Grande Roche 2022

Montagny

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. The wine then expresses a subtle limestone minerality, associated with delicate woody aromas of fresh hazelnut, roasted almond, vanilla, as well as white flowers (lime blossom, chamomile, white lily), hay (in the background), honey, browned butter and raw butter. We also find gourmand fruity notes (yellow peach, juicy apricot, yellow plum) and a tangy hint of strawberry tree. The palate offers volume, richness and sweetness on attack in flavors of juicy yellow peach, ripe apricot, fresh vanilla, honey, candied orange and lemon peel and lemon yogurt. In the mid-palate, the wine offers complexity and gourmandise and elegance in notes of lemon juice, linden honey, acacia, hay in the background and roasted hazelnut. The finish expresses a slight bitterness of lime zest, a gourmet touch of fresh pineapple, as well as a supple, but salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Les Guignottes - Montagny Premier Cru Les Resses Monopole 2022

Montagny

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose is expressive and woody: we find notes of fresh wood (even slightly sappy), toasted wood, roasted hazelnut, which transform on the second nose into aromas of sweet spices (vanilla, a hint of cardamom), white flowers (apple blossom, honeysuckle, acacia), honey, butter and yogurt. We also find a fresh and delicious fruitiness in the aromas of white peach, apricot, yellow apple, fresh lemon and candied lemon peel, as well as a bitter touch of grapefruit in the background. The palate offers a savoury, spicy and slightly woody attack: it expresses notes of toasted wood, roasted hazelnut, roasted vanilla in the background, as well as honey. Then, we find notes of candied citrus peel, lemon zest, a gourmet touch of yellow peach and ripe apricot, as well as notes of acacia, linden and flower honey, which you can also smell it at the end of the mouth. The finish is quite persistent, with a supple but pleasant acidity and gourmet notes of stone fruits, associated with a good bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

RULLY

Domaine Michel Briday - Rully Premier Cru La Pucelle 2022

Rully Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses precise and perceptible, but delicate woody and spicy aromas of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, toasted wood, vanilla (even with a touch of cinnamon in the background), ground clove and grated nutmeg. Then, we find the sweet and gourmand aromas of candied lemon peel, juicy yellow peach, ripe apricot, mango, associated with the tangy and slightly bitter touch of grapefruit and lime zest, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom, white lily) and a sweet touch of honey. The palate is expressive, with a spicy and woody attack. It expresses notes of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh almond, vanilla, grated nutmeg, ground clove, balanced by a good bitterness of grapefruit and a lively acidity of lemon, peel yellow lemon and bitter orange. The mid-palate expresses the flavors of tangy stone fruits (apricot, white peach), as well as honeyed and floral notes (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is chiselled, tangy, with notes of fresh citrus fruits and a woody and spicy side (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut), which we find throughout the tasting. Beautiful complexity and gourmandise on the nose and palate, balanced by a lively acidity of citrus on the palate.

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



Bourgogne

Domaine Michel Briday - Rully Premier Gresigny 2022 Rully Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a beautiful concentration of fruity, gourmet and airy aromas. It expresses notes of ripe pineapple, juicy yellow peach, apricot, lemon zest, lemon juice, grapefruit, as well as a touch of honey, white flowers (acacia, linden) and a fine spicy and woody notes (vanilla, cloves, nutmeg, vanilla, toasted hazelnut, heated wood), combined with a lactic touch of butter and vanilla yogurt. The mouth offers volume, a round and silky texture, sweet and gourmand honey notes, combined with juicy fruitiness (ripe yellow peach, ripe apricot, yellow nectarine, a hint of pineapple, mango and mirabelle plum), balanced by the tangy side of candied lemon peel and lemon zest. We also find woody and spicy notes of toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, fresh vanilla, nutmeg and clove. The finish is persistent, sapid and spicy, with expressive notes of vanilla and toasted (even caramelized) hazelnut. Beautiful acidity, which brings freshness, complexity and precision. Good aging potential.

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

Seguin-Manuel - Rully « Les Cailloux » 2022

Rully

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, with an expressive but enveloped hint of oak. We find notes of fresh wood in the background, fresh hazelnut, associated with the liveliness of fresh citrus fruits (lime, yellow lemon, and grapefruit zest), green apple and green plum. After aeration; the wine expresses pleasant herbaceous and floral notes: cut grass, rose leaf, apple blossom, lily and acacia, as well as gourmet touches of sweet flower honey, chamomile infusion, a spicy hint of coriander seeds and dried apple in the background. The palate is savoury and expressive. The attack offers flavors of citrus (fresh lemon, lemon zest, lime with its bitterness), green apple, tangy green plum. In the mid-palate, we find herbaceous notes (hay in the background, fresh grass, a hint of tea leaf), floral notes (acacia, apple blossom, white lily), as well as sweet honey, wax, almond and fresh hazelnut. The finish is chiseled, tangy and gourmand, thanks to flavors of apricot, candied lemon, thyme flower and a good bitterness that we find on the finish. Harmony and freshness.

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

Domaine Ninot, La Barre 2022

Rully

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is fragrant, honeyed and floral. It expresses the aromas of flower honey, wax in the background, acacia flowers, dried linden and chamomile infusion in the background. On the second nose, the wine expresses gourmand notes of yellow peach, ripe apricot, candied lemon, grapefruit, as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut, vanilla, toasted hazelnut and fresh wood in the background. The palate has a tangy, tight and lively attack : we find notes of fresh lemon, fresh green apple and grapefruit. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses flavors of tangy apricot and white peach, combined with touches of fresh hazelnut, fresh wood and vanilla in the background (very slightly perceptible). The finish expresses delicate flavors of honey, dried lime and acacia. Good persistence, chiseled, lively, with salivating acidity.

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

Domaine Ninot, Chaponnière 2022

Rully

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose expresses woody and spicy aromas (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood in the background, a touch of vanilla and nutmeg). On the second nose, we find notes of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), ripe and candied citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit, candied lemon peel), as well as honey and white flowers (acacia, linden). The palate offers a savoury and fragrant attack, with woody, honeyed and spicy notes, which reflect the aromas on the nose (fresh hazelnut, fresh wood, toasted wood, vanilla, nutmeg). In the middle of the mouth, we find gourmand flavors of yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum, green apple in the background, as well as candied lemon peel, crushed lemon and lime and white flowers (acacia, linden). The finish is lingering, spicy and slightly woody, with good bitterness and salivating acidity. Chiselled tangy structure, complexity and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Chanson Père & Fils - Rully 2022

Rully

The wine has a pale lemon color. The nose is straight, racy and mineral. On the first nose, we find limestone and salty notes, accompanied by a touch of honey, dried flowers (lime blossom, dried chamomile, acacia) and a tangy side of lemon zest and grapefruit. After aeration, we find notes of crunchy apricot, white peach, thyme flower, fresh hazelnut, a hint of fresh wood (even sap) and roasted apricot with thyme, as well as a touch lactic of butter and yogurt, nutmeg and vanilla in the background. The palate expresses honeyed and woody notes on attack: toasted notes, fresh hazelnut, acacia honey, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla. The mid-palate is chiseled, mineral, slightly saline and chalky. There are also notes of hay, dried linden and chamomile, dried lemon peel, grapefruit, tangy apricot, white peach and apricot roasted with thyme and honey. The finish is persistent, fresh, with lively acidity and a touch of grapefruit bitterness, combined with a hint of honey which brings gourmandise. Harmony, accuracy and precision.

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

Domaine Michel Briday - Rully 2022

Rully

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity, gourmand and juicy. It expresses notes of fleshy stone fruits (white peach, yellow nectarine, apricot), pineapple, ripe mango and melon. We also find a tangy side of candied lemon peel, fresh lemon and ripe green apple, combined with a floral touch of acacia and a light hint of vanilla and toasted hazelnut. The palate is straight, chiseled, with a tangy attack, with citrus notes and good grapefruit acidity. The mid-palate is round and gourmand: we find the flavors of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow nectarine, apricot), a hint of ripe mango and pineapple, combined with a delicate touch of toasted hazelnut and vanilla. The finish is tasty, fruity and tangy. Good persistence with gourmand notes of stone fruit and a pleasant acidity of lemon. Beautiful freshness and balance.

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

POUILLY-FUISSÉ

André Goichot - Pouilly-Fuissé 2022

Pouilly-Fuissé

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and very fruity. It expresses notes of crunchy yellow apple, yellow peach, peach nectar, roasted apricot with thyme and honey, candied lemon peel, a fragrant floral touch (slightly sweet apple blossom, acacia, linden), a light touch of vanilla and coriander seeds, as well as toasted hazelnut. The palate is juicy, expressive and gourmand. It offers the sweet and fleshy side of ripe stone fruits (ripe apricot, ripe yellow peach) and exotic fruits (ripe pineapple), as well as sweet flower honey, candied lemon, citrus jam, a touch of grapefruit, combined with notes of toasted hazelnut in the background, apple blossom, acacia and roasted apricot with thyme and honey. The finish is juicy, gourmand, with slight notes of vanilla. The gourmand flavor of roasted apricot persists on the finish, combined with a pleasant acidity of candied lemon.

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

Roc des Boutires - Pouilly-Fuissé « En Bertillonne » 2022

Pouilly-Fuissé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with silver highlights. The nose is airy and fresh, but reserved. It expresses the gourmet aromas of tangy apricot, white peach, yellow plum, crunchy golden apple (with a discreet hint of roasted apple in the background), associated with notes of acacia honey, fresh hazelnut, a touch of vanilla and nutmeg in the background, as well as apple blossom and acacia. The palate offers roundness and a certain concentration, balanced by a salivating acidity and a fine bitterness of lime. It also expresses notes of green apple, Reine-Claude plum, lemon, fresh quince, flower honey, fresh hazelnut and white flowers (acacia, lime, apple blossom). The finish is juicy, gourmand and airy. Good persistence with notes of yellow peach, vanilla and honey. A reserved wine, but quite concentrated, sapid and aromatic.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Bourgogne

Roc des Boutires Pouilly-Fuissé 2022

Pouilly-Fuissé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, fleshy and fruity. It expresses notes of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, crushed apricot, yellow plum), associated with notes of crunchy golden apple, candied lemon peel, lime zest, as well as apple blossom and lime blossom, flower honey and butter. The palate is straight, tight and tangy, more on citrus and green fruits. It expresses notes of tangy apricot, white peach, lemon zest, grapefruit, green apple and green plum, as well as a tangy hint of gooseberries, which appears especially on the finish. The mid-palate also expresses a slight bitterness, a salivating acidity and a floral bouquet (acacia, lime), accompanied by a touch of cut grass. Good balance and persistence on the tangy and bitter notes of grapefruit and lime.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Roc des Boutires Pouilly-Fuissé « La Grange Murger » 2022

Pouilly-Fuissé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with silver reflexions. The nose is fresh, subtle and airy. It expresses notes of green plum, crushed green apple, gooseberries, a vegetal hint of cucumber, as well as fresh lime and yellow lemon juice. We also find a touch of fresh hazelnut, butter, dried lime, flower honey and chamomile. The palate offers lightness and fluidity, with a lively acidic structure and a delicate limestone minerality which appears at the end of the palate. It expresses the flavors of lemon juice, lime juice, crushed green apple, green plum, as well as a touch of cut grass, fresh hazelnut, fresh lime and apple blossom. The finish expresses a sharp acidity, a very slight honeyed touch and a green apple flavor on the persistence.

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

POUILLY-FUISSÉ PREMIER CRU

Roc des Boutires Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru « Aux Bouthières 2022

Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with light silver highlights. The nose is delicately perfumed and reserved. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lemon peel, apricot, white peach, ripe green apple, associated with floral notes (white lily, a touch of lilac and apple blossom), with very fine spicy and woody aromas (vanilla, fresh hazelnut, toasted almond in the background, fresh wood, a very slight touch of clove), a refined lactic nuance (vanilla yogurt, sour cream). The palate has an airy and delicate attack, with a fine lactic touch of lemon yogurt and a floral bouquet (apple blossom, lily). In the mid-palate, we find chiseled and tangy flavours of citrus (yellow lemon zest, lime juice) and green apple, complemented by the gourmandise and roundness of stone fruits (tart apricot, white peach). The finish offers notes of linden crumb, infused linden, fresh hazelnut and toasted almond in the background. Beautiful persistence in the mouth, on the fleshy side of white peach and the freshness of lemon, with a mineral touch at the very end of the palate.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

POUILLY-LOCHÉ

Dormy Pouilly-Loché 2022

Pouilly-Loché

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a beautiful freshness of citrus fruits and the gourmandise of stone fruits. It expresses the aromas of lemon zest, ripe lemon, grapefruit, yellow peach and apricot, combined with a touch of vanilla, fresh butter in the background, acacia and toasted hazelnut in the background. After aeration, we also find a tangy touch of green apple and a herbaceous hint of kaffir leaves. The palate offers precision, a chiseled citrus freshness and a good bitterness on the attack (grapefruit, lime, lemon, lemon zest). Then, we find the flavors of tangy apricot, white peach, green apple, as well as acacia, a spicy hint of vanilla and cloves in the background, combined with a gourmet touch of toasted hazelnut, butter and of yogurt. The finish is persistent and fruity, with a tangy touch of lemon and green apple, as well as a delicate bitterness.

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

Marcel Couturier - Pouilly-Loché 2022

Pouilly-Loché

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and gourmand, with expressive notes of yellow fruit at first (fresh yellow apple, yellow pear), which are then completed by notes of stone fruit (white nectarine, crunchy apricot), citrus (zest grated lemon, lemon juice, sweet pomelo), as well as a touch of fresh pineapple, a very subtle touch of fresh yeast in the background, fresh bread, flower honey, apple blossom and of acacia. We can see a very delicate herbaceous, almost minty touch in the

background. The palate is gourmand, juicy and flavorful. In attack, it expresses notes of yellow apple, yellow pear, yellow plum, white peach and apricot, which are then completed by notes of apple blossom, acacia, a sweet and tangy touch of candied lemon, a lactic touch of natural yogurt and a touch of fresh yeast, combined with herbaceous notes of menthol, as well as a touch of vanilla and fresh wood in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, but tasty, with gourmand notes of honey, dried wildflowers and beeswax, combined with salivating acidity and good bitterness. A refined wine, with pronounced but pleasant notes of aging on the lees.

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

Marcel Couturier - Pouilly-Loché Le Bourg 2022

Pouilly-Loché

(Organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with light golden reflections. The first nose is tangy, tense and reserved. After aeration, it expresses notes of green apple, tangy pineapple, crunchy apricot, white peach, lemon juice, grated lemon zest and pomelo. We also find delicate notes of fresh wood and fresh hazelnut, associated with a floral bouquet (acacia, white lily, apple blossom), a touch of honey, as well as notes of candied lemon, fresh yeast (in the background), fresh bread and coriander seeds. The palate is savoury, with a fruity and gourmand attack (fresh green apple, roasted apple in the background, yellow peach, apricot), refreshed by lemony notes (fresh lemon, candied lemon, pomelo, citrus jam). It also expresses notes of apple blossom and acacia, associated with a hint of flower honey, even wax, fresh wood and fresh hazelnut in the background. In the (rather persistent) finish, we also sense spicy flavors of coriander seeds, vanilla, as well as yeast and vanilla yogurt. The finish offers a touch of apple roasted in honey, a refreshing acidity and a pleasant bitterness.

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

Marcel Couturier - Pouilly-Loché Vieilles Vignes 2022

Pouilly-Loché

(Organic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers density and complexity. It first expresses herbaceous and floral notes reminiscent of a slight tertiary side (tobacco, a very light touch of mushrooms, saffron and brewed tea), which is then completed by integrated spicy notes (nutmeg, cloves), ground, a hint of vanilla and star anise in the background. Then, we find notes of dried lemon, candied lemon, roasted apple in the background, crushed yellow plum, ripe apricot and yellow peach, associated with notes of linden honey, vanilla and toasted (wood, hazelnut) in the background. The palate is delicious, round, fruity and generous. The fruity flavors are ripe and concentrated, which gives an impression of sweetness : there are notes of ripe apricot, yellow peach, roasted apple, citrus jam, candied lemon peel, as well as honey, wax, fresh tobacco, tea infusion, linden and saffron, combined with a fine spiciness, less pronounced than on the nose. The finish is very long, straight, chiseled and fresh. It expresses a firm structure, a sharp acidity of the wine, as well as its tension. A complex and vibrant wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

SAINT-VÉРАН

Marcel Couturier - Saint-Véran « Au Clos de Château » 2022

Saint-Véran

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers notes of ripe stone fruits (yellow nectarine, apricot, a hint of mirabelle plum), sweet yellow apple, fresh pineapple, as well as fresh almond, vanilla in the background, passion fruit and of mint syrup, combined with slightly sweet floral notes (apple blossom, lilac), as well as a light touch of honey and apple skin in the background. The palate is gourmand, fruity and combines the tangy notes of candied lime and yellow lemon with flavors of honey, peach in syrup, mirabelle plum, yellow plum, apricot, yellow apple, as well as yoghurt, vanilla, apple blossom and lilac. The finish is fresh, gourmand and offers the sugary notes of vanilla with acidity and the bitterness of candied lime. Accuracy, good length and freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Sangouard-Guyot - Saint-Véran « Au Brûle » 2022

Saint-Véran

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose requires aeration to open. It then expresses the fragrant floral notes: elderflower, honeysuckle and apple blossom, combined with notes of fresh lemon, candied lemon peel, yellow nectarine, apricot, as well as caramelized apple in the background and fresh pineapple. There is also a very delicate touch of vanilla and hazelnut in the background. The palate is chiseled, with a beautiful tangy structure and fresh and gourmand flavors. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lime peel, fresh green apple, as well as tangy apricot, white nectarine and white flowers (apple blossom, acacia, honeysuckle). We also feel a slight lactic hint of lemon yogurt, notes of vanilla and fresh hazelnut in the background. The finish is persistent and expresses a subtle toasted note and a slight bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Bourgogne

Marcel Brubach - Saint-Véran Champs Perdrix 2023

Saint-Véran

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is precise and tangy. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lemon juice, fresh green apple, a touch of vanilla and honey which appear after aeration. We also find notes of honeysuckle, acacia, fresh hazelnut, white nectarine and tangy apricot, as well as a touch of hay. The palate is gourmand and chiseled. It expresses the tangy notes of lemon, candied lemon peel, lime jam, honeysuckle, acacia, white nectarine, tangy apricot, green apple, lime and yellow lemon. The finish is rather persistent and expresses a sharp acidity, a slight bitterness of lime and the acidity of green apple. A tense, tangy and vertical wine.

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

Dormy - Saint-Véran Monceau 2023

Saint-Véran

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses notes of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, white nectarine), crunchy yellow apple, fresh pineapple and a tangy touch of citrus (candied lemon peel, orange zest, lemon juice). After aeration, we find a lactic hint (lemon yogurt, butter) and slightly vanilla, as well as floral notes of acacia and apple blossom. The palate is gourmand, with a sapid and expressive attack. It first offers notes of thyme honey, a bitter hint of candied grapefruit and infused linden, as well as orange zest, candied lemon peel, fresh apricot, yellow peach and yellow apple. In the mid-palate, we find slightly sweet floral notes of apple blossom, honeysuckle, orange blossom. The finish is gourmand and quite persistent: we find notes of ripe apricot, yellow apple, honey and a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey. Beautiful fresh and fleshy fruity substance, balanced by a tangy structure and good bitterness.

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

POUILLY-VINZELLES

Seguin-Manuel - Pouilly-Vinzelles « Vieilles Vignes » 2022

Pouilly-Vinzelles

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose offers freshness, tanginess and accuracy, but is a little reserved. We first find airy and tangy notes of grated lemon zest, lemon juice, lime juice and pomelo, associated with notes of green apple, green pear and a herbaceous touch of rose leaf. After aeration, the wine offers notes of stone fruit (white peach, yellow plum, apricot), a lactic hint of natural yogurt, discreet woody notes (fresh wood, fresh hazelnut), as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (lily, apple blossom, apricot blossom) and a touch of fresh quince. The palate offers precision, a distinguished minerality (limestone, a little drying), tanginess of citrus fruits (lemon, lime, lime zest, pomelo), as well as notes of green apple, acacia, apple blossom and lime blossom infusion, combined with a touch of fresh almond. The finish is persistent, chiseled and salivating. It mainly expresses citrus flavors (lime, pomelo), a delicate bitterness, as well as floral and herbaceous notes which reappears at the very end of the palate (acacia, a hint of thyme). Accuracy, straightness and gourmandise.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Marcel Couturier - Pouilly-Vinzelles 2022

Pouilly-Vinzelles

(Organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses notes of golden apple, Williams pear, crushed yellow plum, yellow peach, quince and apricot, associated with notes of apple blossom, honeysuckle, vanilla and caramelized apple, as well as with a tangy touch of candied lemon peel and pomelo. The palate is more lemony: on the attack we find the flavors of fresh lemon, citrus jam, pomelo, as well as fresh quince, apricot, white peach, golden apple, apple blossom, acacia and a slight touch of fresh hazelnut. The finish has a medium persistence, but a straight and chiseled tangy structure: with notes of green apple and lemon juice.

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

Dormy - Pouilly-Vinzelles 2023

Pouilly-Vinzelles

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, lactic, with aroma of vanilla at the beginning. It expresses notes of vanilla yogurt, fresh butter, fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, juicy apricot, a touch of mirabelle plum), combined with notes of candied lemon peel, lemon zest, apple crushed green, with a fragrant floral bouquet (thyme flower, apple blossom, acacia), notes of yeast, fresh bread, a touch of toasted hazelnut and honey. The palate is savoury, honeyed on the attack, and balanced by a good bitterness of grapefruit, as well as tangy and bitter notes of candied lime. In the mid-palate, we also find the flavors of crunchy apricot, yellow peach, white nectarine, orange zest, white flowers (apple blossom, acacia), fresh hazelnut and lemon yogurt in the background. The finish is chiseled, persistent, with tangy and slightly bitter notes of candied lime and chestnut honey. Beautiful, fresh fruitiness. A pleasant and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

BOURGOGNE CÔTE CHALONNAISE

Château du Cray Chardonnay 2022

Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, perceptible spicy and toasted notes (nutmeg, a touch of coriander and vanilla, toasted wood in the background), as well as a juicy fruitiness (yellow peach, apricot, pomelo, lemon, green apple), refreshed by a pleasant touch of fresh mint and star anise in the background. We also find delicate and fragrant floral notes (lily, acacia, a hint of chamomile). The palate has a toasted and woody attack, with a hint of vanilla, which is then completed by notes of coriander seeds, by tangy fruity flavors (yellow lemon, lime jam), and notes of fresh stone fruits (crunchy apricot, white peach), green apple, as well as floral notes of chamomile and acacia. The woodiness (fresh wood) persists on the finish. Good persistence, a lively and salivating acidity, softened by a sweet touch of vanilla which appears at the very end of the palate. A wine with a tangy structure, straightness and fruity freshness.

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

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Savigny-Lès-Beaune « Les Gollardes » 2022

Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity and juicy: the first nose expresses the aromas of crushed apricot, yellow peach, fresh crushed green apple, associated with aromas of lemon juice, fresh lemon peel, grapefruit juice. On the second nose, we find floral and spicy aromas: dried lime, acacia, vanilla, coriander seeds and ground nutmeg, associated with oaky notes, which appear after aeration (toast, hazelnut, dried almond) and a touch of honey. We also found a slight lactic and yeasty touch (fresh bread, toasted yeast, yogurt). The palate is fragrant and savoury: the attack is tangy, firm, mineral and slightly drying (limestone), with a salivating and lively tangy framework. It also expresses the flavors of lemon juice, lime, tangy green apple, crunchy apricot, white peach and a fine woody and spicy side (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut in the background, dried almond), a touch floral (acacia, apple blossom), yeasty and milky (yogurt, toasted bread). The finish is precise and straight, with sharp acidity and good bitterness, softened by a subtle honeyed touch. Beautiful concentration and length, expressiveness and balance.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

BOURGOGNE CÔTE-D'OR

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes Bourgogne Côte-d'Or 2023

Bourgogne Côte-d'Or

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is delicately perfumed and expresses notes of ripe green apple, fresh crunchy pineapple and white peach, combined with aromas of lemon, lime zest, as well as apple blossom, honeysuckle, vanilla yogurt in the background, with a light touch of toasted hazelnut, fresh almond and honey. The palate is sapid, gourmand and juicy. It expresses notes of yellow peach, yellow lemon, crushed grapefruit (with a slight bitterness), green plum and green apple, associated with notes of flower honey, fresh hazelnut, fresh linden, flower of apple tree and acacia. The finish expresses a salivating acidity, a touch of lime (which also brings a slight bitterness), as well as a hint of flower honey in the background. Good balanced persistence on the palate, on the tanginess of citrus fruits and the juiciness of stone fruits.

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

MONTHÉLIE

Jean-Claude Boisset Monthélie 2022

Monthélie

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses pronounced oaky notes (toasted wood, a touch of fresh wood, vanilla, toasted hazelnut, coconut in the background), as well as the aroma of linden honey. After aeration, we find the aromas of lemon jam, yellow peach, fresh apricot, crushed lemon, as well as yellow plum, acacia, fresh linden and yogurt. The palate also expresses woody notes on attack, but less pronounced than on the nose. We find notes of fresh wood, toasted wood, fresh hazelnut. Then, the wine expresses flavors of tart apricot, yellow peach, green apple, green plum, vanilla and coconut in the background, as well as apple blossom and acacia. The finish expresses a good bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey. Good persistence on gourmandise, salivating acidity and good bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Loire white wines

POUILLY-FUMÉ

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers precise lemony aromas (lime, lemon zest, lime zest, candied grapefruit), a racy minerality (limestone, touch of smoke of flint in the background), as well as airy notes of juicy green apple, tangy apricot, acacia and elderflower. The palate offers a dense and fragrant attack, but with plenty of freshness. It expresses in particular the aromas of ripe white peach, apricot, crushed green apple, ripe lemon and candied grapefruit. In the mid-palate, we feel good bitterness of grapefruit and lime, the racy minerality of limestone and gunflint, as well as floral notes of acacia and elderflower. The finish is juicy, even gourmand, with a certain roundness of white peach and the sweetness of candied lemon peel. Good persistence on the palate, with refreshing acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau, Les Lumeaux 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden highlights. The nose is expressive and offers pronounced mineral aromas of dry limestone rock, smoke of gunflint, as well as notes of varied citrus fruits (yellow lemon, bitterness of lime and grapefruit). We also find a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, chamomile, dried linden, a sweet touch of apple blossom) as well as a touch of honey and wax. Then, we find notes of lemon zest, passion fruit and gooseberries. The palate is tasty, expressive and complex. On the attack, we find notes of lemon zest and grapefruit, a very light vegetal touch of green beans (which brings freshness), a distinguished minerality (limestone, saline and slightly smoky). In the mid-palate, the wine expresses notes of chamomile, linden blossom, acacia and apple blossom, combined with a touch of infusion and chamomile. The finish is fresh, lively, slightly vegetal (note of green beans), bitter (grapefruit) and iodized on the finish. Concentration, complexity, good persistence and sapidity.

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

Clément & Florian Berthier, Pouilly-Fumé 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand and fruity. It expresses the aromas of white peach, yellow peach, tangy yellow plum, apricot, gooseberries, passion fruit and ripe citrus fruits (fresh lemon, candied lemon, grapefruit), combined with elegant floral scents of acacia, apple blossom, honeysuckle) and a delicate mineral touch of limestone and smoke of gunflint. The palate is fruity, with a delicious and round attack, with notes of ripe stone fruits (yellow peach, white peach, apricot), ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit), candied lemon, fruit of the passion fruit and gooseberries in the background. We also find notes of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom), the liveliness and tanginess of lime, as well as a mineral, smoky and chalky touch, accompanied by a good bitterness of grapefruit, which we find on persistence. A juicy wine, with concentration and gourmandise, as well as a lively and chiseled touch, typical of Sauvignon Blanc. Lots of flavors, good persistence on freshness and salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Michel Redde et Fils, Petit F... 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose first expresses tangy notes of fresh citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lime, grapefruit juice) and green apple, which are then completed by notes of passion fruit, white peach, as well as a touch of honeysuckle, limestone and a smoky hint of flint in the background. The palate is generous, fleshy, slightly honeyed (chestnut honey with its good bitterness). The attack is round, fruity, with notes of yellow peach and apricot, balanced by an acidity of lime and yellow lemon peels. The finish is persistent, floral (honeysuckle, apple blossom) and mineral (limestone and slightly smoky). Good persistence on the palate, with gourmandise of stone fruits and citrus jam.

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

Eric Louis, Pouilly-Fumé 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with green reflections. The first nose expresses notes of tangy exotic fruits (passion fruit, kiwi), associated with aromas of yellow lemon, green apple and green plum, which appear in the second nose. We also find a mineral touch of smoky hint of flint, a hint of fresh almond and acacia in the background. On the palate, the wine is lively, chiseled and tangy, and at the same time juicy and round. It expresses notes of lemon zest, a touch of passion fruit, white peach, apricot and gooseberries, combined with notes of green apple and green plum. The finish is moderately persistent, lively, slightly mineral (flint) and honeyed, with a salivating acidity. A pleasant and refreshing wine.

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

Jean-Max Roger, Cuvée « Les Alouettes » 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is bright and expressive, with pronounced notes of passion fruit and gooseberries (which dominate the nose), complemented by a flint minerality. After aeration, the wine expresses aromas of juicy white peach, lemon juice, a hint of white melon and fresh mango. The palate is tense, vertical and precise, with a sharp acidity and a racy minerality (limestone, a smoky hint of flint). It expresses the flavors, which reflect the aromas on the nose (gooseberries, passion fruit, white peach, white melon), complemented by notes of fresh quince and acacia. The finish is long, chiselled, with a lively acidity and a delicate bitterness of grapefruit and notes of passion fruit on the persistence. A beautiful expression of terroir and typicality.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Jean-Pabiot et Fils, « Kiméride » 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses a distinguished minerality (limestone, dry stone and a slightly smoky touch of flint), pronounced aromas of passion fruit, kiwi, gooseberries, as well as notes of crushed green apple, white nectarine and elderflower, combined with a delicate hint of toast in the background. The palate offers concentration, density and a lively and salivating acidic structure. We find flavors of gooseberry, passion fruit, tangy kiwi, green apple skin, crushed green apple, as well as a touch of elderflower and a racy limestone and smoky minerality. In the finish, we also have a refreshing and pleasant vegetal (cucumber) and herbaceous (cut grass) touch, wrapped in the gourmandise of white peach.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Fontenille, Maudry Père & Fils 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved, but after aeration, it expresses chiselled aromas of citrus zest (yellow lemon zest, lime zest), grapefruit, green apple, kiwi and gooseberries, complemented by a sweet touch of white currant and white peach. After aeration, we also find a delicate limestone and floral touch (acacia). The palate is airy, light and fluid in a good way. The mid-palate is fragrant, round and balanced by bitterness of grapefruit and lime. We also find notes of green apple, kiwi, gooseberry, a hint of passion fruit, a dry mineral touch (limestone), as well as notes of smoke in the background and acacia. The finish is fresh, chiseled, with good bitterness and sharp acidity.

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

Jean Pabiot, Domaine des Fines Caillottes 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and expressive: we find notes of passion fruit, gooseberry, white peach, green apple, candied lemon zest, as well as exotic notes of fresh pineapple and green mango, associated with a limestone and smoky mineral framework of gunflint, linden and dried acacia. The palate is gourmand, juicy and enveloping, while remaining fresh and tangy. It expresses notes of passion fruit, gooseberries, crushed green apple, yellow lemon, lime, as well as white flowers (acacia, elderflower) and white peach. The finish is straight, chiselled and



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tangy; with notes of lemon zest, green apple skin and grapefruit. We also find a mineral touch of limestone and gunflint. Good persistence in the mouth with lots of freshness.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Michel Redde et Fils, Majorum 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale bright lemon yellow color. The nose is subtle, discreetly toasted and spicy. On the first nose, we find aromas of toasted hazelnut, toasted wood and apricot kernel in the background, a fine touch of vanilla, saffron and ground cumin, as well as notes of crushed lemon zest and zest of grapefruit. Then, the wine expresses the aromas of fresh apricot, white peach, green apple, green pear and Meyer lemon. We also find a herbaceous touch reminiscent of laurel, a hint of wax and honey and wild white flowers. The palate is chiselled and savoury. The attack is straight, tangy, with notes of citrus (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit) and green fruits (green apple, tangy green pear). In the mid-palate, we find the roundness of white peach and apricot, associated with notes of wax, honey and dried white flowers, lime blossom, chamomile. Then, the wine expresses a mineral framework (limestone), a fine spicy, woody and lactic touch (vanilla yogurt, toasted hazelnut, ground cumin, saffron in the background). The finish is long, lively and tangy, with juiciness and freshness of tart stone fruits.

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

Michel Redde et Fils, La Moynerie 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and gourmand, even exotic. It expresses notes of gooseberries, passion fruit, white melon, white peach, as well as candied Meyer lemon, grapefruit, green apple and green plum. The second nose is elegant and floral: we find scents of apple blossom, linden, acacia, as well as flower honey and a subtle, but perceptible minerality (limestone, clay). The palate offers sapidity, gourmandise, good bitterness and freshness. On the attack, we find the flavors of white peach, crunchy apricot, lemon zest and green apple, combined with tangy touches of passion fruit and gooseberries, as well as notes of honey, wax, apple blossoms and acacia. The finish expresses a subtle limestone minerality, good bitterness and salivating acidity. Liveliness, juiciness, straightness and good persistence.

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

Régis Jouan, Pouilly-Fumé 2023

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. At first nose, we find the expressive minerality (smoke of gunflint, limestone), associated with tangy aromas of fresh citrus fruits (lemon, lime, grapefruit zest), green apple, green plum and acacia. The palate is straight, distinguished and mineral. The attack expresses notes of limestone, flint, associated in the mid-palate with chiselled flavors of crushed lime, lime zest, yellow lemon and green apple, as well as notes of white flowers (acacia, hawthorn). The finish is airy and offers lightness, fluidity and a salivating acidity.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Serge Dagueneau & Filles, Tradition 2023

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, a touch of green mango, fresh pineapple), citrus (grapefruit, lemon zest), gooseberry, green apple, associated with a floral touch of acacia and a slight herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf). On the second nose, we also find a delicate limestone minerality. The palate offers a lively, sharp and tangy attack, with a more expressive limestone minerality than on the nose. The flavors are lemony and chiselled: we find notes of gooseberry, green apple, yellow lemon, lime, green apple and passion fruit, which are complemented by notes of blackcurrant leaf and acacia on persistence. The finish also expresses a limestone minerality with a touch of flint smoke and a salivating acidity. Energy and typicality.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Serge Dagueneau & Filles, Les Chaudoux 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is herbaceous and mineral. It expresses aromas of blackcurrant leaf, green beans in the background, as well as limestone. The second nose reveals notes of flint, citrus (lime zest, grapefruit), green apple, passion fruit and green mango. After aeration, we also find aromas of linden and acacia. The palate expresses tangy notes of citrus (grapefruit, lime), green apple, gooseberry and passion fruit, combined with herbaceous notes of blackcurrant leaf and green bean, as well as a slightly dry limestone and flint minerality, linden and acacia. The finish is persistent, lively and juicy. The wine expresses flavors of white peach and gooseberries on persistence, accompanied by a good bitterness.

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

Domaine Serge Dagueneau & Filles, La Léontine 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The aromas on the nose are gourmand, ripe, slightly sweet. We find in particular the aromas of candied lemon peel, fresh pineapple, passion fruit, gooseberries, as well as grapefruit and orange zest. The wine also expresses aromas of apple blossom, elderberry syrup, yellow peach, vanilla in the background, fresh hazelnut, honey and dried lime blossom. The palate is tangy, chiselled, with an attack on citrus flavors (candied lemon peel, lime zest, grapefruit) and a salivating acidity. In the mid-palate, we find exotic fruits and tangy but gourmand stone fruits (white peach, crunchy apricot, passion fruit as well as gooseberries), a touch of fresh hazelnut, honey and lime blossom. The finish is quite persistent and offers good bitterness, as well as a chiselled touch of blackcurrant leaf and minerality of limestone. Accuracy, freshness and a distinguished minerality.

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

Caves de Pouilly-sur-Loire, La Mariée 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with green reflections. The nose is lively and tangy, with expressive aromas of fresh citrus (grapefruit, lime), green fruits (gooseberry, green apple), blackcurrant buds and green beans in the background. We also find delicate notes of flint and limestone, as well as a touch of hawthorn. The palate is tangy and airy. It expresses notes of varied citrus fruits (lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit), green apple, a touch of gooseberry and green plum, as well as minerality of limestone and floral hint of hawthorn and acacia. The finish is persistent, precise and tangy, with salivating acidity and a slightly drying touche of minerality of limestone. We also find a good vegetal touch of green beans on the persistence.

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

Caves de Pouilly-sur-Loire, Tonelum 2019

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, concentrated and complex. At the beginning, it expresses the tangy and gourmand notes of candied lemon peel, fresh hazelnut, a hint of caramelized almond, a touch of nutmeg and vanilla. We then find the aromas of crushed lemon, white peach, apricot, passion fruit, honey, apple blossom, infused lime blossom, as well as a smoky hint of flint. The palate offers a round and tasty attack, with gourmet notes of yellow peach, ripe apricot, green plum. Then, we find the flavors of honey, wax, fresh hazelnut, fresh wood in the background, toasted almond, infused lime blossom and acacia. The finish is complex, sapid and dense. Good persistence on the palate, with a pleasant bitterness, a sharp acidity, a racy minerality (a touch of flinty smokiness) and notes of juicy fresh fruit, enveloped in a delicacy of flower honey. Beautiful complexity, concentration, certain richness on the palate and a lot of liveliness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pauline Pabiot, Lâcher Prise 2022

Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with golden reflections. The nose is gourmand, slightly sweet. It expresses notes of juicy and fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, a touch of yellow plum), associated with aromas of grated lemon zest, grapefruit zest, kaffir lime, as well as tangy touches. passion fruit, gooseberry, a hint of flower honey, hay in the background, a floral bouquet (lime blossom, honeysuckle), as well as an expressive minerality (smoky hint of gunflint, a touch of limestone and chalk) and a touch of fresh hazelnut. The palate is savoury, expressive, and offers tangy citrus notes (lime, a smoky touch of bergamot, yellow lemon, kaffir lime), as well as the gourmandise of stone fruits found in the mid-palate (yellow peach, apricot). We also sense a distinguished minerality (limestone, flint smoke) and a floral touch (fresh lime blossom, chamomile infusion) and honeyed notes on the finish (flower honey, a hint of wax). The finish expresses salivating acidity, as well as notes of skin of green apple and a grassy, vegetal touch of green beans that add liveliness to the wine's profile.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Minéralite 2023

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with green reflections. The nose is airy, subtly mineral. It expresses notes of green apple, lime zest, crushed lemon, grapefruit, as well as limestone, gooseberry and white flowers (acacia, elderberry). The palate is lively, chiselled, slightly herbaceous on the attack. It expresses notes of blackcurrant leaf, gooseberry, green apple, lime and yellow lemon, as well as acacia. The finish is persistent, mineral (with limestone and smoky notes of flint). The acidity is salivating and sharp. Lots of vivacity in this straight and chiselled wine, with expressive citrus notes on the persistence.

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

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Domaine Masson-Blondelet, D'or et Diamant 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers concentration, juiciness, all in freshness. It expresses notes of passion fruit, lychee, green mango, gooseberry, combined with aromas of green apple, Reine Claude plum, lime zest, crushed yellow lemon as well as grapefruit. After aeration, we find floral scents (acacia, apple blossom), as well as a racy minerality in aromas of chalk and flint. We also find a pleasant herbaceous touch (blackcurrant bud, cut grass) after aeration. On the palate, the wine is precise and expressive. The attack offers a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit, as well as the tanginess of green apple and passion fruit. In the mid-palate, the wine offers juiciness and a certain roundness of white peach, apricot and orange zest. The finish is persistent, juicy, tangy and gourmand at the same time – it expresses flavors of green apple, gooseberry and crushed lemon, as well as a smoky limestone minerality (gunflint). Good acidity and good persistence on the palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Clos du Château Paradis 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is mineral and tangy: it first expresses the mineral aromas of limestone and flint, associated with a touch of bitterness of grapefruit and lime zest. We then find the aromas of green apple, green plum, crushed lemon, passion fruit, as well as dried lime blossom, fresh hazelnut in the background and honey. The palate is tasty and expressive, with a fruity and round attack, with notes of white peach, apricot and orange zest. We then smell the flavors of green apple, lemon, grapefruit, as well as gooseberries on the finish, combined with notes of fresh hazelnut, honey, lime blossom and acacia. The finish is persistent, with a very subtle herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Les Angelots 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, fruity and expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, juicy apricot, crushed green apple, green pear, as well as lemon, grapefruit, passion fruit, gooseberries, a mineral touch of limestone rock and a slightly sweet floral scent (acacia, apple blossom), as well as flower honey. The palate is expressive and savoury, ripe and gourmand. In the attack, we find notes of yellow peach, apricot and passion fruit. In the mid-palate, complemented by flavors of ripe lemon, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, honey and flowers (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is tangy, sapid and mineral. We find notes of gooseberry, limestone, a touch of smoky flint, as well as citrus jam (which adds bitterness, but not a touch of sweetness) on the persistence. A savoury wine, with density and lovely freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Les Pierres de Pierre 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with green reflections. The nose offers liveliness, a tangy framework of citrus and herbs, as well as a racy minerality. It expresses notes of grapefruit, lemon zest, lemon juice, as well as passion fruit, crushed passion fruit seeds, gooseberries, tangy apricot and green apple. After aeration, the wine expresses notes of limestone rock, a touch of iodine and smoke (flint), as well as a floral hint of apple blossom and elderflower. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers the roundness and juiciness of white peach and apricot on the attack. Then, we find the flavors of ripe green apple, passion fruit, gooseberries, lemon and grapefruit. The finish is straight, tangy and mineral, with flavors of fresh citrus, citrus jam, limestone, smoke and acacia in the background. Good grapefruit acidity with persistence, a salivating and pleasant acidity.

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

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Tradition Cullus, Vieilles Vignes 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is complex and subtly spicy – expressing aromas of nutmeg, ground cloves, crushed coriander seeds and dried vanilla in the background. After aeration, we find aromas of toasted hazelnut, a smoky touch of wood, as well as a slight hint of caramel. The fruits on the nose are juicy and fleshy: we find crushed lemon, tangy apricot, white peach, grapefruit and gooseberries, combined with a gourmet touch of mango and honey, as well as a mineral hint of limestone and smoke. The floral notes on the nose are fragrant and slightly sweet – the wine expresses aromas of apple blossom, elderberry syrup and honeysuckle.

The palate is tasty and expressive. The attack offers roundness, concentration and sweetness in the notes of yellow peach, crushed apricot, passion fruit and mango. Then, it expresses notes of flower honey, candied lemon peel, ripe lemon, lime jam and grapefruit. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses the enveloped spiciness (nutmeg, ground cloves, a touch of vanilla), as well as woody touches of toasted hazelnut, fresh and toasted wood in the background. The finish is honeyed, floral and mineral. The wine offers notes of chestnut honey, apple blossom, elderberry syrup, acacia, as well as a racy minerality (limestone and gunflint) with persistence. Beautiful salivating acidity, good bitterness on the finish and a long and complex finish. A wine to keep.

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

Domaine Châtelain, Les Chailloux Silex 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is discreet at first and requires aeration. It expresses notes of lemon juice, lime, white peach, apricot, gooseberries, grapefruit, as well as acacia, apple blossom, elderflower and a racy minerality (limestone, iodine and smoky hint of flint). After aeration, we also find notes of infused lime blossom and honey in the background, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. The palate offers a good bitterness of grapefruit on the attack, combined with a juicy and tangy touch of crushed lemon. We then find notes of gooseberries, white peach, apricot and passion fruit, associated with a mineral smoky note of flint, limestone and iodine notes, as well as a floral touch of dried lime, acacia and apple blossom. The finish offers lively acidity, good grapefruit bitterness, a persistent smoky minerality, as well as a gourmandise of candied lime and white peach. Beautiful freshness and expression of terroir in the mineral and slightly saline touch.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Châtelain, Les Vignes de Saint-Laurent L'Abbaye 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green reflections. The nose is precise and mineral. It first expresses the aromas of limestone, a smoky touch of flint in the background, as well as fresh and chiseled notes of lemon zest, grapefruit, crushed lemon, green apple, white peach and tangy apricot. There is also a delicate floral scent of acacia, apricot blossom and fresh almond in the background. The palate offers a straight, chiseled and mineral attack (with notes of chalk and flint in the background). It also expresses tangy flavors of lemon, lime, grapefruit with good bitterness, green apple and a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. The finish is persistent, with a slightly drying limestone touch, a lively lemon acidity and a floral hint of acacia. A precise, straight and mineral wine.

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

Pauline Pabiot, Silex 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is mineral, discreetly smoky (notes of flint) and saline, with notes of limestone. After aeration, it expresses aromas of white peach, tangy apricot, green plum, passion fruit, gooseberry, lemon and grapefruit, as well as apple blossom and acacia and a very discreet sweet touch of honey. The palate is gourmand and fresh. On the attack, it expresses flavors of apricot, white peach, passion fruit and gooseberries, which are then complemented by tangy notes of lemon and grapefruit, as well as a floral scent of flowers, apple tree and acacia. The finish is persistent and mineral, with notes of limestone, a slight salinity and a smokiness of flint, enveloped by a lively acidity and pronounced flavors of fresh citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit).

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

Domaine Roger Pabiot, De la terre aux étoiles 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses distinct mineral notes (iodine, limestone, a smoky touch of flint), associated with the tanginess of citrus fruits (lime, grapefruit, yellow lemon), a vegetal and herbaceous touch (green beans, blackcurrant leaf), as well as notes of green plum and gooseberry in the background. After aeration, we also find a floral touch of chamomile and lime blossom. The palate offers a lively, tangy and energetic attack with notes of lemon, green apple and grapefruit. In the mid-palate, we find the saline and calcareous minerality, as well as flavors of passion fruit, gooseberries and a subtle herbaceous and vegetal touch (blackcurrant leaf, green beans in the background). The finish is subtly floral (lime blossom, fresh chamomile), with lively acidity and good bitterness on the persistence. A fresh, straight and precise wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



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Domaine Philippe Rimbault, Mosaique 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden reflections. The nose is aromatic, gourmand and ripe: it expresses the aromas of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, ripe green mango, melon), balanced by the acidity of gooseberries, green apple, yellow lemon and grapefruit. After aeration, we also find a very subtle touch of honey, fine floral aromas of lime blossom and chamomile, as well as the smoky minerality of flint in the background and a touch of limestone and iodine. The palate is expressive and savoury. In the attack, we sense pronounced citrus notes: lemon, lime and grapefruit, with a perceptible, but pleasant bitterness. The mid-palate brings the sweetness of stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow nectarine) and candied lemon peel, which balance the bitterness and acidity, as well as flavors of gooseberry and a minerality (iodized, limestone and gunflint). The finish is straight, precise, chiseled and fresh. The wine lingers on the palate with the good bitterness of lime and a floral touch of lime. Typicality and a beautiful expression of terroir.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Philippe Rimbault, Les Lumeaux 2022 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses the aromas of passion fruit, gooseberries, candied lemon, grapefruit, green apple, green plum, as well as a touch of limestone, chalk and iodine, associated with a floral perfume of acacia and chamomile. The palate is juicy, gourmand and fruity. On the attack, it expresses the flavors of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, a hint of mirabelle plum in the background), which are complemented by notes of candied lemon peel, grapefruit, passion fruit and gooseberries. We also find a precise and enveloped minerality (limestone, chalk, iodine), as well as a floral hint of acacia and chamomile. The finish is tangy, salivating, slightly bitter (lime peel). Good persistence in the mouth, with chiseled notes of fresh citrus peel and a vegetal touch of green beans, which brings freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green reflections. The nose expresses the tangy aromas of grapefruit, gooseberries and passion fruit, lime zest and green apple skin, combined with a delicate herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf, a mineral hint of limestone and a floral touch of apple blossom and acacia. The palate is airy, tangy and expresses above all the notes of green fruits and citrus fruits (green apple, yellow lemon, lime, gooseberries and green plum), associated with a slightly dry hint of limestone, a herbaceous touch of leaf of blackcurrant, good bitterness of grapefruit and a floral touch of acacia. The finish is moderately persistent, but refreshing and tangy (the acidity is lively and salivating).

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Francis Blanchet, Kriotine 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and delicious. It expresses notes of ripe gooseberries, crushed green apple, ripe lemon, white peach, tangy apricot, grapefruit, green kiwi and passion fruit, combined with notes of limestone, flint (a delicate smoky touch), fresh lime and acacia. On the palate, the wine offers an enveloping and juicy fruitiness, even slightly sweet, but airy and light. We find flavors of white peach, apricot, kiwi, gooseberries, grapefruit and passion fruit, associated with a slightly dry limestone touch on the finish, a very subtle smoky hint, as well as with floral notes of linden and acacia. The finish is rather persistent, with distinct and pronounced citrus notes, good grapefruit bitterness and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Francis Blanchet, Calcite 2023 Pouilly-Fumé

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses a distinguished and precise minerality in the salty, smoked flinty and calcareous notes. After aeration, we also find the slightly bitter aromas of lime and grapefruit, as well as green apple, gooseberry, passion fruit and a vegetal touch of green beans in the background. The palate offers a chiseled and tangy attack, which expresses notes of lemon, grapefruit and green apple, a mid-palate more on stone fruits and green fruits (white peach, a hint of green apple, gooseberries). The finish is mineral and slightly vegetal: it expresses notes of limestone, flint and a touch of saline, associated with a hint of gooseberries. Good persistence in the mouth, with saline notes and a good bitterness of lime.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

BLANC FUMÉ DE POUILLY

Michel Redde et Fils, Barre à Mine 2022

Blanc Fumé de Pouilly

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is discreet, it expresses light notes of crunchy golden apple, yellow peach, ripe apricot and candied lemon peel. After aeration, the wine offers pronounced mineral aromas – the smoky touch of flint, limestone (even chalk), dry stone, as well as dried lime, dried chamomile, dried green apple and grapefruit zest. Then, we find notes of buckwheat honey, beeswax, as well as moist leaves in the background and spices (nutmeg, saffron). The palate offers complexity, tangy and juicy fruits, racy minerality and a fine spiciness. It expresses the flavors of green apple, crunchy apricot, white peach and yellow lemon in the attack, combined with notes of candied lemon peel, dried lemon zest, gunflint and limestone in the middle of the mouth. In the finish, we find dried flowers (lime blossom, dried chamomile), honey, nutmeg and saffron. Good persistence in the mouth, with bitterness of grapefruit and limestone and chalkiness, and nice salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Maison Foucher, Les Lumeaux 2023

Blanc Fumé de Pouilly

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green reflections. The first nose expresses the distinct mineral aromas of smokiness of flint, limestone, a fragrant and slightly sweet floral bouquet (apple blossom, honeysuckle, acacia), associated with notes of ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit), white peach and green apple. The attack on the palate is mineral, limestone and slightly smoky (flint). In the mid-palate, we find the flavors of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lime, the bitterness of grapefruit), notes of green apple and green pear, as well as white flowers (apple blossom, acacia). The finish is gourmand, with sweet and tangy notes of candied lemon peel and a lively acidity of green apple and gooseberries, which appear at the very end of the palate. Beautiful structure, salivating acidity and an expressive mineral framework. A fragrant, tangy and lively wine.

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

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Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Amazing 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and airy, with tangy aromas of green fruits (green apple, gooseberries, green plum) and citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit), as well as white flowers (apple blossom, acacia). After aeration, it also expresses mineral touches of limestone and dry stone. The palate is fresh, chiseled, with tension and salivating acidity. It expresses the pronounced flavors of lemon, grapefruit, green apple and green plum, combined with floral touches of acacia and apple blossom. The finish is medium persistent, lively, tangy and refreshing.

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

Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Thauvenay 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green reflections. On the nose, it is reserved and requires aeration. It expresses notes of green apple, kiwi, gooseberries, yellow lemon and lime, associated with a touch of white peach, tangy apricot in the background and white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle), as well as with a mineral touch of limestone. The palate is lively, juicy and tangy. It expresses the flavors of yellow lemon, green apple, grapefruit, green kiwi and gooseberries, combined with notes of limestone and white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, hawthorn). The finish is moderately persistent, chiseled, with a lively and salivating acidity, as well as a slight bitterness of lime.

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

Roland Tissier et Fils, Etincelle 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses pronounced citrus notes (lemon, lemon zest, lime, grapefruit), green apple, green plum and gooseberries, combined with expressive mineral aromas (limestone, flint) and a floral touch of acacia and apple blossom. The attack on the palate is straight, precise and lively, with citrus flavors (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit), tangy and chiseled notes of green apple, green plum and gooseberries. In the mid-palate, we find distinguished minerality (limestone, flint), airy floral touches (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is quite persistent, with notes of fresh citrus, green apple and sharp acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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Roland Tissier et Fils, Tradition 2023

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is lemony, tangy and expresses notes of lemon, grapefruit and green apple. After aeration, we find aromas of acacia, limestone, dry stone and a touch of iodine in the background, associated with a tangy hint of gooseberry and a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. The palate expresses freshness and lively acidity from the attack – we find the flavors of lemon, grapefruit and tangy green plum. In the mid-palate, they are complemented by limestone, iodine and floral notes (acacia, apple blossom), as well as gourmet touches of white peach and tangy apricot. Good length with salivating acidity, the juiciness of stone fruit and a bitter hint of grapefruit. Precision and typicity.

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

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau 2023

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is mineral, limestone, lemony and floral. It expresses notes of limestone, lemon, grapefruit, elderflower and acacia, combined with notes of ripe green apple, green plum and white peach, as well as passion fruit and gooseberries. The mouth is chiseled, vertical and precise. The attack offers accuracy and a lot of freshness. It expresses notes of lime and grapefruit with good bitterness, yellow lemon, green apple, green plum, gooseberry and passion fruit, associated with limestone minerality, floral notes of acacia and elderflower, as well as a gourmet touch of white peach. The finish is lively and persistent, with a salivating acidity and a good perceptible bitterness of grapefruit. Beautiful expression of the terroir and the grape variety.

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

Domaine de La Chézatte, Silex 2022

Sancerre

(Aged for 1 year in oak barrels) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden highlights. The nose is textured, with concentration and density, all in freshness. It expresses an enveloped and elegant minerality (especially limestone, with a touch of flint, but more toasted than smoky). After aeration, the wine expresses the subtle and gourmand aromas of thyme honey with a very slight note of wax, white flowers (infusion of linden, acacia, apple blossom), juicy fruits (white peach, apricot, a touch of white melon and golden apple) and the liveliness of citrus (lemon zest, grapefruit, candied lemon). We also find delicate notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, ground cumin, a touch of coriander seeds). The palate is savoury, concentrated and enveloping, while remaining elegant and fresh. In the attack, we feel notes of crunchy white peach, apricot and green apple, combined with notes of lemon zest and grapefruit juice. The mid-palate is sapid, gourmand, honeyed and floral – there are flavors of thyme honey, thyme flower, apple blossom, acacia and dried lime blossom. The finish is persistent, offers complexity, a delicate spiciness (nutmeg, ground cumin), but perceptible, a dry mineral touch (limestone, a smoky hint of flint, wrapped in a toasted touch), as well as a good bitterness of candied lime peel. Beautiful acidity associated with density and complexity. A tense and balanced wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau, Héritage 2021

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color, of medium intensity, with golden reflections. The nose is lively, tangy and expresses pronounced citrus notes – lime, lemon zest and grapefruit. After aeration, we find the sweet and gourmand aromas of ripe apricot, yellow peach, fresh pineapple, candied lemon peel, as well as linden honey, wax, sweet spices (vanilla, nutmeg, a hint of saffron), toasted hazelnut (even caramelized), almond praline in the background and toasted wood, combined with an airy floral scent of acacia, lime blossom and apple blossom. The attack on the palate is straight, firm and tangy, with a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime. It also expresses tangy flavors of green apple, green plum and gooseberries. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses the flavors of honey, wax, a touch of wet leaves and wilted flowers (which bring complexity), fresh and dried white flowers (fresh lime, dried chamomile, acacia), as well as gourmet flavors of candied lemon peel, yellow peach, crunchy apricot, gooseberries and sweet spices (vanilla in the background, saffron, nutmeg, clove) and woody (fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, fresh bitter almond, toasted wood in the background). The finish is chiselled, slightly bitter (lime), with a lively and salivating acidity, good length and complexity. Tension, energy and precision.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau, Cuvée Lucien Prestige 2021

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and offers expressive woody aromas (toasted wood, fresh wood, toasted hazelnut), a precise but delicate spiciness (vanilla, a touch of clove, nutmeg), as well as a lactic hint of butter, vanilla yogurt, a touch of toast and brioche. Then, the wine expresses gourmand and sweet aromas of yellow peach, ripe apricot, lime jam, lemon cream, fresh lemon and grapefruit, as well as a hint of melon, fruits of the passion fruit, honey and white flowers (apple blossoms, honeysuckle). On the palate, the wine is savoury and complex. The attack reflects the first nose in its woody (toasted wood, fresh wood, toasted hazelnut) and spicy (vanilla, nutmeg, clove) flavors. The mid-palate is gourmand and fruity; we find the flavors of yellow peach, apricot, passion fruit, fresh and candied lemon, as well as a touch of lemon cream in the background, honey and white flowers (apple blossom, honeysuckle). The finish is persistent, spicy and woody, slightly bitter (good bitterness from chestnut honey). A wine which offers density and freshness, good aging potential, but still needs to integrate the wood.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Régis Jouan, Sancerre 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a limestone mineral framework, tangy citrus notes (lime zest with a slight bitterness, yellow lemon, grapefruit), as well as green apple, green plum, gooseberry and apple blossom. The palate offers lightness, fluidity, an airiness and tanginess of fresh citrus fruits (grapefruit, lemon, lime), as well as a touch of green apple and gooseberries. We also find a limestone mineral touch and a lively acidity on the finish. The finish is chiselled, mineral, with salivating acidity and medium persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de Trois Noyers 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses the pronounced and typical notes of Sauvignon Blanc – green beans, passion fruit, gooseberries, lemon, grapefruit, combined with notes of limestone and white flowers (acacia, elderberry). The palate is lively, mineral (limestone, even a little dry and chalky). It also expresses the flavors of gooseberries, grapefruit, passion fruit, lemon, lime, as well as acacia and elderflower. The mid-palate is fragrant, chiselled and fruity. Good persistence, with a salivating citrus acidity, a vegetal touch of green beans and a hint of good bitterness.

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

Domaine Curot 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved, tangy and slightly bitter. It expresses aromas of lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit, green beans in the background, green apple, as well as a chalky limestone touch. The palate is straight, chiseled and tangy, with precise notes of citrus (lemon, lime, grapefruit), green apple, green plum and chalk. The finish is medium lingering, with salivating acidity and a grassy touch of green beans.

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

Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy, Terre de Maimbray 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, even slightly exotic. It expresses the aromas of passion fruit, gooseberry, green plum, white peach, lime, lemon zest, as well as white flowers (acacia, apple blossom), limestone and dry stone. The palate is juicy, gourmand, fruity and tangy. The attack expresses notes of tangy apricot, white peach and green apple, combined with chiseled flavors of lime, yellow lemon and grapefruit. In the mid-palate, we feel a mineral touch of limestone, a hint of passion fruit and gooseberries. The finish is chiseled, with straightness and salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, with the tangy side of passion fruit and a touch of good bitterness from lime and grapefruit). A lively and typical wine of the terroir.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy, Les Anges Lots, Vieilles Vignes 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is airy, fruity and lemony. It expresses aromas of lemon, grapefruit and lime, combined with notes of apricot, white peach, passion fruit, white flowers (apple blossom, hawthorn), honey and limestone. The palate expresses a good bitterness of grapefruit and lime on attack, balanced by

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the gourmandise of white peach, tangy apricot, and candied lemon. Then, we sense a racy minerality, more pronounced than on the nose (chalk, salinity), a toasted and spicy touch (nutmeg, cloves, toasted wood in the background), as well as a hint of white flowers (dried linden, dried chamomile, apple blossom) and honey. The finish expresses good bitterness, a lively and salivating acidity, as well as a salty mineral touch. Beautiful concentration, complexity and freshness.

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

Pierre Prieur & Fils, Domaine de Saint-Pierre 2023 Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers freshness, airiness, the acidity of fresh citrus fruits and fresh herbs, as well as a racy minerality. It expresses notes of limestone and dry stone, with a very light touch of flint smoke in the background, chiseled aromas of green apple, lime zest, yellow lemon, grapefruit, as well as a floral hint of linden and a delicate note of gooseberries in the background. The attack on the palate is mineral, limestone, slightly smoky. It also expresses the acidity and a slight bitterness of lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit, a herbaceous and floral hint of linden in the background. We feel the roundness in the white peach flavor in the mid-palate. The finish is quite persistent, chiselled, with a lively and salivating acidity. A typical wine, which expresses the terroir.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Pierre Prieur & Fils, Les Silex 2023 Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with silver reflections. The nose expresses racy minerality in notes of limestone and flint, complemented by aromas of fresh citrus fruits (grapefruit, lime, yellow lemon), gourmet notes of white peach and juicy apricot, as well as passion fruit in the background. We also find a touch of acacia and apple blossom on the second nose. The palate has a gourmand, even round attack, with notes of white peach, apricot and juicy green apple. In the mid-palate, we find fresh citrus fruits – lemon, as well as lime and grapefruit, whose bitterness persists on the finish. Floral notes of acacia and dried chamomile also appear on the finish. The finish is lively, mineral (limestone, a touch of flint smoke) and tangy. A chiseled and distinguished wine, with a racy mineral expression.

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

Pierre Prieur & Fils, Les Monts Dammés 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with silver reflections. The first nose is reserved, but expresses concentration and juiciness of stone fruits (white peach, white nectarine). On the second nose, the wine expresses the tangy side of fresh citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lime), as well as a gourmet touch of candied lime peel, crushed green apple, fresh white melon and kiwi. We also find floral notes of acacia and apple blossom, a pronounced minerality (limestone rock, gunflint, dry gravel), as well as a hint of yeast and dried lime. The palate offers tension on attack, a tangy and chiseled hint of fresh citrus and green fruits (yellow lemon, lime, green plum, green apple), floral scents (acacia, lime), as well as mineral notes of limestone and smoke, combined with notes of dried white flowers. The finish has energy and liveliness, salivating acidity and lots of freshness. A lively, tense and concentrated wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Thomas-Labaille, Vigneron à Chavignol, l'Authentique 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity, juicy and gourmand. It first expresses notes of passion fruit, yellow peach, ripe apricot, complemented by aromas of crushed lemon, grapefruit zest, tangy kiwi, green apple skins, as well as hay in the background, a mineral hint of limestone and flint and white flowers (linden, honeysuckle). The palate offers an airy and gourmand attack: with notes of flower honey, yellow peach and ripe apricot, associated in the mid-palate with a good bitterness of grapefruit, a lively acidity of lime juice and yellow lemon, as well as floral scents of linden and honeysuckle. The finish is persistent, tangy and salivating, with a distinguished mineral framework (flint, limestone). Beautiful freshness and balance.

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

Anthony Girard, Domaine La Clef du Récit 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses racy minerality, notes of limestone rock, as well as a touch of iodine in the background. We also find aromas

of lemon zest, grapefruit, white peach, apricot and fresh quince, combined with a hint of green plum, apple blossom and acacia. The palate is tasty, lively, tangy and fruity, with a beautiful juiciness of stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, white nectarine), which balances the tanginess of fresh citrus fruits (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit), gooseberry and kiwi. We also find a fine minerality (limestone and iodine notes), a floral touch of apple blossom and an herbaceous hint of green beans in the background. A well-structured wine, with a lively and tight tangy structure, a beautiful minerality and lots of freshness. Good persistence in the mouth with a delicate bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de La Chézatte 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with silver highlights. On the nose, it expresses the expressive and typical aromas of Sauvignon Blanc: grapefruit, gooseberry and a vegetal touch of green bean, which highlights the fruits. After aeration, we also find notes of green apple, passion fruit, a touch of limestone and flint in the background, as well as green apple skin. On the palate, the attack reflects the nose in the vegetal note of green bean as well as in the flavors of citrus (grapefruit, lime), green apple and gooseberry. The minerality returns at the end of the palate, in the limestone and smoky notes of gunflint, highlighted by a dry touch of chalk. The finish is fragrant and lingering, with flavors of gooseberry and green bean, and with a salivating acidity. A refined wine, with a pronounced vegetal touch, but integrated and quite pleasant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de La Chézatte, Cuvée Prestige 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with silver hues. The nose is powerful, very aromatic. It opens with pronounced, tangy and at the same time gourmand notes of gooseberry (fresh berries and jam), touches of passion fruit and crushed passion fruit

seeds, completed by a delicate vegetal hint of green beans. Then, we smell notes of lime, green apple, grapefruit and lemon zest, complemented by scents of apple blossom and hawthorn. The minerality is perceptible, but delicate (limestone, slightly smoky). The attack is fruity and round, but the mid-palate and finish are slender and tense. We firstly smell the flavors of crushed green apple, passion fruit, gooseberries, lime and lemon zest. The vegetal note of green beans and slightly bitter grapefruit appear in the middle and at the end of the palate. Good persistence, tangy and fresh, with good bitterness and a distinguished minerality from the calcareous terroir.

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

Pierre Morin, Ovide 2022

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with green reflections. The nose is fragrant, ripe and gourmand. It expresses notes of golden apple, gooseberries, fresh lemon, candied lemon, as well as grapefruit, white peach in the background, white flowers (honeysuckle, acacia, apple blossom), a touch of linden honey and a mineral hint of limestone. The palate offers a round, even slightly oily attack, with notes of yellow peach and fleshy apricot, balanced by a chiseled and tangy mid-palate. We find flavors of lemon zest, green apple, grapefruit, gooseberries, as well as a mineral limestone framework which gives a dry sensation at the end of the mouth. The finish also expresses delicious notes of white nectarine, a delicate floral bouquet (acacia, honeysuckle) and a salivating acidity. A wine with a beautiful fleshy fruity substance, a firm tangy structure and a perceptible mineral framework.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pierre Morin, Chêne Marchand 2022 Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with silver hues. The nose is airy, tangy, with an expressive racy, limestone and iodized minerality. It also expresses notes of candied lemon peel, lime jam, white nectarine, green apple and gooseberries, combined with a touch of fresh lime and lily. On the palate, the attack is gourmand, honeyed (with a good bitterness of chestnut honey) and fleshy. There are also flavors of yellow peach, crushed apricot, orange zest, crushed green apple, gooseberries and kiwi. In the mid-palate, we can see iodine and limestone notes in the mineral framework, as well as floral notes of linden and fresh acacia. The finish offers light bitter notes of grapefruit, a dry touch of chalk, balanced by a salivating acidity and a good persistence on the minerality and the gourmandise of candied citrus fruits.

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



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Pierre Morin, Le Chant de L'Orme 2022

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is reserved, but offers concentration and complexity. It expresses delicate spicy touches (nutmeg, clove) and a light note of toasted hazelnut. After aeration, the wine expresses aromas of candied lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit, fresh pineapple, white peach, crunchy apricot and green plum, combined with aromas of dried lime blossom, dried chamomile and acacia. We also find a smoky touch of flint and a limestone note. The palate offers a fruity, fleshy and gourmand attack. It expresses notes of yellow peach, apricot and candied lemon, combined with the freshness of lemon zest and green apple. Then, the wine expresses delicate spicy and toasted notes (cloves, nutmeg, toasted hazelnuts in the background), a mineral touch limestone, and a chiselled acidity of lime and green kiwi. Good persistence in the mouth, with precision, accuracy and sharp freshness.

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

Pierre Morin, Prémices 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a very pale lemon yellow color, with silver hues. The nose is enveloping, voluminous, even rich and sweet, but harmonious. It combines aromas of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, sweet yellow plum) and honey with notes of tangy citrus (lemon, a sweet touch of lime jam), a refreshing herbaceous hint and a tangy hint of green apple. We also find a fine limestone minerality and fragrant floral notes (acacia, apple blossom). The palate is savoury, with a round and gourmand attack (on notes of honey, yellow peach, ripe apricot and yellow nectarine), a mineral hint (limestone) and tangy mid-palate (yellow lemon, grapefruit, green apple) and a persistent finish with lively acidity and good bitterness. A fresh, subtly mineral and balanced wine.

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

Eric Louis, Sancerre 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is airy and tangy. It expresses notes of lemon zest, lemon juice, gooseberries, white currants, as well as green apple, apple blossom and a hint of linden honey. After aeration, we also find a slight salinity and a mineral texture. The palate offers precision, freshness and tanginess of citrus fruits on the attack (lime, lemon zest), associated with flavors of green apple, green plum, a touch of apple blossom and lime blossom. The chalky and slightly drying minerality, as well as a honeyed touch appear on the finish. Good persistence, fresh and gourmand, with notes of passion fruit and lime zest, with a slight bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Vacheron 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with green reflections. The nose offers precision, accuracy and tanginess of citrus and green fruits. It expresses the aromas of lemon, lime, grapefruit juice, green apple and Reine Claude plum. After aeration, the nose also expresses a mineral framework of limestone (even iodized), notes of fresh almond, fresh hazelnut and white flowers (elderberry, acacia), as well as a herbaceous hint (cut grass in the background) and a milky touch of cream. The palate is tight, chiseled and tangy, with lots of energy and lively citrus notes on attack (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit). In the mid-palate, the wine is also straight and lively: we find notes of green apple and green plum, as well as a fine floral bouquet (elderflower, acacia, apple blossom). The finish is tangy and salivating, with citrus freshness, good lime acidity and a mineral hint of limestone.

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

Domaine Vacheron, Le Pavé 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved and tight, but dense and concentrated (it is better expressed after aeration). It then offers aromas of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot, yellow plum in the background), delicate and slightly sweet notes of vanilla, golden apple, pineapple and candied lemon peel. We also find elegant aromas of elderflower (or even elderberry syrup), apple blossom and acacia, a touch of fresh hazelnut and calcareous rock. The palate offers a round, silky and savoury attack (with notes of white peach, apricot and yellow plum in the background), but the mid-palate and finish are firm, lively and tangy (with flavors of lime, yellow lemon, green plum and green apple). We also find the sweetness of elderflower syrup and the elegant scents of acacia and apple blossom. The finish is persistent, expresses a distinguished minerality (limestone, chalk), a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit, as well as a hint of flower honey and dried linden in the background. Complexity and density in elegance.

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

Domaine Vacheron, Les Romains 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, fresh and fruity. The first nose expresses notes of green apple, yellow lemon and green plum, associated with the second nose with notes of tangy apricot, white peach, as well as a tangy citrusy aromas (lime zest, grapefruit). Then, we find floral notes of chamomile, acacia and apple blossom, a hint of flower honey, hay, fresh hazelnut, butter and vanilla in the background, associated with a limestone and slightly saline minerality. The palate offers volume and gourmandise in flavors of yellow peach, apricot and yellow plum, freshness and tanginess in notes of green lemon and lemon zest, elegance and airiness of flowers (acacia, linden, apple blossom), as well as liveliness and a dry touch of chalky minerality. In the mid-palate, we also find a good bitterness of grapefruit zest and a gourmand hint of honey and wax. The finish is persistent, mineral (slightly dry) and dynamic, with tension and salivating acidity. It also adds notes of fresh hazelnut and butter to the wine's profile.

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

Domaine Vacheron, Le Paradis 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and elegant, with a refined floral bouquet. The first nose offers notes of apple blossom, elderflower, dried lime blossom and chamomile infusion, combined with tangy aromas of grapefruit zest, candied lemon peel, lime zest as well as of green apple. After aeration, we also find aromas of crunchy apricot, white peach and a subtle minerality (limestone and slightly iodized), as well as honey, wax and fresh almond. The palate offers a floral and honeyed attack: we feel notes of acacia, apple blossom, dried lime and chamomile, associated with a sweet hint of flower honey and a sharp acidity of citrus and green fruits (lemon, lime, green apple), which brings structure and verticality to the wine. In the mid-palate, we find the racy minerality, limestone, saline, chalky and slightly drying. The finish is long and adds a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit, the juiciness of Reine Claude plum, as well as subtle notes of fresh almond, yeast and nutmeg. Beautiful complexity, persistence and accuracy.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Jean-Max Roger, Cuvée « Genèse » 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is expressive, with notes of tangy exotic fruits (passion fruit, kiwi), gooseberry, as well as gourmet touches of candied lemon peel, fresh orange, apple blossom and acacia, combined with a limestone and saline mineral touch. The palate offers tension, a limestone mineral framework, slightly smoky and dry on the attack, juiciness and gourmandise of fruit in the mid-palate. We find notes of grated lemon zest, lime, passion fruit, gooseberry and green apple, combined with notes of acacia and apple blossom. The finish is quite persistent, tangy and lemony. Straightness and accuracy in the mouth.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Jean-Max Roger, Cuvée « Marnes et Caillottes » 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is racy and mineral: it expresses pronounced notes of limestone, a dry touch of chalk in the background, as well as clay. After aeration, aromas of citrus (grapefruit, lemon, lime zest), green apple and white flowers (acacia) appear. The palate has a gourmand and fresh attack, with notes of green apple, green plum, yellow lemon and lime. In the mid-palate, we feel a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit, mineral (limestone, clay) and floral (acacia) notes, as well as a light vegetal touch of green beans, which brings freshness. The finish offers a salivating acidity, a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit and tanginess and airiness of ripe citrus fruits.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Jean-Max Roger, Grand Chemarin 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses the delicious and sweet notes of yellow peach, apricot, mango, chestnut honey, associated with aromas of grapefruit zest, lime jam, blood orange, as well as white flowers (dried linden, dried chamomile, acacia), spices (nutmeg, a touch of saffron), roasted background (fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), green apple and a hint of calcareous minerality. The palate offers woody and spicy notes on the attack (fresh wood, toast, even caramelized hazelnut, a touch of vanilla, nutmeg and saffron), combined with gourmand and sweet flavors of flower honey, wax, ripe yellow peach, crushed apricot, roasted apple in the background, lime jam, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, as well as white flowers (acacia, apple blossoms, linden, flower syrup elderberry). The finish is very long and complex, with an expressive honey note that returns at the very end of the mouth. Salivating acidity and good bitterness bring freshness and balance to the wine. Beautiful depth, complexity, density and a precise tangy structure.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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Jean-Max Roger, La Côte de Bué 2019 Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color, of medium intensity, with golden reflections. The nose is juicy, fruity, floral and honeyed. It expresses the aromas of ripe stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach, yellow nectarine), linden honey, wax in the background, as well as fragrant white flowers (acacia, fresh lime, fresh chamomile, elderberry syrup, honeysuckle). After aeration, we find notes of fresh bitter orange, candied lime, grapefruit, candied lemon peel, as well as spices (saffron, nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin), toasted hazelnut, bitter almond, a sweet touch of toasted wood and vanilla, as well as very light tertiary touches of wilted flowers and tobacco. The palate offers complexity, sapidity, good bitterness and lively acidity, combined with delicious and sweet notes of chestnut honey. It expresses the flavors of very ripe yellow peach, juicy apricot, mango, melon, passion fruit, as well as pineapple, candied lemon peel, the bitterness of chestnut honey and candied grapefruit, combined with notes of wax, linden infusion, fresh chamomile, apple blossom, as well as spicy touches of saffron, cloves, nutmeg, vanilla in the background, torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, bitter almond) and tertiaries of tobacco and wilted flowers in the background. The finish is very long, sapid, with good bitterness, a vertical and firm tangy frame and good bitterness. A complex and rich wine, with energy and tension.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Jean-Max Roger, La Côte de Bué 2018 Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color, of medium intensity, with golden reflections. The nose is fragrant and expresses integrated and pleasant tertiary notes. We find notes of linden honey, chestnut honey, beeswax, dried flowers (dried linden, dried chamomile), a hint of wet leaves, wilted flowers and white truffle in the background. After aeration, the wine offers aromas of fresh lemon zest, dried lemon peel, fresh bitter orange, candied grapefruit, mango, passion fruit and fresh pineapple, combined with delicate spicy aromas (ground clove, nutmeg, saffron, fresh vanilla in the background), as well as touches of fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut and fresh bitter almond. The palate is expressive, complex and savoury. The attack offers freshness and youth in its flavors of yellow fruits (crushed yellow peach, apricot, mirabelle plum), associated with integrated notes of development (chestnut honey with its good bitterness, beeswax, wilted flowers, wet leaves and white nose). We also find the flavors of candied grapefruit, candied lemon zest, fresh lime zest, roasted green apple, a touch of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted bitter almond, a hint of toasted wood and caramelized brioche). The finish is long, elegant, with refined spicy notes of saffron, nutmeg and cloves. Good bitterness of chestnut honey and lime jam on the finish. Great persistence freshness and elegance. A wine with great complexity and potential.

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

Joël et Sylvie Cirotte, Domaine de la Croix St-Laurent 2023 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant and fruity. It expresses pronounced notes of gooseberries and passion fruit (which dominate the first nose), associated with notes of lime, yellow lemon, green apple, a discreet touch of green bean, as well as white flowers (linden, honeysuckle) and a touch of limestone. On the palate, the attack is straight, chiselled and tangy. It expresses the flavors of gooseberries, passion fruit, green apple, tart green plum, as well as green beans in the background, limestone and lime. The finish is quite persistent, offers sharp acidity, a grassy side and a tangy and slightly bitter touch of grapefruit.

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

Domaine Sylvain Bailly, Chêne Marchand 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive, racy and mineral. On the first nose, we smell the smoky aromas of flint, wet chalk and dry stone, associated on the second nose with tangy notes of lemon zest, lime zest, grapefruit juice and green apple. We also find aromas of crunchy apricot, white peach, white flowers (lily, hawthorn, dried lime) and a hint of wax. The palate is savoury, expressive, with notes of fresh stone fruits, which bring gourmandise and notes of citrus, which offer freshness. At the end of the palate, we find the minerality especially in the calcareous notes, rather than the smokiness of gunflint (which is less expressive on the palate). The finish is long, lively, with salivating acidity and good bitterness. The wine expresses the flavors of candied lemon peel and a touch of chalk on the persistence. A straight, fresh, mineral wine, which offers a beautiful expression of the terroir.

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

Domaine Sylvain Bailly, Prestige 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers concentration, a fragrant floral bouquet (linden, chamomile, acacia) and notes of linden honey and wax. The second nose expresses aromas of white peach, apricot, ripe lemon, candied lemon peel, as well as grapefruit and a touch of fresh bread. The palate is savoury, with an expressive and gourmand attack. We find notes of honey, lime jam, candied lemon peel, fresh lemon, as well as young peach and apricot. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses a slight toasted hint (toasted hazelnut), a touch of wax, dried lime blossom, chamomile and fresh bread. The finish is tangy and fresh, with lively acidity and a delicate bitterness of grapefruit. Good persistence with notes of honey.

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

Fabien Cirotte, Domaine de la Croix St-Laurent Sancerre Cailottes 2022

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and tangy: it expresses notes of gooseberries, which dominate the first nose, passion fruit (with a touch of crushed passion fruit seeds), orange zest, lemon crushed, green pear, as well as white peach, apple blossom and mineral notes of calcareous rock. The palate has a gourmand and tangy attack at the same time: we find notes of white peach, tangy apricot, gooseberries, passion fruit, as well as green apple, apple blossom and grapefruit, with good bitterness, which appears at the end of the palate. The acidity is lively and salivating. Beautiful freshness and good persistence on the palate.

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

Maison Foucher - Sancerre, Les Monts Damnés 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved, but fresh and tangy. The first nose expresses a distinguished minerality (limestone, gunflint), associated with notes of citrus (lemon, lime, grapefruit zest), green apple and white peach, as well as fleshiness of ripe apricot and yellow peach, which appear after aeration. We also find a lactic touch of butter and yeast, of brioche in the background, accompanied by the floral scents of acacia and linden. The palate is vertical, chiseled, with sharp acidity and good bitterness of grapefruit and lime zest. We also find a mineral touch of limestone in the background, the enveloping juiciness of white peach and apricot, as well as notes of acacia and fresh linden (or even linden honey in the background). The finish is quite persistent, salivating and tangy, with notes of yellow lemon and green apple. A straight, concentrated and precise wine, with a sharp freshness and a racy minerality.

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

Claude et Florence Thomas Labaille, Cuvée « Les Aristides » 2022

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, honeyed and fruity: it expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, ripe apricot, white nectarine, as well as candied lemon, grapefruit and tangy pineapple. We also find aromas of acacia, apple blossom, a hint of fresh hazelnut as well as a limestone mineral nuance. The palate is enveloping, juicy and gourmand. The attack offers notes of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, ripe apricot), combined with tangy flavors of green apple, yellow lemon and green plum. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses notes of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom), honey and wax in the background. A mineral touch appears at the end of the palate, accompanied by a sharp acidity and citrus freshness, as well as a good bitterness on the persistence.

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

Anthony & David Girard - Sancerre - Florilège des Monts Damnés 2022

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers accuracy, concentration, density and freshness. The first nose expresses the aromas of green apple, white peach, lemon zest, crushed lemon, crunchy pineapple, as well as white flowers (acacia, orange blossom in the background). On the second nose, we find delicate spicy touches (nutmeg, a very slight hint of vanilla), bitter almond and toasted hazelnut, combined with a hint of flower honey and green hints. The palate is juicy, even fleshy: on the attack, it expresses notes of yellow peach, apricot, candied lemon peel, orange zest and flower honey. In the mid-palate, we find a good bitterness of grapefruit, a limestone mineral touch, as well as notes of white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle), a lactic touch of



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vanilla yogurt, honey and fresh almond. The finish is precise, juicy, with notes of green fruits (green apple, green plum), a herbaceous touch and a sharp acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Anthony & David Girard - Sancerre - Les Monts Damnés 2022

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The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved and discreet. After aeration, it offers a mineral structure (notes of limestone), associated with notes of lemon, lime zest, green apple, white peach, white melon and ripe apricot. There are also notes of elderflower and acacia and a touch of fresh hazelnut. On the palate, the wine is chiseled, lively, with good bitterness, a slightly dry chalky minerality, as well as tangy notes of grapefruit, lemon, kiwi and green apple. We also find the gourmandise of white peach and crunchy apricot in the finish. Good persistence in the mouth, with notes of juicy green apple and lime, a limestone touch and salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Joseph Mellot La Chatellenie 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fragrant, fruity and gourmand. It expresses the aromas of stone fruits (white peach, yellow peach, yellow plum with a touch of mirabelle plum), as well as passion fruit, ripe lemon, crunchy golden apple, gooseberry and rhubarb, associated with an expressive mineral touch of chalk and flint and, a scent of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom). The palate is enveloping, gourmand, with notes of juicy and fleshy stone fruits (white peach, yellow peach, yellow plum), ripe lemon (with a touch of candied lemon peel), pineapple, fruit passion fruit, gooseberries and golden apple. We also find the racy minerality in limestone and flint smoke notes and a lively and salivating acidity. The finish is persistent, mineral and slightly bitter (good bitterness of grapefruit).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Joseph Mellot L'Original 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is very aromatic. It expresses notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, a hint of green mango), gooseberry, as well as lime zest, grapefruit, green apple, crunchy pineapple, as well as gunflint and chalk, combined with herbaceous, vegetal and floral touches (blackcurrant leaf, green bean, acacia, apple blossom). The palate is savoury and expressive. The attack reflects the tangy aromas found on the nose (gooseberry, passion fruit, blackcurrant leaf, lime), but also offers juiciness and a certain roundness in flavors of white peach and apricot. The finish is tangy, chiseled and mineral. It expresses the flavors of fresh crushed lemon, grapefruit (which persists with a good bitterness, accompanied by a touch of gooseberry), chalk, flint, as well as linden and acacia. Beautiful concentration, complexity and freshness, beautiful expression of terroir. A fragrant, expressive and elegant wine.

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

Joseph Mellot La Grande Châtelaine 2019

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose expresses woody, spicy and honeyed aromas. We find notes of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, nutmeg, vanilla in the background (even with a subtle touch of coconut), chestnut honey, as well as fresh bread and toasted brioche. After aeration, the wine offers liveliness and tanginess of citrus fruits (yellow lemon zest, crushed lemon, lime, bitterness of grapefruit), the gourmandise of fleshy stone fruits (white peach, apricot), as well as a floral touch of fragrant fresh lime and acacia, combined with a hint of almond in the background. The palate is complex, dense, savoury. The attack expresses woody (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, toasted wood in the background, even a touch of coconut), spicy (vanilla, nutmeg) and honeyed (chestnut honey, wax) notes. We also find flavors from the batonnage (fresh bread, yeast in the background, toasted brioche), associated with a good bitterness of grapefruit (which persists at the end of the mouth), candied lemon, fresh lemon, gooseberry fresh and in jam, passion fruit as well as the juicy and delicious side of yellow peach and fleshy apricot. The finish is very long, with notes of honey, lime blossom infusion, acacia and candied lemon. Complexity, depth, all elegance.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Fabienne et Benoit Godon-Reverdy, Domaine de la Garenne, Alliance 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is fresh, lemony and mainly expresses citrus notes (lemon, grapefruit). The second nose offers an exotic touch of passion fruit, gooseberry, as well as a hint of acacia and limestone minerality. The palate offers a mineral and distinguished attack, also with limestone and slightly smoky notes in the background. In the mid-palate, we find the liveliness and tanginess of lemon, lime, grapefruit and green plum, complemented by notes of gooseberries

and passion fruit. The finish is tangy, chiseled and salivating. A wine with lots of freshness, good bitterness on the finish and a nice tangy structure.

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

Fabienne et Benoit Godon-Reverdy, Domaine de la Garenne, Les Bouffants 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved, but fruity and tangy after aeration. It expresses notes of lemon zest, grapefruit peel, a juicy and gourmand touch of green apple and green pear, as well as a distinguished mineral framework (limestone, a smoky hint of flint) and a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, dried linden). The palate is gourmand, with juicy notes of white peach and green apple, combined with notes of lemon zest, lime and grapefruit. We also find floral touches of dried lime and apple blossom, as well as a distinguished minerality (limestone, dry stone, smokiness). Concentration, juiciness, lively tangy fruitiness and straightness. A fresh and energetic wine, quite persistent.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Clément & Florian Berthier Sancerre 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity, juicy and expresses the gourmand aromas of white peach, tangy apricot, green plum, as well as lemon zest, crushed lemon, as well as apple blossom, dried acacia and limestone. The palate is tasty and gourmand. The attack reflects the notes of white peach and apricot, which we have on the nose, in the mid-palate, we find a tangy structure and verticality in the flavors of lime zest, yellow lemon, grapefruit (with good bitterness) as well as a typical racy minerality (limestone, a dry chalky hint) and a touch of apple blossom. The finish offers good persistence, salivating acidity and chiseled citrus notes.

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

Ammonites par Matthias et Emile Roblin 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with light golden reflections. The nose expresses pronounced mineral notes (limestone, a touch of clay, dry stone), associated with tangy citrus aromas (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit), a vegetal touch of green beans, as well as notes of green apple and apple blossom. The palate offers a savoury and gourmet attack with notes of white peach, yellow plum, apricot and juicy green apple. We also find tangy citrus flavors (yellow lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit), a limestone touch on the finish, as well as a good bitterness and a floral scent of hawthorn. Good persistence in the mouth with a salivating acidity and a dense and concentrated, but lively fruity substance.

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

Domaine des Emois 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses aromas of tangy citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit), green apple and green plum, with a touch of gooseberry and acacia in the background and a subtle limestone minerality. The palate is airy, tangy and fruity. On the attack, we find the flavors of ripe citrus fruits (crushed lemon, grapefruit, a hint of orange zest), associated with notes of green apple, green plum, as well as acacia, apple blossom and of limestone in the mid-palate. The finish is tangy, fresh and straight, with a slight dry limestone sensation that persists. At the end of the palate, the wine also offers roundness and juiciness of white peach, which envelops the salivating acidity. Beautiful freshness and persistence, juiciness and gourmandise.

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

Reverdy-Cadet, Mam Zelle KD Silex 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is distinguished, mineral and expresses calcareous, even chalky, as well as smoky (gunflint) notes, associated with a fragrant floral bouquet, which is revealed in the second nose (apple blossom, acacia, honeysuckle). We also find gourmand aromas of candied lemon peel, orange zest, ripe lemon, white peach and apricot, combined with notes of passion fruit in the background. The palate offers lightness, an airiness and tanginess of green fruits (green apple, green plum) and citrus fruits (ripe lemon, candied lemon peel, a touch of grapefruit juice). We also find a good bitterness and a chiseled hint of lime, floral scents (apple blossom, acacia), as well as a limestone and smoky mineral hint in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, tangy and lively, with a salivating acidity.

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

Reverdy-Cadet & Fils, Cuvée des Cadet 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers freshness, tangy notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit, lime zest), gooseberries and green apple, combined with touches of acacia, yellow peach and fruits of the passion. The palate is gourmand, with notes of fleshy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot) and passion fruit on the attack, complemented

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by flavors of candied lemon peel, crushed lemon, ripe green apple, as well as grapefruit and acacia. The finish is quite persistent, slightly bitter (good bitterness of grapefruit and lime), with a lively and salivating acidity. An open, juicy, fresh and gourmand wine.

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

Fabienne et Benoit Godon-Reverdy, Domaine de la Garenne, La Billette 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers concentration, gourmet, honeyed and fruity notes. It expresses the aromas of flower honey, white melon, white peach, apricot, green plum, as well as green apple, crushed lemon and grapefruit. We also find scents of white flowers (dried lime, acacia, apple blossom), candied lemon peel and orange in the background, combined with a touch of fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut and limestone. The palate is vertical, chiseled and tangy. In the attack, it expresses notes of crushed lemon, grapefruit, green apple, white peach, tangy apricot and passion fruit. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses notes of white flowers (apple blossom, acacia), fresh hazelnut, honey and limestone. The finish is quite persistent, with a lively acidity, a mineral touch and a gourmand touch of apricot on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Nicolas Girard, Domaine des Broses 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green highlights. The nose is chiseled, tangy and slightly herbaceous and vegetal. It expresses the aromas of green apple, lime, yellow lemon, a touch of blackcurrant leaf and green beans, combined with a touch of gooseberry, acacia and limestone in the background. The palate is lively, lemony, with a good bitterness of lime and grapefruit on the attack. In the mid-palate, we find limestone minerality, slightly drying, notes of green apple, lemon, green plum and acacia. In the finish, light notes of blackcurrant leaf and green beans reappear. Good persistence on the palate, mineral, slightly saline, with acidity and good lime bitterness. Nice freshness, tension.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Alain Girard & Fils, Domaine des Broses, Confidence 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with light golden highlights. The first nose expresses woody and spicy notes of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh bitter almond, as well as nutmeg, cloves, cumin seeds and vanilla in the background. After aeration, it offers floral scents of fresh lime, acacia, apple blossom, as well as flower honey, wax and hay in the background. We also find ripe and juicy fruits: yellow peach, apricot, crushed green apple, fresh lemon, gooseberries and grapefruit. The palate is very expressive and lively. The attack is tangy, sharp and savoury. It expresses pronounced and dominant notes of gooseberries, combined with notes of passion fruit, lemon zest, fresh lime, fresh green apple, tangy apricot and white peach. Then, we find the deliciousness and good bitterness of chestnut honey, lime jam and candied grapefruit, as well as a floral scent (acacia, chamomile, linden) and woody and spicy notes (fresh wood, toasted wood), toasted hazelnut, fresh bitter almond, vanilla, clove, nutmeg). The finish is juicy, chiseled, fresh and slightly bitter. The acidity is salivating and sharp. Beautiful complexity, concentration and a smoky mineral touch on the long honeyed and rich persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Roger & Didier Raimbault 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green highlights. On the nose, the wine is discreet and requires aeration. Then, it first expresses subtle herbaceous and vegetal notes (blackcurrant leaf, green bean), which quickly disappear behind the aromas of ripe fruits (passion fruit, gooseberry, apricot, white peach, crushed lemon, grapefruit, green apple). We also sense precise mineral aromas (limestone, dry stone, a saline hint) as well as floral touches of acacia and apple blossom. The palate is juicy, enveloping, but very light. The attack is airy, tangy and mineral (we can see a slightly drying limestone touch), with lively and chiseled flavors of citrus (lime, lemon, grapefruit) and green apple. In the mid-palate, we find flavors of tangy apricot and gooseberries, as well as white flowers (acacia, apple blossom). The finish expresses a delicate lime bitterness, salivating acidity and racy, calcareous and slightly saline minerality. An expressive and typical wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Origine par Matthias et Emile Roblin 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity, discreet (the wine requires aeration). We then find the aromas of passion fruit, ripe apricot, yellow peach, crushed lemon, grapefruit juice, as well as crunchy golden apple, apple blossom, honeysuckle and elderflower, associated with a delicate limestone minerality. The palate is gourd; and expresses notes of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow nectarine), ripe lemon, grapefruit and passion fruit. We also find a hint of limestone mineral and floral

scents of elderflower, acacia and apple blossom. The finish is persistent, lively, with salivating acidity and a hint of green apple on the persistence. Freshness and tension.

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

Roger Champault « Le Clos du Roy » 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, even a little sweet. It expresses the aromas of stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow nectarine, juicy apricot), combined with aromas of ripe lemon, candied lemon peel, grapefruit zest, as well as passion fruit and flower honey in the background. We also find slightly sweet floral scents (apple blossom, elderflower syrup), complemented by a calcareous minerality and a salty and iodized touch. The palate is juicy, delicious and tangy. The attack is lively, with notes of ripe citrus fruits (lemon, lime, grapefruit zest), combined with flavors of white peach, yellow nectarine, apricot and green apple. In the mid-palate we find floral notes of apple blossom and elderflower syrup, as well as a mineral, limestone and saline framework. Good persistence on the palate, with a slight bitterness of lime, a lively acidity and a slight herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf.

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

Roger Champault « Côte de Champantin » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color, of medium intensity, with light golden highlights. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. The first nose is subtly spicy, refined: it expresses the aromas of grated nutmeg, cloves, fresh vanilla, even cinnamon in the background, as well as toasted wood and toasted hazelnut. We then find the gourmand notes of yellow peach, ripe apricot, fresh lemon, candied lemon peel, grapefruit, passion fruit, as well as flower honey and white flowers (honeysuckle, acacia, apple blossom, white rose). The palate is fragrant, with a savory and spicy attack – it expresses flavors of nutmeg, cloves, a touch of vanilla in the background, as well as fresh wood and toasted hazelnut. In the mid-palate, we find chiseled notes of fresh lemon, fresh grapefruit with good bitterness, green apple and green plum, associated with gourmet touches of white peach, tangy apricot, as well as a floral scent of apple blossom and acacia. The finish is tasty, persistent and tangy. It offers a salivating acidity, a good bitterness of grapefruit and a hint of toasted hazelnut and limestone minerality on the persistence, as well as a gourmet touch of honey.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Philippe Raimbault, Les Godons 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of fleshy and sweet stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), associated with aromas of golden apple, yellow pear, candied lemon peel, ripe lemon, passion fruit, gooseberries and pineapple. After aeration, we find the sweet notes of vanilla, honey, elderflower syrup and apple blossom, as well as a very fine touch of caramelized hazelnut. The palate is enveloping, gourmand and dense, balanced by lively acidity and good bitterness of grapefruit. We find the flavors of very ripe yellow peach, juicy apricot, pineapple, passion fruit, candied lemon peel, ripe lemon and lime, combined with notes of flower syrup elderberry, acacia and apple blossom. The finish is precise, tasty and fragrant. It expresses notes of honey, wax, a hint of toasted hazelnut and the minerality of limestone. A dense, concentrated, expressive, even powerful, but harmonious wine. The finish is persistent, honeyed and gourmand.

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

Domaine Philippe Raimbault, Apud Sariaicum 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses a distinct minerality of calcareous rock (even slightly chalky), associated with aromas of green apple, gooseberries, a slight touch of passion fruit in the background, as well as notes of tangy apricot and ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit, Meyer lemon) and white flowers (acacia, apple blossom). The palate is savoury, and offers a nice refreshing acidity, but not nervous, the accuracy of flavors and precision. It expresses the flavors of white peach, tangy apricot, lemon zest, grapefruit, green apple and gooseberries. In the mid-palate the wine offers a pronounced minerality of limestone and chalk, as well as a fine floral bouquet (apple blossom, acacia). The finish is tangy, with notes of fresh citrus and citrus zest, with a good bitterness. Beautiful expression of terroir and lots of freshness.

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

Alban Roblin, Château La Rabotine, Les Patites Pierres 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers perceptible spicy and toasted aromas, but enveloped in a fresh and juicy fruitiness. It expresses the aromas of toasted almond, toasted wood (in the background), nutmeg, a subtle hint of saffron, associated with notes of yellow peach, ripe apricot, ripe lemon, peel of candied lemon, gooseberries and passion fruit. We also find notes of linden honey, acacia and

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chamomile. The mouth is silky, enveloping and complex. The attack is lively, tangy and offers flavors of ripe lemon, grapefruit with good bitterness as well as gooseberries. In the mid-palate, we find notes of tangy apricot, white peach and candied lemon peel. The wine also expresses integrated spicy and toasted notes (notes of nutmeg, saffron, cloves, toasted hazelnut and toasted wood), associated with notes of white flowers (acacia, linden) and honey. The finish is lingering, with lively citrus acidity and a touch of toasted wood in the background.

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

Alban Roblin, Château La Rabotine, Les Lots 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is complex, subtly spicy and toasted. It expresses the aromas of nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, very delicate, almost imperceptible hints of toasted wood and vanilla in the background. After aeration, the wine offers aromas of ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit, candied lemon peel), passion fruit, juicy apricot and white peach, combined with a floral touch of acacia. We also find a distinguished minerality (limestone and saline notes) and a touch of honey. The palate is juicy, gourmand and fruity. The attack offers a certain roundness in flavors of juicy stone fruits (white peach, tangy apricot), associated in the mid-palate with liveliness and tanginess of citrus fruits (lime, lemon juice, grapefruit), green apple and green plum. The finish is straight, chiselled, with a sharp acidity, a distinguished minerality (a slightly dry calcareous touch) and a fine spicy, floral and toasted hint which appears on the persistence (nutmeg, cloves, acacia, elderflower, toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut). A wine with complexity, tension and concentration.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Alban Roblin, Château La Rabotine, Les Démalés 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand and dense: it expresses notes of ripe and fleshy fruits (yellow peach, apricot, a touch of white melon, passion fruit and fresh pineapple). After aeration, we find the aromas of candied lemon peel, grapefruit jam, ripe lemon, as well as gooseberry and white flowers (apple blossom, elderflower, acacia), combined with a calcareous minerality. The palate is concentrated, fresh and tangy. The attack expresses flavors of lemon, lime and fresh grapefruit, combined with notes of gooseberries and passion fruit. In the mid-palate, we find notes of white peach, apricot and green apple, as well as white flowers (acacia, elderflower, apple blossom). The finish is savoury, mineral (limestone), with a slight bitterness of grapefruit and a salivating acidity. Good persistence and liveliness in the mouth.

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

Anthony Girard, Le Chêne Fourchu 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with slight green reflections. The nose offers density, tangy concentration and a fresh and pleasant herbaceous hint. It expresses notes of blackcurrant leaf (associated with a touch of green beans in the background), gooseberries, passion fruit, lemon zest, lemon juice, grapefruit, white peach and tangy apricot. We also find a distinguished minerality (limestone, chalk), delicate woody and spicy notes (fresh wood, toasted wood in the background, nutmeg, clove), as well as a touch of flower honey, wax and white flowers (acacia, linden, chamomile infusion). The palate offers a straight and tangy attack, with notes of fresh lemon, grapefruit, green apple and gooseberries, balanced by a gourmand mid-palate, with the roundness of stone fruits (apricot, white peach) and a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, cloves, a very delicate touch of vanilla in the background). In the finish, we find a good bitterness of lime zest, a touch of flower honey and fragrant white flowers (acacia, linden, chamomile). Nice persistence, with a lively and salivating acidity and a hint of toasted wood and fresh wood which appears at the very end of the palate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Chasseignes, Les Démalés 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses notes of juicy stone fruits, even a little sweet (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), associated with notes of candied lemon peel, passion fruit, fresh lemon and grapefruit. After aeration, the wine also expresses spicy aromas (clove, vanilla, nutmeg, ground cumin), associated with a woody touch (toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, a hint of fresh almond), flowers (acacia, dried lime, chamomile) and a hint of limestone in the background. On the palate, the wine is voluminous and enveloping, but fresh. In the attack, we find notes of white peach, ripe lemon, grapefruit, candied lemon peel and gooseberries. Then, the wine expresses delicate spicy and woody notes (nutmeg, cloves, a hint of vanilla, toasted hazelnut, toasted wood in the background). The finish is savoury and gourmand, with notes of flower honey and white flowers (acacia, lime blossom, apple blossom). We also find a limestone, herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf) and a subtle bitterness on the persistence. Good length, juiciness and lively acidity.

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

Domaine des Chasseignes, Les Chasseignes 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is delicate, subtly spicy and woody. It expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, bitter almond, heated wood in the background, as well as a touch of vanilla, crushed coriander seeds, ground cumin and nutmeg. We also find floral scents of orange blossom, acacia and linden, associated with a hint of honey and a fresh and juicy fruitiness (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum, gooseberries) with a tangy hint of lemon zest and grapefruit. The palate is round, savoury and enveloping, with gourmandise and the juiciness of ripe stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot, yellow plum), candied lemon peel, combined with a hint of orange zest, green apple and passion fruit. We also find a sweet touch of flower honey, wax, fine spicy and woody notes (crushed coriander seeds, ground cumin, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, aerated almond, heated wood in the background). The finish is sapid, floral and fresh. The wine offers notes of white flowers (acacia, orange blossom), good bitterness and lively acidity on the persistence. Nice energy and tension.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Thierry Merlin Cherrier, Synopsis 2022 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color with light golden highlights. The nose expresses notes of juicy stone fruits (white peach, ripe apricot, yellow plum), passion fruit, gooseberry, as well as tangy notes of candied lemon peel, lemon zest, grapefruit and golden apple, combined with a touch of linden honey, apple blossom, acacia, as well as a delicate minerality (limestone, salinity). The palate offers a round and fruity attack, with notes of passion fruit, yellow peach and apricot, refreshed by flavors of lemon, lime and grapefruit, with a good bitterness. Then, the wine expresses notes of white flowers (dried lime, acacia, apple blossom), acacia honey and wax in the background. The finish is warm, persistent, with a chalky mineral touch and a good bitterness of grapefruit and an expressive honeyed note. Beautiful concentration, sapidity and balance.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine des Chasseignes, Les Montaignes 2021 Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers concentration, pronounced aromas as well as a racy minerality. It expresses notes of grapefruit, gooseberry, passion fruit, as well as lime jam, yellow lemon and precise aromas, limestone and iodine. After aeration, we also find notes of white flowers (acacia, dried lime, chamomile, hawthorn), as well as gourmet aromas of juicy yellow peach and apricot. The palate is chiseled and tangy. In the attack, we find notes of citrus (grapefruit, lemon, lime), red currant, mackerel, passion fruit, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. In the mid-palate, the wine offers notes of tangy apricot, white peach, white flowers (acacia, fresh lime, chamomile), as well as a touch of yellow plum, green apple and a hint of spice (nutmeg, saffron). The finish is fresh, mineral and tangy. The wine persisted with notes of limestone and lemon.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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Vignoble du Haut Fourneau, Réthoré

Rosé de Loire

The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is aromatic, fruity and gourmand. It expresses the sweet notes of crushed wild strawberry, English candy, raspberry, redcurrant jelly and peony, as well as red apple in the background. The palate offers lightness, fluidity and freshness, notes of pink grapefruit with good bitterness, red currants, crushed raspberries and fresh strawberries, combined with floral notes of peony. The finish is moderately persistent, airy, floral (peony) and tangy. The good bitterness of grapefruit persists on the finish. A pleasant, fresh and light rosé.

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

CABERNET D'ANJOU

Vignoble du Haut Fourneau, Réthoré

Cabernet d'Anjou

The wine has a pale pink color. The nose is gourmand and sweet. It expresses notes of pear drops, strawberry jam, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, as well as vine peach and passion fruit in the background, combined with a hint of peony. On the palate, the wine is slightly sweet and pleasant, balanced by a good level of acidity and a slight bitterness of grapefruit and bitter orange. The palate also expresses flavors of pear drops, fresh strawberries, raspberry coulis, red currant jelly and vine peach. The finish is gourmand and fresh, with a good balance between sweetness, acidity and bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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LANGUEDOC

Château de Lascaux - Les Pierres d'Argent 2020

AOC Languedoc

The wine has a beautiful clear lemon color. The nose is aromatic, fresh and fruity. We have mineral touches with a slight note of honey. We perceive notes of almond, ripe lemon as well as apple. There is an imperceptible hint of salted caramel in the background. The second nose is clear and clean with fruit. There is a discreet hint of hydrocarbon with apple and cooked pear. The mouth is fresh with umami. We perceive a beautiful roundness with a nice salivating acidity and a hint of iodine. We have notes of dried fruits such as almond but also of baked yellow apple, ripe pear and roasted pineapple. The finish is velvety and long. It is a gastronomic wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaines Paul Mas - Château Paul Mas - Parcelle Belluguette 2022

AOP Languedoc

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow color. The nose is fruity with exotic notes such as coconut and mango. There is a lovely delicate freshness. The second nose is on ripe banana as well as apple fried in butter. It's delicate. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of apple, acacia flower and butter. There is a nice acidity from the attack. There are fine hints of thyme flower on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Héritage du Pic Saint Loup - Cuvée Sainte Agnès 2022

AOC Languedoc

The wine has a golden lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with small touches of peppermint and almond. There is a nice freshness. The second nose is discreet with notes of candied lemon and yellow peach. We always have a nice minty freshness. The palate is fresh with dried fruits such as almonds and fresh hazelnuts. There are notes of apples and candied lemon. There is a nice acidity on the palate and a slightly astringent finish with saline hints.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Le Chant des Dolia 2021

AOP Languedoc

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with finesse. We have notes of almond but also of white peach and orange blossom. The second nose is fruity, smoky with touches of crunchy apple and a slight hydrocarbon aspect. The palate is supple, fresh with a nice acidity. We find crunchy apple, white peach as well as almond notes. There is a nice juiciness with touches of lemon. It's straight and clear. The finish is sweet on flowers. Beautiful wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Mas d'Espagnet - Eolienne 2022

AOP Languedoc

The wine has a clear straw yellow color. The nose is intense and fruity with a nice minerality. There are notes of eucalyptus as well as apple. There are also touches of smoke as well as flowers. There is a real interesting and aromatic floral bouquet with geranium and carnations which offer a spicy side. The second nose is fresh and fruity with a leathery side that emerges when allowed to breathe. The palate is fresh with a significant apple note from the attack. We find elements that are a little leather, a little animal, earthy but also fruit and floral touches. The finish is clear on candied lemon and cooked yellow apple.

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

Mas d'Espagnet - Camille 2021

AOP Languedoc

The wine has an intense lemon yellow color with golden highlights. The first nose is intense with evolving notes of dried fruits but also pine sap. We perceive hints of toasted coconut, baked apple and butter. We have fine hints of sweet spices. The second nose is also complex with a hint of cooked banana appearing. The palate is fresh with notes of bread, pine sap and dried banana. We also have the cooked apple and always the sweet spices. We have a nice acidity from the attack which continues in the finish. It is a lovely gastronomic wine with power and a very long finish on dried fruits such as almond and olive wood.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

CORBIÈRES

Domaine de Mandourelle - L'Âme de mes ancêtres 2023

IGP Vallée du Paradis

The nose offers a certain concentration as well as a small power. There are notes of quince, local soil (terroir) / racy minerality and small notes of small ripe / fresh fruits associated with a discreet floral hint / sense of place (local biotope). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow apple, bright mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with touches of juicy/pulpy Brugnion as well as hints of white flowers and a subtle almost verbena hint. A salty/iodine touch on the finish/persistence. A very discreet hint of sappy/fresh sap in the background.

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

Château Auris 2023

AOP Corbières

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with crystalline notes of apple. The first nose is discreet. With air, the nose gradually opens up but remains discreet with notes of lemon, apple and white grapes. The palate is fresh with measured acidity. There are warmer notes of acacia honey and always tart apple. It's a wine about simplicity with a peachy finish.

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

LIMOUX

Château Martinolles - Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes 2022

AOP Limoux

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow color with golden highlights. The nose is clear, fruity with notes of peach and apple. We also perceive fine hints of cream as well as pine sap. There is a slight pleasant green appearance. The second nose is aromatic with notes of pineapple as well as thyme flower. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of apple, candied lemon but also nectarine. We find touches of pine sap, vanilla and fresh Provençal grass. It's a lovely chardonnay with a long apple finish and still woody and buttery notes.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Jean-Baptiste Fau - Sur un fil 2020

AOP Limoux

The nose is precise, clean, framed, stretched and offers a linear side as well as a certain intensity of precision. A racy-fresh side / sense of place (local biotope) and a fine crunchiness. The palate is nicely juicy, gourmand, precise, structured, technical and offers juiciness/brightness of the fruit as well as a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small juicy/bright citrus fruits and small notes of fresh/bright pear associated with touches of white flowers, verbena, a discreet hint of sense of place (local biotope) as well as a subtle tannic and buttery hint in the background. A hint of flint, a good bitterness and chew on the finish/persistence. Precise and clean.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Jean-Baptiste Fau - Sur un fil 2021

AOP Limoux

The nose is fresh, aromatic, elegant and offers fullness, a good definition as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of quince, dried zest and small notes sense of place (local biotope) associated with fine almost sage touches as well as fine smoky and varietal hints. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers a slight pulpiness, gourmandise, a tangy structure, energy, aromatic purity as well as a beautiful delicacy in its touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe/juicy yellow peach and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with an almost roasted pineapple touch (very discreet) as well as a hint of ripe almond and a subtle hint

of local scrubland. A fine tannic side on the finish/persistence. A fine mellowness. Gourmandise and a fine iodized side in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Jean-Baptiste Fau – Métairie d'Est 2020 AOP Limoux

Beautiful and aromatic nose which offers complexity, a nice definition, deepness as well as a multi-layered side. There are notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of sap associated with touches of fresh toast as well as fine hints of olive tree, acidulous mirabelle plum, yellow pear and a hint of brioche. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, gourmand and offers roundness, a tangy structure, precision suppleness, energy, purity, a fine complexity as well as a beautiful definition. Brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, pulpy/juicy yellow peach and small notes of quite ripe citrus fruits associated with fine touches of pineapple, smoke, fine hints of lemon, a fine hint of olive tree as well as discreet hints of toasted almond and toast. Gourmandise and sapidity. Good length. A subtle tannic hint.

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

Jean-Baptiste Fau – Métairie d'Est 2021 AOP Limoux

Beautiful, elegant and precise nose which offers a certain complexity as well as a discreet spicy and flinty side. It reveals notes of pulpy apple, crushed peach and small notes spices associated with a toasted touch, quince, fine hints of smoke, zest as well as a discreet almost sage hint, sense of place (local biotope) in the background and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, gourmand, precise and offers an acidulous frame, tension, minerality, energy, a nice framed side as well as a beautiful mellowness and juicy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, bright vine peach and small notes quince associated with lemony touches, hints of butter, toasted almond as well as a subtle almost lychee hint (in background) and toasted. A tannic character in the background. A subtle hint of dried almond and almost muscat. Good length. A very discreet varietal hint / sense of place (local biotope) in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

LA CLAPE

Château les Bugadelles – Cuvée Tilki 2022 AOP La Clape

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The nose is aromatic, seductive with very beautiful notes of peach as well as pear and juicy lychee. We also have ripe lemon zest and hints of candied mirabelle plums. There are imperceptible hints of browned butter. The second nose opens with notes of citrus fruits such as orange but also kumquat. We have a little peppery side which tickles the nose as well as floral notes of gardenia. The palate is fresh and fruity with juicy citrus fruits such as orange but also stone fruits such as yellow peach and roasted apricot. We also find this floral aspect accompanied by hints of fresh, almost lavender grass. The finish is long, salivating with a touch of butter. Nice wine.

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

Château les Bugadelles – Réserve 2022 AOP La Clape

The wine has a beautiful clear straw color. The nose is discreet at first glance. We perceive a fine note of butter as well as candied lemon. The second nose is more aromatic with fruits such as roasted pineapple, orange but also ripe melon and fresh coconut. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity. There is a beautiful balance and aromatic complexity with juicy peach, pulpy lemon but also pineapple and fresh coconut in the background. The finale is discreet. Nice wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château d'Anglès – Classique Blanc 2023 AOP La Clape

(100% Bourbouleuc) The nose offers controlled power as well as a spicy side. There are notes of small yellow fruits, local garrigue and small notes spices associated with touches of iodine as well as a discreet hint of almost garrigue/local aromatic herbs and peach blossoms. The palate is nicely fruity and offers a nice pulpiness/brightness of the fruit, brightness, a certain gourmandise, a tangy structure as well as a certain energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow apple, juicy/pulpy mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with touches of physalis, fine

almost buttery/toasted hints (in the background), fresh tobacco and a subtle hint of fresh rosemary in the background. Good length. Good work on the good bitterness, especially on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château d'Anglès – Grand Vin 2022 AOP La Clape

The nose is spicy and offers power as well as a fine stretched side. The palate offers juiciness, fruit, a tangy frame, tension, suppleness, a certain fat, roundness as well as a fine oily side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small pulpy/ripe yellow fruits and small notes of ripe/fleshy green apple associated with touches of zest as well as fine sappy/varietal hints and spices. A hint of rosemary/iodine hint on the finish. A good work on the good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

SAINT-CHINIAN ET HAUTE VALLEE DE L'ORB

Domaine Saint Antonin – Famille Albaret, Plô de Cambre 2022 IGP Haute vallée de l'Orb

The nose is intense and offers a nice stretched side as well as a nice finesse and power of the grain. It reveals notes of yellow apple, pulpy mirabelle plum and small toasted-fresh/buttery-fresh notes associated with touches of crushed vine peach as well as nice hints of fresh garrigue and fine iodine hints / racy minerality. The palate is fruity

and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, tension, silkiness, sapidity, precision, gourmandise, a certain aromatic purity, a small fat, a good definition as well as a fine roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes of zest associated with touches of sense of place (local biotope), beeswax, butter and a hint of olive leaf. Good length. Fresh and unctuous persistence. A discreet hint of good bitterness. A wine that benefits from aging.

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

Domaine Saint Martin des Champs – Hermitage 2023 Saint-Chinian

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers notes of fresh pear, flowers and small notes fresh spices associated with touches of quite ripe nectarine as well as fine hints of fresh blond tobacco and discreet hints of fresh local garrigue. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, tension, suavity, energy as well as a certain tension in finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous yellow apple, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with a touch of tangy apricot, fine almost pineapple hints as well as a subtle hint of garrigue. Freshness and a subtle hint of almost sage and lemon blossom in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

PAYS D'HÉRAULT

Domaine de Ravanès – Le Renard Blanc 2022 IGP Pays d'Hérault

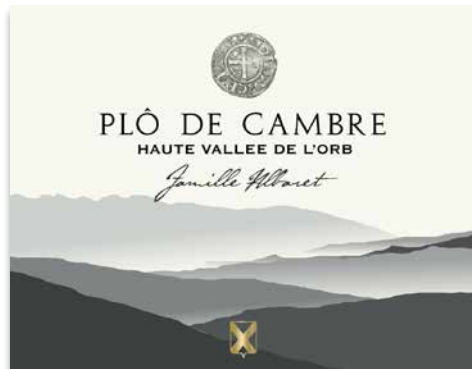
The nose is aromatic, racy and offers sappiness, a certain power as well as intensity. There are notes of racy minerality, fresh garrigue and small notes of quince

associated with touches of creamy small yellow fruits, fresh olive tree as well as a discreet hint of volatile. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, precision tension, suppleness, minerality, energy as well as a small vibrant side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, bright yellow peach and small notes citrus fruits associated with a touch of physalis, fine hints of zest as well as a discreet hint of local garrigue/fresh flowers, almost olive and iodized (in the background). Good length. A very discreet toasted hint in the background. The finish is chiselled.

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

Domaine de Ravanès – Ibis 2022 IGP Pays d'Hérault

The nose is fruity and offers a spicy, ripe side as well as a fine, racy, powerful as well as a stretched grain. It reveals notes of ripe mirabelle plum, pepper, sense of place (local biotope) / local garrigue associated with touches of yellow apple, nutmeg as



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well as discreet hints of almost dry soil. The palate is beautifully gourmand, well-balanced, supple and offers suavity, a tangy structure, tension, energy, a fine stretched side, harmony as well as a beautiful, round and balanced matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, pulpy/juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with touches of apricot as well as fine hints of almost pineapple, almost dry local garrigue and a subtle hint of gravels in the background. Good length. A beautiful suave and gourmand persistence. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Ravanès – Passage 2023

IGP Pays d'Hérault

The nose is frank and offers a certain power as well as a fresh pepper side. There are notes of green apple, fresh quince and small notes of honeysuckle/pine needles associated with touches of quite ripe small fruits/citrus fruits as well as discreet hints of fresh spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers minerality, a slight freshness, a good definition, tension, an acidulous frame as well as a certain energy/electric side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, tangy/ripe kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with touches of quite ripe small citrus fruits as well as toasted hints, butter, a fine hint of racy minerality and a subtle hint of fresh oak in the background. Good length. A subtle, almost "riesling" and buttery hint in the background. Beautifully gourmand and mellow.

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

Domaine Le Clos Rivieral - Les Fontanilles 2023

IGP Pays d'Herault

The wine has a beautiful light straw color. The nose is fruity and fresh with a smoky hint. It's discreet with fine hints of apple. The second nose is slightly more expressive with notes of lemon and grapefruit. The palate is fresh with a hint of nice bitterness. There is dynamism and clarity on the palate with present acidity. There are notes of fresh apple as well as lemon. There is a hint of butter and the finish ends with candied lemon.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Le Clos Rivieral - La Dolia 2023

IGP Pays d'Herault

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of pineapple as well as apple. We have a buttery touch with touches of rosemary flower. The second nose is always slightly buttery with hints of pine sap and lemon. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack with a nice acidity. We find lemon juice as well as crunchy apple. Everything is always accompanied by fine buttered tips. There is a nice soft texture accompanied by salivation thanks to the freshness of the acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT

Mas Capdaniel - Le Merle Blanc 2023

IGP Saint Guilhem Le Désert

The wine has a straw yellow color with golden highlights. The nose is fresh and discreet with touches of white fruit. The second nose remains delicate with a hint of white pepper. The palate has a beautiful minerality as well as acidity from the attack. There are notes of developing pear as well as white grapes and white peach. The whole is very delicate with a support of acidity. The mouth has a pleasant suave texture. The finish ends with lime.

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

Mas Combarèla - Des Si et des Mi 2023

IGP Saint Guilhem Le Désert

The wine has a straw yellow color. The nose is fruity with discreet notes of lemon and apple. The second nose has a slightly smoky side. We find notes of apple and ripe lemon. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of mirabelle plum, apple and lemon. The finish is mineral, saline and salivating.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Mas Combarèla - L'Éclat 2023

IGP Saint Guilhem Le Désert

The wine has a beautiful lemon, almost golden color. The nose is discreet with notes of yellow peach. The second nose opens with a hint of minerality, apple as well as a smoky side. We also have a nice minty freshness with a sunny side. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity. We have fruits like yellow peach and pear but also buttery and lightly toasted. We perceive touches of pine sap as well as fresh herbs. The palate is more expressive than the nose and ends with white fruits.

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



CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON

Clos del Rey – La Sabina 2023

AOP Côtes du Roussillon

The nose is fresh, tense and offers a powerful and stretched grain. There are notes of flint, crunchy apple and small notes of fresh pepper associated with a fine varietal hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, roundness, suppleness, pulpiness, a certain gourmandise as well as an easy approach / to access. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with touches of juicy/pulp green apple as well as fine almost sweet pink grapefruit hints and flint. Good length. A subtle varietal/sappy hint on the finish/persistence.

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

PICPOUL DE PINET

Bréchalune - La Croix Gratiot 2023

AOP Picpoul de Pinet

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic, powerful with a beautiful minerality as well as notes of fruits such as apple, white fig and fresh hazelnut. The second nose opens with white currant and rosemary. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. We find green notes of fresh herbs with a hint of pineapple as well as apple and lemon zest. The acidity continues in a finish with a little bitterness on the fruit skin.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

CÔTES CATALANES

Domaine La Part des Anges – Parcelle Secrète 2022

IGP Côtes Catalanes

(white Carrignan) The nose is fresh, racy and offers a fine floral side as well as a discreet oxidative-fresh hint and minerality. There are notes of crunchy nectarine and fresh sap associated with touches of crunchy small fruits as well as hints of fresh garrigue and a discreet hint of fresh sage. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh, gourmande and offers a tangy frame, juiciness, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy apple, bright white peach associated with touches of small bright fruits, hints of kumquat, sweet/juicy grapefruit, fine hints of peach blossoms, sage as well as a discreet hint of juicy/fresh small yellow fruits, zest and fresh garrigue. Good length.

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

Domaine Bisconte – Macabeu, Cuvée des Cabanes 2023

IGP Côtes Catalanes

(granite sands) Beautiful racy nose which offers deepness, precision as well as concentration/aerial power. It reveals notes of quince, almost fresh tannins and small fresh yellow fruits associated with fine hints of almost floral/fresh sap and anise. The palate is nicely gourmand, precise and offers width, a tangy structure as well as a certain mellowness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mellow pear and small notes fleshy/juicy peach associated with touches of small pulpy yellow fruits, a sappy hint as well as a subtle hint of pine needles (in the background), anise and an imperceptible hint of beeswax.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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Domaine Bisconte – La Légende 2023

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is spicy and offers a nice texture, a certain controlled power, a fine spicy side, harmony as well as a certain complexity. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, a beautiful suavity, tension, precision, energy as well as a fine crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, bright yellow peach and small notes of small citrus fruits / sweet-acidulous kumquat associated with hints of crushed small fruits as well as fine hints of toasted/hazelnut and a discreet hint varietal (in the background). Good length. A subtle saline hint. Good persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine de Vezeian – La Faune de Vezeian 2023

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, a stretched grain as well as a very fine mellowness. There are notes of yellow apple, small dried white fruits and small notes of flowers associated with a discreet sappy hint as well as a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, precision, a certain roundness, a fine fat as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, yellow apple and small notes crushed yellow brugnion associated with touches of yellow flowers as well as a subtle almost acacia hint. Good length. A subtle almost tannic hint and toasted/vanilla in the background.

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

Domaine Sol Payré – Plaisir Blanc, NV

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose offers a fine concentration, a fine power as well as a present and relatively fresh grain. It reveals notes of quince, racy minerality and small notes of fresh pepper associated with fine touches of fresh yellow berries as well as a discreet hint of zest. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, structured, textured and offers a small minerality as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, yellow berries and small notes sap/eucalyptus associated with touches of honeysuckle as well as a subtle almost dry scrubland hint and small crushed fruits. Good job on the good bitterness.

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

Clos del Rey – La Noia 2022

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is aromatic, round, toasted and gourmand. There are notes of crushed nectarine, fresh toast and small notes of acacia/sap associated with touches of physalis, a discreet hint of apricot as well as discreet hints of pepper and sage. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, roundness, gourmandise, a tangy structure, energy as well as a beautiful small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quenette and small notes of bright vine peach associated with an almost physalis touch, pineapple as well as discreet hints of fresh garrigue, fresh sage and a subtle hint of zest (in the background). Good length. A subtle sweetening/toasted touch which brings roundness and gourmandise. The persistence is sappy.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

COLLIOURE

Clos Saint Sebastien – Empreintes 2023

Collioure

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a certain small power, precision, intensity as well as a finely tight grain. Almost an aromatic tannic side. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tanginess, energy, a frank side, a good structure as well as a precise, racy and tense grain. A tannic side in the aromatic and structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, zest and small notes crunchy white fruits associated with fine touches of exotic fruits (banana, pineapple) as well as a hint of white flowers, verbena and a very discreet hint of olive tree in the background. Good length. A small unctuousity and sapidity on the finish/persistence. An easy to access and gourmand wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Clos Saint Sebastien – Inspiration Minérale, Coume del Mas 2022

Collioure

Nice mineral nose, elegant and offers intensity as well as a certain small matter/concentration. There are notes of white nectarine, fresh pear and small notes of fleshy small fruits associated with touches of lemon blossom and olive tree as well as discreet hints of citrus fruit and pepper. The palate is nicely juicy, precise, gourmand, nicely defined and offers matter as well as delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/acidulous nectarine, quenette and small notes lychee associated with touches of citrus, zest as well as hints of ripe grapefruit, fine hints of fresh local garrigue, sapidity and an imperceptible almost toasted-saline hint. Good length. A small mellowness. A tannic side in its aromatic finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos Saint Sebastien – L'Âme 2021

Collioure

Beautiful, elegant, racy and deep nose which offers power, a nice intensity in finesse / delicacy, texture as well as a nice finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe/pulpy white fruits, flint and small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of pear as well as fine hints of smoke, fresh nutmeg and sense of place (local biotop) / olive tree. The palate is nicely gourmand, juicy, elegant and offers precision, deepness, complexity, a tangy structure, a nice airy side in its matter as well as a nice flint and smoke side. A wine nicely rooted in its terroir. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe/juicy lemon and small notes tangy/juicy physalis associated with touches of sense of place (local biotop) as well as discreet toasted hints and a subtle almost buttery hint. An iodized side. Good length. Beautiful persistence. A subtle and elegant work on good bitterness. A beautiful white wine for aging... It's smoky, racy and elegant.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

PAYS D'OC

Celliers des Demoiselles - Bourboulenc 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a very pale and clear straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of fresh almond as well as acacia flower. The second nose offers fine touches of yellow peach. The palate is fresh with acidity present from the attack. There are notes of apple as well as yellow peach. We perceive fine hints of pear as well as always this floral side on the acacia flower and acacia honey. The acidity is salivating with a hint of iodine in the mid-palate. There is a velvety texture which concludes with a finish between floral and fruity citrus.

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

Chat Pitre de l'Amandaie 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a very pale yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight winery side. We have a racy, smoky minerality with lemon notes. The second nose opens with orchard fruits such as white peach. The palate is fresh with a present acidity which energizes the tasting. We have notes of almond as well as candied lemon accompanied by fine touches of tangy white peach. The finish is simple and salivating.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Canet - Chardonnay 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a light, pale straw color. The nose is discreet and fruity with notes of apple and lemon zest. The second nose opens more on orchard fruits such as yellow peach. The palate is round, fresh with fruit. We find apple and juicy yellow peach. There is an acidity present which is measured. It is simple and efficient. The finish is velvety with a saline touch.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine des Maels - Les Matelles 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a lemon yellow color. The first nose is vinous with fruit and freshness. There are notes of lime as well as minerality. The second nose is still fresh with touches of orchard fruits such as white peach and lemon juice. The palate is pretty, fresh with a



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nice acidity. We have a more developed aromatic with a little buttery side. We perceive juicy yellow peach but also tropical fruits like mango and a hint of passion fruit. The finish is more on ripe and juicy yellow lemon with a hint of pine wood.

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

Domaine Ferrandière - Le Grand Vin Blanc 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow color. The nose is intense, aromatic and complex. We have notes of fruit such as candied lemon, yellow peach but also dried banana. We also have hints of browned butter as well as crème fraîche with touches of Bourbon vanilla. There is a lovely freshness with hints of anise and pine sap. The second nose is also complex, intense, always with fruit and notes from barrel aging. We have some sweet spices and a hint of white pepper. The palate is fresh with a beautiful invigorating acidity. We have notes of fresh herbs like basil. We also have beautiful notes of green pear, cooked apple, brioche and licorice. It is a complex wine with a beautiful freshness and a long finish of nashi pear. There is finesse and breadth. It is a gourmet white with a little salinity on the finish. Great success.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Le Fort - Chardonnay 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is slightly smoky with notes of apple. The second nose is more aromatic with touches of peach and lemon. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack with a touch of sweetness. There are notes of juicy apple and lemon as well as white peach in the background. It's simple with a salivating finish.

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

Domaine les Yeuses - Délicieuse Blanc 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of white peach as well as pineapple. We also perceive fine hints of coriander berry. The second nose is also fruity with always the same notes accompanied by a hint of ripe banana. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity from the attack. We find notes of peach as well as pineapple. There is also coriander berry in the background as well as acacia flower. The finish is salivating with a saline touch.

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

Domaines Paul Mas - « Vignes de Nicole » 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow, almost golden color. The nose is aromatic, powerful with notes of candied apple as well as mango. We also perceive juicy lemon and buttery notes with thyme flowers. The second nose is fine with a saline tip that appears. The palate is fresh and round with a little fat. There are notes of fruit like candied lemon and mango. There are some fine touches of butter. There is a saline side which appears in the mid-palate and which continues in the liquorice finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Famille Guilhem - Chardonnay 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale straw color. The nose is fresh with small notes of hydrocarbon and apple. The second nose opens with more gourmandise on crunchy apple, white grape and juicy white peach. The palate is clear, fruity with buttery notes as well as pine sap. We have juicy lemon and apple as well as small touches of wood. The finish is salivating with a hint of salinity on cloves.

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

Fortant de France - Chardonnay Terroir Littoral 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a light straw color. The nose is discreet with notes of apple. The second nose opens a little more with touches of lemon and peach with a hint of white pepper. The palate has a nice acidity from the attack. We find crunchy apple and juicy lemon. It's simple with a salivating, saline and clear finish on fresh almonds.

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

Miss Alma 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pretty pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity, discreet, with notes of lemon and nectarine. There is a hint of mango. The second nose is more aromatic with hints of coriander and acacia flower. The palate is fresh with fruit and flowers. We find lemon and peach especially with a hint of coriander berry and tea. There is a strong salinity in the mid-palate with a roundness in texture. The finish offers a touch of apricot.

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

Les Vignobles Foncalieu - Extraordinaires Sillages - Albarino 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a beautiful bright lemon color. The nose is fresh and powerful. There are notes of almond as well as cooked lemon. We also perceive fine hints of white peach. The second nose is more aromatic with beautiful touches of yellow peach as well as candied lemon. There is also a minty freshness that emerges from the wine. On the palate, the attack is fresh with a nice acidity. There is roundness in the mouth at the same time as a certain tension with a small saline hint. We find lemon and juicy white peach with a hint of salt that reminds us of the seaside. It is a fresh and fruity wine with a clear finish of green apple.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Grande Courtade - Alvarinho 2022

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pretty light straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with slightly smoky apple notes. The second nose is more open to grapefruit, yellow peach and ripe lemon. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack with a nice acidity and freshness. We find notes of crunchy apple as well as lemon. It is a simple and effective wine with a salivating finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Chevalière - Chardonnay 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with a little smoky touch. We have fruits such as apple and a hint of mango. The second nose opens with small, imperceptible touches of butter and peach. The palate is fresh, fruity with an acidity present from the attack. We find the apple notes with a certain sweetness on the palate. We also have fine hints of mango. The finish has a floral touch.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Marouette 2022

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is powerful, aromatic with typical notes of the grape variety: rose, peach in syrup and slightly grapefruit. The second nose is also intense with touches of very ripe lemon. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity at the start. We have green grassy notes with lime and vine peach. The finish is short on lemon zest.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Les Jamelles 2022

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a light straw yellow color. The nose is fruity and fresh with notes of lemon as well as yellow peach. With air, there are hints of almond as well as pear. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. There are notes of apple, coriander berry and acacia flower. We find the aromatic of Viognier with hints of mandarin. The finale is refreshing.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Mademoiselle de Pennautier 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is very fresh, aromatic, seductive with notes of peach, grapefruit and lime. The second nose is still aromatic with a confirmation of citrus and orchard fruits in a pleasant blend. The palate is fresh with acidity present from the attack. We find apricot, juicy peach and ripe lemon. The tasting is simple and refreshing. We conclude with a sweet finish of grapefruit leaf.

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

Mas Neuf - L'inédit 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a light color on pale straw. The nose is aromatic, powerful with muscat notes such as yellow peach, apricot, rose and mango. The second nose is also aromatic with lightness. The palate has sweetness on the attack, it is mellow. It's round with a nice acidity. A wine of pleasure with fruity notes such as mango, passion fruit, pineapple but also yellow peach and apricot. There is always a little floral note of rose. The wine always has a lightness and a finish with a touch of astringency on the fruits.

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

Serre de Guéry - Gewurztraminer - Conseil 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh with notes of ripe lemon and lychee. The second nose is more intense with touches of grapefruit and coriander berry. The palate is fresh with a little sparkle on the attack. We find ripe lemon as well as lychee. It is well balanced with a long and salivating finish with a saline hint of apricot.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

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Richemer 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity. We recognize the roundness and aromatics of Viognier with notes of lemon and acacia honey. We also have a slightly floral side with fine hints of violet. The second nose is fine and delicate with notes of yellow peach. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack. The wine is ample, fatty with notes of pineapple, lemon of course and juicy yellow peach. There is a nice balance with a refreshing acidity. Nice wine in the simplicity and good expression of the grape variety.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Vignobles Paul Mas - Viognier 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a beautiful lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of fruit. We have cooked apple as well as yellow peach. The second nose has touches of white pepper and lemon. The palate is fresh with a roundness at the attack which is followed by a beautiful tangy freshness. There are notes of yellow peach as well as orange in the mid-palate. We perceive a slight astringency which accompanies a certain salinity. We have touches of pear and we finish the tasting with the tanginess of lemon and apple.

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

Villa Blanche 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The wine has a beautiful pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity. We recognize Sauvignon Blanc with notes of lemon and other citrus fruits such as grapefruit. We also have a little racy minerality. The second nose is aromatic with notes of passion fruit and slightly vegetal. The palate is dynamic with a very present acidity. We find notes of lemon and grapefruit with a vegetal hint and passion fruit. We also have a more iodized, seaside aspect. It is simple and effective with a salivating finish with a saline hint.

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

Domaine Belot – Viognier 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a certain aromatic power as well as a certain intensity. There are notes of physalis, small ripe yellow fruits and small notes musk as well as hints of white flowers as well as a discreet hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, a certain fine fat, roundness, suavity, matter, a stretched side as well as a slight mellowness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of physalis, quite ripe kumquat and small notes of quince associated with touches of crushed yellow apple as well as toasted hints, salinity/iodine and butter. Good length. Gourmandise and finesse in its matter.

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

Domaine Belot – Malirom 2023

Pays d'OC IGP

The nose is fresh and offers a certain tension, a certain power as well as a discreetly tight grain. There are notes of ripe green apple, ripe zest and small notes of ripe citrus fruits associated with touches of acacia/varietals. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers gourmandise, a tangy structure, tension, roundness, a nice small fat as well as pulpiness of the fruit. Good job on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes dried zest associated with a touch of small crushed yellow fruits as well as fine, almost buttery/toasted hints and a subtle sappy hint. Good length. Minerality.

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

Domaine Belot – Best of Belot 2021

Pays d'OC IGP

(vermentino) The nose is aromatic, ample and offers a warm side, aromatic concentration, a certain complexity as well as an almost unctuous side (in the background). There are notes of crushed apple, small crushed white fruits associated with touches of beeswax, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as fine hints of crushed quince, almond and butter. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, a tangy structure, brightness of the fruit, matter, energy as well

as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small juicy/ripe yellow fruits, dried lemon and small notes small crushed white fruits associated with a touch of beeswax, controlled oxidation as well as fine hints of dried almond and nutmeg. Nice mellow and sapid finish. A tannic side both in aroma and structure.

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

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles – Combarels 2024

Pays d'OC IGP

(bottled a week ago before the tasting) Beautiful tense, precise, structured, racy nose that offers a small freshness. There are notes of stone fruit and small notes of yellow peach associated with small touches of kumquat, small yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible spicy hint. The mouth is fresh, gourmande, elegant, tense and offers precision, acidity as well as a stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy peach, apricot and small notes of stone associated with touches of small yellow fruits, golden apple as well as hints of quinte, slight hints of sweet spices, flowers and a discreet almost beeswax / toasted hint. Good length. Beautiful juiciness and brightness of the fruit and salinity in the background. An almost discreet tannic hint on the finish/ persistence. A subtle hint almost mandarine in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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Benoit Homs – Blanc de Noir 2023

IGP Pays Cathare

The nose offers a certain small power, a fine concentration, a stretched side as well as a fine and relatively powerful grain. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, acidity, tension, precision, a nice small crunchiness as well as a nice small softness/fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy yellow apple, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with touches of small fleshy/juicy fruits as well as fine almost juicy pineapple hints and a hint of toasted almond. Good length. A saline hint and a very discreetly varietal hint in the background. Beautiful sapid persistence.

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

Mas d'Espagnet - Chacun son Chenin 2022

Cèvennes IGP

The wine has a very beautiful intense lemon yellow color with golden highlights. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of apple as well as sweet spices. The second nose is more on mirabelle plum and cooked lemon. We also have fine hints of spices like Espelette pepper. On the palate, the tasting is round with a nice acidity on the attack. We have notes of cooked bananas, oven-roasted apple, always with spices like vanilla and tonka bean. We perceive hints of candied lemon as well as Espelette pepper. The finish is fine.

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

Les Héméris 2023

Cèvennes IGP

The nose is fruity and stretched. There are notes of granny apple, zests and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of quinte as well as discreet sappy hints and slight hints almost pepper-like. The mouth is fruity and offers suavity, a small fat, sapidity as well as a beautiful acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright apple, juicy/ acidulous vine peach and small notes of acidulous mandarine associated with fine almost crunchy pineapple hints as well as discreet roasted fruits hints and a subtle sappy/ sage hint. Good length. Good freshness. A subtle almost butter hint in the background.

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

Réserve des Auléines – Assemblage Numéro 11, 2023

Cèvennes IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a charming side, minerality as well as a certain small intensity/ energy. There are notes of mirabelle plum, crushed peach and small notes of crushed small white fruits associated with butter touches and a slight freshly-toasted hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, tension, freshness, a beautiful fat, gourmandise, roundness, an acidulous frame as well as precision. In the



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mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, crushed apple and small notes of pulpy/ crushed nectarine associated with touches of butter, vanilla as well as slight lychee hints and a subtle almost quenette hint. Good length. A slight silex hint in the background. A subtle chew on the finish and an almost tannic side as in its aromatic as in its structure, on the finish.

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

Domaine Richeaume - Coulemelle Blanc 2022 IGP Méditerranée

The wine has a beautiful light straw yellow color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of pear as well as white peach. We also have fine hints of lemon. The second nose is also fruity with the same aromatic notes. The palate is fresh with sweetness but also a nice acidity. We find gourmet notes of candied lemon, juicy white peach as well as white fig. We also have discreet hints of orange and orange blossom. The finish is fine with a small mineral touch and the juiciness of white grapes.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Clos Astelia - Astelia « Le Grand Blanc » 2020 IGP Terres du Midi

The wine has an intense golden color. The nose is fresh, woody and fruity. There are notes of vanilla as well as pine sap. We perceive touches of thyme as well as almond. We also have hints of lemon and dried banana. The second nose is fresh, delicate with notes of tea and white grapes. The palate is soft, fresh with a beautiful aroma of fruits such as lemon and white peach in syrup with buttery notes. There is a nice round texture with a fresh, nutty finish. Nice gourmet wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

VIN DE FRANCE

Domaine Saint Martin des Champs – Peluso 2023 Vin de France

The nose is fruity (marked by citrus), juicy and explosive. There are notes of lemon, fresh/juicy clementine and small notes of fresh zest associated with a hint of flowers and discreet hints of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a slight sweetness, roundness, a tangy frame as well as a nice energy on citrus fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, clementine and small notes bright/acidulous peach associated with touches of lemon blossom, a hint of peach blossom as well as a subtle almost tannic hint and buttery hint in the background/ on persistence. Tangy and gourmand persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Benoit Homs – Blanc de gris 2023 Vin de France

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small aromatic concentration, a fine airy side in its small power as well as a discreet velvety feel. It reveals notes of small pulpy/ripe yellow fruits, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes spices associated with an almost zesty touch, almost yellow apple as well as an imperceptible almost cider hint. The palate is fruity and offers pulpiness, energy, suppleness, roundness as well as a tangy structure. A fruit full of sunshine. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes pulpy apple associated with touches of pear as well as a subtle almost sherry hint. A fine racy minerality on the finish. An aromatic side of fresh tannins. An imperceptible hint of sense of place (local biotop) in the background.

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

Château Cruzy – Roxane 2023 Vin de France

The nose is aromatic, fresh, floral and offers a certain intensity. There are notes of yellow flowers/pistil, quince and small notes of zest, concentrated lychee associated with touches of fresh garrigue as well as fine hints of small fresh yellow fruits and a very discreet hint of fresh thyme. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a certain roundness as well as a vibrant side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crunchy green peach and small notes of juicy/pulpy lychee associated with touches of quenette as well as hints of small crushed yellow fruits, butter and a hint of fresh honey. Good length. A very almost tannic/sappy hint on the finish/persistence which brings gourmandise. A stretched side and freshness on the finish.

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

Domaine Saint Antonin – Leuzet 2023 Vin de France

The nose is floral and offers a varietal side, aromatic concentration as well as a certain power. This wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of flowers, tomato leaf and small notes of fresh lychee associated with fine touches of fresh sap. The palate is

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nicely fresh, round and offers fat as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, green apple and small notes of quenette associated with floral touches as well as a hint of bud and fine hints of olive tree. A fine hint of fresh almond on the finish. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Belot - Best of Belot 2022 AOC Saint-Chinian

The wine has an intense black cherry color. The nose is slightly closed with smoky and red fruit notes. There is a nice minty freshness. The second nose opens little by little with red fruits such as strawberries and small red cherries. There is a racy minerality. The palate is fresh, aromatic with a nice acidity. We find small, crunchy red fruits accompanied by blueberries and juicy black cherries. The tannins are powerful and become more supple in a long blueberry finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Belot - Vignalet 2023 AOC Saint-Chinian

The wine has a deep, clear ruby color. The nose is fresh and fruity. The wine is young with notes of red cherry as well as fresh redcurrant. We also have a hint of white pepper. The second nose always has a nice freshness and is carried by the fresh and crunchy fruit. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. There are notes of cherry but also blackberry. The tannins are present and become more supple at the end of the palate. The latter has a more velvety texture even if the tannins provide structure. We finish the tasting with a juicy finish of red fruits and a hint of black fruits. This wine needs a little time in the bottle to express its full potential. Very nice wine.

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

Domaine Belot - Argilière 2022 AOC Saint-Chinian

The wine has a deep black cherry color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a small reduction. We have a beautiful racy minerality accompanied by notes of crunchy blackberry and black cherry. The second nose opens with notes of vanilla as well as crunchy black fruits. It's intense and fresh with mint. The palate is fresh with a nice minerality. There are notes of cherry as well as blackcurrant and juicy blackberry. We perceive hints of vanilla and the tannins are powerful then gradually soften in a juicy finish of black fruits. Nice.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Belot - Mouleyres 2022 AOC Saint-Chinian

The wine has an intense ruby color. The nose is fresh and fruity with small, crunchy red fruits. There is a very nice freshness of eucalyptus and a nice racy minerality. The second nose opens with hints of garrigue but also pink pepper. We have hints of redcurrant mixed with notes of black cherry. The palate is fresh with a fruity attack. We find the juicy cherry as well as the redcurrant with the pulpy blackcurrant. The tannins are present, powerful but measured. They soften in the mid-palate. The tasting ends with a finish of black fruits and a touch of bitterness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

David Loiret - Domaine La Part des Anges, Caramany 2020 AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages Caramany

The wine has a beautiful intense and deep cherry color. The nose is powerful and aromatic with notes of black fruits such as cherry and blackberry. There are also notes of wood with touches of vanilla and fine leather. We can perceive some hints of Provence herbs. The second nose is fresh with notes of red fruits. There is a small reduction. The palate is fresh with a very present acidity. Aromatic, fruity and floral, the tasting has notes of black cherry, blackberry as well as redcurrant. We have power with supple tannins and a full mouthfeel. There are hints of chocolate and a relatively long morello cherry finish.

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

David Loiret - Domaine La Part des Anges, Alchimie 2021 AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages Caramany

The wine has an intense and dark black cherry color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a small reduction. There are notes of small, crunchy red fruits. The second nose opens with more fruit such as blackcurrant and eucalyptus freshness. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity from the attack. There are notes of black fruits like cherry and blackberry. But also blackcurrant and small blueberry. The tannins are present, intense. The mid-palate is tangy with a certain salivation which continues in the finish. It is a wine with structure and at the same time with tangy fruity aromas. We also have hints of pepper and some peony-type floral notes. The finish is tannic with fresh notes of small, crunchy black fruits.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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David Loiret - Domaine La Part des Anges, The Butcher 2021

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The wine has a beautiful intense ruby color. The nose is fresh with a small reduction. We have notes of red fruits like small cherry as well as a beautiful minty, almost eucalyptus freshness. The second nose opens with a light toast and touches of vanilla. There are fine, imperceptible hints of orange zest with notes of black cherry. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity. We find fresh black fruits with powerful tannins which continue on the finish. There is juiciness and roundness. The finish concludes with luscious black cherry.

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

David Loiret - Domaine La Part des Anges, Le Rec des Abeilles 2021

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The wine has a dark ruby color with purple reflections. The nose is fruity and fresh with a small reduction. We have finely woody notes with small, crunchy black fruits. The second nose has touches of fresh coffee as well as eucalyptus with hints of blackcurrant. The palate is round at the attack then the powerful tannins arrive in the mid-palate. There is a beautiful freshness of racy minerality with notes of red and black fruits. The tannins continue in the finish, it is a wine with structure but also freshness. There is a little darkness with hints of juicy cherry as well as black pepper. The finish is salivating with hints of vanilla and candied black cherry.

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

Domaine Ravanès - Les Gravières du Taurou, Grande Réserve 2019

IGP Pays d'Hérault Coteaux de Murviel

The wine has a pretty intense ruby color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight reduction. We have notes of red fruits such as small cherry but we also have spices in the background such as pepper and nutmeg. The second nose opens with more fruit and a nice freshness which accompanies a tangy side. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of cherry but also wild strawberries and crunchy blackberries. The tannins are intense with a slight touch of liquorice. The finish is juicy with strawberries, plums and fresh figs.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Ravanès - Passage 2021

IGP Pays d'Hérault Coteaux de Murviel

The wine has a beautiful cherry red color. The nose is fresh and fruity, aromatic with discreet woody notes as well as touches of strawberry and cherry. We also feel floral

elements. The second nose has a beautiful freshness of eucalyptus with hints of cherry tomato. The palate is fresh and fruity, seductive on the attack with notes of small red cherry as well as hints of raspberry and dried tomato. There is a racy minerality with a saline edge. The tannins are present and gradually supple. The finish is juicy with tangy notes of redcurrant.

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

Clos del Rey - Le Cortal des Baillettes 2021

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Village

The wine has a dark black cherry color. The nose is fresh and fruity with small, crunchy black fruits. We have the juicy cherry as well as the blackberry. There is a lovely freshness that emerges with hints of sweet spices. The second nose is intense and very fruity. We are always on fresh black fruits but also lightly stewed. The palate is fresh with black fruits. We have present, powerful and gripping tannins in the mid-palate. There is a nice balance between the fruit and the freshness of the acidity. We have a little fruit bomb with juicy cherries, blueberries but also pulpy blackcurrants. The finish is salivating with a saline touch accompanied by a racy minerality and black fruits. The freshness continues for a long time.

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

Clos del Rey - La Noia 2022

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The wine has a moderately intense ruby color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a small reduction and a hint of cocoa. There are black fruits like cherry. The second nose opens with a beautiful minty freshness. We find red and black fruits with a hint of black pepper. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. We have black fruits like pulpy cherry but also small crunchy red fruits. The tasting is powerful with present

and intense tannins. The finish is salivating with small stewed cherries. There is a roundness in the mouth with the vanilla.

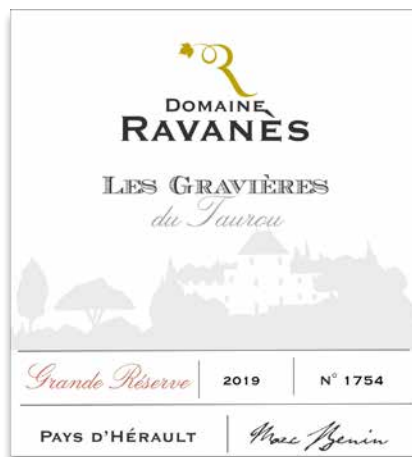
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Clos del Rey - Le Sabina Vermell 2022

AOP Maury Sec

The wine has a red cherry color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight reduction. We have a beautiful minty freshness as well as notes of cherry and red plum. The second nose opens with a hint of pepper as well as touches of light leather. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of cherry, blackberry but also very ripe strawberry. There is a slight roundness and very silky tannins. The finish offers a long finish of juicy blackberries.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)



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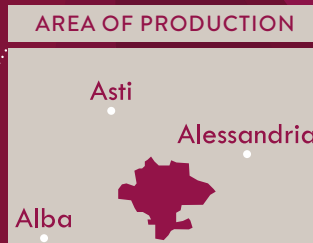
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ERBALUCE DI CALUSO DOCG

Cantine Crosio – Primavite 2022

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The nose is fresh, mineral and offers a stretched delicate side. There are notes of fresh kumquat, crushed small fruits and small notes of white flowers associated with slight almost touches of fresh/ juicy mirabelle plum. The mouth is beautifully fresh, full, bewitching and offers a beautiful fat and an acidulous frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of mirabelle plum, crushed pear and small notes of crushed small yellow fruits associated with touches of toast as well as slight hints of almond and a subtle hint almost floral in the background and toasted from fat/appetizing. Good length. Beautiful fat given by the batonnage of 6 months in inox. Beautiful energy. Good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

Cantine Crosio – Erb=MC2 2020

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(1 month of maceration) The nose is fresh, aromatic, intense and offers a certain intensity, a slight straightness, a beautiful precise and racy grain. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of dried zests, kumquat and small notes of yellow apple associated with touches of fresh spices, pepper, cinnamon, cumin as well as discreet almost dried varietals hints and a discreet aromatic herbs. The mouth is beautifully suave, fresh and offers a beautiful energy, an acidulous frame, a beautiful precision, tension, a beautiful energy an da melodious side, a beautiful small fat, velvety, dynamic as well as a beautiful sapidity beautifully elegant.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of kumquat, yellow berries and small notes of cumin, fresh spices associated with almost beeswax touches, acacia as well as subtle hints of zests and almost citrus fruits. Beautiful salinity on the finish/persistence and a subtle hint almost herbaceous. Good length. A subtle tannic hint on the aromatic and structure. Good structure, straightness in elegance. A very discreet chew on the persistence/ aftertaste. A beautiful textured side.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cantine Crosio – CostaParadisio 2020

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Beautiful fresh, powerful, aromatic and beautifully stretched nose. There are notes of kumquat, physalis and small notes of fresh herbs/ fresh flowers associated with slight touches of acacia blossom, fresh almond as well as hints of pepper, toast and a very discreet hint of vanilla in the background. The mouth is beautifully built, supple, aerial, elegant, delicate in its fat and offers a small unctuous full of precision, finesse, a beautiful energy as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of apricot associated with touches of white flowers, sap/aromatic herbs, honey square as well as hints od toast, toasted almond and delicate hints almost saline, delicate sweet spices hints, a subtle hint almost cumin in the aftertaste. Beautiful persistence. Beautiful chew on the finish/persistence. beautifully saline and sapid.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cantine Crosio – Primavite 2022

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The nose offers a fine and velvety grain with a slight velvety character. There are notes of herbaceous/ white flowers and small notes of kumquat, unctuous small fruits and small notes of acacia flowers and slight hints of batonnage on lies. The mouth is fruity, slightly tight and offers minerality, juiciness, a mineral frame, tension as well as tracing. In the mouth it expresses notes of fresh quenette, fresh small yellow fruits (fresh physalis) and small notes of fresh kumquat associated with slight hints of fresh sage, acacia blossom and green almond. Good length. Varietal hint on the finish/persistence. Mineral and bitterness hints on the finish/ persistence. A very discreet almost tannic hint in the structure/ aromatic on the finish.

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

Orsolani – La Rustia 2022

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The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful slightly unctuous grain. There are notes of quenette, pear blossom and small notes of fresh quince associated with slight almost ripe citrus fruits hints and discreet hints of sage, chamomile/ delicate verbena, harmonious. The mouth is elegant, mineral, delicate and offers fullness in freshness, precision, a slight aerial side in its flesh and an acidulous frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of quenette, crunchy apricot and small notes of fresh quince

associated with touches of juicy/ fresh peach vine and slight hints of verbena, lime, chamomile and discreet hints of toast-fresh. Good length. Beautiful energy and slight chiseled side on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful persistence. An imperceptible roasted hint on the finish/ persistence.

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

Cieck – Vigna Misobolo 2021

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Beautiful aromatic nose that offers a certain power, a small concentration and a fine deepness. There are notes of medicinal herbs, white liquorice / anise and small notes of roasted-fresh small yellow fruits associated with slight hints of beeswax and discreet hints of fresh spices. The mouth is beautifully mineral, precise and offers a small contained side, a beautiful juiciness and a certain brightness of the fruit, tension, a fine textured side as well as a fine richness and energy. In the mouth it expresses notes of pineapple, fennel and small notes of kumquat associated with slight touches of beeswax, fresh spices as well as hints of fresh cinnamon, discreet hints of fresh small yellow fruits as well as discreet toasted hints/ toasted almond. Beautiful persistence with a subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/ persistence. A hint of tannin in both the aroma and the structure.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Produttori Erbaluce di Caluso – Punto 75, 2018

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The nose offers complexity, a fine grain, tight and very discreetly dusty. There are notes of acacia blossom, sage and small notes of small fruits associated with slight hints of fennel as well as discreet hints of fresh blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame and salinity. In the mouth it expresses notes of juicy/ fresh white peach, mesocarp and small notes of acacia blossom associated with touches of white liquorice, fresh cinnamon as well as a subtle toasted-fresh hint. Good length. Beautiful balance and precision. Subtle tannic hint in the aftertaste. Precise and tense/ stretched. A certain brightness/ freshness of the fruit.

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

Orsolani 2017

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The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, beautifully built, delicately woody, textured and stretched. There are notes of toasted almond, crushed nectarine and small notes of physalis associated with fleshy small fruits as well as slight hints almost verbena and spices. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, energy and a beautiful small fat. In the mouth it expresses notes of juicy vine peach and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of kumquat/ small yellow fruits as well as a subtle floral hint and

a discreet acacia blossom and toasted hint.

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

Tappero Merlo – Kin 2020

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

Beautiful mineral, precise, sincere and nose that offers a certain intensity, a slight complexity, a fine and racy grain as well as a mineral touch. There are notes of fresh mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of dry orange zests associated with slight touches of aromatic herbs/ verbena as well as slight hints of sense of place (local biotop) and a delicate hint of dahlia and almost dry roche. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, suavity, a very discreetly powdery beautiful mineral grain, delicacy in its fat as well as a stretched and harmonious side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, racy minerality, quince and small notes of physalis associated with touches of dry citrus fruits as well as slight hints of savory, apple blossom, verbena as well as discreet hints of clear oak/ fresh toast. Subtle tannic hint in its aroma on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful chewiness and gourmandise on the finish. Good work on the good bitterness. Fine saline character/ iodine. Subtle hints of beeswax.

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

Tappero Merlo – Kin 2019

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a certain richness in precision, discreetly contained and a chewy side. There are notes of quince, ripe small fruits associated with slight touches of fleshy physalis as well as slight hints almost apricot, apricot blossom and discreet hints of fennel and fresh aromatic herbs. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision, suppleness, fat and a fine unctuousity. In the mouth it



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expresses notes of ripe lemon, fresh peach, crunchy apple and small notes of juicy/ fresh mirabelle plum associated with touches of flowers, apple tree, toasted almond as well as subtle hints almost apricot, almost fresh butter and sage/ savory in the background and very discreet saline hints in the background. Beautiful acidulous finish, crispy on the taste buds. Good length. Beautiful acidity on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tappero Merlo – Kin 2018

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The nose is precise, elegant, tracing, melted, fresh and discreetly powdered. There are notes of ripe mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes of fresh spices associated with slight touches of dry aromatic herbs and a hint of beeswax and clove. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, tension, precision, suppleness as well as an energetic middle palate. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, yellow small fruits and notes of beeswax associated with touches of racy minerality, quite ripe/ fresh yellow apple as well as hints of fresh hazelnut and subtle hints of sage and verberna and an imperceptible hint of dried orange zests. Good length. Beautiful definition.

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

Tappero Merlo – Kin 2017

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The nose offers precision, a certain power in mastery and in elegance. There are notes of fresh spices, dry wax and small notes of mountain flowers, aromatic herbs (ricola) associated with touches of toasted almond, fresh hazelnut associated with slight hints of ripe lemon and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, tension in precision, suppleness, beautiful finesse in its roundness as well as a discreet tight/ tracing character. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of beeswax, physalis and small notes of dried yellow berries associated with slight hints of dried yellow apple, fine floral/ verberna hints as well as subtle hints of orange blossom and discreet hints of cinnamon. Beautiful length and delicacy. Beautiful iodine/ salinity on the finish and a subtle tannic hint (both in its aroma and its structure)

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Giacometto Bruno 2022

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(Bio) The nose is beautifully fruity, mineral, clear and offers purity. There are notes of fresh quince, racy minerality and small notes of crunchy apple associated with slight hints of fresh/ juicy small fruits and a discreet hint almost verberna. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful energy as well as chiseled side. In the mouth it expresses notes of acidulous/ juicy quince, acidulous/ juicy mandarin and small notes of juicy/ acidulous peach associated with slight touches of apricot blossom, discreet hints almost fresh pineapple and a subtle acacia blossom hint. Good length. Beautiful purity and definition.

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

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Canavese Rosso DOC

Beautiful fresh, mineral and beautifully racy nose that offers an elegant as well as a subtle velvety and harmonious grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of wild small plum associated with touches of sense of place (local biotop), sage as well as subtle hints of roasted small red fruits as well as slight hints of verberna, tobacco and a subtle hint of Madagascar pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers suppleness in delicacy, a discreet aerial side in its structure as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ acidulous cassis, juicy/ acidulous purple plum and small notes of smoke, sweet blond tobacco associated with touches of Zan, verberna/ sage as well as a subtle hint of fennel, toast and a subtle hint of toasted almond. Beautiful complexity. The wine needs to be decanted as it reveals itself slowly. A hint of good bitterness on the finish/ persistence. Suppleness and voluptuousness. Beautiful persistence.

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

Cantina Produttori Erbaluce di Caluso – Caliginem 2018

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

Beautiful aromatic, fresh and delicate in its fullness nose that offers a multilayered side. There are notes of viole, bigarreau cherry and small notes of ripe cassis associated with touches of rose/ dry local grove as well as slight hints of liquorice stick, smoke and hint of chocolate. The mouth is fresh, mineral, precise, tense, beautifully structured, very discreetly tight and stretched. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ juicy cassis, rose and small notes of red berries associated with touches of laurel tree berries as well as slight hints of smoke, tobacco and a subtle hint almost sappy and cocoa. Very slightly marked tannins.

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

Roberto Crosio – Gemini 2020

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

Beautiful fresh, elegant, complexe and gourmand, lisible nose that offers an aromatic pallet and a small voluptuous side. There are notes of wild cassis, sage and small notes of fresh aromatic herbs associated with slight hints almost camphor, roasted-fresh, blueberry, violet, fresh blond tobacco and pepper. The mouth is subtle, gourmand, all in precision and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision and a linear/ « easy to access » side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous blueberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of fresh local grove as well as slight hints of cocoa. Good length. Discreet sapid hints. Beautiful finish. Savory tannins. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Le Masche – Bonaviera 2019

Canavese Barbera DOC

The nose offers gourmandise, a certain power, freshness and a stretched side. There are notes of concentrated blackberry, redcurrant and small notes of creamy small fruits associated with touches of violet, chocolate as well as mineral hints and a discreet bourbon vanilla hint. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, a tannic and slightly tight and acidulous structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/ juicy cassis, concentrated small black fruits and small notes of cacao associated with touches of toast, violet as well as a subtle hint of acidulous/ crunchy strawberry. Good length. Beautiful juiciness and freshness. Suppleness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Masche – A l'èchièl 2019

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight creaminess, a beautiful small intensity/ concentration, a beautiful velvet and well-controlled power. There are notes of fresh blueberry, ripe cherry and small notes of aromatic

herbs/ sense of place (local biotop) associated with hints of roasted small red fruits as well as slight hints of nutmeg and toasted hazelnut. The mouth is beautifully built, supple, precise and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, racy minerality and a subtle hint of good bitterness. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy red berries and small notes of fleshy/ juicy small black fruits associated with touches of racy minerality, a good bitterness as well as a subtle hint of smoke, toasted almond and vanilla. Good length. Structuring and relatively polished tannins. Beautiful persistence on the good bitterness.

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

Le Masche – Roccia 2022

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration as well as a certain intensity. There are notes of concentrated raspberry, concentrated/ fresh cherry and small notes of violet associated with slight hints of fresh sage. The mouth is mineral and offers fruit, a mineral frame, a slight fat as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh cherry, concentrated raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of chocolate and toasted almond.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Le Masche – Gaiarda 2020

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration as well as a slight floral side. There are notes of morello cherry, blackberry and small notes of badian associated with touches of crushed strawberry, slight hints of roasted fruits as well as a subtle hint of liquorice and flowers. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suppleness, a small concentration, fat as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses



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notes of red cherry, crushed strawberry associated with touches of vanilla as well as slight hints of cassis and sweet spices. Suppleness and sapid tannins. Good length.
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Le Masche – Gaiarda 2018

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers some fruit, a certain power and a slight intensity. There are notes of cassis, wild cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, bourbon vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of sage, cumin and pepper. The mouth is fruity, acidulous and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, fat, straightness, a certain finesse in its straightness/ power as well as a small velvety. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of nutmeg associated with slight touches of crushed blueberry, vanilla and a hint of spices. Salinity. Good length. Slightly firm tannins. Very beautiful sapid finish / persistence. Good bitterness.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Le Masche – Gaiarda 2016

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

Beautiful powerful and elegant nose that offers a slight concentration. There are notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of badian, almost roasted small fruits, chocolate and a slight minty hint. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, gourmandise, a beautiful definition, velvet as well as precision. In the mouth it expresses notes of crushed strawberry, concentrated blackberry and small notes of quite ripe small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, nutmeg and a subtle toasted hint. Good length. Sapidity and gourmandise. Beautiful slightly patinated finish. Supple, fresh and discreetly sappy tannins.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Cieck – Sust 2021

Canavese Nebbiolo DOC

The nose is spicy, fruity and offers a certain gourmandise of the fruit. There are notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of blue fruits associated with slight floral/ varietal hints as well as slight hints of liquorice stick, sap and pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, a small stretched side as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, fleshy/ juicy plum and small notes of blueberry associated with slight hints of rose, laurel tree as well as a hint of sage, verbena, liquorice and racy minerality. Sappy tannins.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Cieck – Tucc-Un 2020

Canavese Rosso DOC

The nose is flowery and offers a fresh fruit and spices. There are notes of rose, violet and small notes of fresh spices associated with touches of fresh cassis as well as slight hints of grey and green pepper and a subtle hint of dry grove/ dry laurel. The mouth is fruity, fresh, chiseled and offers minerality, a good definition as well as a flowery side. The mouth tightens in its tannic structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh rose, violet and small notes of fresh/ ripe small wild fruits as well as hints of racy minerality, laurel tree and slight hints of crunchy acacia and a subtle hint of cacao in the background. Beautiful acidity and good work on the good bitterness on the finish/ persistence. Slightly sappy tannins.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

ERBALUCE DI CALUSO PASSITO DOCG

Tappero Merlo – Bohémien 2019

Erbaluce di Caluso Passito DOCG

Beautiful elegant, subtle, beautiful aromatic, melodious and complexe nose. There are notes of dry apricot, dry peach and small notes of fig associated with slight hints of small yellow fruits in syrup, slight hints of tobacco, verbena as well as discreet hints of rancio-fresh, a subtle hint of almond and toasted. The mouth is fruity, beautifully acidulous, beautifully precise and chiseled and offers precision, tension, an acidulous frame and gourmandise. In the mouth it expresses notes of marmalada, dry apricot and small notes of dry peach associated with touches of lemon in syrup, vine peach in syrup as well as subtle hints of apricot blossom, fresh rancio and cigar box as well as a delicate hint of cedar tree. Good length. Beautiful delicate, supple and stretched finish.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Cantine Crosio – Peva d'Or 2018

Erbaluce di Caluso Passito DOCG

The nose is beautifully fresh, it offers a nice power and deepness. There are notes of apricot, fresh date and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of tabac, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of sap. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, aciduly, gourmandise, a beautiful energy, a zesty/acidulous frame as well as a good work on the good bitterness. In the mouth it expresses notes of apricot, jammed peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of crystallised lemon as well as slight hints of roasted pineapple, beeswax and slight discreet toasted hints on the finish/ length. A slight apricot side on the aftertaste.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cieck – Alladino 2017

Erbaluce di Caluso Passito DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a fine freshness. There are notes of dry apricot, peach in syrup and small notes of roasted pineapple as well as slight hints of small yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, small nuts and a delicate hint of verbena. The mouth is fruity, fresh, balanced, slightly syrupy and offers precision as well as gourmandise. In the mouth notes of dry apricot, roasted pineapple and small notes of small yellow fruits in syrup associated with touches of crystallised quince and subtle hints of fig. Beautiful acidity and sapidity in the aftertaste.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Pozzo – L'Arbat 2016

Erbaluce di Caluso Passito Riserva DOCG

The nose offers a certain intensity, concentration and a fine power. There are notes of grape and small notes of pineapples associated with slight hints of cigar as well as slight hints of pepper, subtle hint of cinnamon. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful energy, a good definition as well as a beautiful acidity that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of datte, Zante and small notes of dry apricot associated with touches of cigar box, rancio as well as slight toasted hints and spices. Beautiful sapidity on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful chew with hints of toasted almond in the aftertaste/ persistence.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cantine delle Serra – 2018

Caluso Passito DOCG

Beautiful complex nose that offers a certain freshness/ minerality in the background. There are notes of dry apricot, rancio and small notes of dried orange zests associated with slight hints of fruit in syrup and pineapple as well as small hints of cigar box and a discreet hint of fresh coffee. The mouth is fruity and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, energy, a good definition, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied quince, dry apricot and small notes of orangette associated with touches of rancio, cigar tobacco, fennel and slight almost caramelisation hints and an imperceptible hint of vanilla in the background.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Az. Agr. Orsolani – 2010 Sulé

Caluso Passito DOCG

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a certain fullness as well as a fine power. There are notes of dried strawberry, fig and small notes of pepper associated with toasted touches, a hint of anis and hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, juiciness as well as a beautiful energy in attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fig, dried apricot and small notes of dried yellow peach associated with fine touches of roasted fruits, subtle hints of toasted almond/ grill as well as discreet hints of vanilla and tobacco box and fruits in syrup. Sweet and tense finish. A discreet stretched side.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Le Masche – Sofia 2015

Erbaluce di Caluso Passito DOCG

The nose is fruity. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of dry fig and small notes of marmalada associated with touches of honey as well as slight hints of rancio, cedar tree and a very discreet toasted hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame as well as a slightly tight tension. In the mouth it expresses notes of quince, marmalada and fig associated with touches of mirabelle plum jam as well as a slight hint of rancio and syrupy.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



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ERBALUCE DI CALUSO DOCG - SPARKLING

Produttori Erbaluce di Caluso – Metodo Classico Goccia d'Oro 2014

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is relatively discreet and slightly toast/coating. There are notes of quite ripe yellow peach, small ripe fruits and small notes of toast associated with slight hints of pastries as well as discreet hints of fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of fresh herbs. The mouth is fruity and offers suavity, an acidulous frame, a good bitterness and a certain roundness. In the mouth it expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy yellow peach, crushed apple and small notes of quenette associated with touches of crushed physalis, toasted almond as well as a subtle hint of fresh sap/ fresh herbs. Slightly short on the finish.

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

Cantine Crosio – Incanto 2018, Pas dosé

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight sensation of richness. There are notes of kumquat, fresh small yellow fruits and small notes of fresh vine peach associated with slight touches of almond, lemon cream and a subtle winy/ toast hint. The mouth is well-balanced, beautifully bright, frank, dynamic and offers a beautiful finesse / straightness, a beautiful freshness, chiselled and elegant. The effervescent is well-made, fine and frank. In the mouth it expresses notes of pulpy yellow peach, crushed williams pear and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of fresh pineapple as well as slight hints of racy minerality, a subtle saline and toast hint. Good length. Beautiful effervescence and gourmandise.

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

Cantine Crosio – Incanto 2015, Pas dosé

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

(80 months on the lees) The nose is fresh, frank and it offers a fresh/crunchy fruit. There are notes of crunchy peach, fresh/ juicy apple and small notes of ripe almond associated with slight touches of white flowers and hint of acacia blossom. Slight straightness. The mouth is fresh, precise, frank, tense and precise and offers a good definition, suavity and energy. Elegant and fresh effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ pulpy vine, acidulous apple and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of mandarin zests, slight toasted hints, almond as well as a subtle hint almost creamy/ crème aux œufs and salinity. Good length. Precise and gastronomic. A subtle hint of good bitterness in aftertaste/persistence. Straightness and tension.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cieck – Spumante V.S.Q.P.R.D. Nature 2018 (Pas dosé)

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is aromatic, fresh, precise, neat and aerial, a slight complexity with a slight creamy-fresh sensation. There are notes of lemony cream, fresh zests and small notes of mesocarp associated with slight hints of fresh kumquat and discreet fresh almond hints and a very discreet hint of fresh aromatic herbs. The mouth is fruity,

fresh, mineral, tense, energetic, electric, chiseled, fine, franc and offers a very dynamic effervescence. Good bitterness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy peach, toast and small notes of pastries associated with touches of lychee as well as slight hints of zests. Good length and sapid and juicy persistence.

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

Cieck – Calliope Bret 2019

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers a slight intensity. There are notes of fresh toast, pulpy peach and small notes of fleshy apple associated with touches of toasted almond. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a good definition, tension, a certain energy as well as a stretched side. The effervescence is well-made. A slight mellowness in the mouth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of zests, lemon and small notes of acidulous peach associated with touches of almond, toast, verberna and a toasted hint. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Orsolani – Cuvée Tradizione 2017

Erbaluce di Caluso DOCG

The nose is fruity, frank and offers a beautiful grain. There are notes of yellow peach, mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis associated with slight freshly toasted touches and a discreet hint of fresh beeswax as well as a subtle hint of spices. The effervescence is frank and full of energy. The mouth offers energy, a beautiful acidity as well as a slight stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy white peach, quince and small notes of fleshy/ acidulous small fruits associated with slight touches of verberna, toasted almond and a subtle almost smoke hint in the background. Chiseled finish. Good length.

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

Le Masche – Pinot Nero 1474, 2020

Piemonte Spumante

The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness as well as a discreet smoke. There are notes of fresh almond, fresh/ juicy fruits and small notes of fresh nutmeg and a discreet hint of smoke. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision, sapidity, roundness as well as a good definition. Very fine and dynamic effervescence. Good length. Fine and firm finish. Good work on the good bitterness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Le Masche – Faja 2021

Piemonte Spumante

The nose is freshness, mineral and offers a small stretched side. There are notes of fresh small fruits, fresh apple and small notes of iced lychee and subtle mineral hints. The mouth is bright and energetic and offers a very fine effervescence, an acidulous frame, freshness and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy green apple, acidulous small fruits and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of white flowers and a subtle almost sappy hint in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Rhône

CÔTE-RÔTIE

François & Fils 2022

Côte-Rôtie

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is dense, textured and warming, with pronounced toasty and spicy notes on the first nose. We find in particular the aromas of roasted red cherry, crushed morello cherry, black plum, roasted red plum, dried blackcurrant and wild blackberry, associated with notes of liquorice, cubeb pepper, ground clove, ground cumin, as well as toasted almond and toasted wood in the background. After aeration, the wine expresses a beautiful herbaceous freshness (dried mint, blackcurrant leaf in the background, a touch of basil and rosemary, as well as a hint of violet and peony). We also find slight notes of leather, of bitter cocoa and fresh tobacco. The palate is silky, pleasantly bitter on the attack. The tannins are powerful, a little dry and tight, but powdery on the finish. The mid-palate is juicy, precise and concentrated. We find notes of morello cherry in chocolate, fresh morello cherry, crushed wooden strawberry, black plum, roasted red plum and dried blackcurrant, associated with notes of violet, wilted rose in the background, dried mint, rosemary, fresh tobacco and prunes in chocolate. Delicate notes of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood) and spiciness (licorice, clove, ground cumin) are enveloped and not dominant on the palate. The finish expresses also a fine minerality (rock, granite). Beautiful acidity, firmness of tannins without astringency and concentrated fruitiness. A robust wine, with good aging potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Paul Jaboulet Aîné Les Pierrelles 2020

Côte Rôtie

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color with light purplish reflections. The nose offers density and freshness in these notes of juicy black fruits (blackberry, black plum, morello cherry, blackcurrant). It also expresses the aromas of morello cherry and dried blackcurrant, a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (violet, peony, dried cornflower), savoury spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin, cloves in the background, a touch of white pepper), a delicate hint of torrefaction (coffee, dark chocolate, toasted bitter almond, toasted wood in the background). After aeration, we also smell elegant and refreshing aromas of menthol, eucalyptus, fresh pine needles (even pine sap) and rosemary. The palate is savoury and filling, while remaining refined and fresh. In attack, we sense a pleasant hint of coffee, toasted bitter almond and heated oak, associated with spicy notes of liquorice, white pepper, clove and ground nutmeg. The mid-palate is gourmand and fruity – there are flavors of juicy black fruits (morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, blackcurrant), chocolate morello cherry, as well as an airy floral side (violet, peony, a touch of lily) and refreshing herbaceous notes (menthol, rosemary, pine needles, eucalyptus in the background). The finish is long, fruity and chocolatey (mint chocolate), while remaining elegant and fresh, thanks to a beautiful acidity. The tannins are powdery, silky, with a very fine texture. A concentrated, complex and refined wine.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)



Domaine de Pignan 2023

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is subtle and delicate at first, but we sense complexity and tension. The first nose is fresh, tangy and herbaceous: we find notes of green apple pulp, fresh quince, fresh fennel, crushed wild mint, rosemary in syrup, as well as fresh Mediterranean herbs. The second nose reveals the gourmandise of juicy stone fruits (crushed yellow peach, ripe apricot, yellow plum, mirabelle plum), aged in wood (fresh vanilla, a hint of cardamom, fresh wood, toasted hazelnut), as well as white flowers (linden, acacia), honey, wax in the background and infused white tea. The palate is fresh and airy, but at the same time juicy, filling and concentrated. It expresses the flavors of juicy yellow peach, crushed apricot, Mirabelle plum, candied lemon peel, combined with fragrant toasted and spicy notes (roasted hazelnut, roasted bitter almond, fennel seeds, vanilla, cardamom, even star anise), which return in retroolfaction. The mid-palate offers fresh volume and tension – we also find notes of stone fruit, associated with flavors of fresh fennel, quince, green apple pulp and green pear, as well as a touch minty. The finish is persistent, fruity and delicious, with a slight bitterness of candied lime and a salivating acidity. A complex wine, with great elegance, dynamism and freshness.

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

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RED

Maison Sinnae, Auriola 2020

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is dense and complex. It first expresses minty herbaceous notes (eucalyptus, dried peppermint), associated with juicy and sweet fruity aromas (very ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, blackberry, chocolate prunes, chocolate morello cherry). We then find a fragrant and airy floral bouquet (peony, violet, a touch of fresh rose), associated with delicate spice notes (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper), a touch of torrefaction (sweet coffee, toasted almond), as well as a touch of fresh leather and fresh tobacco in the background. The palate is generous, warm and concentrated, even sweet thanks to its flavors of ripe fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackberry, black plum, morello cherry in chocolate, blackcurrant jam). It also expresses a spicy and herbaceous side in the mid-palate (licorice, ground cumin, white pepper, a hint of vanilla, peppermint, bay leaf). At the end of the mouth, we feel a fine milky side of cherry yogurt, as well as an elegant floral bouquet (rose, iris, peony). The tannins are sapid, powdery and chocolatey, tense, but smooth. Very good persistence in the mouth, with the gourmandise of morello cherry in chocolate and tanginess of fresh morello cherry. Beautiful acidity and freshness.

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

Domaine de la Mordorée, Reine de Bois 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density, spicy and smoky aromas, as well as notes of ripe fruit and light notes of roasted fruit. We find touches of very ripe black plum (even with a side of prunes and plum cream), wild strawberries, crushed blackberries, raspberry jam and morello cherries in chocolate, combined with savoury notes of aromatic herbs (garrigue, dried thyme, dried rosemary, savory, dried mint), spices (ground cumin, liquorice) and dried wild flowers. On the palate, the wine offers freshness and tanginess of fruit. We find the flavors of tart red cherry, morello cherry, a touch of blackcurrant in the background, black plum, wild strawberry, as well as a toasted and smoked hint, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin), aromatic herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, garrigue, dried mint), with good bitterness and a touch of wild flowers. The tannins are firm, with controlled power slightly dry on the finish, but pleasant thanks to their chocolate hints. The finish is quite persistent, warm, due to the degree of alcohol, but balanced by a good level of acidity.

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

Domaine de la Mordorée, La Dame Voyageuse 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fleshy and gourmand, very fruity, with pronounced herbaceous and menthol aromas which bring freshness. We find notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, quetches plum, as well as liquorice, fresh peppermint and menthol, associated with notes of nutmeg, Mediterranean herbs (rosemary fresh thyme, bay leaf, garrigue), with a distinguished minerality (dry stone, a very slight salinity) and a

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE WHITE

Domaine du Grand Tinel 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a lemon yellow color, of medium intensity, with light golden highlights. The first nose is tasty: spicy and grassy. It expresses notes of dried aromatic herbs (dried mint, dried rosemary, oregano in the background), sweet spices (fennel seeds, a hint of licorice, cloves and saffron), which combine with the second nose with notes of honey, beeswax, candied green apple, yellow peach, apricot, candied lime and lemon zest. We also find a fine floral side (apple blossom, acacia, honeysuckle) and toasted side (toasted hazelnut in the background, toasted cumin seeds). The palate offers tension and freshness, as well as a pleasant bitterness of toasted almond and grapefruit. The mid-palate offers complexity and density: it first expresses fresh notes of green apple and lemon juice, which are then completed by the deliciousness of crunchy white peach and a delicate honeyed, toasted note. (toasted, even slightly caramelized hazelnut) and fresh melon. The finish is tense, chiselled, but at the same time deep, sapid and expressive. We find a fine spicy side (fennel seeds, coriander seeds, a hint of nutmeg and licorice), fragrant floral notes (acacia, honeysuckle) and a herbaceous touch (rosemary in syrup, dried mint). Good persistence with good bitterness and a slight tannic side.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Rhône

fine floral bouquet (a touch of violet and cornflower). The palate offers tension and precision, lots of fruit, savoury spicy and herbaceous notes, as well as touches of torrefaction. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry coulis, quetsche plum, dried black plum, as well as toasted, slightly smoked touches of coffee, aromatic herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, garrigue, dried mint). At the end of the palate, we feel a gourmand touch of chocolate (morello cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate, bitterness of dark chocolate), sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg), a hint of slightly earthy minerality and notes of dried flowers (dried cornflower). The acidity is lively, fresh and balances the warming touch of the alcohol. The finish is persistent, with notes of dried herbs. Complexity and power.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine du Grand Tinel 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is discreet at first and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of roasted fruit and dried fruit, with a touch of fresh fruit. We find the aromas of dried red cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, prunes, quetsche plum, as well as blackcurrant, red plum and dried wild strawberry. On the second nose, we also find aromas of dried herbs (dried mint, dried rosemary, dried bay leaf, thyme), associated with a touch of dried cornflower, an earthy mineral touch, as well as spiciness and torrefaction (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, coffee, toasted almond). The palate is supple, with a gourmand, voluminous attack, but fruity and fresh. It expresses notes of morello cherry (or even amarena cherry), crushed wild strawberry, strawberry jam, raspberry coulis, prunes, dried cherry, as well as dark chocolate, prunes in chocolate, liquorice, black pepper, nutmeg, dried mint, garrigue, bay leaf and dried rosemary, combined with an mineral earthy touch, sweet tobacco and dried flowers. The tannins are powerful, a little grippy, with a firm structure, which brings verticality to the wine. The finish is persistent, spicy and slightly bitter (coffee, dark chocolate), fleshy and warming (the alcohol level is present), balanced by a good level of acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Paul Autard, Cuvée la Côte Ronde 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, generous, with lots of juicy fruits, sweetness and gourmandise. It expresses the aromas of plum cream, crushed morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, strawberry jam, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry jam and crème de cassis. On the second nose, we sense pronounced aromas of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut, toasted bitter almond, toasted wood, coffee, smoke), as well as aromas of Mediterranean herbs (dried bay leaf, dried thyme, garrigue), peppermint, sweet spices (liquorice, with a touch of star anise, crushed fennel seeds, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), dark chocolate and coconut (in the background). The palate is juicy, with a silky and gourmand attack. The wine first expresses the aromas of chocolate morello cherry, plum cream, crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, associated with notes of liquorice, nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds, vanilla (in the background), toasted hazelnut, bitter almond and aromatic herbs (dried peppermint, dried rosemary, dried bay leaf, garrigue). The finish is persistent, chocolatey, dense and enveloping. We find the aromas of prunes in chocolate and cherry in kirsch. The tannins are melted, silky, but solid and structured. The texture in the mouth is supple, with chewiness and volume, but without heaviness, thanks to a salivating acidity and a slight bitterness of chocolate on the persistence. The acidity is integrated, salivating and quite fresh. A slight balsamic touch on the finish.

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

Domaine de Saint Paul 2020

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color, with very slight garnet reflections. The nose is quite aromatic, with density and complexity. The first nose expresses savory spicy and herbaceous notes of liquorice, crushed peppermint, sweet fresh tobacco, nutmeg, vanilla, as well as toasted hazelnut, coffee with milk and a very delicate touch of toasted wood in the background. On the second nose, we smell the aromas of morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, chocolate prunes, dried cranberries, as well as roasted red cherry and chocolate morello cherry, combined with aromas of roasted bouquet garni, garrigue and a touch of dry stone. The palate is rich and savoury, with enveloping, powerful, but very fine and melted tannins. We find the flavors of morello cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate, crème de cassis, crushed wild strawberry, sweet quetsche plum and blackberry, combined with notes of liquorice, dark chocolate with mint, toasted hazelnut, with a bitter hint of cocoa and almond, as well as notes of sweet tobacco, dried rosemary, peppermint in the background and garrigue. The finish is long, generous and sapid, even a little sweet. We smell notes of chocolate cherry and a textured, powdery hint of cocoa on the persistence, associated with flavors of dried red cherry, roasted red cherry and dried blackcurrant. A deep, rich and concentrated wine, with a beautiful tannic structure and salivating acidity, which balances its generosity and its robust structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tour d'Ambre, Mouriesse Vinum 2021

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a pale ruby color, with very slight garnet reflections. The nose is warm, even with a hint of alcohol. It expresses notes of morello cherry in kirsch, crushed red cherry, black plum, crushed wild strawberry; blackberry and crème de cassis, combined with notes of peppermint, fresh rosemary, bay leaf, liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, smoke, coffee and roasted meat in the background. We also find a very subtle note of lily after aeration. The palate is enveloping, generous, with a gourmand and chocolatey attack. It expresses notes of very ripe black plum, chocolate prunes in the background, crushed morello cherry, chocolate cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry, as well as a pronounced but enveloped spiciness (licorice, seeds of roasted cumin, white pepper, nutmeg), a touch of torrefaction (toasted almond, coffee in the background, a very subtle toasted wood) and aromatic herbs (bay leaf, peppermint, rosemary, roasted bouquet garni). The finish expresses structured but melted tannins, as well as gourmet flavors of chocolate cherry and a beautiful salivating acidity. Beautiful freshness on the finish thanks to tangy notes of fresh bigarreau cherry and dried red cherry.

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

Domaine de Pignan 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, even pale, and very slight reflections of garnet. On first nose, the wine is reserved, but presents density, complexity, tension and a sensation of texture. The second nose first expresses a smoky touch and varied and savoury herbaceous aromas: we find in particular the aromas of fresh bay leaf, roasted thyme, fresh rosemary, rosemary in syrup, fresh wild mint, menthol (even eucalyptus), as well as a hint of fresh pine needles (combined with a touch of pine sap), fresh sage and pine cones in syrup. Then, we find a fine floral bouquet (violet, peony, lilac), delicate and integrated woody and spicy notes (roasted pine nuts, fresh wood, liquorice, cardamom, juniper, roasted coriander seeds, dark chocolate, coffee and a very light touch of vanilla), wrapped in juicy and ripe fruit (fresh wild strawberry, crushed morello cherry, black plum, red cherry jam, roasted red cherry, blackberry). The palate offers a silky texture, very fine and melted tannins, as well as a herbaceous and spicy attack. It expresses notes of wild mint, sage, fresh rosemary, roasted thyme, eucalyptus, liquorice, roasted coriander seeds, white pepper, a hint of vanilla and nutmeg. Then, we smell the notes of torrefaction (toasted pine nuts, dark chocolate, coffee, toasted almond, heated wood in the background) and sweet and ripe fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, ripe black plum, prunes in chocolate, blackberry, raspberry jam), as well as dried flowers (dried violet, dried peony). The finish is very long, minty and grassy, with dynamic and fresh acidity. A great wine of great potential and complexity.

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

Domaine de Pignan, Coralie et Floriane 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, even pale, and very slight garnet reflections. The first nose is expressive and herbaceous, very savoury and complex, with a clear menthol dominance. It expresses notes of crushed wild mint, peppermint, eucalyptus, fresh sage, fresh rosemary, fresh thyme, roasted rosemary and fresh bay leaf. After aeration, we find the aromas of fresh pine nuts, pine needles, a very delicate touch of toasted wood, bitter almond, liquorice, coriander seeds and toasted cumin seeds, a touch vanilla and dark chocolate. Then, the wine offers ripe and juicy fruity aromas: crushed blueberry, black plum, wild strawberry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry and roasted red cherry, crème de cassis, as well as gourmet notes of chocolate with mint, prunes in chocolate in the background, as well as fresh peony, dried violet and rose. The palate is refined, delicate, but at the same time expressive and powerful. The attack is savoury, spicy and herbaceous: we find notes of roasted spices (coriander seeds, cumin seeds, a touch of fennel seed), roasted Mediterranean herbs (roasted rosemary, roasted thyme) and fresh herbs (fresh bay leaf, fresh rosemary), as well as expressive notes of wild mint, peppermint and eucalyptus. In the mid-palate, we find tension, a firm and vertical tannin structure, enveloped in a dense and juicy fruitiness. There are flavors of ripe black plum, juicy fresh morello cherry, prunes in chocolate, morello cherry in chocolate, crème de cassis, wild strawberry and crushed blueberry, as well as woody and spicy touches (pine nuts toasted, pine needles, toasted bitter almond, liquorice) and a floral touch (violet, dried peony). The finish is sapid, enveloping and minty, with a lingering minty flavor and a salivating acidity. A deep, refined, very complex wine, with tension and density, while remaining elegant and subtle. Outstanding!

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

Rhône

VACQUEYRAS WHITE

Domaine le Clos des Cazaux, Les Clefs d'Or 2023

Vacqueyras

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, pure, fruity and very fragrant. It expresses notes of juicy yellow peach, very ripe apricot, yellow apple, a refreshing touch of crunchy white peach, as well as fresh fennel, green apple, lemon zest, candied quince, fruit of passion in the background and white flowers (orange blossom, apple blossom). A delicate touch of mint appears after aeration. The palate has a round and oily texture, as well as a dense and delicious fruity substance. We find notes of juicy yellow peach (even yellow peach in syrup), crushed ripe apricot, ripe pineapple, a hint of melon, candied lemon, yellow apple and orange zest. The finish is oily, delicious and rather persistent, with a slight bitterness and refreshing notes of fennel and mint. The acidity is lively and salivating. A pleasant, pure, juicy and harmonious wine.

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

VACQUEYRAS RED

Maison Sinnae, Les Argeliers 2022

Vacqueyras

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is a little reduced and expresses notes of roasted meat and leather. After aeration, it expresses notes of roasted fruit (roasted red cherry, roasted red plum), crushed strawberry, prunes and chocolate morello cherry, combined with notes of dried bay leaf, licorice, dried peppermint, nutmeg, white pepper, violet and peony. On the palate, the wine is concentrated, juicy and robust. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, dark plum in chocolate, dried blackcurrant, red chocolate cherry, as well as dry bay leaf, mint chocolate, a hint of coffee, white pepper, sweet tobacco, fresh violet, fresh peony and a slight touch of leather in the background. The tannins are firm, but have a fine grain, the acidity is lively and salivating, which allows the tannin structure to be enveloped. The finish is gourmand, sapid, very fruity and chocolatey. A concentrated, full-bodied wine, but fresh and airy.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

VENTOUX WHITE

Terra Solis Intuition 2023

Ventoux

(biodynamic, Grenache Blanc, Roussanne) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose is ripe and gourmand: it expresses notes of yellow peach, apricot, melon, ripe lemon, fresh grapes in the background, as well as flower honey and fresh almond. Then, we find notes of apple blossom, infused lime, a very delicate touch of lavender, wild herbs and saline mineral notes. The palate is silky, gourmand and fruity on the attack. We smell notes of juicy yellow peach, apricot, melon, lemon and yellow pear. In the mid-palate, we find notes of honey with a touch of wax, infused lime blossom, a hint of fresh almond and fennel, as well as a touch of wild herbs and acacia. The finish is gourmand, round and oily, with a supple but fresh acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

VENTOUX ROSÉ

Domaine de Mas Caron Rosé fûté 2022

Ventoux

(organic) The wine has a pale pink color, with orange reflections. The nose is aromatic, gourmand, floral and slightly spicy. It expresses notes of yellow peach, vine peach, red currants, white currants, as well as crunchy strawberries and raspberries. We also find scents of peony and wild rose, associated with a touch of white pepper and pink grapefruit with a good bitterness. After aeration, the wine also expresses notes of bay leaf and bitter almond. The palate is silky, even a little oily, but balanced thanks to good bitterness and lively grapefruit acidity. It also expresses gourmand and juicy flavors of vine peach, red apple, tangy raspberry and fresh strawberry. The finish is persistent, with lively acidity, good bitterness and a fine salinity. A gourmand and refreshing rosé, with a certain complexity.

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

VENTOUX RED

Terra Solis Intuition 2023

Ventoux

(biodynamic, Grenache, Syrah) The wine has a ruby color, of medium intensity, with slight purplish reflections. The nose offers a warm side of macerated and candied fruits (cherry in kirsch, a touch of prunes, cherry jam), fresh fruits (morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry), a refreshing herbaceous side (bay leaf, Mediterranean herbs), as well as a touch of violet, smoke (in the background) and dried eucalyptus. The palate is juicy, airy and pleasant, with pure fruit. On the attack, it expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, black plum and blackberry, which are complemented in the mid-palate by delicate touches of smoke, nutmeg, violet and aromatic herbs (bay leaf, Mediterranean herbs) as well as peppermint. The tannins are fine, well structured. The finish is quite persistent, juicy, tangy (nice acidity of red fruits) and slightly peppery (black pepper). A pleasant, airy and gourmand wine.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

Cellier des Princes Réserve 2022

Ventoux

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is very fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, roasted red cherry, black plum and blackberry in the background, combined with a touch of white pepper, dried Mediterranean herbs, dry stone in the background and a hint of violet. The palate expresses dominant fruity flavors (strawberry, black plum, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry jam), combined with a toasted and peppery and slightly herbaceous touch (dried aromatic herbs). The finish is warm, moderately persistent, with notes of crushed red fruits and kirsch cherry. The tannins are fine, but structured and perceptible. A good level of acidity and a slight bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de Ju 2021

Ventoux

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed strawberry, black plum, associated with notes of toast, coffee, liquorice, white pepper and violet in the background. The palate is juicy, airy and fluid. In the attack, we find notes of crushed strawberry, fresh morello cherry, roasted cherry and black plum, as well as white pepper, liquorice and a slightly perceptible touch of violet on the finish. The tannins are supple, but perceptible and slightly grippy (but balanced by a chocolate hint which appears on the persistence and a good level of acidity). An open, gourmand, well-structured wine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

RASTEAU

Domaine M. Boutin 2022

Rasteau

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, juicy and gourmand. It expresses notes of dried morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, fresh morello cherry, chocolate prunes and crème de cassis in the background, combined with notes of liquorice, dried wild mint, toasted almond, fresh rosemary, rosemary in syrup, fresh thyme, as well as white pepper, nutmeg, roasted coriander seeds and dried violet. The palate is gourmand, juicy, with a fruity attack and gripping, but velvety, powdery and cocoa tannins. We also find the flavors of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, crushed wild strawberry, black plum, blackberry, chocolate prunes, as well as dried rosemary, dried thyme, roasted aromatic herbs, and a savoury spiciness (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg). The texture on the palate is silky and filling, with a slight sweetness and a hint of chocolate. The finish is juicy, gourmand, with a good level of acidity and a touch of dried herbs.

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

Domaine la Buissonnade Gusta 2021

Rasteau

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity and spicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, dried blackcurrant, fresh black plum (with a hint of prunes), cherry in kirsch, red cherry jam, combined with notes of dark chocolate, white pepper, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon in the background. We also find a hint of violet, tobacco, licorice, garrigue and roasted aromatic herbs. The palate is rich, robust and spicy. The spicy flavors reflect the aromas: we find nutmeg, clove, dried vanilla, liquorice and white pepper, combined with notes of dark chocolate, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, strawberry crushed wood, raspberry coulis, kirsch in the background and cherry stone. The tannins are firm, but very fine and silky. The finish offers a salivating acidity, an elegant hint of violet, liquorice and a herbaceous touch of tobacco, garrigue and dried mint. A powerful and sunny wine, but refined and elegant, with a balanced alcohol level.

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

Rhône

Domaine la Buissonnade Envol 2021

Rasteau

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is warm, fruity and chocolatey. It expresses the aromas of ripe morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, black plum, a touch of prunes, crushed wild strawberries and a tangy touch of raspberry jam, combined with enveloped spicy notes (liquorice, a hint of vanilla and cumin), toasted hazelnut, a fine mineral touch of dry stone, as well as aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, rosemary, dried bay leaf), as well as a hint of violet and dry pine needles. The palate is juicy and gourmand, warm and enveloping, but straight and fresh, thanks to a salivating acidity and a firm tannin structure. We find the gourmand flavors of ripe morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, black plum, red plum, wild strawberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg), aromatic herbs (rosemary, roasted thyme, dried bay leaf, a touch of dried mint), violet, toasted wood and toasted almond in the background. Good persistence in the mouth, the acidity is fresh and salivating, the tannic texture is firm, but fine. Elegance and tension.

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

Domaine des Deux Rivières 2022

Rasteau

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers limestone and saline mineral notes, combined with precise aromas of Mediterranean herbs – fresh bay leaf, rosemary, garrigue, thyme, a touch of sage in the background. After aeration, herbaceous notes become more pronounced (we also sense a hint of menthol and dill in the background) and combine with notes of black plum, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, strawberry, red cherry, as well as violet, peony and a hint of toast, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate offers a chiseled attack, with notes of tangy fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, red currants, crushed blackcurrant), combined with gourmand flavors of blackberry and black plum. Then, we find herbaceous notes (bay leaf, rosemary, garrigue, thyme), a hint of violet and torrefaction (coffee, toast, a touch of chocolate) and sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla). The acidity is salivating and fresh, the tannins are structured, firm, but fine and not dry. The persistence in the mouth is average, fruity. A pleasant wine, with a certain power.

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

VAUCLUSE RED

Domaine de Mas Caron - Vin de copains 2022

Vaucluse

(organic, 100% Caladoc) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and tangy, with pronounced aromas of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, fresh raspberry, tangy red plum and morello cherry, combined with touches of black pepper and liquorice in the background, as well as a floral touch. violet and lilac. The palate is surprising and different from the nose: silky, juicy and gourmand, even slightly sweet, due to an expressive flavor of chocolate morello cherry in the attack. We also find notes of crushed wild strawberry, ripe black plum, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis and fresh morello cherry, associated with notes of licorice, black pepper, dried violet and chocolate. The tannins are melted and velvety, slightly bitter and gripping, but not unpleasant. Beautiful roundness and gourmandise, lingering notes of morello cherry jam and dark chocolate. The acidity is supple and juicy.

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

Domaine de Mas Caron - Si j'ai envie 2021

Vaucluse

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and tense, but more open after aeration. It expresses notes of ripe black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, associated with a pronounced minty aroma (which appears after aeration), as well as notes of liquorice, roasted bouquet garni, fresh rosemary, dried thyme, violet, dried peony and dark chocolate. We also find a touch of wild mint, toasted almond, black pepper and coffee. The mouth is structured, straight, with power and concentration. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, black plum, dried red cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis and fresh wood, combined with a gourmet hint of torrefaction (coffee, dark chocolate, toasted almond), notes aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, fresh rosemary, dried thyme), as well as a fine spicy (liquorice, black pepper) and floral (dried violet) perfume. The finish offers the freshness of ripe and tangy fruits (morello cherry, black plum), savory notes of tobacco and spices (nutmeg, a touch of pepper), as well as good bitterness and refreshing acidity. Beautiful persistence with notes of roasted aromatic herbs.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

CÔTES DU RHÔNE RED

Les Chaux de Fontbonau 2018

Côtes du Rhône

(Organic) Beautiful, fruity, intense and concentrated nose that offers a small polished side, a nice grain, harmony as well as a certain fullness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild black berries and small notes of quite ripe morello cherry associated with touches of Madagascar pepper (Voatsiperifery), Sichuan pepper, dry local grove as well as a discreet hint of dried earth, infusion, spices and a very discreet minty hint in the background. The palate is nicely fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a fine mellowness, energy as well as a discreet airy side in its pulpiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cherry, purple pulpy plum and small concentrated black berries associated with touches of quite ripe redcurrants, spices, tobacco, local grove, dry earth as well as a subtle hint of pepper, graphene and fine hints of toasted/vanilla in the background. Tannins are sapid and tasty.

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

Domaine de Fontbonau 2020

Côtes du Rhône

(Organic) Beautiful, fruity, spicy, concentrated and deep nose that offers a nice and intense grain. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy plum and small notes of quite ripe/pulpy small red fruits associated with touches of violet, spices, camphor as well as a hint of local garrigue, pepper and spices/darkness. The palate is beautifully structured, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a nice sapidity in its definition, a certain purity of the fruit as well as width. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, pulpy/juicy plum and small notes of juicy-roasted small red fruits associated with a touch of crushed raspberry, hints of tonka bean,

garrigue, pepper as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted and almost caramelized. Tannins are velvety and supple. Good length. A hint of good bitterness/torrefaction on the persistence. A nice little mellow on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



GIGONDAS

Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Prestige 2021

Gigondas

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. Once opened, it expresses the aromas of very ripe fruit (black plum, blackberry, blackcurrant, wild strawberry, dried morello cherry in the background), a sweet hint of jam and fruit

liqueur (morello cherry jam, crème de cassis, plum cream), a slightly earthy touch of dry stone, Mediterranean herbs (garrigue, savory hint of dried and roasted bouquet garni), a delicate but textured and gourmand touch of sweet spices (liquorice, even star anise, juniper berry, slightly toasted cumin and coriander seeds, black pepper in the background) and torrefaction (bitter cocoa, dark chocolate, coffee, a very slight touch of toasted wood in the background), as well as dried wild flowers. The palate offers a tangy and chiselled attack, good bitterness and a generous and warming finish. We find notes of very ripe black plum, prunes in chocolate, even prunes in armagnac, morello cherry jam, amarena cherry, crème de cassis, as well as crushed blackberry and wild strawberry, associated with notes of toast, coffee, Mediterranean herbs (roasted bouquet garni, herbs of garrigue, a touch of hay), sweet spices (liquorice, black pepper, cumin) and dried wild flowers. The finish is full-bodied, with firm and structured tannins, but with a fine texture and a powdery hint of cocoa. Good persistence, on roasted fruit, balanced by good bitterness and fresh acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Le Souiras 2020

Gigondas

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose first expresses a pronounced aroma of cherry and kirsch, which loses its expression of alcohol and becomes more spicy and fruity after aeration. We find in particular the aromas of chocolate morello cherry, dried cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, blueberry jam and blackcurrant, associated with notes of liquorice, toasted wood in the background, caramelized almond, menthol, dried peppermint, dark chocolate, as well as black pepper in the background, a delicate touch of dried rose, as well as a refreshing salty touch, combined with aromas of roasted bouquet garni, roasted red cherry and smoke in the background. The palate offers volume and concentration, but with freshness, velvety and structured tannins, a slightly warming finish, but not with pronounced alcohol, as well as a rather supple acidity, but quite lively and balanced in the profile of the wine. We find notes of chocolate morello cherry, very ripe black plum, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry,

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strawberry and wood, as well as herbaceous notes of garrigue, dried mint, roasted bouquet garni, fresh morello cherry and blackcurrant, combined with notes of cocoa, bitter chocolate, a good bitterness of coffee, as well as spicy notes of liquorice, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds and a touch of toasted wood on the finish. Good persistence in the mouth, on fruit and dark chocolate, with a slight hint of kirsch.

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

Domaine du Pourra Antipode 2019

Gigondas

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers expressive and complex scents, with a dominant balsamic aroma on the first nose. Then, we find fruity notes of crushed morello cherry, black plum (with a touch of prunes), crushed blackcurrant, roasted red cherry, red currant jam, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, which brings flavor and freshness on the nose. We also find notes of fresh bay leaf, dried mint, rosemary, dry stone, as well as a salty mineral touch. The palate offers tangy fruits (blackcurrant, fresh black plum, morello cherry, fresh red cherry and roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, red currant jelly), combined with menthol notes (peppermint, a touch of menthol and rosemary) and mineral (a salty and rocky point). The tannins are powerful, with a fine texture, but drying on the finish. A lively and salivating acidity, as well as tangy red fruit flavors on the finish, helps balance their dryness. A powerful, tight and concentrated wine.

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

Maison Sinnae, Les Traverses 2022

Gigondas

The wine has a ruby red color of medium intensity. The nose offers juiciness and freshness of red fruits (red cherry, wild strawberry, red plum), a tangy side of black fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum), as well as a fine floral notes (violet, peony), herbaceous notes (bay leaf, thyme, fresh tobacco) and a touch of leather. The palate is gourmand, juicy, with a delicate sweetness in its ripe fruit flavors (griotte, wild strawberry, red chocolate cherry, blackberry, black plum). We also find notes of dark chocolate, roasted thyme, dry bay leaf, as well as violet and peony. The tannins

are tight and chocolatey, powerful, but not astringent. The finish is juicy, airy and gourmand, quite persistent and tangy. We find the powdery texture of tannins, touches of cocoa, blackcurrant in chocolate and tea leaf. A salivating acidity brings freshness and structure. Gourmandise and tension.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine du Gypse 2023

Gigondas

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers concentration, a certain depth and a rich fruity substance. It expresses the aromas of blackberry, morello cherry, black plum, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry and a hint of blackcurrant, associated with a touch of liquorice (even a hint of menthol in the background), cocoa, coffee and toast, as well as a mineral touch (dry stone), aromatic herbs and violet. The palate is warm, with generous fruitiness and a slight touch of kirsch in the background. The attack expresses notes of ripe fruit (crushed strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, a hint of crème de cassis and black plum), associated with notes of liquorice, toasted wood, prunes in chocolate, herbs, roasted aromatic herbs and liquorice. The finish expresses good acidity, which balances the alcohol level, as well as gourmet chocolate notes (morello cherry in chocolate, prunes in chocolate) as well as good bitterness. The tannins have a fine grain and a firm structure. Gourmandise, roundness, good integration of alcohol and a certain complexity.

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

VINSOBRES

Domaine Saint Vincent 2021

Vinsobres

(Grenache, Syrah) The wine has a brilliant ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose expresses concentration and density, but a little reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of roasted fruit (roasted red cherry, roasted red plum) and very ripe fresh fruit (morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum), associated with a tasty herbaceous side, which brings complexity to the wine (notes of roasted bouquet garni, dried Mediterranean herbs, a touch of garrigue), as well as dried violet, a peppery and earthy hint in the background, as well as a pleasant refreshing touch of bay leaf and eucalyptus. The palate offers volume, generosity and a fleshy and sunny expression of very ripe fruit, while remaining fresh. We find notes of blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, a hint of cherry cherry and prunes, as well as a touch of black pepper, dried violet and a herbaceous hint (bay leaf, roasted bouquet garni, garrigue), which we find at the end of the mouth. The finish is gourmand, quite persistent, slightly sweet (it completes the profile of the wine with discreet notes of dark chocolate). The tannins have structure and tension, but are fine and not drying, thanks to a salivating acidity and good bitterness. Lots of juiciness and gourmandise in this wine, which envelops a well-built structure.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Saint Vincent, Cuvée Saint Pierre 2021

Vinsobres

(Barrel-aged Syrah) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a lot of gourmandise, juiciness, even sweetness of ripe fruit. We find notes of crushed morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, red cherry jam, blackberry, wild strawberry, ripe black plum, chocolate prunes in the background, as well as dried blackcurrant, associated with savoury spiciness, gourmand hint of torrefaction as well as herbaceous aromas. There are notes of clove, liquorice (with a touch of star anise), ground cumin and nutmeg, as well as dark chocolate with mint, coffee and toasted bitter almond. There are also Mediterranean herbs, dried violet and eucalyptus. The mouth is silky, velvety and enveloping. The tannins have a very fine grain, but a tight structure, as well as volume and a certain power. The flavors are fleshy and sweet, with a noticeable flavor of chocolate. We find in particular the flavors of juicy morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, wild strawberry, dark chocolate plum, blackberry, as well as roasted bouquet garni, dried bay leaf and eucalyptus, dried violet, liquorice, ground cumin and nutmeg. Notes of torrefaction (toasted almond, coffee) appear in the finish. Good persistence with lots of flavors, delicate bitterness and a good level of acidity.

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



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PASSITO

Antonelli 2020

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, a slight intensity as well as a beautiful stretched side of the grain. There are notes of cassis jelly, crushed plum and small notes of spices associated with almost dry apricot touches, almost crushed Zante currant, sweet spices as well as a subtle aromatic herbs. The mouth is beautifully built, fruity, gourmand and offers a small fat, unctuousness, a beautiful acidulous, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed fig, dry apricot and small notes of cassis jelly associated with almost orange paste touches as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and chocolate. Good length. Beautiful definition and gourmandise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Scacciadiavoli 2020

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose offers a slight concentration and a slight rancio side. There are notes of fig, blackberry paste and small notes of jammed strawberry associated with slight touches of rancio as well as discreet hints of spices/ gingerbread. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers minerality, gourmandise, energy as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassis jelly and small notes of fruit paste associated with touches of grape jelly, redcurrant jam as well as dry apricot and spices, tobacco and balsamic. Beautiful gourmandise and finish. A subtle hint of black olive in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2015

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is aromatic, precise, beautifully-built and offers a certain varietal freshness, sense of place (local biotop) and spices. There are notes of crushed strawberry, redcurrant jelly and black cherry jam associated with touches of jelly cassis as well as a slight hint of purple fig as well as a hint of sense of place, violet and a discreet hint of spices. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers minerality, freshness, juiciness, a certain small tension, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, dried fig and small notes of dry apricot associated with a touch of fruit paste, a subtle almost roasted/ sweet pineapple hint as well as hints of toasted almond, fresh hazelnut and slight hints of sense of place. Sapid, chewy and gourmand tannins. A subtle hint of dark chocolate and rosemary in the background. Beautifully defined wine, gourmand, round, rich and beautifully balanced.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2016

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

Beautiful aromatic, complex nose that offers concentration. There are notes of jammed blackberry, jammed black cherry and small notes of purple fig associated with touches of quince paste, mandarin paste as well as a subtle hint of pineapple and spices. The mouth is beautifully fruity, gourmand and offers freshness, juiciness as well as a certain small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, raspberry paste, jammed cherry and small notes of citrus fruits paste associated with a floral touch, a subtle hint of balsamic as well as a discreet hint of black olive and toasted almond. Good length. Chewy tannins. Gourmandise. Beautiful acidity on the finish/ persistence that stretches.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2017

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose offers power, concentration and deepness, a certain complexity. There are notes of dried fig, orange paste and small notes of candied quince associated with slight touches of zests, a hint of strawberry as well as a discreet hint of spices and a hint of pepper. The mouth is beautifully juicy/ pulpy and offers gourmandise, tension in precision, a beautiful balance, a spherical side and energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried fig, dried apricot and small notes of fruit paste (orange, strawberry, blackberry) associated with a hint of lemon paste. Good length. Beautifully defined and gourmand. A slight tannic hint on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful persistence.

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

Terre de la Custodia – Melanto 2019

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise and mastery. There are notes of Boysenberry, dried cassis and small notes of candied small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, badian as well as slight almost liquorice hints and a subtle hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness,

suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, a certain tension, precision, straightness, structure as well as a bright/ juicy fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy red cherry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of candied strawberry associated with a touch of candied blueberry as well as a toasted hint, liquorice stick/ Zan and slight hints of chocolate/ cherry blossom.

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

Azienda Agraria, Moretti Omero – 2019

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a tense and balanced grain. There are notes of candied black cherry, fresh sweet pepper and small notes of wild cassis associated with touches of strawberry jelly, black berries jelly as well as slight hints of tobacco and a discreet almost sense of place hint (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, tension, a certain straightness as well as a tense and a bit tight grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry jelly, black plum jelly and small notes of candied cassis associated with a slight almost crushed fig touch, almost marmalada as well as a subtle hint of tobacco. Precise, frank and discreetly marked tannins. A subtle hint of clove on the persistence.

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

Cesarini Sartori – Semèle 2016

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

Beautiful, fruity, candied, gourmand nose that offers purity and a certain brightness of the fruit. It reveals notes of jammed cassis, blue plum jelly and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of fig, a hint of apricot, cigar/ tobacco and sweet spices. The mouth is beautifully fruity, gourmand, spherical and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision, a very beautiful definition of the matter as well as a certain richness but full of balance and mastery. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of redcurrant jelly associated with touches of apricot as well as a subtle hint of quince, marmalada, discreet mandarin and slight hints of chocolate, sweet tobacco as well as a small vanilla hint. Beautifully defined, aerial, round and all in gourmandise and flesh. A subtle power and a toasted/ torrefaction hint on the finish/ persistence.

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

Tenuta Colsanto 2016

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is fruity and offers a racy and stretched side. There are notes of blackberry, jammed raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with slight almost aromatic herb hints. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, a certain fat, a slight well-balanced sucrosity as well as a linear and stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jelly, apricot paste and small notes of roasted pineapple associated with touches of redcurrant jam as well as small notes of slight hints of tobacco, nutmeg, balsamic and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Good length. Discreetly marked tannins.

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

Le Thadee – Pio IX, 2019

Montefalco Sagrantino Passito

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise and a certain power. There are notes of jammed red cherry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of jammed black plum as well as a hint of Zante currant and dry fig. The mouth is beautifully juicy, gourmand, mineral and offers a jammed and acidulous side at the same time. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of jammed cherry, jammed redcurrant and small notes of dry fig associated with a touch of date, marmalade and a hint of dry apricot and tobacco. Darkness, concentration and a good definition. A tannic side on the finish. Sapid and chewy tannins. A hint of black tea and graphene in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

TREBBIANO SPOLETINO

Cantine Colle Ciocco – Tempestivo 2020, Spoleto Trebiano Spoleto DOC

The nose is aromatic, fresh, intense, deep and offers notes of local grove / noble varietal. There are notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of dried small white fruits associated with touches of fresh nutmeg, discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, beautifully mineral and offers structure, a slightly tight grain, tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of rosemary associated with touches of crunchy pineapple, ripe lemon, a touch of kumquat as well as subtle hints of racy minerality. Good length. Good persistence. A beautiful stretched side and a tannic side on the finish/ persistence. Purity.

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

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Cantine Colle Ciocco – Tempestivo 2021, Spoleto Trebiano Spoletino DOC

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers pulpiness, a beautiful racy side, sense of place (local biotop) as well as a beautiful mineral side. There are notes of quinte, pulpy white plum and small notes of quinte associated with touches of sense of place, rosemary, fresh sage/ fresh olive tree as well as discreet hints of dried zests. The mouth is fruity, elegant, precise and offers energy, a beautiful structure, a small straightness, a certain maceration/ concentration, a beautiful fat, roundness, suavity as well as a saline side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, white small fruits, dried mango, dried/ juicy pineapple and small notes of lemon blossom associated with slight hints of rosemary and small white fruits. Good length. Beautiful persistence. A subtle chew on the finish/ persistence. A discreet tannic side in its aromatic and structure on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – Tempestivo 2022, Spoleto Trebiano Spoletino DOC

Beautiful, elegant, aromatic, fruity nose, beautifully complex and aromatic and offers an orange peel side, dried quinte and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of ananas, honeysuckle and lemon blossom. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, matter, a certain small straightness as well as a well-mastered richness and structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of orange peel and fresh/ acidulous small yellow fruits associated with touches of ananas, a hint of apple as well as hints of rosemary and sage. Beautifully gourmand. A subtle almost saline hint. Beautiful matter and a gastronomic side. Beautiful roundness and harmony. An almost oceanic/ saline side in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Thadee – 128 Spoleto 2020 Trebiano Spoletino

(pre-phylloxera, maritato) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a sandy mineral side. There are notes of physalis, slight hints of mirabelle plum hints and small notes of beeswax associated with slight almost hay touches, dry zests and a discreet hint almost nutmeg. The mouth is mineral, fresh and offers a certain concentration in its fruit as well as fluidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow berries, physalis and small notes of quinte associated with butter touches, beeswax and a very discreet hint of salinity. Good length. A mineral structure.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Le Thadee – Fijoa 2022 Trebiano Spoletino

The nose is fruity, fresh and slightly textured. There are notes of mirabelle plum, quinte and small notes of ripe small yellow fruits associated with slight almost eucalyptus/ acacia hints and a discreet anised and spicy hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, a certain tension, a small fat as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed small yellow fruits associated with touches of beeswax, butter as well as a slight almost chestnut hint in the background. A subtle sapid hint. A discreet closed finish/ persistence.

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

MONTELFACCO ROSSO

Tenuta di Saragano – 2012 Montefalco Rosso

Beautiful fruity, deepness, fragrant nose that offers deepness as well as a beautiful chewiness and pulpiness of the fruit. There are notes of blueberry, pulpy wild strawberry and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with touches of thyme, olive tree as well as slight hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint of clove. The mouth is beautifully mineral, fruity, balance and offers freshness, precision, a certain roundness as well as a chewy and full grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of pulpy redcurrant associated with touches of fleshy/ juicy cherry as well as hints of black olive as well as a subtle hint of graphite and spices. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Arnaldo Caprai 2022 Montefalco Rosso

(15% Sagrantino, 15% Merlot, 60% Sangiovese) The nose is fresh, racy and offers a slight concentration, a beautiful grain and a discreet varietal side (in the background). There are notes of boysenberry, bright quetsche plum and small notes of sense of place (local biotop) associated with touches of olive tree, violet and badian/ very discreet anise. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, aciduly, a good

definition, a certain gourmandise, juiciness as well as a slight pulpiness/ juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, juicy/ fresh bigarreau cherry associated with touches of creamy/ fresh small fruits as well as hints of toast, tobacco and a hint of local grove/ sense of place. Good length. Beautiful finish/ acidulous and gourmand. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Scacciadiavoli 2022 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is spicy, racy and sincere. There are notes of spices, camphor and small notes of laurel tree berries associated with a touch of olive tree and slight hints of clove. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, juicy and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of juicy/ fresh purple plum associated with touches of sage, olive tree as well as slight hints of tobacco and nutmeg. Good length. A slight chewiness. Good work on the good bitters in the background.

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

Lunelli, Tenuta Castelbuono – Ziggurat 2022 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is powered and offers a certain intensity of the grain, a certain elegance as well as race. There are notes of boysenberry, wild purple plum and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of clove, dry plum and discreet hints of tobacco and dry olive tree. The mouth is fresh and offers minerality of the fruit, balance and a beautiful pulpiness/ juiciness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ bright purple plum, bright raspberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with almost fresh blueberry touches, fresh flowers, cardamom as well as slight hints of olive tree leaf. Sapid and chewy tannins. Good length. A very discreet coffee hint in the background.

A subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop)/ good varietal bitterness in the background.

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

Antonelli 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is spicy. It needs to be decanted. The wine needs time to set up. There are notes of dry blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of dry small red fruits associated with touches of balsamique, spices, a discreet hint almost rosemary and a discreet hint of camphor. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, racy and offers pulpiness, a linear side as well as a beautiful fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, bright cherry and small notes of pulpy/ bright Quetsche plum associated with touches of tobacco, nutmeg, a subtle hint of rosemary as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean. Fresh and sapid tannins.

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

Arnaldo Caprai 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is spicy and racy. It offers sense of place (local biotop / terroir), a hint of olive tree, rosemary and spices associated with an almost discreet cumin hint. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, a fresh frame, straightness as well as a tight structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, kirsched cherry and small notes of quite ripe plum associated with touches of balsamic, tonka bean and black olive. Chewy tannins. A subtle hint of rosemary/ sage and a slight chewiness on the finish/ persistence.

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

Benedetti & Grigi – Attunis 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is spicy, peppery and offers a certain power of the grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, rosemary and wild small fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of thyme. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a certain tension, precision, an acidulous frame as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, roasted-juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/ juicy purple plum associated with touches of badian, tonka bean, rosemary as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). Good length. Sapid and savory tannins. Beautiful freshness and minerality. A hint of toast on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bocale 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is aromatic, spicy, neat and offers a small tense side. There are notes of wild berries, laurel tree bays associated with touches of local grove, crushed cassis, blackberry as well as slight hints of camphor and black pepper. The mouth is beautifully fresh, beautifully defined / delicate and offers minerality, well-balanced, fresh frame, subtlety as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, pulpy/ fleshy cassis and small notes of acidulous purple plum associated

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with touches of crushed raspberry as well as slight hints of sage, rosemary, cherry blossom, blond tobacco and spices. A very beautiful minerality. Slight hints of tonka beans. Fresh, sapid and chewy tannins.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Colpetrone 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is fruity and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a slight concentration. There are notes of boysenberry, balsamic and small notes of wild small fruits associated with touches of tobacco as well as slight hints of spices and a very discreet hint of olive tree/ black olive. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers a fresh frame, aciduly, gourmandise, precision, tension, roundness as well as an harmonious side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes de sage, pulpy/ juicy small red fruits, bight plum and small notes of rosemary associated with floral touches, a hint of fresh blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint of clove and toast. Good length. Sapid and chewy tannins. Gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Terre de' Trinci 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is spicy and a bit tight. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of local grove, Penja pepper and small notes of black berries associated with touches of nutmeg. The mouth is beautifully-built, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight in its structure and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh cherry, fresh cassis and small notes of brigh plum associated with touches of violet, tobacco as well as hints of sense of place (local biotop) as well as a discreet hint of cardamom, camphor and tonka bean. Sapid and chewy tannins. Gourmandise.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tudernum – Fidenzio 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose offers a certain complexity as well as a chewy side. There are notes of wild berries, sage and small notes of fine spices. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, juicy and offers a fresh frame, tension as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of creamy plum associated with touches of racy minerality, hints of tonka beans, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of black olive and toast. Good length. Beautiful freshness and minerality. A textured side on the finish and a certain small concentration/ deepness. A kirsch and coffee hint in the background.

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

Le Thadee – Giulio II, 2019 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is racy, precise and offers a certain intensity as well as beautiful race. There are notes of wild cassis, rosemary and small notes of small local grove associated with touches of roasted strawberry as well as slight hints of cubeb pepper. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers pulpiness, a certain brightness, gourmandise as well as purity of the fruit. In the mouth his wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, bright redcurrant and small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of tonka beans, cardamom, a subtle hint of local grove as well as discreet toasted hints, toasted hazelnut and almond. Good length. Beautiful sapid persistence. Suppleness and roundness in elegance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Baldo – Volo del Falco 2021 Montefalco Rosso

The nose is fruity and offers a slight power as well as an easy to access side. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, fresh crushed wild strawberry and small notes of wild small fruits associated with a touch of pepper as well as hints of olive tree leaf. The mouth is fruity, easy to access and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh blackberry, juicy/ fresh raspberry and small notes of juicy/ fresh small fruits associated with toasted hints, tobacco and a hint of crushed almond. A slight salinity and a varietal hint in the background. Slightly closed/ sappy tannins.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Tenuta Baldo – Remigrante 2019 Montefalco Rosso Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a certain gourmandise, a certain power as well as a certain richness. There are notes of ripe cassis, violet and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of black cherry as well as a hint of Zan and a discreet hint of camphor. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers a certain concentration, pulpiness as

well as a beautiful freshness of the fruit in its flesh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ juicy black cherry, pulpy cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of balsamic, a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of clove. Fresh, slightly marked and slightly sappy tannins. Finish half dry half chewy.

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

Cantine Briziarelli – 2021 Montefalco Rosso

(En Primeurs) The nose is aromatic and offers concentration, precicion, darkness as well as a certain purity /concentration in finesse / elegance. There are notes of black cherry, black pepper and small notes of delicate rosemary associated with touches of roasted small red fruits as well as hints of infusion and a discreet almost thyme hint and camphor. The mouth is fruity, elegant, delicate, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers a beautiful juiciness, brightness / purity of the fruit, a beautiful pulpiness in finesse as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy black cherry, bright black cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of roasted bright small red fruits, subtle hints of camphor, sage as well as a subtle almost bitterness hint and torrefaction (good bitterness). Sapid, elegant and gourmand tannins. Beautiful work on the good bitterness. Beautiful silkiness and delicacy.

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

Tenuta di Saragano – 2018 Riserva Montefalco Rosso

Beautiful, elegant, racy, precise, powerfull nose that offers energy and intensity. A beautiful precise, fine, racy and intense grain. There are notes of wild cassis, wild red berries and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with touches of violet, graphite, nutmeg as well as slight hints of tobacco, a discreet almost fresh rosemary and sens of the place hint (local biotop). The mouth is beautifully juicy, gourmand and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a good definition, a certain power, a beautiful brightness of the fruit as well as a certain intensity. A beautiful elegant, precise, racy and frank grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, wild berries and small notes of wild red cherry associated with touches of Madagascar pepper, Sichuan, a saline hint, delicate and elegant hints of sense of place (local biotop) and a subtle smoky and toasted hint. Beautifully delicate and gourmand. Beautifully sapid and supple tannins. Beautiful play on the good bitterness on the finish/ persistence. Very beautiful persistence and subtly anised hint. After aeration, a subtle hint of crushed blueberry appears. Elegant, harmonious, delicate and racy wine. A « soft power » and elegant wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



Cantine Briziarelli – Rosso Mattone 2021 Montefalco Rosso Reserve

(En Primeurs) The nose is elegant, concentrated in finesse/ precision, stretched and offers power in elegance and refinement, precision and a beautiful spicy side. There are notes of bright black cherry, pulpy/ bright small blue plum ans small notes of roasted-juicy small red berries associated with slight mediterranean/ aromatic herbs hints, balsamic, a hint of grey pepper and a subtle hint of camphor. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers delicacy, an acidulous frame, a slight straightness, refinement as well as a beautiful elegant, aerial and velvet touch. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, blue plum and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of crushed cassis, slight hints of smoke, camphor, torrefied almond as well as a subtle almost laurel tree hint and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. Beautiful harmony and delicacy of the tannins.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Azienda Agraria, Moretti Omero – Faccia Tasta 2020 Montefalco Rosso Riserva

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration, a certain power, precision as well as a stretched side of the fruit. There are notes of wild cassis, fresh black pepper and small notes of wild small black fruits associated with slight hints of Zan, cassis and discreet hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of local grove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, tension, a certain precision, a certain concentration, a slight darkness as well as a graphite side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with touches of graphene, cacao as well as subtle hints of black olive and discreet toasted hint and discreet rosemary. Slightly powerdery and racy tannins. Suppleness and a certain delicacy on the finsh/persistence. A subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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Cesarini Sartori – Terre Bianche 2021 Montefalco Rosso DOC

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a mastered power and concentration. There are notes of wild cassis, thyme and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with touches of grey pepper as well as hints of wild berries. The mouth is mineral, fruity, balanced, beautifully defined, beautiful purity and juiciness of the fruit, matter as well as beautiful flesh of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, juicy/ pulpy wild raspberry and small notes of wild black berries associated with touches of thyme, rosemary, slight hints of olive tree as well as a subtle hint of Zan and fresh cubeb pepper. Precise, supple and discreetly tight tannins. A certain chewiness. Hint of good bitterness on the finish/ persistence. Sapidity and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Castelbuono, Carapace – Lampante 2021 Montefalco Rosso Riserva

The nose is fruity, frank and offers a certain small concentration as well as a beautiful floral and peppery side. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers freshness, brightness, a certain brilliance of the fruit as well as a very beautiful acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, juicy/ pulpy purple plum and small notes of bright/ acidulous cassis associated with toasted touches, blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint almost balsamic in the background. Racy tannins. Aciduly and freshness in the background. Good persistence.

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

MONTEFALCO SAGRANTINO

Azienda Agraria, Moretti Omero – 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

(Anteprimo, organic) The nose is fruity, racy and offers deepness, a certain concentration, precision and a certain purity in its power. There are notes of dense wild cassis, graphene and small notes of wild black cherry associated with touches of Zan, cubeb pepper and small notes of sage/ rosemary as well as subtle hint of tapenade and an imperceptible toasted hint/ vanilla. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, mineral, racy and offers a spherical side, delicacy in its energy, an acidulous frame as well as a good work on the good bitterness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild cassis, roasted/ juicy black cherry and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with herbaceous/ olive tree leaf touches as well as hints of rosemary, slight almost coffee hints and an imperceptible almost vanilla hint in the background. Suppleness and brightness of the fruit.

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

Agricola Mevante 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

Beautiful, fruity, powerful and « full of sun » nose that offers a small roasted-juicy side and a graphite side. There are notes of boysenberry, graphene and cassis associated with mineral touches, dense small black fruits, infusion as well as slight hints of badian and black olive. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced, vibrant and offers a mineral frame, gourmandise, juiciness, suavity, a certain concentration, precision, a roasted-juicy side as well as darkness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black plum, juicy cassis and small notes of dense/ juicy small black fruits associated with touches of graphene, Zan, smoke as well as a hint of cocoa and a discreet hint of olive tree leaf and torrefaction. Fresh and sapid tannins.

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

Antonelli 2018 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, velvety and offers a beautiful aerial side. There are notes of boysenberry, bright blueberry associated with touches of roasted-juicy red fruits associated with touches of smoke, badian as well as slight mineral hints and racy/ soil. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, vibrance, gourmandise, tension, precision, brilliance as well as brightness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, badian, tonka bean, badian and a discreet hint of anise on the finish. Chewiness and chew on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful sapidity.

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

Antonelli 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

Beautiful, fruity, powerful, velvety nose that offers power. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild cassis, dense blue plum and small notes of roasted wild berries associated with touches of black olive, smoke and a hint of graphene. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a certain minerality, gourmandise as well as a certain purity and brightness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy plum, bright cassis and small notes of juicy / pulpy cherry

associated with touches of crushed redcurrant as well as hints of chocolate, toast, tobacco and a hint of tapenade in the background. Good length. Beautiful acidulous and juicy persistence. A subtle saline hint in the background. Beautifully stretched on the finish.

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

Arnaldo Caprai – 25 Anni 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

(Sample) The nose is powerful and offers a certain intensity marked, currently by vanilla. There are notes of crushed red fruits, vanilla and small notes of pulpy blue plum associated with touches of smoke, blond tobacco as well as a hint of spices and a very discreet hint of local grove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, aciduly, a beautiful definition, suppleness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ juicy cherry, juicy/ bright cassis and small notes of fresh/ juicy blackberry associated with touches of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco and discreet toasted hints. Good length. A slight pulpiness of the fruit. Soft tannins.

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

Arnaldo Caprai – Valdimaggio 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fresh, powerful, racy and offers a fine, powerful and aerial grain. There are notes of cassis, rosemary and small notes of dry scrubland associated with touches of blackberry, balsamic as well as slight hints of camphor, black olive and tobacco. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, freshness, tension, a certain suavity, precision, brightness as well as brilliance of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy cassis, pulpy/ juicy purple plum and small notes of scrubland associated with touches of black olive, blond tobacco, chocolate and toast. Slightly chalky tannins. Good length. Good work on the good bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Arnaldo Caprai – Collepiano 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity, framed and precise. There are notes of boysenberry, sage and fleshy wild small fruits associated with touches of tobacco, racy minerality and a nice hint of spices. The mouth is mineral, fresh, fluid and offers a linear side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, crushed plum and small notes of roasted raspberry associated with touches of tobacco, black olive and a hint of moka. Good length. A subtle hint of vanilla. A hint of good bitterness and salinity on the persistence.

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

Bocale 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is powerful, aromatic, elegant and precise. There are notes of boysenberry, wild cassis and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of tobacco and local grove. The mouth is elegant, gourmand, juicy and offers brilliance of the fruit as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of bright/ pulpy small red fruits associated with touches of bright blue plum, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of laurel bay and toast. Good length. Elegance, finesse and a certain delicacy.

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

Di Filippo 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is aromatic, mineral and offers gourmandise, precision as well as a racy and controlled power. There are notes of wild blackberry, grey pepper and small notes of pulpy/ bright small fruits associated with touches of roasted strawberry, slight hints of olive tree leaf, badian as well as a hint of black olive and camphor. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, tension, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a certain deepness as well as a beautiful vibrance/ energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, roasted-juicy red cherry and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of racy minerality, salinity as well as slight hints of slight toasted hints and a hint of toasted almond. Good length. Freshness and minerality.

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

Di Filippo – Etnico 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is intense and offers power. There are notes of boysenberry, wild cassis and small notes of graphene associated with touches of wild small black fruits, local grove as well as subtle hints of blond tobacco, smoke and vanilla. The mouth is fresh, mineral, fruity, pulpy and offers beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, juicy/ pulpy blue plum and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of local grove, black olive, olive tree leaf and a hint of sage. Sapid and chewy tannins. Good length. Freshness and juiciness.

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

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Lungarotti 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is aromatic and offers a racy, varietal and spicy side. There are notes of wild cassis, laurel tree bay and local grove associated with slight touches of tobacco, sweet pepper and discreet toasted hints. The mouth is beautifully juicy, mineral and offers fruitiness, freshness, a beautiful definition, precision, tension, roundness, a melodious side as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy purple plum, juicy/ pulpy cassis and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of local grove, sage as well as slight hints of blond tobacco. Good length. A subtle almost mushroom hint, very discreet in the background.

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

Goretti 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is floral, racy and offers a certain small intensity, an intense, fine as well as slightly tight grain. There are notes of violet, sage and small notes of laurel tree associated with touches of small blue fruits, roasted-juicy morello cherry as well as slight hints of camphor and a subtle hint of sweet pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, suppleness, a certain harmony, a round/full side as well as a beautiful minerality that leads. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, juicy/ pulpy cassis and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with touches of fleshy/ quite ripe small fruits as well as slight hints of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of laurel tree/ sense of place (local biotop). A good work on the good bitterness. Hint of chocolate on the persistence. A subtle hint of mache on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Veneranda 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, intensity as well as a quite ripe side, even candied of the fruit. There are notes of blueberry, crushed cassis and small notes of candied strawberry associated with touches of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of crushed black olive. The mouth is beautifully-built, mineral, fruity and offers tension as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of crushed strawberry, hints of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco, smoke as well as slight hints of chocolate, toast and toasted hazelnut. Texture, chewiness, roundness, matter, gourmandise and fleshiness. Good length. A rich style that requires time. Chocolate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Thadee – Carlo Re 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose offers a certain power and a slight intensity. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of fleshy wild black fruits, undergrowth and small notes of roasted raspberry associated with a touch of candied redcurrant, plum blossom as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, cardamom and bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, pulpiness, gourmandise, a beautiful roasted-juicy fruit as well as a beautiful flesh/ mediterranean side of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ fleshy black cherry, roasted-juicy raspberry and small notes of crushed small black fruits associated with touches of vanilla bourbon, chocolate as well as toasted hints, sweet blond tobacco and vanilla. Good length. Beautiful length. Beautiful maturity (that is close with over-maturity).

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

Montioni 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is powerful and offers race as well as a raw side but in elegance. There are notes of wild blackberry, graphite and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with touches of pulpy blue fruits and slight hints of sense of place and tobacco/ undergrowth. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers gourmandise, a beautiful roasted-juicy brightness, a good definition, purity and a beautiful fullness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright morello cherry, bright cassis and small notes of bright/ juicy small blue fruits associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits, hints of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut, nutmeg and a subtle hint of kirsch on the finish. Chewy tannins.

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

Romanelli 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose offers a certain power as well as a grain slightly tight and discreetly dusty. The mouth is fruity, minerality and offers freshness, a patinated side as well as a certain small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, jammed cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, camphor as well as slight hints of laurel berries, smoke, moka and vanilla essence. Good length. Slightly chewy and gourmand tannins.

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

Scacciadiavoli 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is racy, elegant, well conducted and offers a certain deepness. There are notes of crushed strawberries, crushed raspberry and small notes of quite ripe small fruits associated with touches of tobacco, discreet hints of clove and a subtle hint of pepper. The mouth is mineral, fresh, fruity, linear and offers a certain energy as well as a slight crunchiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh purple plum, juicy/ fresh small red fruits and small notes of flowers associated with touches of tobacco, slight hints of olive tree leaf, black olive, toast and discreet hint of chocolate in the background. Good length.apid finish and slightly saline. Gourmandise. A subtle mache and savory tannins.

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

Tabarrini – Colle Alle Macchie 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is slightly closed. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of tobacco, pepper and small notes of ripe wild small fruits associated with touches of spices as well as a hint of local grove, almost a discreet faded rose petal hint in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy cherry associated with touches of quite ripe small red fruits as well as toasted hints, tonka bean, slight hints of laurel tree and a discreet hint of olive tree. A slight chew. Good length. Beautiful freshness and minerality. A subtle patinated hint in the background. Chewy tannins.

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

Tabarrini – Campo alla Cerqua 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is concentrated, spicy, peppery and offers a certain power. There are notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of badian, Zan and a hint of olive tree leaf. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, suppleness as well as a certain energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy wild cassis, quite ripe purple plum and small notes of wild cassis associated with touches of dried small red fruits as well as slight hints of balsamic, black olive, spices and black pepper.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Tabarrini – Il Bisbetico Domato 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a racy side and a certain small intensity. There are notes of sage, wild berries and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of pulpy cassis, Cubeb pepper as well as a hint of olive tree and dry soil. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fresh/ acidulous frame, energy, a good definition, juiciness, brilliance as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, juicy/ pulpy cassis and small notes of bright redcurrant associated with touches of graphite, sweet blond tobacco, chocolate as well as slight hints of vanilla, toasted hazelnut as well as discreet almost iodine and sense of place hints (local biotop). Beautiful chewiness. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

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

Tenute Valdo – Prede del Falco 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is racy and offers a certain power, a graphite side, a racy and intense grain. There are notes of camphor, Boysenberry and small notes of roasted small fruits associated with touches of local garrigue and a hint of balsamic and spices. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, a certain chewiness, brightness of the fruit as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, fleshy/ creaminess plum and small notes of bright raspberry associated with a touch of chocolate, black



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olive and a toast. Good length. Savory, chewy and discreetly marked tannins on the finish. Notes of chocolate on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful gourmandise and chewiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Lunelli, Tenute Castelbuono, Carapace 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is powdery and offers an aerial side. There are notes of Boysenberry, concentrated purple plum and small notes of dense small red fruits associated with touches of local small flowers, sens of place (local biotop) as well as hints of smoke and vanilla. The mouth is mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers energy, a good definition as well as a certain juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of bright small plum associated with touches of badian, black olive as well as slight hints of bigarreau cherry, vanilla and toast. Good length. Beautiful sapidity and freshness. Beautiful persistence.

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

Terre de' Trinci 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild flowers, morello cherry and small notes of kirsched small fruits associated with touches of dense quetsche plum as well as slight hints of tobacco and spicy. The mouth is beautifully mineral, fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful delicacy / freshness in its power, straightness, a racy grain, deepness as well as a certain small powdery. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ fleshy black cherry, pulpy/ fleshy purple plum and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of roasted-juicy raspberry as well as hints of camphor, tonka bean and vanilla. A strong polished / patinated side in the mouth/ on the finish. Quite ripe style. Slightly marked tannins.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Terre di San Felice – Vinum Dei 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose offers a certain power, concentration as well as a beautiful finesse and intensity of the grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, pepper and small notes of wild cassis associated with touches of spices, a hint of darkness as well as discreet hints of dry local soil, olive tree leaf and sweet tobacco. The mouth is beautifully built, fruity and offers a beautiful freshness / minerality, energy, a certain purity, a good definition, a slightly powdery texture as well as beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, bright quetsche plum and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of crushed strawberry, chocolate / tonka bean, black olive, toast as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop), graphene and toast. Beautiful persistence. Sapid and savory tannins. Beautiful definition and gourmandise. Beautiful persistence and work on the good bitterness. Beautiful texture and chewiness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Castelbuono, Carapace 2004 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is elegant, precise and offers an aerial as well as melodious side. There are notes of boysenberry, quite ripe wild small fruits and small notes of balsamic associated with slight hints of sweet pepper, spices and a subtle hint of undergrowth. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers minerality, freshness, roundness in freshness, matter with an aerial side as well as a certain concentration in precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of dried wild small fruits associated with a touch of undergrowth, mushroom as well as hints of tobacco and a discreet hint of truffle/ clove. A hint of graphene, salinity and pepper in the background. Good length. Sapid, discreetly closed and chewy tannins.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Tenuta Colsanto 2015 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is spicy and offers a certain mastered power, a slight concentration, a certain intensity as well as an aerial and linear side. There are notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe plum and small notes of quite ripe small black fruits associated with touches of spices and a hint of tobacco and wood/smoke. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain tension, precision, an acidulous frame, a certain concentration, a discreet tight side as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe black plum and small notes of juicy/ pulpy wild small black fruits associated with a touch of pepper, a discreet hint almost warm local grove as well as a slight hint of tobacco. Good length. Sapid and chewy tannins. Good gourmandise. A discreet sappy hint. Good work on the good bitterness.

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

Tenuta Colsanto 2017 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity and offers power, a certain intensity, a beautiful deepness, a

certain finesse and mastery in its power. There are notes of wild cassis, concentrated black plum and small notes of black berries associated with touches of rosemary, bigarreau cherry as well as a very discreet hint of black pepper and an imperceptible almost eucalyptus hint in the background. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a certain tension, precision as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, concentrated black plum and quite ripe (almost roasted) red berries (a mediterranean side in the fruit) as well as hints of pepper, slight hints of olive olive tree leaf and black olive. Beautiful work on the good bitterness. Torrefaction in the background and a small chewy side. A subtle almost camphor hint in the background.

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

Tenuta Colsanto 2007 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain deepness, a beautiful definition as well as a certain density. There are notes of boysenberry, quite ripe small wild fruits, a hint of Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of camphor, undergrowth and a subtle almost sage hint. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, finesse, delicacy as well as a beautiful controlled and precise power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, quite ripe cassis and small notes of dried small fruits associated with touches of undergrowth, a subtle hint of smoke, camphor as well as a hint of torrefied almond. Good length. Sapid and chewy tannins. Powerful, stretched and balanced finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Colsanto 2005 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is racy, frank and offers a stretched side, delicately spicy/ peppery as well as a powdery hint. There are notes of patinated small fruits, camphor and slight hints of undergrowth associated with a slight spicy hint, almost sage, rosemary and a hint of cigar box. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a linear side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quite ripe black cherry, dried blackberry and small notes of dried small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, tobacco as well as slight hints of cigar box. Discreetly tight tannins. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Briziarelli – 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is beautifully spicy, aromatic and offers a certain fullness as well as a varietal side. There are notes of boysenberry, wild red berries and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with varietal touches, slight hints of black olive, delicate vanilla as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful delicacy and onctuousity with an aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of bourbon vanilla as well as slight hints of crushed/ roasted strawberry as well as subtle almost small blue fruits hints as well as a hint of tobacco. Delicacy and gourmandise. A small chew. Tannins need time to polish. A slight hint of chocolate in the background/ bitterness of the cocoa.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Le Thadee – Carlo Re 2018 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, a roasted-mediterranean side of the fruit, a racy side, a slight intensity as well as a sense of place (local biotop). There are notes of pulpy black plum, chocolate and small notes of roasted black cherry associated with touches of cassis (discreetly jammy) as well as slight hints of tobacco, Zan and black olive. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers concentration, darkness, roundness, fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed black plum, roasted black cherry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of black olive, chocolate, toast as well as slight hints of camphor and Bourbon vanilla. Good length. Slightly chewy tannins. A good hint of good bitterness and torrefaction on the finish. Freshness. Hints of kirsch and balsamic on the finish/ persistence.

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

Terre de la Custodia – Exubera 2017 Montefalco Sagrantino

The nose offers power, intensity and concentration. There are notes of dense wild cassis, roasted herbs and small notes of black berries associated with touches of violet, fine hints of black cherry, hints of wild red berries as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, black olive and discreet hints of dry soil. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a small unctuousity, roundness, matter in precision, an acidulous frame, precision as well as a certain tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes

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of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, fleshy/ juicy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of roasted-juicy small red fruits, slight hints of black olive, laurel as well as a discreet hint of torrefaction, dark chocolate and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Suppleness, softness and balance. Freshness. A slightly powdery, textured grain in the mouth. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2016 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers power, concentration in precision, deepness as well as a beautiful spicy/ truffle character. There are notes of fresh Madagascar pepper, quite ripe wild strawberry and small notes of dense blue fruits associated with touches of olive tree, rosemary/ sense of place (local biotop) as well as discreet iodine hint and a subtle hint of graphene and toast. The mouth is beautifully fruity, beautifully marked by its terroir and offers juiciness, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, minerality, precision, tension, a beautiful suppleness as well as roundness in delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of concentrated boysenberry, roasted-fresh raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of graphite, toast, salinity as well as graphene, discreet hints of cardamom, black olive and a subtle saline hint. Beautiful work on the good bitterness. Supple and chewy tannins. Beautifully supple, fresh, mineral and elegant wine. A beautiful aerial, powerful and delicate side at the same time. Beautiful sapid persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2017 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers complexity, power, delicacy, intensity as well as a beautiful velvety side. There are notes of wild blackberry, wild small black fruits and small notes of dried wild strawberry associated with touches of pepper, rosemary as well as slight hints of cornflower, graphene, sweet spices and a subtle hint of medicinal herbs. The mouth is beautifully juicy, pulpy, gourmand and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain brightness, deepness, concentration in precision as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, dense small black fruits and small notes of roasted-juicy raspberry associated with touches of roasted-pulpy small fruits, hints of vanilla, toast, rosemary as well as a subtle saline hint and a hint of toasted hazelnut and a very discreet almost truffle/ grove hint. Beautifully defined and gourmand.

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

Cantine Colle Ciocco – 2018 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is aromatic, fruity, beautifully racy and offers power, a certain deepness, intensity as well as some spices. A beautiful juicy/ pulpy small side. There are notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of juniper berries associated with touches of black pepper, roasted thyme as well as slight hints of balsamic, spices, black olive and a discreet grill hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an aerial side, elegance, balance as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / pulpy cassis, dense / concentrated small black berries and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of black olive, slight hints of flowers, rosemary, olive tree, graphene as well as mineral / saline hints and slight hints of chocolate. Good length. Chewy, sapid and elegant tannins. Richness and power but beautifully balanced.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Azienda Agraria, Moretti Omero – Vigna Lunga 2019

Montefalco Sagrantino

(organic) Beautiful fruity nose that offers a certain pulpiness, power, a certain intensity and gourmandise. There are notes of boysenberry, pulpy wild small fruits and small notes of pepper associated with touches of dried black cherry as well as hints of liquorice stick, dried flowers and a discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, tension, power in precision, a certain straightness, deepness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of dense small fruits, camphor, pulpy/ fresh plum, graphene, toast, torrefaction as well as slight hints of sense of place, black olive and a hint of black tea. Precise, racy and relatively powerful but mastered tannins. Juiciness, freshness and gourmandise. Un good work on the good bitterness on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Tenuta Baldo 2021 Montefalco Sagrantino

(Vineyard Pietrocaia) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a good definition, a velvety side as well as a fine grain. There are notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits associated with touches of Zan and a hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful pulpiness/ juiciness, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, a beautiful texture in delicacy, silkiness as well as matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ pulpy cherry, roasted small red fruits and small notes of bright cassis associated with a touch of quetsche plum as well as hints of chocolate and a hint of tobacco.

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

Tenuta Baldo – Preda del Falco 2019 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain brightness as well as gourmandise. There are notes of pulpy/ fresh cherry, bright wild red fruits associated with touches of blackberry, hints of pepper as well as a discreet hint almost fresh in the background and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a slight tension and a small roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fleshy/ fresh cherry associated with a touch of local grove as well as a discreet hint of sweet pepper and chocolate.

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

Tenuta Baldo – Preda del Falco 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is mineral and offers some fruit and sharpness. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed black plum and a touch of crushed cherry associated with slight hints of olive and chocolate. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, tension, a certain unctuousity, fat, darkness as well as a certain gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, crushed black plum and small notes of chocolate associated with touches of vanilla as well as slight hints of black olive and soil/ ground. Good length. Slightly marked tannins.

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

Tenuta Castelbuono – Carapace 2020 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

(En Primeurs) The nose is fruity and offers matter, harmony, an aerial side, deepness as well as intensity in precision. There are notes of concentrated boysenberry, dense small black fruits and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of violet, plum blossom, tonka bean as well as very discreet hints almost balsamic and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is beautifully juicy/ pulpy and offers brightness, gourmandise (full of finesse), precision as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of juicy/ bright red berries associated with touches of plum as well as slight hints of balsamic, discreet blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint almost sage (in the background). Good length. Chewy and savory tannins. Finesse in its power, in its structure and its definition.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Castelbuono – Carapace 2019 Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful brilliance, a melodious, captivating side, precision as well as a certain complexity. There are notes of bright blackberry and bright redcurrant associated with touches of crushed cherry, slight touches of cherry blossom, crushed small fruits, a subtle fresh balsamic hint as well as a delicate hint of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of laurel. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, fresh, mineral, gourmand, beautifully delicate as well as aerial in its pulpiness/ in its brightness. In the mouth this wine expresses

notes of pulpy/ juicy cherry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of badian associated with touches of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, a subtle almost fresh fig hint as well as discreet hints of vanilla, sweet blond tobacco and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. Beautiful chewiness and sapidity on the finish/ persistence. A subtle hint of tonka bean. Very discreet stretched and acidulous persistence.

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



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Tenuta Castelbuono, Carapace – Carapace Lungattesa 2017

Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is elegant and offers complexity, a certain intensity and a certain power in mastery, beautifully precise and defined. Benefits from being carafed. There are notes of bright cherry and roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with slight touches of purple plum, discreet hints of Zan, sweet blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint of black olive and nutmeg. The mouth is beautifully supple, suave, fresh, delicate, harmonious and offers an unctuous and fresh side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, fresh/ acidulous blueberry and small notes of creamy cassis associated with touches of cornflower, graphite, chocolate, toast as well as a subtle hint of cardamome, a small infusion and bourbon vanilla. Beautiful finish with a subtle varietal hint/ sense of place (local biotop). A very discreet hint of balsamic in the background. Good length. Beautiful acidulous and fresh persistence.

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

Tenuta Castelbuono, Carapace 2011

Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG

The nose is elegant, fresh and offers deepness as well as a slightly rougher but delicate side. There are notes of wild dry cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of local dry soil as well as slight hints of spices, a discreet hint of tea and undergrowth. The mouth is beautifully fresh, precise, gourmand, stretched and offers width, elegance in its « raw » side, a fresh frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy plum associated with touches of roasted red berries as well as hints of tonka beans, undergrowth and a subtle almost mushroom tint. Good length. A subtle hint of balsamic. Slightly marked tannins. Very discreetly tight finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta di Saragano – 2007

Sagrantino di Montefalco

The nose is nicely subtle, beautifully velvety, delicate, full of emotion, nicely deep and offers a certain fleshiness of the fruit, complexity, delicacy, harmony as well as a nice polished side in its power. It's a beautiful and delicate caress to the nose. There are notes of ripe wild blueberry, ripe/pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of roasted-ripe wild wild strawberry (but full of control) associated with a touch of graphite, cubeb pepper, penja pepper as well as delicate hints of violet, almost jammy berries, a subtle hint of rosemary, delicate sage and a subtle hint of graphene/local dry soil. An imperceptible hint of truffle in the background. The palate is nicely velvety, delicate and bright (and subtle at the same time), full of precision / delicacy and offers a nicely polished/controlled power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, polished red berries associated with touches of violet, graphite, pulpy/juicy violet plum, hints of pepper, blueberry as well as fine hints of salinity, tonka bean/cocoa, tobacco, cardamom, discreet hints of nutmeg, toasted almond and a subtle hint of pepper. The finish is nicely delicate, velvety and powerful (polished and harmonious). Tannins are sapid, racy, integrated and velvety. A discreet hint of black olive in the background and a very discreet hint of torrefaction on the aftertaste/persistence. Beautiful length. A very beautiful, racy, deep, gourmand and delicate persistence. A very nice work on the good bitterness of cocoa. Congratulations !

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Cesarini Sartori – Villarode 2016

Montefalco Sagrantino

Beautiful elegant, racy, power, refined nose that offers a certain delicacy as well as a certain intensity. There are notes of wild blackberry, smoke and small notes of ripe wild small fruits associated with touches of pepper, slight hints of laurel bays as well as nutmeg, discreet hints of Zan/ badian. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, an aerial side, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, racy power as well as a beautiful energy/ vivacity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with touches of pepper, laurel berries as well as slight toasted hints and black olive. Beautifully mineral finish. Precise, racy and frank tannins. Good length. Beautiful work on the good bitterness on the finish/ persistence.

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

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Cesarini Sartori – La Randa 2021

Umbria IGT

Beautiful aromatic floral nose that offers a certain power and delicacy (at the same time), complexity and freshness. There are notes of mirabelle plum, pulpy yellow peach associated with touches of quince as well as hints of fresh rosemary, fresh/ ripe small yellow berries and slight hints of fresh sage. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition, precision as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, pulpy kumquat and small notes of fresh apricot associated with touches of fresh rosemary, fresh aromatic herbs as well as a hint of honeysuckle, almost a subtle hint of olive tree leaf. Beautiful salinity and an imperceptible almost tannic hint on the finish/ persistence. Aromatic, beautiful fat, round, technic and precise wine. A subtle almost straw hint in the background.

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

Le Thadee – Costasecca 2019

Umbria IGT

The nose is fruity and offers precision and opens delicately. There are notes of pulpy wild black cherry, bright red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of sweet pepper, a subtle hint of olive tree as well as a subtle hint of Zan and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, a certain delicacy as well as silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy black cherry, pulpy cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy black cherry, pulpy cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with touches of tobacco, cardamom, a hint of black olive and a subtle tonka bean/ toast hint. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cesarini Sartori – Peperosa 2023

Umbria IGT

(rosé) The nose is fruity and delicate and offers a slight power. There are notes of candied raspberry, bright morello cherry and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of fresh/ ripe small yellow fruits as well as slight hints of rosemary and a hint of violet and english candy. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity/ sapidity, an acidulous frame, precision, tension, freshness, straightness and a beautiful as well as precise technique. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy cherry, pulpy/ juicy raspberry and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of crushed small white fruits as well as a subtle hiny of peach, verbena and mandarin blossom. Good length. Suppleness, roundness and a good definition. Beautiful sapidity, a tannic hint and chew on the finish/ persistence.

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

Cantine Briziarelli – Anthaia 2022

Umbria IGT

(rosé) The nose is beautifully clear, gastronomic and offers a textured side. There are notes of apricot, nectarine and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of orange blossom. The mouth is beautifully conducted, fruity, balanced and offers a fresh frame, a textured side as well as racy, tannic and full of balance structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/ bright small yellow fruits associated with touches of physalis as well as slight hints of flowers, very discreet almost maceration hint as well as a subtle saline and mineral hint. A tannic hint that brings a gastronomic touch.

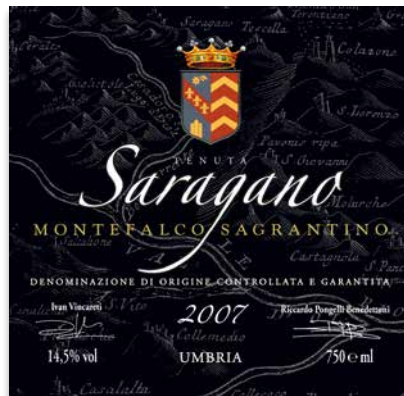
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta Colsanto – Cantaluce 2019

Umbria IGT

The nose is beautifully fruity and offers a well-controlled (and wanted) oxidative side as well as a certain richness of the fruit. There are notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with touches of crushed small white fruits, a discreet hint of beeswax and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise as well as a beautiful salinity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of crushed small yellow fruits associated with touches of saline minerality as well as slight toasted hints, nutmeg, beeswax and a discreet hint almost quite ripe pineapple. Good length. A subtle tannic hint on the finish/ persistence.

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



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Tenuta Colsanto – Cantaluca 2021 Umbria IGT

(En Primeurs) The nose is beautifully conducted, fruity and offers a beautiful texture. There are notes of quinte, yellow peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of nutmeg, spices, a very discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop) as well as a discreet hint almost pineapple and toasted almond. A imperceptible influence of aromatic herbs in the background. The mouth is beautifully juicy, bright, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers minerality as well as a crystalline side of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright quinte, pineapple and small notes of ripe/ juicy apricot associated with touches of bright mirabelle plum as well as almost rosemary hints in the background. Good length. A subtle almost tannic and saline hint in the background. An imperceptible hint of beeswax.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Cantine Briziarelli – Sua Signoria 2023 Umbria IGT

The nose offers a beautiful freshness on the first nose, fruit, a certain richness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful flesh of the fruit. There are notes of mirabelle plum, juicy/ fresh yellow peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of zests, discreet hints of sense of place (local biotop), as well as slight hints of spices and very discreet varietal hints. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers fat, roundness, unctuousity in freshness, an aerial side, gourmandise, finesse, a buttery side as well as a beautiful batonnage. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of yellow peach associated with touches of fleshy apricot as well as slight hints of rosemary. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in the structure and in the aromas. Beautiful freshness. A subtle iodine hint on the persistence. Burgundian accents in the approach.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cesarini Sartori – Benozzo 2020 Umbria IGT

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a beautiful racy and mastered power. Beautifully marked by its terroir. There are notes of pulpy black cherry, violet and scrubland/ local grove associated with touches of Zan, slight almost fresh coffee hints and balsamique. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, freshness, tension, precision as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of grove/ local scrubland associated with touches of laurel, small red fruits, hints of balsamic as well as discreet almost anise hints and slight toast hints. Racy, chewy and sapid tannins.

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

Tenuta di Saragano – Eliette 2023 Umbria IGT

(rosé) Beautiful, fruity, fresh, juicy nose that offers a certain brightness. There are notes of pulpy/ fleshy redcurrant, bright peach and small notes of lemon associated with touches of lemon blossom as well as a subtle hint of mandarin blossom. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fresh, acidulous and offers gourmandise, precision, a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy redcurrant, juicy/ pulpy cherry, zests and small notes of lemon associated with slight hints of mandarin blossom and a subtle hint of verbena. Good length.

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

Cesarini Sartori 2021 – Rossobastardo Umbria IGT

The nose is aromatic, beautifully racy and offers a certain intensity. There are notes of wild cassis, rosemary and small notes of crushed small red fruits, wild red plum associated with touches of cornflower, Zan as well as a hint of thyme and a subtle hint of spices and fresh tobacco. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain roundness, precision as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy morello cherry, juicy/ pulpy red plum and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with herbaceous touches, balsamic, slight hints of rosemary as well as a subtle hint of thyme and olive tree. Good length. Suave and sapid finish. Beautiful chewy and sapid tannins. Delicate and technique at the same time. Beautiful suppleness and texture. A subtle hint of Zan.

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

SPARKLING WINES

Terre de la Custodia – Sublimus, Gladius 2019 Metodo Classico

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers creaminess. There are notes of pulpy apple, fresh/ pulpy peach associated with touches of jasmine, crushed fresh small white fruits as well as discreet hint of white grapefruit and a subtle hint of fresh small yellow fruits. The effervescence is very dynamic, discreetly tight and fine. The mouth is

slightly creamy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh white peach, pulpy brugnon and small notes of pulpy/ fleshy apple associated with slight toasted touches, discreet hints of honey, toasted almond and a subtle saline/ iodine hint on the finish/ persistence. A subtle good bitterness and egg cream on the finish/ persistence. A subtle chew with toasted almond. Beautiful energy and vibrant acidity. A slightly chalky side (in the background) and fresh/ juicy apricot. Juicy, saline and slightly creamy persistence.

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

Azienda Agraria, Moretti Omero 2019 Metodo Classico

(organic) The nose is fruity and slightly chalky. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a well-conducted effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy peach, crunchy pear and small notes of fresh citrus fruits associated with slight touches of fresh/ juicy mirabelle plum as well as slight chalky and toasted almond hints. Good length. A subtle almost toasted hint in the background. A certain suavity on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

OTHER UMBRIA WINES

Terre de la Custodia – Plentis 2020 Montefalco Bianco

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight soft concentration. There are notes of quinte, ripe apricot and small notes of yellow peach associated with touches de nutmeg, fresh sweet spices as well as a subtle hint almost ripe olive, oil and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a small tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, pulpy yellow peach and small notes of pulpy yellow small fruits, a subtle oily hint as well as hints of fresh mushrooms and nutmeg. Good length. Precision and a linear side. A mineral side.

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

Terre de la Custodia – Farchioni, Merlot Riserva 2017 – Vigna San Martino, Colli Martani

The nose is aromatique and offers a certain small power as well as a slight concentration. There are notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of juicy/ ripe small black fruits associated with touches of red cherry as well as hints of graphene, spices and a discreet hint of varietal in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, freshness, aciduly as well as a certain tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy black cherry, bright/ juicy blackberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of purple/ bright black plum as well as hints of cornflower, badian, torrefaction as well as a subtle hint almost varietal. Discreet hint of torrefaction in the background. Good length. Suavity, freshness and a certain pulpiness. A slight darkness. A subtle powdery hint on the persistence.

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

Tenuta di Saragano 2022 Montefalco Bianco

The nose is fresh and offers some fruit, a zests side and a slight concentration. There are notes of fresh/ crunchy peach, fresh zests and small notes of ripe/ fresh lemon associated with discreet almost fresh kumquat hints and a very discreet floral/ lemon blossom hint. The mouth is beautifully juicy, pulpy, beautifully defined and offers suavity, energy and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy lemon, quinte and small notes of juicy/ bright peach associated with slight touches of crunchy apple as well as a subtle hint of fresh/ juicy pineapple as well as discreet hint of honeysuckle and a subtle almost verbena hint. Good length. Beautiful purity, elegnace, delicacy and harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Baldo – Figlio della Luna 2023 Bianco di Torgiano DOC

The nose is fruity and offers some flesh as well as a small seduction of the fat. There are notes of pulpy green apple, fleshy/ fresh white peach and small notes of ripe/ fresh apricot associated with grapefruit as well as discreet hints almost lychee. The mouth is fruity and offers fat, flesh, freshness as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, pulpy/ juicy peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of ripe grape fruit as well as hints of lychee and apple blossom. Good length. Toasted hints and crushed almond in the background.

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

Portugal

DÃO WHITE WINES

Carlos Lucas, Ribeiro Santo Encruzado 2023

Dão

The nose offers density, a slight sweetness and a texture. It expresses notes of very ripe pineapple (even roasted pineapple), golden apple, yellow peach, associated with lively herbaceous and vegetal aromas (in a good sense) – cut grass, cucumber, fresh thyme, as well as an expressive lemony aromas (lemon, lime, lemon zest, grapefruit). In the background, we also find notes of acacia, a very subtle woody touch (fresh wood), as well as a lactic hint (yogurt, butter). The palate is gourmand, enveloping, and offers creaminess and a certain volume. The attack is rich, fleshy, but not heavy. We find notes of crushed yellow peach, fresh mango, apricot, pineapple and pineapple yogurt, associated in the mid-palate with notes of fresh wood, vanilla, butter, acacia, lemon cream and refreshed by tanginess (yellow lemon, lemon zest), herbaceous (thyme, bay leaf) and vegetal (cucumber) notes, all in balance. The finish is persistent, on the fleshy side of stone fruits, balanced by a supple but fresh acidity and a touch of bitterness. A wine with volume and richness, all in balance.

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

Carlos Lucas, Vinha de Santa Maria, Cabanas de Viriato, Granítico 2023

Dão

The nose is refined, subtle and airy. It first expresses a perceptible, but delicate minerality (notes of dry stone, graphite), which then combines with aromas of freshly grated lemon zest, orange zest, grapefruit juice and green apple. After aeration, the wine expresses gourmand and sweet aromas of white peach, pineapple juice, crushed pear, as well as apple blossom and honeysuckle. We also find a slight salinity in the background. The palate is generous, round and complex, while remaining balanced. The attack offers notes of honey, hay, crushed yellow peach, pineapple, lemon cream, which are then completed by notes of candied grapefruit and its bitterness, apricot, hay and fresh quince (which brings a discreet tannic and tangy hint) The finish is long, mineral (dry stone, salinity) and chiseled thanks to lively notes of lime and green apple. A wine with complexity, tension and freshness, provided by a sharp acidity.

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

DÃO RED WINES

Carlos Lucas Ribeiro Santo Cimento 2021

Dão

The first nose expresses the aroma of pronounced dry stone and dry earth, which develops towards a concentrated fruitiness, which combines notes of fresh ripe fruit, jam and dried fruit. We find notes of blackcurrant jam, fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, dried red cherry, fresh black plum and dried plum, as well as a touch of dried mint and dried peony. The palate offers a very fine grain of tannins, a lively and salivating acidity as well as a tangy fruity side, with more fresh fruit than on the nose. We find notes of red cherry, cranberries, morello cherry, blackcurrant, wild black plum and dried cherry, completed by a mineral (dry stone) and floral (dried peony) touch. The finish is moderately persistent, chiseled and tangy, with good bitterness and a touch of dry bay leaf. A lively and straightforward wine.

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

Carlos Lucas Ribeiro Santo Reserva 2020

Dão

The nose expresses concentration, freshness, a distinguished minerality (dry stone, granite), as well as a herbaceous, toasted and spicy touch (liquorice). We also find aromas of juicy morello cherry, blackcurrant, dried strawberry, crushed blueberry, black plum and red plum, fragrant notes of peppermint and wild rose. The palate is silky, juicy and sapid. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, crushed blueberry, fresh peony, crushed raspberry, combined with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, mint chocolate and a fragrant note of fresh peony. The finish is persistent, slightly herbaceous (it notably adds touches of fresh tobacco and infused tea) as well as a good bitterness of cocoa and a toasted touch (coffee). The acidity is refreshing and lively. Good balance, a chiseled and tangy structure which defines its profile.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Carlos Lucas Ribeiro Santo Excellence Grande Escolha 2018

Dão

The nose is dense, fleshy and spicy, very aromatic. It expresses pronounced notes of sweet spices (vanilla, even a touch of cinnamon, liquorice with a very slight touch of star anise, cloves) and roasted notes (chocolate, coffee with milk), tertiary nuances (tobacco, undergrowth, faded rose), as well as a juicy and concentrated fruitiness (wooden strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum, red plum, crushed blackcurrant) and menthol notes (dried peppermint, menthol). The palate is chiseled and tangy, with a juicy and concentrated attack, with expressive notes of tangy fruits (tart red cherry, crushed raspberry, black plum, crushed blackcurrant, cranberry juice). In the mid-palate we find tertiary touches (faded rose, undergrowth) and some spiciness (liquorice, a hint of star anise, clove). The finish is quite persistent and offers good bitterness and salivating acidity, as well as slightly more expressive tertiary and toasted hints. A chiseled, tangy and lively wine, with nice complexity.

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

Taboadella 1255 Villae 2022

Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fleshy, juicy and complex, with minty, spicy and chocolate notes, which complement the rich and sweet fruit profile. We find the aromas of crushed morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, red currant jelly, black plum and fresh wild strawberry, combined with aromas of liquorice, black pepper, ground cumin, nutmeg, cocoa, as well as dried bay leaf, dried rosemary, roasted thyme and dried rose in the background. The palate offers freshness, tension, juiciness and airiness of fresh fruit. It expresses notes of fresh black plum, crushed blackcurrant, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh red cherry, strawberry, as well as a refined spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin), associated with a refreshing herbaceous hint (dried mint, bay leaf, rosemary), a note of cocoa and chocolate cherry, as well as a delicate minerality (dry stone), a hint of dried rose and a torrefaction (toasted hazelnut), which found at the end of the mouth. The tannins are powerful and tight, but have a fine grain. Beautiful freshness on the finish, thanks to a touch of menthol and a salivating acidity. A fleshy, powerful wine, but balanced and not heavy.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Taboadella 1255 Jaen Reserva 2021

Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density and juiciness. It expresses the aromas

of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), associated with notes of red cherry and red plum, a fragrant and airy floral side (peony, lilac, lily), a distinguished mineral framework (dry stone, granite, graphite), a bitter hint of cocoa and a delicate spicy side (liquorice, ground cumin, white pepper), as well as a hint of dried thyme. The palate is airy, with delicacy and lightness. It expresses notes of fresh red and black fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, blueberry, red plum), fresh flowers (peony, lily, lilac), mineral notes of granite and dry stone, as well as a spicy hint of licorice, white pepper and cumin. The tannins are enveloping, slightly drying, but silky and enveloped in a juicy fruity substance and a beautiful acidity. The finish is quite persistent, spicy, cocoa-like and slightly herbaceous (roasted thyme and rosemary).

Score : Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)/100)

Taboadella 1255 Alfrocheiro Reserva 2021

Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, accuracy and a tangy frame of fresh red and black fruits. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, red plum, cranberries, a hint of goji berries, raspberry and blueberry. The second nose offers a spicy, smoky aromas as well as a hint of torrefaction. We find notes of liquorice, nutmeg and white pepper, roasted meat in the background, a hint of wood (smoke, toasted almond, sweet coffee in the background), as well as a pronounced floral scent (rose, lilac, peony) and a herbaceous touch of fresh thyme and basil in the background. The palate is juicy, fruity and silky. It expresses notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crunchy sweet strawberry, goji berries in the background, blackcurrant, blueberry and red plum. We then find floral notes (fresh rose, lilac, peony), a touch of roasted meat and smoke, as well as aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, rosemary) and a mineral hint of granite. The tannins are structured, but silky, with a velvety texture. The finish is tangy and fresh, quite persistent.

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

Taboadella 1255 Touriga Nacional Reserva 2021

Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, slightly roasted, toasted and spicy. It expresses the aromas of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, red plum, red currants, associated with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary), sweet spices (liquorice, ground clove, cumin, fennel seeds), coffee, toasted hazelnuts and dark chocolate. We also find a floral touch of dried rose and peony, as well as a hint of granite in the background. The palate is juicy, enveloping, tangy, straight and tannic (but not astringent). It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, cranberries in the background, red currants, morello cherry and red plum, combined with notes of dried black plum in the background, smoke, toasted almond, chocolate with a hint of tobacco, aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf and dried mint), as well as sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, a hint of liquorice) and flowers (peony, dried rose). Beautiful salivating acidity, a very slight bitterness and gourmet notes of cocoa on the persistence. A delicate and airy wine.

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

Conde de Anadia 2022

Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, complexity and a savoury spiciness. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry coulis, red plum and black plum in the background, associated with spicy

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aromas (ground cumin, ground nutmeg, liquorice in the background, a touch pronounced cardamom). We also find floral scents of lilac, lily and peony, combined with a hint of dried almond and coffee in the background, as well as a touch of chocolate morello cherry, thyme and roasted rosemary. The palate is supple, juicy, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry in the background, strawberry, red plum, fresh black plum and chocolate prunes in the background. We also find an integrated and delicate spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg, cardamom), floral notes (lilac, dried rose) and torrefaction (toasted almond, coffee and dark chocolate in the background). The finish is savoury, subtly mineral (granite) and herbaceous (roasted rosemary, bay leaf), with a gourmet touch of cherry in chocolate and chocolate with mint, refreshed by a nice acidity. Beautiful concentration, fruity juiciness and freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Conde de Anadia Reserva 2017 Dão

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is expressive and complex. It first offers tertiary notes of tobacco, fallen leaves, wilted rose, hay and leather, associated with a touch of dried mushrooms, which combine with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), sage in the background, dried peppermint and eucalyptus. We then find spicy aromas (liquorice, a hint of star anise, nutmeg, cloves), roasted meat, as well as a concentrated fruity substance (notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, prunes, blackcurrant). Crushed, black plum and red plum). The palate in the attack expresses tertiary notes of wet leaves, wilted rose, wax in the background and dried mushrooms (with a touch of umami), then associated with notes of sweet spices (ground cumin, nutmeg, cloves, liquorice), torrefaction (toasted almond, toasted wood) and ripe fruit (fresh morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, black plum, prunes, crushed strawberry). The tannins are enveloping, even voluminous, velvety and silky, with a very fine texture. The finish is sapid, gourmand and chocolaty, with a salivating acidity and a good persistence on notes of morello cherry in chocolate, a tertiary touch of wet leaves and a spicy hint of cumin. A complex, refined, robust and airy wine at the same time, with great finesse and a high level of alcohol, well integrated and refreshed by a salivating acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

DOURO WHITE WINES

Vale D. Maria, Vinhos do Sabor 2022 Douro Superior

The wine has a pale lemon color, with green highlights. The nose is chiseled, aromatic and lemony, with a distinguished and expressive minerality (notes of graphite, a touch of saline and limestone). We find notes of lime, yellow lemon, fresh lime zest and green apple. After aeration, the wine reveals gourmand notes of white peach and apricot, as well as a floral touch of apple blossom. The palate is lively, with tension and gourmandise at the same time. The attack is chiselled and lemony (lime, yellow lemon, grapefruit with good bitterness), the mid-palate is enveloping and gourmand (it expresses the flavors of white peach and crunchy apricot), the finish is persistent, with salivating acidity, good bitterness, mineral (saline, graphite) and herbaceous (hay) notes. A fragrant, expressive and tense wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

DOURO RED WINES

Parcela de Luz, Inspired by Rocim 2021 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers fleshiness of ripe fruit. It expresses notes of crushed red plum, crushed raspberry, morello cherry and blackberry, a hint of dark chocolate, vanilla and chocolate cherry, as well as a touch of toast and dried rose. The palate is very gourmand, juicy and suave, with lots of flavors and a lovely freshness of fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry, wild plum, bird cherry, as well as touches of peppermint, fresh peony and cherry in chocolate. The tannins are fine and powdery, grippy in the mid-palate and finish. Beautiful juiciness, lots of fruit and gourmandise, combined with a well-built tannin structure and nice acidity. The finish also offers notes of cherry in chocolate and a hint of sweet tobacco. A pleasant, well-constructed wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Quinta da Boavista, Vinha do Oratório, Vinhas Velhas 2018

Douro

The first nose expresses the tertiary aromas of dried tobacco, undergrowth and roasted mushrooms (in the background), which are complemented by a gourmand spicy, jammy, fruity and chocolately notes, which appears after aeration. We find in particular the aromas of juicy morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, strawberry jam, crushed wild blackberry, as well as fresh peppermint, liquorice (with a touch of star anise), nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, with a roasted and lactic touch of coffee with milk, as well as a floral touch of fresh peony. The palate is juicy, fruity, enveloping, and at the same time tangy and chiseled. The tannins are powerful, but have a fine, powdery grain and are enveloped in a juicy and gourmand fruitiness. It expresses the flavors of crushed black plum, fresh morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, crushed raspberry in the background and blackberry, combined with notes of crushed peppermint, menthol, liquorice, nutmeg, as well as with gourmet touches of coffee with milk and dark chocolate. The finish is long and expresses tertiary notes of tobacco and undergrowth, associated with gourmandise of chocolate. The acidity is lively and salivating. Richness, complexity and depth.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Herédias Grande Reserva 2019

Douro

(130 year old vines) The nose expresses density and complexity, but requires aeration to express itself. We then find notes of crushed wild strawberry, morello cherry jam, blueberry jam, fresh morello cherry, blackberry and black plum, as well as an expressive menthol touch (menthol, peppermint), a fragrant floral bouquet (cherry blossom, fresh peony, fresh rose), a perceptible but delicate spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), a touch of toast, tobacco and balsamic in the background. We also find tertiary notes (undergrowth), faded rose) after aeration The palate is straight, structured, quite fresh. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, blackcurrant), a touch of red apple, as well as herbaceous notes (fresh tobacco, peppermint), spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg) and floral (fresh peony, fresh rose). The tannins are quite solid, but have a fine grain and are enveloped in a juicy fruitiness and a nice acidity. The finish is sapid, ample, juicy and at the same time – tangy and airy. It offers a beautiful fruit freshness, airiness, as well as a good bitterness. Good balance, persistence and controlled power.

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

Hungary

Vylyan Cabernet Franc 2020 Villányi

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. On the nose, the wine is discreet and requires aeration. It then expresses the aromas of dried strawberry, dried red cherry, dried raspberry, as well as fresh black plum and morello cherry in the background. We also find spicy notes: nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper, cocoa, a light touch of torrefaction (coffee), of dried mint, dried violet and dried rose. The tertiary notes (tobacco, damp leaves, leather) are very subtle and integrated. The palate has a silky and supple attack, with flavors of cherry and chocolate. We then find notes of wild strawberries, blackberries, morello cherries, raspberry coulis, a touch of prunes in chocolate, as well as spicy notes of cloves, liquorice, white pepper, a fine herbaceous and floral hint (dried thyme, dried mint, dried violet). The tannins are soft and sapid, with a firm structure, a fine grain and notes of cocoa. The finish is warming, flavorful and round: we find gourmand notes of ripe morello cherry and morello cherry in chocolate. Nice acidity, in balance with the profile of the wine.

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

Vylyan Pillangó Merlot Selection 2019 Villányi

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose requires aeration, and then offers concentration, accuracy and complexity. It expresses the gourmand and sweet notes of black plum, prune cream, prunes in chocolate, morello cherry, dried strawberry, crushed raspberry, combined with refreshing herbaceous aromas (peppermint, menthol), a touch of dark chocolate, torrefaction (toasted hazelnut with a touch of caramelized hazelnut, toasted bread), as well as a hint of liquorice, cumin, peony and lily. The palate is suave, but vertical and fresh at the same time, with firm, slightly grippy and bitter tannins. The attack expresses the tanginess of the fruits – we find notes of red cherry and raspberry, which are then completed by notes of ripe morello cherry, black plum, red plum and strawberry. We also find spicy touches of liquorice and cumin, a gourmet hint of chocolate (red cherry in chocolate, bitter cocoa), a touch of torrefaction (coffee, toasted hazelnut), flowers (peony) and a good bitterness on the finish. The acidity is fresh and salivating. Good persistence, with a velvety textured and notes of cocoa, which returns on the finish. A silky, deep and structured wine.

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

Vylyan Duennium 2015 Villányi

(Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Kékfrankos) The wine has a medium intensity ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose is complex and fragrant. On the first nose, we find tertiary notes of dry leaves, a slight touch of roasted mushrooms, dry tobacco, undergrowth (in the background) and dried red cherry. On the second nose, the aromas of fresh and roasted fruits appear – juicy morello cherry, red plum, roasted red cherry, a hint of blackcurrant, as well as a gourmet hint of crème de cassis, herbaceous notes of peppermint, blackcurrant bud (which brings freshness, and not a green aroma), sweet spices (liquorice, even star anise, nutmeg) and flowers (cherry blossom, lilac) and a delicate hint of torrefaction (sweet coffee, caramelized hazelnut). The palate is juicy and gourmand, with a fruity and airy attack and a tannic and tight mid-palate. We firstly find the notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, red plum and blackcurrant, which are then completed by a touch of dark chocolate, bitter cocoa, dried mint, liquorice, star anise, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut and lilac. At the end of the palate, we find delicate tertiary notes – undergrowth, dry leaves, dry tobacco and dried rose. The finish is rather persistent, juicy and salivating, with a lively acidity, which balances the tightness of tannins. Great complexity and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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GRECO DI TUFO

Benito Ferrara – Vigna Cicogna 2022 Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers an « explosion » of fruits (especially exotic). There are notes of quite ripe grapefruit, quennette and small notes of kumquat associated with slight hints of passion fruit, peach blossom, a discreet hint of verbena as well as a subtle hint of small yellow flowers and almost fresh beeswax hint. The mouth is juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an almost crystalline side, a sweet side and a beautiful fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe amalfitan lemon, crystallized mandarine and small notes of fresh lychee associated with touches of juicy/ fresh white peach as well as hints of peach blossom, verbena and a very discreet almost ripe/ fresh almond hint. Beautiful freshness. Quite ripe style.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Dell'Angelo – Miniere 2022 Greco di Tufo

The nose is fruity, aromatic, with a racy sense of place (local biotop) and offers a certain concentration, a fine grain as well as a certain brightness of the fruit. There are notes of explosive lemon and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of bright small yellow fruits as well as hints of olive tree, small yellow flowers and a subtle almost candied zests hint. The mouth is well-defined, beautifully acidulous, crispy, vibrant and offers a small fat as well as an enveloping side of fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, acidulous/ fresh kumquat and small notes of fresh (even crunchy) small yellow fruits associated with touches of fresh yellow flowers as well as discreet hints of olive tree, fresh laurel tree as well as a fresh almost beeswax hint. Good length. Beautiful freshness and definition. Acidulous persistence.

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

Claudio Quarta – Puddinghe 2022 Greco di Tufo

The nose is fresh, chiseled, stretched and offers a slight aerial side. There are notes of quite, ripe/ fresh small citrus fruits and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of yellow flowers and a subtle hint almost apricot and beeswax. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced, stretched and offers a mineral frame, straightness in precision, a beautiful guideline as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ ripe quite, juicy/ ripe amalfitan lemon and small notes of bright mandarine associated with touches of kumquat, juicy apricot as well as slight hints of peach blossom and discreet hints almost verbena. Beautiful fullness, definition and a slight vibrant side. An almost tannic side in its structure on the finish/ persistence.

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

Le Otto Terre – Tufonero 2022 Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain richness/ deepness of the fruit, an aerial and stretched side as well as a very fine maceration side. There are notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and small notes of beeswax associated with touches of dry mandarine zests as well as discreet hints of olive tree leaf, laurel as well as discreet hints of chestnut tree in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, energy, tension, vibrance, a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful definition, a small aerial fat as well as a beautiful influence of the maceration side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quite and small notes of dry mandarine zests associated with touches of mesocarp, crunchy brugnion as well as a subtle hint

almost ripe yuzu and discreet hints sense of place (local biotop). A subtle tannic hint (in the aromatic side) and ripe almond on the finish. Good length. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Torricino – Raone 2022 Greco di Tufo Riserva DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain gourmandise. There are notes of quite, peach blossom, small yellow flowers and small notes of apricot associated with touches of kumquat, slight hints of crunchy peach, yellow flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, a subtle hint of beeswax, chestnut tree and an imperceptible hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, energy as well as a slight electric/ energetic side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, quite and small notes of acidulous/ juicy kumquat associated with touches of bright yellow peach as well as a subtle almost dry pineapple hint, yellow flowers, beeswax as well as discreet hints of local garrigue/ yellow flowers. Good length. A good structure. A subtle almost tannic hint on the persistence.

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



Benito Ferrara – Vigna Cicogna 2008 Greco di Tufo

Beautiful fruity, deep, delicate nose and offers a slight intensity. There are notes of ripe berries, yellow flowers and small notes of clarified butter associated with touches of dry citrus fruit and a subtle almost laurel tree hint. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful intensity as well as a small controlled oxydative side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow berries, kumquat and small notes of yellow flowers associated with touches of fresh spices, clove as well as a subtle almost fennel bean hint, sage and almond. Good length. Beautiful persistence with a subtle almost fermented yellow apple hint. A very discreet tannic hint in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Dell'Angelo 2014 Greco di Tufo

The nose is stretched, slightly powdery and offers a certain complexity as well as a slight hint of medicinal herbs. There are notes of yellow apple, fennel bean and small notes of dry yellow berries associated with slight touches of spices, beeswax and laurel bean. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quite, juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of dried citrus fruits associated with dried orange zests, hints of fennel bean, medicinal herbs as well as a hint of small yellow flowers and almond. Good length. A

subtle hint of dried almond. Beautiful aciduly and sapidity on the finish/ persistence. A small freshness.

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

Le Otto Terre – 888, 2021 Greco di Tufo Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a full/ample side, gourmandise as well as a small textured side. There are notes of yellow apple, fresh toast and small notes of dried small white fruits associated with touches of yellow flowers, dry soil as well as a subtle fresh sage and a hint of clove. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a small fat as well as a small spheric side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy yellow peach, kumquat and small notes of crushed peach associated with touches of dried apple, slight hints of yellow flowers, fresh local garrigue, local soil/ volcanic as well as slight hints of dried almond and an almost sappy hint in the background. Beautiful juiciness and energy.

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

San Paolo 2017 Greco di Tufo

The nose is elegant and offers an aromatic side, a certain complexity as well as a slight multilayered side. There are notes of dried orange zests, dried flowers and small notes of fresh spices associated with a touch of bright kumquat, slight hints of clove, juniper tree as well as a subtle almost small yellow flowers hint and peach blossom. The mouth is beautifully pulpy and offers gourmandise, suppleness, roundness, a slight fat, a small unctuousity as well as a beautiful balance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy yellow peach, kumquat and small notes of dried small fruits associated with touches of bright pineapple as well as slight hints of fresh flowers and a subtle hint almost toasted-fresh/ tannic-fresh. Beautiful definition and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Villa Raiano 2023 Greco di Tufo DOP

The nose is fruity and offers pulpiness as well as a fine unctuousity. We find notes of creamy peach, crushed apricot and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of yellow flowers as well as discreet hints of acacia, iodine and sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, energy, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, tanginess, a certain gourmandise as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of tanga apricot associated with touches of mandarin as well as fine hints of toasted almond and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). Presence of a tannic hint both in the aroma and in the structure on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Colli Di Lapio – Alexandros 2023 Greco di Tufo DOP

The nose is elegant, aromatic, complex and offers a beautiful finesse in its definition as well as a fine fleshiness. The palate is delicate, gourmand, elegant and offers finesse in its fine creaminess as well as a certain straightness in precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine, crushed quennette and small notes of bright green apple associated with touches of mandarin, zest as well as a subtle hint of verbena/sage.

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

Ferrara Benito – Vigna Cicogna 2023 Greco di Tufo DOP

The nose is aromatic, delicate, precise and offers a certain deepness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of bright mirabelle plum, small yellow plum and small

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notes of pulpy pear associated with fine touches of kumquat and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tanginess, gourmandise, a certain unctuousity, a melodious side as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy kumquat, pulpy apricot and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with touches of sage, verbena as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and sense of place (local biotop). Beautiful tannic and gourmand hints.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Grotte 2023

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is aromatic. There are notes of quenette, apple blossom and small notes of mandarin associated with fine hints of passion fruit as well as a fine hint of fresh sap (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a fine tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of flint/minerality, fresh/crunchy nectarine and small notes of lychee associated with touches of rose as well as fine hints of mandarin/citrus. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Vallicelli 2022

Greco di Tufo DOCG Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration/richness. It reveals notes of quenette, white peach and small notes of white flowers associated with touches of white fruits as well as a discreet almost linden hint. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a good definition, juiciness, precision, a tangy structure as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of vine peach associated with touches of beeswax as well as fine hints of rose and discreet hints of sap. Good work on the good bitterness.

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

PIEDIROSSO

Agnanum – Suvvia Vulcanica Campania Piediroso IGP

(NV, S.A) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain small deepness as well as precision. There are notes of bright black cherry, flowers and small notes of bloody orange associated with slight hints of local grove. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, a certain crunchiness as well as a beautiful sappy and sapid side that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, cassis bud, fresh flowers and small notes of rose associated with touches of rosemary and sage. Good length. Sapid tannins. Good work on the good bitterness. Gourmand, precision and precision. Harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Agnanum 2023

Campi Flegrei Piediroso DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight creaminess. There are notes of bigareau cherry, violet and small notes of bright black plum associated with touches of candied small red fruits as well as slight hints of violet, thyme blossom and hints of Zan. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, a certain precision, an acidulous frame, freshness as well as a slight sappy/ floral hint in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, juicy/ fleshy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of bright small red fruits and sappy/ floral hints. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Portolano Mario 2023

Campi Flegrei Piediroso DOP

The nose is fruity, well built and offers a certain aromatic deepness. There are notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy small fruits, fleshy/ ripe small fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of rose, fresh local grove and very discreet hint of badian. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, energy as well as a slight chiseled side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh cherry, violet and small notes of rose associated with touches of bud as well as slight hints of laurel tree/ laurel berries. Good length. Sapid and supple tannins. A varietal hint on the finish. A hint of fresh balsamic in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Bosco de'Medici - Pompeii 2023

Piediroso Vesuvio

Beautiful fruity and gourmand nose that offers deepness, a lovely richness and brightness of the fruit. Full of elegance. There are notes of juicy-roasted red cherry, bright blue plum and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of flowers/almost lavender, star anise as well as a subtle hint of sage (in the background). The palate is nicely structured, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, deepness, purity in



its definition as well as a nice roasted-juicy character. A nice gourmandise of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy-roasted red cherry, roasted/ crushed red berries and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with touches of lavender, cornflower, discreet hints of fresh local grove as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and black olive. Tannins are sapid and precise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Astroni 2023

Campi Flegrei Piediroso IGP

The nose is racy and chiseled. There are notes of wild blackberry, pulpy small red fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of clove as well as slight hints of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a certain minerality and a sappy guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, crunchy red berries and small notes of rose, laurel tree associated with a touch of thyme as well as slight hints of fresh blond tobacco and terroir/ soil.

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

Cantavitaie – Ichnos 2022

Campi Flegrei Piediroso DOP

The nose is racy and offers complexity, a fine intensity as well as a fine and velvety grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, pulpy plum and small notes of camphor associated with touches of small, juicy roasted fruits as well as hints of violet and sweet spices. The palate

is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, minerality, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, purple plum and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small juicy roasted red fruits as well as fine hints of rosemary, sage, a discreet hint of laurel berries and chocolate. Tannins are velvety and fresh. Good length. Beautiful, mellow and gourmand persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Casa Setaro - Fuocoallegro 2022

Vesuvio Piediroso DOP

The nose is aromatic, fresh and racy. It reveals notes of rosemary, thyme flowers and small notes of spices associated with touches of cornflower, strawberry as well as fine hints of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, pulpiness, a certain brightness, a tangy structure, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of crunchy wild cherry associated with touches of camphor, fresh spices as well as discreet hints of laurel berries and a subtle hint of toast. Tannins are mellow and sapid.

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

Ocone 1919 Taburno –

Millenovecentodieci 2020

Sannio Taburno Piediroso DOP

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers good definition as well as a fine racy side. There are notes of blackberry, camphor/incense and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of balsamic as well as fine hints of rosemary. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a racy minerality as well as a certain suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of laurel/laurel berries as well as a hint of black olive and toast/chocolate. Tannins are mellow, sapid and precise. Good persistence.

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

Contrada Salandra 2020

Campi Flegrei Piediroso DOP

The nose offers brightness of the fruit, a nice floral side as well as a discreet almost blood orange side. There are notes of red berries, violet and small notes of pulpy raspberry combined with touches of blood orange and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small fat, straightness, a floral side as well as a slightly fluffier side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, small red fruits and small notes of blood orange associated with touches of cornflower, toast and chocolate. Tannins are mellow. A subtle hint of balsamic in the background. Good length. Sapid and mellow persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cantine Del Mare – Terrazze Romane 2020

Campi Flegrei Piediroso DOP

The nose is spicy. There are notes of wild cherry, local soil (terroir) and small notes of laurel berries associated with fine touches of balsamic as well as discreet hints of blue plum and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a mineral frame, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crunchy blue plum and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of bud as well as discreet hints of laurel berries. Tannins are sapid and fresh. Good length.

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

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Sorrentino – 7 Moggi 2022 Vesuvio Piediroso DOC

The nose is nicely racy and offers fruit as well as a volcanic rock/sulphur hint. We find notes of pulpy blue plum, juicy roasted Bigarreau cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of licorice stick, black olive as well as a discreet almost sulfur hint. The palate is nicely structured, supple, suave and offers silkiness, gourmandise, a tangy structure as well as a beautiful definition. Delicacy in its grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blue plum, juicy roasted black cherry and small notes of bright small fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, blond tobacco as well as subtle almost mocha hints. Tannins are sapid and mellow. A discreet hint of warm grove (in the background) that brings relief and gourmandise.

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

Sorrentino - Frupa 2016 Piediroso Vesuvio

Beautiful, concentrated, precise and deep nose that offers a certain power, a certain complexity as well as a nice infusion side. It reveals notes of bright black berries, juicy roasted strawberry and small notes of lavender associated with fine almost thyme flowers hints, small juicy roasted fruits, a subtle hint of blueberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, black olive, star anise and a very discreet hint of spices/Punjab pepper. The palate is nicely juicy, pulpy, fresh and offers brightness, beautiful definition, deepness as well as precision. All in purity and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy black cherry, bright small red fruits and a juicy-roasted fruit side associated with hints of violet, discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotop), tonka bean, graphene as well as a discreet hint of black olive, torrefaction, bergamot and an imperceptible hint of balsamic. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Good length. A chalky side on the finish/persistence. A great wine, congratulations!

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

TAURASI

Claudio Quarta 2017 Taurasi DOP

The nose is beautifully aromatic and racy. There are notes of thyme blossom, sage/ local garrigue and small notes of violet associated with touches of roasted-juicy small red fruits as well as hints of spices, nutmeg and a imperceptible hint almost Sichuan pepper. Marks of aromatic herbs. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, straightness, a small contained side and a beautiful fruit with a certain brightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cassis, purple plum and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of rosemary, thyme blossom, sage, slight hints of roasted-juicy small red fruits with a Mediterranean accents as well as a discreet hint of torrefaction and a subtle hint almost bright bigarreau cherry. Good length.

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

Donnachiara 2020 Taurasi DOP

The nose offers a certain concentration. There are notes of quite ripe small red fruits, violet, thyme and small notes of roasted berries associated with fine hints of tobacco. The palate is fresh and offers minerality, tension, a racy side / sense of place (local biotop), a very discreet hint of iodine, roundness as well as a subtle almost sappy hint (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild raspberry, chocolate and small notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry associated with floral touches as well as hints of balsamic, tonka

bean and a discreet hint of oregano. Tannins are finely powdery.

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

Tenuta Scuotto 2020 Taurasi DOP

The nose offers notes of red berries, flowers and small notes of balsamic combined with a subtle empyreumatic hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain freshness as well as a fine unctuousity in freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, creamy red berries and small notes of oregano associated with touches of balsamic as well as fine toast hints and chocolate. A round wine that « flirts » (is quite close) with the varietal.

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

De' Gaeta – Duecape 2020 Taurasi DOP

(Organic) The nose is aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a fine creaminess. There are notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of crushed small fruits associated with fine touches of blond tobacco, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, a small tension as well as

camphor, black olive and sweet spices/vanilla. The palate is delicate, gourmand and offers suppleness, precision as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, creamy blackcurrant and small notes of creamy strawberry associated with touches of bright small fruits, licorice stick, black olive, chocolate as well as fine hints of vanilla.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

I Capitani – Bosco Faiano 2019 Taurasi DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a certain intensity, elegance as well as a fine mellowness. There are notes of boysenberry, gray pepper and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a fine creaminess, a tangy structure, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of crushed small fruits, sweet blond tobacco as well as fine hints of rosemary, sage and toasted almond. Good length. Gourmandise and varietal freshness in the background.

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

Masseria Della Porta – Quattro Cerri 2019 Taurasi DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a certain deepness as well as pulpiness. There are notes of bright cherry, bright strawberry and small notes of bright blue plum associated with fine touches of balsamic. The palate is fresh and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, energy, a good definition, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, bright berries and small notes of tonka bean associated with touches of juicy/pulpy plum, toast as well as a hint of balsamic and chocolate. Good length. A fine powdery finish/persistence.

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

Borgodangelo 2018 Taurasi DOP

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic and offers a very slight intensity as well as a slight deepness. There are notes of blackberry, local garrigue and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of fresh pepper as well as fine hints of spices, aromatic herbs and a very discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a tangy frame as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of local garrigue/aromatic herbs/oregano associated with fine hints of fresh/juicy red berries as well as hints of cornflower, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of balsamic and cardamom.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Masseria Della Porta – Quattro Cerri 2018 Taurasi DOP

The nose is slightly tight and contained. There are notes of dried red berries and blackcurrant. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tanginess as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy plum and small notes of juicy/fleshy blackcurrant associated with touches of balsamic, cherry blossoms as well as fine hints of rosemary and a very discreet hint of wild thyme. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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Nativ – Rue 333, 2018 Taurasi DOP

The nose is quite ripe. We find notes of quite ripe cherry, undergrowth and small notes of juicy-roasted small fruits associated with touches of sweet pepper and clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, tension, a certain precision as well as a fine pulpiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy plum, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco as well as fine hints of garrigue and chocolate. Good length. A roasted-juicy touch.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta del Meriggio 2018 Taurasi DOP

The nose offers notes of aromatic herbs, quite ripe red fruits as well as fine hints of sage and spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a good definition, a certain slight unctuousity in freshness as well as a certain juiciness and pulpiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of blackcurrant as well as hints of rosemary/oregano and discreet toast hints. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Perillo 2013 Taurasi DOP

The nose offers a small mellowness, a slight power, gourmandise, a certain elegance as well as a beautiful racy and delicate grain. The palate is juicy, pulpy and offers a certain gourmandise, a beautiful matter as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of redcurrants associated with touches of balsamic as well as fine hints of oregano, thyme flowers and a subtle grilled hint (in the background). Good length.

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

Petilia – Tesole 2016 Taurasi Riserva DOP

The nose offers a certain small concentration, a certain deepness as well as a controlled power. Sense of the place (local biotop). There are notes of wild blackcurrant, tonka bean/cocoa and small notes of bright wild raspberry combined with touches of balsamic and a discreet hint of oregano. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, harmony, gourmandise as well as nice matter and a silky touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy red berries associated with touches of pepper, cardamom as well as hints of laurel berries and a subtle hint of oregano.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Macchie Santa Maria – Evocatus 2018 Taurasi Riserva DOP

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers mellowness as well as good definition. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy wild cherry, balsamic and small notes of cassis associated with touches of apple blossom as well as fine hints of rosemary and discreet hints of fresh balsamic. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, minerality, a fine tension, precision, suppleness as well as a certain fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fresh/crunchy raspberry and small notes of fresh balsamic associated with touches of fresh oregano/garrigue as well as fine hints of spices. Good length. The finish offers crunchiness and a fine sappiness.

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

Perillo 2020 Taurasi Riserva DOCG

(En primeur) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a nice fruit, a nice definition as well as a certain fleshiness. We find notes of fleshy/juicy blackcurrant, pulpy cherry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, star anise, sense of place (local biotop) as well as a very discreet hint almost of blond tobacco. A certain brightness of the fruit. The palate is nicely juicy, tangy and offers tension, precision, a tangy structure, energy, a nice definition, finesse in its fat as well as silkiness and dynamism. Good work on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackcurrant, crunchy cherry and small notes of tangy/juicy redcurrants associated with touches of tobacco, a sense of place (local biotop) as well as a discreet almost varietal hint. Tannins are fresh, sapid and finely sappy. Great potential!

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

Perillo 2019 Taurasi Riserva DOCG

(En primeur) The nose is aromatic, fresh, precise and currently slightly tight. The wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of plum associated with hints of nutmeg,



toast as well as a discreet hint of spices and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity, tangy, well-balanced and offers energy, a certain tension, a nice stretched side, precision, vibrancy, a certain crunchiness as well as a certain but controlled power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, small crunchy fruits and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of bright berries, fine hints of liquorice stick, toasted notes as well as a discreet hint of spices, a subtle sappy hint and yellow flowers. Tannins are frank, precise and fresh. Fresh persistence and with a hint of good bitterness. Great potential!

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Perillo 2018 Taurasi DOCG

(En primeur) The nose is aromatic, fresh, spicy and offers deepness. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, dense purple plum and small notes of spices associated with touches of fresh wild small black fruits, hints of nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of camphor and toast. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful delicacy in its matter, freshness as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, fleshy/juicy plum and small notes of tangy raspberry associated with touches of red berries, hints of violet, flowers as well as discreet almost toast hints / vanilla. Tannins are sapid and supple. Fresh persistence and with a hint of good bitterness.

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

Perillo 2017 Taurasi DOCG

(En primeur) The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a fine concentration. We find notes of bright plum, blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of juicy roasted strawberry as well as fine hints of sweet spices, sense of the place (local biotop), saffron (in its floral side) and with subtle hints of vanilla. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh and offers gourmandise, silkiness, a certain fat, flesh as well as an almost spherical in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, pulpy blackberry and small notes fleshy blackcurrant associated with touches of juicy-cornflower (small red fruits as well as fine hints of star anise, flowers, and a discreet hint of toasted hazelnut and with a very discreet almost vanilla hint. Beautiful persistence and a subtle chew.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Perillo 2013 Taurasi DOCG

Beautiful, aromatic, fruity and gourmand nose that offers a fine creaminess, harmony as well as deepness. It reveals notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of creamy blackcurrant associated with touches of cornflower, fine hints of vanilla (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of rosemary (in the background), flowers cherry and chocolate. The palate is nicely juicy, pulpy and offers gourmandise, a beautiful relief, a fine complexity as well as a crystalline side in its minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, creamy blueberry and small notes crushed cherry associated with touches of cornflowers, vanilla as well as fine hints of tobacco, discreet almost of hot sap hints (in the background) and toast. Good length. Nice hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence. A very discreet hint of undergrowth/truffle in the background.

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

Perillo 2012 Taurasi Riserva

The nose is nicely structured, precise and offers gourmandise, freshness, deepness as well as a good definition. We find notes of creamy cherry, dried plum and small notes of small, quite ripe red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is nicely structured, precise, juicy, nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful relief as well as a nice mellow tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, pulpy/fleshy plum and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of undergrowth, dried small red fruits as well as a subtle hint of camphor, balsamic and chocolate. The finish is iodized/saline. Good length and persistence. A very discreet hint of good bitterness (in the background). A hint of almost truffle undergrowth in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Feudi di San Gregorio – Piano di Montevergine 2018 Taurasi Riserva DOP

The nose offers notes of candied cherry, quite ripe small red fruits and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of balsamic. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, roundness, a certain fat, a certain straightness, a good structure as well as a certain width. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, purple plum and small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of pulpy red berries as well as hints of saffron (on its floral side), balsamic and a hint of subtle hint of rosemary (in the background)

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

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Donnachiara 2019 Taurasi Riserva DOP

The nose is aromatic. There are notes of bright cherry, bright strawberry and small notes of thyme flowers combined with toasted touches, tonka bean as well as a discreet almost oregano hint. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fine roundness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright cherry and small notes of thyme flowers, rosemary associated with toasted touches, licorice stick as well as a hint of laurel berries and cocoa. Tannins are sapid as well as discreetly sappy and mellow.

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

Cantina San Paolo 2016 Taurasi Riserva

Beautiful elegant, gourmand, precisely powerful nose that offers deepness, a small darkness and a beautiful spiciness. There are notes of black berries, wild strawberry and small notes of bright black plum associated with touches of graphene, local garrigue/rosemary as well as slight hints of thyme blossom, Madagascar pepper and deepness. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, concentration, deepness, a slightly discreet powdery side as well as concentration in precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black berries, black pepper and small notes of camphor associated with touches of black plum, grilled rosemary, slight hints of graph, torrefaction as well as slight hints almost fresh coffee in the background and thyme. Good length. A beautiful precise and racy grain.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Candriano 2019 Taurasi DOCG

The nose offers a small concentration, a slight intensity as well as a fine spiciness. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of spices associated with touches of zan as well as fine hints of nutmeg, toast and an imperceptible toasted-fresh hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a nice spiciness, a small creaminess as well as a slight darkness/concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, pulpy cherry and small notes of quite ripe wild red berries associated with a touch of roasted fruit, tobacco and discreet toasted hints. Gourmandise.

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

Colli di Castelfranci 2018 Taurasi

The nose is spicy. There are notes of clove, fresh tobacco and small notes of wild blackberry associated with touches of wild small red fruits as well as fine hints of star anise, toast and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tanginess, gourmandise as well as a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy-roasted cherry, quite ripe blueberry and small notes of juicy/quite ripe wild small black fruits associated with touches of clove, tobacco as well as a fine hint of dried earth and balsamic. Tannins are finely mellow. Good length.

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

Colli di Castelfranci – Braudiano 2011 Taurasi DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine darkness, a small density as well as a beautiful velvety grain. It reveals notes of pulpy violet plum, ripe wild blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of tonka bean/cocoa as well as fine hints of pulpy/bright red berries.

The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, tension as well as a fine acidulous creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, creamy cherry and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with touches of tonka bean/cocoa, undergrowth as well as fine hints of star anise, cloves and a subtle hint of balsamic. Tannins are mellow. Good length. A very discreet hint of vanilla in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Borgodangelo 2019 Irpinia Campi Taurasini DOP

The nose is spicy and offers hints of truffle, cloves as well as fine/discreet hints of aromatic herbs. The palate is fresh, tangy and offers a fine sappy side as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fresh flowers and small notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of plum blossom, local grove as well as a hint of fresh blond tobacco, a subtle hint of clove and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Tannins are slightly marked/dry.

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

Vesce Giovanni – Leo Cubans 2021 Irpinia Campi Taurasini DOP

The nose offers fruit, a fine concentration as well as a



discreet content side. Opens slowly. There are notes of wild raspberry, wild strawberry and small notes of spices associated with touches of nutmeg, spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers tanginess, balance as well as a certain brightness/brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy Bigarreau cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of acidulous wild berries, balsamic as well as fine hints of violet and toasted notes. Tannins are sapid and very discreetly sappy. Good length. A subtle hint of chocolate in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

CAMPI FLEGREI

Astroni – Colle Imperatrice 2023 Campi Flegrei Falanghina DOP

The nose offers a fine richness of the fruit as well as a precise and racy grain. There are notes of kumquat, physalis and small notes of bright yellow peach combined with a touch of pineapple. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity as well as a discreet pearly / "perlante" character in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, juicy/pulpy mandarin and small notes of pineapple associated with touches of bright/juicy small white fruits as well as a subtle hint of rosemary.

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

Agnanum 2022 Campi Flegrei Falanghina DOP

The nose is gourmand and floral. There are notes of apricot, mango and small notes of white flowers associated with touches of apricot blossom as well as a discreet almost verbena hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral structure as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, peach blossoms and small notes of lychee associated with touches of crushed peach as well as a hint of crushed physalis. Good length.

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

Cantine del Mare – Luce Flegrea 2022 Campi Flegrei Falanghina DOP

The nose is spicy and offers an aromatic expression as well as a fine velvety and stretched side. There are notes of spices, cloves and small notes of pulpy fruit. The palate is fruity, structured and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain freshness, minerality, a fine straightness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine, pulpy mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis associated with touches of mandarin as well as a subtle hint of zest. Good length.

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

Cantina Vitae – Kairòs 2022 Campi Flegrei Falanghina DOP

The nose is spicy, frank and aromatic. We find notes of yellow peach, nutmeg and small notes of small bright citrus fruits associated with a touch of sense of place (local biotope) as well as a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a beautiful freshness, minerality, a certain slight fat as well as juiciness. Energy and a beautiful small creamy matter. A discreet, almost tannic hint in the background.

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

Cantine Carputo – Etèrea 2022 Campi Flegrei Falanghina DOP

The nose is floral and mineral. There are notes of fresh/fleshy peach and small notes of white flowers associated with a subtle hint of acacia (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a tangy structure, precision, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed physalis, pulpy/juicy yellow peach and small notes of fresh butter associated with touches of yellow flowers as well as fine hints of almond and a very discreet almost lees hint. Good length.

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

ISCHIA RED WINE

Casa d'Ambra 2023 Ischia Per'e Palummo DOP

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers a certain concentration. There are notes of clove, fresh spices and a discreet dusty side. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension as well as a stretched side in its freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violet, rose and small notes of fresh/ juicy small red fruits associated with slight touches of laurel tree as well as discreet hints of badian.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

ISCHIA WHITE WINES

D'Ambra Vini d'Ischia - Leninfe

(NV / S.A) The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine sensation of richness/roundness. There are notes of quince, pulpy brugnion and small notes of small, bright fruits associated with hints of mirabelle plum as well

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as discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, a good definition, precision as well as a certain fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, bright peach and small notes of crushed small white fruits associated with touches of mirabelle plum, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of beeswax. Good length. Beautiful juiciness, freshness and a good definition.

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

Casa d'Ambra – Biancolella 2023

Ischia Biancolella DOP

The nose offers a small aromatic complexity. We find notes of pear, peach blossom and small notes of verbena associated with touches of small crushed white fruits, crushed physalis as well as a very discreet hint of almost verbena/lime blossom. The palate is fruity, mineral, round and offers a certain fat, a good energy, a good definition, a spherical side in its matter as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy apricot, crushed Williams pear and small notes of banana associated with touches of verbena, mandarin flowers as well as discreet almost butter hints in the background. Good length.

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

Casa d'Ambra – Tenuta Frassitelli 2023

Ischia Biancolella DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers fresh and discreetly crunchy fruit. It reveals notes of kumquat, quenette and small notes of crunchy peach associated with floral touches / peach blossoms as well as discreet mineral hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, precision as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes of crushed brugnon combined with discreet touches of flowers, tangerine zest and discreet hints of iodine (in the background). Good length. A discreet mellowness on persistence.

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

Casa d'Ambra – Forastera 2023

Ischia Biancolella DOP

The nose offers fruits, a fine concentration/power as well as a racy side. It reveals notes of quenette, bright brugnon and small notes of crushed small fruits associated with touches of white flowers as well as a discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a nice brightness, gourmandise, a tangy frame as well as a nice brightness on citrus fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy Williams pear, bright small white fruits and small notes of bright mandarin/Amalfi lemon associated with hints of white flowers, a subtle hint of quenette (in the background) and a very discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotop). A subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

POMPEIANO & VESUVIO RED WINES

Bosco de' Medici – Agathos 2022

Pompeiano IGT Rosso

The nose is spicy. It offers a fine toasted side (in the background) and discreet touches of a sense of place (local biotop) / warm grove associated with fine hints of cherry and cherry stone. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, balance, a good definition, a certain precision as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of red berries associated with touches of

violet, hints of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of sage, star anise, chocolate and a very discreet toasted hint. Tannins are sapid and mellow.

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

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii Rosso 2023

Pompeiano IGT Rosso

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers gourmandise. There are notes of blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of fresh spices/ clove. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers brightness of the fruit, softness/ delicacy as well as a certain concentration of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries, rose, laurel tree and small notes of fresh rosemary associated with touches of red small fruits as well as hints of badian. A slight sappy hint in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cantine Olivella 2022

Vesuvio Rosso DOP

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain complexity as well as a certain mellowness. There are notes of wild blackberry, small soft black fruits and small notes of sweet spices associated with a touch



of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of camphor, thyme flowers and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, precision, a certain slight tension, mellowness as well as a nice velvetiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy strawberry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of cornflower, clove, nutmeg as well as fine hints of blond tobacco, roasted almond, a discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop) and an imperceptible hint of laurel leaf. Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Casa Setaro – Munazei 2023

Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio DOP

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers good definition as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small crushed red fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of rosemary as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, tension, precision, a tangy structure, nice definition, suppleness as well as silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, bright red berries and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of blue plum as well as hints of star anise, toast, chocolate and a subtle hint of fresh rosemary in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sorrentino – Vigna Lapillo 2020

Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Rosso Superiore DOP

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a certain small intensity as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed blueberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of volcanic rock and discreet hints of cornflower. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, tension, a good definition, a fine mellowness, precision as well as a certain aromatic purity. Almost roasted-juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy roasted cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of chocolate as well as a subtle hint of cornflower and sweet blond tobacco. Good length. Nice soft pertit on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Casa Setaro – Don Vincenzo 2019

Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Rosso Riserva DOP

The nose is fruity, gourmand, mellow and offers deepness. There are notes of crushed raspberry, crushed red berries and small notes of creamy blackcurrant associated with touches of cornflower, tobacco as well as fine hints of vanilla and sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers freshness, precision, tension, a great acidity as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of bright redcurrants associated with touches of fresh flowers as well as fine almost orange hints, sweet spices and toasted notes. Good length. A small softness, nice sapidity and a hint of good bitterness in the background.

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

POMPEIANO & VESUVIO WHITE WINES

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii Bianco 2020, Caprettone

Pompeiano IGT Bianco

The nose is fruity, juicy, nicely racy and offers a certain purity of fruit. There are notes of vine peach, pulpy brugnon and small notes of pulpy apple associated with touches of quenette and a floral hint. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, nicely racy, very discreetly tight, elegant and offers a nice racy grain as well as a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy brugnon, juicy/fresh lychee and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of flint, fresh flowers as well as discreet almost muscat hints. Nice little chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii Bianco 2023

Pompeiano IGT Bianco

(Organic) The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a certain intensity. There are notes of ripe banana, bright Williams pear and small notes of yellow flowers. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, suavity, a good definition as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of banana, pulpy/juicy Williams pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of kumquat as well as discreet hints of yellow flowers and a subtle almost buttery hint (in the background).

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

Campania

Bosco de'Medici – Dressel 19.2 2023 Pompeiano IGT Bianco

The nose is racy, fruity and offers deepness, a certain elegance as well as a fine aroma of maceration (but full of delicacy). There are notes of quenette, fresh physalis and small notes of small pulpy fruits associated with fine almost citrus hints as well as a subtle hint of dried zest and flowers / sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, precision as well as a chiseled, stretched and frank structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, apricot and small notes of crushed small white fruits associated with touches of toasted almond as well as a subtle almost terra cota hint and spices. A very discreet hint of good bitterness and an imperceptible hint of controlled oxidation in the background. A small tannic side and sapidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Casa Setaro – Munazei 2023

Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Bianco DOP
(Organic) The nose is mineral and offers a fine crunchiness as well as energy. There are notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of ripe lemon associated with touches of lemon blossom as well as a discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, precision, juiciness, energy as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quenette and small notes of tangy/pulpy apricot associated with a fine almost mango touch, crushed small fruits and white flowers. Good length. A subtle salty/iodine touch on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cantine Olivella – Emblema 2023 Vesuvio Caprettone

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a mineral hint and as well as concentration. There are notes of lychee, peach blossom and small notes of small fruits/pulpy apple associated with a subtle hint of volcanic rock as well as a very discreet hint of passion fruit. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, roundness, a nice small fat, a small chiseled structure as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, pulpy quenette and small notes pulpy vine peach associated with touches of apple, fine almost kumquat hints as well as discreet hints of verberna/small local flowers, minerality racy and a very discreet hint of ripe/crushed seed. A very discreet tannic hint in the background. A little chewiness on the finish/persistence.

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

Casa Serato Trecase – Contradae 61.37, 2022

Vesuvio Bianco DOP

The nose is nicely built and offers a certain deepness as well as a certain richness/concentration in elegance and delicacy. It reveals notes of quenette, peach blossoms and small notes of fresh kumquat associated with a subtle almost citron hint and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is nicely juicy, well-balanced, nicely defined and offers precision, tension, a fine crystalline side as well as brightness on ripe / subtly sweet citrus fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sweet/juicy Amalfi lemon, mandarin and small notes of bright small fruits associated with touches of small yellow flowers, peach blossoms as well as a subtle hint of crunchy pineapple, citron and discreet hints of toasted almond. A very nice iodized and sapid finish. A hint of good bitterness and chewiness.

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

Sorrentino Vini Boscotrecase - Latikadea 2020

Falanghina Vesuvio

(Uva del conte, new variety) The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of flint, fresh quenette and small notes of bright apple associated with touches of apple blossom, fresh peach, a very discreet hint of zest as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, and small local yellow flowers. The palate is mineral, fresh and offers a certain slight tension, juiciness, a nice definition, a slight melodious side as well as a certain brightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright quenette, pulpy/juicy apple and small notes juicy vine peach associated with a subtle hint of olive tree / sense of place (local biotop). A discreet firmness and tannic freshness on the persistence.

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

Casa Setaro – 61.37 Contradae 2021 Vesuvio Bianco DOP

The nose offers a small concentration as well as a beautiful fine grain. The wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of wild pear, quince and small notes of bright small fruits associated with fine hints of ripe almond and a discreet woody sensation. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain freshness,



energy, a good definition as well as a melodious side in its matter/definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, toasted almond and small notes of crushed small yellow fruits (physalis, etc.) as well as a subtle almost buttery hint and very discreet toasted hints. Good length. A subtle floral/sappy hint on the finish/persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

COSTA D'AMALFI

Sammarco Ettore – Selva delle Monache 2023

Costa d'Amalfi Ravello Bianco DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of local sage/scrubland and small notes of bright nectarine associated with fine hints of ripe/fresh apricot as well as discreet hints of acacia/eucalyptus in the background. The palate is fruity and offers tanginess, minerality, energy, a tangy structure, precision, roundness as well as a beautiful finesse in its definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, bright vine peach and small notes of kumquat associated with fine hints of mandarin, zest as well as fine floral hints. Good length. A nice tangy and iodized finish. A very discreet, almost tannic hint on the aftertaste/persistence.

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

Sammarco Ettore – Vigna Grotta Piana 2023

Costa d'Amalfi Ravello Bianco DOP

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers intensity as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of lychee associated with fine hints of local garrigue, bright small fruits as well as a subtle almost sage hint, spices and a discreet hint of pine needles. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, a tangy frame, precision, tension, suavity as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/acidulous mirabelle plum, pulpy lychee and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with touches of kumquat, a subtle hint of verberna, vanilla/toasted in the background. Good length. Discreet tannic hints on the finish/persistence. A small chew. A « pearly / nacreous » hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cuomo Marisa – Fiorduva 2022

Costa d'Amalfi Furore Bianco DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain energy, a fine richness, purity as well as a beautiful definition. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful matter as well as a nice energy.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of pulpy apricot associated with touches of flowers, rosemary as well as hints of crushed small yellow fruits as well as a hint of bright citrus fruits and a subtle hint of verberna. Good length. Attention to detail and elegance. Beautiful fine chew and suavity/gourmandise on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cuomo Marisa – Furore Rosso Riserva 2020

Costa d'Amalfi Furore Rosso Riserva DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small concentration, darkness, delicacy as well as a small tight/content side. We find notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of camphor associated with touches of spices, saffron (in its floral side) as well as fine hints of balsamic and rosemary/local garrigue. The palate is fruity, a bit tight and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of wild red fruits associated with touches of balsamic as well as hints of tobacco and grove. Tannins are tight. A wine that still requires time.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

VOLTURNO CASAVECCHIA

Cantina di Lisandro – Nero di Rena 2020

Terre del Volturno Casavecchia IGP

The nose is spicy and offers a certain small power, a clove side as well as a fine deepness. There are notes of spices, nutmeg and small notes of balsamic combined with touches of crushed small red fruits as well as a hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, juiciness, tension as well as a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, wild red berries and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of balsamic as well as hints of nutmeg and cornflower. Tannins are sapid and very discreetly sappy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Campania

Scaramuzzo – Violabianca 2020 Terre del Volturno Casavecchia IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine creaminess of the fruit, brightness, a good definition, a certain complexity as well as a nice maturity. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, blueberry and small notes juicy-roasted small red fruits associated with touches of small crushed fruits, sweet blond tobacco as well as a hint of tobacco and a subtle almost rosemary hint. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, suppleness, tension, a good definition as well as a stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of red fruits associated with a fine touch of balsamic, volcanic soil as well as discreet hints of basil and toasted almond. Good length.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – I Calaia 2021 Terre del Volturno Casavecchia IGP

The nose is smoky, toasted and offers ripe/deep fruit as well as a discreet camphor side. We find notes of blackberry, blueberry and small toasted notes associated with touches of tobacco as well as a hint of bright black cherry, zan as well as hints of smoke. Certain maturity of the fruit. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, suavity, a certain precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of small juicy/acidulous red fruits associated with touches of violet, sage as well as hints of volcanic rock and a discreet hint of balsamic. Tannins are finely mellow. Hint of dark chocolate. Good length.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – Arausta 2021 Terre del Volturno Casavecchia IGP

The nose is fruity, elegant, deep and offers harmony as well as delicacy. We find notes of bright bigarreau cherry, bright blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of bright blue plum as well as discreet hints of smoke, vanilla, saffron (on its flowery side) and a discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, precision, a tangy frame, gourmandise as well as a small creamy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy cherry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco, balsamic as well as fine toasted hints, chocolate and sense of the place (local biotop). Tannins need time.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

FALERNO DEL MASSICO

Villa Matilde Avallone – Colle Castrese 2019

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

The nose is fruity, tangy and offers brightness as well as a fine floral and saline side. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright redcurrants and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of balsamic as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, a certain precision, a tangy frame as well as a slightly tight tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, crunchy/acidulous strawberry and small notes of juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of violet, rose as well as discreet hints almost of pine needles and iodine. Tannins are soft and gourmands. Good length.

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

Tenute Bianchino – Bacco 2019 Falerno del Massico Primitivo DOP

The nose is marked by balsamic and offers notes of crushed small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, a tangy structure, a small mellowness, a small straightness as well as a balsamic side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of flowers as well as a subtle hint of liquorice stick. Tannins are sapid and discreetly sappy. Good length.

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

Tenute Bianchino – Teseo 2019 Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

The nose is spicy and offers a fine intensity/power of the grain as well as a nice small stretched side. The palate is fruity and offers tanginess, juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a small freshness as well as a finely tight and structuring tannic frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tangy/juicy raspberry and small notes of tangy/juicy red berries associated with touches of cornflower, sage as well as a subtle, almost laurel berries hint and small fresh/bright fruits. Tannins are sapid. A small mellowness on the finish.

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



Masseria Felicia 2019

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

(Organic) The nose offers an oxidative hint. There are notes of thyme, violet and small dried red fruits associated with fine hints of tobacco. The palate is mineral, fresh and offers a certain tension, precision as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, red berries and small notes of balsamic associated with a touch of small dried red fruits as well as hints of thyme and a discreet hint of olive tree. Good length. The finish is spicy. A subtle hint of good bitterness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Nugnes – Tacito 2022

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise. There are notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of blond tobacco, smoke as well as a discreet hint of plum blossom, sage and vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers suppleness, juiciness, a certain tangy structure, gourmandise, precision, tension as well as a nice brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of bright cherry associated with a touch of blackcurrant, chocolate, fresh blond tobacco as well as fine hints of nutmeg, discreet hints of

local garrigue and a subtle hint of balsamic. A beautiful and gourmand wine, with relief as well as a nice sapidity. A small softness on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tenute Bianchino – Arianna 2020 Falerno del Massico DOP

The nose is fruity and offers an oxidative hint. There are notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of lime associated with touches of quite ripe kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy structure, a certain energy, a certain straightness as well as oxidative hints. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, juicy/acidulous plum and small notes of apricot associated with touches of kumquat as well as fine hints of ripe citrus fruits and discreet hints of beeswax. Good length. A subtle almost tannic hint in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Villa Matilde Avallone – Vigna Camarato 2018

Falerno del Massico DOP

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic and offers complexity, a spiciness as well as a nice racy side. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant, black pepper and small notes of small, bright wild black berries associated with a touch of spices, wild red berries as well as a hint of camphor and a subtle hint of black olive. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, minerality, a juicy/acidulous structure, suppleness as well as a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright wild red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of sense of place (local biotop), dry local garrigue as well as fine hints of pepper, balsamic, creamy cherry, a hint of chocolate, toast and black olive.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Masseria Felicia - Ariapetrina 2004

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant, harmonious, racy and offers deepness as well as delicacy in its relative power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of ripe wild small red fruits associated with delicate hints of tobacco as well as discreet hints of gray pepper and a subtle hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers precision, delicacy, suppleness, lovely definition, a tangy structure, precision as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, pulpy/juicy wild red berries and small notes of juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of tobacco, smoke as well as fine hints of nutmeg, discreet hints of sweet spices, balsamic, a very discreet hint of black olive and dry local soil/racy soil. Harmony, energy, a nice balance and a tangy persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Masseria Felicia – Bronzo 2017

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

(Organic) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers gourmandise, a fine concentration as well as a nice and small mellowness/richness. We find notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with touches of violet, thyme flowers as well as a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain juiciness as well as a slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, balsamic, red berries and small notes of thyme flowers associated with a touch of small juicy roasted fruits as well as discreet hints of fresh blond tobacco, a subtle hint of sage and tonka bean. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Good length.

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

Campania

Torelle 2018

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

The nose offers notes of tobacco, roasted small fruits and small notes of blond tobacco associated with toasted touches/wood, fine hints of roasted-juicy cherry, a discreet hint of camphor, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, acidity, a good definition, precision as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, wild raspberry, concentrated red berries and small notes of balsamic associated with a touch of sage and sense of place (local biotop). Good length. Nice sapid, mellow and tasty persistence.

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

Nugnes – Caleno 2016

Falerno del Massico Rosso Riserva DOP

Beautiful fruity, juicy nose that offers an airy side in its concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated cherry, strawberry and small notes of star anise associated with a touch of juicy blackcurrant as well as hints of violet, fresh thyme and a discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, precision, a small mellowness, gourmandise as well as a nice juiciness and pulpiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of acidulous/juicy blue plum associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco as well as fine hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of sage. Tannins are very discreetly tight and mellow at the same time. Good length.

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

Nugnes – Onn'Antò 2016

Falerno del Massico Rosso DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration/power. There are notes of cherry, tobacco and small notes of clove associated with touches of spices. The palate offers brightness, fruit, gourmandise, a tangy structure, energy as well as a nice pulpiness and brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of soft/juicy cherry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of small, bright fruits associated with touches of blond tobacco, rosemary as well as a subtle, almost balsamic hint. Good length. Acidic and saline/iodine persistence.

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

AGLIANICO DEL TABURNO

Cantina di Solopaca – Armunia 2020

Aglianico del Taburno DOP

(Organic) The nose is spicy. There are notes of camphor, nutmeg and spices associated with fine touches of sage as well as a very discreet hint of laurel leaf. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, tension as well as a nice tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, crushed red berries and small notes of violet/fresh flowers associated with touches of thyme as well as hints of spices. Tannins are finely tight. Good length.

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

Fontanavecchia – Taba 2020

Aglianico del Taburno DOP

The nose is spicy and offers an airy and intense side at the same time. There are notes of clove, tobacco and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of juicy/bright red berries as well as hints of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, minerality, a certain precision, a silky

texture as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy red berries and small notes of cherry associated with touches of balsamic, fresh spices as well as a hint of smoke and a subtle rosemary hint (in the background). Good length.

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

Catalano Elena – Vigna Monte Pino 2010

Aglianico del Taburno DOP

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a fine concentration as well as a small intensity. There are notes of camphor, clove and small notes of nutmeg associated with touches of toasted almond. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, mellowness, a certain fine gourmandise as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of thyme associated with touches of tobacco, bright small fruits as well as hints of nutmeg and clove. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Catalano Elena – Vigna Monte Pino 2019

Aglianico del Taburno DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as a

of torrefaction, small juicy roasted red fruits, a hint of blackcurrant jelly, lily as well as fine hints of sense of the place (local biotop) / dry grove, with a subtle sappy hint and a nice saline/sapid hint. Tannins are elegant and finely mellow. Beautiful tangy persistence. Suppleness, velvety and gourmandise.

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

La Fortezza – Enzo Rillo 2013

Aglianico del Taburno Riserva DOP

The nose offers a certain elegance as well as a mellow and relatively powerful grain. We find notes of blackberry, undergrowth and small notes of truffle associated with touches of juicy-roasted small red fruits as well as hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tanginess, tension, precision as well as a nice stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of undergrowth, truffle and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of quite ripe small red fruits, hints of balsamic as well as fine hints of star anise and laurel leaf. Good length.

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

Cantine Iannella 2021

Aglianico del Taburno DOP

The nose is spicy and offers a certain power on the spices. There are notes of nutmeg, spices and small notes of camphor associated with touches of the sense of the place (local biotop) / local grove. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, juiciness as well as a nice tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, fresh cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower, fresh balsamic as well as hints of fresh local grove and a subtle hint of fresh tobacco. Tannins are fresh and iodized. Good length.

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

SANNIO AGLIANICO

La Guardiense – Anima Lavica 2020

Sannio Aglianico DOP

The nose is aromatic, spicy and smoky. There are notes of blackberry, wild red berries and small notes of balsamic associated with fine hints of pepper and cloves. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, minerality, a fine tension, precision as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy wild raspberry, wild red berries and small notes of smoke associated with touches of clove as well as hints of star anise and a very discreet hint of tonka bean. Tannins are sapid and finely unctuous.

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

Terre Stegate – Arcano 2018

Sannio Aglianico Riserva DOP

The nose offers a small concentration, elegance, a beautiful definition in precision a certain purity as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of bright strawberry, bright small fruits and small notes of sweet blond tobacco associated with touches of balsamic, blueberry as well as fine hints of sweet blond tobacco and a very discreet hint of sweet spices /vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a racy minerality, freshness, a fine mellowness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, juicy/pulpy red berries and small notes of pulpy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of lily/iris/local flowers, balsamic as well as fine hints mocha and toast. Good length. A sapid iodized/sapid side on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



fine multi-layered side. There are notes of blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of quite ripe plum associated with touches of blond tobacco as well as a hint of creamy berries and a subtle hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers minerality, a good definition, a certain tension, freshness as well as a certain fullness and power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, small wild fruits and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of tobacco, toast, truffle as well as a hint of undergrowth (discreet) and toast/caramel. Mellowness and freshness. Good length. Beautiful mellowness and sapidity on the finish. Chew on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fontana Vecchia – Vigna Cataratte 2018

Aglianico del Taburno DOCG, Riserva

Nice intense nose which offers controlled power, deepness, fine concentration as well as dark elegance. It reveals notes of black cherry, camphor and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of quite ripe blackcurrant, roasted small red fruits as well as fine hints of zan, black olive and a discreet almost jammy purple plum hint. The palate is beautifully built, juicy, fresh, racy, structured, elegant and offers a frank/straight structure (but with elegance), precision, darkness, energy as well as a beautiful minerality/acidity on the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, concentrated black plum and small notes tonka/mocha bean associated with touches

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Terre Stregate – Manent 2021 Sannio Aglianico DOP

The nose is spicy and offers fruit, a certain brightness as well as a certain fullness. There are notes of ripe wild raspberry, spices and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of clove. The palate is fruity and offers acidity, juiciness, a tangy structure, a small mellowness, precision as well as a certain gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, bright redcurrants and small notes of tangy blue plum associated with hints of fresh flowers as well as discreet hints of sweet blond tobacco and fresh spices.

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

Terre Stregate – Manent 2020 Sannio Aglianico DOP

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers concentration, a small darkness/infusion side, a roasted-juicy side as well as a sun-drenched fruit. It reveals notes of morello cherry, quite ripe blackcurrant and small notes of cooked blueberry associated with touches of small roasted-juicy red fruits, a hint of cardamom, camphor, black olive as well as hints of infusion and a discreet hint of black pepper / torrefaction. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, supple and offers an airy side as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, juicy-roasted boysenberry and small notes of juicy-roasted raspberry associated with touches of violet plum as well as hints of cornflower, zan, cardamom, fine hints of black olive and an imperceptible hint, almost thyme in the background. Beautiful acidulous and juicy persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

IRPINIA AGLIANICO

Nativ – Blu Onice 2019 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose offers a certain concentration of the fruit as well as a slight creaminess. It reveals notes of crushed red berries, crushed blackberry and small notes of balsamic associated with delicate hints of sweet blond tobacco, juicy roasted cherry as well as very discreet hints of local garrigue. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, creaminess, gourmandise as well as a beautiful definition and matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cherry, crushed red berries and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of balsamic, vanilla as well as fine hints of sweet blond tobacco and a subtle almost thyme hint. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Appio 2018 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose is elegant, racy, fragrant and offers delicacy in its small concentration as well as an aerial side. It reveals notes of blackberry, purple plum and small notes of juicy-roasted wild small red fruits associated with fine hints of spices, a hint of infusion, tobacco as well as a discreet almost aromatic herbs hints and a hint of terracotta. The palate offers precision, delicacy, tension, brilliance, gourmandise as well as a certain straightness and precision. A beautiful grain and tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, bright wild red berries and small notes of juicy black berries associated with touches of bergamot, camphor as well as fine almost black olive hints and cocoa. A small chewiness on the finish/persistence. Good persistence. The wine needs to be decanted.

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

Petilia – Le Sepaie 2019 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose is floral and offers notes of aromatic herbs as well as a certain mellowness/brilliance of the fruit. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, violet and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with fine touches of spices, sweet pepper as well as a very discreet hint of oregano. The palate is fruity, nicely racy/delicate and offers juiciness, a beautiful structure, a good definition, elegance as well as beautiful flesh of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of balsamic as well as fine hints of tobacco and tonka bean. Good length. Mellowness. Nice work on the good bitterness/sappiness.

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

Masseria della Porta – Quattro Cerri 2019 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a subtle concentration full of delicacy. The palate is delicate, fresh, supple and offers precision, a beautiful grain, mellowness, a fine velvety character as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy blueberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco,

expresses notes of mellow/pulpy blackcurrant, pulpy small red fruits and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of balsamic, toast, nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of creaminess and sweet spices.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Sanpaolo Di Claudio Quarta 2020 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose offers a certain harmony, a fresh incense side as well as a fine deepness. There are notes of wild raspberry, quite ripe redcurrants and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of sage and tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a certain fat, gourmandise as well as a slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright redcurrants and small notes of tangy/juicy blueberries associated with touches of cornflowers, toast, nutmeg as well as hints of tonka bean, tobacco, a subtle hint of clove and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Sapidità and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Vadantico 2020 Irpinia Aglianico DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, fresh purple plum and small notes of fleshy/pulpy small red fruits associated with a fine hint of roasted fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral structure, a good definition as well as a fine roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of juicy-roasted small red fruits associated with floral touches and licorice stick. Good length.

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

OTHER AGLIANICO

Montevertrano – Core Rosso 2021 Campania Aglianico IGP

The nose is floral. It reveals notes of bright red berries, fresh flowers and small notes of oregano associated with touches of fresh local grove as well as a hint of crushed cherry. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, tension, a certain precision, straightness as well as a relatively powerful but well-built tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, wild berries and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant as well as hints of fresh blond tobacco and a sappy hint in the background. Good length. Freshness and roundness.

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

Tempa di Zoe' – Zero 2020 Campania Aglianico IGP

The nose is spicy, warm and offers fruit, a certain richness/pulphyness of the fruit, deepness, elegance, gourmandise as well as a small mellowness. The palate is fruity and offers brightness, pulpiness as well as a certain gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of tangy raspberry associated with touches of tonka bean, toast, a hint of chocolate as well as fine hints of plum blossom and thyme flowers. Good length. Gourmandise and a certain general harmony.

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

Villa Matilde Avallone – Roccaleoni 2019 Campania Aglianico IGP

The nose offers notes of tobacco, spices and small notes of incense. The palate is mineral and offers a fine acidulous structure, an almost linear side as well as great freshness. On the palate this wine expresses



tonka bean as well as hints of toast and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are racy. A subtle hint of good bitterness from cocoa and sage on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Delite – Generoso 2017 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose offers notes of nutmeg, spices and small notes of tobacco associated with fine touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of roasted cherry and a discreet almost oregano hint. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, smoothness, minerality as well as a slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy red berries, creamy plum and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of flowers as well as fine hints of thyme flowers, oregano and a subtle hint of chocolatey. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Ferrara Benito – Vigna Quattro Confini 2020 Irpinia Aglianico DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, precision as well as a fine spiciness. We find notes of blackberry, undergrowth and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, graphene, incense as well as a discreet hint of cornflower and a very discreet hint of sage. The palate is fruity and offers mellowness, a nice freshness, a small floral side as well as a small linear side (elegance). On the palate this wine

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notes of blackberry, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of flowers as well as a subtle toasted hint and toasted almond. Good length. Lots of spices on the finish (cloves...) and hints of dark chocolate.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Portolano Mario – Sei Pollici 2019 Campania Aglianico IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine complexity as well as a fine floral side. There are notes of rosemary, wild redcurrants and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with touches of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers tension as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, redcurrants and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of thyme-lemon, fine hints of juicy/bright small fruits as well as toasted hints, chocolate and tobacco/smoke. Tannins are finely marked. Good length.

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

BENEVENTANO

Fattoria La Rivolta – Simbiosi 2020 Beneventano Rosso IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity, balsamic and relatively intense. There are notes of concentrated Bigarreau cherry, concentrated small red fruits and small notes of balsamic associated with fine touches of rosemary. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, precision, a small tension as well as a slightly tight tannic frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, pulpy/fresh red berries and small notes of spices associated with touches of bud, balsamic as well as fine toasted hints. Tannins are mellow and finely sappy. A fine hint of good bitterness in the background. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Fontana Reale 2019 Beneventano Rosso IGP

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a certain complexity as well as a small fullness. We find notes of violet, elegant notes of undergrowth and small notes of nutmeg associated with touches of bright strawberry, blueberry, cornflower as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, vanilla and a subtle almost mushroom hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, suppleness as well as a small mellowness. On the palate this wine expresses elegant notes of undergrowth, toast, tonka bean and small notes of roasted-juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of truffle and toast. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Terre Stregate – Caracara 2019 Falanghina IGP Beneventano

The nose is fruity and offers complexity, a certain deepness, a nice grain as well as a fine textured side. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of creamy vine peach associated with fine almost fresh vanilla hints, discreet hints of crushed physalis, fresh pineapple as well as a subtle hint of citrus and a very discreet hint of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is nicely structured, fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, precision, a certain tension, a good definition as well as a beautiful airy character in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous quenette, juicy/acidulous green apple and small notes of lemon associated with touches of lychee, physalis as well as fine hints of vanilla, a subtle hint of passion fruits, honeysuckle and a very discreet hint of zest in the background. Presence of a subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence. Good length. A gourmand, fresh and elegant wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Fattoria La Rivolta – Sogno di Rivolta 2021

Beneventano Bianco IGP

(Organic) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a good definition as well as a beautiful velvety grain. It reveals notes of almond, bright peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of apricot as well as very discreet hints of dried fruit in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, minerality as well as a certain fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon, crushed quenette and small notes of crushed apple associated with touches of physalis as well as a hint of yellow flowers and a discreet hint of butter. Good length. A subtle tannic hint on the aromatic finish/persistence.

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

TERRE DEL VOLTUNO PALLAGRELLO WHITE WINES

Scaramuzzo – Ventallegra 2022

Terre del Voltuno Pallagrello Bianco IGP

The nose is racy and offers a beautiful grain as well as a fine structured side. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, precision, energy as well as a fine tight side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy mirabelle plum, kumquat and small notes of bright peach associated with touches of apricot, toast / toasted almond as well as a subtle almost butter hint and an imperceptible hint of sage. Nice small chew and gourmandise on the finish/persistence. A fine tannic side on the persistence.

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

Alois – Morrone 2022 IGT Terre del Voltuno

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers elegance, a nice airy side in its grain as well as in its concentration. There are notes of kumquat, ripe almond and small notes of juicy/ripe small yellow fruits associated with a discreet hint of sage, verbena and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers a crystalline side, purity, concentration as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, mandarin and small notes of bright yellow peach associated with touches of bright/juicy yellow small fruits as well as hints of almond, toast, beeswax as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Beautiful work on the good bitterness. A very discreet hint of oxidation (surely desired and controlled). Beautiful tannic hint in the background. Salinity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Alois – Caiati 2023

Terre del Voltuno Pallagrello Bianco IGP

The nose is aromatic, textured and offers a good definition, precision as well as a certain intensity. There are notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of bright wild small fruits associated with discreet hints of verbena, zest as well as a discreet hint of fresh rosemary. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, tanginess, a good definition, a certain gourmandise as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, bright peach and small notes of tangy physalis associated with touches of white flowers, passion fruit, almond as well as a subtle almost yellow flowers hint, butter and toasted. Beautiful salinity/iodine on the finish/persistence. A beautiful grain especially on the finish. The finish is discreetly tight.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Poderi Bosco – Pallagrello Nero 2020 IGP Terre del Voltuno

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power, a certain delicacy, freshness as well as precision in its concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant, wild cherry and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as a hint of roasted-juicy, discreet hints of almost sage and oregano. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tanginess, gourmandise, precision, pulpiness as well as a certain slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of juicy-roasted red cherry associated with toasted touches, vanilla as well as a hint of oregano, balsamic and discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are mellow, sapid and gourmand.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Michele Alois – Cunto 2020

Terre del Voltuno, Pallagrello Nero

The nose is finely tight. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of small dried red fruits, dry local soil (terroir) and slight spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral framework, tension as well as a finely powdery grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried cherry, plum and small notes of dried flowers associated with touches of dry local soil (terroir) as well as a subtle hint of balsamic and a very discreet hint of spices/musk. Tannins are finely marked.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Michele Alois – Settimo 2020

Terre del Voltuno, Pallagrello Nero

The nose is racy and offers some spices. There are notes of cherry blossoms, sweet pepper and small notes of small red fruits associated with a hint of dry local grove as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and iodine. The palate is fruity and offers pulpiness, a certain roundness, tension as well as a taut and slightly tight tannic structure. A discreet dusty hint. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, purple plum and small notes of dried flowers, quite ripe small fruits as well as hints of leather/nutmeg, a hint of dry local grove and a subtle hint of pepper. Tannins are discreetly marked.

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

PAESTUM

Fiasco Francesca – Lapazio 2022

Paestum Bianco IGP

The nose is floral and offers ripe fruit. There are notes of apricot, apricot blossom and small notes of bright nectarine associated with touches of spices as well as a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition, a certain fat, a slight roundness as well as a nice floral guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white flowers, crushed small white fruits and small notes of acacia associated with touches of crushed lychee as well as a subtle almost verbena hint (in the background) and a very discreet toasted hint.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Cecerale 2022

Paestum Fiano IGP

(no sulfite added) The nose is fresh and offers some spices as well as a fine power. There are notes of small yellow fruits, clove and small notes of nectarine associated with touches of fresh local grove as well as a discreet almost sage hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, tension, a good definition as well as a certain gourmandise. Beautiful freshness and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow peach, small crunchy fruits and small notes of white flowers

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associated with varietal touches as well as fine hints of local grove. Good length. A subtle, almost tangy/tannic hint.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Pian di Stio 2018 Paestum Fiano IGP

(Organic) The nose is fresh, textured and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry almond, crunchy small fruits and small notes of flowers associated with touches of peach blossom, nectarine, crunchy mirabelle plum, fresh clove as well as discreet toasted/fresh hints. The palate is fresh, textured and offers gourmandise, straightness, a good structure, a tangy structure, a good definition, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, juicy green peach and small notes of verbena associated with fine touches of citrus, sense of the place (local biotop), fenel, iodine as well as a discreet toasted hint.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Pian di Stio, Evoluzione 2019 Paestum Fiano IGP

The nose is spicy and offers a beautiful freshness, fresh/juicy fruits as well as a textured side. There are notes of juicy peach, fresh nutmeg and small notes of fresh spices, quince associated with touches of fresh small yellow fruits and a hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a certain gourmandise, a fresh/acidic structure, a good definition, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh yellow apple, clove and small notes of nutmeg, juicy apple associated with fine touches of small wild fruits, toasted hints as well as a subtle hint of terra cota and fresh almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Trentenare 2023 Paestum Fiano IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a certain purity as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of lychee, apple blossom and small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of local grove. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful suavity, a mineral frame, tanginess, a nice definition, gourmandise as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with a touch of bright apple. Good length. A subtle, almost apricot hint and an imperceptible hint of local grove in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tempa di Zoe' – Asterias 2023 Paestum Fiano IGP

The nose offers a slight oxidative aroma. There are notes of quince associated with fine hints of sage, dried zest and a discreet hint of acacia. The palate is fruity and offers tanginess, juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, energy as well as a vibrant/electric character in its tanginess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tangy mandarin, kumquat and small notes of lemon associated with touches of tangy physalis as well as a subtle hint of crunchy pineapple and peach blossoms. Good length. Nice tension and tanginess.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tempa di Zoe' – Xa 2022 Paestum Fiano IGP

The nose offers a toasted/vanilla side as well as creamy fruit. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a good definition, precision, tension, tanginess as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy kumquat, crushed physalis and small notes of tangy apricot associated with touches of small yellow fruits, sage as well as a discreet hint of iodine/saline and dried almond on the finish/persistence. A subtle tannic

hint in the aromatic and structure, particularly on the finish/persistence.

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

San Salvatore 1988 – Palinure 2023 Paestum IGP

The nose is nicely fresh and offers brightness as well as purity. There are notes of fresh/bright yellow apple, nectarine and small notes of starfruit associated with fine hints of small exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of apricot blossom. The palate is nicely structured, well-balanced and offers freshness as well as tension. Currently discreetly tight (that is normal because the wine was recently bottled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, nectarine and small notes of bright apple associated with touches of apple blossom, fine hints of lemon as well as subtle hints of starfruit. Nice tanginess and crunchiness. A subtle, almost tannic hint in the background.

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

San Salvatore 1988 – Calpazio 2023 Paestum Greco IGP

The nose is fruity, nicely fresh, enveloping and gourmand. It reveals notes of quenette, apricot blossoms and small notes of yellow peach associated with a discreet hint of fresh grove as well as a very discreet almost saline hint (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, a good definition, a certain tension, tanginess as well as a fine gourmandise. On

and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain gourmandise, a slight juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, violet and small notes of pulpy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of juicy-roasted small fruits as well as fine hints of star anise and a hint of sage/verbena. Tannins are sapid and supple. Good length. Good acidulous persistence and with a slight firmness.

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

San Salvatore 1988 – Cesare 2022 Paestum IGP

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain small concentration as well as a fine deepness. There are notes of wild plum, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of star anise, pepper and fine hints of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, a good definition, precision as well as a small chiseled side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh red cherry, fresh wild small red fruits and small notes of aromatic herbs/sense of place (local biotop) associated with touches of tobacco, star anise as well as fine hints of nutmeg/clove and a fine hint of olive in the background. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Jungano 2020 Paestum IGP

Nice aromatic, spicy nose that offers a certain concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of violet, spices and small notes of sense of place (local biotop) associated with touches of violet plum, roasted cherry as well as fine hints of lilac, olive and a subtle hint of blond tobacco in the background. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers tension, a beautiful definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, purple plum and small notes of juicy-roasted small red fruits associated with touches of tobacco as well as hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint of local grove. Tannins are precise and supple. Good length. A fine mellowness and sapidity in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Pino di Stio 2020 Paestum IGP

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fresh and offers a subtle floral note. It reveals notes of bright blueberry, quite ripe wild raspberry and small notes of star anise associated with touches of nutmeg, tobacco as well as a discreet almost roasted berries hint. The palate is aromatic, nicely fresh, mineral, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, a beautiful unctuousity (in freshness), a beautiful definition, a tangy frame, precision, tension, a subtle salinity (in the background), a fine infusion side as well as a melodious side. A beautiful textured side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet, pulpy violet plum and small notes of juicy-roasted wild raspberry, pulpy blackcurrant associated with touches of bright small fruits, black tea as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom, cornflower, nutmeg and chocolate/Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are sapid, tasty and gourmands. Beautiful persistence. A harmonious and gourmand wine.

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

Tempa di Zoe' – Diciotto 2022 Paestum Aglianico IGP

The nose is spicy and offers a nice racy grain. There are notes of blackberry, cardamom and small notes of sweet spices associated with hints of black pepper as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop). The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a certain precision, tension, suppleness, gourmandise, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy



the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous peach, bright quenette and small notes of acidulous citrus associated with fine hints of mandarin as well as a subtle almost verbena hint and peach flowers (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Elea 2021 Paestum Greco IGP

The nose is fresh and offers gourmandise, a nice texture, a beautiful definition as well as a toasty-fresh side. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, acidity, juiciness, a certain tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy peach, tangy/juicy kumquat and small notes of rosemary/sage as well as a hint of fresh almond and an imperceptible almost bâtonnage on lees/butter hint. Beautiful work on the good bitterness in the background.

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

San Salvatore 1988 – Corleto 2022 Paestum IGP

Nice fruity and floral nose. There are notes of morello cherry, fresh violet and small notes of red berries associated with a touch of rose as well as fine hints of crushed redcurrants. The palate is fruity, well-balanced

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cassis and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of balsamic as well as toasted hints and chocolate. Good length. Beautiful mellowness on the finish. Chew.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Omaggio a Gillo Dorfles 2017

Paestum Aglianico IGP

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a good definition, elegance in deepness, density, a beautiful intensity in finesse as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated cherry, bright fruit and small notes of concentrated black plum associated with touches of cornflower, blue plum, fine hints of sage, sweet blond tobacco, infusion as well as a hint of toasted almond and tonka bean. The palate is fruity and offers pulpiness, a certain brightness, gourmandise, mellowness, delicacy in its power, concentration as well as a melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright plum, chocolate, crushed strawberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of raspberry, sweet blond tobacco, vanilla, thyme flowers as well as hints of chocolate. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. A subtle chalky hint in the background. A good work on the good bitterness. A slight grilled hint on the finish.

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

FALANGHINA DEL SANNIO

FontanaVecchia – BiondoRe 2023

Falanghina del Sannio Taburno DOP

The nose is spicy, racy and very discreetly tight. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate offers roundness, juiciness, freshness, a certain energy as well as a nice grain. The attack is very discreetly sparkling / "perlante". On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy vine peach combined with fine hints of lemon as well as discreet hints of toasted almond and a subtle oxidative hint in the background. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Mustilli 2023

Falanghina del Sannio DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain power as well as a certain tension. There are notes of kumquat, dried zest and small notes of garrigue associated with fine hints of sweet mandarin and a hint of mango. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a tangy structure, tension, precision as well as a certain deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apricot, kumquat and small notes of bright/juicy small white fruits associated with a subtle hint of almost lemon, almost pineapple and a discreet hint of sage. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Mustilli – Vigna Segreta 2022

Falanghina del Sannio Sant'Agata dei Goti DOP

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, a slight intensity as well as a slight power. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers nice freshness, a nice minerality, a suppleness, a nice volume as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, bright yellow peach and small notes of mandarin combined with touches of peach blossom, verbena as well as a subtle almost passion fruit hint.

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

FontanaVecchia – Libero T031, 2020

Falanghina del Sannio

Beautiful aromatic nose, racy and which offers a small gastronomic side as well as a subtle, almost tannic hint in the aroma. There are notes of juicy/bright brugnion,

tangerine and small notes of mesocarp associated with touches of small crunchy fruits, quenette as well as a subtle almost floral/variety hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, structure, a fine roundness, mellowness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy apple, physalis and small notes of kumquat associated with a fine touch of lemon, hints of small crushed white fruits as well as discreet floral hints, toasted almond and a subtle hint of fresh butter (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Gines 2023

Falanghina del Sannio

The nose is racy and offers fruit. There are notes of white flowers, lychee and small notes of green apple associated with fine touches of rose as well as fine almost small yellow fruits/beeswax hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain fat, sapidity as well as a certain roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of pulpy green apple associated with touches of apple blossom, an almost sappy hint as well as a subtle mineral and iodized hint. Good length. The finish is finely tangy. A discreet firmness.

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



Terre Stregate – Svelato 2023

Falanghina del Sannio

Beautiful, aromatic and gourmand nose that offers fruit as well as a fine freshness. There are notes of litchee, flint and small notes of crushed brugnion associated with fine hints of bright white fruits as well as a discreet hint of fresh lemon. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers suavity, a certain precision, brightness as well as sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright quenette, lychee and small notes of bright green apple associated with a touch of juicy/fresh brugnion, a subtle hint of kumquat, passion fruit as well as a discreet almost apple blossoms hint. Good length. Beautiful sapidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

FIANO DI AVELLINO

Colli di Lapio 2023

Fianodi Avellino DOP

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a very fine empyreumatic hint in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, fullness, energy as well as a certain brightness. A very discreet pearly / "perlante" hint on the attack. On the palate this wine

expresses notes of bright Williams pear, quenette and small notes mandarin combined with a touch of roasted pineapple as well as subtle hints of sense of place (local biotop). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Villa Raiano 2023

Fianodi Avellino DOP

The nose offers a spiciness. There are notes of pulpy flat peach, crushed apple and small notes of lychee combined with touches of small citrus fruits as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, fat, a certain gourmandise, a good definition, elegance as well as finesse/straightness in its fat/small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy apple, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of creamy lychee associated with touches of kumquat, fine hints of tangerine zest as well as a discreet hint of sage and iodine in the background. A subtle tannic hint in the aromatic finish/persistence.

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

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Brancato 2022

Fianodi Avellino Riserva DOP

The nose is spicy, racy, frank and offers a certain structure. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers suavity, freshness, precision, minerality, energy, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a certain purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tangy/juicy yellow peach, quince and small notes bright kumquat associated with touches of physalis as well as a subtle hint of bergamot/chamomile, beeswax and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Villa Raiano – Alimata 2022

Fianodi Avellino DOP

The nose is spicy, frank and offers an airy side as well as a certain delicacy. There are notes of pulpy brugnion, small yellow fruits and small notes of almond associated with touches of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small tension, precision, a tangy frame, suavity as well as a fine fat. Nice finesse in its grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy quenette, lychee, tangy apple and small notes crushed peach associated with fine touches of pineapple. Good length.

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

Colli di Castelfranci – Pendino 2023

Fianodi Avellino DOCG

The nose is precise and tense. There are notes of firm brugnion, pulpy yellow apple and small notes of fresh quince associated with fine hints of minerality as well as a discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers freshness, concentration, roundness as well as a certain minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of bright nectarine associated with touches of white flowers as well as fine hints of crushed mirabelle plum and a hint of fresh almond. Good length. Tangy persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Paladino Riserva 2022

Fianodi Avellino DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain small concentration, a certain deepness as well as a certain richness. There are notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of bright small fruits associated with fine hints of racy minerality as well as discreet almost lees/spices hints. The palate is fruity, chiseled and offers freshness, suavity, roundness, balance as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy green apple, ripe lemon and small notes of

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zest associated with a touch of quince as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and a subtle chalky hint on the finish/persistence. A subtle firmness on the finish.

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

OTHERS CAMPANIA RED WINES

Martusciello Salvatore 2023 Campi Flegrei DOP

The nose is balsamic and offers a small volatile side. There are notes of wild small fruits, balsamic and small notes of fresh pepper and laurel tree berries. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, a slight fullness, suavity as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy cherry, violet and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of laurel berries, dried rose as well as a hint of fresh balsamic.

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

Porto di Mola – Contra Del Duca 2018 Galluccio Rosso Riserva DOP

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine complexity of the fruit as well as a discreet deepness. There are notes of crushed strawberry, bright raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of sage, fresh pepper and spices. The palate is mineral and offers fruit, juiciness, a tangy structure, a small tension, straightness, a floral touch (in the background) as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh red berries and small notes of sage associated with touches of iris, fresh flowers as well as a hint of balsamic and nutmeg.

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

Montevetrano 2021 Colli di Salerno Rosso IGP

The nose is elegant, gourmand, creamy, precise and offers complexity. We find notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of pulpy blue plum associated with touches of juicy roasted strawberry as well as fine hints of zan, nutmeg, thyme flowers and a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful definition, precision, gourmandise, tension, elegance, deepness, complexity, a sense of detail as well as a beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassia and small notes of black plum associated with touches of camphor, tonka bean as well as subtle hints of almost darkness/infusion and mocha. Tannins are elegant and finely mellow. A wine full of sun!

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenute Banchino – Ager Fluens 2019 Campania Rosso IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small power / concentration as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed blueberry and small notes of roasted strawberry associated with touches of concentrated small red fruits, fine hints of graphene as well as a subtle hint of fig, black pepper and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is finely fruity, quite ripe and offers balance. A very discreet gaseous side on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of juicy-roasted small red fruits, fine hints of balsamic, fig as well as discreet toasted hints, chocolate and a subtle almost Zante currant hint (in the background). Tannins are sapid and fresh. Good length. Quite mature style.

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

Radicivive – Storico 891, 2022 Campania Rosso

The nose offers a small concentration, a certain intensity, a velvety touch, a nice fine grain as well as a certain delicacy in its power. There are notes of boysenberry, fleshy wild small fruits and small notes of sweet spices associated with a touch of balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers fleshy, velvety, fine concentration, a certain gourmandise, tension, matter as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, cherry and small notes of bright purple plum associated with a touch of small fleshy-roasted red fruits, balsamic, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are mellow. A fine sapidity and gourmandise on the finish.

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

PASSITO & VENDEMMIA TARDIVA

Claudio Quarta – Foxtail, Coda di Volpe 2021

Campania, Passito



The nose is fruity and offers a quite intense grain and a slight power. There are notes of quince, crystallized zests and small notes of dried citrus fruits associated with beautiful touches of spices, a hint of mandarine as well as discreet hints of orange blossom, verbena, almost dry local grove and discreet laurel tree leaf hint. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality, tension, precision, energy as well as a beautiful stretched side. All in precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sage, dried small yellow fruits, crystallized mandarine and small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of thyme flowers, flowers and citrus fruit blossom as well as slight hints of verbena. Good length. Beautiful definition. A subtle hint mediterranean herbs/ fresh local grove in the background. Medicinal plant and fresh liquorice.

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

Tenute Banchino – Azzurra 2020 Campania Passito Bianco IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a certain aromatic power as well as a certain small complexity. There are notes of quince, dried apricot and small notes of mango associated with touches of crystallized quince as well as a subtle hint of physalis and a very discreet hint of small fruits nuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tanginess, gourmandise, a tangy frame, tension, a certain roundness, a good definition, fat, a certain unctuousity

as well as a certain purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, mango and small notes of candied peach combined with touches of pineapple in syrup as well as hints of crystallized clementine, mango and toasted almond. Good persistence. A subtle almost floral hint in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

FontanaVecchia – Libero F, Particella 190, 2020

Falanghina del Sannio Taburno Vendemmia Tardiva DOP

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers deepness, and a hint of candied fruit. There are notes of dried apricot and crystallized small yellow fruits associated with touches of roasted pineapple. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain minerality as well as a racy and discreetly tight grain. A fine oxidative hint (controlled and certainly desired). On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, dried mandarin and small notes of dried apricot associated with floral touches as well as a subtle hint of pineapple and tannin. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

FontanaVecchia – Libero T, Particella 31, 2020

Falanghina del Sannio Taburno Vendemmia Tardiva DOP

The nose is spicy, racy and offers a good definition. There are notes of cloves and quite ripe small fruits associated with fine hints of freshly-toasted/sweet spices and a discreet almost thyme hint in the background. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, suppleness, a certain purity as well as a fine content/compact side in its matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, mandarin and small notes of bright yellow peach associated with touches of lychee, white flowers as well as subtle hints of rosemary in the background. Small tannic sensation on the finish. Good length. A subtle, almost sappy/pine needle hint.

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

OTHERS CAMPANIA WHITE WINES

Caputo – Fescine 2023 Asprinio di Aversa DOP

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight sensation of fat as well as a fine sappy/floral side in the background. We find notes of crushed brugnion, quenette and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of apricot blossoms, physalis as well as discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh structure, a good definition, juiciness, suavity, energy, roundness as well as a small spherical side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy brugnion, quenette and small notes of small exotic fruits associated with touches of crushed small fruits, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of almost ripe almond (in the background). Good length. Nice sapidity and tangy finish/persistence.

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

Villa Matilde Avallone – Colle Castrese 2023

Falerno del Massico Bianco DOP

The nose is aromatic, nicely racy and offers a good definition. We find notes of verbena/sage and quite ripe small fruits associated with a hint of rosemary as well as very discreet floral hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, brightness, minerality, energy, gourmandise, very nice definition as well as a nice texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes kumquat associated with touches of

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dried tangerine zest as well as subtle hints of almost rosemary / sense of place (local biotop). Good length.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Masseria Felicia – Anthologia 2022 Falerno del Massico Bianco DOP

(Organic) The nose is elegant, clear, clean and offers a fine textured touche as well as an airy and relatively intense grain. There are notes of kumquat, flowers and small notes of creamy physalis combined with fine touches of warm garrigue as well as a discreet hint of rosemary and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers brightness, freshness, juiciness, a beautiful definition, a tangy structure, tension, minerality, a fine creaminess as well as a nice delicacy in its gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crushed yellow peach and small notes of jammy mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of mango, apricot blossoms as well as discreet hints of verberna and rosemary. Good length. Beautiful small mellowness on the finish/persistence.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Radicivive – Madame 891, 2023 Campania Bianco

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness. There are notes of crushed apple, pulpy apricot and small notes of mirabelle plum combined with a floral hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a nice pulpy/juicy fruit, gourmandise, a fine fat as well as a beautiful fruit quality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy yellow apple, yellow nectarine and small notes of juicy/bright physalis associated with touches of crushed small fruits as well as a subtle hint of apricot flowers and almost butter hint. Good length. Sapidity. A very discreet, almost tannic hint in the background.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

San Salvatore 1988 - Falanghina 2023 Campania IGP

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain brightness, a certain purity, deepness as well as a discreet textured side. It reveals notes of green apple, peach blossoms and small notes of ripe citrus fruits associated with fine hints of mandarin blossoms and a hint of fresh small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, precision, a tangy frame as well as a certain concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, tangy quenette and small notes of apple blossom associated with touches of juicy mandarin as well as a subtle hint of kumquat.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Montevetrano – Core Bianco Campania Bianco IGP

The nose is fruity, floral, aromatic and offers elegance as well as a certain gourmandise. There are notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of peach blossoms associated with touches of apricot as well as a very discreet floral hint in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a small chiseled side as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy brugnion, bright pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of kumquat, ripe zest as well as a subtle hint of lemon (in the background). Good length.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Cantina del Barone – Particella 928, 2022 Campania Fiano IGP

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine controlled oxidation side. There are notes of dried apricot, kumquat and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a fine almost spicy hint (almost cider). The palate is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers tanginess, juiciness,

a tangy frame, a good definition, a certain precision as well as a fine incisive side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, dried tangerine zest and small notes kumquat associated with a touch of dried pineapple as well as very discreet hints of beeswax and a very discreet hint of sage. Good length.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenute Bianchino – Caedicia 2019 Campania Falanghina IGT

The nose is fruity and ripe. There are notes of kumquat, ripe apricot and small notes of mirabelle plum combined with almost touches of almond and toast. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a certain tension, a certain energy, roundness as well as an oxidative touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy apricot, bright yellow peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of nutmeg as well as a subtle toasted-fresh hint and a very discreet hint of eucalyptus.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Villa Matilde Avallone – Roccaleoni 2023 Campania Falanghina IGP



The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers brightness, purity as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of nectarine, lychee and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine floral hints, verberna as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotop) and a very discreet iodine hint. The palate is fruity and offers tanginess, minerality, a good definition, an iodized side as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tangy apple, kumquat and small notes of juicy apricot associated with a touch of physalis, fine hints of flowers, verberna as well as a discreet hint of almond and sage. An iodine hint in the background. Good length.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Villa Matilde Avallone – Caedicia 2019 Campania Falanghina IGP

The nose is concentrated, precise, frank and offers a small crystalline touch, a fine creaminess of the fruit (in the background) as well as a textured and finely peppery nuance. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a good definition, juiciness as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of crushed brugnion associated with touches of small bright yellow fruits, fine hints of verberna, acacia as well as a subtle hint of pine needle and salinity. Good length. A nice texture on the finish and a subtle almost tannic hint.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Di Meo - Falanghina 2023 Campania Falanghina IGP

The nose is spicy, precise and offers a frank and stretched grain. We find notes of kumquat, mirabelle plum and small notes spices associated with touches of fresh cloves as well as discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, smoothness, a mineral frame, a fine fat, a good definition, juiciness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, mandarin and small notes pulpy lemon associated with iodine/saline touches.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Agnanum – Sabbia Vulcanica Campania Falanghina

(NV / S.A) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a fine concentration. There are notes of kumquat, small dried fruits and a subtle hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandise, a beautiful delicate fat as well as acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quenette and small notes dried mirabelle plum associated with touches of small dried fruits as well as hints of honey. Good length. A tannic, sapid and supple finish.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Colli di Castelfranci – Iris 2023 Irpinia Falanghina DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. There are notes of quenette, lychee and white flowers associated with fine hints of verberna, fresh citrus fruits/ fresh zest as well as fine hints of sweet rose. The palate is nicely mineral and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, tension, fat, salinity/iodine, roundness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of pulpy vine peach associated with touches of rose, ripe citrus fruits, fine hints of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of orange (in the background) and white flowers/lily of the valley. The finish is iodized/saline. Good length.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Cantine Olivella – Kata' 2023, Catalanesca Catalanesca del Monte Somma IGP

The nose offers a small spiciness, minerality, a nice definition as well as a certain deepness. There are notes of lychee, flowers and small notes of nectarine associated with touches of small fresh exotic fruits. The palate is nicely defined and offers roundness, juiciness, brightness as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, bright kumquat and small notes of bright vine peach associated with a touch of Amalfi lemon as well as a subtle, almost nutmeg hint (in the background) and a subtle iodine/ saline.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Cantine Astroni – Vigna Astroni 2020 Campi Flegri Falanghina

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration/intensity. We find notes of yellow apple, pulpy yellow plum and small notes of dried tangerine zest associated with fine hints of fresh mango, crushed brugnion, fine hints of musk/nutmeg as well as a subtle sappy and iodized hint. The palate is nicely structured, fruity and offers juiciness, roundness, a certain fat, gourmandise, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy yellow plum, physalis and small notes lychee associated with touches of crushed brugnion, a subtle hint of kumquat, butter/beeswax as well as a very discreet hint of lime, sage and nutmeg. Good length. An imperceptible, almost tannic hint both in the aroma and in the structure.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tuscany

TOSCANA

Cordella Rosato 2022

Toscana IGT

The wine has a salmon pink color, with orange reflections. The nose is very fragrant and gourmand. It opens with pronounced notes of stone fruit (apricot, white peach, white nectarine), combined with a salty mineral touch, floral aromas of apricot blossom and orange blossom, as well as a hint orange zest and grapefruit juice. The palate offers a beautiful expression of flavors, a gourmand and round attack. We firstly find the notes of apricot, orange zest, white nectarine and grapefruit juice, but without bitterness, which are completed in the mid-palate by notes of orange blossom and lime zest in the background. The finish offers a nice acidity, a very delicate salinity and bitterness, as well as a touch of dried raspberry. The texture is enveloping and oily. A gourmet rosé, with volume, density, freshness and good persistence in the mouth.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cordella Rosso 2021

Toscana IGT

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers precision, a certain concentration and a savoury herbaceous hint. It expresses notes of aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), a touch of nutmeg and gray pepper, combined with ripe and tangy fruits of strawberry, dried raspberry, fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, as well as a hint of coffee, sweet tobacco and chocolate prunes in the background. The palate is airy, juicy, with melted and delicate tannins. It expresses the flavors of crushed strawberry, roasted cherry, crushed raspberry, chocolate prunes in the background, roasted thyme and rosemary, as well as a touch of dried cherry and coffee in the background. The finish is quite persistent, with a delicate saline minerality and a salivating acidity. Beautiful freshness and gourmandise.

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

ROSSO DI MONTALCINO

Cordella Rosso di Montalcino 2021

Rosso di Montalcino

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses density, tasty notes of sweet spices (dried licorice, nutmeg), delicious fruits (roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, strawberry jam in the background, black plum and a slight touch of prunes in the background), chocolate, a touch of toast and hazelnut, as well as a herbaceous touch (fresh peppermint, a pronounced touch of thyme), as well as a touch of dried rose and tobacco. The palate is straight, well structured, with fine and soft, but perceptible tannins, as well as a soft, but pleasantly refreshing acidity and a warm and quite persistent finish. The flavors on the palate are delicious, with complexity and concentration. We find notes of crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, as well as dried cherry, balsamic, toast, chocolate cherry, licorice and nutmeg, refreshed by a touch of cut thyme and peppermint. The note of dried rose returns at the very end of the palate, accompanied by a touch of balsamic and basil. Beautiful balance and deliciousness with complexity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Musico 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, warming, with a touch of roasted red fruits. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, as well as a fragrant herbaceous aromas of fresh Mediterranean herbs (fresh thyme, rosemary), dried bay leaf and roasted bouquet garni. We also find a touch of coffee, nutmeg, roasted hazelnut and smoke in the background. The palate is juicy, velvety, with a fruity and pleasantly minty attack. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, dried blackcurrant, as well as liquorice, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, roasted bouquet garni, thyme and bay leaf. The tannins are supple, silky and delicate. Good persistence, with a pleasant bitterness and salivating acidity. A pleasant and silky wine.

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

Innocenti 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, fruity and finely herbaceous and spicy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with notes of dried red cherry, white pepper, ground cumin, bay leaf, with a smoky and tangy hint of bergamot, as well as a note of roasted bouquet garni and roasted red cherry. The palate is juicy, gourmand and tangy. It expresses notes of cranberries, bigarreau cherry, raspberry, morello cherry and blackcurrant, associated with herbaceous notes, bay leaf, roasted bouquet garni, the acidity of bergamot and its slightly smoky touch. At the end of the palate, we also find a good bitterness and a touch of wild rose. Beautiful length with gourmet notes of morello cherry, toast and bitter cocoa. The acidity is lively and salivating, the tannins are fine and melted.

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

Celestino Pecci 2021

Rosso di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is ripe and fruity, slightly minty. It expresses notes of fresh black plum, prunes, morello cherry, blackberry, crushed raspberry and cherry in kirsch, bird cherry, as well as mentholated touches of liquorice, eucalyptus, fresh tobacco, dark chocolate, white pepper, fresh bouquet garni, as well as dried rose and iris in the background. The palate is velvety and tight, with the power of its tannic structure, but all elegance. It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, ripe morello cherry, black plum, prunes, blackcurrant, cherry in kirsch, as well as liquorice, dried mint, white pepper, coffee, toast, bouquet garni and peppermint. In the retro, we smell a pleasant minty and eucalyptus note, as well as mint chocolate and dried rose. The tannins are grippy, but have a fine texture and are softened by a salivating acidity. Good length, on fruits, a touch of mint and chocolate. Beautiful structure and chew.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

CastelGiocondo 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is complex, deep and fresh. First, we smell notes of fresh tobacco, a touch of wet leaves and liquorice, which are then complemented by aromas of juicy fruits (morello cherry, fresh strawberry, fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, a hint of blackcurrant), with an expressive aroma of balsamic, savoury herbaceous notes (fresh bay leaf, rosemary, oregano), as well as a peppery side (crushed black pepper, a touch of pink pepper). We also find a wrapped toasted side (toasted almond, toasted wood in the background, cocoa) and floral notes (dried rose, even lavender). The palate is straight, structured and firm, but offers an airy side and a juiciness of fresh fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, cranberries), as well as a hint of roasted and dried fruits (roasted red cherry, dried cranberries, dried blackcurrant). We also find tertiary notes of dried tobacco, wet leaves, as well as a savoury spiciness (licorice, black pepper, pink pepper) and refreshing herbaceous touches (fresh bay leaf, oregano, rosemary) and a fine floral bouquet (lavender, dried rose). The tannins are grippy and powerful, but with a fine texture. The finish is persistent, with good bitterness and salivating acidity. A refined, dense, racy, straight and structured wine, with powerful elegance and a rich aromatic profile.

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

Cordella Brunello di Montalcino 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with garnet reflections. The nose is concentrated, gourmand, even a little sweet. It expresses notes of red cherry jam, roasted cherry, morello cherry, dark chocolate plum, blackberry and bird cherry jam. After aeration, we find the fragrant spicy and herbaceous hints : the aromas of nutmeg, liquorice, cumin, as well as roasted thyme, fresh thyme, fresh basil and cut wild mint and a hint of limestone, associated with a floral touch of dried rose in the background, as well as discreet notes of development (undergrowth, tobacco). The

palate offers volume, depth and density, while remaining balanced and airy. On the attack, we find notes of cherry in chocolate, fresh morello cherry, roasted cherry, blackberry, a hint of strawberry and black plum, associated in the mid-palate with a herbaceous touch (roasted thyme, fresh thyme, peppermint fresh, basil), a touch of balsamic, spices (nutmeg, cumin) and dried rose. The finish is tangy and salivating, warmer on the persistence and slightly bitter. A complex and refined wine, and at the same time powerful, with a beautiful balance.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Musico 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color with garnet reflections. The first nose offers a fragrant and airy floral aromas of fresh rose, dried rose, lily, as well as fresh and gourmand fruity notes. We find aromas of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, a touch of dried blackcurrant, red plum, black plum (with a hint of prunes), wild strawberry, combined with sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), a touch of torrefaction (toasted bitter almond, coffee). We also smell savoury herbaceous aromas - roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, thyme, tobacco in the background and a hint of dried leaf. The palate has a firm tannin structure, a fine texture of tannins, a salivating acidity and a beautiful freshness in the flavors of menthol and liquorice. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, black plum, dried blackcurrant, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, as well as fresh thyme and rosemary, a hint of toasted bitter almond, coffee, flowers (dried rose, rose fresh in the background) and sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg), combined with a touch of tobacco. The finish is slightly chocolatey, with salivating acidity and good bitterness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tenuta Luce 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is bright and fragrant, with pronounced herbaceous aromas and a racy minerality. We find notes of limestone, dry stone, aromatic herbs (fresh bay leaf, roasted bouquet garni, sage, fresh rosemary, oregano, mint in the background), flowers (dried lavender, dried rose, dried cornflower), a material dense and concentrated fruity notes (black plum, even prunes, morello cherry, fresh wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry, a touch of cranberries and bergamot), as well as savoury spicy notes (nutmeg, licorice, crushed cloves, crushed coriander seeds) and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, chocolate, toasted almond). The palate offers a juicy and gourmand attack, with lots of fruit and a slightly sweet hint (fresh morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, crushed blackberry, black plum, even with a side of chocolate prunes, fresh wild strawberry), associated with notes herbaceous notes of crushed peppermint, fresh tobacco, rosemary, oregano and sage, with a floral touch of cornflower and dried lavender, a hint of balsamic cream, an integrated spiciness (liquorice, pink pepper seeds crushed, white pepper, cumin) and a touch of torrefaction (coffee, bitter almond). The tannins are generous and enveloping, grippy and firm, but with a powdery and velvety texture. Nice acidity, good bitterness and persistence on fresh and candied fruits on the finish. A dense and complex wine, which will express itself in the future.

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

Celestino Pecci 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. It offers a gourmand, concentrated, slightly roasted nose. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, red plum, wild strawberry, a hint of prunes and dried blackcurrant in the background. We also find notes of dried bay leaf, fresh rosemary, thyme flower, roasted bouquet garni and a hint of balsamic. After aeration, the wine expresses aromas of crushed peppermint, sweet tobacco, dark chocolate, cherry in chocolate, as well as a delicate touch of toast, coffee and a herbaceous touch of green olive, which brings freshness to the wine. The aromas are also complemented by floral notes of lilac and violet. The palate is silky, with melted tannins, but structured, even tight, without being astringent, thanks to the concentration and a juicy and slightly sweet fruity substance. The palate expresses the flavors of crushed morello cherry,

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fresh strawberry, red currants, tart red cherry, as well as dried red cherry, cocoa, dried peppermint, fresh thyme, bay leaf, fresh rosemary. We also find floral notes of lilac, dried rose, bitter cocoa, a mineral touch (reminiscent of gravel and graphite) and torrefaction (toasted bitter almond, coffee). The finish is long, with salivating acidity, good bitterness and a powdery tannins. At the very end of the palate, we also find delicate tertiary notes of dry tobacco and wet leaves. A complex, concentrated and fresh wine, which reveals itself gradually during tasting.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Celestino Pecci Poggio al Carro 2019 Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is finely perfumed and offers an elegant concentration, as well as a beautiful complexity, enveloped tertiary notes and a savoury spicy and herbaceous hint. It expresses the aromas of black olive, dry bay leaf, roasted bouquet garni and fresh rosemary, which are complemented on the second nose by notes of fresh wild mint, menthol and eucalyptus and by a subtle floral bouquet (lilac, violet, wild rose). We also find notes of sweet coffee, toasted almond, fresh tobacco, damp leaves in the background, mint chocolate, liquorice, cardamom, and pine needles. The fruity substance, dense, but fresh and tangy, appears in the second nose in the notes of bird cherry, morello cherry, fresh black plum, blackberry and roasted and dried bigarreau cherry. The palate is airy, subtle and at the same time enveloping and juicy. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, tangy cranberries in the background, fresh black plum, red plum, as well as a herbaceous hint of peppermint, green olive, thyme flower, bay leaf, fresh rosemary, combined with roasted notes (coffee with perceptible but integrated bitterness, toasted bitter almond), fresh tobacco, damp leaves in the background, as well as dark chocolate, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, dry pine needles and flowers (lilac, dried rose). The tannins are firm, but powdery and cocoa-like, slightly bitter. A salivating acidity balances a slight dry sensation of tannins. Beautiful complexity and lots of freshness and juiciness on the palate.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Tenuta di Sesta Duelecci Est 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The first nose is fragrant and first expresses the tertiary notes of undergrowth, wet leaves and wilted flowers (withered rose, wilted peony), which become more discreet after aeration. On the second nose, we find notes of fresh flowers (violet, lilac, rose), fresh sweet tobacco, wild mint, dried pine needles, basil, balsamic in the background, as well as sweet spices (liquorice with a touch of star anise, cardamom, cumin), torrefaction (a touch of toasted wood, toasted bitter almond and coffee). The fruits are juicy and concentrated: we find notes of roasted and dried bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant, black plum, crushed blueberry and bird cherry, completed by a touch of morello cherry in chocolate in the background. The palate is voluminous, juicy and fruity on the attack, with a pleasant tertiary side in the mid-palate (dry tobacco, damp leaves, faded rose). It also expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, black plum, prunes, dried cranberries and bird cherry, associated with notes of dried peppermint, bay leaf, fresh tobacco, and notes of flowers (violet, lilac), sweet spices (liquorice, coriander seeds, juniper berries) and torrefaction (coffee, dark chocolate, toasted almond) and a delicate herbaceous touch (pine needles, candied black olive). The tannins are powerful and grippy, slightly bitter, cocoa and sapid. The acidity is salivating, lively and brings a beautiful juiciness and freshness to the wine. Good length on the tension and tannic structure.

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

Celestino Pecci 2017 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is dense, with ripe and juicy fruitiness, even a little sweet. It expresses notes of wild

blackberry, morello cherry, quetsche plum, prunes, kirsch cherry, as well as perceptible but integrated tertiary aromas (wet leaves, wilted rose), herbaceous notes (infusion of mint, bay leaf, dried basil, a touch of thyme and oregano), floral (violet, a hint of peony) and spicy (crushed cardamom, coriander seeds, liquorice). We also feel a sappy touch of pine needles, as well as a hint of bitter almond and coffee in the background. The palate offers precision, juiciness and a generous, but straight and tangy fruity substance. It expresses in particular the flavors of morello cherry, bird cherry, black plum, wild blackberry, bigarreau cherry, cranberries with good bitterness, as well as a fine hint of torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond), herbaceous touches (dried mint, dried pine needles, basil, rosemary, bay leaf) and floral aromas (dried rose, lilac, thyme flower). The tertiary notes (wet leaves, dry tobacco) are delicate and appear at the very end of the palate. The tannins are tight, dry and powerful, which gives structure, potential and tension to the wine. The finish is persistent, sapid, with gourmet notes of bitter cocoa and chocolate cherry, accompanied by a refreshing acidity. A direct wine, fresh and complex.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Carpinetto 2019 Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The first nose expresses notes of fresh fruit (wild strawberry, morello cherry, blackberry, blackcurrant, bird cherry) and compote (crushed strawberry, compote red cherry), associated with tasty aromas of fresh bay leaf, roasted bouquet garni, basil, peppermint, black olive and oregano, with a fine floral bouquet (wild flowers, even lavender, violet, dried rose), with a perceptible, but delicate minerality, which appears after aeration. We also sense chocolate notes (chocolate morello cherry, chocolate prunes, bitter cocoa), a slight tertiary side (dry tobacco, wet leaves) and spicy (white pepper, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds). The palate is delicious, even slightly sweet. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, tart red cherry, wild blackberry, crunchy strawberry in the background, blackcurrant and bird cherry (with its dry and slightly tannic touch). We then find herbaceous notes (oregano, basil, peppermint, pine needles), black olive, a fine floral bouquet (dried lavender in the background, dried rose, violet), as well as sweet spices (coriander seeds, liquorice, fennel seeds in the background, white pepper) and torrefaction (coffee with good bitterness, toasted almond). The tannins are tight, but have a fine and melted texture, and are balanced by a salivating acidity and the delicious freshness of mint chocolate, which we find on the finish. Accuracy, straightness and concentration, all in freshness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Carpinetto 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The first nose expresses delicate and enveloped tertiary notes : dry tobacco, undergrowth and dried rose. On the second nose, we find the fruity aromas of crushed wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, red currant, bird cherry and dried blackcurrant, associated with a fresh herbaceous notes (fresh peppermint, basil, oregano, dried pine needles), with savoury aromas of spices (coriander seeds, nutmeg, liquorice with a touch of star anise) and torrefaction (a touch of coffee and toasted wood), as well as a light side mineral (dry stone). The palate is chiseled, quite tannic and straight. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bird cherry, dried red cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, blackberry in the background and blackcurrant, associated with flavors of spices (roasted coriander seeds, liquorice, a hint of star anise and cardamom), aromatic herbs (basil, dried mint, oregano, fresh bouquet garni), as well as torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond and a touch of hazelnut) and cocoa. The tannins are firm and structured, enveloped in the juiciness of fruit and a salivating acidity. The finish is lingering, powdery and cocoa-like, with sappy notes of pine needles and pine sap, as well as a touch of mint dark chocolate in the background.

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

Innocenti 2019 Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. The nose is warming (with a touch of cherry cherry at the beginning) and complex. It expresses distinct but pleasant tertiary notes (damp leaves, tobacco, a touch of leather and faded rose in the background). We also find an expressive spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, black pepper, fennel seed, a hint of star anise), enveloped in a juicy fruitiness (roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum, a hint of prunes and blackcurrant), the spicy and tasty roasted side (toasted hazelnut, coffee, toasted almond, smoke) and herbaceous freshness (dried mint, rosemary, bay leaf, menthol, roasted thyme). The palate offers tension, sapidity and complexity. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, roasted red cherry, black plum, blackcurrant and wild strawberry in the background, combined with delicate tertiary notes of tobacco, damp leaves and faded rose (less perceptible than on the nose), with a fine spicy hint and notes of torrefaction (liquorice, cumin seeds, star anise, black pepper), as well as refreshing herbaceous flavors (dried mint, rosemary, roasted thyme). The tannins are firm, a little dry and grippy, but powdery and chocolatey. The finish is gourmand, fruity and chocolatey, moderately persistent. Elegance and a certain power on the palate.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta di Sesta 2019 Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses aromas of roasted red cherry, dried morello cherry, fresh red cherry, raspberry jam, as well as a hint of dried cranberries in the background. We also find delicate tertiary notes (wet leaves, a hint of mushrooms and leather, faded rose, dried peony, tobacco), a fine spiciness (licorice, white pepper, a touch of dried vanilla and nutmeg), as well as notes of torrefaction (coffee, toasted almond, toasted wood). On the palate, the wine is tasty and more expressive. We find notes of roasted red cherry, chocolate morello cherry, black plum (with a touch of prunes), blackcurrant and raspberry jam, associated with enveloped tertiary notes (tobacco, damp leaves, leather, wilted rose), spicy notes and hints of torrefaction (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, toasted almond, coffee, toasted wood in the background). There is also a herbaceous hint of roasted thyme, rosemary and dry pine needles. The tannins have a velvety and fine texture, but a firm structure. The finish is savoury, chocolatey and cocoa, with good bitterness and salivating acidity. A structured and refined wine.

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

Tenuta di Sesta Costa di Monte 2019 Brunello di Montalcino

The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant and floral : it expresses pronounced aromas of rose, peony, violet and cherry blossom, which are complemented after aeration by juicy and tangy fruity notes (fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry), blackberry, red plum and blackcurrant, tertiary notes of leather, tobacco and faded rose, torrefaction (toasted almond, coffee), sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, white pepper, cumin, nutmeg) and herbs (thyme, roasted rosemary, bay leaf, dried mint in the background). The palate is smooth, but straight and firm, thanks to well-structured but fine tannins. On the attack, we find the juicy fruitiness (fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, red plum, black plum), tertiary notes of tobacco, wet leaves and wilted rose. Then, the finish offers a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, white pepper), notes of torrefaction (cocoa, coffee, toasted almond) and aromatic herbs (fresh thyme and rosemary, bay leaf, mint dried). The finish is persistent, tight, tannic, with lively acidity and tension. A powerful, complex and fresh wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Poderi dal Nespole - "Gualdo" 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

Beautiful fruity nose, full and gourmand that offers richness/ creaminess in balance and a chewy and intense grain. There are notes of brilliant strawberry, bright cherry and small notes of brilliant red berries associated with touches of violet, penja pepper as well as slight liquorice hints, morello cherry and a slight almost warm local grove hint. The mouth is beautifully juicy, suave and offers gourmandise, a beautiful texture, creaminess in finesse and in balance as well as a beautiful stretched side and an aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy/ juicy raspberry, bright pulpy/ juicy cherry and roasted-juicy red berries associated with touches of violet, pulpy/ ripe blueberry, pepper as well as cornflower and toasted/ chocolate hints. A subtle almost sappy/ rosemary hint in the background. Good length. A subtle chocolate hint in the background. Polished tannins. Sapid and chewiness on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Noelia Ricci - "Godenza" 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

Beautiful floral, aromatic nose that offers a certain small complexity and a small power/ intensity. There are notes of blackberry, violet, rosemary and small notes of sage/ lemon-thyme associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits, morello cherry as well as slight infusion touches, Zan, a subtle hint of pepper and a very discreet balsamic hint. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, tension, precision, a beautiful energy definition, a vibrant side as well as a well-controlled varietal side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, creamy small fruits and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with touches of crushed cassis, sage, lemon-thyme as well as slight hints of flowers/ pistils, slight varietal hints, bergamot as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean and toast. Good length. Tannins are sapid, racy and discreetly sappy. A hint of torrefaction in the background. Elegance. A very discreet balsamic hint. The wine needs to take time to reach its full potential.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Drei Donà - "Notturmo" 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful maturity, aromatic deepness and a certain concentration. There are notes of boysenberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of roasted-juicy small fruits associated with beautiful floral touches as well as slight hints of sage/ fresh aromatic herbs as well as slight blueberry hints and a discreet saline and toasted hint. The mouth is beautifully gourmande, pulpy, textured, all in balance, dull of precision and offers a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, roasted-juicy raspberry and small notes of bright small fruits associated with touches of bright blueberry as well as hints of cornflower, badian, toast, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of bergamot, sage, tonka bean and an almost imperceptible blood orange hint in the background. Sapid and chewy tannins. beautifully gourmand and beautiful chewiness on the finish/ persistence. Saline finish in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Chiara Condello - "Le Lucciole" 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio Riserva (Organic AB) The nose is spicy, intense and offers a certain concentration and a hint of clove. There are notes of sage, lemony thyme and small notes of nutmeg associated with ripe-fresh small fruits, slight mandarin zest hints and a hint of infusion/ bergamot. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers brightness, purity, a good definition, a beautiful intensity as well as an aromatic

explosion. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of fresh/ bright blueberry associated with touches of crushed red berries, balsamic, sage, slight touches of lemony thyme as well as a subtle hint of blood orange, slight hints of clove, toast and a subtle hint of « sense of place » (local biotop). Sapid and chalky tannins. Good length and persistence. Beautiful expression and aromatic purity, brightness. Beautiful and delicate iodine guideline in the background. Suppleness and delicacy, energy. Beautiful iodine fat. Deepness, a slight darkness in the background, elegance.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Piccolo Brunelli - "Dante 1872" 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio Riserva

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a multilayered side. There are notes of boysenberry, wild strawberry and small notes of orange, thyme-lemon, spices associated with balsamic touches, toast, a grilled hint, Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint almost clove and iodine. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, suppleness, suavity, straightness as well as elegance, concentration and spices. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/



pulpy blackberry, quite ripe wild strawberry and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of orange, sage, lemony-thyme, pepper, toasted as well as hints of nutmeg, roasted almond and a subtle hint of truffle in the background. Good length. Sapid and chewy tannins. Beautiful fat and roundness. Sapidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Tenuta la Viola - "P. Honorii" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro Riserva

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a certain deepness as well as a slight varietal freshness. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry associated with touches of ripe-fresh wild berries, lily, thyme flowers, slight hints of sage, bergamot, a discreet hint of balsamic as well as a subtle hint of infusion and penja pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandise, precision, an acidulous frame, suavity, delicacy and harmony as well as a certain small straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, rosted/ juicy small red fruits and small notes of crushed/ creamy cassis associated with touches of chocolate, toast, nutmeg, hints of infusion, cornflower, bourbon vanilla as well as slight hints of rosemary, sage, a discreet almost black olive hints, racy minerality limestone and iodine. A very discreet varietal hint even sappy in the background. Sapid and chewy tannins.

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

Celli - "Bron & Ruseval" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro Riserva

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a certain complexity as well as a beautiful chewy, tense and intense grain. There are notes of crushed strawberry, bright boysenberry and small notes of roasted-juicy red fruits associated with a touch of cornflower, crushed small blue fruits, vanilla as well as slight hints of sage, fresh grove, toast and a very discreet iodine hint. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, tension, precision, energy, harmony, a beautiful definition, a pulpy/ juicy/ bright fruit as well as a beautiful sapid/ iodine side in red thread. A certain roundness in precision and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of creamy cassis associated with touches of cornflower, flowers, thyme as well as slight hints of vanilla, toast, nutmeg, beautifully racy minerality and a hint of Zan. Good length. A subtle hint of black olive in the background. Racy and sapid tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Giovanna Madonia - "Ombroso" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro Riserva

The nose is racy, mineral, aromatic and offers complexity as well as a small multilayered side. There are notes pulpy of blackberry, fresh flowers and small notes of cherry blossom associated with slight touches of fresh rosemary, sage as well as hints of small red fruits and slight hints of Zan. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers a small chewiness, gourmandise, matter, precision, an acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of black olive, rosemary/ warm local grove as well as slight hints of Zan, blond tobacco as well as a subtle hint of good bitterness (in the background). Good length. A subtle hint of grilled herbs in the background.

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

Tenuta de Stefanelli - "Armonia" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro Riserva

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers matter, a beautiful well-controlled power, harmony, a certain sensation of volume as well as some spices. There are notes of boysenberries, crushed small fruits and small notes of pepper associated with touches of rose, rosemary, a hint of crushed black plum as well as slight hints of Madagascar pepper, infusion, rosemary, balsamic, liquorice stick and vanilla. The mouth is beautifully fruity and offers freshness, minerality, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, suavity as well as delicacy in its richness/ matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy/ juicy cherry and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of violet, camphor, black olive as well as toasted hints, chocolate, rosemary as well as a subtle hint of balsamic and nutmeg. Chewy, sapid and discreetly sappy tannins. Small mellowness and chew on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Bissoni - "Vigna Colecchio" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro Riserva

Beautiful, wide, large, fresh, aromatic and spicy nose. There are notes of ripe small wild fruits, camphor/ graphene and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of violet, sage, quite ripe small red fruits, hints of infusion, black olive as well as a subtle hint of tobacco, local bush aromatic herbs and iodine. The mouth is beautifully suave, round and offers fat, gourmandise, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, suppleness, brightness, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful tannic structure precisely controlled. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy black cherry, bright small black fruits and small notes of quite ripe small red fruits

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associated with touches of sage, thyme-lemon, balsamic as well as slight almost oregano hints (in the background), nutmeg, cardamom and dark chocolate. Beautiful toasted almond hints on the finish. Chewiness and gourmandise on the finish. Good length and persistence. Chewy, sapid and gourmand tannins. Beautiful minerality. Beautiful freshness, grilled mediterranean herbs in a delicate guideline. Sense of detail and race.

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

Tre Monti - "Classe 33" 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Serra

The nose is intense, herbaceous and offers freshness and a certain power. There are notes of aromatic herbs (oregano, rosemary ...), local grove and small notes of pepper associated with touches of blackberry, balsamic, wild berries as well as slight hints of Zan and tobacco. The mouth is fruity, juicy, racy and offers brightness, freshness, tension, energy as well as a vibrant side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, juicy/ bright cherry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of balsamic, oregano as well as subtle almost blood orange hints, toast, nutmeg and a subtle hint almost chocolate. Good length. Purity of the fruit, matter, a beautiful pulpiness/ juiciness/ brightness of the fruit. Good persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Ferrucci - "Legio" 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Serra

The nose is beautifully mineral, herbaceous and offers a certain brightness of the fruit. There are notes of pulpy raspberry, bright cherry and small notes of balsamic associated with a touche of pulpy/ juicy small red plum, slight hints of oregano as well as a discreet hint almost graphene and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a certain straightness, tension as well as a slight fluted side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fresh cherry, bright small red fruits and small notes of flowers associated with touches of cornflower, badian as well as a subtle hint of balsamic, oregano, sage and discreet hints of blond tobacco. Sapid and subtly sappy tannins. Good length. Good work on the good bitterness on the finish/ persistence.

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

Ca' di Sopra - "Vigna Ca del Rosso" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno Riserva

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a certain deepness as well as an aerial side in its small concentration. There are notes of wild strawberry, cornflower and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of small blue fruits, Sichuan pepper as well as hints of local scrubland, sage and a discreet almost orange zests hint (in the background). The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, precision, tension, suppleness, a certain gourmandise, a certain straightness as well as a tannic side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy raspberry, bright wild berries and small notes of badian associated with touches of balsamic, dark chocolate, oregano as well as a subtle hint of thyme-lemon, iodine and a discreet hint of sage. Good length. Sapid and slightly chewy tannins. Freshness, minerality, focus on the fruit and a certain straightness.

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

Fattoria Zerbina - "Monografia" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno Riserva

(Anfiteatro, alberello/bush style) Beautiful spicy and aromatic nose which offers a nice, fine and elegant grain as well as a certain deepness. There are notes of bright raspberry, bright/juicy purple plum associated with touches of balsamic, Zan, fresh oregano as well as fine hints of clove, sense of place (local biotope) and fresh sweet spices. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, tension, energy, subtlety, a certain delicacy as well as a fresh and spherical mid-palate. A discreet contained side in its fruit/in its concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small juicy/pulpy red

fruits, fresh/bright blackberry and small notes of fresh/ crunchy cherry associated with touches of balsamic, flowers, sage/aromatic herbs as well as a subtle hint oregano, star anise, sense of place (local biotope) and almost discreet chocolate hints. Tannins are precise and mellow. A subtle herbaceous/sappy hint in the background, very discreet. Good length. This wine needs to be decanted. Requires time. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Sabbiona - "Mammutus" 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Oriolo

The nose is spicy, fruity, aromatic and offers deepness in precision/ control, a precise and elegant grain. There are notes of dense wild blackberry, graphite, sense of place (local biotope) and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of oregano, wild small cherries as well as slight hints of bergamot/ infusion, discreet hints of penja pepper, black olive and freshly-toasted. The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, precise and offers precision, tension, a good definition, a certain tension, gourmandise, a beautiful freshness in guideline, a certain chewiness, richness in precision, straightness, deepness as well as complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with touches of sense of place (local biotope), grove, cardamom and balsamic, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of oregano, racy minerality and toast. A subtle hint of toasted almond on the finish. Beautiful small chewiness and beautiful sapidity on the finish/ persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Poderi Morini - "Nonno Rico" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Oriolo Riserva

Beautiful precise, deep nose that offers a certain concentration. Needs to be decanted to open up. A certain complexity and a slight textured/ graphite side on the nose. There are notes of boysenberry, quite ripe blueberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of fig, dried fruits as well as beautiful balsamic hints, concentrated redcurrants, hints of Zan, tobacco, sage and a slight hint of oregano/fresh aromatic herbs. The mouth is beautifully racy and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, tension, a beautiful racy minerality character, precision as well as clarity of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, concentrated small red fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of infusion, sage, sense of place (local biotope, clear oak etc...), hints of liquorice stick, balsamic as well as slight hints of nutmeg and toasted almond. Good length. Chewy tannins. A discreet hint of a fresh grove, part of the sense of place (The vineyard is surrounded by a national park).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta Casali - "Baruccia" 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Mercato Saraceno

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a precise, quite intense grain as well as a spicy and peppery side. There are notes of boysenberry, concentrated morello cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of flowers, cherry, Zan, balsamic as well as slight hints of sweet spices, a discreet hint of graphite and a very discreet hint of pepper. A subtle hint of local scrubland/ oregano/ rosemary in the background. The mouth is beautifully juicy and offers a beautiful brightness and pulpiness of the fruit, a beautiful definition/ purity of the fruit, tension, a beautiful structure, a certain minerality, gourmandise as well as sapidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, pulpy/ bright small red fruits associated with touches of fresh/ bright purple plum, balsamic, oregano as well as a subtle thyme-lemon hint, fresh/ juicy wild small fruits, a discreet hint of fresh tobacco, fresh spices, a subtle hint of toasted almond and an imperceptible almost black olive hint in the background. Precision, finesse. Beautiful and elegant structure.

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

Terre Cevico - "Monte Sasso" 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Mercato Saraceno

Beautifully-built and precise nose that offers precision, concentration, a certain deepness and a slight infusion. The wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of ripe/ pulpy cassis, oregano and small notes of concentrated wild small red fruits associated with touches of violet, badian, a hint almost sage in the background, bergamot, undergrowth and a discreet hint of fresh pepper. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, precision, a slight tension as well as a slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy blackberry, pulpy/ crushed cassis and small notes of fresh aromatic herbs associated with touches of juicy/ fresh raspberry, pulpy/ fresh wild small fruits, hints of fresh balsamic as well as a discreet hint of oregano, infusion, undergrowth, almost blood orange, nutmeg, toast and chocolate. Good length. Mellow, sapid and precise tannins. Slight straightness and a small chewiness on the finish.

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

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Fattoria Zerbina

"Bianco di Ceparano" 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

Beautiful fruity and aromatic nose that offers minerality, fullness and a slight intensity, a stretched side and a certain varietal freshness. There are notes of quite, quite ripe small yellow fruits and small notes of acacia associated with slight touches of beeswax, kumquat, fresh sage as well as a hint of apricot flowers and fresh spices. A discreet hint almost verbena in the background. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, roundness, fat, gourmandise, energy as well as a beautiful sapidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sage, kumquat and small notes of pulpy/ bright yellow peach associated with touches of bright small yellow fruits, a hint of quite, slight hints of crushed leechy, yellow flowers as well as a hint of beeswax and nutmeg. A very discreet hint of ripe almond in the background. Roundness and a crystalline side of the fruit. A very discreet almost tannic hint on the finish/ persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Branchini - "Dutia" 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

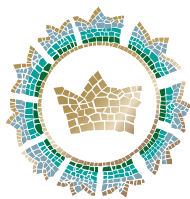
The nose is spicy, deep, fresh and racy and offers a beautiful textured side. There are notes of quite, nutmeg and small notes of dried zests associated with touches of sage, verbena as well as a hint of crunchy fresh apricot as well as slight almost peppery/ limestone hints as well as discreet discreet saline hints. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, balanced, tense and offers a mineral frame, energy, a vibrant side, suavity, a small coating and tense side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quite, dried zests and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of bright mirabelle plum, kumquat as well as a hint of sage, fresh small flowers, lime as well as a subtle hint of « sens of place » (local biotope). Beautiful freshness. A subtle hint of mesocarp in the background. A discreet hint of residual sugar.

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

Zavalloni - 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

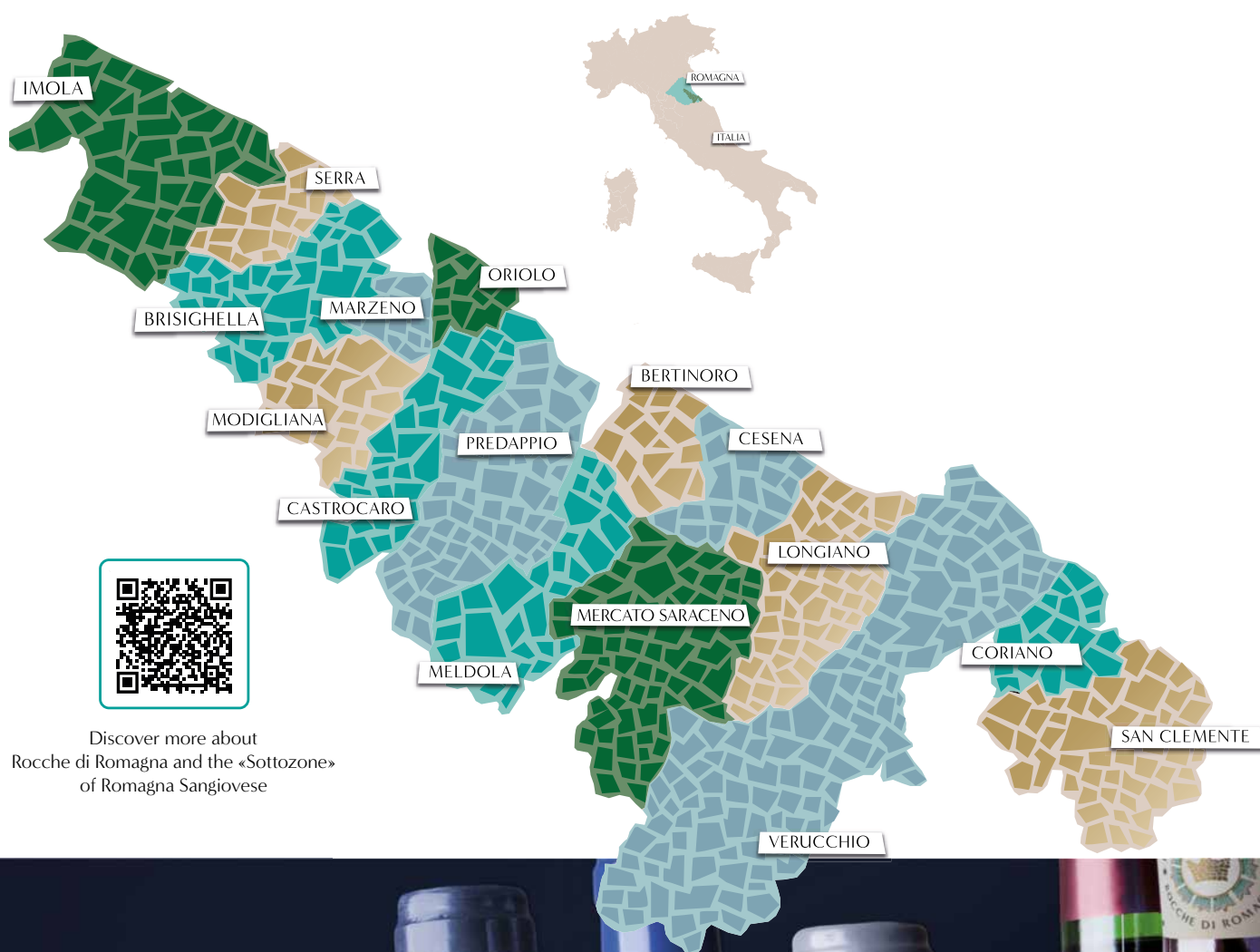
The nose is aromatic, complex, deep, beautifully defined, multilayered and offers an elegant varietal side. There are notes of dried citrus, zests and small notes of fresh sage associated with touches of fresh rosemary, flowers as well as slight hints of kumquat and hints of « sense of place » (local biotope). The mouth is beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced, vibrant, tense and offers a fresh side, energy, acidity and a certain fullness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quite, dried zests and small notes of dried kumquat associated with touches



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of rosemary, fresh sage as well as touches of mesocarp, crunchy apricot as well as a subtle hint almost exotic fruits like, acacia as well as slight iodine/ saline hints. A beautiful game on the varietal and good bitterness. A slight honey hint in the background.

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

Tenuta la Viola - "Frangipane" 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The nose benefits from being decanted. There are notes of kumquat, dried quinte and a small notes of local bush associated with touches of lily, clove and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, stretched and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, precision, a spherical side and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, dried zests and small notes of dried small yellow fruits associated with touches of bright yellow peach associated with touches of apricot flowers, bergamot as well as slight hints of Mediterranean grove and beeswax. Good length. Persistence on sage. Freshness and a very discreet pearly side in the mouth. A mineral/ racy minerality side in the mouth, a subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/ persistence.

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

Cantina di Cesena "Dancing Albana" 2022

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The nose is aromatic, fresh, chiseled and offers a certain deepness. There are notes of thyme-lemon, sage and small notes of acacia associated with touches of fresh quinte, mesocarp, lemon as well as slight hints of fresh small yellow fruits and a subtle hint of verbena and peach flowers. The mouth is chiseled, tense, precise, juicy and offers a certain complexity, a beautiful straightness in elegance, a slight reduction as well as a good freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, crunchy yellow berries and small notes of acacia, peach flowers associated with touches of fresh local/Mediterranean grove as well as a subtle hint almost beeswax and fresh almond like. Good length. The finish becomes tighter. A subtle tannic hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Giovanna Madonna - "Neblina" 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The nose is elegant, racy and offers subtlety, a certain small richness and deepness. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of fresh/ pulpy yellow peach, fresh quinte and small notes of dried citrus associated with touches of sage, physalis as well as a subtle hint of apricot and fresh sage. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, suavity, gourmandise, delicacy, subtlety as well as a certain richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, sage and small notes of apricot associated with touches of bright yellow peach, crunchy small yellow fruits as well as slight hints of beeswax, toasted almond, a subtle hint of acacia and sage. Beautiful almost iodine hints as well as a subtle hint of good bitterness in the background. An outstanding wine!

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

Podere dell'Angelo - "Giulietta" 2023

Rimini DOC Rebola

Beautiful fruity, fresh, tense and precise nose that offers a discreet varietal/ floral hint. There are notes of acacia, white flowers and small notes of white peach associated with slight touches of citrus fruits and a discreet hint of exotic fruits. The mouth is fruity, vibrant and offers juiciness, acidulous frame, minerality, tension, precision as well as a beautiful brightness/ aciduly/ juiciness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy peach, bright mandarin and small notes of sweet pink grapefruit associated with touches of quenette, leechy as well as discreet hints of toasted almond and apricot blossom. Good length. Beautiful fullness and iodine fat. Beautiful work on the floral.

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

Masselina - 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly tight, tense and precise. There are notes of fresh yellow peach, pulpy nectarine and small notes of fresh/ juicy apricot associated with touches of toasted almond, sage, a subtle hint of acidulous apricot as well as a discreet iodine hint and toasted hints. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, brightness, energy, a beautiful structure, a tannic side in its structure, slightly powdery/ graphene hints, an acidulous frame as well as a varietal/ floral red thread. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quinte, bright yellow berries and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of honey, quinte, slight hints of crushed yellow peach, touches of sage, acacia as well as slight iodine/ saline hints and toasted almond. A very discreet almost vanilla hints in the background. A certain unctuousity in the background. Tannic in its structure and aromatic. Beautiful persistence on the floral/ varietal.

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

Giovannini "G.G.G." 2021

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The nose is racy, precise, fresh, beautifully defined and fine in its precision. There are notes of yellow peach, kumquat and small notes of beeswax associated with touches of sage, rosemary as well as hints of acacia, peach flowers, bright/ fresh peach and verbena. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, acidulous frame, tension, precision, a good definition, gourmandise, a beautiful complexity deepness as well as a 3 dimensions side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ bright yellow peach, crushed small yellow fruits and small notes of apricot associated with touches of acacia, peach flowers, subtle hints of quinte, slight mandarin flowers, a subtle hint of crystallised mandarin as well as discreet hints of verbena and spices. A subtle hint of small yellow flowers. Beautifully gourmand and precise wine. Deepness. It needs to be decanted. Slightly iodine finish.

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

Tre Monti - "Vitalba" 2023

Romagna Albana DOCG Secco

The wine needs to be decanted. It offers a quite ripe fruit, a crystalline side, deepness, energy and a subtle sugary sensation. There are notes of quinte, marmalade and small notes of dried apricot associated with touches of fresh small yellow fruits associated with slight hints of terracotta, beeswax and a hint of small fruits and spices. The mouth is well-structured and offers energy, freshness, precision, a certain straightness as well as a stretched side. A slightly pearly attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried mandarin, quinte and small notes of dried small yellow fruits associated with a touch of dried pineapple, terracotta as well as a subtle almost dried yellow apple like hints and a very discreet almost sherry (in the background). The finish is suave and tannic. Well-conducted in its style, a certain roundness in the mouth.

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

Enio Ottaviani - 2020

Rimini DOC Rebola

The nose is fruity and offers an oxidative hint. There are notes of kumquat, dried zests and small notes of bright small yellow fruits associated with touches of yellow peach as well as slight hints of pineapple. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, precision as well as energy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of kumquat, dried zests/ dried orange and small notes of yellow peach associated with touches of dried apricot as well as a subtle iodine hint, fresh thyme as well as a hint of sage and a subtle hint of beeswax and almond. Good work on the good bitterness and a small well-controlled oxidation.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Enio Ottaviani - 2022

Rimini DOC Rebola

The nose is aromatic, ripe and offers elegance, a slight oxidative hint as well as a slight aerial character. There are notes of small yellow fruits, beeswax and small notes of physalis associated with slight almost acacia hints, verbena and an imperceptible hint of clear butter. The mouth is beautifully juicy, fruity, tense, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidity, roundness, juiciness, gourmandise as well as energy. An almost fine maceration aspect. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes of apricot associated with touches of mandarin/ zests, as well as beeswax, crushed small white fruits as well as a subtle hint of lime and verbena. Good length. A subtle almost chestnut hint and a discreet hint of iodine.

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

Terre Cevico - "Le Rocche" 2023

Rimini DOC Rebola

The nose is aromatic, fresh, frank and offers a certain tension/ concentration, deepness and a slight power. There are notes of apricot, white flowers and small notes of bright brugnon associated with slight hints of sweet citrus fruits, fresh thyme and slight almost fresh manga hints and crunchy Williams pear. The mouth is fruity, beautifully mineral and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, tension, precision as well as a beautiful enveloping and gourmand side. Enveloping and elegant/ gourmand matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ pulpy yellow peach, bright pear and small notes of white flowers associated with touches of apricot blossom, mango as well as discreet hints of fresh rosemary in the background. Beautiful salinity and freshness.

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

Tenuta Santini - "Isotta" 2023

Rimini DOC Rebola

The nose is elegant, floral, fruity and offers a melodious side, a crunchy side as well as energy. There are notes of apricot flowers, acacia and slight notes of iodine/ oceanic associated with touches of small pulpy/bright white fruits, fresh citrus fruits, discreet hints of fresh rosemary as well as a hint of star fruit, zest, with a discreet hint of lime blossom and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, acidity, energy, a certain deepness, roundness, a good structure as well as good work on the floral good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, juicy/ pulpy apricot and small notes of pineapple associated with touches of mandarin, a hint of "sense of place" (local biotope) fresh grove as well as a subtle hint of iodine, crushed small yellow fruits and almost tannic in the aromatic finish. A subtle, almost sappy hint in the background.

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

Ronchi di Castelluccio

Ronco del Re 2021

Colli di Faenza DOC

The nose is fruity, textured, structured, frank and offers a fine deepness. There are notes of small ripe fruits, sap and slight notes of yellow flowers associated with fine touches of physalis as well as a hint of citrus peel and a very discreet hint of lime blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, tension, precision, a good definition, a certain small concentration as well as a subtle oxidative hint (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, kumquat and small sappy notes associated with an oxidative touch, apricot as well as discreet hints of dried lemon and a discreet hint of nutmeg. A small oxidative side controlled and certainly desired.

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

Romagna Sangiovese

Tenuta Franzona 2021 Bio

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore

Brilliant ruby red, very bright. Notes of eucalyptus, currant and raspberry on the nose. Very fruity sensations in the glass, even with aeration and anticipation. On the palate it is very juicy, textural, with great density and cleanliness. Sharp, viscous, very broad from the entry, on the palate it lingers with a fragrant taste and good dynamism on fruity returns. Very involving.

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

Enio Ottaviani Sole rosso 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby colour tending to garnet. Very intense. The nose expresses itself with great intensity and expressiveness. Hints of sweet red fruit, raspberries and small, sweet berries. On the palate it is juicy with a fine energy and drinkability propulsion in which the fruity persistence finely overpowers the tannic matrix.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

San Patrignano Avi 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby red, very bright. On the nose, very intense notes of pomegranate and citrus alongside more floral tones of broom and violet. The sip is exuberant, very mouth-watering and engaging. Good fatness and impact in which the tannic layer is very integrated with the juice. Elegant palate, awesome substance, dense.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Merlotta Founders PG 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Ruby red tending to garnet. Vivid and dark in the center. The nose impresses with floral, magnolia, sweet, currant and strawberry aromas. With aeration, dried fruit, hints of Mediterranean scrub and more.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Fattoria Monticino Rosso Frutti rossi 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Ruby red tending to garnet. Brilliant and more concentrated in the centre. The nose is rich in citrus, lemon and blood orange notes with floral and violet hints. Energetic palate, with lively power and charisma with fine, chiselled tannins. A very young taste, with a yet unexpressed expressive potential, which anticipates an important capacity for evolution! Closes with a fruity return enlivened by a marked acidity.

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

Fattoria Nicolucci Vigna del Generale 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby, very bright. The top note of the first nose is not very expressive before opening and releasing notes of cerise and fresh fruit, small fragrant and juicy red berries. Other ethereal haloes anticipate a sip with a decisive and energetic verve and tension. Great agility and freshness. On the palate, a tannic grip supports a dense matter with good volume, the power and dynamism prolong the sip. Considerable evolutionary potential.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Celli Le Grillaie 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby red, very bright. On the nose a wealth of aromas, lots of red fruits, raspberries and currants and small spices. Very expressive, the sip is energetic, deep and rich. Harmonic with beautiful fatness and envelopment. Full and involving with a tannic matrix already well integrated with the fruit. Very gourmand and involving sip for its important fruity return. Good aging potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tre Monti Petrignone 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Ruby red tending towards violet. Initial nose not very clear, with hints of sweet spices and blue berries and more Mediterranean tones. The sip is of great dynamism, with an energy enlivened by an acid verve that accompanies a concentrated taste of raspberries and blueberries. The taste is textural. Fleshy, engaging driven by a greener, rougher tannic veil. Still in need of some refinement before becoming a task.

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

Bissoni 2021

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Ruby red tending towards violet. On the nose, raspberry and violet aromas. Sensations of freshness and enveloping red fruits, lavender and dried flowers, with Mediterranean sensations of oregano, liquorice and basil. A nose in continuous evolution. A very enveloping, soft, velvety tannins, the wood is well integrated with the material that is soaring with a sensation of sap that fits into a structure of good volume and agility.

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

Assirelli Monte del Re 2020

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Ruby red to garnet. On the nose dark and leathery notes of liquorice and menthol, it opens in the glass with balsamic and gradually warmer and fruitier sensations.

Broad and warm with a dense, slightly dusty, iron tannic texture that supports a denser material with raspberry and red fruit aromas. The palate contradicts the nose for its agility and openness with a dynamic and fresh momentum in the finish with sensations of juniper and blueberries in an enveloping body. Excellent evolutionary potential.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Branchini Cardinala 2020

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby red, very bright. On the nose intense notes of lavender, mint and sweet wood before opening to fruity notes of cherry and currant. On the palate it is graceful, exciting in its energy and fine tannins embedded and adhering to the body. With great dynamism and freshness, it evolves with aromas of red fruits, blackberry and plum. Enveloping, textural, mouthwatering and juicy with a light and captivating structural persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta de' Stefanelli Preludio 2019

Romagna Sangiovese Superiore Riserva

Brilliant ruby, lively and tending to garnet. This colour conquers the eyes. The nose immediately opens on woody notes of cardamom and spices before opening on more airy and fresh tones of eucalyptus and pomegranate. On the palate it is soft with velvety tannins, biting into an impactful, biting body. Fleshy, long, energetic sip. With character and personality.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Tre Monti Class 33 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Serra

Brilliant ruby red, lively and tending towards garnet. The nose has intense aromas that anticipate a certain concentration in the perfumes, from menthol to dark and sweet red fruits, cherry and morello cherry. Fragrant, balsamic, energetic, crispy mouthfeel with a fatter center. Harmonious overall. Great finish and clean.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Uccellina Clivio del Re 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Brisighella

Bright ruby, lively and tending towards garnet. The nose is complex with marine and somewhat vegetal notes,

woody and sap-like, then opening to red fruit, currants and blueberries. On the palate, great momentum with iodised pixels, fine and incisive tannins and a slightly pungent spiciness. It closes on sweet and fruity tones.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Il Teatro Violano 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Modigliana

Bright ruby red, lively. The nose has Mediterranean scents, of sage, then red citrus and dried flowers. Highly energetic acidity, sharp on tones of red fruit and spices. Excellent taste persistence, grace and harmony. Very promising, lively and charismatic.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Ronchi di Castelluccio Buco del Prete di Castelluccio 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Modigliana

Ruby red tending to violet, lively. Very intriguing nose, on sweet spices and dark berries, currant, blackberry and gradually more floral, violet. Very elegant on the palate with a tannic component brought by the wood still to be disposed of, a very dense matter supported by a lively acidity for a good drinking propulsion.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ronchi di Castelluccio Ronco Casone 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Modigliana

Ruby red tending to violet, lively. On the nose, notes of tar and spices, then opens to more fruity and floral notes of currant and rose. The sip is very voluminous, energetic, involving. Perfectly integrated tannins, fleshy taste enhanced by a nice acidity. Great taste and progression.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Ronchi di Castelluccio Ronco della Simia 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Modigliana

Ruby red tending towards violet, lively. The nose perceives a sweet harmony between red fruits and wildflowers. Ethereal, of important material impact with a delicate and incisive tannic filigree. Tannic finish with a textural taste and rich aftertaste for a great perspective drinking window. You can feel it has done wood in the finish.

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

Balia di Zola Redinoce 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Modigliana Riserva

Ruby red tending towards garnet, very dark. The nose is balsamic, very rich on dark fruits, blueberry and blackberry, with iodine hints. Chalky, mineral on the palate, but with enveloping and persistent matter; very pleasant, long and with incredible propulsion. One of the best in its category for finesse and acid persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Ca' di Sopra 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno

Bright, lively ruby. On the nose notes of pomegranate, eucalyptus, black cherry and oriental spices. On the palate great agility, very incisive but subtle tannins that support the flavour giving it impetus and expressiveness with very persistent hints of red fruits. A great classic for this winery that expresses itself with a style that is always recognisable.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Ca' di Sopra Vigna Ca' del Rosso 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno Riserva

Brilliant ruby, lively, transparent. The nose is very Mediterranean, with notes of red citrus fruits, rosemary

Romagna Sangiovese

and menthol. The sip is taut with an important tannic grip endowed with lashing and lively acidity. Very persistent and enveloping, very pleasant with a lovely fresh, citrus finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ca' di Sopra Vigna Montale 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno Riserva Bright, lively, transparent ruby. A wine of impact already on the nose, with blue berries and mineral touches, sweet spices and wildflowers. Involving and dynamic on the palate with earthy and spicy notes, multifaceted, citrus in the mouth, great meatiness and woody sensations. Dynamic and persistent.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Fattoria Zerbina Monografia/4 2019

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Marzeno Riserva Bright ruby red, lively. The nose is rich in citrus, very pleasant, anticipates a good body with fruity and intense sensations of red berries, rose and hellebore. Elegant, it is one of the sincerest expressions of Sangiovese from Marzeno.

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

Tenuta Piccolo Brunelli Pietro 1904 - 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio Brilliant, bright ruby colour! Nose a little dark before aeration, revealing citrus and brackish sensations together with small red and pink berries. Energetic on the palate, with inviting acidity and dynamism prolonged by a very pleasant juiciness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Piccolo Brunelli Cesco 1938 - 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio Brilliant, bright ruby red. On the nose notes of blackberry and blueberry, a profusion of blue and lilac berries. A great taste persistence in a fleshy sip, very rich

and chalky in the finish, with incredible evolutionary potential and a persistent finish on the fruit.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Noelia Ricci Godenza 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

Intense, dark ruby red. On the nose woody, airy notes, with scents of iris and blackberries. On the palate it is juicy, very clean, sharp on the fruit in a very ample body, inviting and persistent for persistence and balance between tannins and acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Chiara Condello 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

Intense, lively ruby red. On the nose, notes of great finesse, with aromas of sweet red fruits, blue berries, eucalyptus, juniper, wildflowers and violets. Highly energetic, multifaceted and extremely clean and persistent on the palate. Great palate tension, pressing in its acidic tannic progression. Very young, significant evolutionary potential!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Sa Di Vino San Joves 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio

Ruby red tending towards violet, luminous. On the nose woody notes of coriander, ripe and juicy fruit, blueberry and morello cherry. On the palate it is sweet, enveloping, ample, with good silkiness and textural consistency. It boasts a good length and warmth in the finish where the matter is chewed up, some of the wood still to be disposed of, but the fruity return is very pleasing.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tenuta la Viola Il Colombarone 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro

Ruby red tending towards violet, lively. On the nose very

dark, loaded notes of violet, blackberry and spices. The taste is mellow, dense with matter, a little contracted with some wood still to be disposed of. Fleshy, with iron tips and an aftertaste reminiscent of blueberries and violet flowers.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Drei Donà Vigna del Pruno 2021

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Predappio Riserva

Ruby red tending towards violet, lively. A nose that recalls sweet woods and lightly, with aromas of vanilla together with notes of cinnamon, violet and blackberry. The palate is very fleshy, with a relaxed tannic matrix, but with a fruity grip and grip with an iodine finish. Great evolution and aging potential!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Tenuta la Viola P. Honorii 2020

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Bertinoro

Ruby red tending towards violet, lively. The nose is dense, on plum and blackcurrant, textural and dense with an important tannic fibre supported by an iodine and fresh texture of character. Very broad and expressive, with a decisive and pressing taste progression with citrus and lymphatic returns on the finish. A great wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Tenuta Casali Vigna Baruccia 2022

Romagna DOC Sangiovese Mercato Saraceno

Ruby red tending towards garnet, lively and luminous. The nose is very fresh, with notes of citrus, pomegranate and cerise. On the palate a dynamic, electric verve, full of aromas concentrated on red fruits, a little hematic, crisp in body with integrated, silky tannins.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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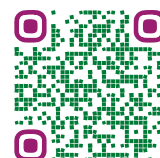
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Finger lakes

KEUKA LAKE

Dr Konstantin Frank, Brut 2020

Keuka Lake

Traditional method chardonnay dominant sparkling with richness and ripeness. Its dominant aromas include crisp apple, citrus, ginger and almonds with well-integrated, delicate autolytic character that brings complexity. The mousse is creamy and supported.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Célèbre Rosé Brut

Keuka Lake

Blend of mostly Pinot Noir with some Meunier and Chardonnay it has a lively fruitiness on wild berries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and black cherries. While not overly complex, it offers good balance and delicate, elegant style.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Blanc de noirs 2019

Keuka Lake

The blanc de Noirs surprises with its extremely vibrant acidity and lively depth of fruitiness. It bursts with notes of red apple, cherry, and a hint of citrus, all complemented by a fine, complex autolytic brioche note and a persistent, elegant mousse. Good balance between the crispness of a cool climate wine and complexity of a matured sparkling.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Gruner Veltliner 2023

Keuka Lake

The winery has 30 ha of Gruner Veltliner and was one of the first to introduce it to the region. It offers a greenish hue, tart freshness, and vibrant acidity. Notes of green apple, white pepper, and a hint of lime zest create a lively and refreshing profile.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank Rkatsiteli 2023

Keuka Lake

This wine stands out as an unusual yet intriguing choice for the region with this Georgian varietal. This pale and light wine exudes a delicate complexity, with pronounced herbal and floral notes as well as a hint of exotic fruit. Aromas of chamomile, green herbs, and white blossoms create an inviting bouquet. On the palate, it remains intricate and refreshing, with a subtle hint of citrus and minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Dry Riesling 2023

Keuka Lake

Riesling with crisp acidity, pronounced minerality and quite highlighted kerosene notes. This wine's freshness is balanced its intensity of flavors of green apple, lime, and a hint of peach.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Margrit Dry Riesling 2021

Seneca Lake

The Margrit is a single- vineyard Riesling from their vineyards situated in Seneca Lake where grapes tend to reach better ripeness. Intense acidity and freshness with lovely aromatic. This wine delivers lovely aromatic notes of citrus blossom, green apple, tangerine, apricot and clear, wet stone minerality. The mouthfeel is rounded, ripe and well-crafted balance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Chardonnay 2022

Keuka Lake

Made from older plots of Chardonnay of 60 years or more situated right in front of the estate overlooking the Keuka Lake in front of estate. This Chardonnay offers a harmonious blend of steel as well as neutral and little new oak aging. The wine is nuanced with creamy mouthfeel, and integrated vanilla taste supported by clear acidity and delicate orchard and citrus fruit notes.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Old vines Pinot Noir 2021

Keuka Lake

2021 reflects a challenging, excessively rainy vintage with its light and pale appearance. Despite the rainy year, it offers simplicity and approachability with notes of red berries and subtle earthiness. Soft tannins and a gentle acidity contribute to its easy-drinking nature. While not complex, it remains a pleasant expression of Pinot Noir from the region, ideal for casual enjoyment.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Cabernet Franc 2021

Keuka Lake

The Cabernet Franc is an earthy, complex delight with a spicy edge. Its vibrant acidity and fresh profile highlight notes of red pepper, dark cherry, and subtle herbs, enhancing its supple texture. The wine's balanced, soft tannins and elegant structure is full of character and finesse.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Dr Konstantin Frank, Saperavi 2021

Keuka Lake

This teinturier grape from Georgia is gaining popularity in the Finger Lakes region. This expression is fragrant, concentrated and colorful. This wine presents a rustic yet complex character with spicy undertones. Notes of blackberry, plum, and a hint of leather create a robust palate, complemented by firm tannins and a lively acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



SENECA LAKE

Hermann J. Wiemer Extra Brut 2019

Seneca Lake

Sparkling wine made entirely from Riesling grapes sourced from the HJW Vineyard. It dazzles with its exquisite balance of crisp acidity and creamy texture. Delicate notes of green apple, citrus zest, and a hint of toast and crackers create a complex palate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer Saperavi Sparkling Rosé

Seneca Lake

This unconventional, unique profile sparkling shows the winery dedication to experiment and innovation. With candied cherry notes, crisp red fruits and a rustic character, balanced by crisp acidity, the wine is refreshing and lively. A hint of tingly spiciness on the finale brings even more depth and length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer Flower day Riesling 2022

Seneca Lake

Flower day is a blend of grapes from their Demeter-certified HJW Vineyard and transitioning biodynamically farmed Standing Stone site. This Riesling offers a beautiful expression with floral aromas and vibrant acidity. It's dry, exuberant, showcasing notes of lime zest and dried flowers. The wine's lengthy finish is supported by the freshness and textural body of the wine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer HJW, Riesling 2022

Seneca Lake

The HJW single-estate was the first Riesling vines planted by the estate in 1977. It's noticeably cooler and more expressive than others. The winery spotlight this block each vintage in the limited release Riesling HJW Vineyard. The wine has a full aromatic expression as well as strident acidity, and good volume. It's a fully complex wine that impresses not only by its taste, but also its general harmonious feeling.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



Finger lakes

Hermann J. Wiemer, Magdalena 2022

Seneca Lake

Magdalena vineyard is closer to the lake and warmer. It boasts great ripeness of flavor with orchard fruit, citrus, fresh thyme, lime notes of great aromatic intensity. It also showcases integrated kerosene notes as well as minerality. It's a warm and full-bodied Riesling of great length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer, Gewürztraminer 2023

Seneca Lake

Light-colored Gewürztraminer that is extremely floral, with notes of rose water and white flowers. On the palate the wine is textural and phenolic with lost flavor intensity compared to the nose but a touch of bitterness on the finish instead. It's a lean, focused wine with layers of texture.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer Josef, Riesling 2022

Seneca Lake

The Josef Riesling comes from mature vines planted in 1974. It has a unique character, rich ripeness and is usually picked later as an Auslese-style wine. It's well-crafted and impeccably balanced between the striking acidity and added maturity. The intense flavors of pear, tropical fruits, delicate floral notes and minerality is enhanced by the full-bodied, covering mouthfeel.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Hermann J. Wiemer Cabernet Franc Magdalena 2022

Seneca Lake

This Cabernet Franc from the Magdalena Vineyard's two-and-a-half-acre block offers a ripe and concentrated profile. Bold tannins and dark fruit notes are complemented by earth, black pepper, and tobacco leaf. Classic Finger Lakes hallmarks—dried herbs, ground pepper spice, raspberry, and cherry—shine through. Silky texture and savory, herb-flecked finish. Extended skin contact and Hungarian oak aging add structure and depth, promising excellent ageability.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ravines Argetsinger Vineyard, Dry Riesling 2020

Seneca Lake

Sourced from old vines on steep limestone slopes on the southeastern shores of Seneca Lake, Argetsinger Vineyard is known for its quality and lean fruit profile, with more floral characteristics and focused minerality. The wine's elegant purity and savory finish is fully expressive and vibrant with citrus fruit, floral and delicate flinty, shale components. It's elegant, pure and its intensity and length indicates an outstanding ageing potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Ravines Pinot Noir 2020

Seneca lake

With Pinot noir's delicate nature, in Finger lakes, its expression becomes very dependant of vintage and climatic variability. 2020 was an easy vintage with perfect growing season that led to a refined and more concentrated expression. Intense aromas of red fruits, spices, cedar and mushrooms, Ravines Pinot noir is engaging with bold but supple tannins, and a lengthy savory finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Ravines Cabernet Franc 2022

Seneca lake

Sourced from the White springs and 16 Fall Vineyards, this Cabernet Franc has a nice balanced between fruits, herbs and spices. The palate is elegant, concentrated and well-balanced. It shows maturity, great integration and soft, delicate, polished texture. It was aged for a year in 2000 liter Austrian and Hungarian Oak casks.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Ravines Maximilien 2020

Seneca Lake

Intensely flavored blend of 69% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot from Seneca Lake. It offers ripe, concentrated aromas of dark chocolate, raspberry, black olive, and baking

spices. The linear palate is lifted by acidity, showcasing tart red fruit, savory spice, and herb notes with fine-grained tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars, Sparkling Riesling 2019 Seneca Lake

This is a rare gem with only 200 cases crafted. It delights with vibrant acidity that balances its charming aromatics. This sparkling wine offers a pleasing texture, revealing notes of green apple, citrus blossom, and a hint of honey.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars Grüner Veltliner 2023

Seneca Lake

Lamoreaux Landing is proud to own the oldest plantings of Grüner Veltliner in the Finger Lakes. Grown on 2 acres, this wine displays excellent maturity, offering exotic fruit flavors without green notes. Its flat profile lacks acidity but boasts a rounded texture. While lacking in vibrancy, it offers a more mellow, fruit-forward style.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars Riesling Round Rock Vineyard 2021

Seneca Lake

Round Rock vineyard is named after the big granite boulders that can be found on the ground. This wine offers a more mature and bolder expression with ripe fruit flavors. Notes of apricot, peach, ripe lime zest and a hint of minerality create a complex palate. Its pronounced acidity balances the richness, resulting in a vibrant and textured Riesling.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars Riesling Yellow Dog Vineyard 2021

Seneca Lake

Yellow Dog Vineyard is also used for their sparkling wine production, it benefits from higher elevation and less lake warming effect. It showcases vibrant notes of green apple and a sizzling freshness that invigorates the palate. This Riesling is crisp and lively, with a subtle minerality that adds depth. The finish is clean and vibrant, with intense length because of the acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars Riesling Red oak Vineyard 2021

Seneca Lake

Named after the 250 years old oak tree that rests in the vineyard, this single vineyard is known for its afternoon sun exposure with a western aspect. This complex Riesling offers vibrant acidity and mature aromas. Notes wild herbs, lime zest and a hint of mushroom create a rich mouthfeel and very unique character.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars Cabernet Franc 2019

Seneca Lake

This wine has a vibrant and crunchy texture, offering pronounced peppery and spicy notes. This wine showcases complex flavors supported by fresh acidity and integrated oak influences. Its supple and harmonious structure provides a delightful balance of crisp, intense fruitiness and complex aromas.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars 76 West 2022

Seneca Lake

Robust Bordeaux-style blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. It opens with enticing aromas of black cherry and leather, leading to flavors of herbs and berries on the palate. This wine boasts ripe tannins and good balance, with a structured finish highlighted by notes of dark fruit and fine tannins. It's a fruity and well-integrated blend that shows more power than most Finger Lakes wines.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



South Africa

Mullineux Old Vines White 2023

Swartland, South Africa

This wine showcases direct aromas of fresh stone fruit and lightly poached pear, leading to a complex palate layered with yellow grapefruit, nectarines, and vibrant acidity. Hints of ginger and citrus-like galangal complete the finish. The blend of 62% Chenin Blanc, 10% Clairette Blanche, 9% Viognier, 7% Grenache Blanc, 6% Semillon Gris, and 6% Verdelho, sourced from sustainably farmed old vines, showcases incredible texture, freshness, and opulent fragrance. Aged for 11 months in French oak, it presents a harmonious balance with excellent fruit density and a dry, lengthy finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Mullineux Syrah 2021

Swartland, South Africa

This wine is intensely perfumed with notes of blackberries, fresh cracked pepper, cassis, violets, dried flowers, dried meat and tapenade. The palate is rich and elegant, featuring velvety tannins, complex red fruits, and warm spicy notes on the finish. This Syrah is crafted from 11 parcels across Swartland's granite, schist, and iron soils, with vines aged 22-29 years. Utilizing 20% whole bunch and aged in a mix of 225L, 500L barrels, and foudres, it showcases a silky texture balanced by fresh acidity. Aging beautifully, it promises a long, supple finish with refined black fruit and floral notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Mullineux Schist Chenin Blanc 2022

Swartland, South Africa

This Schist site benefits from a cool, long growing season, resulting in a balanced, phenolic palate with refreshing acidity. Aromas of fresh quince, white peach, lime, cloves, some malic notes and crisp apple lead to a mineral-driven texture on the palate, and a lively finish. It's an approachable expression with excellent flavor concentration.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Leeu Passant Franschhoek Semillon 2022

Franschhoek, South Africa

The Leeu Passant Franschhoek Semillon 2022 is crafted from old vines that bring depth and complexity to the wine. Aromas of citrus peel, green papaya, and Membrillo are layered with emerging hints of waxy lanolin. The palate is delicate yet assertive, showcasing flavors of sappy cantaloupe, lime-zest, green apple, and dried floral notes. Aged 12 months in barrels and finished in concrete eggs, it offers a vibrant, electric acidity and a long, confident finish, promising great aging potential.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Leeu Passant Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

This Chardonnay boasts complex aromas of crushed lime and yellow grapefruit, reflecting its maritime proximity. On the palate, vibrant tangerine and white pear flavors are complemented by a touch of salinity and a lush, textured mouthfeel. Matured for 12 months in 225-litre barrels, it reveals notes of lemon, nuttiness, freshly baked bread, and vanilla. The wine showcases great power and texture with a dense core of fruit and a savory, chalky finish, making it a standout Chardonnay with excellent aging potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Leeu Passant Wellington Cinsault 2022

Wellington, South Africa

This Cinsault is sourced from South Africa's oldest registered bush vine red wine vineyard planted in 1900, exudes a deep perfume of freshly cut roses, thyme, and pomegranate. The silky palate offers layers of red berry fruit with very fine tannins providing beautiful structure. Matured for 21 months in 500-litre barrels, it presents rose, cranberry, raspberry, prune, and spice on the nose. The wine is weighty and round with a savory finish, offering both opulence and muscular power. It's ready to enjoy now but will benefit from further aging over the next 15 to 20 years.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Boschendal Elgin Pinot Noir 2022

Elgin South Africa

This wine showcases a pale and clear ruby color with a youthful strawberry edge. It offers a delicate entry, evolving into a poised concentration of wild berry flavors and oak spice. Light aromas of red cherry, plum, and hints of strawberry hull and licorice root lead to a smooth, silky palate with ripe red fruit tones, ample acidity, and fine tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Boschendal Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2023

Elgin, South Africa

Cool climate Sauvignon Blanc at its best. With a light straw yellow color, it entices with notes of green apple, tropical fruits, lime, and green figs. The palate offers a creamy, harmonious taste with a long, mineral finish. Extremely aromatic and balanced with brightness, complexity and a creamy mouthfeel. This elegant wine, with its refreshing acidity and nuanced character.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Boschendal Suzanne 2023

Elgin, South Africa

This blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc has a bright pale straw color and a green tint. The nose reveals orange zest, key lime, white peaches, herbal notes, and elegant oak nuances. The palate is framed by stony minerality, showcasing flavors of lime, white peach, and Granny Smith apple with a hint of reduction. Aged for 11 months in mostly older 500-litre barrels, this wine offers a good fruit-forward expression and vibrant acidity.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Pearce Predhomme Cinsault-Syrah 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

The Pearce Predhomme Cinsault-Syrah 2022 is a vibrant, crispy purplish-colored wine from Stellenbosch. On the nose, it features fresh ripe red and black fruit, cherry, strawberry, wild raspberry, with hints of intense spice and earthy minerality. The light-bodied palate offers vibrant acidity, delicate yet grippy tannins, and powerful fruit and spice flavors. With low alcohol and a soft, easy-drinking profile, this juicy-fruity wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pearce Predhomme Chenin Blanc 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

From old bush vines in Stellenbosch, this wine has elegant notes of white peach, apricot skin, lemon, tangerine, and crisp, tart apple. The bright and fresh palate offers good depth and concentration, balanced by a lightly textured mouthfeel with some texture that comes from skin contact.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Storm Vrede Pinot Noir 2021

Hemel-En-Aarde, South Africa

From Hemel-en-Aarde Valley's steep northeast-facing slope, this Pinot Noir is crafted from low-yielding vines in stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soil. This elegant, delicate, yet spicy wine showcases a fine-tuned structure and savory intensity. Aromas of hibiscus, violets, and intricate spices lead to a vibrant palate with bright layered dark fruit flavors and lingering earthy tones. The wine's acidity supports well the intensity and savory, integrated tannins.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Storm Ignis Pinot Noir 2022

Hemel-En-Aarde, South Africa

From the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, is organically farmed on a northern slope with round pebbles and underlying decomposed granite. This Pinot Noir is matured 11 months in a quarter new oak. It offers intensely fruity aromas of red currant, raspberry as well as white pepper and a perfumed character. The delicate palate features bright acidity, fine tannins and a lightness in the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Storm Ridge Pinot Noir 2022

Hemel-En-Aarde, South Africa

From a cool, eastern slope with low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soil. Matured for 11 months with 16% new oak, this light-bodied wine offers aromas of wild red and black berries, blueberries, moist forest floor and violets. The palate is deep and plush, with velvety tannins, focused acidity and great balance and complexity. This is a serious and age-worthy Pinot Noir.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

The Sadie family Soldaat 2023

Coastal Region, South Africa

Beautifully ripe Grenache wine that is fresh and dry on the palate, with cranberry and redcurrant, cherry, vanilla, earth as well as a touch of bitterness on the finish. The dense, bright palate with soft tannins is harmonious with a pristine lengthy finish. The wine undergoes fermentation and aging in concrete tanks, highlighting its fresh fruit aromas and earthy notes.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



South Africa

The Sadie family Palladius 2014

Coastal Region, South Africa

The Sadie Family Palladius 2014 is a complex blend of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Clairette Blanche, Viognier, Verdelho, Roussanne, Marsanne, Semillon Gris, Semillon Blanc, Palomino, and Colombard, sourced from various soil types including granite, gravel, and sandstone. Hand-sorted and fermented spontaneously in clay amphoras, concrete eggs, and old oak foudres, this wine matures for 24 months and is bottled unrefined and unfiltered. The 2014 vintage offers a zesty lime green aromatic profile with notes of tropical fruits, apricot, almonds, citrus, marmelade, and pastry character. The palate shows high acidity, minerality, nutty flavors, and a touch of reduction. With a balance of freshness and concentration, this wine has aged incredibly well.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

The Sadie Family Columella 2022

Coastal Region, South Africa

This is a blend of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Carignan, Cinsaut, and Tinta Barocca. The wine is bright, crisp and layered with floral, ripe red fruit, spicy and plummy notes. With an impeccable balance, juicy acidity, and bold tannins, the wine is characterized by its lifting, powerful and concentrated expression.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

David & Nadia Wines Grenache Wines 2022

Swartland, South Africa

Grapes are sourced from five vineyards in the Swartland, with the core vineyard planted in the early 2000s in Paardeberg. A mix of whole-bunch fermentation (60%) was used, and the wine was matured in neutral French oak barrels and concrete vessels. This Grenache boasts a refined, lightly wooded profile with a floral and red-fruited nose. Expect aromas of raspberry, cranberry, rose, and dusty plum. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh, and succulent, offering red cherry, raspberry, and pomegranate flavors with textured tannins and a soft herbal finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

David & Nadia Wines Skaliekop Chenin Blanc 2022

Swartland, South Africa

Sourced from a 1985 vineyard on shallow shale soils in Paardeberg. Fermented and aged for 11 months in old neutral French oak barrels. Certified Heritage Vineyards seal and part of the Old Vine Project. Aromas of pear, peach, citrus, and potpourri. The palate is dense with fruit and moderate acidity, finishing pithy and poised with great length. Notes of apricot, pear, apple, orange, and floral hints are present.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

David & Nadia Wines Høe-Steen Chenin Blanc 2022

Swartland, South Africa

From a 1968 vineyard with deep iron-rich clay soils near Malmesbury. Quite linear and vibrant wine with impressive fruit concentration and depth. The palate is fresh, vibrant, and tangy, with a waxy texture and a mineral finish. Expect citrus, herbal notes, chamomille and layered finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Raats Family Wines Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2023

Stellenbosch, South Africa

This fresh and balanced Chenin Blanc has complex, very fruit-driven aromas of pit fruits and orchard fruit, honey, vanilla, and slight spices on the palate. The finish is long and refreshing, supported by the chalky, fine-textured and generous palate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Raats Family Wines Eden High Density Single Vineyard Chenin Blanc 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Fresh and linear wine with intricate flavors and inviting acidity. The nose showcases ripe lemon, fennel, peaches, orange zest, apple and blossom for a unique delicate expression. It has a fruit-focused character that includes The finish is flavorful, with focused freshness and light body and texture.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Raats Family Wines Eden High Density Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

This Cabernet Franc with minimal extraction and 18 months of French oak maturation is a crisp and dense expression. The nose shows complex dark berry fruit and dried floral notes with a hint of baking spices. It has intense concentration and depth, and yet with a very supple and integrated palate and elegant finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Raats family Wines Vlag Vineyard Selection Polkadraai Hills Cabernet Franc 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Raats Family Wines was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of Polkadraai Hills as an official ward within Stellenbosch in 2007. Its hilly terroir offers depth and quality with decomposed dolomite granite soils. The nose is discreet and refined showing blackberry, dark cherry, violets, rosemary, chocolate and cedar. Medium-bodied, heavily concentrated, this wine has smooth, slightly grainy tannins, freshness, and excellent persistence and sophistication.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Mvemve Raats MR de Compostella 2021

Stellenbosch, South Africa

A blend of 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot, 17% Malbec, and 2% Petit Verdot. This wine of deep, dark and intense ruby colour combines blackcurrant and black cherry fruit with hints of violets, licorice, cedar, dark chocolate and cinnamon. The palate has fine tannins, fresh and tensile with layers of mineral black fruit and a precise, Bordeaux-like finish. It shows sophistication, with harmoniously composed Bordeaux varieties ensuring a polished, well-defined, but powerful finish.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Porseleinberg Swartland 2020

Swartland, South Africa

Produced by Callie Louw at Porseleinberg, this 100% Syrah is very distinctive, Rhône inspired, with a great balance of power and elegance. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained, intricate tannins, very harmonious, showing red fruit intermixed with black pepper, clove, tobacco, herbs and tapenade. The finish is elegant, with finesse. Porseleinberg's rugged schistous mountain terroir produces an extreme, terroir-driven Cape Syrah. The palate is sleek, bright, and fleshy, offering a pure expression of Syrah.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Alheit Vineyards Cartology 2023

Western Cape, South Africa

Composed of 92% Chenin Blanc and 8% Semillon, from parcels of mature bushvines, this wine has inviting aromatics of ripe pear, citrus, ripe peach and some sweet herbal notes on the nose. The palate shows great purity of fruit, driving acidity, and a weighted finish. Poised and linear, the finish is wonderfully long.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Alheit Vineyards Hemelrand Vine Garden 2023

Western Cape, South Africa

An original, complex blend of 31% Chardonnay, 29% Roussanne, 20% Chenin Blanc, 18% Verdelho, and 2% Muscat aged on lees for 18 months for added depth and texture. The wine has notes of exotic fruits, stone fruits and white spices. The palate is heavily textured and creamy but balanced by needed striking acidity and flavor intensity. It's a powerful, full-bodied, heavily generous white.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Alheit Vineyards Monument Sémillon 2022

Western Cape, South Africa

From a Franschoek vineyard planted in 1936. Textured, oily wine with deep, ripe maturity. Made with careful winemaking, the wine is kept on primary lees for 18 months, offering layers of flavor including peach, dried apricot, mushrooms, earth and slight caramel. The wine's intensity is nicely coated with balancing acidity. The finish is long and gently savory.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Jura

CÔTES DU JURA

Marcel Cabelier - Esprit 39

Côtes du Jura AOP

This wine has a golden straw color. It is shiny and clear. The first nose is powerful and aromatic. We perceive notes of yellow fruits such as peach in syrup but we also have touches of currants as well as walnuts and its fresh shell. We also have hints of cocoa and yellow apple. With air, the wine is still aromatic, round, direct, spicy with notes of candied yellow fruits as well as fresh cream. We have fine hints of curry, candied lemon zest and mint. The palate is fresh, round and creamy with notes of crème fraîche, curry but also yellow apple. There is a nice acidity in the mid-palate which continues into a finish with a salivating hint of salt. The finish is long with butter and hazelnuts. After several caudales, a touch of Mirabelle plum brandy coats the mouth.

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

Marcel Cabelier - Vieilles Vignes 2021

Côtes du Jura AOP

This wine has a light, clear straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of cooked apple, peach and smoke. You can also feel the apple browned in melted butter. With air, the wine is more expressive although still discreet. There are notes of cooked apple, peach and juicy apricot. We perceive hints of Mirabelle plum as well as plum brandy. There is an imperceptible note of rose as well as fresh butter. On the palate, the wine is fresh, fruity with a nice acidity. We find the rose more present which accompanies a light bitterness in the mid-palate. We smell pear brandy as well as lemon. The acidity is reminiscent of the juice of the latter until a discreet finish. The finish is discreetly buttery.

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

Marcel Cabelier - La Côte 39

Côtes du Jura AOP

The wine has a straw color, clear and shiny. The first nose is intense with exotic notes of coconut but also roasted pineapple. We also perceive a saline side with fine hints of curry and fresh hazelnut. With air, it is intense, ample and present with the same notes as the first nose. The palate is fresh, saline on the attack. We have touches of yellow apple, light curry but also liquorice and wood. There is an acidity in the mid-palate that turns into salivation in the finish. We have notes of butter and brioche with always a salty touch. The finish is condensed.

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

Domaine Durand Perron - Vieilles Vignes 2020

Côtes du Jura AOP

The wine is pale with a clear and shiny straw color. The nose is fresh, intense and smoky. There are notes of smoke, apple and chestnut cooked over a wood fire. We perceive a hint of butter and peach. With air, we still have this slightly green smoky side, as well as touches of fresh hazelnuts. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruity. We have a nice acidity which develops in the mid-palate with a bitter touch at the end of the tasting. There are notes of peach, apple and poached pear. The finish is creamy with buttery hints.

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

Domaine Rolet - Savagnin 2017

Côtes du Jura AOP

The wine has an intense golden color, clear and shiny. The first nose is intense with notes of toasted coconut, fresh fig and yellow apple. The nose is aromatic and fresh, typical of the oxidative wines of the region. There are also subtle woody notes. With air, the nose is more composed. We always have this nutty side, like fresh hazelnut with touches of fresh figs but also cream and a hint of sweet spices. On the palate, there is a nice balance. The attack is on acidity with power and roundness. We have

notes of butter but also of candied lemon and plum. The finish is salivating, powerful and aromatic. We have fine hints of currant grapes as well as a very beautiful, almost crystalline minerality. It is a wine of gourmandise with almost a finish on Cognac's aromas.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Rolet - Tradition 2015

Côtes du Jura AOP

This wine has a beautiful golden color, clear and shiny. The first nose is discreet, aromatic and delicate. We have notes of currants but also of cooked apple and bitter orange. With air, we have roundness, smoothness with touches of fresh butter as well as dried apricot and always citrus scents. We of course have a little touch of nuts which slowly appears. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruity with a beautiful acidic structure. We have notes of dried mango, candied and juicy orange but also of butter. There is a nice balance on the palate. It's soft and the wine coats the entire palate. The finish is delicate with notes of currants and lemon zest. The whole thing offers an airy side.

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

ARBOIS

Domaine Rolet 2022

Arbois AOC

This wine has a light straw color, limpid and shiny. The nose is fresh, aromatic and smoky with notes of lemon as well as yellow apple. With air, it is always fresh and intense. We always have a very present smoky side with a little apple, butter, peach which appears gently as well as pepper. The palate is fresh, intense and pretty. We find the chardonnay with notes of yellow apple, melon but also juicy yellow peach. We perceive a little salinity in the mid-palate as well as a hint of bitterness. There are fine hints of lemon as well as light butter. The finish is saline, simple and clear.

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

Domaine Rolet - Tradition 2018

Arbois AOC

The wine has a bright, clear golden color with almost orange highlights. The first nose is aromatic, powerful and delicate. We have notes of curry but also of dried flowers like immortelle. We have a very nice note of nuts as well as caramelised apple. There is a little power that is enveloping the nose. With air, the wine is still powerful, typical of the oxidative wines of the region. On the palate, the tasting is fresh, powerful with very present notes of curry and nuts. There is a nice acidity and lightness in the mid-palate. Little by

little, lemony buttery touches take place. The finish is sweet, almost caramelised with notes of cooked apple as well as browned butter. Nice wine with a long, very umami finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

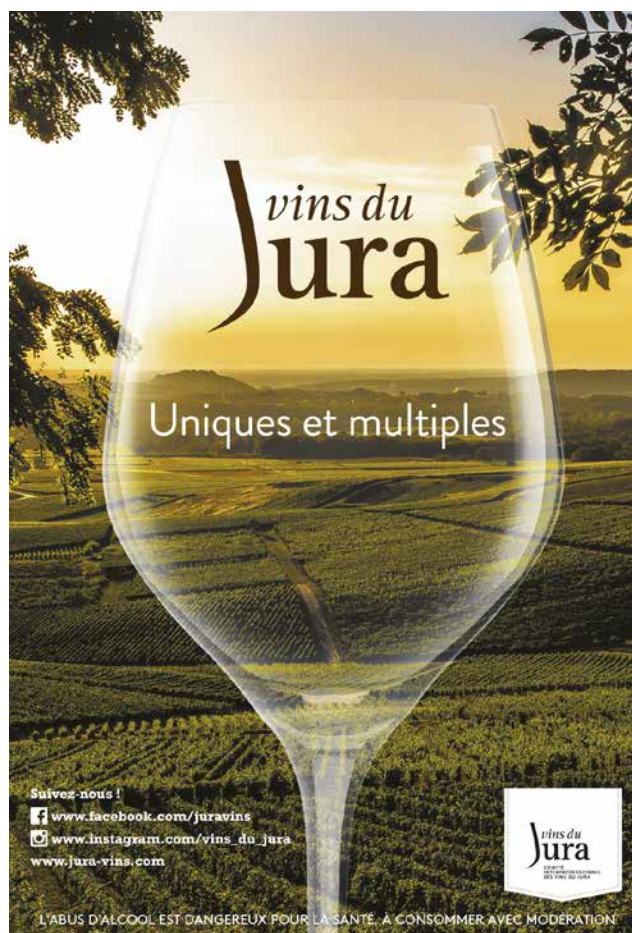
L'ÉTOILE

Domaine Rolet

L'Étoile AOC

The wine has a bright and clear straw color. The nose is fresh and fruity with a smoky side present. We perceive notes of ripe lemon as well as white peach. With air, the nose is still very smoky with touches of pineapple as well as apple. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruity. There is a slight salty touch at the start. Then a nice balance with an acidity develops in the mid-palate. There are notes of lemon and apple as well as apricot and white peach. We perceive a fine note of olive wood. There is an imperceptible hint of bitterness at the end of the mouth. The finish is delicate and long on white grapes.

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



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Château Arton – Pièce Unique 2012, fût n°25 Haut-Armagnac

(Ugni Blanc, bottled : March 2024) Nice harmonious nose, sweet and powerful at the same time. A nice polished grain. There are notes of rancio, dried apricot and small notes of dried lemon associated with fine touches of crushed raisin as well as a hint of orange paste and pepper. The palate is fruity, suave and offers power, juiciness, an airy side as well as a nice stretched, precise and straight grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, orange marmalade and small notes of crushed raisins associated with touches of dried apricot, citron, tobacco as well as fine hints of toasted/dry oak and a subtle hint of pepper (in the background). Good length. A subtle hint of torrefaction.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Arton – Pièce Unique 2012, fût n°19 Haut-Armagnac

(Ugni Blanc, Bottled : March 2024) The nose is elegant, powerful, racy and offers a certain gourmandise as well as a dry and refined grain. It reveals notes of blond grape, potpourri and small notes of quince associated with touches of lemon paste, fine hints of gray pepper, beeswax, citron as well as a hint of jam apple and gingerbread. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a nice tension, a harmonious/melodious side, finesse, precision as well as delicacy and suppleness in its power. A fine, precise and racy grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of coffee, crushed blond grapes and small notes of quince marmalade associated with touches of light oak, spices as well as fine hints of rancio and blond tobacco. Nice persistence. Good length.
Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

Domaine de la Tuilerie 2002 Armagnac

(45%) The nose is fruity, airy, precise and offers a certain delicacy as well as a nice airy side. There are notes of dried flowers, dried quince and slight notes of pepper associated with touches of kumquat as well as a hint of dried apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, precision, a certain gourmandise as well as clear and juicy fruit. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy/pulpy mandarin, dried quince and small notes of marmalade associated with a touch of dried yellow grape, candied apricot as well as a hint of white flowers, citron, cedar and tobacco. Good length.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Delord – Récolte 2012, fût n°2236, Cépage Baco Bas-Armagnac

(51.1%) The nose is elegant, aromatic, complex, powerful, racy and gourmand at the same time. There are notes of quince, Zante currants and small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of zest as well as hints of marmalade and discreet hints of rancio. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, delicate and offers precise power, a tangy structure, tension, delicacy, a little juiciness as well as a nice precise, elegant, frank, powerful and gourmand grain. Nice roundness and a certain softness. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, marmalade and small notes of peach in syrup associated with touches of Zante currants, fine hints of rancio, a subtle hint of dried verbena, spices as well as a subtle hint of pepper and light toasted oak. Good length and nice persistence. A nicely gourmand, powerful and harmonious Armagnac.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Récapet – Brut de Fût 2009, Folle Blanche Bas-Armagnac

(Organic. 50.1%) The nose is powerful (but elegant), distinguished, racy and offers an intense and airy grain. It reveals notes of Zante currant, orangette and small notes of rancio associated with fine touches of dried fig, dried mandarin as well as discreet hints of smoke, tobacco box and a discreet almost vanilla hint (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, softness, fat, a good definition as well as precision. Power and intensity but all in delicacy/control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of marmalade, orangette and small notes of zest associated with touches of dried apricot, tarte Tatin, pastries/caramelization as well as fine hints of tobacco and a

subtle hint of smoke. Almost a very discreet peaty hint in the background. Good length.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Dartigalongue – Folle Blanche 2010 Bas-Armagnac

(48%. Bottled : 06/2024) Beautiful and elegant nose, nicely precise/sharp and which offers power in delicacy, an incisive side as well as a certain freshness (in bottom). It reveals notes of Zante currants, zest, orangette and small notes of dried yellow peach associated with fine hints of dried apricot, fresh rancio, delicate hints of mandarin blossoms, spices as well as a subtle hint of fresh pepper and a very discreet almost peaty hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, minerality, a small tension, a small roundness, mellowness, fat, complexity, a nice sapidity as well as beautiful definition, harmony and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Zante currants, candied yellow plum and small notes of white fruits in syrup associated with touches of dried zest, dried orange/marmalade, fine hints of pastries, caramelization, toasted as well as a hint of smoke and peat. Beautiful gourmand and mellow character.
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Domaine d'Esperance – Folle-Blanche 2007 Bas-Armagnac

(51.5%) The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a certain power, a full and captivating side. We find notes of rancio, orangette and small notes of dried kumquat associated with a touch of citrus paste, a hint of peach, discreet hints of blond tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of verbena and vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, juiciness, a nice definition, a small fat as well as a slight suavity. A linear and fine side, small width. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dried yellow apple, crushed white fruits and small notes of dried apricot associated with toasted touches, fine hints of dried pineapple as well as hints of tobacco, a subtle hint of pepper and a very discreet hint of good bitterness. Tasty finish/persistence.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine de Pellehaut – 2005 Bas-Armagnac

(50.2%) The nose is elegant, airy, nicely racy and offers a taut, racy and airy grain (terroir). There are notes of rancio, orangette, crème brûlée and slight notes of dried orange zest associated with a touch of dried kumquat, tobacco and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, precision as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of marmalade, orange zest and small notes of potpourri associated with touches of pepper as well as a almost infusion hint, tobacco and fine hints of nutmeg. Good length. A racy, precise, frank and stretched Armagnac.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Pellehaut 1990 Bas-Armagnac

(42.8%) The nose is aromatic, elegant, powerful, fine and offers a small incisive side. There are notes of dried quince, dried zest and slight notes of pear associated with touches of Zante currants, pepper as well as fine hints of freshly-toasted oak and spices. The palate is nicely structured, mineral and offers delicacy in its fat, gourmandise, roundness as well as a nice balance. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, crushed physalis and small notes of caramelized small fruits associated with touches of dried zest, Zante currants, cedar as well as a discreet hint of blond tobacco, crème brûlée and sweet spices. Power on the finish/persistence. A very discreet salty and freshly-toasty touch.
Score : 16+20 (92-93/100)

Famille Laudet, Laballe – 2011, Brut de fût 100% Baco Bas-Armagnac

(50%) Nice powerful, mineral nose which offers fruit as well as an intense side. It reveals notes of dried lemon, dried peach and small notes of citrus zest associated with small floral/dried flower touches as well as fine hints of tobacco and a very discreet hint of citron. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, power, intensity as well as a



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fairly assertive peppery hints. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy/crushed peach, marmalade, quince and small notes of dried citrus fruits associated with touches of dried flowers, a subtle hint of fresh leather as well as a hint of tobacco. Good length. A very discreet almost purple hint in the background. Promising with the future ageing.

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

Famille Laudet, Laballe – 2003, Brut de fût 100% Baco Bas-Armagnac

(47.4%) The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers fruit as well as a certain mellowness. There are notes of date, marmalade and slight notes of quince associated with touches of dried zest as well as hints of pastries and crème brûlée. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, fat, a certain mellowness as well as good definition. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, dried apricot and small notes of fresh dates associated with touches of pastries, lemon cream as well as fine hints of crème brûlée, torrefaction and a discreet hint of pepper. Good length. An imperceptible almost sappy hint in the background.

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

Famille Laudet, Laballe – 1986, Brut de fût, 100% Baco Bas-Armagnac

(47%) The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers elegance as well as a powerful and fine grain. It reveals notes of dried quince, dried orange and small notes of dried apricot associated with a touch of dried peach, dried violet, a hint of Timut pepper as well as a discreet hint of rancio and gray pepper. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, gourmandise, juiciness as well as suavity. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of mandarin marmalade, crème brûlée and small notes of peach in syrup associated with touches of roasted small fruits, rancio, tobacco as well as a hint of dried zest, almost sappy and a subtle hint of peaty (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

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

Château Lassalle Baqué Ugni Blanc 1992, Brut de fût Armagnac-Tenarèze

(Cask no. 10, 46.7%) The nose is fruity, aromatic, ample, nicely racy and offers purity, a certain gourmandise as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of fresh pepper, potpourri and dried flowers associated with touches of dried lemon, fine hints of mandarin paste, yellow peach as well as fine racy hints / dry ground, smoke and a discreet hint of rancio. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, juiciness, brightness of the fruit, beautiful definition, precision as well as a beautiful, racy, fine, precise, powerful and stretched grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, marmalade and small notes of tarte Tatin associated with touches of crushed yellow apple, fine hints of pastries, smoke, roasted hazelnut as well as fine hints of spices. Good length and power. Roundness, gourmandise and a sweet/almost caramelized side that coats the mouth.

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

Château de Laubade – Brut de Fût 2006 Bas-Armagnac

(52.9%. Updated 06/2024) The nose is elegant, frank, intense and offers power. Nicely in his style. There are notes of orangette, crushed peach and slight notes of sweet mandarin combined with touches of quince zest, fine hints of dried apricot as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and crème brûlée. The palate is beautifully structured, fruity, gourmand, tense, frank and offers power, energy/dynamism as well as a nice, frank, racy and textured grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dried apricot, marmalade and small notes of dried orange associated with touches of fresh rancio, toast, fresh tobacco as well as a fine hint of vanilla, sweet spices and of pastries. Good length. A subtle hint of pepper on the aftertaste. Roundness and suavity that bring gourmandise.

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

Château de Laubade – Brut de Fût 2003 Bas-Armagnac

(52.7%. Bottled : 06/2024) The nose is powerful, frank, ample and offers a melodious and harmonious side. There are notes of dried peach, dried zest and small notes of marmalade associated with touches of rancio, candied small citrus fruits/candied kumquat associated with touches of crushed dried apricot as well as fine hints of cedar and of pastries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a little freshness, power, intensity, a nice stretched side as well as straightness in its power. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dried apricot, jammy yellow peach and small notes of dried mandarin associated with touches of dried citrus fruits, pastries, tobacco, fine hints of crème brûlée as well as a hint dried flowers and pepper. Good length. Power.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Papotte 1973 Bas-Armagnac

(44%) Nice polished nose which offers fruit, a cedar side, rancio and harmony. There are notes of caramelized quince, orangette and slight notes of rancio associated with touches of cedar as well as fine hints of cherry wood as well as a discreet hint of orange blossom and toast/chocolate. The palate offers minerality, a varnished/polished side, balance as well as a small linear side. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of rancio, pastries and small notes of caramelized orange associated with touches of white fruits in syrup, caramelization, tobacco as well as a very discreet almost peaty hint of chocolate and toast.

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

Domaine du Berdet 2002 Bas-Armagnac

(42%. Bottled : 01/2024) The nose is gourmand and aromatic. There are notes of cooked apple, marmalade and small notes of rancio associated with fine touches of fresh peach as well as fine hints of tobacco box and spices. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, a certain power, a good definition, fruit as well as a linear/tight side. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade, tarte Tatin and small notes of baked apple associated with touches of crushed kumquat, fleshy yellow peach as well as fine hints of almond, toast, rancio/ cedar, caramelization/chocolate and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Good length. Round, mellow and gourmand.

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

Domaine d'Eperance – Folle Blanche 2003 Bas-Armagnac

(48%) The nose is fruity and offers power, a small freshness (in the background), an intense grain as well as a fine spicy side. A linear/tracing side. There are notes of orangette, dried orange zest, gray pepper and small notes of marmalade combined with a touch of yellow peach in syrup, toasted almond and spices. The palate is fruity and offers fat, matter, a little softness, power, a tangy frame as well as a frank and powerful grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of crushed currants, rancio and small notes of dried zest associated with touches of gray/black pepper, hints of dried mirabelle plum, crushed small fruits, spices as well as a hint of tobacco and cardamom. Power.

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

Château Ménard – Haut Marin 2000 Bas-Armagnac

(43%) The nose is spicy, peppery, textured and offers a beautifully velvety and intense grain. There are notes of dried quince, dried zest and small notes of pepper associated with a touch of smoke (almost peat), hints of rancio as well as a hint of cedar, tobacco and a subtle hint of apple in syrup (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers minerality, suppleness, a small fat, power in finesse as well as a stretched side. A beautiful fine and delicate matter. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of smoke, tobacco, citron as well as hints of spices, cigar box, a subtle almost peaty hint and cereals. A balanced Armagnac whose style is reminiscent of certain whiskeys.

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



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Domaine d'Eperance – Folle Blanche 2002

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(50%) The nose is enveloping, powerful and offers a certain deepness as well as an intense grain. There are notes of crushed mirabelle plum, quince paste and small notes of dried citrus zest associated with touches of orangette as well as hints of pepper and a very discreet almost undergrowth hint in the background. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers suavity, a small fat, a small mellowness, gourmandise, a certain power as well as a discreetly tight and stretched matter. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, marmalade and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of small dried white fruits as well as hints of pastries, quince paste, caramelization, a hint of tobacco and gray pepper. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

L'Encantada, Domaine Cutxan 2005

Bas-Armagnac

(Aged 17 years, Ugni Blanc. Barrel No. 33) The nose is elegant and offers aromatic power, a certain complexity, a beautiful delicacy of the fruit, a certain brightness of the fruit as well as a nice fine and powerful grain. There are notes of marmalade, crushed peach and small notes of dried apricot associated with fine touches of rancio, blond tobacco, almost candy as well as fine hints of tarte tatin and pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a melodious side, a nice balance, an almost airy side in its matter (very nice balance), a certain roundness, juiciness/brightness of the fruit, a very fine hint of sweetness in the background as well as racy and assertive power (but all in control). On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of date, marmalade and small notes of small crushed/syrupy white fruits associated with touches of tarte tatin, a subtle hint of kumquat, toast, nutmeg as well as a hint of rancio and a discreet hint of orangette. Good length. A hint of light toasted oak on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine du Hour 2000

Bas-Armagnac

(47%. Bottled : 03/2024) Beautiful, elegant, powerful (but in control), distinguished, frank and precise nose which offers intensity as well as a nice definition. It reveals notes of dried kumquat, dried quince and small notes of dried zest associated with touches of juicy dates, dried apricot, dried mesocarps, fine hints of tobacco, dry local soil as well as a discreet hint of pepper, smoke and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a tangy structure, a lovely definition, a beautiful matter, a nice finesse, a crystalline side, a beautiful elegant texture as well as aromatic purity in its definition. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy date, dried apricot and small notes of dried zest associated with touches of gray pepper, nutmeg, grilled almond as well as fine hints of smoke and a discreet grilled hint (in the bottom). Good length.

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

Domaine du Berdet 1997

Bas-Armagnac

(42%. Bottled : 01/2024) The nose is fruity, mineral and offers freshness as well as power. There are notes of candy apple, dried lemon zest and slight notes of meringue tart associated with touches of fresh rancio, orangette as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, spices and fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy structure, tension, a good definition, readability as well as good balance. A coated alcohol. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade, candy apple and small notes of dried fig associated with touches of orangette, dried quince, fine hints of caramelized pear, fresh tobacco, nutmeg as well as with a fine hint of rancio and an imperceptible almost peaty/sappy hint. Good length.

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



Domaine de Couillohe 2003

Bas-Armagnac

(44.6%. Bottled 01/2024) The nose is elegant, captivating, enveloping and offers a certain gourmandise as well as distinction. It reveals delicate notes of rancio, tobacco and small notes of orangette associated with a touch of Zante currant, hints of citron, saffron (on its flowery side) as well as fine hints of tarte tatin and dried kumquat. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, elegant, gourmand, precise and offers juiciness, a very nice balance as well as a lovely delicacy. A beautiful, mellow and elegant grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of bright kumquat, marmalade and small notes of dried orange associated with a touch of candied lemon, rancio, tobacco, citron as well as a hint of dried yellow apple, bread spices, honey and a subtle almost pastries hint in the background. Lovely harmony and gourmandise.

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

Maison Fontan – Ugni Blanc 1996

Bas-Armagnac

(52.5%, Natural strength, Single Cask) The nose is racy, spicy, frank and offers a stretched side / a nice stretched grain. There are notes of nutmeg, orange blossom and orangette associated with small touches of dried citrus fruits, blond grapes as well as fine hints of rancio, tobacco, smoke and a hint of citron. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, nicely precise, intense and offers a certain straightness in elegance/control as well as a frank and racy grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of candied quince, orangette and small notes of dried zest associated with touches of marmalade, nutmeg, tobacco, pulpy peach as well as hints of rancio, smoke and a imperceptible almost cereal hint (in the background). Good persistence. A style / structure which suggests that this Armagnac is made to seduce whiskey lovers.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Laffitte 1995

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine and racy grain. There are notes of zest, quince and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of rancio as well as fine hints of fresh leather, camphor, smoke and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, minerality as well as a certain tension. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of fresh leather, baked apple and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of marmalade, rancio as well as fine hints of dry tobacco and light oak. Good length. A slight sweetness in the background. A stretched character.

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

Château de Laubade 1994

Bas-Armagnac

(40%. Bottled : 06/2024) Beautiful, powerful, frank and sharp/incisive nose which offers straightness. It reveals notes of tarte tatin, Timut pepper and small notes of dried citrus fruits associated with a touch of dried apple, floral hints as well as fine hints of pastries, citron and a hint of tobacco/smoke. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, tension, precision, a good definition, a certain gourmandise, a small incisive side as well as a linear/stretched side. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dried yellow peach, marmalade and small notes of orangette associated with touches of crushed apple, crème brûlée, pastries, a torrefaction hint, spices as well as a subtle almost discreetly hint of peaty and vanilla. Good length.

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

Domaine de Papotte 1989

Bas-Armagnac

(44%) The nose is elegant, frank, precise, tense, airy and assertive. There are notes of Zante currants, pepper and small notes of dried zest associated with touches of dried white fruits, a hint of lychee, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of spices, fresh tobacco and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The



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palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy structure, a nice delicate side in its matter, harmony, gourmandise as well as a racy grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized pear, physalis and small notes of small white fruits associated with almost lemony/crystallized lemon touches, tonka bean as well as fine hints of pastries/brioche and a discreet hint of pepper. Good length. A subtle saline hint and a roasted oak/roasted coffee side in the background.

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

Gelas – 1983, 100% Ugni Blanc

Bas-Armagnac

(bottled: 2024) Nice frank, powerful and racy nose which offers a stretched side, complexity as well as a nice coating side. It reveals notes of dried citrus fruits, marmalade and small notes of potpourri associated with touches of Cubeb pepper, spices, a hint of fresh rancio, pine as well as discreet hints of tobacco, mirabelle plum in syrup and a discreet hint of crème brûlée. The palate is fruity, round and offers a nice fruit, a small mellowness, a nice balance, precision as well as a certain delicacy in its power. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, marmalade and small notes of potpourri associated with an almost minty/sappy touch, white fruits in syrup, dried brugnon, sweet spices, fresh blond tobacco as well as with fine hints of caramelization/pastries and a hint of toasted almond. Good length. Power and a fine sapidity on the finish.

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

Château de Lacquy – 100% Colombarde 2001, Fût n°185

Bas-Armagnac, Brut de fût

(Bottled : 2023) Beautiful, gourmand, frank and nicely racy nose which offers an airy, precise, tense and harmonious grain. Full of elegance. We find notes of dried apricot, Zante currant and small notes of tarte tatin associated with touches of dried citrus fruits (quince, lemon), fine hints of lemon blossom as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, pine needles, fine hints of sweet spices, Bourbon vanilla and a subtle hint of pastries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely structured, precise, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise as well as a frank, precise, airy and delicate grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of raisin, rancio and small notes of tarte tatin associated with touches of tobacco, gray pepper as well as fine hints of fresh liquorice, pastries and a subtle hint of dried oak (in its aromatic side and not in its touch). Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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