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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.**

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“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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Welcome to this 27th edition! It is with real pleasure that I want to introduce to you this 2024-2025 Winter edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue we have chosen to focus on some wines from Saint-Emilion, Pomerol, Red Bourgogne, Red Sancerre, Languedoc & Roussillon, Rhône, Austria, Porto vintage, Virginia, Sicily, Tuscany, Nizza and from Hungary. You will be able to read more than 1.600 reviews in the following pages! Some spirits as Whiskies and Rums are also presented.

In the first part of the magazine, you will discover more interviews and general articles as usual such as Breaux Vineyards (US), Château Smith Haut-Lafitte (Bordeaux), Château d'Armailhac (Bordeaux), Bouchard Père & Fils (Bourgogne), Gravner (Italie), Fattoria Augustali (Italie); but also articles about great French winemakers/oenologist consultants as Dany Rolland and Didier Lacreu.

Don't miss the special focus on Furmit either, a Hungarian grape with multiple faces (page 23).

In the second part you will find a special report about the Bordeaux Right Bank for the 2022 vintage. We tasted 550+ wines from Saint-Emilion, Pomerol, Fronsac, Lalande-de-Pomerol, Castillon and satellites Saint-Emilion. This 2022 vintage is fantastic, out of the ordinary but quite heterogeneous.

Afterwards, in the second part find a Food focused part with interviews of restaurants chosen from our selection of more than 450 restaurants offering great wine lists. Also, a delicious Wine & Food pairing by Nama, a great Bordeaux Restaurant. To finish, and for the first time, let us introduce to you four olive oils from the Mediterranean area. Olive oil, like wine, is a real and true passion for me. These two products share many things in common. Go to page 34 to know more about it!

Finally, in the third part of the magazine, you will have your taste buds tickled while finding more than 1.600 wines from all over the world. Enjoy!



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Château-Figeac

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH AT THE SERVICE
OF TRADITION AND TERROIR IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WINE



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Château-Figeac, the Premier Grand Cru Classé "A" of Saint-Émilion, is distinguished not only by its unique terroir for the Right Bank and its unusual proportion of planted grape varieties, but also by a scientific approach to the work, intended to reflect the terroir in the wines and the character of Bordeaux. Frédéric Faye, the General Manager for over 20 years, presents the identity and future of Château-Figeac.

VertdeVin: Could you talk about the history of Château-Figeac?

Frédéric Faye: The origins of Château-Figeac date back to the 2nd century AD, it has a very ancient history, as evidenced by the Gallo-Roman remains found on the property. Agricultural activity was always present there, and vines appeared around the 15th century. But the important date for Figeac

is 1892 when the Manoncourt family bought the property. And since then, the Château has remained in the family, which is rare for a Bordeaux Grand Cru of this level.

VdV: Figeac has a special terroir for Saint-Émilion, especially its three gravel hills. Could you tell us about them please?

FF: These hills are the singularity of Figeac, because Saint-Émilion is known for its clay-limestone soils, planted with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. But the terroir of Figeac is different and is composed of three gravel hills, rich in quartz and flint, on a blue clay subsoil. This gravel originates from the slow disintegration over more than a million and a half years of an extinct volcano in the Massif Central. The meanderings of rivers over the ages formed the hills that we know today. These are warm,

filtering, and nutritionally-poor soils, which are beneficial to Cabernets. This is why in the 1940s the owner, Mr. Manoncourt, an agricultural engineer, felt the potential of his estate for Cabernet Sauvignon. It is thanks to this particular soil, especially on hillsides, this gravelly texture, that we have a unique vineyard for Saint-Émilion; and even in the context of the wider Bordeaux region, since we have a third of Merlot, a third of Cabernet Franc, and a third of Cabernet Sauvignon. Normally Bordeaux wines have a dominant grape, but here they are in equal parts. It should be noted that Figeac is a relatively large estate of 54 hectares, with 41 hectares of vines and 13 hectares of woods, lakes, meadows, hedges, vegetable gardens, which form a complete agroecological system. In addition to the soils, this creates 4 microclimates to the property and therefore, diversity of flavours and textures. When I blend the wine, I have a large palette of flavours in front of me, which allows for precision and complexity.

Our Cabernet Sauvignons are planted on the top of the gravelly hills, since these are the driest, windiest, and most sun-exposed areas. If we go down the hills, in the middle of the slope, we find Merlots and some Cabernet Francs. And at the bottom of the hills, we will have mainly Cabernet Francs and Merlots. The hills themselves have heterogeneous soils. On the top of the hills the gravel is much deeper - with 5 to 7 meters of pebbles on the blue clay sub-soil, which provides a reserve of water for the vines. And the further down we go, the more we will come across clay that is just a few centimeters below, or even on the surface. And the further away we get from these hills, the more we meet the soils of the region - sand on clay. It's magical to blend Château Figeac. It's complex, but it's magical!

VdV: How did Mr. Thierry Manoncourt restructure the Figeac vineyard?

FF: When he arrived in 1947, he experimented a lot on the grape varieties planted in Figeac: Malbec, Carmenère, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon. Mr. Manoncourt experimented with different grape varieties on different soils, with different vinifications. Then, in the winter of 1956 Bordeaux was hit by a historic frost, which destroyed a large part of vineyards across Bordeaux. More than half of the Figeac vines did not survive, including those of Malbec. But Mr. Manoncourt took the opportunity to recompose Figeac with his agronomic approach and replant the right grape varieties in the right places, focusing on Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

VdV: You still keep this scientific approach at Figeac and do a lot of research.

FF: Yes, we do a lot of viticultural and oenological research and even have a person dedicated to research and development. In 2021 we inaugurated a new cellar for research and development. Among many other topics, our research concerns

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replanting, adaptation to the evolution of our climate, soil and cover-crop management, and work on the foliage. We also have our own clones with a massal selection at Château-Figeac, to preserve its identity. We always work in the spirit of precision and purity of expression of the Figeac terroir - on intra-plot harvests, to appreciate each area of the same plot. We work on the contact of oxygen with the wines, on different sizes of barrels... It is a very scientific approach to produce a Grand Cru of Bordeaux that reflects the terroir. This was Thierry Manoncourt's approach, which the Manoncourt Family and the team continue. Figeac is a wine

of great sincerity, which expresses the terroir in a very pure way, with a traditional Bordeaux aspect. Figeac do not follow trends, but rather pursues an ever more precise expression of its identity.

VdV: *So the new cellar was designed in particular for this approach.*

FF: Exactly. From 2015-2016 we started to design a cellar that would reflect our terroir and allow us to express more and more precise parts of our vineyard. To do this, we needed more vats of smaller and more varied capacities. In 2018 we started work on the new cellar, completed in three years. We more than doubled the number of vats, and improved their thermoregulation systems. The new cellars are a serious tool adapted and dedicated to wine, in order to respect the particularities of a vintage and the variations within the same plot.

VdV: *It seems to me that you have a small nursery of old grape varieties, could you tell us about it?*

FF: We have beautiful plots of old vines, going up to 70, 80 years-old, but an essential part of vineyard management is their renewal. Over time, the vine becomes exhausted; it is not eternal. It must be grubbed up and almost importantly, the soils must rest for 4 to 5 years before replanting vines. We use cereals and fodder grasses which nourish the soils over this period. It seems paradoxical, but thanks to our better agronomic knowledge in soil preparation and grape production, the best Cabernet Sauvignons of Figeac are not the oldest. 10 years after planting the vines produce magical wines, and in a blind tasting, these are the best plots. These are our own clones, our massal selection from our old

vines of 70-100 years for the three grape varieties. It is our private nursery, a genetic heritage, which we take care of and which is very interesting. We continue to study it, and we find plants that produce different aromas, or more or less degrees of alcohol.

Thanks to Frédéric Faye for this interview. Find its full version on the site vertdevin.com

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Château Duplessis

A RENEWED AND REDISCOVERED GEM IN MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC

Château Duplessis, a Médoc estate with 200 years of history, was acquired by Philippe Ferrier in 2015, who completely renovated it. Today, the property has a new gravity cellar and the grape varieties of its vineyard have been adapted to reflect the terroir of Moulis-en-Médoc, as well as to give the wines a common thread and a recognizable character when tasting.

VdV: *What made you buy this property? To change your life/job?*

Philippe Ferrier: I was already a winemaker, I was born in the vineyard. I had a property that was in the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation, but it was not very interesting. Château Duplessis belonged to Marie-Laure Lurton, which she sold. So, for my 60th birthday, I wanted to offer myself the Château Duplessis and to renovate it. We built the new gravity cellar and installed temperature-controlled vats. We bought amphorae and barrels, which we renew 30% of every year. But you had to be passionate to start such an adventure. But the satisfaction of the wines I produce today – that's my reward, let's say. It's not enough to just plant vines, you also have to see the terroir. I came here not to make quantity, but to make wine. Wine with a strong reputation. In August 2025, I'll have been here for 10 years. And now, we're starting to get a reputation. We are starting to export our wines to British Columbia, Quebec, Canada, California, Washington, San Francisco. We are also present in about fifty cellars in Paris.

Today, we have to make wines that are financially accessible. When I bought this property, I set myself the goal of producing quality wines while remaining in a price range of between 15 and 20 euros. We use high-performance and selective harvesting machines, capable to sort the grapes well, keeping only the best berries and rejecting



impurities and anything that is not ripe. Thanks to this choice, we can offer wines with a very good quality/price ratio. We also try to have a common thread in our wines, freshness, a nice acidity, thanks to which, with subtle differences depending on the vintage, we would be able to recognize the same property.

VdV: *Could you talk about the terroir of Château Duplessis?*

P. F. : The Château is located in the small communal appellation of Moulis-en-Médoc, of just 600 hectares. It must have between 40 and 50

winemakers, small properties for the most part. Duplessis has 25 ha of very beautiful terroir of the clay-limestone plateau, with about 2 ha of sandy terroir, but under the sand there is also limestone. Everywhere else in the property we have clay-limestone soils, with the rock just 50 cm below. And that is what makes this wine so rich. Our oldest vines are almost 40 years old. In terms of grape varieties, we have mainly Merlot and Cabernets, Petit Verdot (about 1 ha). We have also restructured the vineyard, by reducing the surface area of Merlot and increasing that of Cabernet Franc and Malbec (we have 1.5 ha today). We try to adapt to nature, to the diseases that Merlot is sensitive to, to harvest at the right time. Sometimes it is complicated, but that is the winemaker's job. You don't win every time.

From the 2026 harvest, a few percentages of Petit Verdot will be added to the Grand Vin.

The wines of Château Duplessis are characterized by their freshness, their acidity and a mineral frame, coming from the limestone rock, enveloped in an airy and gourmet fruity material. The tannins are supple, polished and melted, but at the same time structured, allowing the wines to develop over the years. Through the vintages of Château Duplessis, we find elegance, delicacy, even a feminine hint.

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CHÂTEAU Smith Haut Lafitte

THE FUTURE IS ALREADY HERE

It is natural to wish to leave something on this planet, a mark. And obviously a positive one. Château Smith Haut Lafitte history started in 1365! You can imagine that each owner has done something to improve, to expend, to reveal... the success of the estate, the fame of the wine, the beauty of the terroir. It is thoughtful and brave to put everything in your power to pursue a goal and to embrace a whole team to follow you on this path. Then, when Florence and Daniel Cathiard bought the Château in 1990, they already had a clear vision of what they wanted for their vineyard. It is why VertdeVin Magazine had the privilege to spend a full day at the winery to discover their mark.

The day begins with a short interview with Daniel Cathiard. Sitting on a comfortable armchair in the boutique, he explains that the tradition is deeply rooted at Château Smith Haut Lafitte. But there is also modernity like their "chai furtif" ("Stealth Winery"), hidden in the forest that surrounds the vines. Close to it, I will later admire their latest project: Gaïa. A building which includes offices and reception rooms, particularly for the "en primeurs" events. All with a breathtaking view of the vineyard and the Château. But above all, a building with a carbon footprint close to 0, far from any ostentatious architecture, a place that blends into nature. Because the family is very sensitive to the subject of the environment: they were the first in Bordeaux to think about and act on the subject. I then gradually begin to understand this mark that Florence and Daniel Cathiard wish to leave...

It's time to leave the warmth of the shop to go to the vineyard near the Chai Furtif to meet Nicolas Poumeyrau and talk about the "bio-precision". He is the vineyard manager of the property: he is taking care, with his team, of the ground to the little vine's tendril growing towards the sun. He explains that here, there is a strong relationship between land, man and animal. So, everything is done not to disturb this fragile balance by protecting forests, planting trees and preserving hedges. Because you should know that at the Château Smith Haut Lafitte, there are around 80 hectares of vines but also 80 hectares of forests! This is the reason why the property has been certified organic since 2019, also uses biodynamics and carries out significant agronomic research. We therefore took the opportunity to visit the "herbal tearoom": this is where plants dry to be used as a decoction on the vines and the soil. But if traditional techniques are used,



After listening to Jérémy Nadau's architectural vision, my last meeting of the day is with Florence Cathiard. She waits for me in her house and I tell her about my discoveries of the day. She completes my statement by adding that there are vegetable gardens, orchards but also beehives on the property. And she shows me a brochure on their winery in the USA, in Napa Valley, which will be 100% organic by the end of 2024. There too, they want to leave their mark. And I understand that it is the signature of a family that respects tradition but moves toward the future while considering its environmental impact. A family who has been in action for many years to fight against climate change on its own scale. A family that believes that the quality that makes a great wine and the love of nature do not go without one. A family that neglects no detail, especially those we don't see. And that makes all the difference.

It was a beautiful lesson in humility because if for many Grands Crus Classés represent absolute chic, doesn't real luxury lie in the possibility of having sustainable viticulture so that future generations can enjoy it as much as we do?

I warmly thank you Camille Meyrou for accompanying me during this day.

Chloé Cazaux-Grandpierre

modern technologies also help like drone and detailed soil studies: this blend is "bio-precision". Present on the property since 2012, Nicolas emphasizes that the convictions of Florence and Daniel Cathiard are powerful and that they build respect because they have not evolved: taking care of the environment is not negotiable.

I now leave to meet another passionate character: Jérémy Nadau. A genius architect, who is known and recognized throughout the world for his high-quality work. He too is extremely sensitive to environmental issues and his work on the Stealth Winery as well as on Gaïa is totally in line with the vision of the Cathiard family. The goal is to make buildings that have no impact on nature. For the Chai Furtif, which today receives wines from young vines, there was no need to carry out earthworks thanks to an existing quarry: the building is therefore semi-buried. All the existing trees have been preserved and the green roof (which is a real forest today) allows rainwater to be collected. The building consumes virtually no energy. The Gaïa pavilion is in the same vein: the facade is to the east to benefit from the heat of the morning sun, the structure is made of pine from local foresters, the insulation is straw, and everything is organically sourced. Moreover, on the west side are the solar panels and the building, vine post-colored, is semi-buried to benefit from the inertia of the ground.



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VINEYARDS OF Pradel de Lavaux

THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE RIGHT BANK



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The Pradel de Lavaux family has been established as winemakers for nearly four centuries. Today, they own eight properties in different appellations of the Right Bank, bring their terroirs to life, preserving the agricultural and historical heritage and producing elegant and silky wines.

VertdeVin: Tell us the story of your family, how you acquired the eight properties?

Axel Pradel de Lavaux: My ancestors on my grandmother's side have been the owners of Château Bellevue, a grand cru classé in Saint-Émilion, since 1642. In 1740, they founded a trading house, which is today one of the oldest in Bordeaux, and became merchant-owners of eight châteaux on the Right Bank (in Fronsac, Lalande de Pomerol, Saint-Émilion), which came into the family through inheritance. In the 1920s my great-grandfather acquired Château Saint Pierre – 3ha in the heart of the Pomerol plateau. The château building is located right next to the Saint-Jean de Pomerol church, on the highest point of the appellation. We see it on the label of Château Saint-Pierre, which remains almost unchanged since 1920. My father, in 1970-80, acquired Château La Renaissance, which has now 6 ha. We also have Château Martinet, 25 ha in Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, located within the walls of the town of Libourne.

VdV: What does the plot-by-plot approach to working the vines at Château Saint-Pierre consist of?

A.PdeL: I arrived at the vineyard in 2014 and I approached Stéphane Derenoncourt's teams who help me to highlight the terroir of Château Saint-Pierre. We separated the plots to make the grand

vin and the second wine of Château Saint-Pierre. Four plots of vines on the Pomerol plateau were selected to make the grand vin and two plots just below, on sandy soils – to make the second wine. We invested in these small vats to do precise vinification on these four plots, each of which brings a particular identity to the Château Saint-Pierre wine. We started using amphorae in 2017 and in 2018 we integrated Cabernet Franc into its blend.

In 2014, Château Saint-Pierre was 100% Merlot and from the 2018 and 2019 vintages, we have 10-15% Cabernet Franc in its blend. The second wine, "Il de Saint-Pierre", which we have been producing since 2014, remains

100% Merlot. In recent vintages, we also add a bit of stalk to have more structure and freshness in the wine.

VdV: In the current climatic conditions, do certain plots give better results than others?

A.PdeL: It is always the same vines in the heart of the Pomerol plateau with iron in the subsoil, which give the best results and which make the wine of the château. Afterwards, we adapt our techniques in the vineyard during the hot vintages to have more freshness in the wines. We produce 6000-7000 bottles of grand vin and second wine each year.

VdV: What is special about Château La Renaissance, also located in Pomerol, and its Romana cuvée?

A.PdeL: The terroir contains more sand. In addition, since 2018 we have been making the Romana cuvée here, a wine without sulphites, 100% Merlot, vinified and aged in terracotta amphora. The idea is to apply ancestral methods and to have an authentic wine, without any input. The amphora is a neutral material, where the wine fully expresses the terroir. Cuvée Romana is produced only if we

consider that the grapes are perfect for it, because the wine must hold without sulphites or additives during the aging in the amphorae. It is a very precise work. We started with 6 amphorae and 800 bottles in 2018, then 1000 in 2019, a little over 3000 bottles in 2020, 4500 bottles in 2022 and 3000 bottles in 2023. In 2021 and 2024 we did not produce a Cuvée Romana.

VdV: What are the vinification and aging methods for Château Saint-Pierre? What containers do you use? What are the blends?

A.PdeL: For the great wine of Château Saint-Pierre, we use 60-70% new wood. Cabernet Franc is generally vinified and aged in amphorae. Since the year 2019, we have added, depending on the vintage, a little bit of stalk inside the Merlot vats at the time of vinification, to bring character to the wine, more power in the mouth. We have traditional vinification methods, in stainless steel vats, concrete vats, amphorae, and we try as much as possible to preserve the brightness of the fruit and floral notes in our wines. We try to make wines that are more refined, elegant, and that respect the terroir. We always look for a silky texture, more than the significant contribution of new wood.

VdV: Do you have any plans for your properties?

A.PdeL: One idea for the future is to acquire or replace certain plots of vines for white grape varieties and make white wines. Today, we do not receive the public at Château Saint-Pierre and Château La Renaissance, so we are also working on wine tourism and welcoming visitors to the properties.

Many thanks to Axel Pradel de Lavaux for his time and his hospitality!

Valentina Guérin de Tourville



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Joško Gravner

THE QUEST FOR ESSENCE AS A WAY OF LIFE, PART 2

Joško has always been against irrigation. In his opinion, vines must delve deep to find water on their own. He has had forests, fruit trees, cypresses and olive trees planted near and among the vines to encourage biodiversity and attract various animal species. I look up at the tree beside the pond and see a bluetit darting into a miniature house hanging in the branches. We walk among the vines and Joško tells me that the predominant training system is the fan-shaped alberello bush proposed by Simonit & Sirch (world-famous master vine pruners) during one of their consultations. This man never ceases to amaze me: he never misses a new idea if it is in line with his principles.

"Wine is thought, it is the soul of the person who makes it. It contains all those who came before me, all my experiences, its history. Making wine is, after all, the synthesis of a life. Making wine is instinct and it instinct also knows when not to make it and when to wait a bit longer. Wine has existed long before us and will last long beyond our existence. For us winemakers, it will never be a foregone conclusion. None of us will ever be at the top, because wine can trick you every year."

In 2011 and 2012, he uprooted all his international white wine vines and exclusively planted Ribolla, the grape variety that belongs to his land. For the reds, he decided to focus on the autochthonous pignolo.

In 2015 he began with biodynamics, admitting that he was wrong not to have started earlier. "We have to make the soil healthy, that is the main task. The vines will then be balanced. That's why I'm against using resistant vines, they could bring other diseases. It's the land we need to focus on. Biodynamics helps a lot, and you cannot judge its effectiveness from the outside. You have to take the step and start, then you will understand the difference. It only took us two years of practice to see the soil change its appearance, become alive and able to breathe."

In 2022, the amphora garden came to life: outside, under the ground, the kvevri have welcomed the first fermentation (stalks have been added for a few years, but not in all vintages). Skins and must gurgle to the moon and stars and catch a glimpse of sunlight. In the womb of the amphora, they breathe with the Universe.

I look at Joško standing next to Gregor. The same checked shirt: a farmer, as he likes to call himself, in his seventies with a melancholic and proud look, who speaks little but with great wisdom, and a young man in his thirties, full of life, with a ready smile and a willingness to get things done.

"I believe in young people," says Joško, "because they realise how the land is being treated and they understand that there will be no future in it that way. They are working to make it healthier."

Joško will never stop trying. He will never stop questioning the meaning of human action in



Joško and Alessandra

the immense natural cycle. He will continue to generate wines that are free of the superfluous, luminously beautiful in their substance and unconventional because they are the expression of an intimate, almost religious, agricultural gesture. For the future, he would like to use glass tanks for the final ageing. He has yet to find the right balance, but he won't give up.

We get into the car and drive to the vineyard in Dedno, Slovenia. We arrive just as the bell tower strikes the hour. Gregor, Joško's grandson, is working in the vineyard. "As a child, I used to have a lot of fun in the vineyard," he says with that open and welcoming look, capable of arousing warmth and empathy. "I tried to help out. I remember the time when, exhausted, I fell asleep on the digger while grandpa got out to check something. I used to come to Joško to lend a hand, (he lived in Mezzolombardo, Trentino, ed) even as a teenager. Then I realised that I really liked working in the vineyard and I decided to stay. It was a personal and conscious choice, nobody pushed me into it, it happened naturally." He has been working full-time at the company for five years now. The vineyard is on a steep slope, so that much of the work has to be done by hand.

Mateja looks at her son and smiles. Not outwardly emotive since she keeps her feeling to herself like everyone in the Gravner family, but her eyes brim with motherly pride. I met her when she was in charge of communication at Bertani Domains, a historic winery, known the world over for its Amarone della Valpolicella. Mateja made her way outside the family business, returning in 2014. A sweet and determined woman, she dedicated herself to wine communication in years when it did not yet exist. She was a pioneer. She realised that this would be her path in the 1990s in Burgundy

during an experience in French wine promotion in Dijon, where she was doing an internship following her studies at the Agricultural Institute of San Michele all'Adige. While studying Political Economy at the University of Trento, she began working in wine promotion at the Trento Chamber of Commerce. She then took charge of reception and marketing at the Mach Foundation winery in San Michele all'Adige and latter accepted a job offer from Bertani, where she stayed for about six and a half years before deciding to return home. In a family business, you need to be able to carve out your own space by organising your work, perhaps even starting from the basics. Nowadays, Mateja is the face and voice of the Gravner farm in the world. She spends 200 days a year travelling from continent to continent, where the company exports fifty per cent of its production. Mateja has an impeccable style: rigour, dialectical skills and vision.

I take my leave of Oslavia with a long embrace for Joško, a gesture that expresses everything we did not say but still felt. I enfold Mateja in a warm embrace with the promise to see each other again soon. Gregor's handshake is vigorous and vital. Marija, Joško's wife, who takes care of the guests from her realm in the kitchen, gives me some homemade jams.

Every time I meet Joško, I return home with the feeling of being closer to the earth and human wine.

We deeply thank Joško Gravner for his time and passion.

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Barboursville Vineyard

TRUE PASSION FOR THE TERROIR
AND DEVOTION TO THE PLANT

Barboursville Vineyard was created in 1976 and extends on 364 hectares of which 180 are planted with vines. It's located in the Southwest Mountains (Virginia Piedmont).

It had been almost 10 years since I had been back to the splendid Barboursville winery. It was therefore a great pleasure to meet Luca Paschina again so that he could share with me his philosophy, his ambitions and his love for this fabulous terroir (red clay and volcanic rock) of Virginia. Let's meet Luca Paschina, the winemaker of this iconic winery.

VdV: What are the characteristics of your soil?

Luca Paschina: The geology of the red clay is the second oldest in the world, formed from the erosion of the ancient Blue Ridge Mountains. Here, we find a volcanic rock called Greenstone, which contains green minerals such as chlorite and actinolite, along with epidote and sometimes serpentine. Due to low oxidation, the rock takes on a red hue. In this context, the water retention can vary, so in vineyards with shallower soils, we plant white grape varieties, while we focus on red grape varieties in the rockier and more stable areas.

VdV: Could you tell us about your vineyard management?

LP.: In general, clay can be difficult to work with. The correct amount of water, then the climate, can produce, in my opinion, a beautiful wine, with unique aromas and agility. There are soils that can compact, so soil preparation is very important, and it takes an average of 3 years. We work it with organic material like onions and lemon to create a lot of microbial activity and improve the pH, which tends to be lower here compared to other areas.



In the first 3 meters, the vineyard's roots manage to penetrate, giving them better access to nutrients and water. There is less and less rain in Virginia... Despite this thanks to our vineyard work the last time we irrigated was in 2010.

VdV: You practice a special kind of pruning, could you tell us about it please?

LP.: Our implementation began 9 years ago with the pruning method of Simonit & Sirch to maintain sap flow. We were the first to implement it in Virginia, and today we have ten-year-old vines growing

in a very uniform way. The non-interventionist, traditional approach reveals the potential of each parcel in the pursuit of perfection. With this pruning technique we aim to improve the health and longevity of the plant, thanks to work on the natural resistance of the vines.

Simonit & Sirch pruning is practiced in many large properties around the world (Château d'Yquem, Château Latour, Domaine Leflaive, Louis Roederer, Marques de Riscal, Ramos Pinto, Biondi Santi, Feudi di San Gregorio, Quintessa, Corison, Shafer Vineyards...). It can be summarized by respecting four essential rules: 1) allow the plant to branch out with age (trunk and branches); 2) work on the continuity of the lymphatic flow; 3) make small cuts (minimally invasive) on young wood; 4) use the stump to prevent the main flow of sap from drying out.

VdV: Do you have any future plan for the winery?

LP.: We are expanding, having just added some Petit Manseng and Petit Verdot, and we are working on expanding our Merlot, which is already quite present in wines with great concentration and elegance for a true expression of the terroir. We are not trying to expand the vineyard to increase bottle volume, but rather we are focused on optimizing land use to achieve the best quality possible.

Many thanks to Luca Paschina for the interview.

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Breaux Vineyards

ONE OF THE NEBBIOLO LEADERS IN VIRGINIA



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Breaux Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery nestled in the Loudoun County, Virginia. It was in 1995 that the Breaux family launched into the wine business with the creation of this winery and only a few hectares of planted land. They grow quickly to become in 2024 one of the largest grape producers in the state. With a focus on quality and an investment in infrastructure, the estate stands out for its choice of unique grape varieties, such as Nebbiolo, which it planted after inspiration from Italy.

The emphasis is on the importance of terroir, the effect of vintage and the impact of climate, which vary from year to year. Finally, the estate looks to the future with innovative projects, seeking to strengthen its ties with the local community while preserving the identity of its wines.

Meeting with Jennifer M. Breaux, Président & General Manager.

VdV: How did you get started with the vineyard?

J.M.Breaux: We started planting about 25 acres in 1995, and our first harvest was in 1997. The rest is history. We grew quickly—this area needed a place where people could taste great wines. We invested

heavily in our infrastructure to create a beautiful place from the start. This year, we produced around 8,000 cases; in the past, we've reached up to 14,000 or as few as 3,000. It depends on the vintage—we prefer to produce during better years and focus on growth in the best production sites. We initially bought some Chardonnay from a site to see if it met our quality standards to add to our portfolio, and it did. In 1998, we decided to plant our own Chardonnay, and today we are one of the largest grape growers in Virginia, with 95 acres. We select the best grapes for ourselves, and we sell the rest to colleagues to support the local industry and preserve its identity, which wouldn't be the case if grapes were bought from California, Argentina, or other regions.

VdV: Why did you plant Nebbiolo?

J.M.B.: Nebbiolo is an interesting grape. My father was traveling in Italy, in Alba and during a dinner, he had the chance to taste a Nebbiolo with a local producer. When he fell immediately in love with this variety, and when he came back home, he decided to try planting it, even though his consultants told him it wouldn't grow well here. But that's not true—it grows very well. We have a small planting of Barbera that we bottle both as a varietal and in a blend with Nebbiolo that we call Six Degrees.

VdV: What kind of terroir do you have? What sets your wines apart? How would you describe their signature?

J.M.B.: Our terroir is the fruit of the degradation of ancient mountains. We have alluvial soils with rich mineral deposits, granite particulate matter, silt, shale, clay and a high calcium

content. The soils are well-drained and retain warmth well. The vintage effect is strong here; Virginia is different from both France and California. I believe Loudoun County has its own distinct taste. We are focusing on Nebbiolo as it is a flagship wine for us. We have a very high demand for both Nebbiolo in the form of and what we produce in bottle. Our current vintage on the market is 2019; we first release to our wine club members; we make 12 wines exclusively for our wine club each year, along with another 10 labels.

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VdV: What can you tell us about the climate?

J.M.B.: The vineyard is exposed to high humidity, and the climate can be unpredictable. In some years, we may get a lot of rain, alternating with hot and sunny days, but one positive factor is the good diurnal temperature variation. Since I've been here, starting in 1997, we have always managed to bring in quality grapes during harvest. We have had a few drought years, but our climate is quite different than the climate on the west coast where drought is the rule not the exception.

Many thanks to Jennifer Breaux for her welcome.

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Dany Rolland

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them every day. The vineyard is like a mother, the sky like a father, and each vintage is like a child ; a birth and an extraordinary transformation.

VdV: *In part of the Consulting activity, you're developed a real true passion for Château Fontenil, your family winery of Fronsac. Please can you tell us about the terroir of this estate ?*

D.R.: As we got to know the territory of Saint-Émilion better, we learned to appreciate Fronsac because it is a region with very interesting soils and substrates, made up of clay and limestone. We have facets that recall the diversity of Burgundy's climats. That's why we bought Fontenil in 1986. We were looking for a house, but we found the vineyard.

VdV: *What has been your greatest emotion in terms of wine tasting?*

D.R.: This is very complicated because I think emotions depend on the summer you're in, on your own emotional state, on who you're sharing it with, and on the interest of the moment. I can say I've had great emotions at different times. The first was when we tasted the 1982 vintage — an extraordinary year. A memorable sip, wines of the sun, round and welcoming, without sharp edges or peaks of acidity. I remember once when Michel came back from California with a wine, a Cabernet, that had a flavor profile similar to a Pomerol, where the vegetal notes didn't stand out much. When I taste a wine, I try to imagine the landscape where it was produced.

Another great wine emotion for me was the tasting of the Argentinian Malbec from our Valle de Uco, that is protected by the Cordillera. Here again, we understand that the landscapes are also part of the terroir... Not easy to answer to this question, it would deserve a whole novel ! That is the beauty of wine, it is made of constant emotions and therefore regular favorites

Many thanks to Dany Rolland for the interview.

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On the occasion of the return of "winemakers" articles we wanted to talk to you about Dany Rolland, the greatest female Bordeaux oenologist consultant and also one of the most influential figure in modern oenology, with a deep respect for vines and terroirs.

Alongside her husband Michel Rolland, she dedicated her life to the Bordeaux vineyard and in particular to the Fronsac family vineyard, Château Fontenil.

VdV: *Where does your passion for wine come from? How did you become a winemaker?*

Dany Rolland: My passion is a bit complicated. I was young, studying medicine, so I was in a non-wine-making environment, but still within the family. In 1968, the year of the Revolution, as a student, I didn't pass the exams, and I thought it was silly to start another year. At that time, I had many friends who were pharmacists studying oenology, the science of wine. Having a more scientific background and mindset, I was interested in biology and the science related to wine and tasting. Once a week, on Sundays, I would taste wine, even though it wasn't really my world. I developed an interest

in grapes and the process of transforming them into wine, a cultural product that spans time. Chemistry, physics, biochemistry, microbiology... no other fruit engages all these fields.

During my studies, I met Michel, a member of a family that had been making wine for seven generations. When we finished our studies in 1970, we got married, and from the start, the idea was to start a career as oenologists in different wineries. I found myself completely immersed in producing a wine meant to be enjoyed at the table, shared with friends who had the same affinities and lifestyle. Wine is a product of conviviality and pleasure, but what interests me is both the commercial aspect and the act of production, which requires having your feet in the vineyard and dealing with the effects of the climate. I have great respect for the land and for what it can give us. Wine is a synergy between the roots of the vines and the soil. The journeys and time have taught me to see the diversity and potential of every place. It is in the vineyard that wine is made, from good fruits. In a way, I returned to my roots. Following it daily, using sustainable practices and fertilizer, I created a dialogue with the vines, respecting and improving

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Didier Lacreu

THE WINE THAT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS

VertdeVin Magazine had the opportunity to meet Didier Lacreu, trained oenologist, for an interview and this discussion had a profound impact on us. Coming from a family in Roussillon, he caught the wine bug at a very young age. His grandparents did mixed farming and produced Natural Sweet Wines with Grenache, the king grape variety around the Mediterranean area. Still in the region, Didier Lacreu cannot deny his roots because his voice already sings a southern accent!

Now 43 years old, he started his career by traveling through several wine-growing countries to gain experience. He therefore visited South Africa and Australia before passing through Saint Émilion and Châteauneuf-du-Pape before settling down in Languedoc. He then worked on a property for 9 years before having the shock of his life. In 2018, he was diagnosed with lymphoma, a cancer then in stage 3. His life fell apart, and it was explained to him that it was due to regular exposure to pesticides that his cancer developed. Didier will not give up and for 2 years he will fight to finally experience remission thanks to an autotransplant.

So, a question appeared: how to return to wine, his passion, when it was his job that made him sick? However, it was impossible for him to imagine doing anything else. It was therefore with courage that he returned to his profession, but he made choices. In fact, he decided to create his own oenology consulting company in 2020 to be free to choose his clients precisely. He has become very sensitive to the issue of chemicals and today works with many organic wineries, or which are also doing environmentally friendly viticulture.

Currently Didier works with several wineries, mainly in Languedoc Roussillon, but also in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Saint Joseph, Limoux... and even in South Africa. His work consists of technically supporting the wineries from the end of the grape's maturity to begin winemaking while going through aging until putting the wines on the market without forgetting to consider the profile which



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corresponds to the commercial objectives of his customers. But for Didier Lacreu it also means asking questions about the future: these areas are already experiencing problems with water management. For example, a return to goblet vines (without trellising) would be a solution without forgetting the bushes replanting and controlled irrigation. We also must be realistic; it is not possible to do 100% organic. However, it is entirely possible to have a sustainable viticulture with the abandonment of herbicides in areas that can be mechanized. Everything is in balance!

So, it's an exciting long-term work. 2024 was not an easy vintage: in Languedoc Roussillon there was a cruel lack of water. In certain areas of Roussillon, there was only 120mm of rain (compared to around 1500mm in Bordeaux this year which was "under water"!) and the vines are struggling to survive in less than 100mm. Managing the vintage

was therefore a challenge to obtain ripe grapes and not over-ripe ones. Consequently, the yields are low, but the quality is present, particularly in the whites and rosés. The wines are crisp, delicious with length, freshness and tension. It was also necessary to find a balance with the aging thanks to a diversity of containers to avoid overly woody wines which no longer appeal to consumers.

Didier introduced several wineries to VertdeVin magazine, and we tasted them: you can find our comments in this issue.

Thank you, Didier Lacreu, for your time, passion and strength. We wish you to continue to flourish and we are impressed by how you share your health experience with winemakers because "it doesn't just happen to others"...

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SAINT-JOSEPH

THE FUTURE OF THE RHÔNE VALLEY PASSES THROUGH SAINT-JOSEPH



Founded in 1975, the image of Syrah in the Saint-Joseph area can be said, with great sincerity and happiness, not to be the same as it is today. With the vigneron's soul to be predictable, with his courage, resourcefulness and aptitude for work that requires hard work and patience, the commitment and typology of Saint-Joseph's wines are an example to follow in the current climate and consumption changes.

The challenge for Saint-Joseph, as for other appellations, is to survive. The winemakers, actors in these changes, thanks to the new generation offer new perspectives to advance the appellation and unveil new profiles, always respecting and enhancing its terroir. There are two main reasons for this attention: on the one hand, there is a nouvelle vague of young and new producers who tell the story of the tastes of these terraced, heroic plots, with contemporary stylistics, with wines on the fruit, fragrant and expressive, free from excessive superstructures, and on the other hand, there is a historical attitude to being wines suitable for pairing. And not necessarily to the succulent dishes of French cuisine, quite the contrary.

The wines adapt to both ethnic and Mediterranean flavors but also to fine dining dishes in which contrasts of earthiness, umami and acid and iodine balances are often found. With this aptitude for transversality, it is not difficult to understand how Saint-Joseph wines become the chosen one for younger age groups and for the great gourmets, who choose them by the glass or the whole bottle. With a double production soul, in both white and red, based on Marsanne and Roussanne (albeit to a lesser extent), and Syrah, the undisputed queen of the Rhône Valley, the vines come alive with an allure that is also captivating for the dedication required to cultivate the vines. Mechanization on the steep slopes is not possible, maintenance of the dry stone walls requires not a few additional human and economic resources per year. This symbolic designation of change stretches for almost 60 km, between Cornas and Côte-Rôtie, on the right bank of the river. The hills stretch from Chavanay in the north to Guilherand-Granges in the south. The particularity, apart from the scenic beauty, lies in the terraces,

which help to combat soil erosion, flooding and fires. The stone walls that support them create a mosaic of microclimates for terroirs of exceptions.

Soils that are mainly composed of granite, a rock that covers most of the 1400 hectares of the AOC. In some places, there are enclaves of clay-limestone soils on the heights or deeper loess at the base of the slopes. This explains why white varieties, especially when planted in the north (near the Condrieu), give very different results than those in the south. Whites which, although they account for 10% of total production (800,000 bottles compared to 6 million for Syrah), particularly intrigued us during a two-day tasting and sharing session organized in Lyon by the producers who claim this AOC.

The vineyard enjoys a dual influence: continental and Mediterranean. The slopes along the river benefit from the winds that aerate the vines and offer optimal health conditions. In these years influenced by climate change, the terraces become a natural contrast, favoring water run-off during heavy rainfall and encouraging infiltration into the soil, allowing the vines to maintain indispensable water reserves.

A geographical area delimited on the territory of 23 communes in the département of Ardèche and 3 communes in the département of Loire, influenced by the cold, dry north wind known as the 'Bise', which dries the leaves and limits the development of cryptogamic diseases. Wind that slows down the vegetative development of the plant and requires vignerons to choose protected and sunny sites. The protagonists of this AOC are 130 independent producers, 30 negotiants and 3 cooperatives.

In the glass, the reds are elegant, with fruity, spicy aromas, in some cases with hints of liquorice or undergrowth; with an enveloping body with velvety tannins and more remarkable depending on the style of production. The whites, mostly made from Marsanne, are dry and aromatic, offering floral and honeyed notes, with a fat texture that balances the liveliness.

Erika Mantovan

Domaine Graeme & Julie 2023

Saint-Joseph AOC

Composed of 70% Roussanne and 30% Marsanne, it is born on granite soil at 350 meters above sea level with eastern exposure. It matures 9 months in French barriques. It develops aromas of cedar, citrus fruits and hints of wildflowers and birch. On the palate it is characterized by great energy, an iodine and brackish matrix that meets aromas of ripe yellow fruit. As broad as it is vertical and very persistent.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Coursodon - Le Paradis Saint-Pierre 2023

Saint-Joseph AOC

Made from old vines, 90% Marsanne and 10% Roussanne, on granitic, shallow soil, facing south and south-east, it is matured on fine lees and develops sweet, juicy notes on the nose. With aromas of ripe tropical fruit and light hints of honey, it is very inviting and enveloping on the palate, round with good plumpness offset by a thin mineral layer and closes on aromas reminiscent of nuts. Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Delas Frères - François de Tournon 2021

Saint-Joseph AOC

Made from a blend of grapes from Vion, Saint Jean de Muzols, Mauves et Tournon, on light soils composed of schist and gneiss, on a granitic substratum. Part of the wine matures for ten to fourteen years in barrels of varying ages. It is brilliant bright in color. Very intense on the nose. Red fruits, raspberry and spicy hints. On the palate it has good power with a subtle and soft, but lively tannic filigree, which fits in with the matter, with good envelopment.

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

Domaine du Tunnel 2022

Saint-Joseph AOC

Produced from 3 plots of 40-year-old vines grown in 3 communes: Tournon, Mauves and Glun, aged in wooden barrels for 14 months. Syrah grown on granitic soils and a luminous purple color, on the nose aromas of vanilla, ripe cerise, raspberries and sweet and oriental spices. On the palate it is ample, with a very crisp profile of good volume and dynamism supported by a pleasant, if feeble, tannic structure.

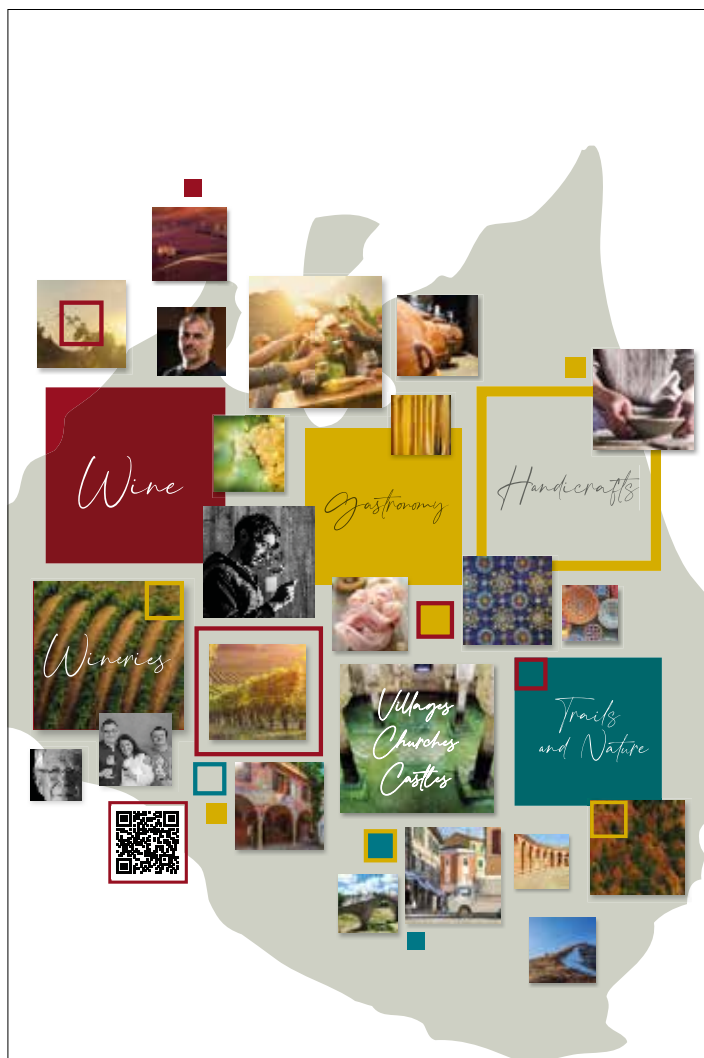
Score : 16.75/20 (93+/100)

E.Guigal - Vigne de L'Hospice 2021

Saint-Joseph AOC

Produced in an area where the geological formation is very reminiscent of the famous Bessards hill in l'Hermitage, this Syrah boasts finesse and power, but above all an elegance that confirms the winery's style of ageing in new wood for 30 months. It has a dark ruby red color, good intensity, with hematic and spicy notes, vegetal traits and small red fruits. The sip is very airy, very impactful and viscous, with a very tight and velvety tannic fiber.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



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Bolgheri 2015

A year characterised by generous and warm conditions. Despite some rain before the harvest, this vintage delivered a wine of deep ruby colour with classic Bordeaux notes of tobacco, dark fruits, and subtle green pepper. Its balanced acidity and polished tannins made it a standout year. The estate's oenologist Niccolò Carrara describes it as a "vintage when you can't make mistakes."

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Bolgheri 2016

A vintage that is similar in blend to 2015 but with a different style, influenced by a hot summer that stressed the vines. It presented medium ruby hues with more pronounced oak notes. The wine was juicy with higher acidity on the palate, delivering freshness and texture. Bold, velvety tannins and a balanced finish made this vintage notable.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Bolgheri 2017

A vintage marked by a dry season from January to September; this vintage resulted in a fresh and fruity version of Argentario. The wine displayed a deep ruby colour with a spicy, woody nose. While it had good acidity, the palate felt slightly loose and, yet it offered immediate drinkability.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bolgheri 2018

Following a rainy spring, this year saw increased disease pressure but was still considered an "easy" vintage. The resulting wine was elegant, with medium ruby tones and a discreet nose. Despite being underdeveloped at the time of tasting, it showed potential with fine-grained tannins and good acidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Bolgheri 2019

This vintage presents a deep ruby colour with an oaky, smoky nose, bold tannins, and a dense palate. Nuances of black cherries and plums serve as a background. Though bold and slightly heavy at the moment, it promises excellent potential with time for the integration of oak and tannins.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Bolgheri 2020

Similar to 2018, which had a rainy spring, this vintage saw the introduction of Austrian oak tonneaux alongside French barrels. The wine exhibited a deep ruby hue, a spicy and oaky nose, and a juicy palate. However, it shows a relatively easy-drinking nature and a slightly short finish.

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

Bolgheri 2021

offered a medium ruby colour with a rich, dense nose. Despite the early harvest, the wine retained juiciness and freshness, supported by good acidity and polished tannins. It shows attractive aromas of kirsch and tobacco on the nose and lingers long on the palate with nuances of cassia and black cherries.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Bolgheri 2022

was an irregular and challenging vintage with an arid season, resulting in 20% less berry weight. With an increased proportion of Cabernet Franc, the wine was deep ruby with a spicy, still very woody nose, bold and muscular tannins, and very open character, suggesting a quick ageing.

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

On 4 September 2024, Bolgheri DOC celebrated its 30th anniversary with an impressive 'Cena dei Mille' dinner organised by the Consortium on the famous Viale dei Cipressi cypress avenue immortalised in the poem 'Before San Guido' by the first Italian Nobel Prize winner for Literature, Giosuè Carducci. The 2,450 cypress trees, now a UNESCO heritage site, were planted in the 19th century by Count Guido Alberto della Gherardesca. A kilometre-long table seated some 1,200 guests from all over the world, served by 140 servers and 160 sommeliers who offered the fortunate invitèes a taste of the best wines from each of the 74 member producers of the Consortium. Beautifully lit cypress trees and a candlelit dinner created a truly magical atmosphere. The tradition of hosting such a dinner began in 2019 in honour of the appellation's 25th anniversary. This year's event was the third in a row.

Origins

Bolgheri, a region born from the vision of Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, creator of the legendary Sassicaia, is today one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world. DOC Bolgheri was created in 1983 and originally included only white and rosé wines. In 1994, the appellation was expanded to include Bolgheri Rosso, Bolgheri Superiore and Bolgheri Sassicaia. The Consortium was founded in January 1995, just a few months after the specification for red wines appeared. Today, it comprises 74 producers whose vineyards account for 99% of the total area of 1,365 hectares.

Bolgheri in numbers

Bolgheri shows some of the best economic performance among the Italian regions: the average bottle price is 21 euros and annual production in value terms reaches 150 million euros. Around 7 million bottles are produced yearly: 64% are red Bolgheri Rosso, 19% Bolgheri Superiore and Sassicaia, 12% Bolgheri Vermentino and Bianco and 5% Bolgheri Rosato. The average age of the vines is 16.7 years. Among the varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon is the leader (34%), followed by Merlot (22%) and Cabernet Franc (16%). Vermentino plantings account for about 10%. Syrah (6.5%), Petit Verdot (5%), Viognier (1.5%), Sauvignon Blanc (1%) and Sangiovese (1%) are also present, but to a lesser extent. 40% of the vineyards apply organic methods.

Bolgheri Anteprema

Bolgheri Superiore 2021 and Bolgheri Rosso 2022 were released in 2024. The 2022 season was marked by a drought that began in late winter and lasted almost the entire summer. The turning point came in mid-August when the first of a series of storms hit, which proved decisive at the most critical time of grape ripening. The harvest started early, on average after 20 August, and ended at the end of September. The wines show high alcohol levels typical of a hot and dry year, but this is offset by good acidity, moderate extraction, and grainy but fine and well-integrated tannins. As a result, most of the winemakers have retained that recognisable freshness and elegance characteristic of the appellation's best wines.

Valeria Tenison

ROMAGNA

ENCHANTING LANDSCAPES AND HEART OF VITICULTURAL TRADITION

Romagna is a land that enchants with its landscapes, suspended between the Apennines and the Adriatic Sea, where history shapes the landscape: hills, vineyards, and villages tell the culture of flavors and traditions passed down through time.

The Romagna region is a mosaic of environments: from the gentle hills of the hinterland, alternating with green valleys and small streams, to the vast sandy beaches of the Adriatic Riviera. In between, there are beautiful villages such as Brisighella and Bertinoro. The hills also attract sports enthusiasts and hikers, with trails winding through olive groves and vineyards, wheat fields shaped by the wind. The proximity to the sea gives the region a unique climate, ideal not only for visitors but also for agricultural cultivation, particularly for grapevines.

VITICULTURE: THE SOUL OF ROMAGNA

Deeply connected to wine, the winemaking tradition has ancient roots, with hills dotted with rows of vineyards, and Sangiovese being the main protagonist, differing depending on the areas where it is produced. The diversity of Romagna's 16 subzones helps create a dynamic and multifaceted image of these wines.

Romagna Sangiovese is a versatile red wine, able to express itself in young, fresh, and fruity versions, or more structured ones, with an impressive aging potential. It takes on characteristics that distinguish it from its Tuscan counterpart, thanks to the unique combination of clayey, limestone soils and a climate influenced by the Adriatic.

Alongside Sangiovese, there are other notable wines:

- Albana, the first Italian white wine to receive the DOCG designation, golden in color, which can be vinified in dry, sweet, or passito versions. Each sip brings the flavors of Romagna, from ripe fruit to wildflowers.
- Trebbiano di Romagna, a fresh and lively white wine, often featured on Romagna's tables, ideal for pairing with traditional dishes.
- Pagadebit, a delicate white wine whose curious name comes from the strength of its grapes, which guaranteed farmers the ability to pay off debts, even in difficult years.

There are also niche productions, such as *Centesimino* and *Famoso*, true gems of the local viticultural biodiversity.

Erika Mantovan



THE SUBZONES OF ROMAGNA: THE SHADES OF SANGIOVESE

Bertinoro: Includes the entire municipality of Bertinoro and the western side of Cesena's hills. The vineyards are located between 100 and 350 meters above sea level; the soils are clayey, ochre and brown in color, rich in marine limestone, locally known as "spungone".

Brisighella: A large subzone extending along the Lamone stream valley (and partially along the Sintria stream). The vineyards are located between 180 and 500 meters above sea level. The soils, moving south from Faenza, correspond to three soil bands: red earth, yellow sands, and clays of calcareous origin; gypsum marls; marl and sandstone soils.

Castrocaro: Covers the areas traversed by the Montone stream, with the main area extending throughout the municipality of Castrocaro Terme-Terra del Sole, including the municipalities of Dovadola and Rocca San Casciano. The vineyards are located between 80 and 300 meters above sea level. The soils are clayey-limestone, ochre in color, with outcrops of "spungone". In Bagnolo and Sadurano, gray clays of calcareous origin dominate, while higher up, marls and sandstones appear.

Cesena: Extends into the first hills surrounding the Savio River and up to the western bank of the Rubicone stream. The vineyards are located between 60 and 250 meters above sea level. The soils are ochre-colored, low in limestone, with yellow sands.

Coriano: Covers the Marano stream valley, central to the province of Rimini where most of the winemaking is concentrated. Main locations: Coriano, Montescudo. The vineyards are located between 60 and 250 meters above sea level. The soils are made up of brown, ochre, and gray earth.

Imola: A large subzone extending along the Via Emilia between the cities of Imola and Bologna. While most of the viticulture is concentrated at medium altitudes, the subzone also includes the Apennine territories. The vineyards are located between 60 and 400 meters above sea level. The soils consist of red and brown earth near the Via Emilia, gray clays at intermediate altitudes, and ochre earth at higher elevations.

Longiano: Located east of the Rubicone river, with important areas like Longiano, Roncofreddo, Montiano, Monteleone, and Ribano. The vineyards are located between 60 and 300 m above sea level, the soils are calcareous ochre clays, with sand and sandstone increasing with altitude.

Marzeno: A small, homogeneous subzone along the Marzeno stream, between Faenza and Modigliana. The vineyards are located between 100 and 200 meters above sea level. The soils are mainly brown and gray calcareous clays, turning red on the northeastern slopes.

Meldola: Extends along the right bank of the Bidente River, between the Bertinoro and Predappio subzones. The vineyards are located between 100 and 150 meters above sea level. The soils are brown and red earth, with gypsum marls near Gemmano, and calcareous marls at higher altitudes.

Mercato Saraceno: The territory extends along the Savio valley, particularly around the town of Mercato Saraceno and Montesasso. The vineyards are located between 160 and 400 meters above sea level. The soils consist mostly of brown calcareous alluvial soils, with gravel in the Savio riverbed and marls and sandstones at higher altitudes.

Modigliana: The subzone corresponds to the territory of Modigliana, an Apennine area divided into three valleys named after the rivers (Acereta, Tramazzo, and Ibola). The vineyards are located between 300 and 600 meters above sea level. The soils are primarily sandy marls, with sandstone predominating over marl.

Oriolo: Extends between Faenza and Forlì, with important locations such as Oriolo, Santa Lucia, I Sabbioni, Castiglione, Petrignone. The vineyards are located between 60 and 200 meters above sea level. The soils on the western Faenza slopes are dominated by brown and red clays, while the eastern Forlì slopes feature ochre soils and Pliocene yellow sands.

Predappio: A large subzone extending along the Rabbi stream valley and the left bank of the Bidente. Key areas include Predappio Alta, Fiumana, Ravaldino, Vecchiazano, Cusercoli, and San Zeno. The vineyards are located between 120 and 400 meters above sea level. The soils are calcareous-clay, ochre and brown in color, with red clays and sands in the lower areas, gypsum and organic limestone at Predappio Alta, and sandstones in the higher zones of Cusercoli and San Zeno.

San Clemente: Extends along the Conca stream valley, the most eastern subzone of Romagna. Main locations: San Giovanni in Marignano, San Clemente, Morciano, Saludecio, Gemmano. The vineyards are located between 60 and 300 meters above sea level. The soils consist of brown and red earth in the plains, and calcareous marls at higher altitudes.

Serra: A subzone crossed by the Senio River, covering the municipalities of Riolo Terme, Casola Valsenio, and parts of Faenza, Brisighella, and Imola. The vineyards are located between 60 and 250 meters above sea level. The soils are red and gray earth at lower altitudes, with gypsum marls and ochre soils at higher elevations.

Verucchio: The Marecchia River valley, from Via Emilia to the Apennines. Viticulture is concentrated around Verucchio, Torriana, Santarcangelo, and Novafeltria. The vineyards are located between 50 and 450 meters above sea level. The soils are brown at lower altitudes, with gypsum marls and gray soils at higher altitudes.

LUGANA

A TIMELESS WINE



Citiri Torre 2022

Lugana DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green highlights. The nose offers a certain concentration. It expresses aromas of stone fruits (yellow peach, yellow plum, a hint of apricot), passion fruit and ripe citrus fruits (crushed yellow lemon, grapefruit, blood orange). There is also smokiness, minerality and a tangy touch of bergamot, complemented by a bouquet of white flowers (acacia, chamomile) and a mineral touch of limestone rock. The palate is gourmet, fruity, even slightly sweet. It expresses the flavors of juicy stone fruits (white peach, apricot), exotic fruits (passion fruit, fresh pineapple) and ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit, bergamot), combined with a mineral, limestone and smoky touch, as well as acacia and chamomile. The finish is fruity, gourmet, sapid and quite persistent. Nice acidity and a good bitterness on the persistence.

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

Cobue CAMP8 2021

Lugana DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers precision and concentration with freshness. It expresses notes of dried pineapple, grapefruit, ripe yellow lemon, lime juice, as well as passion fruit, a vegetal hint of cucumber that brings freshness and a certain complexity. After aeration, we find a saline mineral hint, as well as a sweet touch of white flowers (acacia, fresh chamomile, a hint of apple blossom), wrapped in the delicacy of juicy white peach and lemon cream in the background. The palate is gourmand, round, but at the same time lively and tangy, with a sharp acidity that is felt from the attack. We then find concentrated flavors of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, crushed grapefruit), tangy fresh pineapple, passion fruit and white peach in the background, associated with a mineral, calcareous and saline hint, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom). The finish is savoury, persistent and gourmand, with a good bitterness of grapefruit, notes of green apple and crisp yellow apple and a very light tertiary touch of hay, saffron and beeswax. A certain complexity, roundness and freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tenuta Corbari 2021

Lugana DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The wine is reserved on the nose and benefits from aeration. It then expresses concentration, delicacy and an oily and textured touch on the nose in its aromas of flower honey, juicy pineapple and candied grapefruit. We also find notes of ripe yellow lemon, crisp yellow apple, passion fruit and blood orange zest, associated with a smoky touch of bergamot, a racy minerality (limestone, dry rock), as well as fresh chamomile, hay and dried wild flowers. On the palate, the wine is gourmet and fresh. The attack offers notes of crunchy stone fruits (yellow peach, apricot), juicy pineapple, yellow apple, ripe yellow lemon and candied grapefruit. Then, we find the smokiness of bergamot, as well as notes of chamomile, dried flowers, hay and a touch of limestone minerals. The finish is persistent, fragrant, chiseled, with a sharp acidity and a good bitterness of lime, as well as a very light hint of honey and the delicacy of fresh orange. Beautiful balance and freshness.

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

Lugana, a wine with roots tracing back to the Bronze Age, thrives in the fertile lands near Lake Garda. The region's history as an agricultural hub dates back to the 4th century, named after "Lucus," meaning forest in Latin. Officially recognized in 1967, Lugana DOC was among the first Italian wine appellations, reflecting its significance. Its hallmark grape, Turbiana, is uniquely adapted to the area, producing wines known for citrus and floral notes, vibrant acidity, and exceptional aging potential.

The terroir, shaped by glacial morainic soils, combines clay and limestone, fostering aromatic complexity and minerality. Lake Garda's breezes moderate the climate, enabling steady ripening and superior grape health. Lugana's versatility is showcased in its five distinct styles: Fresh, Youthful, Deep, Complex, and Velvety, each offering unique flavors and pairings, from seafood to cheeses.

With over 27.5 million bottles produced annually, Lugana is a global ambassador of Italian wine, exporting 60% to key markets like Germany and the U.S. Efforts in clonal research and sustainable practices ensure its future, while events like tastings at Prowein highlight its elegance and longevity. Lugana's story continues, a testament to its heritage and innovation.

Armea Vitium 2023

Lugana DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green highlights. The nose is straight, precise, mineral and lemony. An expressive saline note opens the bouquet of aromas, complemented by hints of grapefruit, Meyer lemon, lime zest, as well as white peach, chamomile and a smoky mineral touch. The palate is chiseled, slender, tangy and fresh. The attack is on the acidity and bitterness of citrus fruits (lime, grapefruit, yellow lemon), followed by notes of white peach, green apple, mineral salinity and a smoky hint of bergamot. Liveliness and dynamism on the persistence, thanks to a sharp acidity. Good length on the notes of green apple and the bitterness of grapefruit, lots of freshness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Montonale Montual 2023

Lugana DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green highlights. The nose is fragrant, fruity and very gourmet. It expresses juicy and enveloping notes of stone fruits (white peach, yellow peach, apricot), ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, a hint of grapefruit), passion fruit, as well as a hint of tangy pineapple. There are also aromas of acacia and lily, green apple, as well as a mineral, saline and calcareous touch, associated with a hint of herbaceousness and wild flowers. The palate offers an enveloping but chiseled texture, with accuracy and lively acidity. It expresses flavors of lime, lime zest, passion fruit, tangy white peach and tangy pineapple, as well as white flowers (lily, acacia) and green apple. There is also a touch of mineral lime on the finish. The finish is chiseled, persistent and salivating, with sharp notes of lime, green apple, green plum and a smoky touch of bergamot in the background. A fresh and airy wine.

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



Ottella, Le Creete 2016

Lugana DOC

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is elegant, discreet, but deep and concentrated. It expresses delicate and integrated tertiary aromas (wet leaves, beeswax, saffron in the background). After aeration, we find tangy and sweet aromas of candied citrus fruits (candied yellow lemon peel, lime jam), very ripe fresh pineapple, white peach, ripe yellow lemon, as well as a refreshing touch of green tea leaf, a hint of green olive and a delicate floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossom, wisteria), combined with a touch of fresh hazelnut and fresh almond. The palate is dense, complex and concentrated, but at the same time airy. On the attack, it expresses the tangy notes of fresh and candied citrus fruits (ripe yellow lemon, lime jam), tangy apricot, green apple and a hint of pineapple, which are complemented in the mid-palate by notes of honey, flowers (acacia, apple blossom), green tea leaf, as well as fresh hazelnut and saffron. The finish also brings a touch of beeswax, wet leaves and a mineral hint. The acidity is lively, salivating, good persistence on the tanginess and slight bitterness of lime, red orange and bergamot, complemented by a hint of minerality of limestone. A lively, complex wine, harmoniously evolved.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Corte Anna Antico Vigneto 2020

Lugana Riserva DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is discreet at first, but opens up after aeration and offers depth, delicacy in its pleasant sweet notes and a nice complexity. It expresses precise aromas of aging on lees (fresh brioche, even brioche dough, fresh yeast in the background), notes of evolution (hay, dried white

flowers, saffron, honey). Then, we find the aromas of citrus fruits (grapefruit zest, ripe yellow lemon, lime), green apple, pineapple, passion fruit, complemented by a fresh and airy vegetal and herbaceous hint (artichoke, kaffir leaf). We also find a touch of limestone minerality in the background. The mouth is silky, with an oily and enveloping texture, but all in freshness. The attack is gourmand and fruity – with notes of red orange zest, grapefruit, ripe yellow lemon, juicy fresh pineapple, combined with notes of candied lemon in the background and a bitter touch of chestnut honey. The mid-palate offers notes of brioche, brioche dough, hay, as well as a vegetal hint of artichoke and a spicy touch of saffron. The finish is savory, oily and persistent, with a beautiful freshness and acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Podere Selva Capuzza Menasasso 2019

Lugana Riserva DOC

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers density and complexity. It expresses a beautiful refreshing lemony frame (fresh yellow lemon, candied yellow lemon, blood orange, fresh lime), a fragrant bouquet of flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, apple blossoms). We also find touches of flower honey, beeswax in the background, saffron, hay, dried kaffir leaves, fresh almond and yeasts in the background. After aeration, we also find gourmet aromas of candied pineapple, even fresh vanilla. The palate is straight, chiseled and offers precision, lots of freshness, as well as a good bitterness of lime. We also find chiseled notes of green apple, yellow lemon, as well as fresh pineapple, passion fruit, white flowers (acacia, apple blossom), fresh almond, a hint of brioche dough, honey and hay in the background. The

finish is persistent, tasty and excessive, with a sharp acidity and notes of fresh citrus fruits (lime, lemon), with a bitter hint of chestnut honey that gradually opens up on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Roveglia, Vigne di Catullo 2019

Lugana Riserva DOC

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with light golden highlights. Beautiful expressive aroma on the nose, with a gourmand and sweet hint of honey, which appears first. We then find a ripe and juicy fruitiness (very ripe yellow peach, crushed apricot, ripe pineapple, ripe yellow lemon), associated with milky notes and sweet brioche (pineapple yogurt, fresh brioche), as well as a sweet touch of citrus jam and strawberry tree berries. Then, we smell aromas of fresh hazelnut, fresh almond, acacia, wisteria, as well as beeswax and saffron. The palate is frank, precise, very savoury, with a harmony of sweet and tangy notes on the attack (in the flavors of lime jam and candied citron). Then, we feel the flavors of fresh green apple, yellow lemon zest, fresh grapefruit, as well as flower honey, saffron in the background, a subtle floral bouquet (acacia, apple and lemon blossoms). The finish is straight, chiseled, with a beautiful sharp acidity, tangy notes of citrus zest, a touch of yeast, beeswax and a saline mineral hint and a vegetal touch of artichoke. Beautiful balance between the tertiary notes and the freshness of the fruits.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Corte Sermana Pintade Metodo Classico 60 mesi 2016

Lugana Spumante

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with golden highlights, as well as fine and regular bubbles. The nose is aromatic and expresses precise notes of aging on lees (fresh pastries, puff pastry, toasted yeast in the background), associated with touches of toasted hazelnut, a hint of toasted almond, as well as a slight sweetness of vanilla, even caramel in the background. We then find notes of yellow apple, very ripe pineapple (even roasted), dried lemon peel, ripe yellow lemon, grapefruit, as well as green tea, wet leaves, saffron, beeswax, dried flowers and honey. The attack on the palate offers a good bitterness of grapefruit and chestnut honey, associated with smokiness of bergamot. Next, we sense flavors of fresh lime, yellow lemon, tart green apple, complemented by notes of saffron, beeswax, wet leaves, dried flowers and a hint of salty minerality. The finish is persistent and complex – the wine continues to develop on lees-aged notes (toasted yeast, bread dough, fresh pastry) and toasted touches (toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, a touch of roasted herbs). Beautiful sharp acidity, lots of freshness and precision.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



TERRA DI LAVORO

A TRIBUTE TO CASERTA'S WINEMAKING EXCELLENCE



Photo Erika Montovan

In the picturesque setting of the Courtyard of the Royal Palace of Caserta, the third edition of "Terra di Lavoro Wines" took place, an event entirely dedicated to celebrating the winemaking excellence of the Caserta area. With over 3,000 attendees across two days, the initiative highlighted the synergy between wine, territory, and culture, establishing itself as a high-profile occasion for national and international promotion and reflection.

The Stars of the Show: Caserta's Wines

The event spotlighted the five denominations protected by the Vitica Consortium – Aversa Asprinio DOC, Falerno del Massico DOC, Galluccio DOC, Roccamonfina IGT, and Terre del Volturno IGT – with 170 selections presented by over 70 wineries. The program offered a winning combination of open tastings, five masterclasses (one in English), and engaging discussions with industry experts.

The Royal Palace of Caserta and the "Terra di Lavoro" Room

The event opened with Tiziana Maffei, Director of the Royal Palace of Caserta, dedicating the conference hall to "Terra di Lavoro." This tribute not only recognizes the area's heritage – once the fifth province of the Bourbon Kingdom – but also honors the commitment of those who work daily to enhance its cultural legacy. "The conference hall is a tribute to the territory and the people who passionately make our heritage welcoming and alive," said Maffei.

Wine Tourism and the PDO/PGI Economy: The Debate

The forum "Wine Tourism: A Lever for Developing

Caserta's PDO/PGI Economy" kicked off with a discussion on leveraging wine tourism as a strategic driver for regional development. Cesare Avenia, President of the Vitica Consortium, emphasized the importance of synergy among producers, institutions, and tourism operators, highlighting wine's role as a cultural ambassador.

Nicola Caputo, Campania Region's Agriculture Minister, focused on the region's new wine tourism regulations, which promote quality standards and systematic organization to enhance the value of winemaking heritage. "Wine tourism is fundamental for promoting Campania's enological excellence," Caputo stated, announcing training and promotional initiatives for sector operators.

Other significant contributions came from Maria Paola Sorrentino, President of Campania's Wine Tourism Movement, and Domenico Raimondo, President of the Mozzarella di Bufala DOP Consortium, who stressed the importance of "systemic collaboration" to improve tourism hospitality and strengthen the bond between wine and territory.

Tastings and Culture

Tasting stations, organized by AIS Campania, welcomed a diverse audience, including a significant number of international tourists. The masterclasses sold out, with over 380 participants, including sommeliers, journalists from national and international outlets, and enthusiasts. Cultural moments were not lacking, such as the presentation of Calici&Spicchi by Antonella Amodio, a unique work on wine and pizza pairings. The discussion featured prominent figures, including Director Tiziana Maffei and Chef Rosanna Marziale.

Maria Felicia Brini Award 2024

The event concluded with the prestigious "Maria Felicia Brini Award," recognizing the best local wine lists. Among the winners were **Masanielli di Sasà Martucci** for the best wine list in a pizzeria and the **Ristorante Marotta di Squille** for the best pairing.

A Success for the Region

Cesare Avenia, President of the Vitica Consortium, expressed great satisfaction: "This event represents the pride of the Caserta province, rich in winemaking excellence. The Royal Palace of Caserta created a magical atmosphere, and we're already preparing for the next edition."

Italy leads Europe in PDO/PGI/STG products, and the province of Caserta stands out as the leading province in Campania – and sixteenth nationally – for the economic impact of PDO and PGI products, with an 8% growth in the sector between 2021 and 2022.

With this edition, "Terra di Lavoro Wines" confirms itself as an unmissable event, promoting wine not only as a product of excellence but also as a symbol of culture and a tool for enhancing the territory.

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FURMINT

ONE GRAPE VARIETY WITH MANY FACES



Photo: Robert Nemes

Somló without a lasting impression. For those seeking exceptional examples, Somlói Vándor from Somló or Skizo from Badacsony come highly recommended.

Grand cru location

The country's highest vineyard sits just above 500 meters on Mount Nagy-Eged, located in the Eger wine district. This is a *special grand cru*, with two key players having the best sites here: St. Andrea Winery and Kovács Nimród Winery.

Both wineries cultivate Furmint on these prestigious slopes. While Kovács Nimród bottles it as a single-varietal wine, St. Andrea blends it with Chardonnay for their single-vineyard cuvée – needless to say, it's their top white wine. We are, of course, in the territory of the famous (and recently rebranded) Bull's Blood of Eger, but what's perhaps less known is that nearly half of the vineyards here are dedicated to white grapes.

What also makes Mount Nagy-Eged unique is its soil. Unlike much of the Eger wine district, which is dominated by rhyolite tuff, the soils here consist of grey Triassic limestone. As you climb higher, the terrain becomes increasingly stony. This geological variation imparts a distinct character to the wines produced here, making them truly unique and impossible to replicate elsewhere.

Borbála Kalmár



While the Furmint grape variety is most commonly associated with Tokaji sweet wines, it is not limited to this region alone. Its neutral aroma profile allows it to express the unique characteristics of various soils, which is why winemakers take full advantage of it – especially in dry styles.

A local hero beyond Tokaj

Let's debunk a myth: although many claim Furmint as indigenous to Hungary, its origins may lie beyond the country. Historical reports suggest Furmint was already flourishing centuries ago near Lake Neusiedl, where it's still grown today either as Furmint or as Mosler. The grape also appears in Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia, and some believe it may have roots in Northern Italy. Despite these possibilities, Hungary remains a major cultivator with 3,462 hectares, primarily in Tokaj, and around 200 hectares in other wine regions throughout Hungary. Let's explore where Furmint is most prominent and why it's so integral to Hungarian viticulture.

Winemaking without borders

The Sopron wine district shares a border with Burgenland, and the two regions have much in common: similar grape varieties, climatic conditions, and soils. Locals claim that Furmint was present here even before the Phylloxera, with some going so far as to say it was used particularly here in Aszú wines 200 years before the famed Tokaji Aszú – thanks to the grape's susceptibility to botrytization and the humid conditions of Lake Neusiedl. Given

this rich history, it's no surprise that winemakers in Sopron are eager to cultivate Furmint again, particularly as compared to other grape varieties it shows better resilience to climate change. Unlike many other Hungarian wine regions, Sopron's soils are not volcanic, but rather composed of unique mica schist, offering an intriguing terroir for dry Furmint wines. For a fine, organic expression of this style, look for wines from Steigler Winery.

Furmint from basaltic slopes

The ancient volcanic activity around the northern shores of Lake Balaton has left behind striking geological features, creating some of the most distinctive soils for winemaking in Hungary. Although the entire lake area forms one wine region, the diversity of the soils has led to the creation of six subregions: among them Badacsony and Somló has a total of 100 hectares dedicated to Furmint plantings.

In Badacsony, the lower slopes are covered by loess mixed with clayey and sandy sediments, while higher up, the soil becomes richer in basalt and basaltic tuff debris. This combination produces wines with a distinct salty and mineral finish. These characteristics are even more pronounced in wines from Somló: on the lower slopes of Somló hill, the soil consists of basalt debris loess over Pannonian sand and clay sediments. As you move up the hill, the soils transition to basalt slope debris and volcanic tuff, enriched with iron clay. Here, Furmint – and any other grape variety – expresses less fruitiness, allowing the land's true beauty to shine through.

A few wine enthusiasts encounter the wines of

TOKAJI, A NEW ERA

TIME TO DISCOVER THE DRY SIDE OF TOKAJ

Hungary's iconic wine region of Tokaj is renowned for its legendary Tokaji Aszú. Dubbed the "wine of kings," Tokaji Aszú's reputation has endured for centuries. However, in recent decades, Tokaj has shifted its focus to include dry wines, catering to evolving tastes and new market demands while honouring the distinct qualities of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

For over two decades, winemakers in Tokaj have expanded their offerings beyond the region's famed sweet wines to meet a rising demand for dry styles. This shift is also a pragmatic response to the specific conditions needed for crafting Aszú: noble rot develops only under ideal climatic conditions, occurring inconsistently from year to year. This unpredictability led many winemakers to explore dry expressions of Tokaj's primary grape, Furmint. Economic factors also play a role, as these lighter, versatile dry wines appeal to a broader consumer base, providing producers with a more stable cash flow year after year.

Not Only Furmint

Tokaj-Hegyalja (more commonly known as the Tokaji wine region) covers 5,058 hectares of mountainous terrain in northeastern Hungary. This region is home to an exceptional variety of volcanic soils, distinguished primarily by their silica (SiO₂) content, including rhyolite, rhyodacite, dacite, zeolite, andesite, and even basalt. In certain areas, the topsoil layers are composed of quartz crystals of various grain sizes, which appear in the wine region as clay, loess, or even sandy soils. Two rivers, the Bodrog and the Tisza converge here, playing a vital role in the quality of the wines.

Furmint, Tokaj's primary grape, is highly versatile, lending itself to both sweet and dry styles.



István Szepsy, the most renowned Hungarian producer ©Szepsy Winery



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The second most widely planted grape variety is Hárslevelű (harsh-leh-veh-loo), followed by Sárgamuskotály (shar-gah-moosh-ko-tai or Muscat Blanc), Kabar, Zéta, and Kövérszőlő (kur-vair-suul-oo), the latter three contributing only marginally to the region's grape repertoire; while Sárgamuskotály primarily plays a role in sweet wines.

Tokaj's renaissance in dry wines began in the late 1990s. The first historic dry Furmint was bottled from the 2000 vintage by Zoltán Demeter and István Szepsy, Hungary's most renowned producer. According to rumours, this groundbreaking wine was created by mistake in the cellar of Királyudvar from the single vineyard of Úrágya. Regardless, this wine changed the history of Tokaji wines by shifting producers' focus toward dry styles.

Rise of the Single Vineyards

The Királyudvar Úrágya 2000 became a historic wine also for highlighting the significance of individual vineyards. These vineyards are differentiated not only by elevation and aspect but, more importantly, by their unique soil compositions as described above. Vineyards considered to have the greatest potential include Úrágya itself, Szent Tamás, Nyulászó, Király or Betsek – just to name a few; and these names are increasingly found on the labels of single-vineyard wines.

Today, the region produces not only dry Furmint but also dry Hárslevelű wines. Additionally, since Furmint is known for being less aromatic and fruity – let's say, less appealing to consumers – the law allows the inclusion of Hárslevelű up to 15%. This

is why there's a saying that every good bottle of dry Furmint becomes excellent with a hint of Hárslevelű. The latter grape boasts much more intense aromas: it is named after the linden tree due to its similar aromatics in the nose.

Tokaj Lately

A new generation of winemakers has emerged in the region, reflecting changing consumer tastes. As a result, Tokaji Aszú has become fresher, with higher acidity than before, while dry Furmints have developed in both reductive styles – still dry but usually with notable residual sugar levels – and the role of oak barrels has diminished.

The 2010s are also considered significant in the history of the Tokaj wine region, with a familiar name standing out: Zoltán Demeter. He has been involved in méthode traditionnelle sparkling wine production for over a decade, establishing himself as a pioneer in this area as well. Today, it is hard to find a producer without sparkling wine in their portfolio – Furmint with its high level of acidity is an obvious choice –, and Hungarian consumers increasingly associate "Tokaji" with dry styles.

In 2019, a custom crush facility was established in Tokaj, further facilitating wine production. And the changes continue; in recent years, there have been occasional rumours that authorities might permit the planting of red grape varieties. If this comes to pass, who knows – maybe in 50 years, Tokaj will be once again rewriting its history with exceptional Pinot Noirs.

Borbála Kalmár

IRISH WHISKEY

STORY BEHIND THE RENEWAL

Over the last decade or so, Irish whiskey has enjoyed a huge rise in popularity worldwide. The boom has been led by Jameson, now one of the best-selling spirits in the world, and Midleton Very Rare, the most sought-after luxury Irish whiskey. This follows a century of decline that saw Irish whiskey wither and almost die out.

In the late 19th century, Irish whiskey (Irish whiskey always has an 'e', Scotch doesn't) sold more than its rival just across the water and was also held in higher esteem. Then a series of disasters befell the industry. Firstly, the Irish distilleries banned the new far faster continuous still (invented by an Irishman) while the Scots embraced it and were able to distil more quickly and cheaply. Then, after the War of Independence, the Irish lost access to the British market and empire. In the 1920's the American market closed due to prohibition. This was followed by a trade war with Britain in the 1930's and World War 2.

In the mid 1970's the last remaining distilleries came together to form one consolidated company, Irish Distillers. One of the group, Bushmills, continued to produce whiskey from its base in Northern Ireland, while the remainder, including Jameson, Powers, and Paddy, were all made in the same distillery in Midleton, East Cork. So, by the mid-1970's these were the only two operating distilleries left in Ireland. In 1988, Irish Distillers was taken over by French drinks group Pernod Ricard.

In the 21st century, renewed interest in whiskey led to a whole new generation of distilleries being set up around the country. There are now in excess of thirty producers, some creating very exciting, small batch artisanal whiskeys. As their stocks mature, they can only get better. In the meantime, there has been plenty of experimentation, with producers using different cereals, such as rye, oats, unmalted barley, as well as finishing whiskey in every kind of barrels, including Japanese Mizunara oak.

So how does Irish whiskey differ from Scotch? Irish whisky is usually distilled three times and can be made from a combination of different cereal grains. Scottish whisky is produced solely from malted barley and generally distilled twice. In the past, Scotch tended to have smoky, peaty flavours, whereas Irish was said to be smoother and have more orchard fruits and spices. The distinctions have blurred in recent years as distilleries on both sides of the Irish Sea experiment with new styles.



Many of the better Irish whiskeys are single pot still, a unique Irish style. This means it is produced in a single distillery and made from a mixed mash of malted and unmalted barley. The unmalted component gives the whiskey a spiciness and richer texture.

In the past, Irish wine merchants imported wines in barrel from France, Spain and Portugal. When empty, these barrels were filled with young unoaked whiskey. So, a whiskey might be aged in a mix of Port, Sherry and Bordeaux casks, before being blended at bottling time. Today the vast majority of Irish whiskeys are first aged in one-year-old Bourbon casks (Bourbon must be aged for a year in new American oak barrels) before being finished in various wine casks for a year or two.

The most sought-after Irish whiskey is Midleton Very Rare, small quantities of which are released twice a year. It sells for around €280-300 a bottle but the price frequently climbs to €500 or more. Older vintages have sold for up to €11,500 for a bottle. First created in December 1984, it has been released every year since then. It is always a blend of grain and malted whiskeys and does not carry an age statement, being blend of whiskeys that are anything from 12 – 40 years old.

Below five different Irish whiskeys to try out. Most will be available in France. If not, Irish specialists Mitchellandson.com and Celticwhiskeyshop.com offer a huge range and can arrange delivery. Remember that, if you make it to Ireland, most distilleries welcome visitors and offer tours and tastings.

John Wilson

Teeling Single Pot Still

Irish Whiskey, 46% abv

Made from a mash bill consisting of 50% unmalted and 50% malted barley. It is triple distilled before being matured in a combination of American virgin oak, Bourbon, and Sherry casks.

The nose has citrus peel and subtle toasted wood; on the palate it has roasted hazelnuts, smooth pears and apples with a honeyed note, and a long smooth dry finish

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Redbreast 12-year-old Single Pot Still

Irish Whiskey, 40% abv

This is one of the most awarded and popular of all Irish whiskeys. It has a very high percentage of whiskey aged in sherry casks.

Rich aromas of butterscotch, exotic spice, and dried fruits. On the palate, there is great intensity, with toasted nuts, caramel, coffee and dried fruits. The finish is smooth and long.

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

Powers John' Lane 12-year-old Single Pot Still

Irish Whiskey, 46%abv

Originally one of the great Dublin whiskeys, Powers is now made in Midleton Distillery. It has always had a reputation for full-bodied flavoursome pot still whiskeys and the multi-award winning John's Lane is true to this heritage. Most of the ageing takes place in Bourbon casks with a small portion of Sherry barrels.

Rich dried fruits and roasted coffee on the nose; this has a slightly oily texture, smooth but full-bodied with orange peel, orchard fruits, toasted wood, and milk chocolate on the lengthy finish.

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

Mitchell & Son – Yellow Spot 12-year-old Single Pot Still

Irish Whiskey, 46% abv

Wine merchants Mitchell & Son once aged whiskeys in their wine cellars in Dublin. Each cask received a coloured 'spot' of paint depending on its age and quality. The 12-year-old Yellow Spot was aged in Bourbon, Sherry and Malaga casks.

A spicy nose with pepper and coriander alongside notes of honey. The palate is silky smooth with apricots, nectarines and sweet vanilla spice with a lovely burst of honey coming through on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

The Irishman 12-year-old Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Walsh Whiskey, 43%

Another outstanding, multi-award-winning whiskey. Co-founder and Managing Director Bernard has been one of the most influential and innovative people in Irish whiskey. Only six thousand bottles are produced each year. The Irishman 12-year-old single malt is triple distilled and aged in first fill bourbon casks.

An amazingly aromatic nose full of exotic fruits and orange peel that carry through to the palate, which also offers orchard fruits, pineapples, honey and citrus. Powerful, long and smooth

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

3 CHARDONNAY

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE UNDER SPOTLIGHT

FELTON ROAD NEW ZEALAND

Block Six was planted on north-facing slopes in 1993, predominantly with Mendoza clone Chardonnay. The grapes were whole bunch pressed, the juice settled overnight and fermented in French oak, 5% of which is new. The wine underwent a full wild malolactic fermentation in spring and was bottled unfined and unfiltered following sixteen months in barrel.

Felton Road was bought by Englishman Nigel Greening in 2000. He and winemaker Blair Walters have been together since, producing a range of excellent Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. It is recognised as one of the finest producers in New Zealand. The vineyards have been farmed organically and biodynamically ever since. A total of 12,000 cases are produced, including several single vineyard wines. All are estate-bottled.

In the far south of New Zealand, Central Otago is one of the most southerly vineyard areas in the world. It has a continental climate with high seasonal and diurnal fluctuation. Known primarily for Pinot Noir, the region also produces high-quality Chardonnay and Riesling.



Felton Road Bannockburn Block 6 Chardonnay 2022

Central Otago, New Zealand

A relatively rich powerful Chardonnay with forward aromas of white flowers. The palate is full, almost lush, with ripe succulent pure yellow stone fruits – peaches and nectarines, underpinned by subtle notes of toasted nuts. It is all held nicely in check by a core of juicy mineral acidity. It lingers nicely. A young promising wine that can be drunk now or held for a decade or more. Bottled under screw-cap.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

KUMEU RIVER NEW ZEALAND

The Brajkovich family emigrated from Croatia to New Zealand in 1937. Within a few years, they had established what is now Kumeu Estate in West Auckland. Since then it has become known as one of the finest producers of Chardonnay. The third generation is now in charge of the thirty acre estate. Four different cuvées of Chardonnay are released each year, three single vineyard, the fourth a 'Villages' wine. All of their wines have been sealed with screwcap since 2001.

The Hunting Hill vineyard was first planted in 1982, and then again in 2000/2001. The grapes are hand-harvested, whole-bunch pressed and are fermented 100% in barrel using wild yeasts. There is a full malolactic fermentation. It was then aged for almost a year in French oak barrels (25% new).

**Kumeu River
Hunting Hill
Chardonnay 2022**
Auckland, New Zealand
Fresh citrus blossom aromas, with a touch of oak; gorgeous mineral-driven lemon and lime zest with green apples and some rich fruit too. Linear with a distinctive saline finish. Not unlike a top Puligny-Montrachet with its racy acidity and structure. A brilliant wine, but one for the long haul.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)



TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD TASMANIA

Tolpuddle is based in Tasmania. The Island has established itself as one of the leading cool-climate vine growing regions of Australia, noted for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Planted first in 1988, in 2011 the vineyard was bought by cousins and leading Australian producers Martin Shaw and Michael Hill-Smith. In the decade or so since they have won countless trophies for both the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The grapes were hand-picked, whole bunch pressed, and fermented in French oak. The wine spent nine months in barrel and then matured in tank on lees for a further four months.

Tolpuddle Vineyard Chardonnay, Coal River Valley 2022

Tasmania

Struck matches on the nose; the wine has a fantastic tension between precise laser-like lime acidity and rich, almost exotic peach fruits. Very concentrated, well-balanced with great length. The oak is there but, in the background, the acidity is fresh and integrated. Drink now or keep a decade or more.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)



John Wilson



Nigel Greening, vigneron
at Felton Road wines

BOURGOGNE

2023 VS 2024: THE CLASH OF TITANS

Vintages have a particular strength: being unique. The weather is an extremely important element in viticulture, and it is obviously something that we cannot control. In France, in Burgundy, irrigation is not authorized. You cannot protect your vines from frost with a veil like a scarf around your neck. We cannot cover the earth to avoid rain like a raincoat on our shoulders.

So, the notion of vintage is on everyone's lips. Has the weather been kind to the winemakers? Is the wine exceptional? Did the spring frost destroy many flowers? Did this hail spare the grapes? Was the ripeness blocked by the heatwave? Did the rain bring a lot of fungal diseases?

Let's focus together on two "enfants terribles": 2023 and 2024 vintages.



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2023

2023 had started well or rather, 2022 had ended well with abundant rains which replenished the water tables. The growth of the vines benefited from good water resources. But the winter was still mild. As a result, the flower appeared harmoniously early and there was no spring frost. You should know that 2023 will ultimately be a very warm year but not so luminous, which allowed the vines to flourish and produce large quantities of fruit. Also, green harvests will be done in summer in many plots to relieve the trees of their generosity. At the end of summer, scorching temperatures will scare the winemakers by blocking ripening, but saving rains will save the harvest which will begin at the beginning of September. The Pinot Noirs, a sensitive grape variety, were affected by rot but the Chardonnay resisted it well. In conclusion, the 2023 vintage is exceptional, especially for Pinot Noirs, with surprising quantities and qualities. The freshness is magnificent. The alcohol levels are balanced. We have silky texture, liveliness and a beautiful aromatic complexity. These are gourmet wines but require a little patience: a style from the 1990s that we haven't seen for a long time.

2024

2024 is a different story. If 2023 is flamboyantly classic which gave some cold sweats with a capricious climate especially as the harvest approached, 2024 could be compared to a horror movie: "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" or "Psycho"! Let's not forget that a complicated vintage is not synonymous with bad wine, but it does mean that the winemaker's work was close to an ordeal, especially for organic properties in Burgundy. But why? One answer: rain. In Burgundy, this year the rainfall was 1300mm compared to 650mm usually (from November to November)! The pressure from downy mildew and oidium was exhausting from the month of March with a flood and winds making temperatures 2 to 3°C warmer than normal for the season. April was not better with continued rain and temperature variations like a roller coaster. May did not spare Chablis with hailstorms while in the rest of Burgundy it rained 20 days out of the 31 in the month! Do you think it's over? No! June was 50% rainier than the norm and July/August was about okay, but it was then that the extent of the damage was understood. The quantities of grapes harvested are therefore small and this is a first: the Pinot Noirs were harvested before the Chardonnays. However, the quality of the wines is quite honorable with slightly lower alcohol levels but crisp and fruity aromas.

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IL SERENO

Hotel & Cuisine on Lake Como

Going to Il Sereno on Lake Como is an enriching experience. A luxury hotel, awarded at the World's Best Awards 2023 as the best resort in Italy and Europe, it is not just a place to stay, but a journey through elegance, design and history. From the first glance, it is striking for its modern architecture, which seems to dialogue with the surrounding landscape, breaking with the neoclassical style typical of the area but without betraying its spirit.



Inspired by the lines of Palazzo Terragni, one of the masterpieces of Italian Rationalism, the hotel fits perfectly into the Como context, also thanks to the carefully chosen materials. Walking through the spaces, one notices how every element, from the Fossena stone floor to the Ceppo Lombardo façade, speaks of this territory. The apparently rigorous façades reveal refined architectural details and a play of shadows that changes with the natural light.

The rooms, all with private terraces, offer breathtaking views of the lake. The nautical references of the furnishings and the focus on natural, warm materials, such as Travertine Walnut Marble in the bathrooms, make every space cosy and functional. Even the vertical gardens designed by Patrick Blanc are a spectacle: a mix of nature and design that accompanies you everywhere. The suites are a dream. Among them, the Penthouse Suite, furnished with designer pieces (purchasable by guests) signed by Gio Ponti, Carlo Scarpa and Charlotte Perriand, is a small prestigious art gallery.

The Kitchen: another dimension

Guided by the flair of chef Raffaele Lenzi, Il Sereno's cuisine does not just offer dishes, but tells stories. Lenzi, being a triathlete, brings to his cooking the same dedication and discipline he puts into sport. His dishes are light but tasty, a perfect balance of aesthetics, taste and well-being.

One is also struck by the teamwork one breathes and the harmony between kitchen and dining room. Lenzi has built a real team, where each member contributes with passion and where everyone supports each other. It is an environment of positive energy, which approaches local products (such as wine and oil) with great enthusiasm. Among the dishes on the latest autumn menu, the Zucca napoletana with rue, the Funghi prezzemolati con miso di nocciole and the Minestrone di frutta e verdura, a classic revisited in a creative way, stand out.



Il Sereno

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L'ERBA DEL RE

Refined culinary excellence in the heart of Modena

In the heart of Modena, Luca Marchini's restaurant offers an elegant dining experience, with a beautifully arranged mise en place. Round tables adorned with long white tablecloths fill a single, grand dining room, exuding sophistication. The cuisine reflects a refined interpretation of Emilia-Romagna's flavors and recipes, with a Mediterranean influence. The style prioritizes lightness, showcasing a skillful interplay of textures and flavors that never feels ordinary.



The focus is on achieving new balances, often grounded in bold contrasts. Cooking techniques take center stage, harmonizing acidity, earthy notes, and creamier elements to create delightful results. Distillates are frequently incorporated, adding a playful and compelling dimension to the palate. The restaurant, at the end of the tasting menu or the meal, if opting for the "à la carte menu," offers a fantastic and airy panettone with zabaglione all year round instead of traditional petit fours. A delightful treat that redefines the most iconic product of the holiday season.



Thoughtfully paired wine Journeys

The wine pairings, available by the glass, are thoughtfully curated to either contrast with or extend the dish's sensory experience. A notable example is the impactful oil and chili pasta, Fusilli Mancini, paired with a Valle d'Aosta apple cider.

Highlight dishes

- Cheese Trolley: A delicate and intriguing combination featuring Pecorino, Primo-sale, Gorgonzola, smoked cream powder, and gin gel.
- Bortolotto Bean Dish: A surprising creation with a rich base and contrasting textures, where the full definition of flavor takes precedence.



Menu options

The restaurant offers three tasting menus, allowing diners to explore the chef's vibrant creativity:

- "Espressione": 10 courses for €160
- "Un salto nel passato" (A Leap into the Past): 9 courses for €130
- "Espressione Vegetariana": 9 courses for €130

Two overarching themes define the experience: one focused on tradition and the other on vegetarian innovation. Additionally, a freestyle option captures the chef's most authentic expressions, offering a dynamic and immersive journey into his culinary artistry.

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SON' RESTAURANT

The place to eat

To own a restaurant can be a dream and sometimes, dreams can become reality. It is what happened to Chef Sylvain Renzetti when in 2019 his mother sold her house to buy what will become SON'... This Bordeaux based restaurant is famous, it is even number 1 on TripAdvisor for 4 years now. Since the opening, the rock and roll chef, as he was also musician and singer in a band, received a lot of distinctions including from Gault&Millau.

It is why, I decided to recommend his amazing cuisine where the flavors are as important as the textures and the smells. The 75 euros tasting menu is a journey you will never forget. I was surprised by the creativity in the plate but also in the dining room... I felt like I was at a magic show where the service is accomplice and highly participating to the experience. But I will not do any spoilers; you will need to live it to understand it!

The sommelier Maxime Pougeolle will help you to create the best pairings with the fantastic cuisine. He is working with the Chef for 2 years now and is highlighting wines from Bordeaux but also from all over the world. There is a nice selection of wines by the glass and for those who prefers to play soft, there is a very interesting no alcohol drinks pairing available. The cold infusions are created depending on the menu to create the perfect harmony.

Maxime and the Chef are usually exploring the pairings together. Chef Renzetti will give the original idea of the dish which is often a protein with an unexpected element like oyster and kiwi fruit or squid garnished with coconut. Then, Maxime will establish a first list of potential wines. Once the dish is created, they taste and discuss together. The goal is really to find the perfect match while offering a



surprising taste experience in line with the creativity of the Chef.
Mission accomplished. SON' is the place to eat !

Son' Restaurant

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TRATTORIA VILLAGGIO

An Italian Escape in the Heart of Clifton, Virginia

Founded in 2013 by Marcus and Colette Silva, Trattoria Villaggio embodies a unique vision: to bring an authentic Italian dining experience to Clifton, Virginia. Located in the historic Buckley building, the trattoria has transformed this charming space into a warm place where the elegance of a Roman trattoria blends with the bustle of an Italian train station. Here, every detail is designed to immerse guests in the heart of Italy, making every meal a true celebration of food, wine and conviviality.

A journey through the authentic flavours of Italy

The menu at Trattoria Villaggio is a living tribute to Italy's diverse regional cuisines. By making a point of using traditional recipes and fresh ingredients, the restaurant creates dishes that transport guests directly to Italy. Each dish is prepared with care, respecting classic methods while incorporating a modern touch. The aim is clear: to bring together a multitude of Italian specialities under one roof, where the richness of flavours blends with the country's culinary heritage.

Unmissable specialities

Trattoria Villaggio is particularly renowned for its homemade pasta, a veritable institution on its menu. The dishes, prepared using traditional techniques, are accompanied by tasty sauces that demonstrate the restaurant's commitment to an authentic culinary experience. Among the sweets on offer, tiramisu stands out as the house's signature dessert, capturing the spirit and richness of Italian gastronomy.

An exquisite wine list

To accompany these tasty dishes, Trattoria Villaggio offers a carefully crafted wine list, featuring a vast selection of Italian wines at reasonable prices. Diners can enjoy wines that perfectly complement the flavours of the menu while highlighting the quality and character of Italian viticulture. In addition, options from other regions of the world are also available, allowing diners to discover a range of flavours. Among the most popular choices are the Super Tuscan Pakravan-Papi, Barbera D'Alba Borgogno Piedmont DOC, Cabernet Franc Breaux Vineyards, Chardonnay Antinori, Ca'la Bionda Valpolicella DOCG 2017 and Joseph Phelps Napa Valley 2019 which go perfectly with homemade pasta dishes.



Two distinct experiences

Trattoria Villaggio offers its customers two unique atmospheres. The first is a lively trattoria, with a large raw food bar where you can sample wines, cheeses and salumi, all served on marble-covered standing tables. This relaxed setting is ideal for a quick snack or a drink with friends.

The second experience takes place in the main dining room, which seats over 150 people. This space often features live music, creating a friendly and festive atmosphere, perfect for large meetings or family dinners.

A convivial place

Beyond its exquisite cuisine, Trattoria Villaggio is a real meeting place for everyone. The warm atmosphere attracts customers of all ages, eager to share a moment of pleasure over a good meal. Whether it's a family dinner, a night out with friends or a special celebration, the restaurant strives to create unforgettable memories for all its visitors.



By combining tradition and innovation, Trattoria Villaggio has established itself as a pillar of Italian gastronomy in Clifton. With its inspired menu, homemade pasta and refined wine list, the restaurant offers a memorable dining experience that invites everyone to explore the richness of Italian cuisine.

For those looking for an extraordinary dining experience, Trattoria Villaggio is a must-visit destination, ideal for all kinds of get-togethers.

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RESTAURANT LE JARDIN

at Château Petit Faurie de Soutard in Saint-Emilion



among the wines of the estate - the Château Soutard 2016 or Château Larmande 2010, which are still full of freshness. But I also like Pinot Noirs from Burgundy, with meats, served with vegetables like squash, pumpkin, butternut.

VdV: Do you do food and wine pairings?

S.C.: If the customers ask for it. It's not just about offering a wine that goes with a dish. The person, client's expectations, their tastes and their origins are also important. Not everyone has the same preferences, and the wine must also suit the customer, not just the dish. For a group of 6-8 people, we can offer to share a bottle for each dish, and for two people, we have a selection of wines by the glass, which changes every two weeks. We rotate the appellations and grape varieties, but we always try to offer a wine from the estate. Just like for the restaurant menu, we want to change. Even for the wines from the estate, we don't need to add a specific menu. Château Soutard can be drunk with a starter, a main course, with meat, with certain fish, even with certain cheeses. I like to try combinations and introduce them to our customers.

Le Jardin

Château Petit Faurie de Soutard

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After its opening in July 2021. Restaurant Le Jardin in Saint-Emilion follows its philosophy of inventiveness in the kitchen, punctuated by the seasons. No fixed menu here, only the products that are particularly appreciated remain on the menu, accompanied every day by new combinations of flavors.

VertdeVin: What is the concept of your restaurant?

Stephane Casset: We try to work only with fresh and seasonal products. Our menu changes all year round, even every day, at each service, we have a new combination of products, depending on the market. I like to go to the market in the morning, go through the products and imagine new combinations depending on what I find. It is a philosophical representation of our cuisine.

VdV: Do you have any signature dishes?

S.C.: No, every day, we take risks, we don't keep a dish that worked, that could be a signature dish. Instead, we try to keep a general approach of product associations, transformations that lead to something we like, we try to do something good. We select the pro-

ducts that we like to work with, that we appreciate the flavors and the variety of associations that we can imagine.

VdV: Do you follow this philosophy in your wine list?

S.C.: Our wine list is also subject to seasonality. Thanks to our wine merchant activity in Soutard, we have a large selection of wines. Of course, we highlight the wines of the estate and our region for foreign tourists who want to discover them. For local customers, we have wines from the Loire, Burgundy, and Côtes du Rhône. The idea is to allow people to make their choice and for our sommelier to make them discover something. And it is also to be able to find wines that will go well with the associations of products that often change in our restaurant - fresh and light wines from the Loire Valley that can be paired with fish, cheese or even a dessert, Bordeaux - with beef, even with certain fish served with local seasoning.

VdV: Do you have any wine pairings with your favorite products?

S.C.: Of course, Bordeaux with beef. For example,



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OLIVE OIL

A new episode in tasting experience

Welcome to this new episode that we are inaugurating for this issue N° 27: Olive Oils!

As any wine and spirits lover, we are passionate about gastronomy and all the products that it includes. Among these, the olive oil looks like the wine in many ways including the tasting experience! This liquid gold is, just like wine, one of the oldest products made by men. It can be, such as the wine, the result of a blend (of several varieties) or from a single variety. The notions of terroir, balance, freshness, bitterness, sweetness, intensity, and aromatic complexity (such as fruits, dry fruits, vegetal, etc) are also very important. From now on, in every issue, we will introduce you to a few olive oils that we selected for their qualities.

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France, Provence

La Clusière - Famille Perse Huile d'Olive Extra

Vallée des Baux de Provence

(Organic AB. Harvest 2023, Extra Olive Oil. Varieties: Salonenque, Aglandau, Verdale des Bouches du Rhône, Grossanne).

Golden color, of medium intensity, becomes less intense towards the edge. The nose is vegetal, even slightly acidic (especially on the note of green tomato at the beginning), which is then completed by a touch of tomato leaf, cut green zucchini, wild fennel and fresh eggplant. Then, the oil expresses aromas of aromatic herbs (rosemary, cut thyme), fresh bean and fresh sweet almond. The palate is pleasantly round, elegant, mellow, stretched, with an enveloping fat, not heavy, a hint of structural bitterness (very light which appears at the beginning and fades in the middle of the mouth). Finesse in its power. The flavors are reminiscent of roasted vegetables (roasted eggplant, roasted zucchini, roasted tomato), bay leaf that combines with notes of aromatic herbs (rosemary, fresh thyme) and fresh sweet almond (even toasted). The finish is delicate, moderately persistent.

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Greece, Lesbos

Makaros Edos Premium Extra Virgin Olive Oil Lesbos island

(Organic AB. Variety: Kolovi, harvest 2023).

The color is quite light, lemon, with intense golden highlights. The nose is fresh, frank, precise and is made on notes of fresh tomatoes ("green zebra" first, associated with cherry tomato), fresh eggplant, green olive, fresh artichoke, associated with a nice iodized character. The palate is silky, enveloping, with a soft attack as well as verticality. The mid-palate is quite powerful, with a bitterness of tapenade. A discreet creamy character. The flavors are ripe, reminiscent of marinated vegetables (marinated eggplant), roasted vegetables (roasted tomatoes), grilled artichoke, dry scrubland/dry grove, fennel, olive leaf... The finish offers flavors of dried fruits (sweet almond, toasted hazelnut) and dried herbs (dried bay leaf, dried thyme). The palate is very persistent, with a good gourmet bitterness of toasted bitter almond and a hint of tapenade in the background. A great racy and well-balanced olive oil.

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Portugal, Nordeste

Seiras - Azeite Virgem Extra Médio Portugal

(Native varieties: Verdeal Transmontana, Cobrançosa, Madural and Santulhana. Harvest 2024).

The oil has an intense, bright golden color, with slight greenish reflections. The nose is fragrant, enveloping, round, even a bit oily / unctuous. The first aromas are rather vegetal, but ripe and not green (ripe green olive, roasted green zucchini, very ripe green zebra tomato, grilled eggplant). Then, we find notes of marinated artichoke, fleshy beefsteak tomato and fresh almond, associated with a very delicate touch of pineapple tomato, tomato leaf in the background and candied green olive. The palate is round and silky, with an enveloping and pleasant fat as well as a peppery, even spicy touch at the beginning. Then, we find the notes of roasted vegetables (roasted zucchini, roasted eggplant, roasted tomato), which develop towards the slightly bitter flavors of ripe green olive, fresh green almond, as well as touches of ripe tomatoes (beefsteak tomato, green zebra) and a discreet hint almost aromatic herbs / basil. Good persistence in the mouth, quite long, but delicate, on notes of dried fruits (fresh almond, toasted hazelnut). A discreet floral hint in the background.

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Italy, Liguria

D'Oro - Ca' Lunae Olio extra vergine d'oliva Luni, La Spezia

(Harvest 2023-2024. Varieties: Razzalo, Leccino, Moraiolo).

Golden yellow color, quite dense, bright, deep, with greenish reflections. The nose is ample, quite aromatic, but very fine, which combines vegetal notes and a delicate herbaceous hint in the background. The aromas of tomatoes (yellow pineapple tomato, green zebra tomato) appear first, which become sweeter (ripe beefsteak tomato), associated with a hint of fresh hazelnut, crushed green olive and aromatic herbs (bay berries) and vegetables (marinated/roasted artichoke). The texture is dense, round, enveloping. The palate is elegant, delicate, nicely round and offers a beautiful substance. The flavors are sweet, with little bitterness and a side of roasted vegetables (roasted eggplant), as well as crushed yellow tomatoes, olive leaves and bay leaf. Some notes of tomato leaf, savory, crushed green olive as well as discreet vegetal hints. Quite long in the mouth, with a delicate bitterness of eggplant and warm sap that persists. Roundness, little acidity. Power, delicacy, complexity and a nice coating character.

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POACHED OYSTER FROM THE ARCACHON BAY, VICHYSOISE, TAKUAN DAIKON RADISH AND BUCKWHEAT SOUFFLÉ PAIRED WITH CHÂTEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE SAUTERNES 2018

Not because we made this dish but it simply already has an outstanding harmony with the natural saltiness of the oyster, counterbalanced with the fruitiness and the crunchiness of the pickled Japanese radish. But paired with La Tour Blanche 2018, it gives a lot more complexity. The nose is delicate with some toasted almond notes, toasted bread and these fully matured flavors go very well with the buckwheat we put on the top of the dish.

In the palate, the attack is surprisingly fresh and not overwhelming at all. The roundness of this 1er Grand cru classé has very elegant and subtle notes that pairs so well with the oyster. The iodine is there, feeling the breeze of Arcachon, and the Tour blanche 2018 complements it very well, giving strength and a gentle caress.

Another example and confirmation of the lightness of Sauternes Grand Cru classé, they are not heavily sweet and it's pure delicacy with seafood!



CABBAGE STUFFED WITH GUINEAFOWL, CELERI ROOTS, ERYNGI MUSHROOM, MISO DENGAKU, LICORICE JUS PAIRED WITH TANAKA 1789 X CHARTIER BLEND 001

This time, we dared to pair this revisited dish of a stuffed cabbage with a Japanese Sake... but not with any kind, with a blended sake! Indeed, Tanaka Chartier Japanese Sake is a rare item : it's a blend with different type of rices, different sakes and different types of yeasts. Result? Something exquisite. The nose is mineral, very fragrant with licorice notes and the palate is rich, complex and creamy. It's like having a Chardonnay and a Sauvignon at the same time. And paired with our guineafowl, it's purely sensational. The latter was marinated with Japanese Sake, to make it more tender and less gamy. The Tanaka Chartier Blend 001 is a very good ally with our jus corsé infused with licorice and goes so well with the celeriac puree. Poultry usually goes well with wine, but this time, this Blend 001 is definitely a pairing to remember!



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DORLI MUHR

A Passion for Austrian Terroir

Dorli Muhr, founder of the international public relations agency Wine & Partners, took an unexpected turn in 2002 by becoming a winemaker. Originally from Carnuntum, a region in eastern Austria, she chose Spitzerberg, a hill at the edge of the Carpathian Mountains, to establish her vineyard. In this extreme continental climate - hot, dry, and constantly windy - Dorli has developed a distinctive approach to viticulture.

"The soil is the key," she explains, highlighting the diverse limestone and sandy soils in her area, which directly influence the quality and character of her wines. With low yields but high precision in expressing the terroir, Dorli primarily produces wines from Blaufränkisch, the signature red grape variety of Central Europe.

The path to recognition was far from straightforward. Starting with a 0.17-hectare vineyard inherited from her grandmother, she gradually expanded to 12 hectares, divided into 40 plots. "It's like Burgundy," she says, referencing the subtle yet significant differences between plots located at varying altitudes and on different soil types. This diversity results in a rich palette of flavors and aromas in her wines.

To adapt her production to climate change, she stopped producing white wines like Grüner Veltliner, which require more humid soils. Instead, she focused on grape varieties better suited to her terroir, such as Blaufränkisch, and innovations like Zweigelt Nouveau, a fresh, light rosé designed for early consumption.

Dorli's endeavors go beyond winemaking: she is also involved in establishing an official classification

of Austrian vineyards. Her estate currently distinguishes three levels: regional wines (Carnuntum), village wines, and top-of-the-hill plots (Ried). She hopes that two of her plots will be recognized as "Grosse Lage" - the Austrian equivalent of grands crus - within the next five years.

"My passion for wine is, above all, about discovering and showcasing a terroir," she affirms. This quest, which began out of curiosity, is now central to her identity as a winemaker. By exploring the infinite nuances of her terroir, she aims to create wines that embody precision, freshness, and authenticity.

What sets Dorli Muhr apart is her ability to combine tradition and innovation. Deeply inspired by Burgundian practices, she applies a rigorous and nature-respecting approach to every step of production. Her wines are not only the result of technical expertise but also the expression of an intimate relationship with the land.

Her estate has become a model for those seeking to understand how climate, soil, and human craftsmanship can unite to create exceptional wines. With her Blaufränkisch aged three years before release, Dorli Muhr continues to raise the standards of Austrian wine while sharing her passionate vision and unwavering respect for her terroir.

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Weingut Dorli Muhr – 2021 Ried Spitzerberg-Obere Spitzer 10TW Carnuntum

The nose is beautifully harmonious, beautifully spicy, voluptuous and fine at the same time. Power in precision as well as a beautiful aromatic deepness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cornflowers and sense of place (local biotope) associated with touches of spices and cinnamon. The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, beautifully defined, harmonious, melodious, full of precision and offers verticality, deepness as well as a texture dense, velvety, airy, fine and concentrated at the same time. A beautiful acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, purple plum and small notes of creamy cherry associated with touches of infusion, toast, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of cornflower, blueberry, sweet spices and crushed hazelnut.

Tannins are mellow and elegant. Tasty and gourmand finish. Beautiful persistence with +12 caudales. An outstanding wine, full of precision.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Weingut Dorli Muhr – Liebkind 2021, Ried Spitzerberg-Kobeln-10TW Carnuntum

The nose is beautifully ample, multi-layered and offers a beautiful grain, very fine, ample and complex. There are beautiful notes of concentrated flowers, wild blackcurrant and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of concentrated black plum as well as fine hints of blond tobacco, cinnamon and a subtle almost balsamic hint (in the background). The palate is beautifully built, acidulous, delicate, supple, airy, nicely elegant in its creaminess and offers a nice

finesse as well as a nice concentration in deepness. Nicely fresh and mineral. Full of precision, stretched and delicate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, concentrated flowers and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of crushed red berries, hints of red plum as well as a subtle hint of acidulous cherry as well as a discreet hint of balsamic, chocolate and toast. Great persistence. A saline hint and a subtle sappy hint in the background. A beautiful, precise, rich, elegant and airy wine, lace!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

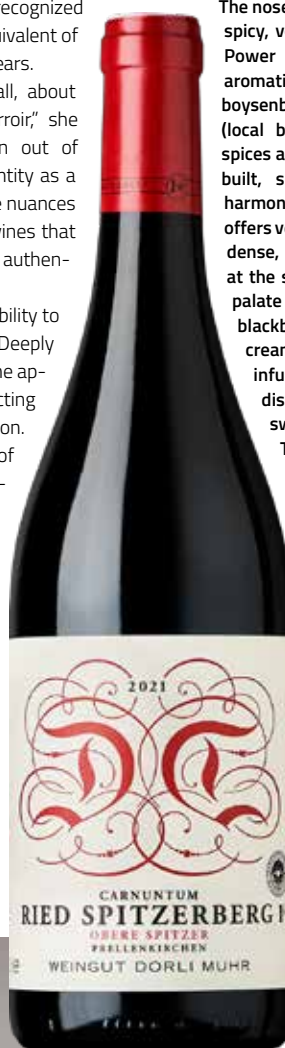


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JOURNEY'S END

Blazing a trail in South African winemaking



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O riginally from Shropshire in the UK, the Gabb family fell in love with Journey's End wine estate in 1995. The South African wine estate can be found in the Schapenberg Hills, within spitting distance (well, almost!) of False Bay on the Western Coast.

Here the property's 40 hectares of vineyards are planted on 350-million-year-old decomposed granite soils: some of the finest terroir in South Africa.

Winemaker, Mike Dawson has been with Journey's End since 2015. Science was always his thing, and when the time came to find a university course that matched his interests, he (with some help from Mum), landed on the Oenology course at the University of Stellenbosch. 18 months after he started, Dawson switched to the agricultural arm of the university, Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute for a more focused and hands-on course, finishing top of the class in cellar technology.

The prize was a wine trip to Argentina and Chile, where he met Journey's End General Manager, Leon Esterhuizen. The two hit it off, with Esterhuizen so impressed, that he offered Dawson the winemaker job at Journey's End.

Putting Community & Environment at the Heart of Fine Wine

The Journey's End glove seems to fit Dawson very well. He's as keen to talk about the estate's strong sustainability and community ethos, as he is describing the vineyards and his work in the cellar. Sustainability is a key focus on the estate itself,

and today solar panels provide all the energy they need. They're astute about water management too with four catchment dams and a borehole on site. Dirty water from the cellar is clean in their own water treatment plant.

Journey's End gained WWF Conservation Champion status in 2021: they have 22 hectares set aside for plantings of indigenous floral, including fynbos and blue sugar bush. In the same year, the property achieved carbon negative status, largely because of their initiatives on the farm.

Journey's End's community uplift programmes include 'beat the bully' campaigns and financial support to build a school and town hall. Journey's End Foundation was established in 2020, to tackle hunger and poverty through a network of soup kitchens. The aim was to provide 10,000 meals per week. By September 2021, the Foundation had provided a remarkable 1,000,000 meals: double the target set in 2020.

There is evident price that the new assistant winemaker, Kayline Willscott, comes from the local village originally. A graduate of the Cape Winemakers Guild Protégé programme, she is already starting to make her own wines.

Dawson describes himself as a 'very compartmentalised' winemaker. He talks about the various techniques and vessels he uses in the cellar, with up to four or five different combinations per vineyard.

Sarah McCleery

Journey's End Chardonnay 2023 makes the point. It is 100% Chardonnay, 10% of the fruit fermented in 300 litre new French oak barrels and 70% goes into second and third fill barrels. The remaining 20% of the fruit was put into a selection of terracotta, concrete and ovular shaped vessels.

This 'playground of winemaking' works well Dawson, who acknowledges that working in this way on this range, feeds their knowledge and ultimately choices in the increasingly premium wines.

The result is an impressively delicious. Tangy, saline citrus and green tropical fruit light up this wine, and it's hard not to be charmed but its plump, lightly baking spice and clarified butter finish.

Destination Chardonnay 2023 gives the winemaking team less playground time and it is, in Dawson's words, the easiest wine to make. The rows of vines, from which the fruit comes, are picked on side at a time, two weeks apart. The side that gets the morning sun yields more mineral, saline fruit, while the afternoon sun side gives grapes with stone fruit and peach characteristics. 30% new oak with the rest in second and third fill, the wine was aged for 12 months.

Impressively elegant with generous orchard stone fruits and preserved lemon. A lovely hint of smoke gives the wine a nice detail at the finish.

Hard to believe that the Chardonnay pair are the warm-up act.

Ad Infinitum 2022 is the maiden vintage of Journey's End Sauvignon Blanc (87%) / Semillon (13%) blend. Fruit comes from a vineyard, 250 meters above sea level, 4 miles from the ocean. Located in the most south-easterly point of Stellenbosch, the vineyards are planted on decomposed granite soils.

The grapes were co-fermented in 2,000 litre ovum vessels, which Dawson describes as being, "round at the bottom, egg shaped at the top". He likes them because of the way natural circulation of the yeasts, and that they stay in suspension for a longer period. There is judicious lees stirring, and then the wine stays in the ovum for nine months. A dry ice blanket is used on top of the juice to prevent oxidation and to retain the wines' delicate aromas.

The wine's aroma is strikingly lovely: Granny Smith apple, kiwi, pineapple, gooseberry, lime and lemongrass... The palate has a gorgeous saline edge, and the fruit has impressive intensity and vibrancy. I ask Dawson if he thinks the wine has ageing potential, and his hope and belief is that it does. Given this is a new wine in the portfolio and a 'first' for the winemaking team, it's a deeply impressive showing.

MOUTON CADET

Commitment is an act, not a word

Behind each bottle of Mouton Cadet, there are 150 winemakers who work hand in hand with 7 oenologists to create a gourmand and palatable Bordeaux wine. Behind each bottle of Mouton Cadet, there is a commitment to men and women to protect their future and their families. Behind each bottle of Mouton Cadet, there is the desire to maintain know-how, a cultural and social heritage. Behind each bottle of Mouton Cadet, there is a love of nature, the defense of the environment and an economic model for an entire territory... And this for 90 years!

Jérôme Aguirre is the Head Winemaker of Mouton Cadet and when he talks about the commitments of Mouton Cadet, I see that he is passionate, and he does not seek to convince because he is convinced. The brand is present in many markets, being a gateway to discover Bordeaux, this millennia-old wine region. But today, in 2024, it is also a sign of commitment due to its territorial anchoring, its sharing of intangible human values, its promotion of the beauty of gestures (such as pruning) and its maintenance of know-how.

If Bordeaux is going through a major crisis, Mouton Cadet wants to stand alongside its winemakers to provide them with support in the search for a viable economic model with a fair pricing policy through a guaranteed minimum price. It allows to have long-term partnerships and then to be able to implement more easily environmental transitions. Being a winemaker is not an easy job. And the transmission is also on everyone's lips: if there are no more winemakers, there are no more grapes and consequently, no more wines. So, when we talk about Mouton Cadet, we are talking about CSR as a whole and this is what Véronique Hombroekx, Managing Director of the Branded Wine Division, explains to me.

Since January 2024, Mouton Cadet has been labeled "Fair for Life" for its 2022 vintage. For them, it is a way of promoting their commitment to the public. To be certified "Fair for Life", Mouton Cadet was audited and their winemakers also on 3 aspects: respect for human rights and dignified working conditions; respect for ecosystems, promotion of biodiversity and agricultural practices sustainable and finally the contribution to local development. This label must also be renewed every year, proof of unfailing rigor and today in Bordeaux, only two wine entities are labeled "Fair for Life".

Through "Fair for Life", Mouton Cadet has set up a fund to finance projects in their community of winemakers. This represents 1% of Mouton Cadet rouge's turnover in France, which is dedicated to economic, social and environmental projects. The community of winemakers has been an association since summer 2024 and therefore its operation is democratic. Currently, several projects are underway such as: how to be more efficient in the management of our vines from an economic point of view? How can we make the profession of winegrower attractive so that we can pass it on? How to integrate eco-responsible management into our vineyard?

This is a question that many winemakers asked themselves in 2024. Indeed, the vintage was not easy because it was a fight against nature with early mildew after a year 2023 very affected by this cryptogamic disease. Mouton Cadet therefore had to be strategist and adopt a certain pace in the treatments. 2024 was also a year of millerandage for the Merlots



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so the quantities are average. For the harvest, it was urgent to wait to obtain sufficient concentrations. This was the case from mid-September for the whites and from the beginning of October for the reds. 2024 is not an easy vintage but in Bordeaux, Mouton Cadet know how to do it!

The white wines of Mouton Cadet are therefore very beautiful with resplendent Sauvignon Blanc. The red wines are fine, delicious, aromatic with a beautiful freshness. The signature of Mouton Cadet is respected for this vintage with little-by-little premiumization of the range. Mouton Cadet is therefore more than a bottle of Bordeaux wine: it's a commitment. And if the Mouton Cadet team makes this commitment through "Fair for Life", then you too, by tasting their wine, are participating in a virtuous circle.

Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre

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CHÂTEAU D'ARMAILHAC

Terroirs of Cabernet Sauvignons

Acquired by Baron Philippe de Rothschild in 1933, this estate is anchored in the Pauillac region. For more than 90 years, the de Rothschild family has worked with the rigor, excellence and attention to its terroir. The 2021 vintage inaugurated the Château's new technical facilities, a modern tool, designed for precise vinification, respecting the identities of each plot, and adapted to the vision of dynamic viticulture, which will leave an invaluable legacy for future generations.

The terroir is an inseparable triptych of the soil, a vintage and human intervention, which adapts its work according to these variables, in order to respect the qualities of the grapes. An understanding of the soils and the behavior of the vine, depending on the vintage, a personalization of the viticultural techniques, so that the plots can express their individualities in the wines - this is the "dynamic viticulture" of Armailhac.

The particularities of the Armailhac vineyard

Its 80ha north of Pauillac have atypical soils for the appellation - a little less than 50% of the vineyard has pure gravel and almost 30% is on heavy clays, from the different periods of the Tertiary. The deposits of the bedrock in the subsoils of Armailhac have evolved over the last 30 million years and have led to intra-plot variations in the terroir. Four hills with different types of soils make its richness:

- **The Obélisque hill**, deep gravel, with more than 50% coarse elements. These superficial soils, 30-40 cm deep, are on a clay-rich, compact and not very porous subsoil - a clay-sand matrix. Here, the roots of the vines are shallow, because the essential elements are not far away, so water constraints appear very early.
- **The Levantines hill**, light gravel, with little clay, favoring deeper rooting of the vine. The soils are sandy over 1.50-2 m, less compact and more porous, with later water constraints.
- **The Pibran hill**, medium-deep gravel on tertiary clays, from 1-1.5 m, so water constraints appear at the end of summer. The grapes here are harvested later, concentrated and rich in polyphenols, and bring a powerful tannic structure to the blend.
- **The Béhéré hill**, two complementary terroirs: gravel on the top and clay on the slopes and bottom. The soils here are very acidic, poor in minerals, with low microbial activity. The behavior of these soils will depend on the vintage, so intervention and dynamic viticulture are very important here.

The average age of the vines is 40 years, the oldest are 80 years old. The grape varieties are:

- **Cabernet Sauvignon** - 52% of the vineyard. It is mainly found on the Obélisque hill, the Pibran hill, on the upper part of the Béhéré hill, where it expresses its power and a lot of elegance. On the low clay soil of the Levantines it offers finesse.



Cédric Marc, Lucie Lauilhé et Mathieu Maudet

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- **Merlot** - 38%. It flourishes on the clay-rich soils of the Pibran hill and the lower part of the Béhéré hill, where it expresses a lot of freshness.
- **Cabernet Franc** - 8%. The Cabernet Franc from the Levantines hill comes from mass selections from vines over 60 years old and is very qualitative.
- **Petit Verdot** - 2% of the vineyard and is planted on the upper part of the Béhéré hill. It brings structure and a spicy touch to the blend.

Thanks to these complementary terroirs, each grape variety benefits from the best growing conditions and adapted vinifications, allowing them to reveal all their potential, as well as attenuating the climatic variations of the different vintages. A rigorous mass selection for the renewal of the Armailhac vineyard allows us to preserve the heritage and genetic diversity of vines present here since always. This is what gives an "elegant classicism" - the common thread found in Armailhac wines through the years.

Terroir expressions of Cabernet Sauvignons

Terroir of Obélisque - terroir with powerful tannins. The vine synthesizes tannins very early, which become very ripe and very fine, due to early water constraints. This terroir produces a powerful and very elegant grape, which requires classic vinifications and produces powerful and elegant wines.

Terroir of Levantines - terroir with fine tannins. No early synthesis of tannins here, due to late water constraints. The grapes are less dense and less tannic, but of incredible finesse and elegance. Extractions during vinification will be more important to get the tannins and anthocyanins.

Terroir of Pibran - terroir with fresh and powerful tannins, synthesizes tannins at the beginning of the season, but they are not very fine, even a bit grainy. In these clayey soils, mineralization is slower, so the grape produced is tannic and fresh. Extraction will be less intense, so as not to have grainy tan-





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nins in the wine. The wines produced from these grapes have a lot of character and a beautiful freshness.

Terroir of Béhéré – terroir of the vintage (finesse and/or power). The vintage effect will be decisive on the characteristics of the grape and the level of extraction. The tannins can be dry in very hot vintages and rustic in a cooler vintage.

The distinction of Cabernet Sauvignon terroirs makes it possible to define their behavior according to vintages and soils, how they react to climate change. The first tests were done on the 2022 and 2023 vintages, and will continue on the following vintages in blending grape varieties and terroirs, with the adaptation of aging to reveal the best of each vintage.

The blend at Château d'Armailhac is the best of each terroir, according to a vintage, their complementarity. This allows for continuity, power and elegance in the wines.

Cabernet Franc: the second singularity of Château d'Armailhac

Cabernet Franc is also part of Armailhac's DNA, very different from that of the Right Bank of Bordeaux, planted on clay. It brings finesse, elegance, a seductive side, floral notes in the Armailhac blend and represents its integral part. Cabernet Franc is not in a "terroir test", but in a "container test" in order to respect and accentuate these characteristics. Tests on amphorae, barrels, 400-liter casks and tuns, as well as a late blend with the other grape varieties are underway to have this finesse of tannins and this floral side of Cabernet Franc in the Château's wines.

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10 years of open and personalized wine tourism



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Château Bellefont-Belcier in Saint-Émilion is an estate with a lot of charm, a great terroir and a potential for wine tourism. Since its opening to the public, it has become a model of wine tourism and an ambassador of wines from its region and the art de vivre, with a personalized approach for tasting tours, as well as for the hospitality at the estate.

Two years of renovation

Château Bellefont-Belcier is one of the oldest estates in Saint-Émilion, with vines planted in the 18th century and the first buildings built in the 19th. In 2017 Peter Kwok, the owner of Vignobles K, an entrepreneur and a great lover of French art and culture, acquired this estate and initiated two years of renovation with the aim of preserving and improving its heritage, without changing everything. The two-level rotunda cellar, over 100 years old, very efficient and modern already for its time, was preserved and renovated. The roof and insulation were completely redone and the cellar was divided into three to be able to manage the different temperatures. The concrete vats, which are perfectly suited to the vinification of grapes, from the clay-limestone terroir, were renovated and restructured for plot-by-plot vinifications. Everything was undertaken with the aim of preserving and respecting the history of the property.

The wooden barrels and vats, which are used to obtain balance and finesse in the wines, were added to the winery.

Today, in Bellefont-Belcier, everything is done to make the estate shine again and put it among the great wines of Saint-Émilion, by making wine tourism its ambassador.

Terroir and ecosystem of Château Bellefont-Belcier

Its 14 ha vineyard surrounding the estate offers a homogeneity of terroir and an incredible biodiversity, as well as a reactivity during the harvest, allowing to protect the grapes from oxidation in case of heat, and from humidity in case of rain. Its grape varieties are particular for Saint-Émilion: 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, which is relatively high, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, which is very successful on certain plots.

The vineyard forms a natural amphitheater, with an almost exclusively limestone part at the top, and limestone soils with molasses lower down. Its cool soils prevent over-ripening in hot vintages, the slopes and a draining terroir allow to evacuate excess water in wet vintages. The forests around the property are also an important element in the balance of the estate. They are maintained and serve as a natural barrier against frost as well as heat peaks in summer.

Not only the vines...

For a few years now, Bellefont-Belcier launched

a truffle production with almost 400 truffle trees, from different species, where the black truffle can grow. It is a truffle plantation in production since 2023, whose activity Vignobles K will increase. Truffle production is an activity close to winemaking. The trees, like the grape varieties, will give different aromas to the truffle, and the terroir for truffles is like the terroir for vines. In addition, truffles, like the vines, respond to the vintages, and finally - wine goes very well with this luxury product.

Wine tourism booming at Vignobles K

The wine tourism approach at Château Bellefont-Belcier is more than a tour of its installations, or the "technical sheet" of the vintages. It tells the story of the château, its heritage, how it was renovated, its philosophy of wine. The guide adapts the visit according to the people in front of him, so that each group has a personalized experience. And the guides stay at the château all year round, know it in detail and have opportunities to learn the work of a winemaker, in order to meet the expectations of amateurs, connoisseurs or wine professionals. The visit also passes through the Château's library, which is located in old converted vats and adds real illustrations to its history. It keeps the old vintages of the purchased stock (back to 1916) and is filled with samples of the current vintage every year, in order to preserve them for future generations and to offer a large selection of wines for vertical tastings, special moments.

Numerous works of Japanese, Taiwanese artists, French and Italian crystal art, coming from P.



Photo Nicolas Claris

Kwok's personal collections and through which he would like to share his passion for art, decorate the tour. Later, a visit to the garden will complete it in order to present the historical biodiversity of the Château and its endemic species.

Bellefont-Belcier has 14 different rooms, for rent or privatization, whether for a seminar or for a wedding. All is made with the aim to offer the best hospitality, with a team always present, in a guest room format. The Château offers many work and relaxation areas - the terrace, walks in the vineyard, a swimming pool, a gym, a bar... Masterclasses, tastings, food and wine pairings, brunches on the terrace or private dinners prepared by a starred chef... Everything is possible. It is the only domain in Saint-Émilion with potential and flexibility for wine tourism, offering also reception for wine professionals, importers, press, etc. Personalized tours of the three domains - Tour Saint Christophe, Bellefont-Belcier in Saint-Émilion and Enclos Tourmaline in Pomerol - focusing on tasting or also the technical and historical part are possible too.

All this variety creates a complete and varied wine tourism offer at Vignobles K, which allows to create brand ambassadors, make them want to come back, talk about their experience around them and look for its wines at their wine merchant because it reminds them of good memories.

Bellefont-Belcier is truly open to the public, with the aim that visitors feel welcome, whether they stay at the domaine, or if they just do a tasting.



Photo Nicolas Claris

The Castle is ready to welcome the public 7 days a week, all year round, and there is always a strong demand.

Vignobles K launched a few years ago a successful Wine Club which offers to its members a nice diversity among the six wineries of the family group. A way of sharing a piece of Bordeaux with

members of this strong community built over the years and now counting more than 650 members.

Valentina Guérin de Tourville

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FATTORIA AUGUSTALI

A legacy of fertile lands and family innovation

Nestled in the lush, sandy soil of Partinico, Sicily, the Augustali estate is steeped in history, innovation, and natural beauty. The land's story begins as early as the 13th century when Frederick II of Swabia, an emperor renowned for his love of nature and innovation, declared the area ideal for hunting. He was captivated by its fertile soil, abundant gardens, and plentiful water, which gave rise to a thriving agricultural tradition. Today, the land's reddish soil continues to nourish an array of crops, just as it has for centuries.

From heritage to vision

The Augustali farm, named after the first gold coin introduced by Frederick II, carries forward a legacy of Sicilian heritage and innovation. The coin, known as the "Augustale," symbolized a shift from iron-based trade to a golden standard, echoing the emperor's pioneering spirit. The farm's logo—an eagle crafted in mosaic—is inspired by the exquisite artistry of Sicily's medieval cathedrals in Monreale, Cefalù, and Palermo, which flourished under Frederick's patronage.

The farm's modern chapter began with a vision shared by a couple passionate about agriculture and family values. While the founder's grandfather managed the land in traditional Sicilian fashion—a private domain with gates firmly shut to outsiders—the current owners took a different path. With a teaching background and a desire to create a family-centered environment, they transformed the estate into an educational farm.

Sicily's first educational farm

Established 12 years ago, Augustali became the first educational farm in western Sicily. The concept was simple yet transformative: a space where families could learn, play, and connect with nature. The owners saw the farm not just as a business, but as a platform to share the importance of sustainable practices and biodiversity. At the heart of this initiative is the presence of bees. As a beekeeper, the founder emphasizes the critical role of bees in maintaining ecological balance. Visitors are introduced to the fascinating world of beekeeping and learn about the essential contributions of these tiny pollinators to the environment. This educational approach has made the farm a beloved destination for schools, families, and tourists.

From olives to vines

Expanding Horizons, while the educational farm was the initial focus, the family's diverse agricul-

tural interests soon led to further developments. The fertile land of Augustali has long supported vineyards, olive groves, and citrus orchards. Lemon trees, a hallmark of Sicilian agriculture, thrive alongside other crops. As the founder's husband



is a winemaker, it was only natural for the farm to venture into winemaking. Today, the Augustali winery stands as a testament to their shared vision. Balancing the educational farm and the winery, the family has created a harmonious blend of tradition and innovation.

The winery's production reflects the unique characteristics of the local terroir. Just four kilometers from the sea, the vineyards benefit from salty winds that impart a distinctive flavor to the wines. Among their offerings, the Grillo wine, aptly named Il Mare (The Sea), captures the essence of this coastal influence.

Harvest and heritage

The rhythm of life at Augustali follows the cycles of nature. The grape harvest, completed just a month ago, and the olive harvest, finished mere days ago, mark the culmination of months of hard work. The farm's 16 hectares, including seven dedicated to vineyards, yield a variety of red and white wines that embody the land's richness. Each element of the farm—from the bees and citrus trees to the vines and olives—tells a story of resilience, innovation, and respect for nature. Guided by the enduring legacy of Frederick II and the family's unwavering dedication, Augustali continues to flourish as a beacon of Sicilian tradition and modernity.

A name rooted in history, we might said, because the choice of the name Augustali reflects the family's deep connection to Sicilian history. By embracing a name with historical significance rather than

opting for a purely imaginative title, they honor the land's storied past while forging a future filled with promise.

Through their efforts, the Augustali farm has become more than just a place of agriculture; it is a living tribute to the heritage, culture, and natural beauty of Sicily. Whether savoring their wines, exploring the educational farm, or simply enjoying the serene landscape, visitors are invited to experience the essence of Augustali: a legacy cultivated in fertile soil and nurtured by visionary hands.

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CANTINE BRUGNANO

Crafting contemporary Sicilian wines with tradition and sustainability

Nestled in the heart of Sicily, the Brugnano Winery represents a harmonious blend of tradition and innovation. Established with a vision to honor both the rich heritage of Sicilian winemaking and the demands of a modern, eco-conscious world, the winery has grown from humble beginnings into a beacon of sustainable and contemporary wine production.

A Journey rooted in Sicilian heritage

The Brugnano story began in the lush vineyards of Sicily, a region renowned for its deep connection to viticulture. Initially, the family focused on buying grapes to produce wine, a common practice in Sicily's historical wine market. However, over time, the family recognized the value of owning and nurturing their own vineyards. Today, Brugnano Winery oversees 72 hectares of vineyards spread across three distinct areas. Like as Montemirto, situated at 600 meters above sea level, this vineyard is home to a variety of autochthonous (native) grape varieties. It serves as the primary source of grapes for the winery's most prominent bottles. Then, Alcamo, located in Trapani province, these vineyards lie at an altitude of 300-350 meters above sea level and eventually Partinico, the vineyards here feature terroir similar to Alcamo, providing a balanced and diverse portfolio of grapes.

A focus on native varieties is needed. Brugnano Winery prioritizes native Sicilian grape varieties while incorporating a small percentage of international grapes for blending. This approach celebrates the uniqueness of Sicilian terroir and caters to a global palate. The wines reflect a commitment to authenticity, balancing tradition with innovation.



A new generation of leadership is there

In 2022, Francesco and Giuseppe Brugnano took the reins of the winery, bringing fresh energy and a modern perspective. Guided by their father, Salvatore Brugnano, who contributes decades of experience, the brothers embarked on a mission to redefine Sicilian wines for the contemporary consumer. Their mantra, "Contemporary Sicilian Wine," embodies this mission, targeting younger generations with innovative products, updated labels, and a commitment to sustainability.

Sustainability at the core

The Brugnano Winery has made sustainability a cornerstone of its operations. Francesco and Giuseppe have implemented several eco-friendly practices, including: Solar panels, the winery generates 60% of its energy needs through solar power, with plans to increase this percentage incrementally; Shipping Innovations, by shipping orders via the port of Palermo rather than overland, the winery reduces its CO2 emissions significantly; Eco-friendly Packaging, continuous efforts are being made to improve the sustainability of their materials and processes. Embracing change while honoring the past, despite its forward-looking approach, the Brugnano Winery remains deeply rooted in its heritage. The underground concrete tanks once used by Francesco's grandfather to ferment wine are preserved as a testament to the winery's history. These tanks, while no longer in use, serve as a reminder of the

ingenuity and resourcefulness of previous generations.

The importance of terroir is one of the most important asset

Sicily's diverse soils contribute to the uniqueness of Brugnano's wines. The winery's vineyards span a variety of soil types, including calcareous and red soils, each imparting distinct characteristics to the grapes. This natural diversity, combined with the region's continental influences, ensures that every bottle tells a story of its origin.

The Brugnano Winery is on a mission to position Sicilian wines on the global stage, blending centuries-old practices with cutting-edge sustainability and modern appeal. As they continue to innovate and grow, Francesco and Giuseppe remain committed to their roots, ensuring that every glass of Brugnano wine reflects the soul of Sicily – timeless, bold, and unmistakably contemporary.

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DOMAINE DU CHÊNE

Emerging interpreters of Saint-Joseph

We are in Chavanay area, located in the northern Rhône Valley, renowned for the Saint-Joseph AOC where the vineyards are characterized by steep slopes on the right bank of the Rhône River, nestled beneath the Pilat Regional Natural Park. This unique geographical location, about 40 km south of Lyon, is marked by its terraced vineyards, which are often difficult to mechanize, making manual work essential. Here the soils are predominantly composed of granite which gives the wines a distinct minerality and intense flavors (due to the climate change).

The region is particularly suited to growing Syrah for red wines, which thrive on the well-drained soils, while Marsanne and Roussanne as key varieties for the white wines, showing both balance and elegance. The steepness of the slopes means the vines receive optimal sunlight, allowing the grapes to ripen fully. This sun exposure, combined to temperature variations between day and night, helps to preserve the acidity in the grapes (featuring able to create a fresh and structured wine). The region's exceptional terroir is one of the key factors behind the wines' complexity, combining the rich, spicy characteristics of Syrah with the floral and honeyed notes from Marsanne and Roussanne. In this context

In 1985, Dominique and Marc Rouvière purchased a 5.5-hectare property in Chavanay, located in the northern part of the Côtes du Rhône region. They renovated the old house at the center of the vineyard and named it Domaine du Chêne, inspired by the oak trees surrounding the property. They removed many of them, leaving just one, which today symbolizes the estate's name and tradition. The name "Rouvière" also recalls "rouvre" (oak), the wood used for barrels. At the time, the estate included 6 hectares of vineyards. Today, Domaine du Chêne covers 28 hectares of granite soils spread across three muni-



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cipalities, cultivated on steep slopes characteristic of the terroir: 4.70 ha of Condrieu (viognier), 2.20 ha of Saint-Joseph White (marsanne and roussanne), 6.30 ha of Saint-Joseph Red (syrah), 3.60 ha of Vin de Pays (syrah), 5.90 ha of Vin de Pays (viognier), 5.20 ha of Vin de Pays (marsanne and roussanne).

In 2012, after gaining various training and work experiences in the wine sector in France and abroad (including a period at Justin Winery in California and Seresin Winery in New Zealand), Anaïs and Julien joined the family business. Today, each family member has a specific role: Do-

minique handles sales and administration, Marc oversees new plantations and provides winemaking advice, Anaïs manages employees and organizes shipments, and Julien, in addition to being a winemaker, also maintains the tractors. Domaine du Chêne it is particularly renowned for its wines classified under the AOC Condrieu and AOC Saint-Joseph appellations, which represent the domaine's flagship products. Condrieu wines are distinguished by aromatic notes of peach and apricot, while Saint-Joseph wines feature flavors of blackcurrant buds and red fruits. Among the wines produced, two special cuvées stand out, dedicated to Dominique and Marc's children: Cuvée Anaïs (Saint-Joseph Rouge) and Cuvée Julien (Condrieu), which are among the most celebrated of the nine labels in total.

Erika Mantovan

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Wines to discover and savour this winter!



Verde
Vin
Score
17
94-100

Cembra - Olorosso 2018 Dosaggio Zero

Trento DOC Riserva

A flagship sparkling wine of the Valle di Cembra, even before being of the winery, made exclusively with Chardonnay grapes. It ages on the lees for 48 months before disgorging.

It has a pale straw-yellow color and a fine, dense perlage. On the nose, it opens with refined aromas of ripe yellow fruit, followed by notes of marzipan, cedar, and a hint of pastry in the background. On the palate, it is savory with good persistence, slightly astringent and mineral, very pleasant.

Price: €€

Agricola Lanciani - Le Vecchie 20 Trebiano IGT Marche

The Lanciani wines, produced on the 15 hectares of land owned in the Aso Valley, reflect a strong connection to the territory. They aim to showcase the expressiveness of the fruit, revealing a fertile will to present itself with an unexpected character.

In the case of the Trebiano "Le Vecchie 2020", the aromatic profile is complex, with floral notes and white fruits blending seamlessly with spicy and vanilla nuances. With oxygenation, it opens further, revealing an elegant mineral undertone. On the palate, it is full-bodied, expanding with an enveloping and harmonious structure. A wine to wait for, promising a fascinating evolution over time.

Price: €€

Verde
Vin
Score
16.5
93-94.100



Col d'Orcia Pascena Vendemmia tardiva 2018

Moscadello di Montalcino

The nose is expressive and aromatic. It offers aromas of macerated grapes, crushed apricot, yellow peach, quince paste, crushed pear and roasted pear, as well as roasted apple in the background and a hint of melon (even melon jam), combined with a touch of mango in the background, crushed orange, a hint of dried white flowers and fresh mushrooms. The palate is gourmand and expresses flavors of peach and apricot on the attack, which are then complemented by notes of melon, honey, acacia, quince paste, roasted apricot. The acidity is supple, but balancing. The finish is gourmand, honeyed and persistent.

Price: €€

Verde
Vin
Score
16
92-100



Verde
Vin
Score
16.25+
93-100

Château Thénac 2022 Bergerac

The nose is aromatic, fresh, creamy and offers good definition, race, elegance and a beautiful textured grain. There are notes of blueberry, morello cherry, and small notes of creamy blackcurrant, combined with touches of elegant roast, zan, as well as a hint of black olive and mocha. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, creamy, a good definition / precision and offers an airy side and elegance. A beautiful acidity (from terroir) brings energy while balancing. In mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, blackcurrant, and more discreetly cornflowers associated with touches of licorice stick, elegant roasted raspberry, as well as fine hints almost aromatic herbs, like thyme, and a subtle touch of toasted hazelnut (in the background). Good length. Mellow and well-built tannins. A beautiful aromatic palette.

Price: €€



Verde
Vin
Score
17.25+
95-100

Delord - 25 ans d'âge Bas-Armagnac

The nose is elegant and offers power (in finesse), a beautiful definition, harmony, a certain complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried quince and small notes of candied peach associated with small touches of crystallized mandarin, quenette, a fine hint of dried lime, lemon blossoms as well as fine hints of tobacco, rancio, toast and a discreet hint of tobacco box. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, balanced and offers power (in finesse), delicacy, a small richness (all in control), a fine acidulous frame, a very fine freshness (in the background), a beautiful guideline as well as aromatic purity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized peach and small notes of quince associated with small touches of candied pear, quenette, a subtle hint of lime, tangerine flowers as well as hints of caramelization / pâtisseries, rancio, a discreet hint of dried tobacco and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Good length.

Price: €€€



Monteviejo - Lindaflor 2016 Valle de Uco, Mendoza - Argentina

The nose is elegant, airy, floral, spicy and deep, with a sensation of smoothness. It expresses notes of creamy cassis, concentrated blackberry and more lightly - liquorice associated with a touch of elegant roasted red fruits as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, vanilla, a hint of mocha and fine hints of roasted hazelnut as well as a hint of camphor. Delicate and silky touch, richness. The palate is beautifully fresh, fruity, floral, elegant, mineral, airy and offers fat, and accuracy, a nice energy and tangy frame. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and more lightly - bright blueberry associated with touches of roasted red berries as well as hints of chocolate, blond tobacco, toast, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, caramelization, creamy blackberry, creamy blueberry, crushed raspberry. A subtle tartaric hint. Very nice work on the unctuous, even creamy material, but all in freshness and airiness. A fine verticality in the mouth.

Price: €€

Verde
Vin
Score
17+
94-95.100



DOMAINE TORTOCHOT

After a first life far away from the wine industry, Chantal Tortochot decided to take over her father's winery at 35 after getting wine diplomas. 12 hectares (29 acres) of vineyards are part of the Domaine Tortochot with 10% of 1^{er} Crus and 10% of Grands Crus. They are organic since 2013.

We highly enjoyed discussing with Chantal, the 4th generation, about the specific terroirs of Gevrey-Chambertin where the Domaine is located. We also had the luck to discover all the winemaking facilities and the incredible underground barrels cellars. While tasting the 2023, we could feel why the "climats" are so important. It was a very nice vintage with an amazing quantity of wine. So, you can compare, the Domaine produced an average of 45hL/ha* in 2023 and 12hL/ha in 2024!

Enough of numbers, let's taste!

C.C.G

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Domaine Tortochot - « Cuvée Renaissance » 2023

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru

The nose offers a very nice, almost minty freshness. We have a beautiful fruit with the small morello cherry and the blackberry. We also perceive a hint of pepper and an imperceptible note of cigar in the background. The palate is pleasant, fresh and fruity with notes of pulpy strawberry and raspberry. We also perceive floral touches with rose. Pepper is also present, measured. The tannins are synonymous with finesse and the finish is delicate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Tortochot - « Lavaux St-Jacques » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is expressive, pretty with fruits such as juicy cherry. We also perceive hints of vanilla and a very light smokiness. We feel that the nose is crunchy, delicious. The palate has a lovely freshness and is floral at first glance. We notably have hints of violet. The mid-palate is fragrant and has notes of fruit such as cherry and raspberry. The tannins are fine, measured. The finish has a hint of vanilla. Beautiful wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Tortochot - « Les Champeaux » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is expressive with a beautiful definition of the fruit. We perceive notes of juicy morello cherries. There is a lovely freshness and gourmandise. The palate is



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fresh with red fruits such as morello cherry and raspberry. The tannins are more marked. The tasting presents a pleasant and salivating measured acidity. The finish has a slight astringency contributing to the complexity. The end of the tasting is persistent with notes of cherry and raspberry still.

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

Domaine Tortochot

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

The nose is beautiful, fresh and fruity with notably notes of juicy black cherry. We also perceive light floral touches of violet. Little by little, the cocoa is revealed. The palate is fresh with supple tannins and a slight salinity of the terroir. It is a delicate wine with a beautiful finish of morello cherry and blackberry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Tortochot

Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

The nose is powerful, floral with notes of fresh rose petals. We perceive crunchy forest fruits like raspberries. There is a touch of vanilla and an imperceptible note of smoke in the background. The palate is fresh with a note of toast at the attack. There is a beautiful fruitiness, a mix of black and red fruits such as blackcurrant, raspberry and juicy blackberry. There is a nice salivating freshness in the finish.

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

Domaine Tortochot

Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

The nose is fresh and fruity with a fine note of potpourri. We have small, crunchy fruits like raspberries, and we even go for small blue fruits with a touch of blueberry. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity, and we find a mixture of small, crunchy black, red and blue fruits such as raspberry, juicy morello cherry and blueberry. The tannins are fine and precise. The finish is magnificent with a subtle note of coffee. The wine is a little closed, a little more austere. It needs time and air to open.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS

Frédéric Weber, Technical Director of Bouchard Père & Fils, welcomed VertdeVin Magazine for an amazing tasting of the vintage 2023. He explained that this vintage was quite a challenge. First, it was the hottest vintage ever but with less sunlight than the previous years. Moreover, a lot of storms during spring and summer brought rains which allowed the vines to avoid hydric stress.

The quantities of grapes were phenomenal, and the quality was great especially for Pinot Noir. As consequence, the wines are very well balanced with a nice freshness and 12 to 13% alcohol. The style of 2023 reminds wines done in the nineties and it is the first time in a while that we have seen this! Let's see together the tasting of few of these wines to understand what Frédéric Weber, and his team, have created.

C.C.G

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Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils Clos Saint-Landry 2023

Beaune 1er Cru

(Organic) The nose is fresh and expressive. There are notes of lemon and fresh butter. There is a little dynamism, a sparkle at the tip of the nose which is brought by the essential oil of lemon zest. There is a beautiful expression of the Chardonnay with a creaminess and a toasted lightness. The palate is fresh with a little astringency which adds to the complexity. The tasting is delicate, there is a little austerity in the finesse. There are notes of stone fruits like peach and apricot. The texture is fluid. The finish is long. The wine is complex with aromas, tastes and textures that evolve during tasting. It's dynamic and elegant. The finish also has a little salinity and a very nice butteriness.

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

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils Meursault Genevrières 2023

Meursault 1er Cru

(Organic) The nose is fresh, woody and buttery. There are notes of candied melon, ripe lemon and cooked apple jelly. We perceive an imperceptible note of sap in the background. The palate is beautiful with a tangy attack. The wine is dry, straight with a creamy and buttery touch. We perceive mint, apple, greengage plum and almost a herbaceous hint of fresh cut grass in the background. The tasting is refined with a beautiful balance. The finish is long, minty and refreshing.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils Les Clous 2023

Meursault

(Organic) The nose is fresh and lemony, almost saline. We perceive delicate and fresh white flowers which accompany the lime zest. The palate is beautiful, round on the attack with measured acidity. We find citrus fruits with lemon, lime zest and grapefruit notes. We also have touches of fresh apricot and juicy roasted apricot. The floral side reappears with notes of lime blossom and rosemary flower. There is a nice buttery finish. Simple, effective, delicious.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils Corton-Charlemagne 2023

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

(Organic) The nose seems pulpy with notes of juicy apricot. We also perceive touches of citrus zest and mint which contribute to the freshness. Little by little on the second nose, more tropical notes appear with raw pineapple and lime. The nose, despite its early complexity, seems restrained with a saline hint in the background. It's mineral and buttery. The palate is fresh, straight on lemon juice. We also have flowers and always a delicious buttery side. There is a nice acidity and a nice balance in tasting. This is a wine of finesse and elegance with a long and fresh almond finish. Great aging potential.

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

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils Montrachet 2023

Montrachet Grand Cru

(Organic) The nose is expressive and fragrant with herbaceous notes of lime blossom and verbena. We also have fruit with lemon and white peach. Everything is enveloped in a lovely salinity. The second nose opens with notes of candied lemon, apple and pear juice. Salinity is still present. The palate is fresh, clear, fluid with hints of blood orange and lemon. We also perceive touches of delicate white flowers like jasmine. There is an imperceptible note of white pepper in the background. The wine is intense and long in delicacy. It is ample with a nice fruity finish.

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

DOMAINE HERESZTYN-MAZZINI

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Florence Heresztyn-Mazzini welcomed VertdeVin Magazine during a cold autumn day. It is not the first time we had the pleasure to taste the wines from this Domaine located in Gevrey-Chambertin. The vintage 2024 was extremely difficult for wineries conducted in organic ways like Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini: it was a clash of Titans even if you know who is always winning... Nature!

Though, we were here to taste and talk about the vintage 2023 which was a "gentleman" compared to 2024 even if they faced challenges. At the end of August for instance, they lived an incredible heat wave which dropped the acidity in the grapes. It pushed the family to harvest beginning of September, earlier than usual. All the decisions taken in 2023 were about finding the good balance for the future wines. Through these tastings, we will discover together if this goal is reached.

C.C.G

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Les Jouises » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée

The nose is fruity with rather black fruits like blackberries. We perceive a nice note of vanilla as well as toast. There is a little darkness, depth and a fine, imperceptible note of toasted coconut in the background. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. The tannins are present and give a certain structure. We have crunchy and juicy red fruits like cherry. The finish is dynamic with a pleasant bitterness and a lingering sour cherry note.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Les Songes » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée

The nose is fresh and fruity with a mix of black and red fruits such as black cherry and raspberry. We also perceive notes of nice leather, almost buttery toast and smoke. The second nose opens more intensely with a floral aspect of violet as well as small fruits such as raspberry and wild berries. The palate is tannic, fresh and intense. We have a nice chew around the black fruit with a nice salivating acidity. We perceive the little juicy morello cherry on the finish. It is long, full, invigorating with a light bitterness in a pleasant finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Les Champonnets » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fine, concentrated, intense and deep. There are notes of morello cherry and vanilla. There is also a pinch of smoke. The barrel is extremely well integrated on this vintage using a single cooper. The second nose is smokier, woodier and this highlights another side of the fruit. We perceive a hint of zan. The palate is ample with a round attack. There is a powerful, almost drying tannin structure. And yet, there is always an airy side brought by the fruit: cherry, crunchy raspberry, blackberry skin. There is even an imperceptible hint of sap in the background. The finish has a little bitterness which contributes to the complexity, and we have a long note of cherry and blackberry to conclude the tasting.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « La Perrière » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic. There are notes of black plum, fresh cherry, vanilla and sweet spices. It's even almost floral. The palate is fresh and tannic with a mixture of black and red fruits. There is a nice acidity, it is fresh with a well-established structure. There is finesse in the power, and we always have this little elegant bitterness on the finish with a note of morello cherry. Beautiful complexity both in structure and aromatics.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Les Millandes » 2023

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru

The nose is very pretty, aromatic and fruity. We have a nice fresh minerality with crunchy small fruits like blackberry. We also perceive a hint of spices and a slight cigar touch. The palate is fresh with a beautiful structure. The tannins are powerful and accompany dark fruits like pulpy blackberry and juicy cherry. There is always this lightness in the structure, this elegance in the power. It's very well balanced. We finish the tasting with red and black fruits. It's persistent.

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

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2023 Clos-Saint-Denis Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fresh and toasted. We perceive black and red fruits such as blackberry and red plum with a hint of fresh vanilla. It is very aromatic when aerated with powerful elegance. The palate is round on the attack, delicious with red fruits such as raspberry and small morello cherry. There is a lovely tangy freshness with fine, present tannins. Touches of toast and smoke appear with a hint of black pepper. Floral notes of rose develop on the palate accompanied by small, crunchy red fruits such as small morello cherries. The finish is beautiful, long with elegance. We finish with a note of blackberry and smoke.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



FEUDO MONTONI

Focus on a Sicilian gem

Feudo Montoni – Nero d'Avola, Lagnusa 2022 Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) Lovely fruity nose, fresh, elegant, velvety, harmonious and offers depth as well as a certain little richness while finesse. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of roasted-juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of violet as well as fine hints of fresh liquorice. The palate is nicely built and offers accuracy, tension, a nice definition, precision, gourmandise, suppleness, nice freshness/brightness of the fruit as well as a nice purity and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy plum, bright boysenberry and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with a subtle hint of lilac, crystalline minerality as well as subtle hints of liquorice. Nice and subtle hint of good bitterness. Good length. The tannins are tasty, sapid, fresh and elegant. Presence of a subtle hint of almost fig and cocoa/mocha in the background. A crystalline sensation in the background.

Score : 17.25/20 (93-94/100)

Feudo Montoni – Vrucara 2019 Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) The nose is beautifully elegant, precise, frank, sincere and offers concentration (full of accuracy), a nice textured side, purity... a beautiful moment where we are cut off from the world. We find notes of ripe wild blackcurrant, quite ripe purple plum and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of roasted-juicy small red fruits, discreet hints of liquorice stick, balsamic as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope) and almost an imperceptible hint of roasted cherry. The palate is beautifully mineral, fresh, elegant, well-balanced, precise, sincere, lovely juicy and offers a good bitterness in the background, a crystalline side as well as purity. A wine whose fruit flirts nicely with a roasted-juicy side. A certain darkness in freshness/juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright purple plum, star anise and small notes of roasted-juicy cherry associated with touches of purple fig, small wild fruits, sense of place (local biotope) as well as a subtle almost bitter orange hint, mocha, toast and sweet spices. A subtle chewiness on the finish/persistence. Outstanding persistence (+12 "caudalies").

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Feudo Montoni – Grillo, Timpa 2023 Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) Lovely elegant, aromatic, delicate, harmonious nose that offers sincerity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of pulpy nectarine, sweet citrus fruits and small notes of exotic berries associated with touches of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of almost a sense of place (local biotope). The palate is nicely built, supple, nicely acidulous and offers crunchiness and offers good definition, accuracy, a tangy frame, suppleness as well as purity. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy vine peach, sweet/fresh grapefruit and small notes of crunchy/fresh apple as well as fine hints of quenette, rose and a subtle hint of fresh almond. Lovely sapidity and delicacy.

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

Feudo Montoni – Perricone, Core 2021 Terre Siciliane IGT

(Organic AB) Lovely elegant nose, ample, harmonious, nicely defined, precise and offers depth. It reveals notes of roasted-juicy Bigarreau cherry, roasted-juicy violet plum and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as delicate hints of star anise, ripe mandarin and a discreet hint of spices / zan. Lovely sincerity and brilliance. The palate is nicely led, fresh, elegant, harmonious, melodious and offers accuracy, tension, a very nice freshness, a nice structure as well as a nice work on the good bitters. A very nice material in freshness, smoothness and delicacy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quite ripe purple plum, violet and small notes of mocha associated with touches of crushed raspberry, fine hints of mandarin/zest, discreet hints of zan, toasted, nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of almost tobacco and infusion. Nice depth and texture, especially on the finish. The tannins are soft and precise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Feudo Montoni – Nerello Mascalese 2022, Terre di Elio Terre Siciliane IGT

(Organic AB) Beautiful fruity nose, elegant, precise and which offers delicacy associated to a certain power. It reveals notes of pulpy purple plum, crushed strawberry and small notes of quite ripe small fruits associated with a touch of crushed blackcurrant, fine hints of sense of place (local biotope), small local flowers as well as a subtle hint of almost mandarin and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, discreetly tight and offers fruit, gourmandise, a fresh/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, accuracy, a nice tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh purple plum, pulpy/fresh wild strawberry and small notes of star anise associated with touches of fresh wild small black fruits as well as a discreet hint of tonka bean, olive tree/sense of place (local biotope), almost quite ripe purple plum hint and a subtle hint of good bitterness. Tannins are elegant, sapid and tasty. Good quality of tannins! Good length and lovely persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Feudo Montoni – Catarratto 2023, Masso

Terre Siciliane IGT

(Organic AB) Lovely fruity nose, fresh and which offers a certain brilliance, a lovely definition, precision, sincerity as well as a sense of place (local biotope). A superb intensity. We find notes of juicy nectarine, juicy citrus fruits and more slightly fresh/shiny apricot associated with discreet hints of fresh almond and subtle hints of sweet flowers. The palate is nicely fresh, chiseled and offers a tangy frame, juiciness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white flowers, fresh sap and more slightly crystalline minerality associated with touches of juicy/juicy nectarine, fresh grapefruit, small fresh/crunchy yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of almond and salinity. Good length. Lovely hint of citrus zest on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



CLOS DU CLOCHER

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Clos du Clocher is an emblematic wine estate nestled in the heart of the Pomerol appellation, founded in 1924 by Jean-Baptiste Audy. Inspired by the bell tower that rises above its parcels, the estate takes its name from this unique landscape. For a century, it has produced exceptional wines that express the authenticity of its terroir, composed of gravels and blue clay.

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Clos du Clocher 1947

Haut Pomerol 1er Cru

Deep and dense colors. The nose is aromatic, spicy, ample, airy and offers deepness, complex, precise as well as a certain intensity and finesse. It reveals notes of dried cassis, incense, dried blackberry and small notes of dried strawberry associated with fine touches of tobacco/tobacco box, fig as well as a almost dried apricot hint and discreet hints of spices. The palate is beautifully delicate, supple, ripe, elegant, airy, beautifully velvety and offers tension, a certain concentration, a beautiful matter as well as a very nice acidity and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried blackcurrant and quite ripe blackberry (even jammy) associated with touches of camphor, warm gravels / iodized gravel, tobacco, camphor, bergamot as well as fine hints of clove, elegant leather and a toasted hint. Tannins are polished, harmonious and elegant. Fine hints of chocolate / toast. Fine hints of toasted hazelnut on the persistence. Sublime velvety and subtle. A harmonious, delicate and precise wine. What an emotion!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Clos du Clocher 1964

Pomerol

Beautiful, elegant, spicy and dense nose which offers a certain small fleshiness. It reveals notes of clove, Kampot pepper, nutmeg and small notes of sweet tobacco associated with touches of fig, very ripe blackcurrant as well as fine almost dried apricot hints as well as a subtle almost of warm sap hint and undergrowth. The palate is lovely built, supple, nicely fresh, mellow and offers density, matter as well as a certain verticality/straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe blackcurrant (but still tangy), iodized gravels and small notes of camphor associated with touches of tobacco/tobacco box, cardamom as well as hints of black truffle, toast, date, an almost leather hint as well as a very discreet hint of menthol and balsamic. A subtle acidity and a beautiful chew on the finish/persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos du Clocher 1989

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully charming, warm, intense and offers a melodious side as well as complexity. It reveals notes of blueberry, blond tobacco and small notes of concentrated small blue fruits associated with touches of gray pepper as well as hints of camphor and a hint of bergamot. The palate is beautifully textured, delicate, silky, airy, subtle, beautifully charming, full of elegance (and nobility) and offers a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, quite ripe wild blueberry and small notes of small black fruits, camphor associated with touches of tobacco box as well as an almost aniseed, almost animal, hint of spices and a subtle almost mandarin hint (in the background). Tannins are mellow, fresh and sapid. Good length. Beautiful chewiness and beautiful persistence.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)



Clos du Clocher 2010

Pomerol

Beautiful, elegant, velvety, aromatic, precise and complex nose that offers an elegant darkness. Beautifully perfumed. We find notes of Cubeb pepper, sage, ripe fruits, Sichuan pepper and small notes of elegant black berries associated with hints of infusion, star anise and saline gravels/iodine. The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, ample and offers delicacy in its power, delicacy, a beautiful texture as well as silkiness. Full of control and precision. A beautiful powerful structure but well-controlled. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright wild cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of camphor associated with touches of black pepper, toast, an almost balsamic hint, sage, a subtle hint of plum blossom, warm thyme as well as a discreet hint of blond tobacco, smoke and cardamom. Tannins are mellow. Power, roundness, velvety and precise

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos du Clocher 2020

Pomerol

The nose is spicy, ample, elegant, precise, airy, sappy and offers a peppery side. It reveals notes of wild cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of warm gravels as well as an almost bramble hint, spices and cardamom. The palate is beautifully built, supple, fresh, mellow, airy, gourmande, full of accuracy and delicacy. What a texture! On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, bright blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of cherry blossom, cardamom, camphor as well as beautiful hints of roasted-elegant fruit, infusion, a hint of bergamot, dark chocolate, a subtle toasted hint, caramelization and a delicate hint of vanilla. Precision. A Mediterranean side in the approach to the fruit.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)



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Champagne

Champagne H. Blin Brut Tradition

Champagne

The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity and persistent bubbles. The nose is ripe, fruity and gourmand, with distinct notes of aging on lees. First, we find aromas of ripe yellow peach, apricot, a hint of juicy pear and fresh yellow apple. Then, notes of brioche, lightly toasted hazelnut, yogurt, as well as butter appear, as well as candied lemon and citrus jam, associated with a hint of acacia and chamomile in the background. The palate is gourmand, fruity, with slightly toasted notes in the background. We find flavors of yellow peach, apricot, fresh yellow apple, as well as citrus fruits with a pleasant bitterness (grapefruit, yellow lemon zest). Notes of toasted brioche, hazelnut, as well as butter and white flowers (linden, chamomile), complete the bouquet on the finish. Good persistence, on a tangy citrus hint and a good bitterness. Liveliness and straightness, a frank and chiseled champagne.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Brun de Neuville, La Croisée des Chemins, Blanc de Noirs & Blancs Extra-Brut

Champagne

(65% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir, 2017 harvest base + 36% reserve wines, aged in stainless steel vats and oak barrels, partial malolactic fermentation, disgorging in February 2024, dosage 5 gr/l) The champagne has a bright lemon yellow color, medium intensity and rather fine bubbles. Beautiful aromatics on the nose, with concentration, a sweet touch of juicy stone fruits, ripe yellow apple and candied citrus fruits. We can smell in particular the aromas of juicy yellow peach, honey-roasted apricot, roasted pineapple, candied lemon peel, as well as a sweet-bitter hint of grapefruit and lime jam. The brioche and buttery notes, as well as flower honey, lime blossom, toasted hazelnut and fresh almond appear on the second nose. The palate is lively, chiseled, with a fresh, straight and slightly bitter attack. We first find the citrus notes (fresh grapefruit and grapefruit jam, then completed by touches of lime and yellow lemon), associated in the mid-palate with notes of yellow peach, apricot, brioche, bitter almond, toasted hazelnut and honey. The finish is persistent, salivating, with a pleasant bitterness and a hint of very delicate yellow and green apple. Beautiful freshness and complexity, a silky and persistent mousse.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Champagne Thiénot Vintage 2015

Champagne

(Pinot Noir 60%, Chardonnay 30%, Meunier 10%, tirage 05/2016, dosage 6gr/l) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color. The first nose expresses a delicate limestone minerality, which is then complemented by toasted, honeyed and yeasty touches – toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut, flower honey, warm brioche and toasted yeast. There is also a lactic hint of raw butter and lemon yogurt. A beautiful fresh fruitiness that envelops everything – fresh orange, orange zest, candied lemon, a hint of grapefruit, fresh quince, white peach and grapefruit, combined with a fine floral fragrance (honeysuckle, acacia, lime blossom). The palate is gourmet and savoury, with a sapid and expressive attack – on a beautiful juiciness of sweet stone fruits (ripe peach, apricot) and citrus fruits (orange, orange zest, kumquat). The mid-palate offers lactic notes of raw butter and lemon yogurt. The finish is toasted and yeasty and expresses the flavors of toasted bread, toasted hazelnut, as well as toasted yeast in the background. Beautiful persistence in the mouth, chiseled and fresh, with a bitter hint of grapefruit, a persistent hint of toasted bread and a salivating acidity. Complexity, depth, all in elegance and freshness.

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

Champagne Thiénot Brut

Champagne

(Base of harvest - 2028, dosage 4 gr/l, 35% - Pinot Noir, 35% - Chardonnay, 30% - Meunier) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color and a generous and persistent mousse. The nose offers a beautiful aromatic intensity and a complex profile. It combines delicate, but distinct tertiary notes - flower honey, dried linden blossom, a hint of beeswax and dried apricot in the background. Then, its aromas are complemented by the freshness of citrus fruits (fresh yellow lemon zest, dried zest, a touch of grapefruit and orange peel). We also find notes of white peach and fresh pear, associated with buttery and dried fruit aromas (a hint of fresh butter, fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut in the background). The palate offers a beautiful breadth and gourmandise

on the attack in the notes of ripe yellow peach, fresh ripe apricot and fresh pear, which continue in a frank and chiseled mid-palate, with a tangy frame of fresh yellow lemon, fresh and dried zest and grapefruit, which also persists in a slightly bitter finish. We also find a delicate hint of toasted almond in the background, fresh hazelnut, honey and beeswax, associated with floral notes of lime blossom and acacia. Beautiful freshness, a salivating acidity and elegant and persistent saline and lemony notes. Good length, freshness and balance.

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

Champagne Sanger Voyage 360

Champagne

(1/3 Chardonnay, 1/3 Pinot Noir, 1/3 Pinot Meunier, main harvest year: 2021, Tirage: 2022, disgorging March 2024, dosage 4 gr/l extra-brut) – The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color with fine and regular bubbles. The first nose is mineral, limestone, with a touch of dry stone. In the second nose, we find the tangy aromas of dried lemon, fresh lemon, grapefruit, as well as gourmet touches of stone fruits (apricot, white peach) and buttery notes, toasted hazelnut, toasted brioche, honey in the background (a delicate touch of acacia appears after aeration). The palate offers breadth, gourmandise and juiciness of stone fruits (ripe apricot, yellow peach), the sweetness of candied lemon, a tangy side of fresh lemon and grapefruit, as well as orange zest. In the mid-palate, we find brioche, buttery and honeyed notes, as well as a hint of acacia and honey in the background. Good length with a hint of bitterness of chestnut honey and grapefruit. Beautiful refreshing acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Sanger Terroir Natal Blanc de Blanc

Grand Cru

(2018 harvest base, 2019 draw, disgorging November 2023, dosage 4 gr/l Extra-Brut) The champagne has a young pale lemon color. The nose offers finesse, delicacy and the gourmandise of honeyed, buttery and brioche notes, which open the aromatic expression (flower honey, fresh butter, a hint of hazelnut butter, warm brioche). Then, we find notes of yellow lemon, white peach, apricot (with a touch of dried apricot, as well as a touch of grapefruit and acacia in the background). The palate is chiseled, tangy and gourmet at the same time. It expresses the flavors of yellow lemon, lime, tangy apricot, associated with notes of fresh butter, lemon yogurt, honey, beeswax, as well as dried lime blossom and acacia in the background. The finish is persistent, with a lively lemon acidity and a hint of yuzu, as well as a good grapefruit bitterness. We also feel a very fine limestone minerality on the finish. A straight, frank, lively and fresh champagne.

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

Champagne Christian Muller Tradition, Grand Cru

Champagne

The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved at first, but after aeration expresses a subtle and refined floral bouquet. We find aromas of lime blossom, acacia, chamomile (in the background), which are then complemented by gourmet touches of candied lemon, grapefruit zest, juicy white peach, as well as fresh pineapple, a hint of limestone minerality and notes of lees aging (fresh butter, a lactic touch of yogurt). The palate offers notes of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, orange zest), a good bitterness of grapefruit, gourmet flavors of ripe peach, apricot, white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, lime blossom), as well as butter, a hint of fresh hazelnut and the sweetness of pineapple. The finish is persistent, gourmet, with a beautiful acidity and a pleasant bitterness, associated with a certain roundness. Good

balance and a fruity gourmandise on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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Champagne

Champagne Frerejean Frères Premier Cru Extra-Brut Champagne

(50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir) The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lemon zest) and green fruits (green apple), associated with touches of tangy apricot and yellow plum. After aeration, we find precise aromas of aging on lees (toasted bread, toasted yeast in the background, a hint of brioche and fresh hazelnut), as well as a sweet hint of white flowers (acacia, apple blossom in the background), as well as linden infusion. The palate is chiseled, fresh on citrus fruits (the flavor of yellow lemon is joined by notes of grapefruit and lime with a good bitterness). We also find flavors of green apple, tangy apricot and fresh quince, as well as fresh hazelnut, toasted bread and yeast (well integrated), as well as fresh flowers (acacia, lime blossom). The acidity is sharp and fresh, nice length on the bitterness of grapefruit, even fresh almond and a hint of toasted bread.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Champagne Frerejean Frères Vieilles Vignes Premier Cru Cuvée des Hussards 2013 Champagne

(90% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Noir) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color and fine, numerous bubbles. The nose offers a lot of elegance and subtlety, as well as roundness and gourmandise. The first nose is fruity, slightly sweet – it expresses notes of yellow peach, apricot, fresh pineapple, candied yellow lemon and citrus jam. Then, we find notes of flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, a hint of lilac), honey, warm brioche, toasted bread, as well as a touch of toasted yeast and fresh hazelnut. After aeration, the champagne reveals sweet lactic notes (fresh butter) and fresh almond. The palate is straight, chiseled, with a sharp acidity and a lively tangy frame of citrus fruits (yellow lemon, lime, pomelo in the background) and green fruits (Granny apple, fresh quince). On the mid-palate, we find notes of tangy apricot, crunchy peach, as well as hay, honey, white flowers (acacia, lime, honeysuckle), fresh bread, brioche in the background and yeast. The finish is very persistent and offers a good grapefruit bitterness, a salivating acidity, as well as a touch of toasted hazelnut and clear notes of citrus fruits (grapefruit, yellow lemon) and fresh herbs. The mousse is fine, silky and persistent. Lots of energy and dynamism, a chiseled structure and a racy limestone minerality that persists during the tasting.

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

Champagne Collery Blanc de Noirs Grand Cru Brut Champagne

(100% Pinot Noir, Grand Cru, dosage 5 gr/l, aging 72 months minimum in bottle, disgorging: July 2024) The champagne has a golden color, the bubbles are regular and numerous. The nose is fresh, lively and tangy at first, and becomes more brioche-like and toasted as it opens. It expresses aromas of lemon zest, candied yellow lemon, blood orange, which are complemented by notes of warm brioche, lemon yogurt, fresh butter, as well as a gourmet touch of juicy stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach) and crunchy yellow apple. There are also notes of fresh almond, caramelized hazelnut, hay, honey and acacia in the background. The palate is gourmet, complex, with a silky and enveloping mousse. The attack offers the delicacy of ripe citrus fruits and candied fruits (ripe yellow lemon, candied yellow lemon, ripe orange) with a delicate bitterness of grapefruit. The mid-palate is gourmande, lightly toasted and brioche-like (toasted almond, fresh brioche, fresh almond), with a touch of tangy lemon yogurt. The finish is persistent, precise and straight, which combines a sharp acidity of citrus fruits (lime, yellow lemon) and a certain roundness of stone fruits – apricot, yellow peach, as well as a very fine touch of hay and honey, as well as a clear toasted flavor (toasted hazelnut), which appears on the persistence. An energetic and complex champagne.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



Champagne Collery Grand Cru Brut Champagne

(80% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay, dosage 7 gr/l, aged 48 months minimum in bottle, disgorged in July 2023) The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with golden highlights. The nose expresses distinct notes of aging on lees (a touch of toasted yeast, toasted bread, fresh hazelnut), combined with lactic notes, fresh butter and a touch of lemon yogurt. As it opens, the champagne offers fruity aromas of candied lemon, grapefruit zest and yellow lemon in the background, as well as yellow apple, quince, as well as sweet honey, acacia and dried lime blossom. The palate offers lemony freshness, a good bitterness and a chiseled hint of citrus and green fruits on the attack. We can particularly sense the flavors of yellow lemon, the bitterness of lime and a touch of green apple. On the mid-palate, we find notes of tangy stone fruits (tart apricot, green plum), then combined with notes of white flowers (acacia, lime blossom), a hint of fresh hazelnut, brioche and yeast, which brings complexity to the aromatic profile. The finish is persistent, tangy and lively, with a good bitterness. A tangy, straight and chiseled champagne.

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

Champagne Vazart Coquart & Fils Brut Réserve Blanc de Blancs, Chouilly Grand Cru Champagne

(100% Chardonnay, dosage 5.5 g/l, cellared May 2022, disgorged January 2024) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color, with light green highlights and numerous fine and persistent bubbles. The nose is fresh, fine and lemony, with a distinct racy minerality, which is felt from the first nose. We find the gourmet notes of ripe yellow lemon, candied lemon peel, a lactic hint of lemon yogurt, as well as yellow peach, tangy apricot, brioche and butter, as well as delicate touches of white flowers (acacia). The palate is savoury, gourmet, fruity and expresses notes of fresh yellow lemon, lemon zest, candied lemon peel, as well as tangy apricot, fresh green apple. In the mid-palate, we find the racy minerality (limestone), as well as a lactic hint of lemon yogurt, brioche, lime blossom and acacia. Beautiful lemony liveliness on the finish. The finish is persistent and tangy: on notes of yellow lemon juice and a hint of lime, with a hint of yeast (very discreet in the background).

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

Champagne Vazart Coquart & Fils « AD 191 » Chouilly Grand Cru 2016 Blanc de Blancs Extra-Brut Champagne

(100% Chardonnay, dosage 5 g/l, cellared May 2017, disgorged June 2023) The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity, with light golden highlights. The nose offers breadth and a beautiful concentration of fruit, complemented by pronounced and gourmet notes of aging on lees. It expresses aromas of juicy yellow peach, crushed apricot, ripe pineapple, associated with touches of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit, orange zest) and candied citrus peel. After aeration, we see a refreshing touch of tangy green apple, as well as lactic notes of butter, lemon yogurt, honeyed touches of lime honey, beeswax, dried lime blossom as well as lightly toasted hazelnut in the background and quince paste. The toasted aromas become more distinctive on the second nose. The palate is lively, tangy, frank, with accuracy and precise flavors of fresh citrus fruits on the attack (lime, lemon, grapefruit), as well as green apple. Then, the wine offers a concentration of freshness and roundness, flavors of tangy apricot, white peach, hay (in the background), as well as flower honey, beeswax, a hint of toasted bread, fresh hazelnut and butter. Long in the mouth, straight, tangy and chiseled, with a hint of grapefruit bitterness and toasted notes that intensify on the persistence.

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



Champagne

Champagne Vazart Coquart & Fils Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs, Chouilly Grand Cru Champagne

(100% Chardonnay, dosage 1.5 g/l, cellared May 2020, disgorged May 2024) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color, with fine, regular and persistent bubbles. The first nose offers a racy and expressive minerality that combines limestone and smoky notes, even flint, as well as distinct notes of honey, fresh bread, beeswax, as well as lime blossom and acacia. After aeration, we find aromas of yellow lemon, lime zest, grapefruit, green apple, apricot and a hint of butter. The palate is lively, chiseled, with a mineral, honeyed and brioche attack, which continues in the mid-palate with notes of yellow lemon, lime, green apple and tangy apricot. We also find touches of flower honey, wax and white flowers (acacia, lime blossom). Beautiful sharp acidity, the finish is persistent, mineral and tangy, with a certain fruity roundness (apricot, ripe lemon).

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

Champagne Sadi Malot, Les 2 Cépages Grand Cru Extra-Brut Champagne

(60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay, 2021 harvest, 50% Reserve Wine, 100% Solera in stainless steel) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color and fine, persistent bubbles. The nose is delicate at first, with a beautiful distinct minerality and a tangy lemony hint (yellow lemon, dried yellow lemon zest). On the second nose, the gourmet notes of ripe stone fruits (apricots, yellow peach) appear, accompanied by floral aromas of dried lime, acacia, and even a hint of lily. There are also touches of dried green apple, sweet flower honey and beeswax, as well as a buttery hint of fresh butter, brown butter and brioche in the background. The attack on the palate is straight, chiseled and tangy, with a saline mineral hint and a good grapefruit bitterness. The mid-palate offers aromatic concentration and breadth. It reveals notes of fresh yellow lemon, a hint of lime, tangy apricot, dried apple and dried lemon zest. On the persistence, we can smell hints of honey, wax (in the background), as well as white flowers (lime, acacia). Beautiful length, very fresh and lemony, with a sharp but balanced acidity. Light touches of fresh hazelnut and fresh almond on the finish.

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

Champagne Collery EmyreumatiC Grand Cru Brut Millesime 2014 Champagne

(90% Pinot Noir, 10% Chardonnay, Grand Cru, dosage 9 gr/l, aged 84 months minimum in bottle, disgorging: February 2022) The champagne has a golden color, of medium intensity. The bubbles are fine, numerous and persistent. The nose is gourmet and ripe: it expresses notes of candied lemon, roasted apple (balanced by a tangy hint of green apple and fresh lime), fresh quince, grapefruit, as well as fresh orange zest and apricot. On the second nose, the wine offers notes of honey, beeswax, dried lime, as well as fresh almond, brown butter and puff pastry, combined with a hint of lemon yogurt, saffron, and chamomile. The palate is juicy and fruity on the attack. It expresses notes of ripe and sweet stone fruits (apricot, yellow peach), orange, a hint of pineapple, fresh yellow lemon and citrus jam (lime), combined with notes of fresh butter, fresh almond, a touch of hazelnut, lemon cream and lemon yogurt, as well as warm brioche in the background. The finish brings energy, liveliness and a chiseled side. The champagne is very persistent, lively and well structured, with a tangy touch of green apple and grapefruit that returns at the end of the mouth, combined with the gourmandise of fresh pastries.

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

Champagne Dom Caudron Sublimité 50/50 Brut 2013 Champagne

(10 years on lees, disgorging 01/2024, dosage 4 gr/l) The champagne has a lemon yellow color with very light golden highlights. The bubbles are pretty, persistent and fine. Beautiful aromatic on the nose, perfumed, with expressiveness and an airy side. We find complexity and depth, which open up after aeration - distinct but delicate woody notes of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, vanilla, as well as gourmet notes of hazelnut butter, honey and brioche, as well as a lactic hint of yogurt. We also find lemony freshness (yellow lemon zest, lemon juice, green apple, quince, tangy apricot

and herbaceous (fresh mint) as well as a hint of mineral and lime blossom. The palate is elegant and airy, frank and tangy. The attack offers a chiseled side and straightness in the notes of fresh citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grated lemon zest, grapefruit), green apple and tangy apricot. In the middle of the mouth, we feel the notes of roasting - toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, a hint of vanilla, the delicacy of fresh butter, hazelnut butter, yogurt and fresh brioche. The finish offers a fine floral bouquet (lime blossom, acacia), a touch of saffron in the background as well as a mineral hint. Beautiful persistence on a good bitterness and a lively lemony acidity. Lots of elegance, a beautiful lemony frame and accuracy.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Champagne Barons de Rothschild Concordia Brut Champagne

(60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir, over 85% Grands and Premiers Crus, over 40% reserve wines, aged on lees for at least 3.5 years, rest after disgorging - at least 6 months, dosage - 6 gr/l) The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, even slightly sweet, with delicate notes of pastry. It first expresses notes of candied lemon, grated lemon zest, grapefruit zest and orange zest in the background, combined with the gourmandise of lemon curd, flower honey, warm brioche, as well as a fine lactic side of lemon yogurt and brown butter. In the second nose, aromas of acacia, juicy apricot and white peach appear, combined with a hint of quince jam and pineapple. The palate offers complexity, gourmandise, a nice freshness and a good bitterness on the persistence. The attack is fruity and delicious, with notes of ripe yellow peach, apricot, ripe lemon and lemon cream. In the mid-palate, we find toasted notes (toasted hazelnut, toasted brioche, hazelnut butter in the background), honey and candied lemon. The finish is persistent, with a lively acidity and a good bitterness of grapefruit. Beautiful complexity, depth in elegance and gourmandise.

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

Champagne Barons de Rothschild Brut Nature Champagne

(60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir, over 85% Grands and Premiers Crus, ageing on lees: 4 years minimum, post-disgorgement rest: 1 year minimum, dosage 0 gr/l) The champagne has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers clear aromas of ageing on lees (fresh bread, yeast in the background, toasted brioche), combined with tertiary touches of hay, honey, chamomile and dried lime blossom. We also find a racy minerality, limestone, lively fruity material, on citrus fruits (yellow lemon, grapefruit) and green fruits (green apple, green plum), complemented by a gourmet hint of candied citrus fruits (candied yellow lemon, candied lime peel) and fresh pineapple. On the palate, the champagne offers a chiseled, tangy attack, with a clear bitterness of grapefruit and lime, enveloped by notes of citrus and ripe green fruits (yellow lemon, green apple, green plum, a hint of green pear). In the mid-palate, notes of fresh quince, hay, acacia and lime appear, accompanied by notes of fresh hazelnut and bitter almond. The finish is persistent and more on toasted notes (toasted bread), dried flowers and yeast. The acidity is lively and sharp, good bitterness on the persistence. Accuracy, straightness and dynamism.

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

Champagne Barons de Rothschild Rosé Champagne

(92% Chardonnay, 8% Pinot Noir red wine, Extra Brut, 100% Grands and Premiers Crus, aged on lees for at least 3 years, rest after disgorging - between 3 and 6 months, dosage 6 gr/l) The wine has a pale salmon color. The nose is expressive aromatic, gourmet and very fruity. We find notes of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly, as well as red cherry, a sweet hint of morello cherry

yogurt, hazelnut butter, roasted cherry, toasted brioche, as well as a fine, slightly sweet floral bouquet (peony, cherry blossom, iris), and a hint of honey. The palate is open, gourmet and fruity and offers a beautiful balance between freshness and roundness. The attack is aromatic, savoury and gourmet, with notes of ripe red fruits (red cherry, red currants, wild strawberry, raspberry) and sweet flowers (peony, iris, cherry). The mid-palate is chiseled, fresh, with a pleasant bitterness of pink grapefruit. The finish is persistent, lactic (notes of cherry yogurt), slightly toasted (toasted hazelnut), also with a nice bitterness on the persistence. The acidity is lively and fresh. Delicious and a pleasant tangy side.

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



Champagne

Champagne Bollinger PN VZ19 - Blanc de Noir Champagne

(base 2019, older wine 2009. Disgorging 01/2024) Beautiful, elegant and creamy nose that offers a certain density. It reveals notes of crushed apple, juicy/fresh pear and small notes of lemon cream, fresh gooseberries associated with small touches of yellow fruits and brioche/warm honey. The palate is elegant, well-balanced and offers a small fat that softens/rounds the dynamism of the wine. The effervescence is beautifully fine, suave, creamy and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh mirabelle plum, crunchy green peach and small notes of crunchy/fresh pear associated with touches of yuzu, apple, lemon as well as hints of lemon blossom, golden brioche and discreet hints of toasted almond. A beautiful work on the good bitterness (in the background). A discreet and elegant hint of sap. A nice chalky character in the background which becomes even more striking on the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Champagne Christian Briard Cuvée Ambre Vieilles Vignes Millésime 1998

Champagne

The champagne has a beautiful golden color, of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and density, a candied and roasted hint in its fruitiness, but all in finesse and harmony. We find the aromas of flower honey, roasted apricot with thyme and honey, roasted yellow apple, caramelized pineapple, as well as flowers (calendula, dried lime blossom, fresh chamomile), spices (vanilla, cardamom, a hint of liquorice and coriander seeds in the background), as well as a herbaceous hint (mint, tea leaf, cut grass, hay), toasted hazelnut, warm brioche and shortbread biscuits in the background. After aeration, the fruity bouquet is completed by notes of mango, candied yellow lemon, candied lime peel, as well as blood orange. The palate is refined and complex, with a pleasant bitterness of grapefruit and black tea on the attack. There are also notes of candied yellow lemon, fresh blood orange, fresh apricot, roasted pineapple, peach, fresh green apple and roasted apple, as well as an elegant spiciness (cardamom, a touch of vanilla, liquorice and coriander seeds), integrated tertiary notes (flower honey, beeswax, hay, even a hint of damp leaves), as well as a floral bouquet (dried linden, calendula, chamomile). The finish is long, chiseled and tangy, with a clear citrus frame on the persistence, completed by a touch of tangy green apple, cooked shortbread and saffron. The mousse is elegant, very fine, enveloping and persistent.

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

Champagne Christian Briard Cuve Ambre Vieilles Vignes Millésime 2011

Champagne

The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The first nose is aromatic, fruity and toasted. It expresses notes of candied yellow lemon, candied grapefruit peel, toasted hazelnut, French toast with a hint of vanilla and toasted bread. On the second nose, we sense herbaceous notes and fresh flowers (cut grass in the background, hay, lime blossom, wisteria, acacia), honey, beeswax, fresh almond, toasted hazelnut, as well as a delicate spicy touch of cardamom and saffron, associated with fresh and candied fruits (ripe apricot, yellow peach, candied lemon, a hint of fresh pineapple). The palate offers a very gourmet attack, with sweet fruity touches (ripe apricot, dried apricot, yellow peach, sweet pineapple) and tertiary touches, which bring complexity and elegance (honey, caramelised pineapple, roasted apple). The lively flavors of candied

lime, yellow lemon and grapefruit with a hint of bitterness bring a beautiful freshness, a tangy frame, as well as a lactic hint of lemon yogurt which brings roundness. On the finish, the wine expresses notes of white flowers (acacia, dried lime, wisteria), a chiseled touch of green apple, as well as a tertiary hint of tobacco and beeswax. Beautiful persistence, on spicy notes of cardamom and saffron as well as a toasted touch (toasted bread, toasted hazelnut). The mousse is fine and filling.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Champagne Christian Briard Cuvée Ambre Vieilles Vignes Millésime 2012

Champagne

The champagne has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a harmony of fruity and tertiary (honeyed) notes. It expresses aromas of fresh yellow apple, roasted yellow apple, crushed yellow peach, very ripe apricot, candied yellow lemon, clementine zest, associated with notes of flower honey (with a touch of propolis and wax), a sweet touch of white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, fresh lime blossom), as well as pastries (lemon cream, a hint of tarte tatin in the background) and a touch of yeast and dough (fresh yeast in the background, bread dough, a hint of toasted brioche). After aeration, the champagne also reveals notes of toasted hazelnut and toasted brioche. The palate is lively, sapid and offers expressive and gourmet flavors of yellow fruits (yellow peach, apricot, a hint of tangy yellow plum), citrus fruits (fresh yellow lemon zest, candied yellow lemon), combined with touches of flower honey, white flowers (acacia, honeysuckle, lime blossom), bread dough and yeast, as well as a pleasant touch of lemon yogurt and lemon cream. The finish is long, slender and tangy, with a balance between sweetness and gourmandise and a sharp acidity of candied citrus fruits (candied lime, candied yellow lemon peel), which is complemented by distinct notes of yeast, fresh hazelnut and bread dough on the persistence. Harmony, precision, beautiful complexity and plenty of freshness. An enveloping, persistent and delicate mousse.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Champagne Alexandre Bonnet Extra-Brut Blanc de Noirs

Champagne

(base d'assemblage 2020, date de dégorgement 08/11/2023, dosage < 5gr/l) The champagne has a lemon yellow color, with light golden highlights and fine bubbles. The nose offers gourmandise and tangy, but gourmet fruits. It expresses notes of white raspberry, pineapple strawberry, fresh pineapple, fresh yellow lemon, dried yellow lemon peel, grapefruit, as well as apricot and white peach. After aeration, the champagne expresses toasted and herbaceous notes - toasted bread, a hint of viennoiserie, toasted yeast, as well as hay and dried aromatic herbs, white flowers (acacia, dried lime), a hint of lemon cream and candied lime. The palate offers a fine and enveloping mousse, a fruity and gourmet attack, and the mid-palate on toasted

and yeasty notes. It expresses notes of yellow lemon, grapefruit, tangy apricot, green apple, pineapple strawberry and white raspberry. We then sense lactic notes of plain yogurt, fresh butter, as well as bread and yeast. The finish is long and tasty: we find toasted notes (toasted hazelnut), fresh hazelnut, pastries (puff pastry, almond paste in the background) as well as a good bitterness, which are revealed gradually on the persistence. The acidity is lively, sharp, on citrus fruits.

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



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2014 VINTAGE

Château La Tour Blanche 2014

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé en 1855

Beautiful, elegant, fruity, syrupy and well-balanced nose. It reveals notes of pineapple in syrup, roasted small fruits, mango and small notes of roasted apricot with thyme combined with touches of pear, lemon, lemon tart as well as fine hints of candied ginger and spices. The palate is beautifully structured, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, gourmandise, fat, a good definition, a certain unctuousness, delicacy, tension as well as an airy side in its richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lemon paste, roasted pineapple, fresh white fruit paste combined with touches of lychee in syrup, pear in syrup, fine hints of roasted small fruits as well as a hint of roasted apricot, candied ginger, a subtle hint of star fruit as well as an almost pink hint (in the background) and hints of almond. Good length. A beautiful gravelly minerality on the finish.

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

Château Nairac 2014

Barsac, Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is fresh, racy (gravelly) and offers fruit. There are notes of candied yellow peach and slight notes of pineapple in syrup combined with touches of flint, hints of candied apple as well as fine hints of spices, lychee in syrup and a hint of clove (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suppleness and racy minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied yellow peach, candied small yellow fruits and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a touch of crystallized lemon as well as fine hints of verbena, almond, a hint of spices, flowers and nutmeg. Good length. Freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Bastor-Lamontagne 2014

Sauternes

The nose is spicy, mineral and offers deepness, breadth and elegance in its grain. It reveals notes of quince, nutmeg and small notes of dried ginger associated with touches of dried flowers, dried pineapple as well as fine hints of candied small yellow fruits, acacia and spices. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, beautifully fruity and offers a tangy frame, energy, brightness, a beautiful floral side (which balances/elevates the palate), accuracy and tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, pineapple in syrup and small notes of acacia associated with touches of lemon blossom, fine hints of small yellow jammy fruits, sweet quince as well as a hint of eucalyptus, ginger and delicate hints of spices. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Rabaud-Promis 2014

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, complex and offers a multi-layered side, subtlety as well as a beautiful race. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, crystallized lemon and small notes of sweet kumquat associated with small touches of candied pineapple, ginger in syrup as well as discreet gravelly hints, acacia flowers and very discreet hints of gingerbread. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a beautiful definition, accuracy, tension, gourmandise, a small creaminess, roundness, a beautiful tangy frame as well as a beautiful airy character. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied kumquat and small notes of passion fruit associated with touches of pineapple in syrup, hints of ginger in syrup, fine honeyed hints, verbena, acacia as well as a discreet hint of crystallized lemon, almond paste and a discreet hint of toasted/almost creamy. Good length. A wine full of elegance, delicacy, subtlety and with an airy side in its matter.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

2022 VINTAGE

Château Filhot 2022

Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, racy, elegant and offers a certain elegance, deepness, a beautiful definition, a sappy side as well as a richness in control. It reveals notes of candied orange, kumquat and small notes of bright yellow fruits associated with touches of pulpy vine peach, fruits in sirup, hints of zest, spices as well as a discreet sappy hint of verbena, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is elegante, racy, beautifully balanced, suave, fruity and offers freshness, minerality, unctuousness, gourmandise, a nice matter, energy, fat, as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crystallized mandarin and small notes of orange, physalis associated with touches of pineapple, tangy/crunchy peach, a discreet hint of dry apricot as well as fine hints of verbena and a fine hint of sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Bastor-Lamontagne 2022

Sauternes

The nose is fresh and offers jammy as well as a fine contained/tight side (currently). The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy flat peach, pear and small notes of candied kumquat associated with touches of roasted pineapple, candied lemon as well as fine hints of verbena, lime blossom, infusion and spices. The palate is beautifully built and offers fruit, minerality, concentration, a nice freshness, tension, deepness, delicacy, a certain verticality, fat as well as an airy side in its matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied kumquat and small notes of roasted pineapple associated with touches of candied small fruits as well as a discreet hint of dried apricot, verbena and subtle hints of toasted/spices.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Myrat 2022

Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is mineral, racy, frank and offers a fine racy power. It reveals notes of candied nectarine, kumquat and small notes of crystallized mandarin associated with touches of passerillage, fine hints of spices, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of toasted/honeyed almond. The palate is beautifully built, supple, precise, fresh, elegant, airy, deep and stretched. Full of accuracy and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of verbena, stewed flat peach and small notes of candied pear associated with touches of kumquat, racy minerality (terroir) as well as hints of candied ginger, crushed exotic fruits, a hint of marmalade and crushed almond. Good length. A hint of orange blossom/dried apricot in the background. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos Dorébène 2022

Sauternes

The nose is fresh and offers a fine concentration of fruit, minerality as well as a floral side. It reveals notes of candied apple, candied nectarine and small notes of quenette associated with delicate floral hints as well as a discreet hint of passerillage and spices. The palate is beautifully fresh and offers energy, a fresh frame as well as a slight trace. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy white peach, crushed small white fruits and small notes of candied nectarine associated with touches of quenette as well as a hint of berries in syrup, honey, passerillage and a subtle hint of flowers (in the background). Good length. A discreet iodized hint in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Doisy Védrières 2022

Barsac, Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is precise, racy, frank, aromatic and offers a certain breadth of the aromatic palette. We find notes of ripe/frank kumquat, crushed vine peach and small

notes of crushed apple associated with touches of roasted pineapple as well as hints of verbena, a subtle hint of sage and discreet hints of spices. The palate is beautifully built, racy, gourmand, delicate as well as all in accuracy and control. Unctuousness in delicacy and control, full of balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lychee, candied peach and small notes of crushed apple associated with touches of roasted pineapple, hints of crystallized marmalade, fine hints of verbena, cypress as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and pâtisseries. A hint of small dried fruits / dried apricot on the persistence.

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

Château Nairac 2022

Barsac, Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose offers fruit, racy minerality as well as a good balance. There are notes of sweet kumquat, crushed apple and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with touches of fresh pineapple, ginger, flint as well as a hint of almost lime blossom and fresh sweet spices. The palate is nicely rich, well-balanced and offers roundness, unctuousness, a mineral frame as well as a finely tight structure. Good work on the good bitterness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied kumquat, candied nectarine and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of lime blossom, acacia flowers, a hint of crunchy pineapple as well as fine hints of ginger and fresh spices. Good length.

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

Château Climens 2022

Barsac, Premier Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is elegant, precise, frank and nicely complex. It reveals notes of candied yuzu, pulpy vine peach, nectarine in syrup and small notes of fresh ginger associated with fine touches of flowers, crystallized lime as well as fine hints of honey, discreet hints of cypress, fresh spices and a very discreet iodized hint (in the background). The palate is



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nicely built, supple, fresh, mineral, racy and offers a sappy side, a floral side, a beautiful unctuousity, finesse in its matter as well as a beautiful work on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach, lychee in syrup and small notes of fresh sap/pine needle associated with touches of verbena, kumquat, fine almost starfruit hints, honey as well as a hint of gingerbread and a subtle hint of eucalyptus (in the background). Good length. A subtle hint of almost fresh pepper in the background.

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

Château Coutet 2022

Barsac, Premier Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is elegant, racy and precise. It reveals notes of roasted pineapple, kumquat and small notes of roasted apricot associated with touches of yellow peach, quenette, spices, fine hints of almost aromatic herbs, a hint of sage as well as a subtle sappy hint, saline and a very discreet hint of pepper / spices. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, suppleness, a beautiful racy minerality, deepness as well as unctuousity in finesse and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat and roasted apricot associated with touches of candied peach, raisin/passerillage, pulpy/candied brugnon as well as fine hints of apricot flowers, elderflowers and verbena. Presence of a discreet hint of fresh marmalade and orangette on the finish.

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

Château Doisy Daëne 2022

Barsac, Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is elegant, fruity and delicate. It reveals notes of candied peach, crushed apricot and small notes of small fruits in syrup associated with discreet hints of sap, a subtle hint of raisin and fine hints of fresh candied ginger. The palate is beautifully built, supple, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, airy and offers a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied ginger, candied peach and small notes of lychee in syrup associated with touches of roasted pineapple, fine hints of small fruits in syrup as well as a subtle hint of lemon blossom, verbena, fine hints of fresh honey, flowers and a very discreet almost gingerbread hint (in the background). Good length. A beautiful creamy and gourmand matter.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Rabaud-Promis 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain small power, a small concentration as well as a beautiful fresh, frank, racy and elegant grain. Full of precision. We find notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of bright white peach associated with fine almost roasted/raised hints, hints of crystallized green apple, ginger, sweet pepper as well as fine hints of verbena, acacia, a subtle hint of fresh honey and nutmeg. The palate is beautifully built, supple, suave, fat (but full of control/precision, without heaviness), tracing as well as beautiful balanced/airy. Beautiful brightness. A spherical, round and fat side but all in accuracy and finesse. Complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, candied lemon and small notes of candied kumquat associated with touches of pineapple in syrup, pear in syrup as well as fine hints of roasted fruit, hints of racy minerality/sense of place (warm gravel), honey, pâtisseries, a hint of brioche, verbena.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Sigalas Rabaud 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is quite ripe, aromatic, crystalline and offers elegance. It reveals notes of peach in syrup, roasted pineapple and small notes of small fruits in syrup associated with fine hints of fresh marmalade, fine hints of peach blossoms, fresh gravel, verbena as well as a syrupy hint and candied ginger. The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, round, all in balance and offers fat, a nice sweetness, almost a spherical side in its matter as well as a syrupy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup, nectarine and small notes of roasted pineapple associated with touches of kumquat in syrup, a hint of peach blossoms, verbena, marmalade as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries, toasted almond, gravel/flint and vanilla. Good length. A beautifully made wine, rich but very balanced.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Clos Haut Peyraguey 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, mineral, frank and offers elegance. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of kumquat, marmalade and small notes of crushed lychee associated with touches of concentrated small yellow fruits as well as fine hints of spices and a fine almost toasted hint. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, roundness, gourmandise, fat as well as a certain unctuousity (full of precision and balance). Lovely racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, concentrated kumquat and small notes of candied peach associated with touches of roasted pineapple as well as fine hints of peach blossom, verbena, racy minerality, toast and vanilla. A creamy hint on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Guiraud 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, racy, complex and offers deepness as well as a certain concentration (full or precision/balance). It reveals notes of kumquat, candied mirabelle plum and small notes of orange/ette associated with touches of yellow peach in syrup, fine honeyed hints, candied orange zest, verbena, lemon flowers as well as discreet hints of fresh hazelnut and gingerbread. The palate is beautifully mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, delicacy, a nice energy, a nice small mellowness, a small crystalline side in its definition as well as a hint of passerillage (full of control/precision, brings delicacy). Full finesse, purity and control. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, mirabelle plum in syrup and small notes of candied pear associated with touches of peach blossom, verbena, fine hints of sage, orangette, small yellow fruits as well as hints of pâtisseries, honey and sweet spices. A beautiful small mellowness on the finish. Almost a discreet tannic side in the structure and the aromatic on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, precise and offers a certain power, finesse and intensity of the grain. The wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of mirabelle plum, crushed kumquat and small notes of small citrus fruits in syrup associated with touches of candied ginger, pineapple in syrup, fresh gravels as well as fine hints of flint. The palate is beautifully-built, well-balanced, full of precision and offers suppleness, a nice definition, roundness, unctuousity in precision, a crystalline side as well as a nice racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of roasted pineapple, marmalade/orangette and small notes of green peach in syrup associated with touches of sage as well as fine hints of acacia, flowers, honey and toasted hazelnut. A subtle sappy and almost saline hint in the background. Mellowness and gourmandise.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château La Tour Blanche 2022

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, elegant and offers a beautiful, precise, frank, racy, powerful and delicate grain. Full of precision. We find notes of mirabelle plum, flint, kumquat and small notes of verbena associated with touches of apricot blossom, sense of place (local terroir/biotope), racy gravels as well as discreet hints of sweet pepper and a very discreet hint of citrus fruits. The palate is beautifully built, supple, precise, elegant, airy and offers unctuousity in balance, accuracy, delicacy, straightness as well as power (full of accuracy in its power). On the palate this wine expresses notes of roasted kumquat, roasted apricot and small notes of marmalade associated with fine touches of pineapple in syrup, verbena, physalis, a hint of raisin (passerillage) as well as fine hints of Zante currant, pâtisseries, honey, acacia/acacia flowers, toasted almond and a subtle hint of nougat (in the background). Good length. A tannic side in the background (from an aromatic point of view). A beautifully supple, delicate wine... Congratulations !

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château d'Arche 2022

Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful, elegant, syrupy and fresh nose which offers a lovely floral guideline (in the background) that brings balance and elegance. Richness and fleshiness but all in balance. We find notes of candied kumquat, crystallized mandarin and small notes of raisined/passérillé (in the background/in elegance) associated with touches of dried apricot, fine hints of acacia, fresh verbena as well as a discreet almost candied ginger hint and a subtle gravels hint (in the background). The palate is elegant, well-balanced, beautifully bright, racy and offers roundness, fat, a spherical side as well as a beautiful, rich and fleshy texture (full of finesse and elegance). On the palate, this Sauternes wine expresses notes of dried apricot, crystallized mandarin and small notes of marmalade associated with touches of roasted pineapple, peach in syrup as well as hints of verbena, acacia, white flowers as well as a hint of honey, candied ginger as well as a subtle hint of toasted / vanilla. A fine sappy hint in the background which brings brightness and balance.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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Nizza

The Nizza DOCG represents one of the premier wine excellences in Italy, specifically from the Piedmont region, with its iconic and widespread red grape variety, Barbera. The denomination spans across 18 municipalities surrounding its production epicenter: Nizza Monferrato, in the province of Asti. It was officially established in 2014, following a long process of territorial and varietal enhancement led by local producers, which culminated in the separation from the previously recognized Barbera d'Asti denomination.

Stefano Chiarlo, owner of Chiarlo winery, said: "In the 2014 vintage, the appellation was officially rebranded as Nizza DOCG, with approximately 25,000 cases released to the market by 2016. Since then, production has grown steadily by around 10-15% annually, reaching 90,000 cases as of December 31, 2023. In 2016 there were roughly 35 producers of Nizza DOCG, with 40-45 labels available. Currently, there are over 100 producers (91 of whom are members of the Associazione Produttori del Nizza), offering more than 180 labels across Nizza, Nizza Riserva, and single-vineyard bottlings. The long-term goal is to gradually expand production to around 350,000–400,000 cases. In the near future Nizza DOCG will integrate the *le Unità Geografiche Aggiuntive* (UGAs) or officially recognized subzones into its regulations."

These UGA/MGA will follow the boundaries detailed in Alessandro Masnaghetti's 2016 map, further defining the Cru of Nizza, located

on the hills of the 18 municipalities within the Nizza DOCG. Most of them are concentrated in the main towns, such as Nizza Monferrato, Castelnuovo Calcea, Vinchio, Vaglio Serra, Agliano Terme, Mombercelli, Castelboglione, and San Marzano Oliveto all known for their exceptional terroir and ability to produce top-tier wines.

This area of Piedmont known as the Monferrato, is characterized by hills with mixed soils—clay, limestone, and sandy—which promote the production of structured and complex wines. The vineyards are located at altitudes between 150 and 400 meters, with southern, south-western, and south-eastern exposures. This orientation ensures ideal sun exposure, which is crucial for the proper maturation of Barbera grapes. The terroir also avoids valley floors and humid terrains, which are unsuitable for cultivating this grape variety.

Nizza DOCG can be produced in two styles:

- Nizza DOCG: Aged for a minimum of 18 months, with at least 6 months in wood. This version typically expresses fresh fruit aromas, along with spicy and balsamic notes from the wooden aging process that allows for good roundness.

- Nizza DOCG Riserva: Aged for a minimum of 30 months, with 12 months in wood. The Riserva has greater complexity, showcasing evolved notes of cocoa, licorice, and other spices, resulting in a more structured wine with long-lasting persistence.

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Isolabella della Croce, Augusta 2018

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers density, complexity and a roasted touch (fruit and herbs). It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, bird cherry, blackberry and damson plum, associated with touches of fresh tobacco, roasted rosemary, dried thyme, and crushed peppermint. Then, we find the notes of roasting (toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut, fresh wood in the background and sweet coffee), associated with touches of sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, sweet pepper), toasted bread in the background and cocoa. The palate is silky, round and juicy, with gourmet flavors of ripe fruits and aromatic herbs. It expresses notes of fresh juicy morello cherry, ripe red cherry (even roasted red cherry), wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, blackberry and black plum in the background, combined with notes of dried and roasted herbs (roasted rosemary, dried thyme, dried peppermint), as well as roasted hints (cocoa, coffee, toasted hazelnut) and gourmet chocolate notes (chocolate cherry). The finish is persistent and offers freshness of tangy fruits (red cherry, a hint of cranberries), a good bitterness and a salivating acidity that balance the profile of the wine. There is also a very subtle tertiary touch of undergrowth in the background. The tannins are enveloping, well structured, while remaining velvety and discreet.

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

Bianco Angelo, Brico Cova 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a deep ruby color with purple highlights. The nose offers beautiful concentration, density, delicacy, precision and complexity. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, raspberry coulis, chocolate morello cherry and wild strawberry, combined with notes of roasting (dark chocolate, coffee, toasted almond), sweet spices (liquorice, clove, coriander seeds), fresh wood in the background, as well as a delicate herbaceous and floral touch (peppermint, rosemary, peony, lilac). The palate is delicious, fruity and supple, with a beautiful freshness and juiciness. It expresses notes of blackberry, morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and red cherry jam, combined with flavors of mint chocolate, chocolate morello cherry, liquorice, clove and roasted notes (sweet coffee, toasted hazelnut). A delicate refreshing herbaceous touch of peppermint, combined with a slightly sweet note of lilac and iris. The finish is persistent, tangy and fruity. Beautiful balance, tension, freshness and gourmandise.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

La Gironda, Le Nicchie 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It expresses notes of ripe red cherry, fresh red currants, wild blackberry, morello cherry and blueberry, combined with a racy minerality

(limestone, even slightly smoky), notes of aromatic herbs (dried rosemary, peppermint, a light touch of sage in the background), sweet spices (licorice, white pepper, crushed coriander seeds), dark chocolate and chocolate morello cherry. The palate is silky, with a gourmand and chocolatey attack (we find in particular the flavors of dark chocolate and chocolate cherry). It then expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, strawberry jam and raspberry in the background, as well as fresh blueberry and blackberry. On the mid-palate, we find gourmet notes of toasted hazelnut and sweet coffee, dried rosemary, peppermint, as well as liquorice, coriander seeds and a hint of vanilla. The finish is persistent, tangy and expresses the right bitterness and a smoky side of bergamot. Precision, accuracy, a beautiful complexity and the freshness of the fruits.

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

Pico Maccario, Tre Riveri 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. Beautiful aromatic on the nose, with a chiseled and tangy side, a concentration of freshness and a certain complexity. The nose expresses aromas of red cherry, blackberry, fresh blackcurrant, a slightly bitter and tannic hint of bird cherry, as well as crushed blueberry, associated with delicate spicy touches (white pepper, a hint of liquorice and fresh vanilla, nutmeg) and roasting (toasted hazelnut, cocoa in the background, a gourmet touch of dark chocolate after aeration). We also find a fresh side of crushed blackcurrant leaf, harmoniously associated with gourmet aromas of chocolate morello cherry. The palate is lively, chiseled and tangy. The attack is fresh and expresses the flavors of tangy red and black fruits (red cherry, redcurrants, blackcurrant, bird cherry), associated with a hint of wild blackberry and sweet morello cherry. In the middle of the mouth, the wine expresses the spicy side wrapped (white pepper, nutmeg, a hint of liquorice), a good bitterness reminiscent of grapefruit, a hint of bitter cocoa and chocolate. The finish is tangy, salivating, moderately persistent, but fresh and fruity. The tannins are melted and supple. A gourmet, fruity and accessible wine.

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

Amistà 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and floral: it expresses the sweet notes of peony, iris and lilac. After aeration, we find the juicy notes of ripe fruits (even sweet touches of fruit jam): crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed wild blackberry, juicy morello cherry and cherry jam, as well as chocolate morello cherry. The nose also expresses notes of aromatic herbs (dried thyme, a hint of bay leaf, tobacco), roasting (coffee, bitter cocoa, toasted almond) and sweet spices (liquorice, a hint of nutmeg and cumin). The palate is tasty, fruity, with touches of maceration (stewed cherry) and a good bitterness in the fruit material (bird cherry). It also expresses notes of blackcurrant, red cherry, morello cherry and blackberry, combined with hints of liquorice, white pepper



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and nutmeg. Good persistence, which expresses the herbaceous and roasted side (dried thyme, tobacco, cocoa, toasted bitter almond). The acidity is salivating and refreshing. The tannins are fine, tasty and slightly tight.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Guasti, Laficaia 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers freshness and juicy fruit, combined with a fine herbaceous side (dried rosemary, fresh thyme, mint, fresh tobacco). It also expresses aromas of morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried blackcurrant, blackberry, black plum and tart strawberry, combined with distinct and tasty aromas of sweet spices (liquorice with a hint of star anise, a light touch of vanilla, nutmeg, white pepper). There is also a hint of dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower) and roasting (an almost imperceptible touch of toasted wood in the background, cocoa, toasted almond). The palate is enveloping, perfumed, silky and juicy. It expresses the flavors of ripe fruits (morello cherry, bird cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, dried red cherry), roasting (coffee, cocoa, toasted almond), liquorice, white pepper, dried rose, as well as dried thyme and tobacco. The finish is persistent and expresses a good bitterness of bird cherry, a hint of cocoa and a salivating and refreshing acidity. The tannins are tight, structured, slightly dry, but wrapped in a juicy fruity material. A wine with energy, structure and delicacy.

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

Tenuta Bricco San Giorgio Caranti 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color. The nose is open, fruity, very gourmand, even slightly sweet. It expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, as well as crushed blackberry, combined with a fragrant floral bouquet, especially on the sweet notes of peony and iris, with an elegant nuance of rose. There is also a textured and integrated roasted side - notes of toasted hazelnut (even caramelized hazelnut in the background), roasted chestnut, sweet coffee (with a touch of coffee with milk) and dark chocolate, combined with sweet spices (toasted vanilla, licorice, ground clove). After aeration, there is a subtle scent of lilac and aromatic herbs (wild mint, fresh thyme, sage), as well as a smoky and roasted hint. The palate is silky, fruity and enveloping, but at the same time airy and tangy, with a good bitterness of cocoa and bergamot in the background. It expresses notes of ripe raspberry, morello cherry, red cherry, blueberry, wild strawberry, associated with notes of roasting (sweet coffee, cocoa, toasted hazelnut), sweet spices (roasted vanilla in the background, liquorice, clove) and a fine floral and herbaceous side (iris, rose, lilac, peppermint, fresh thyme). The tannins are finely tight, enveloped and sapid. Beautiful length on the freshness, a good bitterness and a lively acidity. A pleasant toasted touch on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bava Pianoalto 2019

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The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The first nose is reserved and expresses delicate tertiary aromas of damp leaves, undergrowth in the background and tobacco. Then, we find sweet touches of dark chocolate, chocolate morello cherry, caramelized almond, associated with fruity notes of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, dried blackcurrant, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis and bird cherry. We also find notes of dried rose, dried thyme, bay leaf, bitter cocoa, as well as a touch of smoke, liquorice and white pepper in the background and a delicate graphite minerality. The palate is gourmand, lively and juicy, with firm, tight and slightly grainy tannins. It expresses the tangy flavors of red cherry, bird cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy raspberry and tangy black plum, combined with spicy hints (licorice, nutmeg, white pepper), herbs (dried mint, menthol, tobacco, thyme) and roasted notes (a hint of toasted almond and coffee). The finish is sapid, juicy, finely tight, with a good bitterness of bird cherry and grapefruit, as well as a lively salivating acidity. Beautiful freshness, fruit, juiciness and concentration, which balances the tight tannins.

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

Vinchio Vaglio Laudana 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses a fine tertiary hint (dry tobacco, wet leaves in the background) as well as a hint of balsamic and maceration (stewed cherry). The second nose offers aromas of fresh fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, fresh redcurrants), a perfumed menthol note (crushed wild mint, menthol, rosemary, pine needles), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, which tends towards star anise, a slight hint of vanilla, pink pepper and nutmeg), roasting in the background (toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate, cocoa nibs) and fresh flowers (lilac, cornflower). The palate is tasty, fruity and offers a beautiful fruity material as well as a smooth texture. It expresses the flavors of ripe and juicy fruits (morello cherry, crushed red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, wild blackberry, wild black plum), combined with hints of savoury sweet spices (licorice, a touch of vanilla, clove, nutmeg), menthol notes reminiscent of aromas of dried eucalyptus, wild mint, pine needles, flowers (lilac,

cornflower) and delicate roasted notes (tangy cocoa nibs, toasted hazelnut, heated wood in the background). The finish is persistent, expressive and savory, with a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa. Beautiful, lively and fresh acidity. The tannins are well constructed, savory and fine. Delicious, complex and with a beautiful structure.

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

Tenuta il Nespolo 2021

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The wine has a ruby color of medium to deep intensity. The nose offers concentration in freshness, beautiful fruity material, juiciness and depth, as well as a distinct herbaceous (especially roasted and dried herbs) and spicy hint. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, juicy blackberry, crushed blueberry, fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry and juicy black plum, associated with a gourmet hint of chocolate morello cherry. The second nose offers herbaceous freshness (wild mint, eucalyptus in the background, rosemary in syrup, pine needles in the background), as well as gourmet and sweet roasted notes (toasted hazelnut with a hint of praliné, vanilla, even coconut, dark chocolate, coffee with milk). There is also a savoury notes of sweet spices (licorice, vanilla, nutmeg). The palate offers tension, accuracy, a frank and tangy attack, with a good bitterness of bird cherry, wrapped in a gourmet fruity side (morello cherry, tangy blackcurrant, blueberry, wild strawberry, raspberry). We also find notes of roasting (coffee, dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut, a sweet hint of praliné) and fresh aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, wild mint, pine needles). The finish is persistent, on finesse and notes of delicate sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg), as well as a good bitterness. The tannins are firm, slightly grippy, structured and sapid. The acidity is salivating and gourmet, with distinct flavors of tangy red cherry and cranberries. Beautiful delicacy on the nose, complemented by the tangy and fresh palate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cossetti Criveletto 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a deep ruby color, with bright purple highlights. Beautiful aromatics, with distinct woody and sappy aromas on the first nose. We find in particular notes of pine sap, fresh oak, fresh pine needles, toasted bitter almond, sweet coffee in the background and smoke. On the second nose, the wine expresses aromas of sweet spices (liquorice, grilled vanilla, white pepper, a hint of clove), dark chocolate, a subtle floral bouquet (iris, lily), as well as a concentrated and fresh fruit material (wild blackberry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, a hint of cranberry, crushed blueberry, complemented by a sweet and gourmet hint of red fruit jam and morello cherry with chocolate). The palate offers energy, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise, accuracy and a beautiful burst of fresh fruit. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, crushed blueberry and wild blackberry, combined with a fragrant and airy floral bouquet (lily, iris, a hint of rose), delicate notes of sweet spices (licorice, fresh vanilla in the background, nutmeg), dark chocolate, fresh pine needles and dried mint. Pleasant bitterness of toasted bitter almond, bird cherry and cocoa on the persistence, wrapped in tangy fresh fruits. Good length with a salivating acidity. The tannins are finely tight and well constructed.

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

Serra Domenico, Vigna Vialta 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with very light garnet reflections. The nose is gourmand and combines fresh and roasted notes in its fruity material, complemented by a sappy and balsamic hint. It expresses aromas of wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried cranberries and wild blackberry, associated with hints of pine sap, pine needles, menthol in the background, as well as balsamic cream. Then, we find notes of liquorice (which tends towards star anise), nutmeg and a hint of pink pepper, associated with notes of toasted hazelnut, dried mint, peony and iris in the background. The mouth is open, juicy and gourmand, with lots of fruit and chocolatey touches on the attack. Notes of ripe morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, wild strawberry and wild blackberry are found, combined with flavors of liquorice, nutmeg and pink pepper, as well as a fresh hint of pine needles, menthol, iris and peony in the background. The finish is persistent, with gourmet notes of toasted hazelnut and ripe morello cherry. The tannins have good structure and a velvety and enveloping texture, with firmness. Beautiful salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Giribaldina, Cala delle Mandrie 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers tension, accuracy and a beautiful aromatic concentration. It expresses notes of ripe red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), as well as raspberry jam and crushed blackberry. After aeration, it also expresses aromas of liquorice (with a hint of star anise), white pepper, nutmeg, as well as dried mint (even menthol) and dried pine needles, associated with touches of toasted hazelnut (in the background), heated wood and cocoa. Delicate hints of fresh black

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fig and violet are revealed after aeration. The palate offers density and concentration, as well as touches of roasted red fruits, but all in delicacy and freshness. It expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blackberry, crushed blackcurrant (with a hint of blackcurrant jam), as well as cocoa, chocolate morello cherry, toasted hazelnut and toasted wood in the background. The mid-palate expresses spicy notes of liquorice, nutmeg and cumin, as well as touches of dried mint, pine needles in the background and tangy fruits (fresh blackcurrant, a hint of cranberries) that bring freshness. The finish offers a beautiful salivating acidity and tangy flavors of blackcurrant and red cherry. Good persistence, the tannins are integrated and enveloped, but perceptible and offer a solid, but elegant structure.

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

Vinory Moncucco-Cavino 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is pure, fruity and precise, with a savoury note of black pepper, which opens the bouquet. It expresses the aromas of ripe and juicy black fruits (morello cherry, blackberry, a hint of crushed blackcurrant), associated with notes of tangy red fruits (raspberry, ripe red cherry) and a gourmet touch of crushed wild strawberry. There are also savoury notes of aromatic herbs (crushed wild mint, fresh bay leaf, fresh thyme, dried rosemary, sweet blond tobacco), dark chocolate, toasted almond (even caramelized almond), as well as liquorice and a sweet hint of crushed vanilla, associated with a touch of toast and iris. The palate is enveloping and concentrated, but airy and juicy. It expresses notes of fresh fruit (morello cherry, red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, a hint of blueberry), combined with herbaceous freshness (wild mint, fresh thyme, a hint of rosemary), integrated spicy and roasted hints, which bring complexity to the bouquet with flavors of sweet coffee, toasted hazelnut, cocoa, liquorice, as well as a hint of black pepper in the background. The finish is sapid and expressive: the wine develops on toast, chocolatey flavours, as well as notes of dried cherry and roasted aromatic herb. The acidity is fresh, salivating. The tannins are firm, but fine and enveloped.

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

Tenuta Carretta, Bricco Manera 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers toasted aromas of heated wood, coffee, toasted hazelnut (with a sweet hint of caramel, even coconut in the background), dark chocolate, but wrapped and without excess. We also find a gourmet spicy side (vanilla, liquorice, ground cumin). The fruits on the nose are ripe and juicy: we find aromas of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry and blackberry, associated with a hint of menthol. The palate is straight, chiseled, with fine tannins, but grippy and slightly bitter on the attack. It also expresses flavors of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, a tannic touch of bird cherry, morello cherry, blueberry), associated with notes of red cherry, crushed raspberry, as well as more discreet toasted notes than on the nose (coffee, toasted hazelnut, bitter cocoa), herbaceous touches (dried mint, bay leaf) and spicy (liquorice, white pepper). Beautiful refreshing acidity and a fruity and savoury finish. Good tannic structure.

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

Tre Secoli 2019

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with very light garnet reflections. The nose offers concentration in delicacy, complexity and a textured touch. The first nose is perfumed and spicy, slightly toasted and chocolatey. It expresses notes of ground cumin, nutmeg, liquorice. After aeration, smoky notes, fresh hazelnut, as well as mentholated touches (fresh mint, fresh rose with a hint of dried rose) appear. We also find a mineral, even slightly salinenote, a hint of crushed mint and fresh fruits (fresh red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, strawberry, crushed ripe raspberry). The palate is silky and complex, with a beautiful freshness, a tangy side of fruits, fairly ample but delicate tannins and a beautiful acidity. It expresses the flavors of dried red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, blueberry, dried blackcurrant and a tannic hint of bird cherry, associated with touches of tobacco, undergrowth and dried rose in the background (tertiary notes are slightly felt), a hint of bitter chocolate, toast, smoke, liquorice and nutmeg. The finish is fruity, tangy and quite persistent.

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

La Boidina, Empatia 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a pale ruby color, with garnet reflections. The nose offers accuracy and a beautiful freshness of fruit. It expresses the aromas of fresh raspberry, juicy red cherry, morello cherry and crushed blackcurrant, as well as licorice (even star anise after aeration), nutmeg, white pepper, dried mint, cut rosemary and lily in the background, as well as a slight hint of balsamic. The palate is juicy, gourmet and enveloping. It expresses the flavors of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, morello cherry and blackcurrant, associated with herbaceous hints of cut rosemary and dried mint, sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, a touch of white pepper), as well as balsamic in the background and a hint of good bitterness of bird cherry and cocoa. The tannins are finely tight and wrapped in a juicy and airy fruity material. The finish offers persistence, sapidity and a salivating acidity, ending on a hint of good bitterness.

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

Brema 2021, "A Luigi Veronelli"

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers purity of fruit, as well as a beautiful herbaceous freshness. It expresses aromas of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant, a hint of juicy raspberry, as well as crushed mint, dried blackcurrant leaf, a touch of tobacco, dried pine needles. There are also spicy notes of liquorice and nutmeg, with a sappy hint in the background. The palate is supple, juicy and gourmet, with lots of fruit on the attack. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, crushed

blueberry and ripe raspberry, associated with herbaceous touches of dried mint, blackcurrant leaf, as well as liquorice, pine needles and sap in the background. The tannins are very fine and silky, delicately enveloping. Beautiful freshness on the persistence, thanks to a salivating acidity, a delicate bitterness and a hint of cornflower. Good length.

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

Prunotto Bansella 2022

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is dense, aromatic, concentrated and fruity, with a distinct hint of roasted fruits. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, very ripe morello cherry, blackcurrant jam, crushed wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, associated with integrated and gourmand aromas of roasting (toasted hazelnut, a hint of coffee), with a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin, clove). We also find an almost Mediterranean herbaceous hint (roasted bouquet garni, dried rosemary, thyme). After aeration, sweet notes of dark chocolate and peony appear. The palate offers freshness (rather than the roasted side), juiciness and airiness in its fruitiness. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry and blackcurrant jam, combined with touches of roasting (toast, dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut), a hint of herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried thyme, rosemary) and spice (licorice, cumin). The tannins are very fine and melted. Good length with a supple but fresh acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Dogliotti1870, 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a beautiful aromatic expression, concentration and complexity. The first nose expresses notes of roasted herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), associated with a hint of bay leaf, juniper and peppermint. After aeration, menthol aromas develop and is complemented by notes of liquorice, pine needles and menthol. We also find notes of ripe fresh fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, black plum, blueberry, red cherry), gourmet touches of chocolate cherry, mint chocolate, toasted hazelnut (even caramelized hazelnut) and vanilla, as well as a pleasant lactic touch of cherry yogurt and a resinous hint of pine sap in the background. The palate is straight, chiseled and fresh, with hints of tangy fruits substance and pleasant notes of fresh herbs (fresh Mediterranean herbs – thyme, rosemary, bay leaf, mint). We also find the flavors of tart red cherry, fresh blackcurrant, blueberry, black plum, morello cherry and black plum, associated with spicy and menthol notes (liquorice, cumin, pine needles, sap in the background), toasted hazelnut and mint chocolate on the finish. Beautiful salivating acidity, the tannins are well structured, slightly grainy, but enveloped and not dry. Good length, accuracy and freshness.

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



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La Maranzana, La Sessanta 2019

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The wine has a ruby color, of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is aromatic, fresh, precise, complex and airy in its concentration. It first expresses menthol and resinous notes (pine needles, pine sap, menthol, liquorice and even star anise), complemented by a tangy fruitiness and spicy touches. We find aromas of fresh red cherry, blackberry, morello cherry, raspberry, crushed blueberry and a hint of blackcurrant, associated with hints of liquorice, nutmeg, cumin and vanilla. After aeration, we smell woody aromas of toast, coffee, toasted hazelnut, as well as a hint of dark chocolate and sweet coffee in the background, associated with a touch of roasted bouquet garni. The palate offers a fruity and juicy attack, with a good bitterness. It expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry, crushed blueberry, morello cherry, red plum and blackcurrant, combined with a fine herbaceous side (fresh mint, dried mint, fresh bouquet garni), spicy notes (licorice, even star anise, cumin), a resinous touch of pine sap and pine needles, as well as toast and fresh hazelnut. The tannins are finely tight and enveloped. Good length with lively acidity, freshness and a slight bitterness.

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

Il Botolo 2018

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers concentration, gourmandise and ripe fruit, with delicate sweet and jammy touches. It expresses aromas of ripe morello cherry, cherry jam, red cherry, dried red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry jam and redcurrant. After aeration, we find tertiary notes of dried tobacco and undergrowth, a touch of smoke, as well as roasting (toasted almond, toasted almond, dark chocolate, coffee) well integrated and wrapped in the fruit. The spicy side is savoury and delicate - we can smell the aromas of black pepper, liquorice, coriander seeds and ground cumin, as well as a very discreet hint of crushed vanilla in the background. A subtle floral bouquet (dried rose, iris, a hint of peony) and herbaceous (peppery hint, rosemary, dried pine needles) completes the wine's profile. The palate is silky, with enveloping but very fine tannins. The attack is gourmet, fruity and expresses the flavors of fresh and dried fruits (dried blackcurrant, fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, dried red cherry, raspberry coulis), associated with herbaceous notes (dried thyme, rosemary, peppermint), a hint of dried rose, roasting (toasted almond, coffee, dark chocolate) and sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla, black pepper, cumin). Good length on a pleasant bitterness of coffee and bergamot (with a smoky hint), refreshed by a salivating acidity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Montalbera, la Mia Nuda 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby colour of medium intensity. The first nose is chiseled, fruity and tangy: it expresses aromas of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, wild strawberry, blackberry, morello cherry and dried red cherry. The second nose is spicier and toasted: it expresses aromas of liquorice, toasted vanilla, ground cumin, white pepper and nutmeg, combined with notes of dark chocolate, coffee and toasted almond, as well as hints of fresh flowers (iris, lily) and aromatic herbs (peppermint, crushed thyme leaf). In the background, we also smell a delicate toasted and smoky aroma. The palate is fruity and juicy. The attack is gourmand, tangy and airy and expresses flavors of tangy fruits (red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, a hint of cranberries and bird cherry in the background), which combine in the mid-palate with tasty and integrated notes of roasting and sweet spices (toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate, sweet coffee, liquorice, a hint of vanilla in the background, cumin, white pepper). The tannins are powdery, slightly grippy and have a firm structure. Beautiful salivating acidity and good persistence on a herbaceous touch of thyme, dried mint and rosemary, associated with a delicate touch of lily.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Poggio Matteo, Rocche 2020

Nizza DOCG

The nose is reserved at first, but opens up after aeration. It first expresses tasty and distinct spicy aromas (licorice, crushed vanilla, nutmeg, pink pepper), as well as a pleasant herbaceous side (rosemary, dried bay leaf, thyme, fresh tobacco, crushed peppermint in the background). We then find the fruity notes of wild blackberry, dried blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, red cherry, red currant, associated with hints of roasting (toasted hazelnut, even a touch of pecan, coffee, dark chocolate, cocoa) and a pleasant sweet note of blackcurrant jam. The palate offers a certain concentration and juiciness in its fruity material, but seems closed. It expresses notes of crushed fresh blackcurrant, wild blackberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, sour red cherry and redcurrant, combined with notes of aromatic herbs (peppermint, thyme, rosemary, a touch of peppermint), roasting (coffee, toasted hazelnut, a gourmet touch of dark chocolate with mint), as well as a subtle floral hint of lily that appears on the finish. The tannins are melted, but enveloping and perceptible, slightly cocoa-flavored. The finish is savory and combines tangy fruity flavors and notes of roasted aromatic herbs. Beautiful acidity, an airy side and delicacy.

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

Beppe Marino Quattrofilari 2019

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and offers accuracy, juiciness, precision and a beautiful freshness of the fruit, with a delicate touch of roasted fruits and a hint of menthol, which appears after aeration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, black plum and blackcurrant, associated with touches of sweet spices (fresh vanilla, even toasted vanilla, liquorice, cumin, nutmeg) and roasting (toasted hazelnut, coffee, dark chocolate). We also find a fine floral bouquet (wild rose, dried rose in the background, a sweet hint of peony and iris) and herbaceous (peppermint, rosemary, thyme). We also feel a delicate minerality in the background. The palate offers a lively, fruity, juicy and tangy attack, with a good bitterness of bird cherry. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, cranberries (in the background), roasted red cherry, blackberry, black fig and black plum, associated with touches of roasting (coffee, bitter cocoa, toasted almond), sweet spices (liquorice, toasted vanilla in the background, cumin, nutmeg), as well as dried rose and iris. A delicate hint of peppermint and a good bitterness of bird cherry and coffee (even grapefruit and bergamot) on the persistence. Good acidity and good length, which offer density and concentration, associated with freshness and acidity as well as a beautiful tannic structure.

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

Gianni Doglia, Viti Vecchie 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, juicy and fruity, with a beautiful concentration and a slight sweetness in the aromas. We find notes of ripe wild strawberry, raspberry jam, blackberry, crushed blueberry and morello cherry. The second nose offers a lot of freshness in its notes of aromatic herbs and flowers (peppermint, rosemary, fresh thyme, as well as a very subtle hint of sage in the background). We also find the savory hint of sweet spices (licorice, even menthol, white pepper, pink pepper in the background and a hint of nutmeg) as well as a hint of cornflower. The roasting notes (toast, coffee, dark chocolate) are delicate and enveloped. The palate is juicy, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, a hint of cranberries and bird cherry that bring bitterness, fresh raspberry, redcurrants). In the mid-palate, we feel fresh herbaceous flavors (rosemary, peppermint, thyme, a touch of sage and fresh tobacco), as well as delicate notes of sweet spices (licorice, cumin, nutmeg), toasted almond, coffee and bitter cocoa. The tannins are sapid, fine and firm. Good persistence on a lively acidity and notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cascina Cerutti Foje Russe 2020

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is dense, textured and concentrated, with notes of roasting (dark chocolate, cocoa, toasted almond, coffee) and sweet spices (toasted vanilla, licorice, gray pepper, nutmeg, cumin seeds) that open the aromatic bouquet. Then, we find the gourmand and sweet notes of cherry jam, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, blackberry and dried blackcurrant, associated with touches of chocolate morello cherry, sweet tobacco, crushed peppermint, fresh pine needles, mint chocolate and iris. The palate is expressive, with a lively, juicy, gourmand and fruity attack, with pleasant notes of cherry jam and chocolate morello cherry. We then find the flavors of crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry, blueberry and blackberry, associated with touches of aromatic herbs (fresh bay leaf, fresh tobacco, peppermint, rosemary), a tasty spicy side (licorice, nutmeg, cumin seeds) and a beautiful chiseled acidity. The finish is persistent, tangy, on notes of bigarreau cherry and cranberries, with a slight bitterness. The tannins are powdery, cocoa-like, with a fine grain, but a solid structure.

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

Franco Mondo, Le Rose 2021

Nizza DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is tasty, spicy, toasted and slightly smoky. We first smell notes of liquorice (even reminiscent of star anise), nutmeg, ground cumin, toasted hazelnut as well as aromatic herbs (rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, fresh tobacco, mint) and a delicate resinous hint (pine needles, a touch of pine bark). The fruity material is fresh, gourmet and concentrated, with a beautiful tangy freshness. We find the aromas of ripe blackcurrant, morello cherry, wild blackberry, dried red cherry and crushed raspberry, associated with a gourmet hint of mint chocolate, as well as a delicate minerality, which appears after aeration. The palate offers concentration in freshness, a fresh and juicy fruity material (blackberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, red cherry, ripe raspberry, blueberry), delicate herbaceous notes (rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, peppermint), sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, cumin, white pepper), a good bitterness of dark chocolate and a fine mineral side on the persistence. The tannins are sapid, cocoa-like and solid. Beautiful salivating acidity and a good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Nizza

NIZZA RISERVA

Tenuta Il Falchetto Bricco Roche 2018

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is gourmand, savoury, spicy and chocolatey. It expresses notes of dark chocolate, cocoa, liquorice, toasted vanilla, grated nutmeg, ground cumin and sweet pepper. The second nose offers a juicy and concentrated fruity material and expresses aromas of ripe morello cherry (even morello cherry jam and morello cherry with chocolate), blackberry, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry and redcurrant jelly, as well as touches of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, a hint of caramel (even coconut). There is also a fragrant floral bouquet with sweet nuances of iris and peony and a tertiary hint of dried tobacco and undergrowth. The palate offers gourmand flavors, very fruity and sweet on the attack - we firstly sense distinct notes of chocolate morello cherry, red cherry jam and blueberry, which are then complemented by tart notes of red cherry, raspberry and a hint of blackberry. The mid-palate offers delicate herbal flavors (rosemary, a hint of mint), sweet spices (licorice, a touch of vanilla, nutmeg and sweet pepper), dark chocolate, bitter cocoa, as well as roasted (toasted hazelnut, coffee, bitter almond) and dried tobacco in the background. The finish is persistent, gourmand, slightly toasted and herbal (roasted aromatic herbs), with a beautiful salivating acidity. The tannins are tight, structured, slightly grippy on the mid-palate, but integrated.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tenute Neirano 2022

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. It expresses notes of ripe fruit, with a tangy touch, even a delicate tannic and bitter side in the aromatics. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bird cherry, fresh blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, tangy strawberry and blueberry, associated with herbaceous touches (blackcurrant leaf in the background, a hint of mint and dried thyme), as well as liquorice, sweet pepper and fresh hazelnut. There is also a fragrant floral bouquet (cornflower, lily). The palate is juicy, airy and silky, with velvety and enveloped tannins, a beautiful acidity and a good bitterness in the middle of the mouth. It expresses notes of morello cherry, sour red cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, bird cherry and raspberry, combined with notes of liquorice, dried mint, blackcurrant leaf in the background, liquorice, black pepper, as well as a good bitterness of coffee. Good length, on a refreshing acidity and a gourmet toasted touch.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Marenco Zana 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color, with very light garnet reflections. The nose is textured, complex and concentrated. It expresses a nice fruitiness: notes of wild blackberry (with a sweet hint of blackberry jam), blueberry, blackcurrant (blackcurrant seeds and jam), morello cherry, red cherry and redcurrant jelly, combined with a distinct but refined spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, clove, a hint of dried vanilla), fine woody touches (toasted hazelnut, fresh almond), as well as a gourmet and fresh note of chocolate with mint. After aeration, we find subtle tertiary notes of dried leaves and dried rose. The palate offers a fresh and tangy attack, with notes of red cherry, fresh blackcurrant and fresh raspberry, combined with touches of blueberry, morello cherry and strawberry. On the mid-palate, we find a fresh menthy hint (mint, chocolate with mint), spicy touches (liquorice, ground cumin, nutmeg), chocolate and toasted hazelnut. The finish is lively and tangy, with notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant and pine needles in the background. Good length, with tertiary notes of tobacco, dried leaves and dried rose, which we feel in the retro. The tannins are velvety and well-constructed. Complexity and freshness.

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

LVH Avezza 2017

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with garnet highlights. The nose offers aromatic concentration, complexity and a textured touch. It expresses notes of fresh ripe fruit (morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, crushed strawberry, crushed raspberry), combined with a touch of jam (morello cherry jam, blueberry jam). There are also aromas of peppermint, menthol, white pepper, liquorice, a hint of toasted hazelnut and bitter almond, as well as dried rose, peony and a concentrated and textured touch of dark chocolate complemented by a very subtle note of blackcurrant leaf and bergamot, which appear after aeration. The palate is straight and chiseled, with a fresh and tangy attack. It expresses notes of red cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry and fresh black plum, combined with touches of blackberry jam, morello cherry jam, a gourmet hint of dark chocolate, mint, spices (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, a hint of clove), as well as a fine tertiary note - dried rose, tobacco, a delicate touch of tar in the background. The tannins are cocoa, delicate and melted, which tighten at the end of the mouth. The finish is quite dense, fruity and tangy, with notes of blackcurrant and morello cherry. A pleasant evolved notes, associated with freshness and complexity.

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

Marco Bonfante, Bricco Bonfante 2019

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and precise, and opens with a fresh resinous side (pine sap, fresh pine needles, a hint of menthol). Then, it expresses notes of sweet spices (liquorice, with a hint of anise, cumin seeds, coriander seeds, a very discreet hint of vanilla in the background), fresh fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, bird cherry), as well as a pleasant herbaceous hint (fresh rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, dried mint) and a touch of fresh hazelnut and cocoa. After aeration, delicate tertiary notes appear (undergrowth, dried rose, tobacco). The palate offers liveliness, a tangy and chiseled structure, as well as flavors of tangy fresh fruits on the attack. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, tangy raspberry, morello cherry, blackberry and black plum, combined with the gourmandise of sweet spices (liquorice with a hint of star anise, coriander seeds, caraway), a hint of chocolate, mint, as well as a sappy and herbaceous side (pine needles, pine sap, fresh rosemary, dried mint in the background). The tertiary notes are practically imperceptible (dried rose). The finish is savory, gourmet and juicy, with a beautiful salivating acidity, a fresh menthol side and a slight bitterness. Good persistence with a touch of dark chocolate, the tannins are fine and structured.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Poderi Rosso Giovanni, Gioco dell'Oca 2021

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is dense, juicy and textured. It expresses gourmet notes of ripe fruits (wild strawberry, wild blackberry, juicy morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild plum), sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, grated nutmeg, crushed sweet pepper), slightly sweet woody touches (toasted hazelnut, caramelized almond, dark chocolate), as well as a hint of peony and aromatic herbs (fresh thyme, wild mint in the background, a hint of bay leaf). The palate is silky, textured and enveloping, with a beautiful concentration and juiciness of the fruit material, as well as a good bitterness of bird cherry and bergamot. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, crushed red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, wild plum and blackberry, combined with a refined spicy side (licorice, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla), as well as roasting (toasted almond, coffee, cocoa) and aromatic herbs in the background (rosemary, tobacco). The finish is persistent, dense, ample and textured. The tannins are solid and tight, with a firm structure, but a fine grain. Beautiful lively acidity, fruity and gourmet, a smoky hint of bergamot on the persistence.

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

Torchio 1953, Sanluis 2019

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers complexity and concentration, but rather discreet, and opens up gradually after aeration. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant, crushed blueberry and raspberry, with a hint of maceration. Then, we also find tasty notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cubeb pepper, crushed black pepper in the background), associated with notes of roasting (coffee, toasted bitter almond, a hint of chocolate), aromatic herbs (dried rosemary, dried mint, a touch of bay leaf and tobacco). The tertiary notes of undergrowth (even with a hint of truffle) are very delicate. The palate is savoury and offers a fruity and tangy attack, with notes of red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, dried red cherry, fresh blackcurrant and blackberry. In the mid-palate, we find notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cubeb pepper), roasting (coffee, cocoa, toasted almond) and smoke. The finish is persistent, sapid, but delicate, and completes the profile of the wine with subtle notes of undergrowth, truffles, toasted bread and dried rosemary. Good bitterness and gourmandise on the finish. The tannins are well constructed, fine and solid, beautiful refreshing acidity.

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

Vite Colte, La Luna e I Falo 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is very fruity and gourmand, with a delicate jammy hint. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, red cherry jam, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant (with a touch of crème de cassis) and redcurrant jelly. The toasted and spicy aromas are delicate: there is a touch of white pepper, liquorice, fresh vanilla, as well as the good bitterness of coffee and cocoa, a hint of toasted hazelnut and roasted aromatic herbs. A very subtle hint of lilac and iris in the background, accompanied by a hint of peppermint. The palate is smooth, juicy, fruity and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, ripe red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, blueberry and redcurrant jelly, as well as hints of liquorice, fresh vanilla in the background, white pepper, bouquet garni and peppermint. The finish is juicy, sapid, and develops on toasted, chocolatey and floral (lilac) notes. The tannins are supple, melted, but present. Beautiful acidity, freshness, gourmandise and suppleness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Nizza

Tenuta Olim Bauda 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and flavorful, with distinct spicy and herbal notes on the first nose. It expresses aromas of grated nutmeg, liquorice (with a delicate hint of anise), vanilla in the background, crushed coriander seeds, black pepper and pink pepper, combined with touches of fresh tobacco, sage, bay leaf, peppermint and rosemary. On the second nose, the wine expresses subtle roasted aromas (toasted hazelnut, a touch of cocoa), wrapped in a beautiful tangy and fresh fruity material - the aromas of crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, bird cherry and raspberry. A beautiful mentholated perfume, which intensifies after aeration. The palate is chiseled, straight and offers accuracy and freshness in its fruity material. It expresses notes of morello cherry, tangy blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry, crushed raspberry, combined with savoury herbaceous hints (rosemary, peppermint, bay leaf), spicy notes (liquorice, crushed pink pepper, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), as well as a hint of roasting (coffee, toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut). The tannins are firm, grippy, but integrated and tasty. The acidity is fresh and salivating. Good length in the mouth, on the fresh and tangy notes of red cherry and cranberries.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Erede di Chiappone Armando, Ru Mandola 2015

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a medium to deep ruby color with garnet highlights. The nose is dense and textured, complex and gourmand (even slightly sweet). Beautiful harmony between fresh and candied fruits: the nose expresses notes of crushed strawberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, crushed fresh blackcurrant, fresh blackberry and blueberry jam. After aeration, we find herbaceous touches (dried mint, fresh rosemary, fresh pine needles, fresh tobacco), refreshing resinous aromas (pine sap, pine bark), as well as delicate spicy touches (liquorice, a hint of anise, caraway and nutmeg). The tertiary notes are quite subtle: in the background, we sense aromas of undergrowth and dried rose, as well as a very light touch of tar. The palate is lively, tangy, with a fresh and fruity attack. It expresses the flavors of fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy blueberry, raspberry, red cherry jam, as well as a bitter hint of bird cherry. Then, we feel the fresh herbaceous and resinous notes (rosemary, thyme, fresh pine needles, mint, a hint of pine sap), delicate notes of roasting (coffee, bitter almond), tertiary touches (tobacco, dried rose), as well as sweet spices (licorice, anise in the background, caraway). The acidity is chiseled, lively and salivating, the tannins are tight and structured, but not drying. Good length.

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

Cascina la Barbatella, La Vigna dell'Angelo 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. Beautiful aromatic with complexity and depth, on the freshness and menthol notes on the first nose, complemented by woody and spicy aromas. We first smell peppermint, menthol, a delicate hint of pine needles, even sap, which then combine with notes of liquorice (even star anise), Timut pepper, ground clove, as well as dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut, toasted vanilla (in the background), as well as fresh herbs (thyme, cut rosemary). On the palate, the attack is savoury and gourmet, with lots of fruit (morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, sour red cherry, a hint of redcurrant and crushed raspberry). In the mid-palate, we find notes of cocoa (which brings a delicate bitterness and a powdery texture in the mouth), sweet spices (liquorice, Timut pepper, clove), as well as roasted notes (toasted hazelnut, a hint of coffee) and a refreshing menthol side (pine sap, peppermint). The finish is persistent, savory and chocolatey, with bitter touches of coffee and almond that come back in retrospect and bring complexity to the wine. The tannins are melted, silky and structured, beautiful acidity, integrated and refreshing. Elegance, balance, associated with a certain power in finesse.

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

Vinicola Arno, Leone 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color. The first nose is aromatic and flavorful, with expressive and gourmand herbaceous notes of roasted thyme and rosemary, which are complemented after aeration by aromas of fresh bay leaf, crushed peppermint, even sage (a pleasant Mediterranean hint to the nose). The second nose also finds density and depth of fruit matter - notably the aromas of crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh blackcurrant, blackberry, wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, combined with touches of mint chocolate, fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, as well as liquorice (even star anise), Sichuan pepper and nutmeg and a very subtle touch of peony in the background. The palate is juicy, airy, fruity and tangy. On the attack, we find fresh notes of sour cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, strawberry and crushed raspberry, combined with a fine herbaceous hint (less expressive than on the nose) - notes of bay leaf, crushed mint and fresh rosemary, as well as touches of roasting (toasted hazelnut, the good bitterness of cocoa and coffee) and sweet spices (licorice, vanilla in the background, Sichuan pepper, nutmeg). The tannins are finely tight, but not drying, with a solid structure and a fine

grain. Beautiful salivating acidity, a tangy fruit side (bigarreau cherry, cranberries) on the persistence. Good length.

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

Vigna Dacapo 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a beautiful juicy fruity material and gourmandise. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, redcurrant jelly, ripe raspberry (even raspberry coulis), wild strawberry, blueberry and roasted blackberry in the background. Then, we find touches of dark chocolate, morello cherry in chocolate, toasted almond, heated wood, liquorice, vanilla, sweet pepper, as well as fresh rosemary, roasted bouquet garni and peppermint in the background. The palate is enveloping and juicy, airy, all in finesse. It offers a suave and round attack, with lots of fruit and a beautiful maturity (juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackberry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, a hint of blackcurrant). There are also notes of morello cherry in chocolate, a very light hint of crème de cassis, combined with a delicate spicy side (licorice, a hint of vanilla, sweet pepper and nutmeg), as well as roasting (dark chocolate, coffee in the background, toasted hazelnut). The finish is long and tasty: it continues on the delicacy of chocolate morello cherry and dark chocolate, the freshness of herbs (rosemary, a hint of dried mint and tobacco) and a good bitterness of coffee. The tannins are ripe, powdery and chocolatey, melted and fine, but structured. Beautiful acidity, freshness, complexity and balance.

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

Vignali L'Armangia 2020

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is elegant, full of minty freshness and gourmandise. It expresses notes of dried eucalyptus, dried rosemary, peppermint and fresh pine needles, combined with aromas of morello cherry, red cherry, crushed blackberry, raspberry coulis and blackcurrant jam. After aeration, we feel a racy minerality in notes of graphite, as well as a spicy side (licorice, gray pepper, nutmeg) and roasting (fresh almond, toasted hazelnut, cocoa), combined with a sweet hint of morello cherry in chocolate. The palate offers an enveloping side, delicacy and concentration and maturity of the fruits, even with sweet touches. It expresses the flavors of bird cherry jam (sweet and bitter), crushed morello cherry, blackberry, wild black plum, crushed raspberry in the background and the tangy side of red cherry, associated with notes of chocolate morello cherry, dark chocolate, a minty herbaceous side (peppermint, dried eucalyptus, dried pine needles), as well as notes of sweet spices (licorice, even slightly star anise, nutmeg, crushed gray pepper, clove) and cornflower. On the persistence, we also find notes of bitter almond, a tangy-bitter touch of grapefruit, as well as fresh bird cherry. The tannins are sapid, firm and fine, also with a good bitterness. The finish is persistent, chiseled and tangy. Energy, complexity and freshness.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Cascina Garitina Gianola 2016

Nizza Riserva DOCG

The wine has a deep ruby color with garnet highlights. The nose is dense, textured, even velvety, with sweet gourmand notes of dark chocolate and chocolate morello cherry. The nose is restrained at first and benefits from aeration. The herbaceous side is expressive and distinct (dried thyme that appears first, peppermint, rosemary, bay leaf and pine needles). We then find notes of ripe fruit, associated with touches of cooked fruit (but not dominant) of prunes, black plum, chocolate prunes, ripe morello cherry, crushed blackberry, blackberry cream, blackcurrant liquor, as well as vanilla, liquorice, chocolate toasted hazelnut, toast and coffee. We also see a very subtle touch of fresh tobacco and damp leaves in the background. The palate is silky, velvety, with notes of chocolate and dried fruits on the attack (prunes, dried morello cherry). Then, it expresses notes of roasted wild strawberry, ripe morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackcurrant liquor and blackberry liquor. In the mid-palate, we find herbaceous hints (dried mint, thyme, dried rosemary, dried pine needles and tobacco), associated with spicy touches (licorice, vanilla, clove), toasted (toasted almond, coffee) and cocoa (dark chocolate, bitter cocoa). The tannins are enveloping and melted, but structured. Beautiful acidity and a good refreshing bitterness on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Huber, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Traisental, Getzersdorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic and smoky. It is very fresh with almost minty feel. The second nose has got a little reductive note of apple. It is quite hard to tell the flavors. The mouth is dry, fresh and clear with apple notes and a little peach. The acidity is well-balanced. The finish is long with a little astringency. It finishes with peach and pear aromas.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Huber, Riesling 2023

Traisental, Getzersdorf, 1ÖTW

Very clear nose with fresh aromas like green apple, white flowers and a hint of green banana. With air, some pear and white peach. The mouth is clean, clear with a balanced acidity. Flowery with white flowers. Very nice length, with white flowers like acacia, jasmine but also honeysuckle. There is a bit of saltiness at the finish brought by the good minerality.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Dockner Tom, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Traisental, Inzersdorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is clean and clear with a nice peach aromas. It is not very pronounced but mostly settled. The second nose is more vibrant with pineapple and green apple notes. The mouth is fresh and fruity with nice lemon and peach aromas. It is dry and we do have a little astringency in the finish with a clear pear note.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Dockner Tom, Riesling 2023

Traisental, Inzersdorf, 1ÖTW

Discreet first nose with lemony feel but also white peach. With air, it is more pronounced but still delicate. A hint of petroleum with a hint of butter. Very nice. The mouth is fresh, with a nice acidity. It has also a little bitterness. Nice acidity and salivation with some salty vibes. Very stone fruits like peach and apricot.

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

Huber, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Traisental, Inzersdorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreetly aromatic with nice peach and pineapple aromas. We do have a little nutty flavour too. With air, the second nose is more aromatic with a nice pear and peach. The mouth is fresh with pear and peach flavours. It is settled but well-done and clear. There is a nice well-balanced acidity with a small butter note at the end accompanied by apple and lemony notes.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Dockner Tom, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Traisental, Neusiedl, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet but fruity. There are some peach notes with a little vanilla and buttery feel. A smokiness, toastiness is also present. With air, the second nose is more open with grapefruit. The mouth is quite watery mouth-feel with lemon, peach and pineapple aromas. There is a hint of pine flavours with butter and light toast. The finish is salivating with a good acidity. We have the nice grapefruit aromas. It is long and very nice. It is crystalline with some white flowers. Very delicate.

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

Huber, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Traisental, Reichersdorf, 1ÖTW

The nose has a good intensity with smoky aromas and some ripe lemon. The second nose is aromatic with nice notes of green apple and grapefruit. It is fresh. The mouth is clear and clean with nice notes of lemon and of white peach. There is a little hint of salt also with a dry finish which is not very long.

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

KREMSTAL 1ÖTW

Geyerhof, Grüner Veltliner 2016

Kremstal, Angern, 1ÖTW

The nose is quite pronounced with ripe lemon, mango and even passion fruit. It is nice. The second nose, with air, opens with tangerine and orange blossom. It is still pronounced. The mouth is pronounced in flavors with orange blossom, ripe lemon and even tangerine. The acidity is salivating but not too high. It is fresh. The finish is a bit dry with a hint of astringency. There is also a note of vanilla and dry apricot at the end.

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

Stift Göttweig, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kremstal, Furth, 1ÖTW

The nose is pronounced with a smokiness. We feel a little bit the apple and the white peach. The second nose is very clean and clear with discreet aromas of lime. The mouth is fresh and has maybe a little bit of sweetness at the attack. The wine is intense in aromas with peach and ripe lemon. We do have also a hint of smokiness and a nice salivating acidity in the middle of the mouth. The finish is fresh with some basil note and lemon.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Stift Göttweig, Riesling 2023

Kremstal, Furth, 1ÖTW

Quite aromatic in the nose. Very nice white peach, almost passion fruit with other tropical fruit like mango. The second nose is more pronounced. Very nice peach, honeysuckle. Almost a sweet nose. Very nice mouth with a french menthol feel. Small bitterness. Nice fruity vibe, vibrant with clear and minerality. Some rose finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Malat, Riesling 2022

Kremstal, Furth, 1ÖTW

Nice first nose with some honey notes, more ripe fruits, sweet nose. The second nose is vibrant too with peach, apricot but also grapefruit almost candied. The mouth is fine, nice acidity, good balance. The aromas are more discreet with green apple and peach.

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

Unger Petra, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Gottschelle

Kremstal, Furth, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with cream and green apple. The second nose is fresh and clear with a nice apple flavor. The mouth is fresh and the aromas are quite discreet with lemon and green apple. The finish is astringent with yellow peach at the end of the tasting.

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

Unger Petra, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Hintere Point

Kremstal, Furth, 1ÖTW

The first nose is nice, not very pronounced but the aroma of lemon is perceptible. With air, it is more intense with mango and peach. The mouth is clean and clear with a fruity feel. There is lemon but also pineapple and a little bit of mango. The finish is dry with a slight astringency. We finish the tasting with lemon peel and some white flowers. It is overall delicate.

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

Buchegger, Riesling 2023 - Moosburgerin

Kremstal, Gedersdorf, 1ÖTW

Nice nose, vibrant with some tropical fruits such as mango but also white peach. A little hint of fresh cut grass also with light honey. The second nose is clear and clean with the same vibrant aromas. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. Nice soft minerality with a good bitterness. We have green apple but also green plum aromas with pineapple. The finish is long, delicate. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Mantlerhof, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Kremstal, Gedersdorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is nice with some butter and apple, especially the skin of apple. With air, the nose develops with some lemony aromas. There is still a nice freshness, almost minty. The mouth is clean and clear with nice apple and lemon notes. We have even a little white pepper. The finish is clean also with a little bitterness and smokiness. It is fresh and long with lemon peel.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Mantlerhof, Riesling 2022

Kremstal, Gedersdorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is nice, with a honey hint. Little bit of petroleum. More yellow stone fruits and honey and mango. It is fresh. The second nose seems to be sweet. Yellow apple and apricot. The mouth is vibrant, nice acidity (soft) with yellow peach. There is a smoky side. Still honey and yellow peach with a hint of pineapple. It's quite fat with a nice long finish.

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

Buchegger, Riesling 2023 - Vorderberg

Kremstal, Gedersdorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity. Nice acidity with white fruits such as peach but also grape. Second nose is also fresh more on green apple. The mouth is fresh with a strong acidity (bitting but soft very fast). A little lemon, green apple. But still, nice white peach. Dynamic and a little astringency at the end of the finis. The finish is long about white grape. Muscat.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Türk, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Frechau

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is pronounced with minerality, smokiness and apple aromas (almost cider vibe). The second nose is more pronounced, fresh and fruity with lemon and peach. Maybe a little bit of litchi is present. The mouth is fresh and intense with lemon but also some geranium flowers. We do find orange blossom too and pineapple. It is a little bit sweet in mouth, not totally dry in the impression. The fruit is very present and persistent in the finish. It is long and on the lemon and grapefruit. Nice wine despite this little sweetness.

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

Schmid, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Frechau

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with pronounced flavours of oak and toast. We do also have a nice buttery profile. With air, the second nose has got more intensity with nice ripe lemon, mango and tangerine with always the barrel notes. The mouth is clean and clear with a light toast of pine tree. There is lemon and lime with some apple and pineapple. It is long and sharp with a good acidity and a little astringency in the finish. The integration of the barrel in the mouth is extremely delicate with no overpower. In the style of ageing in barrel this type of grape, it is a nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Schmid, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Gebling

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The first nose is quite smoky and reductive. We have some roasted lemon on the background. With air, the nose opens with more peach and pineapple. It is still discreet and behind the minerality. The mouth is fresh and fruity with peach and ripe lemon. We do feel also orange blossom. The finish is quite vinous with a hint of butter. It is nice and long.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Austria wines

Vorspannhof Mayr, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some fruits aromas such as apple. It has a nice minerality. The second nose is more intense but still on the discreet style with grapefruit note. The mouth is dry and the fruit is present with nice grapefruit and mango notes. The acidity is not too sharp. The finish is delicate maybe too short with a touch of salinity.

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

Vorspannhof Mayr, Riesling 2023 Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The first nose is delicate, with rose and apricot. The second nose opens with pineapple and apricot. It is charming. The mouth is dry, the acidity is present and quite high. There is a little bitterness. The fruits are still vibrant with peach, apricot, pine apple and even mango. The finish is long.

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

Türk, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Thurnerberg

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is quite intense with some vanilla and ripe lemon. With air, it opens with more lemon, pineapple and even mango. There is minerality. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack. We do have peach and ripe lemon with a touch of fizziness also. We have a nice fruit and a nice intensity in mouth. It is a ripe profile. The finish is fresh with a little astringency.

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

Salomon Undhof, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and discreet with some lime aromas. The second nose opens with lemon and pineapple. But it is discreet. At the attack we feel a little bit of sweetness. The mouth is discreet with lemon and grapefruit. It is shy with juicy lemon vibe. The finish is discreet but long with lemon.

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

Stadt Krems, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Wachtberg

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity. It is discreet with some lemon note. The second nose, with air, has got a little bit more intensity with a fresh minerality. The mouth is fresh and has got some lemon, peach and pear. The mouth feel is very liquid and tangy. The acidity is like a juicy lemon. It is nice and well-balanced. Settled but aromatic. The finish is long with a little bit of lemon and butter with a hint of astringency.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Türk, Riesling 2023 Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with dried fruits such as almond but also yellow apple. There is a hint of creaminess. The second nose opens with peach and more settled aromas. The mouth is clean and clear. We have a very nice peach and apricot with a hint of pear. The acidity is good, there is a slight bitterness with the finish which is long on peach.

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

Stadt Krems, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Weinzierlberg

Kremstal, Krems, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense and a little bit reductive with some hazelnut and lemon. It is fresh. The second nose is more open with grapefruit and ripe lemon. There is a hint of mango too. The mouth is clean and clear with a nice fruit. There are lemon, grapefruit and a hint of peach. We do have a bit of orange blossom. It is aromatic. There is a tannic sensation. The finish is a little bit heavy with lemon. It is lacking freshness at the end. There is astringency which seems to come from the grape.

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

Geyerhof, Riesling 2022 Kremstal, Oberfucha, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with aromas of yellow apple and grapefruit. It is zesty. The second nose has a sweet vibe with honey aromas and some peach. It is slightly stinky in the nose (SO2 ?). The mouth is fresh, the acidity is present (bitting). The aromas are slightly more discreet with pineapple and we have a bitterness with a salivating finish on peach kernel.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Malat, Riesling 2022 Kremstal, Palt, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity with some fresh fig aromas but also honey and a hint of black tea. The second nose is sweet with ripe tomatoes, some nice petroleum discreet notes, candied peach and sweet spices. It is complex. The mouth is nice, fresh with a present acidity. It is more discreet with peach and pear in alcohol. The finish is fast, the mouth is short.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Nigl, Riesling 2023 Kremstal, Rehberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and about lime fruits such as grapefruit. It is very nice and pleasant with also some passion fruit. We also have discreet honey notes. With air, it is still orange blossom with lime and lemon. The



mouth is quite on bitterness with zest of orange, yellow peach, lemon blossom and a nice finish with texture. Indeed we have a little astringency. The mouth is almost raspberry feel with a long finish.

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

Vitkultur Moser, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Breiter Rain

Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic and intense. There are evolutive notes with dried apple and dried banana (reminiscent of Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape). There is also a little bit of butter. The second nose is still intense with ripe lemon, pineapple and mango. There is also white pepper and a vibe of sweet spices and black tea. The mouth is fresh, watery mouth feel with this black tea and white pepper. There are peach and apple notes. The finish has got a nice salivating acidity with butter and apple. It is long. It can be a gastronomic style matching nicely a caramel apple pie!

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

Vitkultur Moser, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some lemony notes. The second nose, with air, is still discreet. The mouth is fresh and it has some lemon and lemon blossom notes. It is simple. The finish is watery with a little astringency at the end. It has no defect but it is not exceptional.

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

Thiery-Weber, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with aromas of cooked apple, pear, butter and lemon. The second nose is fresh and clear with a nice minerality, almost minty. The mouth is fresh and fruity with lemon, apple and a little not of pineapple. It is well-balanced. There is a small astringency in the middle of the mouth. The finish is clean with some lemon and plum. There is also a small salty butter touch.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Moser Hermann, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Der Löss

Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with a little reduction. We have lemon notes with hazelnut, butter and a nice smoky minerality. The second nose opens with more freshness, almost minty. There is also apple and pineapple. It is more complex. The mouth is fresh and fruity with ripe lemon, hazelnut but also orange blossom and a hint of toast. We do have a nice buttery feel. It is aromatic. The tasting is fresh, the acidity is well-balanced. The finish is long with some flowers (white) and lemon peel. Nice wine.

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

Moser Hermann, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Hannah

Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with lime, lemon and apple. It is also mineral with a smoky feel. The second nose is intense but delicate. The mouth is fresh with a little bitterness and even a tannic feel. The acidity is higher and it is too lighter. The aromas are discreet with some apple and lemon. The finish is nice with a settled raisin note.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vitkultur Moser, Riesling 2023 Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fresh and fruity. We have some lemony aromas with honey. With air, we still have honey but also peach. The mouth is nice, the aromas are present. It has a nice acidity with peach and creaminess even at the end with a light astringency. The finish is not very long but is on white peach kernel.

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

Thiery-Weber, Riesling 2023 Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet and fresh. We have some green apple aromas with elderflower. With air, it is more peachy. The mouth is clean and clear. We have nice peach aromas with green apple and some grapefruit notes. The finish is long with a light astringency.

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

Moser Hermann, Riesling 2022 Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity. We have some green apple aromas but also a nice petroleum hint. With air, we have more pronounced aromas with peach and apricot. The minerality is very fresh and there is a hint of honey. It is a nice clear nose. The mouth has a high acidity, nice pronounced aromas with peach, apricot and pineapple. We also have some orange blossom. It is nicely balanced with a sweetness at the attack and the finish is long.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Vitkultur Moser, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Schnabel

Kremstal, Rohrendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fruity and delicate with some orange blossom and peach. There is a hint of lavender. With air, the wine develops more apple cider aromas. It is discreet. The mouth is fresh with a water mouth-feel. We do find some herbal note but also black tea. There is a juicy lemon and geranium. The finish is clean and clear with the geraniums note and a hint of white pepper. It is delicate and settled.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Austria wines

Proidl, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Ehrenfels

Kremstal, Senftenberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is clean and fruity with some lemon and apple notes. The second nose, with air, opens up more with a very nice minty freshness. There is some peach. The mouth is nice, fresh with fruits such as pineapple, peach and apple. The balance is great. There is a little astringency in the middle of the mouth. The finish is fruity with lemon. It is long. Nice wine.

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

Proidl, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Hochäcker

Kremstal, Senftenberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is delicate with lemon and grapefruit notes. The second nose opens on freshness, almost minty, with apple jello. The mouth is fresh with astringency and even tannic feel as soon as the attack starts. There is a nice fruity vibe with lemon and peach. There is a nice acidity and the finish is still a little bit tannic. There are notes of lemon but also of white flowers.

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

Proidl, Riesling 2023 - Ehrenfels

Kremstal, Senftenberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is fruity and fresh. We have nice aromas of peach and apricot. The second nose opens with grape flavours and a little bit of honey. The mouth is fresh and fruity. The acidity is nice. We have peachy aromas. It is clean and clear with a good minerality. Quite pure.

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

Proidl, Riesling 2023 - Pellingen

Kremstal, Senftenberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense + with notes of honey. There is a smoky side also : the wine needs to be aerated. With air, the nose opens with some dried fruits like hazelnut. The mouth is fresh, fruity with a nice acidity (medium +). We have green apple but also peach. The finish is long. It is a nice wine with mango vibes.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Proidl, Riesling 2023 - Pfeningberg

Kremstal, Senftenberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with honey notes but also black tea and hazelnut. The second nose is fresh and fruity with sweet yellow peach and plum. There is also a note of pineapple. The mouth is fresh with a nice vibrant tropical fruits like mango, pineapple but also yellow peach. The acidity is nice. It is dry with a long finish with lingering watery acidity. There are some flowers also (white) and peach.

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

Unger Petra, Riesling 2023

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity. We have some white flowers but also green apple and white peach. The second nose is a very nice clean and clear peach with fresh cut grass. The mouth is clean and clear with pineapple and peach. The feeling is watery with a good acidity. It is crystalline with a nice green plum, white peach and grape. The finish is long with a floral touch of rose.

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

Stadt Krets, Riesling 2023

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh with a nice minerality. We have white fruits. The second nose is fresh also with some minty notes with white peach and rose. The mouth is fresh and fruity. There is a nice minerality with good acidity again with white peach, apricot and even a hint of mango. We have a little astringency and a nice long lemony finish. It is clean and clear.

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

Unger Petra, Riesling 2022

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is present with fried fruits such as almond

and hazelnut. The second nose has got a nice petroleum flavour with white flower and peach. The mouth is a little bit fizzy at the attack. It is fresh, clean and clear with a nice minerality. We have a nice definition of grapes aromas plus lemon and white peach. It is too discreet and the finish is quite short.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Salomon Undhof, Riesling 2023

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The nose is interesting with some listeria note. Plus ripe lemon and yellow peach. The second nose is clean and gourmand with lemon, peach and a slight touch of honey. It seems sweet. The mouth is aromatic with white flowers, honey and peach. The acidity is nice with a slight astringency at the end. The finish is not very long with pineapple hint.

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

Salomon Undhof, Riesling 2022

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The nose is nice with a good intensity. It is different with some candied melon and honey. Even peach in honey. It is also smelling kirsch and basil. It is very nice, very different. The second nose is flowery also and has got a petroleum touch. The mouth is about candied fruits such as peach and melon. There is bitterness which appears with a salivating acidity. It is very red fruits like wild strawberry. It is interesting even if the mouth is not as vibrant as the nose.

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



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Wess, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The wine is intense. The first nose has got some evolutive flavours with toast, butter and hazelnut. We also have dried apple, white flowers and a bit of orange. The second nose is intense with black tea and basil. The mouth is intense with a water mouth-feel at the attack thanks to a nice freshness. We do have jasmine black tea, peach and orange peel. There is also lemon blossom with a smoky side. We find pine tree smoke and a little bit of burnt. The finish is light. It is a light body with a pronounced intensity. The finish is long with dry apricot and juicy apple. We have a bit of reduction : some aeration will be welcome.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Malat, Riesling 2022

Kremstal, Stein, 1ÖTW

The nose is about some light hint of petroleum with honey. The second nose, with air, opens with coconut and vanilla but also yellow peach. The mouth is vanilla and even coconut oriented. It is slightly sweet at the attack with toast. It is quite nice with a balanced acidity. The ageing brings more complexity and it is delicate, not exuberant. It is definitely a different style of riesling

with secondary and tertiary aromas. We have some dried fruits, coconut, creaminess and roasted peach. The finish is long.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Schmid, Riesling 2023

Kremstal, Stratzing, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some aromas of pineapple and peach. The second nose opens nicely but still with delicacy with grapes, apricot and white peach. The mouth has got a nice acidity at the attack with a little sweetness. It is dry tho. The mouth has got nice aromas of peach, mango, rose and ripe pineapple. The finish is on green apple with always a hint of peach. It is quite long with almond. The acidity is well-balanced. Nice wine.

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

KAMPTAL 1ÖTW

Topf, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Engabrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some apple juice note. With air, the second nose, opens very little. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack. Then we have a bit of astringency. We do have some fruits like lemon and apple. It is juicy, liquid. The sweetness is still present in mouth and in the finish. It is very discreet with some lemon peel but long.

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

Dolle, Riesling 2023

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some lemony aromas. The second nose opens with green plum. It is still discreet. The mouth is discreet also with green apple and a hint of white peach. There is a nice acidity, well-balanced. The finish is quite short with almond touch. It is a simple wine.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Schloss Gobelsburg, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Grub

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced but settled with a little marine saltiness. We have lovely notes like apple cider and ripe pineapple. The second nose, with air, opens even with mirabelle plum and still the apple cider. It is more pronounced and delicate. It is very fresh with a minty minerality. The mouth is fresh with honey, apple cider and a little astringency at the attack. It is clean and clear. The middle of the mouth has got some white pepper. The finish is salivating with apple and a small herbal note. Very nice wine with complexity and high potential for ageing.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Eichinger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some smoke and grapefruit notes. The second nose shows more intensity, delicacy with grapefruit, ripe lemon and even mango aromas. It is very fresh. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack with then astringency. The aromas are clean and clear with a very nice vanilla, light coconut and peach but mostly grapefruit and ripe lemon. The finish is clean also with the little astringency. There is a touch of smokiness in the long finish. Nice wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Steininger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The wine is intense with some fruits. There is a very nice juicy lemon and some white peach. The second nose is more aromatic, nicely, delicate with grapefruit. The mouth is fresh and lively. There are fruits such as juicy ripe lemon, grapefruit and white peach. The finish is clean with a very little astringency. It is salivating but not too much. The wine is in the balance : not too much of everything. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Austria wines

Brandl, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense and different. We have a nice tanginess with sweet spices, orange and guava. The second nose is very ripe lemon and grapefruit. It is very nice. The mouth is fresh with a water feel. There is a little astringency in the attack. We do have the guava, the rose, the ripe lemon and grapefruit. The finish is strong with tannic vibe. It is dry. Interesting wine.

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

Bründlmayer, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The wine is intense with toasted aromas. It is a little bit in the reduction. The second nose, with air, opens with more toast and some lemon and apple notes. The smokiness is very intense and masks the aromas. The mouth is fresh with the smokiness, toastiness. The acidity is present with a little astringency. It is very fresh in the mouth. The finish is nice with this toasted flavor. Too bad that it is masking all the fruit.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Jurtschitsch, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The wine has a first honey nose quite intense but delicate. The second nose is the same with a little smokiness. The mouth is watery feel with a little tannic sensation at the attack. There is some apple notes. It is too juicy but not very pronounced in flavors. The acidity is well-balanced. The finish is ok but no flavours really except a very subtle apricot touch.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Schloss Gobelsburg, Grüner Veltliner 2022 - Lamm

Kamptal, Kammern, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense with apple cider note and grapefruit. The second nose is more pronounced but still delicate with this orange blossom and honey. The mouth is clean and clear with the ripe lemon, the grapefruit and a little touch of black tea. The acidity is well-balanced. It is a nice wine. The finish is on the peach and apple cider.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Hiedler, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with notes of rose, guava and grapefruit. There is also orange blossom. With air, we got more intensity with some sweet spices reminiscent of spiced bread. and there is toast. The mouth is fresh and intense. The toast and smokiness are very present with some vanilla and coconut. We do have black tea and the astringency of it since the attack. The acidity is nice, salivating and it is pursuing in the finish. There are some orange blossom notes. The smokiness is maybe to present but it is a nice wine overall.

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

Weszele, Grüner Veltliner 2019 Käferberg

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and tangy with some lime, grapefruit and guava notes. There is also honey. The second nose is very orange oriented. The mouth is fresh with some creaminess. There is a little « TCA » note. The finish is strong, with dried fruits such as raisin and almond. The style is ripe and full.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Weszele, Grüner Veltliner 2019 - Schenkenbichl

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with notes of pineapple and of ripe apple. There is a nice tangy feel and some honey. With air, the wine is more open on the same aromas. The mouth is nice, fresh with pineapple, ripe apple and a little bit of vanilla. The astringency is there in the finish with some dried fruits. It is very fresh and long. Nice wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Hiedler, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is smoky, reductive with a nice freshness, almost minty and some lemon in the background. The second nose is opening a little on the apple juice. It is still discreet. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack. It is quite lemony and grappe note oriented. It is fresh with some peach also. There is astringency at the attack. But it is very fresh with a nice acidity. The finish is more about lemon juice and grape. Nice wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Steininger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some honey, grapefruit and guava notes. The second nose is almost the same but more intense. The mouth seems to be sweet at the attack. There is nice fruits such as apple juice, orange blossom, ripe lemon and a touch of guava. We do have a lit fizz at the attack and peach progressively appearing. The finish is nice and fresh. It is a pleasant wine to taste with a nice long finish.

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

Jurtschitsch, Riesling 2022

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with a nice hint of petroleum. We do have some peach and pear aromas. The second nose is more pronounced with this nice petroleum vibe. The mouth is dry, clean and clear with a watery mouth feel. We find back the petroleum but also some green apple aromas and withe peach. The wine is nice with a strong acidity with a little astringent finish which has not a lot of flavours except almond.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Leindl, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with fruits such as muscat grape, pineapple, peach and grapefruit. It is highly aromatic. The second nose is on the same trend with a nice freshness, almost minty. The mouth is fresh with nice acidity and lots of fruits such as grapefruit, apricot and orange blossom. It is a fruit basket quite clear and clean. Nice wine with a good finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Steininger, Riesling 2023 - Seeberg

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fruity with peach note. We do also have a little bit of almond (orgeat feel). The second nose offers more orange blossom and apricot. It is nice. The mouth is fresh and fruity with the same aromas : orange blossom, peach and green apple. The mouth feel is light. The finish is about apricot kernel.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Loimer, Riesling 2022 - Seeberg

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is quite honey oriented. The second nose also, a little bit more pronounced with plum. The mouth is dry with plum in spirit and ripe yellow peach. It is not very pronounced. The acidity is high and the finish is about plum in spirit.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Weszele, Riesling 2019 - Seeberg

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is pronounced with evolutive notes of fruits. We have some honey and some coconut. With air, the second nose has some nice petroleum notes with peach and white pepper. The mouth is fresh and watery with a strong flavour of dried fruits such as almond and hazelnut. We do have a hint of curry and vanilla plus coconut. The finish is slightly salty and expressive, long with some alcohol also. It is nice and delicate in the whole. The finish is very long and nice.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Ehn, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with fruits such as lemon and grapefruit. The second nose is also aromatic. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a little fizz at the attack. We have fruits such as lemon and peach. The finish is a little bit heavy despite the nice acidity.

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

Steininger, Riesling 2023 - Steinhaus

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity with green apple and peach. It is very fresh fruits. With air, the second nose is more peachy with honey touch and white flowers. It is delicate. The mouth is dry with a nice aromatic of fruits such as peach and apricot. We do also have rose touch and lemony hint. The finish has got a little astringency and is medium + long.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bründlmayer, Riesling 2023

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The nose is fruity and intense with aromas of peach and pomelo. The second nose opens with lemony and pineapple. The mouth is fresh with some lemon and green apple. It has a nice salivating acidity. It is simple and the finish is on almond.

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

Loimer, Riesling 2022 - Steinmassl

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is lemony and discreet. The second nose is more open with nice aromas of peach and green apple. The mouth is acidic at the attack. The aromas are more pronounced with lemony feel and peach. We do also have again the green apple and some pineapple. The finish is with the salivating and salting acidity with lemon. It is nice and simple.

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

Weszele, Riesling 2019 - Steinmassl

Kamptal, Langenlois, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with nice aromas of evolved Riesling such as dried apricot and hazelnut with a hint of coconut. With air, the second nose opens with a nice petroleum feel. The mouth is intense, dry with a watery mouth feel. We find black tea, dried apricot, coconut and vanilla. It is a bit whisky-lactone. The acidity is nice, the finish is long with the same aromas. It is intense and well-balanced.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Dolle, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Straß im Straßertale, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some lemon and apple juice notes. With air, the second wine is a little bit more aromatic with peach. The mouth is dry with astringent feel at the attack. We have nice clear peach and orange blossom notes. The finish is dry with grape notes and lemony flavours. It is fresh, almost minty.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Eichinger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Kamptal, Straß im Straßertale, 1ÖTW

The wine is intense and discreet at the same time with some sweet spices notes but also some nice ripe lemon and orange blossom flavours. The second nose is more intense with honey and lemon. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack. We find the ripe lemon, the grapefruit and the honey touch. It is nice and more full-bodied. The finish seems to be sweet with some apple juice and pineapple. Nice wine.

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

Hirsch, Riesling 2023 - Gaisberg

Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and fruity with lime fruits and a hint of almond. The second nose has a little petroleum note with lemon flavour. The mouth is dry and pleasant

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with a nice mouth feel. We do have fruity aromas such as peach and apricot. The finish has got a little bitterness. It is nicely done. Not exceptional but very drinkable.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Eichinger, Riesling 2023 - Gaisberg Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with tropical notes such as mango and a nice touch of peach but also black tea. The second nose opens with apple and peach but also pineapple. The mouth is nice, fresh and vibrant with peach and apricot. We do have a nice acidity (+) with green flavours of lime. The finish is about rosemary, it is very nice and delicate. Very nice wine with good balance and representation of the riesling grape variety.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Schloss Gobelsburg, Riesling 2022 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with lime fruits. It reminds a little bit sauvignon blanc with lemon and grapefruit like New Zealand Sauvignon blanc. The second nose is nice also. Tangy with lemon, grapefruit and some white flowers like honeysuckle and lime blossom. The mouth is nice, fresh and very lemony with a hint of white peach. It is quite green with lime and fresh cute herbs but also honeysuckle (white one). The finish is a little astringency but is nice and long.
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Allram, Riesling 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic, intense with some umami feel (like meat juice) but also lemon and a nice petroleum touch. With air, the second nose opens with more petroleum and more green fruits like green apple. The mouth is fresh and fruity with green vibes. We do have white peach but also green apple. The acidity brings a little astringency to the finish and even a little bitterness. It is a nice wine with a fine finish on white flowers.
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Bründlmayer, Riesling 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some honey touch. The second nose opens with yellow peach and petroleum (very light). The mouth is clean and clear with white pepper and petroleum. It has a nice acidity (+) with minerality and lime fruits such as lemon zest and white peach. The finish is salivating with a slight bitterness of lemony.
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Hirsch, Riesling 2023 - Heiligenstein Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with lemon and white peach notes. The second nose opens with green elements but it is still discreet. The mouth is dry and fresh. We have some peach and green apple. A hint of apricot and honey. It is still delicate and discreet. The mouth feel is a little watery and the acidity is pretty high. The finish is salivating with a touch of saltiness.
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Steininger, Riesling 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fresh and fruity with a lemony feel. There is also a discreet hint of white pepper. The second nose is more peachy with a touch of petroleum. The mouth is nice with a good acidity and aromas that are distinct like green apple and white peach. The finish is simple and lemony.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Steininger, Riesling 2022 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with petroleum, minerality and some lemony aromas. With air, the second nose opens with pineapple and peach. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity. We can feel some lemon and green

apple. It is simple but well-done. The finish has got a little astringency and is about the juicy lemon.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Brandl, Riesling 2023 - Kogelberg Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is very honey oriented. With air we have still honey but also yellow peach in syrup and a yellow kiwi touch. The mouth is fresh and we do have notes of black tea, pineapple and even fresh juicy mango with a little bit of white pepper. The finish is lemony and discreet.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Topf, Riesling 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with olive tree note. The second nose opens up with lemon and grapefruit but it is still discreet. The mouth is dry and aromatic with peach and pineapple. There is a little bitterness also and a nice acidity. It is simple with a medium + finish with green apple and almond.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Eichinger, Riesling 2023 - Heiligenstein Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and discreet with some lemon and



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peach aromas. The second nose is more aromatic with a slight petroleum touch. The mouth is fresh and has a nice acidity with a little astringency after the attack. The aromas of fruits are discreet with peach and pineapple. The acidity is present and salivating. The finish is about white grapes and is medium long.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Jurtschitsch, Riesling 2022 Alte Reben - Heiligenstein Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is more pronounced with notes of almond and peach. We do also have a hint of cooked apricot and pineapple. With air, the second nose has got some petroleum notes which are appearing. The mouth is fresh and has a nutty feel. We do have notes of peach but also of pineapple. The acidity is present and we have the dry fruits such as almond and hazelnut. The finish has got a hint of honey. It is simple.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Jurtschitsch, Riesling 2022 - Heiligenstein Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose has got a hint of lemon and honey. The second nose is still simple with petroleum hint. The mouth is fresh with green apple and peach notes plus some delicate petroleum flavour. The finish is with a little astringency and salivating nice acidity with some

hazelnut and almond.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Loimer, Riesling 2022 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is honey oriented with some lime fruits hints. With air we do have a nice minerality. The mouth has got some orange flavour but also green apple. It is simple with an aromatic that is recognisable. The finish has a hint of astringency and is on the peach kernel.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Bründlmayer, Riesling 2022 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some meat juice and caramelized orange. The second nose is quite mineral and smoky. The mouth is quite green with green lime and green leaf. It has still the smokiness. The texture is nice too with a good freshness brought by well-balanced acidity. The finish is simple on almond.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Schloss Gobelsburg, Riesling 2022 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is nice with grapefruit aromas. It is quite pronounced. The second nose is on the same side with more pronounced aromas of grapefruit. Very lemony, reminding Sauvignon blanc. There is a nice freshness. The mouth is nice and fruity with the same lemony vibe. We have got grapefruit but also lemon and some yellow peach. The finish is in the same continuity with a nice acidity and little astringency. We finish on the lime blossom.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Weszele, Riesling 2019 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with petroleum notes but also dried fruits such as almond. There is a very nice minty feel and complexity brought by the ageing. We also have some coconut and dry peach. The second nose is very intense also. We find some black tea, roast pineapple, dry apple... The mouth is dry with an intense flavour. We do have dry apple, cooked pineapple, some sweet spices and dry peach. The acidity is fresh and well-balanced. We do feel a like bitterness at the end of the tasting. The finish is mineral with some plum. Nice wine.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Hirsch, Riesling 2023 - Heiligenstein-Rotfels Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh with a nice minerality. We have a hint of petroleum with lemon. It is simple. The second nose is smoky. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a sweetness at the attack. Tho the wine is dry. We have some lemon and green apple but also we can feel the pip of the apple. The finish is simple and not very aromatic.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Brandl, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic. It has some notes of honey but also sweet spices. With the air, on the second nose, we can feel more grapefruit and ripe lemon. The attack is a bit fizzy. It is fresh and clean. We can find the peach and the nice apple juice. It is very clear. The finish is nice with a little bit of astringency and sweet spices. We can feel the geranium. Nice wine with a good acidity.
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Steininger, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The wine is discreet with some fruits such as apple and lemon. The second nose is discreet also. The attack is a little bit sweet. We can feel some peach and nice lemon juice. The astringency hits in the mid palate. The wine is clean and clear. The finish is dry but fruity with some lemon juice notes.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Brandl, Riesling 2023 - Heiligenstein Kamptal, Zöbing, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic, nice with sweet spices and peach. We do feel also some grape like muscat and fresh fig. It is different. The second nose, with air, opens up with ripe lemon and green apple. Even grapefruit. The mouth is also aromatic with nice aromas of apricot and peach but also orange blossom and grapefruit. The finish is on the same vibe. There is a nice acidity and a little bitterness at the end of the tasting.

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

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Leth, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Brunnthal

Wagram, Fels am Wagram, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense with fruits. We can find some peach, grapefruit and ripe lemon. The second nose is more peachy. The mouth is clean and clear with a nice definition of peach and grapefruit. The astringency is present in the attack and the acidity is salivating. It is a refreshing wine with some black tea notes in the finish.

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

Leth, Riesling 2023

Wagram, Fels am Wagram, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and fruity with lemon notes. The second nose opens more on yellow stone fruits some as apricot and juicy peach. The mouth is fresh also with a nice acidity. It is simple with a slight saltiness brought by minerality. The finish is salty with lemon juice. It is simple.

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

Leth, Grüner Veltliner 2023 - Scheiben

Wagram, Fels am Wagram, 1ÖTW

The nose is quite discreet with some apple juice note. The second nose, with air, opens just a little about peach. The mouth is sweet at the attack and there is a nice definition of peach and grapefruit. The middle of the mouth is a little bit salty. The acidity is strong and refreshing. The finish is a little bit astringent with some lime peel note.

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

Leth, Roter Veltliner 2023

Wagram, Fels am Wagram, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some hints of lemon. The second nose opens little by little. We have few hints of yellow apple but it is very subtle. The mouth is fresh and fruity with this apple note. There is a nice freshness with a good acidity. It is well-balanced. The texture is interesting. But it is true that it is very apple. The finish is about yellow apple, almost cider.

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

Schuster, Roter Veltliner 2023

Wagram, Gösing, 1ÖTW

The nose is very discreet. It is almost flavour free. The second nose opens but still it is very discreet. We have also a nice freshness and minerality. The mouth is fresh with a vibrant crystalline flavour of apple. It is very simple, very shy with a little bitterness. Tho the finish is more yellow apple juice with a light astringency. It is nice and fresh.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Fritz, Roter Veltliner 2023 - Mordthal Wagram, Ruppersthal, 1ÖTW

The first nose presents few notes of honey and apple. It is shy. The second nose opens with more apple. It is very delicate. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. We still have the fresh and crispy yellow apple. The finish is delicate with the apple but also few notes of white flowers and even a touch of flower honey. It is long.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Diwald, Riesling 2022

Wagram, Grossriedenthal, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet but aromatic with some lemon and peach. We do also have hints of almond. With air, the second nose opens with more lemon. The mouth is fresh with a nice minerality and a nice acidity of lemon. We do have hints of peach and pineapple. The finish is great.

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

Fritz, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Wagram, Mitterstockstall, 1ÖTW

The first nose is delicate with some orange blossom and a hint of apple juice. The second nose is more intense with honey and a bit of pineapple. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack but then dry with tannic feel. There are some peach and orange blossom. The finish is dry with a nice acidity which is salivating.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Fritsch, Riesling 2022

Wagram, Ruppersthal, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with green apple and petroleum notes. The second nose opens with more petroleum, almond and pineapple. The mouth is fresh with a green acidity of lemon. We do feel the peach and the pineapple. It is simple. The finish is soft with a grapefruit vibe.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fritz, Roter Veltliner 2023 - Steinberg

Wagram, Ruppersthal, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with light aromas of fruits. With air, the second nose opens with green unripe elements like green bell pepper and apple. The mouth is fresh, smoky with a strong flavour of apple and also again green bell pepper. It has a nice salivating acidity. We find again flower honey and even acacia in the finish.

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

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Wieninger, Gemischter Satz 2023

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Bisamberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some fruits like green apple and lemony notes. There is a nice minerality and freshness. The second nose is also very fresh, almost minty. We do have nice discreet aromas of white peach and a little saltiness. The mouth is fresh and mineral with some fruits such as lemon and green apple with a little touch of white peach. The wine is dry with a nice acidity and the finish is quite juicy with lemony notes.

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

Christ, Gemischter Satz 2022

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Bisamberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with touches of banana, pineapple and mango. We do also have some orange blossom. The second nose opens up more with flower such as rose. The mouth is fresh and fruity. It is dry with some peach, orange blossom, orange peel and a little bit of flowers like rose. We do also have a little vibe of black tea. The finish is lemony with a nice salivating acidity and a bit of saltiness. We do also have secondary aromas of almond. Nice wine with complexity and intensity.

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

Rotes Haus, Gemischter Satz 2023-Langteufel

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with notes of peach and roasted grains. The second nose is more mineral. The nose is very fresh, minty almost. There is some apple and pear also. The mouth is fresh and dry. We do have green apple and a hint peach. It is acidic and the finish is bright fresh with a touch of saltiness.

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

Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Gemischter Satz 2023 - Langteufel

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with peach and rose aromas. The second nose opens up with the same flavors, almost muscat like. We do have also a hint of black tea. The mouth is dry, the aromas as quite intense. We do have peach and apricot but also a hint of orange blossom. The finish has got a bit of astringency but is very clear and fresh with a nice minerality.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cobenzl, Gemischter Satz 2022

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Grinzing, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with fruits such as peach and pineapple. We do have a little bit of grapefruit too. With air, the second nose opens with a little creaminess. The wine is dry in the mouth. Quite mineral with a good freshness. We find some green fruits and peach. It is more discreet and we do also have a nice finish with saltiness and a good salivating acidity. The end is quite long with green plum flavour. Overall it is a good wine.

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

Rotes Haus, Gemischter Satz 2023 - Preussen

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and quite smoky with almond and a little buttery note. The second nose is fresh almost minty with some crispy apple. The mouth is dry with nutty aromas and a good saltiness brought by the minerality. We do have white peach and the finish is salty, fresh and long.

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

Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Gemischter Satz 2023 - Preussen

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some peach and grape aromas. The second nose, with air, opens with peach still but also a hint of banana and pineapple. It is quite nice and delicate. The mouth is dry with notes of peach and apricot. We do have a light finish with freshness and a little bit of astringency with a floral end.

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

Wieninger, Gemischter Satz 2022 - Rosengartel

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with petroleum and lemon notes. With air, the same aromas are appearing with a little bit of peach note. The mouth is clear and clean with a dry profile. There is little by little astringency appearing. We do have peach and a strong apple flavour with creaminess. Tho, the astringency is very present. The finish is acidic with lemony feel.

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

Wieninger, Gemischter Satz 2022 - Ulm

Wiener Gemischter Satz, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet but aromatic. The second nose is more aromatic with peach and yellow lemon aromas. The mouth is dry and the mouth-feel is a little bit watery. There is astringency and a nice acidity lemony at the end. It is discreet and there is no precise definition of the fruit except the apple.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

WIEN 1ÖTW

Christ, Weißburgunder 2022

Wien, Bisamberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fresh and fruity, very delicate. We have nice pineapple but also white flowers such as jasmine and honeysuckle. There is a nice freshness with a mineral note. With air, the second nose is still delicate with the same aromas and we can feel a touch of imperceptible white peach. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a delicate and nice aromas of ripe lemon, peach and linden. The

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acidity is present but well-balanced. The finish is long and delicate on flowers. It is a nice wine from Pinot Blanc : vibrant and delicate.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Mayer am Pfarrplatz , Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wien , Grinzing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some pear and apple notes. Delicate. The second nose opens with a very nice freshness, almost minty and mineral. The mouth is clean and clear with nice flavours of pineapple, green apple and pear. It is juicy. The acidity is well-balanced. The finish is not astringent with a delicate touch of peach. Nice wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fuhrgassl-Huber, Weißburgunder 2022

Wien, Grinzing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is quite mineral with a smokiness. With air, the second nose is still fresh with a nice cool minerality. We have very settled aromas such as white peach and lemon. The mouth is fresh and mineral, almost minty. The aromas are very discreet. The acidity is high with some lemony feel. It is refreshing and very discreet.

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

Cobenzl, Weißburgunder 2022

Wien, Grinzing, 1ÖTW

The first nose is powerful with nice aromas coming from the barrel : vanilla and pine tree sap. We do feel some fruits such as pineapple. The second nose, with air, is still powerful but more fruity with some peach. The mouth is aromatic with vanilla, coconut and pine tree sap. We do have green apple, green plum and pineapple. The acidity is present but not too high. There is a good balance in the mouth with a saltiness in the finish. It is a nice wine in its style.

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

Hajszan-Neumann, Riesling 2022

Wien, Grinzing, 1ÖTW

The nose is strong, different with sweet spices, almost cinnamon vibe. We feel also banana. With air, it is the same. There is a little meat juice note but also apple juice. The mouth is fresh and fruity with apple in different form like juice and purée. The finish is still fresh, almost minty with a little almond vibe.

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

Edlmoser, Gemischter Satz 2022 - Himmel

Wien, Maurerberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with minerals notes. We do feel also a little bit of petroleum and nutty flavours such as almond. With air, the second nose opens with grappe but also apple aromas. There is a little creaminess. The mouth is fresh and dry. We do have some aromas of apple and green pineapple but also a little touch of white peach quite discreet. The finish is more flowery but overall it is discreet. There is astringency at the end of the tasting with grappy flavours.

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

Edlmoser, Weißburgunder 2022

Wien, Maurerberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is very discreet with a light note of white rose. The second nose, with air, is more aromatic but still discreet with white flowers, linden and elderflower. But also a light white peach and pear. Maybe a hint of litchi. The mouth is fresh and fruity with delicate aromas of apple and white peach. It is quite straight with a nice acidity. Not vibrant but more down to earth style. The finish is delicate with a bit of saltiness at the end.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Edlmoser, Riesling 2022

Wien, Maurerberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is pronounced with note of petroleum

quite well defined. The second nose opens more on petroleum and green apple. The mouth is fresh, clean and clear with very nice almond but also green apple and petroleum notes. The finish is with astringency but very fresh, almost minty.

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

Edlmoser, Gemischter Satz 2022 - Sätzen

Wien, Maurerberg, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with nice notes of petroleum and peach. With air, the second nose opens with honey but also petroleum notes accompanied by apple flavour. The mouth is dry, with some honey and peach aromas. It is quite delicate with a little astringency at the finish. There is a nice salivating minerality and acidity. The wine is quite clear and the finish is long with almond note.

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

Hajszan-Neumann, Weißburgunder 2022

Wien, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and delicate with some yellow peach aromas, but very settled. The second nose is more open, but still delicate with some apple and pineapple. The mouth is fresh and fruity. The acidity is high with some apple and peach aromas. It is shy. The finish is long and fruity with some peach kernel.

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

Mayer am Pfarrplatz , Riesling 2023

Wien , Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The wine is discreet with a first nose on fruits such as peach and mainly grapefruit. The second nose opens with the same aromas like grapefruit. The mouth is fresh and is about lemony aromas like lemon and juicy grapefruit. We do have also a hint of pineapple and peach. There is a slight bitterness and astringency in the finish on almond.

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

Cobenzl, Riesling 2022

Wien, Nussberg, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with aromas of ageing such as hazelnut, coconut and vanilla. We do perceive, behind, notes of candied lemon and juicy syrup peach. With air, the second nose develops the same aromatic but more powerfully. The mouth is fresh, intense with peach, banana, candied lemon, honeysuckle, lime blossom aromas. It is quite complex. There is a nice harmony and balance with the acidity. The finish is intense, long on precious wood and a hint of coffee.

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

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Aumann, Chardonnay 2022

Thermenregion, Baden, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some yellow apple and a touch of cream. The second nose is more aromatic with some peach and flowers. The mouth is fresh and has a little bitterness. We have appel, peach but also a nice buttery note. But it is dry with a nice minerality, a strong saltiness in the finish. It is a nice delicate wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Aumann, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Baden, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with fruits such as pear. The second nose, with air, opens with more aromatic fruits such as peach and litchi. There is a hint of pineapple and of white flowers. It is nice. The mouth is fresh with a low acidity and body with peach and apricot. In the finish, the wine is salivating with a nice refreshing acidity. We do have some pineapple and apricot.

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

Landauer-Gisberg, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Baden, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with fruits such as peach and

pineapple. It is delicate tho. The second nose is more powerful but still delicate with pineapple. The mouth is fresh with a good minerality. The alcohol is low but it has body and aromatic fruits such as peach and pineapple. It is soft with a little astringency at the end of the tasting. The finish is tangy with peach kernel and pineapple. Nice fruity and fresh wine with a little bit of fattiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Stadlmann, Weißburgunder 2022

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with notes of peach. There is a nice minerality, almost minty. The second nose is more aromatic but still delicate with peach and pineapple. We do have a hint of tropical fruits. The mouth is fresh with a little creaminess at the attack. We do have peach and a nice acidity appearing in the middle of the mouth. The finish is medium long with apricot kernel.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Stadlmann, Zierfandler 2023 - Igeln

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some apple cider notes. The second nose is more powerful but still discreet with honey flavours. The mouth is fresh with high acidity and a little fizz at the attack. We do have honey, apple cider notes. The finish is salivating with a hint of salt. The end of the tasting is delicate with honey and apple juice.

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

Reinisch, Chardonnay 2022

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic, powerful with a hint of flintiness. We do have some apple and peach. The second nose, with air, opens. It is more strict. The mouth is dry with some astringency in the attack. It is very strict with a high acidity. The aromas are peach, apple but also a bit of « TCA ». The acidity is salivating in the finish with pineapple and a hint of butter.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Gebeshuber, Rotgipfler 2022 - Laim

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is powerful and delicate with some butter and green plum. We do also have some mango. The second nose is also fresh with delicate notes of litchi. The mouth is fresh with some oak, whisky style aromas and peach. There is alcohol with a low acidity. There is more body with some plum and apple without forgetting a hint of butter at the end of the tasting. The acidity is salivating at the end.

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

Stadlmann, Zierfandler 2023 - Mandel-Höh

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with apple cider notes. The second nose is fresh, mineral with a hint of honey. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity and apple notes. We do have a little bit also of plum. There is a little astringency at the end. The acidity is salivating and salty. The finish is quite long with apple juice.

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

Gebeshuber, Zierfandler 2022

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and delicate with apple cider notes. The second nose is fresh with a hint of white pepper. The mouth is fresh with apple cider. The acidity is mellow. The finish is salivating with a bit of salt.

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

Auer Familie, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is delicate with fruity aromas such as pineapple. We do also have a hint of vanilla and butter. The second nose is fresh and more aromatic with pineapple and peach. It is nice. The mouth is fresh and floral with some rose and pineapple aromas. The acidity is low with a

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nice body. We have the salivating acidity appearing in the finish with some lemon. It is long and nice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Auer Familie, Zierfandler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some oak aromas. We do have apple but also caramelized apple with vanilla and a hint of honey. The second nose has got a hint of peach. The mouth is fresh with some rose notes and a little bitterness at the attack. We do have a nice freshness and the bitterness which is light but lingering to the finish. The finish is powerful with notes of butter and cooked apple. It is long.

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

Alphart, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The nose is mineral with a little smokiness. We do perceive some fruits like apple and pineapple. The second nose is more aromatic. Very clean and clear with crystalline aromas of peach and apple. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. The mouth feel is quite silky with low alcohol and aromas of green fruits and peach. The acidity hits in the finish with a salivating and salty touch. We do have nice green apple and peach aromas.

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

Alphart, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The nose is discreet with some imperceptible green fruits flavours. The second nose, with air, is still very shy with some peach in the background. The mouth is fresh with a low acidity. The aromas are not well-defined but we can feel green apple and a hint of pineapple. The acidity is in the finish with a salivating and salty touch. We can perceive some green fruits with a hint of peach.

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

Aumann, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with lemon and apple notes. There is also a fresh minerality. The second nose is very fresh, almost minty, cool. There is a very pristine definition of pear and white peach. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a low acidity and aromas of white peach, green apple and pineapple. There is a little astringency in the finish. The acidity is not hitting in the end of the tasting. The finish is long and delicate with some green fruits flavors.

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

Gebeshuber, Rotgipfler 2022 - Student

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic but discreet. We do have notes of apple cider. With air, the second nose has got a little bit of honey and ripe pineapple. The mouth is fresh and has some fruits like apple cider. There is astringency in the middle of the mouth. The acidity is salivating and a bit salty at the end. The finish is about plum.

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

Alphart, Chardonnay 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and round with aromas of ripe peach and cream. There is also some mint. The second nose is more aromatic, more ripe with peach, pineapple and yellow apple (almost cooked). It is sweet. The mouth is fresh with some butter but also peach and pineapple. It has a saltiness in the middle of the mouth. The acidity is fresh. The finish is more on plum and butter. Nice wine with a good balance.

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

Stadlmann, Rotgipfler 2023

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and discreet with some apple and plum notes. We do have a hint of honey. It reminds a little the nose of a botrytized wine. The second nose is

fresh with a nice peach and apricot note. The mouth is fresh with low acidity. There are notes of apricot, peach and pineapple with a hint of butter. The acidity is well-balanced and fresh. The finish is complex with butter and apple. It is reminiscent of a burgundy style, baroque like the winemaker said.

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

Gebeshuber, Zierfandler 2022

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with apple cider notes. The second nose is also on the same aromas with apple cider. The mouth is fresh with a nice apple cider but also plum notes. It is very ethereal oriented. The finish has got a little bit of alcohol. The end is long with apple juice and a tangy salivating but astringent finish.

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

Schneider, Pinot Noir 2022

Thermenregion, Gumpoldskirchen, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic and delicate with strawberry and raspberry notes. There is also a hint of vanilla. It is fresh and crispy. The second nose is still delicate with some spices like white pepper. The mouth is fresh and fruity. We have the wild strawberry but also the red berries with some vanilla. The tannins are present, a little bit astringent on the tongue, almost grappy and persistent.



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The aromas are delicate with a nice length. The finish is on kirsch, wild strawberry and vanilla. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Hartl, Pinot Noir 2022

Thermenregion, Tattendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fresh with some blackcurrant and sweet spices. There is also a hint of black pepper. The second nose is more smoky with cooked dark fruits. The mouth is aromatic with black pepper, blackcurrant and some vanilla. The finish is long, with tannins that are soft but persistent. The aromas are staying and evolving with black berry, rose and a little vegetal touch of sap.

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

Schneider, Sankt Laurent 2022

Thermenregion, Tattendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with a very nice charming raspberry note, almost grenadine. The second nose opens and is on the same vibe. It is fresh, lively with charming red fruits. The mouth is fresh with red fruits such as red small cherry, raspberry and redcurrant. The body is light but the tannins are present and strong. They are softening in the finish. The finish is delicate with some red fruits and a hint of vanilla. There is a nice acidity. It is a lively and fresh style.

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

Reinisch, Sankt Laurent 2022

Thermenregion, Tattendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense with some chocolate and black fruits aromas such as blackberry and black cherry. With air, the second nose showcases more minerality with a little smokiness and pepper aromas. The mouth is fresh with strong tannins. We do have notes of coco beans but also of coffee. Some fruits are also present like black cherry. The acidity is fresh and the tannins are strong. The wine has quite a medium body with a real fluidity but character with deep tannins which are quite astringent at the end of the tasting. The finish is long with vanilla, coffee and black berry (the skin also).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Auer Familie, Sankt Laurent 2022

Thermenregion, Tattendorf, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and seductive with some red fruits. We do have red currant and strawberry. It is quite charming. The second nose, with air, has got a lots of red fruits and maybe a hint of orange peel. The mouth is fresh with red fruits aromas such as red cherry and strawberry. There are some light vanilla notes. The tannins are smooth but persistent. The body is light with a nice refreshing acidity. The finish is long with fresh fig and strawberry but also red cherry notes.

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

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Glatzer, Zweigelt 2022

Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic with a very nice coffee and chocolate note almost caramelized. We do feel also some black fruits like black cherry. The second nose is deep with black fruits : fresh and cooked. The mouth is aromatic with dark fruits such as black cherry and blackberry. The tannins are very strong in the mid palate and they smoothen little by little with a nice salivation. We have chocolate, blood tobacco and coffee notes. The finish is long. The acidity is nice in the mid tasting and salivating despite the dry tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Markowitsch Lukas, Zweigelt 2022

Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The wine is intense with some blond tobacco and cooked black fruits notes. The second nose opens with a little bit of eucalyptus and sweet spices. It is sweet also for the fruit part : black cherry and black plum. The mouth is dry, fresh with very strong tannins. The acidity is salivating in the middle of the mouth and little by little the tannins are disappearing. There are some blackberry with a hint of bitterness of their skins. The finish is delicate with a touch of smoke and black cherry with cigar box.

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

Oppelmayer, Zweigelt 2022

Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The wine is fresh with a first nose on the pot pourri with rose notes. It is more under growth with some sweet spices. With air, the second nose opens on fresh fig and plum. There is still a more vegetal part. The mouth is fresh with strong tannins hitting in the attack. We have undergrowth and black bitter skin fruits. The acidity is salivating and rinsing the tannins which are still very strong and present until the finish. We have got some black tea leaves, black berry and black cherry. The finish is long on the under growth and tea leaves with astringency.

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

Pitnauer, Zweigelt 2022

Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The wine is pronounced with some red and black fruits aromas. We do have a hint of cherry in spirit. The second nose is shy with a little bit of alcohol. The mouth is fresh with more red fruits such as red little cherry. The tannins are strong, present at the attack. They are sticking and the acidity is washing them off little by little. Tho, they are still present and astringent in the finish. We do have

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black berry, black plum and the finish is long with some black berry skin note.

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

Netzl F & C, Zweigelt 2021 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic with cherry notes. It is quite charming with some bold tobacco and vanilla. The second nose is tangy with a little bit of chocolate. The mouth is fresh with nice red fruits such as strawberry and red cherry. The tannins are very present with some vanilla and sweet spices. The acidity is salivating and washing the tannins little by little. The finish, despite the presence of the tannins, is delicate with some black berry skin, red cherry and a bit of chocolate and coffee notes. Nice wine.

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

Taferner, ZW/ME/CS 2022 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with a mix of black fruits such as black cherry and sweet spices. We feel the barrel ageing with a bit of vanilla and also toast. It is a little bit sweet. The second nose is fresh, almost minty, with a nice red fruits definition coming. We still have the black fruits and a nice integration of the barrel. The mouth is fresh and fruity. We have a dry attack with red and black fruits such as strawberry and black currant. The tannins are present, soft. The acidity is salivating but not too high. The barrel, in the background, is a linear note. The finish is a bit astringent with black cherry, vanilla and bold tobacco. There is a nice balance and complexity. It is fresh fruit oriented and long at the end. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Netzl Martin, ZW/BF/ME 2022 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some red berries. With air, it opens slowly. There is a nice minty freshness with some crispy black cherry. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity in the attack. The tannins are present, strong. The acidity is salivating in the middle of the tasting. We do have very discreet notes of black cherry and black currant with a good herbal fresh touch. The finish has got some sweet spices and vanilla without forgetting the black cherry.

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

Glatzer, BF/ZW/ME 2022 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with red fruits like red plum and red cherry. It is fresh and delicate with a hint of violet. The second nose, with air, opens with more freshness and still fruits. The mouth is fresh and acidic at the attack. We have small crunchy red berries. The tannins are strong and they stay until the finish. The wine is fresh, almost minty. The finish is nice with some vanilla, red cherry and some plum.

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

Markowitsch Gerhard, ZW/BF/ME 2022

Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The nose is fresh and deep with some leather (Brett ?) and black fruits aromas. It is pronounced. The second nose has got a nice minty freshness with some cherry notes. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a hint of vanilla and bold tobacco. The acidity is refreshing and the tannins are high. The mouth is very dry and the salivating acidity is softening this very strong mouth. The aromas are fresh, crispy of little black berries like black berry and black cherry. The finish is long with vanilla and black fruits. It is quite a big wine in the mouth which needs time to settle and to become rounder.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pimpel, ZW/ME 2022 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic, pronounced with dark fruits. The second nose is more discreet with some pot pourri

aromas and still dark fruits like black currant. It is fresh, almost minty and a hint of leather. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. The tannins are strong, dry and intense. The middle of the mouth is dry and salivating thanks to the acidity. The tannins are persistent in the finish. We do have a bit of coffee with black currant and black cherry. The fruit profile is fresh and crispy. The end of the tasting is on the black fruit skin.

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

Grassl Philipp, Zweigelt 2022 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense with a nice fruit definition. There are some black cherry and black currant with coco beans notes. The second nose is aromatic and fresh, almost minty. We have a mix of black and red fruits. The mouth is fresh with strong tannins. We do have nice black plum, black cherry and black berry. The acidity is fresh and washing the tannins which are still persistent in the finish. The finish is powerful but delicate with some under growth and black tea leaves. We have also the skin of black berry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Böheim, ZW/ME/BF/SY 2021 Carnuntum, Göttlesbrunn, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic, grappy. We have some black fruits with vanilla and toast. The second nose opens with

fresh, sweet a little at the attack with deep black fruits. We have sweet spices, black cherry and some herbs. The tannins are strong and catchy. The finish is long with still astringency which is disappearing little by little. We have nice juicy black cherry and plum for the finish.

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

Artner, ZW/BF 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The nose is intense with deep toasted and vanilla flavors. There are also some fruits like black cherry and fresh fig. It is quite spicy with sweet spices like cinnamon. The second nose is more aromatic with some fresh flowers like violet. We do perceive a very fresh minty note and raspberry. It is charming. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack with a nice minerality. The aromas are fruity with fresh black cherry, strawberry and raspberry. The tannins are strong, dry and the middle of the mouth is dry with some sweet spices, vanilla and light toast notes. The acidity is fresh but not as salivating as expected. The finish is astringent with the tannins and a nice fresh crispy fruit definition. It is long.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pimpel, Zweigelt 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The nose is aromatic with under growth and tea leaves notes. There are some notes of fresh fig too. The second nose opens with pepper. It is still very under growth style of wine. The mouth is a little bit sweet at the attack with black juicy cherry. The tannins are strong and the acidity is salivating, washing the tannins which are still present in the finish with a coffee and chocolate note. The style is more ripe. The nose is very different of the mouth. But little by little in the finish we feel back the under growth, black tea leaves.

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

Glatzer, Blaufränkisch 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is delicate with chocolate and coffee notes. We do have a sweetness in the nose with black cherry. The second nose is slightly minty. The mouth is fresh with a sweet attack. The notes of plum and black cherry are present with vanilla. The tannins are strong with some salivating mid-palate. The finish is deep, dark with black cherry. It is still sweet with coffee and coco beans notes.

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

Markowitsch Gerhard, Blaufränkisch 2021

Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is delicate and aromatic with some cherry and coffee notes. With air, the second nose opens with a little smokiness and mineral freshness. The mouth is fresh and tangy. There are some alcohol in the attack with red cherry and plum notes. The tannins are present and the acidity is salivating. The mid-palate is in between the strength of the structure and the salivation of the acidity. The finish is supple with red fruits such as cherry and a touch of vanilla.

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

Grassl Philipp, ZW/BF/ME 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is fresh and fruity with red crispy fruits like red cherry. There are also fresh flowers and some toast. The second nose, with air, opens with a bit of alcohol and black cherry. We do have some sweet spices also. The mouth is fresh and has a nice acidity. The freshness is almost minty. The tannins are strong and dry. The middle of the mouth is salivating with some black currant, black berry and a hint of vanilla. The finish has some astringent brought by the tannins with a bit of saltiness and some black fruits. It is long.

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

Taferner, ZW/BF 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet even if aromatic with some



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black fruits still but it's quite settled. The mouth is fresh and quite vegetal with a bit of bitterness at the attack. We do have some strong tannins, dry with charcoal touch. There are a nice acidity which is salivating. The finish is medium long with black fruits like black berry with some vanilla and sweet spices.

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

Gottschuly-Grassl, Zweigelt 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with a nice honey touch. There are also some black tea leaves and black fruits. The second nose, with air, has got some leather and still under growth, wet leaves touch. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a nice black cherry and still black tea leaves. The tannins are strong with some red cherry and black plum. There is a nice integration of the barrel with sweet spices and coffee notes. The acidity is salivating and washing away the tannins still persistent in the finish. The end of the tasting is delicate with nice black skin berry and a hint of blond tobacco. Nice wine.

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

Auer Michael, Blaufränkisch 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is intense with some chocolate, coffee and black fruits flavours. We do perceive a hint of black tea leaves. The second nose is fresh, round and minty. We do have some dry tomatoes also. The mouth is

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dark fruits. The second nose opens with a bit of alcohol and some black fruits like black cherry and black berry. There is a darkness and a deepness in the nose which is also a bit round. The mouth is fresh and minty. We perceive red fruits such as red cherry but also black berry. The tannins are present, strong but not too high. The flavours are not persistent with some black berry and vanilla in the finish.

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

Netzl F & C, ZW/BF/ME 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and charming with some red fruits and flowers like violet. It is also minty fresh. The second nose opens with rose and raspberry. The perfumes are delicate. The mouth is fresh, minty with red fruits like raspberry and strawberry. The tannins are high, strong and the middle of the mouth is salivating with a hint of minerality. The finish is astringent with the tannins with some black skin berry and cherry. It is long with a bit of sweet spices and pepper.

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

Markowitsch Gerhard, Zweigelt 2022 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic with a little bit of Brett note. We do have acidity in the nose with some light coffee touch. The second nose is opening on red fruits like cherry. There is still this little fizzy note of Brett. The mouth is fresh with red fruits like sweet red cherry and black berry. We have this animal bretty note also. The tannins are strong, and the acidity in the mid-palate is washing them little by little. There are still present and strong in the finish which has got some undergrowth notes. There is also a bit of black berry skin and it is long.

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

Dorli Muhr, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic with a smoky minerality a little bit Brett oriented. The second nose opens a little with red sour fruits. But we still have this Brett note. The mouth is fresh and has got some fruits like red cherry and red berry. The tannins are soft and a bit sweet. The acidity is creating a sour salivating mid palate. The finish is delicate with red fruits and a hint of undergrowth flavours.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Artner, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some fruits and vanilla notes. The second nose opens with flowers like lilac and red fruits such as raspberry. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. The flavours are more towards the red fruits. The tannins are strong and the mouth is rather delicate with black skin of fruits. There is a little bitterness in the finish. It is long and delicate.

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

Artner, Zweigelt 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The wine is aromatic with some red and black fruits. There is a nice charming note of red plum. The second nose is more aromatic but still delicate with some floral (violet) and red cherry flavours. The mouth is fresh with nice red cherry and strawberry notes. The tannins are strong and intense in the attack. The acidity is salivating and washing off the tannins. But they are still present and astringent until the finish. The finish is floral with some rose, black cherry quite juicy and a little touch of black pepper. It is long and quite delicate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Payr, Zweigelt 2021 Carnuntum, Höflein, 1ÖTW

The first nose is discreet with some under growth notes. The second nose opens up a little bit more with some black cherry in spirit. The mouth is fresh with coffee and sweet spices but also sweet juicy black berry. The

tannins are strong and catchy. The acidity washes off, in the mid palate, the tannins. But they are still present, a little bit bitter, in the finish. The end of the tasting is with coffee and chocolate flavours but also black skin berry. It is long.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Trapl, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is really powerful with some pot pourri note. The second nose is quite « funny » with red fruits and undergrowth touch. But still this pot pourri flavour. The mouth is fresh and we do have red fruits like red berry. The alcohol is present and the pot pourri is still there with some herbal notes. The tannins are strong and the acidity in the mid palate is high with a big salivation afterwards washing away the tannins. The finish is a bit salty with light soy sauce, pot pourri and plum.

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

Netzl Martin, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with black fruits such as black cherry with a hint of coffee. The second nose, with air, is fresh, almost minty with a nice definition of fruits. The mouth is fresh, a little bit sweet at the attack. There are some red cherry and black plum. It is juicy. The tannins are strong, present and the acidity in the mid palate is washing is away with the salivation. The finish is nice and delicate with still present tannins. We do have coffee, chocolate and red juicy cherry.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Payr, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some flowers and black cherry. There is an imperceptible vegetal touch at the background. The second nose is fresh and sweet with red fruits. The mouth is fresh and fruity with red currant, black currant also. The tannins are strong and the acidity is well-balanced. The tannins are still present in the finish. The aromas are going towards the black tea and the black cherry. The end of the tasting is long with still astringency and a hint of vanilla.

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

Pelzmann, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some red fruits flavors and a hint of chocolate. The second nose, with air, is more discreet. We have some red cherry and a bit of vanilla. The mouth is fresh and tangy. The aromas are mainly fruity with red fruits. We do have strong grappy tannins. The acidity is high. The flavours are discreet and the finish is astringent with the tannins still highly present. The aromas are about red plum and black skin berry.

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

Glock, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic and delicate. We do have some red fruits, sweet, and a bit of white pepper. The second nose, with air, is still fresh, almost minty with a little note of pot pourri. The mouth is fresh, minty with some red berry and juicy red cherry. The tannins are present, high. The acidity in the mid palate is high and salivating which is washing the tannins. The tannins are more supple but still astringent in the finish. The aromas are nice with red fruits like red cherry but also black berry skin and black tea leaves. The finish is long with a touch of vanilla.

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

Dorli Muhr, Blaufränkisch 2021 - Spitzerberg-Kobeln

Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW
The first nose is discreet with a deep black pepper note. The second nose, with air, is more towards undergrowth. The mouth is fresh, fruity with small crunchy berries.

We do have red plum and strawberries. The tannins are supple, astringent until the finish but the high acidity is salivating. It is a light style, fresh. The finish is about red fruits tangy and some black pepper.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dorli Muhr, Blaufränkisch 2021 - Spitzerberg-Kranzen

Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW
The first nose is fresh and quite herbal. We do also have a nice floral note with violet and rose. It is nice. The second nose, with air is a little bit more green. The mouth is nice with fresh juicy black berry. The tannins are present but supple. The acidity is salivating but not too much. It is a smooth style. The finish is delicate with some black skin berry and rose.

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

Dorli Muhr, Blaufränkisch 2021 - Spitzerberg-Obere Roterd

Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW
The first nose is aromatic and fresh with some smoky mineral side. There are some red fruits. The second nose is a little bit more expressive : the smokiness is hiding the aromas. It is quite gazy. The mouth is fresh and sweet with some red cherry and plum notes. There is an imperceptible vegetable taste. The tannins are strong and the acidity is high. In the mid-palate, it is salivating and chasing the tannins which are very soft at the end. The finish is nice with fruits such as cherry and black currant with a hint of vanilla.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Dorli Muhr, Blaufränkisch 2021 - Spitzerberg-Obere Spitzer

Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW
The nose is fresh and smoky with some chocolate note. There are also red and black fruits. It is quite sweet in the nose. The second nose is mineral and fruity. It is simple. The mouth is tangy with some wild strawberry and little red cherry quite juicy. The tannins are soft and the acidity is a little bit salivating. The finish is long with some plum note.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dietrich, Blaufränkisch 2021 Carnuntum, Prellenkirchen, 1ÖTW

The first nose is aromatic with some pot pourri and there is a hint of volatile acidity. The second nose is also pot pourri and smoky. The fruits are hidden. The mouth is fresh with pot pourri and red berries. The tannins are high and the acidity is fresh and salivating. The body is light but the tannins are quite persistent and become more soft in the finish. The finish is about pot pourri and black skin berry.

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

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Nikolaihof, Grüner Veltliner 2019 Wachau, Mautern

The first nose is very fresh and fruity with a nice minerality, almost minty. We do have some honey notes but also cooked apple. The second nose is fresh too with a nice definition. We do have a hint of coconut and some light peach. In mouth, the wine is fresh and fruity with some lemon peel and apple. There is a bit of saffron in the middle of the mouth. The acidity is well balanced with apple juice note. The wine is quite powerful in alcohol and the finish is warm with some cooked apple. Nice wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Hutter, Grüner Veltliner 2023 Wachau, Mautern

The first nose is fresh with a bit of creaminess. We do have some free apple notes. With air, the nose opens with some white peach and grapefruit. It needs a bit of aeration. The mouth is fresh and juicy with some nice green apple and juicy lemon. We do have a nice

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refreshing acidity with a bit of saltiness at the end of the tasting. It is a fresh and vibrant profile. Nice wine. The finish is long with some lime peel and peach.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Hutter, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Mauternbach

The nose is fresh and fruity. It is aromatic with some white peach and mint. The second nose, with air, opens with more lime fruits such as lemon and grapefruit. There are some flowers also. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. We do have some peach blossom and orange blossom. There is a little bitterness at the end which complexity the wine. It is settled with peach and apricot in the end.

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

Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is fresh and delicate, aromatic with some flowers and white peach. The second nose opens with grapefruit and mint. It is quite delicate. The mouth is fresh, aromatic. We do have a nice definition of the grape variety. The acidity is nice, the mouth is watery. We do have some white peach and a hint of orange blossom. The finish is tangy with some white pepper and a bit of lemon peel. It is long and persistent.

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

Rehrl-Fischer, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is aromatic with some stone fruits. It is very fresh, mineral. The second nose is still fresh and more on lime fruits like lemon and green apple. The mouth is a little bit fizzy at the start. It is fresh with a nice acidity. There are some lemon notes but also grapefruit. It is quite delicate with a tangy finish.

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

Josef Fischer, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is fresh with a bit of smokiness from the minerality. It is also a bit sea side flair with some iodine. The second nose opens with freshness and some notes of cut fresh grass. We do have a hint of green pineapple and of apple. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack. We have a nice acidity and fruitiness with some lime notes. We do have also a good minerality. We can feel some lemon and white peach. The acidity is well-balanced and the finish has got a little astringency. The finish is long with peach kernel.

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

Georg Frischengruber, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is aromatic with some tropical fruits such as mango. We do have a hint of honey and white flowers. The second nose, with air, opens with some lemon peel, lemon blossom and juicy pear. The mouth is fresh, tangy with a nice acidity. We do have the lemon, the grapefruit but also the green apple and some peach. It is clear and clean. The acidity is salivating in the finish with a bit of astringency (just a bit). The finish is on lemon peel and lemon blossom.

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

Georg Frischengruber, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is aromatic with stone fruits like apricot and peach. We do have a hint of pineapple. The second nose is opening with a nice freshness. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack, lightly. The acidity is nice with some lemon and peach notes. The acidity is salivating in the finish. It is long on the apricot kernel.

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

Bergkirchner, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Mitterarnsdorf

The first nose is delicate and aromatic. We do have some nice tropical notes such as mango and some flowers. The second nose is fresh and tangy. We do have some tangerine and orange peel. But also mango and even a passion fruit hint. The mouth is a little bit fizzy at the attack. We do have a watery mouth feel with some peach and apricot. It is juicy. The finish is spicy a little with a bit of tickle sensation on the tongue. It is quite long with some peach kernel note.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Piewald, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Viessling

The wine is aromatic with a nice first nose with orange blossom and basil. The second nose, with air, opens with some pineapple. The attack is fresh and the mouth is watery feel. We do have discreet notes of apple and a bit of spices like white pepper. The finish is with a bit of alcohol on pineapple.

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

Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Viessling

The wine is fresh and aromatic in the first nose. There are some apple flavours. The second nose opens with a very nice minty freshness and some peach notes. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity and a little fizz at the attack. We do have green apple and some lemon notes. The acidity is refreshing with a finish which is salivating with peach and pineapple notes. Nice wine, refreshing and dynamic.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Graben-Gritsch, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Viessling

The first nose is aromatic with some apple and pineapple flavours. We do have a hint of peach also. The second nose is more aromatic with peach and orange blossom. The mouth has a little fizz at the attack. It is fresh and fruity. We do have some smooth notes of peach and mostly apple. The mouth is more settled than the nose. Less explosive with a very light and delicate finish on violet.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Graben-Gritsch, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Wachau, Viessling

The first nose is aromatic with a hint of volatile acidity. We do find some yellow apple and a bit of banana. The second nose opens with some honey and light yellow peach. The mouth is fresh with some saffron and honey. We do have also a hint of dried apple, dried banana. The tasting is fresh. The finish is slightly buttery and long with some apple juicy touch. It is nice and complex.

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

Högl, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Viessling

The first nose is discreet with a bit of volatile acidity. We do have some apple and white flowers notes. The second nose opens with more aromatics. The mouth is clean and clear with some juicy lemon and green apple notes. The finish has a bit of bitterness and it more classic, vinous with some white grape note.

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

Strawanzer - Donabaum, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is aromatic with some green apple and discreet white peach. The second nose is fresh and fruity, tangy with a nice mint. We do have some orange blossom and lemon. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a little sweetness at the attack. The acidity is well-balanced and the wine is aromatic with lemon, juicy grapefruit and a hint white peach. The finish is fruity and salivating. There is a bit of saltiness.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Hofstätter, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is discreet with some minerality and green apple note. The second nose, with air, opens with some pineapple and a touch of iodine. The attack is fresh with a very little fizz. The wine is aromatic with some green apple and lemon juice. There is also a hint of peach. The finish is pure, salty and some apricot kernel flavours.

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

Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The wine is pronounced with some coconut and vanilla notes. We also have some cooked apple and peach. With air, the second nose is more discreet but still fruity. The mouth is fresh with a nice acidity. We do have a lack of flavours in mouth. It is very watery mouth feel with a bit of astringency and a lemony acidity. The finish is on white peach, discreet.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Rixinger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The wine is aromatic with a bit of volatile acidity. We do find apple and fresh pineapple. The second nose opens with freshness, almost a minty minerality. We do have peach and green apple with a hint of orange blossom. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity. We do have green apple and a bit of yellow peach. It is salivating, long with a nice finish a bit salty on apricot kernel and white flowers.

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

Johann Donabaum, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is very aromatic. A bit SB with a nice freshness and lot of lime fruits such as grapefruits. We do have also nice lemon peel and lime. The second nose opens with some peach. It is pronounced. The mouth is fresh and fruity with peach and apricot. There is also a hint of dried fruits. The acidity is well-balanced with a bit of creaminess we can find in the finish. We do have a hint of astringency and some apricot and almond notes in the end of the tasting.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Thomas Gritsch, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is fresh, minty with a little hint of hazelnut. The second nose opens with a nice minerality and some apple notes. The mouth has a little fizz at the attack. It has some nice freshness and tanginess. We do have a little bitterness also in the middle of the mouth. We have very discreet notes of apple and lemon peel at the end of the tasting.

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

Roman Gritsch, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is delicate with some orange blossom and some pineapple notes. The second nose is a little bit more shy with a salty sensation. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack with some green apple notes. There is a nice tangy feel with a hint of bitterness. We do have lemon peel and green apple. In the finish, long, we do find some white peach. It is fresh.

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

Lagler, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The nose is aromatic, delicate with some pineapple and orange blossom. With air, the second nose is more open. We do have some pineapple and a bit of white pepper. We also have an imperceptible hint of mango in the background. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a nice definition of the grape variety. We do have a bit of lemon peel, green apple and peach. The finish has a small astringency with apricot kernel touch.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Christoph Donabaum, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The wine is aromatic with some vanilla notes and cooked yellow apple. We do also have a hint of mango. The second nose is still fresh with more lime fruits such as lemon peel. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a water mouth feel. There is a hint of vanilla and a small roundness in the mid palate. We do have some almond and green apple with a bit of lemon peel. The finish is on the apricot kernel.

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

Atzberg, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, St. Michael

The wine is aromatic with a good minerality and fruitiness. The second nose opens with nice peach and grapefruit flavours. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a water mouth feel. The acidity is well-balanced. We do have some peach but also melon. The finish is on almond.

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

Atzberg, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, St. Michael

The wine is a little bit closed with some smokiness. Then it opens on fruits with peach and pineapple. The second nose, with air, is fresh with lemon and lime. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack with a little fizz. The tasting is tangy with some peach and lemon peel. The acidity is well-balanced. We do feel a hint of bitterness in the finish which is almond oriented. Nice pleasant wine.

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

Rudi Pichler, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is pleasant and aromatic with some peach and gardenia notes. The second nose opens delicately with floral vibes. The mouth is clean and clear with a nice grape variety definition. It is very delicate with some flowers and green apple. The acidity is well-balanced. The finish is salivating with a bit of astringency. There are some apple and almond notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Weinhauerei 378, Grüner Veltliner 2022

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is pronounced with notes vanilla and coconut. But also of dried apple and pineapple. The second nose opens with freshness on the same profile : secondary notes. The mouth is strong, powerful with a nice acidity. There is a water mouth feel with a bit of saltiness. We do feel the coconut and the vanilla but also sweet spices. We then have the lemon peel and the dried apple. The finish is long, aromatic with almond and dried peach. We have a hint of salt still in the finish.

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

Johann Donabaum, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is delicate with peach notes. It is fresh. The second nose opens more on minty mineral freshness with lemon, grapefruit and peach. The mouth is fresh and fruity with lemon juice and white peach. It is aromatic and the mouth is watery. The finish is light with a hint of bitterness and a bit of almond. Nice wine.

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

Holzapfel, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Joching

The first nose is a little bit closed, smoky but aromatic. The second nose, with air, opens with an incredible minty freshness. We do have a hint of grapefruit and lemon peel. The mouth is fresh and fruity with some white peach and grapefruit juice. We do feel a bit of saltiness. Tho, the mouth is well-balanced. The finish is a bit shy with some flowers notes.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Schmelz, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Joching

The first nose is aromatic with some honey touch. The second nose, with air, opens with a nice freshness and a hint of apple note. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack. It is fresh with also a very little touch of sweetness. We do feel the apple but the aromas are very settled. The finish is salivating with almond note.

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

Weinhofmeisterei Hirtzberger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is delicate and aromatic with some lemon peel and a bit of smokiness. The second nose open on orange blossom and some flowers. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack with a nice acidity. We do feel a bit of white peach. It is quite discreet in mouth. The finish is on the apple juice, very delicate.

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

Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The first nose is fresh and fruity. We do have a hint of white pepper and of white flowers. It is nicely aromatic. The second nose, with air, opens with some discreet peach. The mouth is fresh and fruity. The tasting is water



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mouth like. We do have a hint of bitterness with some peach and juicy apple. The finish is on orange blossom with a nice salivating acidity. It has some ageing potential. The finish is delicate but long. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Holzapfel, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The first nose is a bit reduced but fresh. It needs a bit of aeration. The second nose has still a very fresh minerality with some peach and grapefruit. The second nose opens with a very nice minty freshness. We do feel the peach but also the lemon. The mouth has got a bit of sweetness at the attack. We have some peach but also a salty apple. We have also a bit of animal touch. The finish is on lemon peel and fur.

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

Andreas Gatteringer, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The first nose is aromatic and fruity with some peach and orange blossom. It is quite charming. The second nose opens with a nice lemon and juicy grapefruit. We even have an imperceptible mango on the background. The mouth is fresh and fruity. The acidity is nice with some almond and iodine. We do have apple juice and lemony aromas. It is long and delicate. The tangy feel is well-balanced.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Jäger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The first nose is fresh with some lime and mint. The second nose opens with lemon and peach. There is a nice minerality. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a nice tangy feel. We do have the peach and the lemon peel. It is salty also until the finish. The end of the tasting is salivating with some almond. Nice wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Prager, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The wine is fresh, mineral and a little bit smoky with fruits. We do feel the lemon peel. The second nose opens with peach and orange blossom. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack. It is fruity with the grapefruit and the juicy peach. We do have a hint of lemon peel and of orange blossom until the end of the tasting. The finish is a bit astringent, even tannic with almond. Nice wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Josef Jamek, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Weissenkirchen

The first nose has got a little bit of volatile acidity. The second nose, with air, opens with a touch of lemon and flowers. The mouth is sweet at the attack with some juicy lemon and a hint of apple. It is fresh. The roundness is still in the finish with a bit of astringency.

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

Josef Jamek, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Dürnstein

The first nose has a bit of volatile acidity but it is discreet. We do feel some lemon peel. The second nose opens with a little bit of pear and white peach. It is settled. The mouth has a bit of sweetness at the attack. We do feel the peach and the lemon juice. Then we have a round mouth with a nice freshness and a almond and lemon zest finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Knoll, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is delicate with a nice mineral freshness, almost minty. The second nose is opening on the peach and the lemon juice. It is still discreet. The mouth is tangy with some peach and lemon juice. We do have a roundness after in mouth with a minty feel. The middle of the mouth is short. The finish is on the light apricot kernel.

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

Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Dürnstein

The first nose is aromatic with some peach in syrup, coconut and vanilla notes. The second nose is more delicate, more settled. There is a nice mineral freshness. The mouth is fresh and fruity with a little fizz at the attack. We feel the lemon juice and the peach. The acidity is high and salivating in the finish. We have a hint of saltiness which adds complexity. It is a nice wine with a long finish on the almond.

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

Simon Gatteringer, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is aromatic with some vanilla and peach. The second nose opens on some lemon peel. It is more discreet. The mouth is tangy with a vanilla and coconut touch. We do have some apple juice. The acidity is salivating and a bit salty in the finish. The end is very delicate with some apricot kernel and almond with a hint of pine sap.

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

Alzinger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is discreet with some green apple and white grape notes. The second nose is fresh, mineral almost minty with a nice definition of white peach. The

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mouth is fresh, clean and clear with some lemon juice and white peach. It is salty in the finish. The acidity is salivating. The finish is delicate with almond.

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

Knoll, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is discreet with some green apple notes. The second nose opens with some white peach. It is crystal clear, fresh, mineral with a bit on mint. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack. It is fresh with some green apple juice and white peach. It is clean. The roundness is in the finish also. The acidity is salivating, pure and fresh. We do have some nice aromas of white peach at the end of the tasting with white flowers. Nice wine.

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

Tegernseerhof, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is aromatic and a bit smoky. The second nose is opening with a bit of lemon peel and grapefruit. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack but mainly tangy. It is fresh with some apple and white peach. We have some lemon juice with a lemony acidity. The end of the tasting is fresh also with some pineapple.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Knoll, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is fresh and delicate. Almost discreet. The second nose, with air, opens with a bit of minerality and green apple notes. The mouth is fresh, lemony with some peach notes. It is discreet but well-balanced. The acidity is fresh with some almond in the end and apple juice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tegernseerhof, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Dürnstein

The first nose is discreet with some lemon peel and a bit of vanilla and coconut. The second nose opens with orange blossom. The mouth is fresh and tangy with a vivid acidity. We do have the lemon juice and a hit of apple. The finish is salivating, a bit salty, with some apple pips notes.

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

Alzinger, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is fresh, mineral and discreet. The second nose is opening with some lemon, white peach and juicy apple. The mouth is fresh and has got a little sweetness at the attack. We do feel the white peach and the juicy lemon. The wine is wide and the acidity is salivating. The finish is nice, long and persistent with some peach and lemon zest.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Schmelz, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is fresh, mineral with some green apple touch. The second nose is delicate with lemon peel. It is nice and very fresh. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack with some apple juice, lemon and almond. We do have also fresh peach and white grappe. The roundness continues in the finish which is persistent and still sweet. We do have apple juice and lemon peel.

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

Knoll, Grüner Veltliner 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is mineral and discreet. With air, the second nose is still shy with a nice minty freshness. We perceive a shy hint of pineapple. The mouth is fresh, vivid but shy. The minerality is present with almond. It is very clear like water but the flavours are very discreet.

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

Georg Frischengruber, Riesling 2023 - Goldberg

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is fresh with a hint of petroleum. The second nose has more petroleum and a bit of apple juice note. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack with high acidity. We do have some white peach, lemon juice and apple. The end of the tasting is acidic like a green apple. The finish is clean and clear, salivating with a hint of salt. Nice wine, dynamic.

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

Georg Frischengruber, Riesling 2023 - Kirmberg

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is intense with rose petals and petroleum note. The second nose, with air, opens with more petroleum and a hint of lime. The mouth is sweet at the attack, tangy with a fresh minerality and acidic fruits such as lemon and green apple. The finish is tangy with lemon peel.

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

Georg Frischengruber, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is fresh with a hint of petroleum and peach. The second nose has got more petroleum and a fat texture. It is nice. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack with some peach and banana. We do have a petroleum note still. The acidity is high with some lemon and apple notes. The finish is tangy with peach and pineapple. Nice potential for ageing.

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

Sigl, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Rossatz

The first nose is fresh and fruity with some nice definition of the peach and the grapefruit. The second nose is also fresh with a hint of basil and mint. It is quite expressive. The mouth is sweet at the attack with a hint of orange blossom, apple juice and lemon peel. There are some white flowers and a bit of genever in the finish. It is tangy.

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

Piewald, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is fresh and fruity with some pear and apple notes. The second nose is still delicate with more green apple. The mouth is tangy, acidic at the attack with some lemon and lime juice. We do have the green apple also. There is a nice minerality. The finish is salivating with a bit of saltiness. We have the lemon juice and a hint of yuzu peel.

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

Thomas Gritsch, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is fresh and fruity but discreet. There are some rose petal and grapefruit. The second nose, with air, opens on peach. The mouth is sweet at the attack with a little fizz. There is a nice aroma of peach but also lemon juice and grapefruit. The finish is fresh with a bit of astringency. It is quite delicate.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Lagler, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is sweet with some pineapple and apple juice notes. The second nose opens with more pineapple and a hint of lemon peel. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack. The acidity hits and then a little sweetness. We do have nice green tea notes with lemon and apple juice. It is quite pronounced and full. The finish is salivating with a small bitterness. It is fresh and persistent. Nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Thomas Gritsch, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is fresh with some pear and grapefruit notes. There is also a hint of jasmine. The second nose is more with the orange peel and the yellow peach. The mouth is a bit fizzy at the attack. It is tangy and also

there is a small sweetness present. We do find the lemon peel, the grapefruit and the peach. The Finnish is tangy with orange peel and a bit of apple seed.

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

Christoph Donabaum, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Spitz

The first nose is delicate and aromatic with some vanilla and coconut touches. We do feel also a bit on pineapple. The second nose is fresh, mineral with apple juice notes. The mouth is sweet at the attack with some apple juice notes and white peach. It is delicate with a bit of rose petals. The finish has a little bitterness and some almond touch. Nice wine with also a touch of orange blossom.

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

Weinhofmeisterei Hirtzberger, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is aromatic with some peach and lemon juice. The second nose opens with air with some discreet notes of apple. The mouth is a bit sweet at the attack, fresh with some lemon juice notes and a bit of grapefruit. The acidity is present, salivating and a bit salty in the finish. Nice wine with some tension.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Schwaiger, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Wösendorf

The first nose is fresh and fruity with some lemon juice and grapefruit. The second nose opens with peach. It is nice. The mouth is fresh and lemony with apple and peach. There is a little sweetness at the attack. The wine is nice with a good acidity. The finish is aromatic with peach and apricot kernel. There is a little complexity and potential for ageing with a long finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Alzinger, Riesling 2023 - Steinertal

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is aromatic with some rose petals and peach. The second nose is very fresh, very charming. It is a nice nose, delicate. We have the peach and the pineapple. The mouth is fresh, mineral with fruits like peach and mango. We have high acidity and a bit of white pepper and genever. The finish is light, green, with a bit of genever.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Alzinger, Riesling 2023 - Loibenberg

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is aromatic and fresh with some lemon leaf and white peach. The second nose opens with some grapefruit notes. It is mineral, fresh almost minty. The mouth is fresh with some rose petals, grapefruit and lemon juice. The acidity is high and fresh. It is aromatic. The finish is long and acidic with a nice salivation on apricot.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Hutter, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is very aromatic with lemon peel, apple and some spices. The second nose is also aromatic with a hint of honey and peach in syrup. The mouth is fresh with a hint of sweetness at the attack. It is dynamic with high acidity. We have a very nice peach, rose and honey notes. The finish is long, aromatic with a bit of bitterness. It is minty and with some orgeat delicate notes.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Simon Gatteringer, Riesling 2023

Wachau, Unterloiben

The first nose is spicy with some cooked apple pie with cinnamon, white pepper and fresh basil. The second nose is more on lime fruits like lime peel. It is aromatic. The mouth is fresh with some black tea leaves, peach and lemon juice. The finish is salivating, mineral with some almond touch.

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

Provence

BANDOL

Domaine de la Bégude 2021

AOC Bandol

The nose is aromatic, minty, almost with a eucalyptus note. We perceive a small toast, chocolatey. And dark fruits like juicy black cherry and blackberry. The second nose is still fresh with almost a hint of coffee. The palate is fresh, round on the attack. We have notes of black fruits like blackberry and cherry. There is a nice acidity in the mid-palate. The tannins are present, persistent until the finish. The end of the tasting is on the little juicy morello cherry but also on a light chocolate. Pleasant. Great potential.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de la Bégude, La Brulade 2019

AOC Bandol

The nose is fresh and delicately scented with notes of chocolate and mint. The second nose also has a nice freshness with notes of black fruits and potpourri. There is a certain elegance. The palate is fresh with a minty attack. There are notes of blackberry, juicy black cherry and dried tomato. We find the cocoa note. The tannins are supple. The finish is juicy with black cherry. Beautiful wine with potential. Long.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Ray Jane 2021

AOC Bandol

The nose is fresh and aromatic, powerful with a hint of umami. There are notes of potpourris as well as black cherry. The second nose is fresh, almost with a touch of eucalyptus. There is also a note of leather. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack. We find leather, an animal side in the mid-palate with black cherry. The tannins are imposing and persistent. We always have notes of potpourris. The finish is fine with a hint of blackberry with a slight bitterness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

CÔTES DE PROVENCE

Château d'Astros, Cuvée du Commandeur 2021

AOC Côtes de Provence

The nose is very powerful, aromatic with notes of potpourri as well as brandied cherry. We perceive touches of undergrowth as well as cocoa. There is a woodiness that emerges, almost toasted coconut. The second nose is always very aromatic and powerful. We find its notes of tobacco, smoke, undergrowth and woody, almost truffle. The palate is fresh, aromatic with notes of black fruits such as blackberry and cherry. We also have powerful, present and persistent tannins. We still have its notes of potpourris, undergrowth, toast, woody. The finish is more delicate with a licorice texture. It's long and intense, ready to drink.

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

Château Léoube, Origine 2021

AOC Côtes de Provence

The first nose is tangy with notes of fruit such as red plum and blackberry. We also have a nice freshness. The second nose is even a little salty. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with notes of juicy black cherry and blackberry. The tannins are saline and present until the finish. The latter is fruity with morello cherry and strawberry.

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

Château Léoube, Secret de Léoube rouge 2020

AOC Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of cherry as well as dried mint. The second nose opens with small smoky touches as well as other black fruits. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with fruit such as blackberry and especially juicy black cherry. We perceive some hints of wild strawberry as well as rose. There is always a nice minty freshness and tannins present until the finish. It is a young wine that requires a little patience.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Pas du Cerf 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is aromatic and smoky with pronounced toasted notes. We have some fruits in the background like blackberry and black plum. The second nose is always aromatic with grilled meat and stewed cherries. The palate is fresh with a tangy attack. We have hints of mint and juicy morello cherry. The tannins are present, powerful and persistent until the finish. The end of the tasting is sober with a little bitterness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Mas de Cadenet, L'Échappée Belle 2022

AOC Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity with a hodgepodge of red and black fruits such as cherry, blackberry and raspberry. The second nose is more aromatic, minty with a hint of black grapes and pepper. The palate is fresh with a delicious attack on the fruit. We have a nice acidity and present and slightly persistent tannins. We find juicy black cherry, raspberry and pepper on the finish. It's long.

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

Love by Léoube 2023

AOC Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity with winy notes of grapes as well as juicy red plum. The second nose opens with minerality, a slightly smoky side as well as notes of black cherry. The wine is young, it needs to open up with a little aeration. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. We perceive notes of juicy blackberry, red plum and black cherry. The tannins are present and are sweet. The finish is fine with a hint of black pepper. Young wine with potential.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Pas du Cerf, Marlise 2013

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine is aromatic, fresh with notes of chocolate and toast. There is a little darkness and sweetness at the same time with hints of juicy black cherry. The second nose is more fragrant with a hint of black pepper. The palate is fresh, fragrant with a nice toast and delicious cocoa. There is freshness and notes of juicy cherry, blackberry as well as rose. The tannins are present but supple. The finish is more on a note of fresh sap and fresh fruit. Nice length. Nice wine and great potential for a wine that is more than 10 years old.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château d'Astros, Amour 2020

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and minty with notes of black cherry. The second nose is still just as fresh with a hint of eucalyptus. We always have black fruits like red cherry and plum. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. We have notes of juicy, discreet black fruits, with a little salinity on the finish on the cherry. The tannins are very supple. The finish is on the chocolate.

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

Château La Mascaronne 2019

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh, minty and discreet. The second nose opens with creamy, vanilla notes. We also perceive purple plum and some floral touches. The whole thing remains sensitive. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. There are light coffee notes as well as dark fruits like cherry and blackberry. We perceive a toasted side. The tannins are powerful, a little salty and this continues until the finish. The end of the tasting is focused on slightly bitter coffee notes and blackberry skin.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Sainte-Croix, Le Patriarche 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh, intense and fruity. There is a roundness also present. We have lovely notes of blackberry as well as juicy cherry. There is a hint of vanilla. It's clean. The second nose is fresh and still on black fruits. The palate is sweet on the attack, round with present intense tannins. Wine needs time to flourish. There are notes of stewed cherry as well as blackcurrant jam. There is also an almost caramelized balsamic touch with vanilla. The finish is salivating with a hint of salinity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Sainte-Croix, Prestige 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of black cherry as well as boysenberry. The second nose opens with hints of Sichuan pepper as well as mint. The palate is round on the attack, fresh with notes of very juicy cherry, strawberry and even blackcurrant. The tannins are powerful and continue in the finish with a hint of vanilla, almost chocolate.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Sainte-Croix, Saint-Pierre 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and round, a little smoky with sweet notes of juicy black cherry. The second nose opens a little more, there is a winy, blackberry and vanilla side. The palate is fresh and round on the attack. We have present, intense and gripping tannins. There is a nice acidity in the mid-palate. We find juicy cherry and blackberry as well as fine hints of vanilla and leather. The finish is fruity. Nice wine.

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

Château Tour Saint Honoré 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fragrant, intense with notes of fresh fruit such as boysenberry but also morello cherry. The wine is young. The second nose is spicier with small touches of liquorice. The nose is delicious. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. The tannins are present and soften in the finish. We find juicy red cherry and boysenberry. It's fresh and aromatic with touches of juicy grape and blueberry. The finish is fine with fruit and a hint of vanilla.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Chevalier Torpez, Ultimum 2017

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh, almost minty. There are fruit notes like crisp blackberry and red plum. There is almost a touch of cooked tomato flesh. The second nose is deeper, blacker. The palate is fresh with a hint of vanilla, always a nice minty freshness and notes of juicy black cherry. The tannins are present, pleasant and very quickly supple. We perceive some notes of sweet spices on the finish and a hint of blond tobacco. Nice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Provence

Clos Réal 2021

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh with notes of stewed black fruits such as blackberries. We also perceive a touch of potpourri and a toast in the background, almost imperceptible. The second nose opens up, more mentholated, more on cocoa, more on cooked fruit. The palate is fresh, round on the attack. There are notes of fresh and stewed black fruits such as black cherry and plum. The woody side is present with fresh and grippy tannins, persistent until the finish. There is a hint of clove in the finish which accompanies notes of juicy black cherry. Good potential.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine La Tourraque, Classic 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity. A little tight with notes of dark fruits like blackberry and juicy cherry. We also perceive a small minerality and a hint of iron. There is also an imperceptible hint of laurel flower. The second nose is aromatic, fruity with notes of nice vanilla. The palate is fresh, fruity with present and powerful tannins. There is a lightness on the palate, a fluidity with notes of fruit like blackberry. The finish is on black cherry.

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

Domaine La Tourraque, Harmonie 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh and tangy with notes of fruits such as red plum and blackcurrant. There is also a hint of tea and vanilla. The second nose is a little smoky, it needs air. The palate is fresh and tangy on the attack. We have notes of small, crunchy red fruits like redcurrant but also some black fruits like blackberry. We also perceive a touch of black pepper and smoke on the finish.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Estandon, Héritage 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity, aromatic with small, crunchy black fruits such as blackberries and juicy cherries. There is also a hint of feruginous minerality. The second nose is also fresh, tighter with still touches of black fruits as well as tomato leaf. The palate is fresh, clear and fruity. We find notes of juicy cherry and blackberry. There is a good balance. The mid-palate is juicy. The tannins are supple and discreet. The finish is fragrant with black fruits such as blackberry and small juicy cherries. We have a hint of blackcurrant and violet. Nice wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Rimauresq, R - Cru Classé 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fruity with notes of blackberry and cherry. There is also a nice almost caramelized woodiness. We also smell minty freshness. The second nose is also fresh and fruity, still with black fruits. The palate is fresh with a good attack of black fruits and a slight bitterness. The tannins are present and powerful. We still have the caramelized, woody, almost cedar and coconut notes. The finish is powerful, long with these empreunatic notes.

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

Figuière, Figure #2 2023

AOP Côtes de Provence

The wine is young. The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of grape as well as red cherry. It is a little closed, reduced and needs oxygen to open. The second nose is fresh and floral with notes of peony. The palate is round on the attack with the aromatic power of youth. There are notes of sweet cherry, blackberry and vanilla. There are tannins present, supple. The finish is on rose and grape with a hint of black pepper. Good potential.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Figuière, Première 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and intense with roasted notes. We also have fruit with cherry and blackberry but above all a toasted and coffee side. We also perceive a note of leather. The second nose opens with still this very smoky, leathery, almost animal appearance. The palate is fresh, round, almost sweet on the attack. We have notes of leather, toast as well as blond tobacco. This accompanies powerful tannins and fruit like blackberry and black cherry. The end of the tasting has a slight bitterness brought by this coffee/cocoa side. The finish is long with crunchy black cherry.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Torpez, Bravade 2019

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is seductive with notes of fruit such as red cherry and strawberry. We perceive a tangy, round side with a hint of vanilla. The second nose is also fresh with a touch of raspberry compote. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with tannins which gradually appear. Powerful, they soften in the finish. We find Morello cherry, raspberry compote and juicy plum. We also have a hint of vanilla. The finish is pleasant, also seductive and lingering on red fruits.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Torpez, Château La Moutte 2019

AOP Côtes de Provence

The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of cherry, slightly mushroomy undergrowth and a nice touch of menthol. The second nose is also aromatic with a hint of vanilla and still the presence of black fruits. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of vanilla, coconut and sweet spices. We have touches of blackberry and cherry with a nice acidity and tannins which soften little by little. The finish is pretty, seductive with notes of vanilla, almost caramelized and stewed black fruits.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of fruit like blackberry and juicy cherry. We also perceive touches of red rose petal as well as white pepper. The second nose opens with some spices and a little orange zest. The palate is fresh and fruity with white pepper and rose petals. There is a little bitterness and tannins present which soften in the finish. The end of the tasting is aromatic with notes of blackberry.

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

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence Notre-Dame des Anges

The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of purple plum as well as grapes. The second nose opens with hints of white pepper as well as cherry. The palate is fresh and peppery with notes of leather and blackberry. The finish is fruity with blackberry and plum. The tannins are present but become supple at the end of tasting.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

CÔTES DE PROVENCE SAINTE-VICTOIRE

Château Coussin 2021

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fresh with a little darkness and a slight roundness. We perceive notes of juicy black cherry as well as light toast. The second nose is a little more floral with touches of potpourris and leather. The palate is fresh with a tangy attack. We have powerful tannins, marked then supple. There are notes of juicy black cherry and plum.

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

Mas de Cadenet 2021

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fresh with notes of black fruits such as cherry and plum. We also perceive touches of black grapes. There is a nice freshness. The second nose opens with a discreet toast. The palate is fresh, peppery on the attack. There are notes of black fruits and a little bitterness. The tannins are present, persistent until the finish. We finish with black fruits like blackberry and cherry with a hint of salinity.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Mas de Cadenet, Grande Garde 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fresh with a hint of menthol. We have fruits like plum. It's tight. We also have a touch of leather. The second nose opens with animal touches and branded cherry. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. We perceive this animal note in the background with powerful tannins and a slight salinity. The tannins continue on the finish. There are notes of juicy cherry as well as plum. The finish is fragrant and long.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Château des Ferrages, Mon plaisir 2022

AOP Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of cherry and mint. The second nose opens with touches of sweet spices and juicy raspberry. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of blackberry and red plum. The tannins are present, powerful and persistent until the finish. We have hints of juicy raspberry and a little darkness in the texture. The finale is discreet.

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

COTEAUX D'AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Château de Calavon 2020

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The nose is fresh and toasted with notes of fruit such as red cherry. There is a little menthol and cocoa. The second nose opens with smoky notes, sweet spices and black fruits. The palate is fresh with pepper on the attack. There is a nice refreshing acidity and tannins present, which soften in the finish. We have a nice umami on the finish with a salty touch. We find fruits and mainly juicy plums.

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

Château des Annibals 2021

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity, discreet with notes of cherry and blackberry. The second nose opens with fresh hints of juicy plum. The palate is fresh with a floral hint of rose at the attack. There is a little tangy side with fresh fruits like cherry and plum. The tannins are present, supple with a little mineral salinity. The end of the tasting is on the fruit. Dynamic wine.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Provence

Château La Coste, Les Pentès Douces 2020

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The first nose is fresh, almost minty. There are notes of fruit like blackberry as well as light vanilla. The second nose is more aromatic, more intense on black fruits with a hint of salinity. The palate is fresh, round on the attack. We have notes of black fruits and powerful tannins which soften in the mid-palate. We perceive crunchy blackberry and juicy black cherry. The finish is astringent with a hint of bitterness. There is a nice blackberry note and a salty touch still present.

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

Château La Coste 2020

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The first nose is fresh with notes of fruit such as blackberry and red plum. We also have a ripe grape side. The second nose is mineral, almost saline. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with immediately present and significant tannins. We find blackberry but also red plum. The tannins are very astringent and continue in the fresh finish with blackberries and black cherries. It will take a little time for the tannins to soften.

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

Domaine d'Eole 2022

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of juicy small red fruits, strawberry and small notes of flowers associated with a discreet almost vanilla hint. The palate is fresh, well-balanced, fruity and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, cherry and small notes of flowers associated with an almost undergrowth hint.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Estandon, X Paix 2020

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The nose is fresh and vegetal with notes of mint and green pea sap. Little by little, we perceive a strong touch of fresh eucalyptus. The second nose is more fruity with notes of black fruits such as blackberry. We have a hint of coconut. The palate is fresh, vegetal with always this note of pea and eucalyptus. We have small red fruits like cherries. The finish is woody with minty freshness and a hint of cherry. The tannins are present and persistent.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Roquerousse 2023

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The nose is fresh, minty with notes of black fruits such as cherry and a light toast in the background. The second nose opens with touches of fruit such as blackberry, cherry and plum. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. There are notes of juicy cherry as well as blackberry. We always have a nice menthol and fine hints of vanilla. The tannins are supple. There is a beautiful fluidity with delicious roundness. The finish is fruity.

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

Les Béates 2021

AOP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

The first nose is smoky, woody with also fruity notes. We have the strawberry as well as the juicy black cherry. The second nose opens with still smoky notes and boysenberry. This is a wine that deserves a little aeration. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of sweet spices. We have a tangy attack which accompanies powerful tannins which soften in the finish. Everything is always tangy with small fruits like redcurrant or boysenberry. The finish has a slight note of vanilla.

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

COTEAUX VAROIS EN PROVENCE

Bastide de Blacailoux, Miraia 2022

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of juicy plum. The second nose opens with discreet touches of cocoa and blackberry. The palate is fresh with acidity on the attack. We have present and persistent tannins. There are notes of juicy cherry as well as plum. We perceive a hint of cocoa. The finish is salivating with the tannins still present and a nice note of juicy black cherry.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine du Deffends, Champs de la Truffière 2019

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fresh, minty and fruity with notes of black fruits such as plum as well as black pepper. The second nose is still fruity and a little more pronounced. The palate is fresh with a nice attack of tangy fruit. There are present tannins and notes of fruit such as morello cherry and juicy plum. The finish is structured by the tannins but fluid with the fruit.

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

Domaine du Deffends, Les Pointes du Deffends 2020

AOC Coteaux Varois en Provence

The first nose is aromatic with notes of boysenberry as well as black cherry. The second nose is fresh with small touches of sweet spices as well as vanilla. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. We find boysenberry as well as black cherry. We perceive touches of sweet spices including cinnamon. The tannins are present until the finish. The end of the tasting is slightly warm with black fruits and a touch of smoke.

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

Domaine du Deffends, Marie Liesse 2020

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The first nose is fresh with a touch of smoke and mint. The second nose opens with a slightly earthy, grassy side in the sense of the place. There are black fruits like crushed fresh blackberries. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. We can see the little morello cherry very clearly. There are soft tannins. The roundness continues in the mid-palate until the finish, always on juicy, ripe and sweet red cherries. It is a clean, straight and subtle wine.

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

Domaine du Deffends, Champs du Bécassier 2022

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The first nose is fresh with a touch of smoke and mint. The second nose opens with a slightly earthy, grassy side in the sense of the place. There are black fruits like crushed fresh blackberries. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. We can see the little morello cherry very clearly. There are soft tannins. The roundness continues in the mid-palate until the finish, always on juicy, ripe and sweet red cherries. It is a clean, straight and subtle wine.

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

Domaine du Deffends, Champs de la Truffière 2014

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The first nose is powerful and aromatic with beautiful notes of toast and toasted pine nuts. The second nose opens with jammy black fruits such as blackberry and cherry. There is always a nice minty freshness, a hint of leather as well as a touch of white pepper. The palate is

fresh and fruity, light with notes of leather and roasted blackberry. Acidity is present with salivation. The tannins are still present until the finish. We have a nice minerality. The finish is delicate, fresh, with small cherry notes. The end of the tasting is persistent. The wine has reached its peak, it should be drunk for a gourmet experience!

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

Domaine du Deffends, Champs de la Truffière 2018

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The wine is fresh and fruity with notes of undergrowth and pine forest. You can almost smell the juicy tomato cooked in the oven. The second nose is always fresh, with notes of black tea, delicate rose and cherry. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with notes of spices, juicy cherry as well as old tomato flesh. There is a nice acidity which brings lightness. The finish is persistent on small red cherry with always a hint of black tea.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Estandon, Génération Estandon 2022

AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fresh with a hint of quince. We have a minty freshness with discreet hints of cocoa. The second nose opens. It is more aromatic with notes of cherry as well as leather. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with notes of plum as well as juicy red cherry. The tannins are present in the mid-palate, persistent but not huge. The finish ends on plum.

Score : 14.25/20 (87/100)

OTHERS

Château Tour Saint Honoré, Carignan 2023

Vin de Table (Hors appellation)

The nose is aromatic, curious with a note of fresh grass. There is freshness, almost minty. And we perceive notes of fruit like red plum. The second nose opens with black fruits like blackberry and a hint of spices like pepper. The palate is round on the attack with beautiful fluidity. We find this note of fresh grass but also small delicious fruits like cherry. The tannins are very discreet and regain a hint of astringency in the finish. The finish is peppery with a hint of long cherry.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de la Bégude, Cadet de la Bégude 2022

IGP Méditerranée

The first nose is fresh, tangy with notes of red plum as well as morello cherry. The second nose opens with a slight toasted and smoky side. The palate is fresh with a little roundness on the attack. We perceive notes of tart cherry with tannins present until the finish. We also have touches of black pepper, crunchy blackberry and raspberry. The finish is pretty, aromatic and persistent. It is a simple but well-crafted wine.

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

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RED WINES

Domaine de l'Amandine 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers gourmandise, concentration and a certain complexity. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, redcurrant jelly, raspberry coulis and fresh blackcurrant, associated with a fine floral bouquet (iris, peony, violet), touches of menthol, roasted aromatic herbs and a gourmet hint of cherry jam, as well as a peppery and toasted touch in the background. The palate offers juiciness, indulgence and density, all in freshness. It expresses flavors of tart red cherry, fresh raspberry, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry coulis and fresh red plum, associated with notes of peony, violet and lily, as well as a fine herbaceous side (rosemary, mint in the background and a hint of blackcurrant leaf). The tannins are tight, slightly grippy on the finish. The finish is rather persistent, straight, juicy and delicious, with a nice acidity and a good bitterness of bird cherry in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine de l'Amandine 2023

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(organic) The wine has a medium intensity ruby color. The nose offers brightness and juicy fruit. It expresses the aromas of tart raspberry, red currant, blueberry, red cherry, strawberry and crushed blackcurrant. After aeration, we feel an aromatic floral bouquet - notes of violet, fresh peony and lily, as well as touches of mint, pine needles (even a hint of sap in the background) and roasted bouquet garni. The palate offers chewiness, a silky texture and juiciness. It expresses the fruity flavors, a little sweeter, than on the nose - of crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red plum, morello cherry, red cherry and blackcurrant. On the mid-palate, we find notes of mint, Mediterranean herbs, flowers (violet, lily) and a slight touch of sap on the finish. The tannins are structured and finely tight. The wine is moderately persistent, with a touch of good bitterness and a nice acidity.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Cellier des Princes Tradition 2021

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise and freshness with a delicate spiciness and a smoky and meaty touch in the background. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, black plum and red plum, as well as spicy aromas of white pepper, liquorice and cumin, complemented by a woody and toasted touch. We also feel a very subtle hint of violet and mint after aeration. The palate is aromatic and offers freshness of fruit, juiciness, straightness and a good bitterness of the attack. It expresses notes of dried and roasted red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry and black plum, combined with savoury touches of spices (white pepper, liquorice in the background) and toast, as well as a bitterness of coffee and a hint of violet in the background. The tannins have a fine grain and a good structure. Beautiful acidity, moderately persistent in the mouth.

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

Domaine du Grand Tinel 2022

Côtes du Rhône

(60% Grenache, 40% Syrah) The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color. The nose offers juiciness, fruitiness and a distinct herbal hint. It expresses notes of roasted bouquet garni, fresh rosemary, wild mint, combined with floral touches of violet and peony, as well as a gourmand fruitiness (crushed blue plum, morello cherry, strawberry, blackcurrant, blueberry). After aeration, we also sense a subtle touch of basil, toasted hazelnut and pine needles. The palate is tasty, gourmet, and offers accuracy, freshness and a lively acidulous frame. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant and crushed blue plum, combined with touches of violet, lily, fresh rosemary, thyme and basil. A fine spicy, herbaceous and toasted hint returns on the finish in the flavors of toasted hazelnut, licorice, rosemary and pine needles. The tannins have a fine grain and are discreetly tight. Good bitterness of cocoa on the finish, quite persistent and beautiful acidity. A straight wine, with freshness and concentration.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de l'Amauve, Le vin d'Adrien 2023

Côtes du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers a certain concentration, freshness, juiciness and tanginess of the fruit. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, strawberry, red currants, raspberry and red plum, associated with touches of

blackcurrant, violet, white pepper, bay leaf (in the background), as well as a hint of strawberry jam and iris, even a discreet touch of chocolate. The palate offers firmness, a certain concentration, juiciness and gourmandise, associated with smooth but structured tannins. It expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant (even blackcurrant jam), red plum (with a touch of black plum) and blackberry, associated with notes of white pepper, violet, dried rose in the background and a good bitterness of cocoa on the finish. Beautiful persistence with chewiness, gourmandise, fresh acidity and a certain firmness, all in balance.

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

Domaine de l'Amauve, Réserve 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

(organic) The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is concentrated, frank and expresses a distinct touch of morello cherry with kirsch. We also find aromas of fresh morello cherry, tangy strawberry, crushed red plum, raspberry coulis, a hint of roasted plum, as well as cumin, clove, liquorice, associated with a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (violet, fresh rose, peony). On the second nose, we feel a woody (fresh oak) and sappy (pine sap, pine needles) hint, as well as a touch of chocolate crisis. The palate offers an enveloping attack, firm and silky at the same time, with a refreshing acidity of red cherry and a good bitterness. It then expresses notes of tangy raspberry, a hint of chocolate morello cherry, tangy red plum and blackcurrant in the background, combined with spicy notes (liquorice, cumin, clove), light woody hints (oak, pine sap, pine needles) and floral hints (violet, dried rose). The tannins are firm, fine and chocolatey. The finish is savory, with notes of delicate dried aromatic herbs and a good bitterness.

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

Domaine de l'Amauve, Les Merrelies 2021

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

(organic) The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and offers accuracy, a refreshing tanginess, as well as an expressive floral bouquet. We find notes of morello cherry, red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, red plum, black plum and blackberry in the background, associated with menthol notes (liquorice, dried mint, pine needles, pine sap), sweet spices (cumin, clove), dark chocolate, violet, dried rose and dried thyme, as well as a delicate hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, sweet coffee). The palate is straight, smooth and enveloping on the attack, with a good bitterness and the gourmandise of dark chocolate. It expresses notes of ripe black fruits (black plum, morello cherry, blackcurrant), crushed fresh, roasted red plum and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, clove), flowers (violet, dried rose), aromatic herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary) and a hint of toasted hazelnut in the background. The tannins are structured and tight, with a fine grain. The finish is persistent and offers a good bitterness and a salivating

acidity, as well as a fine gourmet touch of prunes in chocolate. Beautiful concentration, all in precision.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de l'Amauve, La Vigne de Louis 2023

Vaucluse IGP

(organic) The wine has a beautiful bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is expressive, aromatic, fresh and tangy, with a beautiful purity of fruit. It expresses the aromas of fresh raspberry, tangy strawberry, crushed blueberry, a hint of red plum and blackberry in the background, associated with a note of fragrant violet, iris and peony, as well as a delicate hint of white pepper in the background. The palate is lively, tangy, with a pleasant bitterness on the attack and juicy and tangy fruits in the mid-palate. It expresses the notes of crushed strawberry, ripe raspberry (even raspberry coulis), red plum, blackberry, a gourmet hint of redcurrant jelly, as well as a fine floral bouquet (violet, iris). The tannins are fine and silky, barely present, but enveloping. Good persistence on a refreshing acidity, a good bitterness and a touch of pepper. A gourmet and accessible wine, fresh and well structured.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de l'Amauve, Laurances 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

(organic) The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is chiseled, tangy, fresh and fruity. It expresses notes of fresh raspberry, strawberry, bigarreau cherry, tangy red plum, as well as fresh blackcurrant, blackcurrant bud (in the background), a very light sappy touch, a hint of dark chocolate, Mediterranean herbs in the background, as well as liquorice, white pepper and a gourmet hint of raspberry coulis. The palate is juicy, with a gourmet and enveloping attack, as well as a delicate bitter hint. It expresses flavors of wild strawberry, ripe bigarreau cherry, dried cherry in the background, tangy raspberry, red



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plum, associated with a fine floral bouquet (violet, dried rose), a touch of dark chocolate, which brings bitterness, licorice, white pepper and sap. The tannins are tight, but fine and velvety. Good persistence with a refreshing acidity and a hint of bitterness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de l'Amauve, Laurances 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

(organic) The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers a beautiful concentration of freshness and an expressive tanginess. We find the aromas of tart red cherry, fresh raspberry, tart red plum, blackberry and blueberry, associated with notes of violet, aromatic herbs (dried thyme, rosemary), as well as cherry jam in the background. On the second nose, mentholated notes of licorice, pine sap, wild mint appear, accompanied by a spicy touch of cumin. The palate is gourmand, enveloping and juicy. On the attack, it expresses the firmness of structured tannins, but with a fine grain, as well as a good bitterness of dark chocolate, balanced by notes of morello cherry and juicy blackcurrant. The mid-palate offers minty freshness (notes of dried wild mint, dry pine needles, liquorice and menthol) and the juiciness of the fruit in the notes of raspberry, sour red cherry, red plum and blackcurrant. We also find notes of flowers (violet, iris) and aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary) in the background. The finish is persistent, fresh and tangy, with a fine spicy side and a good bitterness of dark chocolate on the finish. The tannins are slightly tight on the finish and give the wine a beautiful structure and straightness.

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

Terra Segusa, Le Temps Qui Passe 2022

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The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a little reserved at first and requires aeration. It expresses notes of blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, tangy raspberry, red cherry and strawberry, which are complemented by gourmet touches of roasted red cherry and red plum. There are also light notes of toast, smoke, liquorice, blue plum and flowers (dried rose, violet) after aeration. The palate offers a tasty and spicy attack (a hint of white pepper and cumin), with notes of juicy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, blue plum) and a touch of dried Mediterranean herbs (thyme, rosemary). Then, it expresses a slight toasted hint and a good bitterness on the persistence. The tannins are a little grainy and tight. A delicate menthol hint on the finish and a refreshing acidity. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine St Vincent 2022

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The wine has a medium intensity ruby colour. The nose offers pure fruit, juiciness and some concentration. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, ripe red cherry, cassis, tart black plum and blackberry, combined with a delicate touch of peppermint, licorice, white pepper and smoke, as well as a subtle floral aroma of violet in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, tangy and straight. It expresses the tangy flavours of red cherry, raspberry, black plum, cassis and blackberry, combined with a hint of tart strawberry, a tangy touch of cassis leaf and peppermint. The tannins are fine, but tight and grippy. The finish is sharp, with lively acidity and good bitterness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Manus Hominis, Cuvée Originelle 2022

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The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses light meaty and smoky notes, associated with a hint of balsamic. Then, we find notes of morello cherry, strawberry, blackcurrant, blackberry and black plum, as well as touches of Mediterranean herbs (dried thyme, rosemary, a hint of basil), as well as violet, dried rose in the background and light hints of toast, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is gourmand and offers juicy fruit, a silky but firm tannic structure, as well as a certain concentration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, roasted red cherry, as well as crushed strawberry, associated with herbaceous touches (thyme, dried rosemary, a hint of basil), dried rose, violet, with a hint of toast and spice in the background (liquorice, even star anise, white pepper, cumin). The finish is quite persistent and expresses a slight meaty touch, which can be felt on the nose. A fine warming touch of cherry with kirsch on the finish.

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

Domaine de Saint Paul 2023

Côtes du Rhône

(75% Grenache, 25% Syrah) The wine has a medium intensity ruby color. The nose is aromatic, juicy and offers lots of fruit, gourmandize and a refreshing acidity. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, black plum, strawberry and touches of roasted and jammy red fruits (roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis), which appear on the second nose,

accompanied by a spicy touch of white pepper and smoke in the background. The palate is juicy, fluid (in a good way), supple and airy. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, black plum and tart red cherry, associated with touches of white pepper, subtle hints of roasted herbs and smoke. The tannins are fine, perceptible on the persistence, and associated with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness. A juicy and accessible wine.

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

Domaine Grand Nicolet 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a little reserved at first. After aeration, it expresses notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry jam, crushed red plum, strawberry, as well as a touch of blackberry and raspberry. There is also a discreet hint of mint and violet, with a hint of Mediterranean herbs (rosemary). The palate is gourmand, silky and juicy, enveloping and textured, with a gourmandize attack. It expresses the gourmand flavors of blackberry, crushed morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed red plum, strawberry and raspberry coulis on the attack. In the mid-palate, there are herbaceous (mint, rosemary) and floral (violet) touches. The finish is straight, tangy and linear. The tannins are fine, sapid and mellow. Beautiful juiciness and gourmandize.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Clos Romane 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers notes of roasted and stewed fruits (roasted strawberry, roasted black plum, cherry compote), which are complemented by touches of fresh fruits (crushed strawberry, blackcurrant, blueberry, blackberry, red cherry in the background). Then we find notes of balsamic,

Mediterranean herbs (dried thyme, dried bay leaf), violet, dried peony, associated with hints of toasted almond, smoke, nutmeg and a touch of balsamic. The palate is juicy, fruity and enveloping, with a roasted touch, but all in freshness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, blackcurrant and strawberry, combined with touches of balsamic, aromatic herbs in the background (dried thyme, dried rosemary, bay leaf), violet, dried peony, as well as a good bitterness of toasted almond and a fine smokiness. The tannins are firm, tasty and slightly grippy. The finish offers sapidity, a nice acidity and notes of tangy red fruits. Good persistence with a hint of bitterness.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90/100)

Cellier des Princes Vieilles Vignes 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, with light notes of smoke and spices. It expresses the aromas of crushed wild strawberry, very ripe morello cherry, red cherry with kirsch, roasted red plum and a hint of black plum, as well as touches of black pepper, liquorice and oak (a very discreet note in the background). The palate is airy, fruity and offers lightness and fluidity. It expresses the flavors of red cherry with kirsch, morello cherry, crushed strawberry, black plum in the background, smoke and black pepper, with a touch of bitterness on the persistence. The tannins are very delicate, almost imperceptible. Good level of acidity and an average persistence.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Cellier des Princes, Couronne du Prince 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is juicy, fruity and offers a certain concentration. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, very ripe red plum, morello cherry, redcurrant jelly and raspberry coulis, associated with touches of violet, peony, a sweet hint of chocolate and vanilla, as well as liquorice (even fresh mint in the background) and black pepper. The palate is chiseled and offers a fresh, tangy attack, with a good bitterness and fine but tight tannins. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, bird cherry, wild strawberry, morello cherry, black plum and wild strawberry, associated with notes of liquorice, black pepper, violet in the background and a good bitterness of cocoa. The finish is moderately persistent, with lightness in its fruit, freshness and a salivating acidity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Cellier des Princes, Domaine Vaucrose 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, tangy and gourmand. It expresses aromas of juicy, fresh and roasted red and black fruits: fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, blackcurrant and red plum, combined with a



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hint of violet, white pepper and toast in the background. After aeration, delicate notes of menthol and laurel appear. The palate offers juiciness and fluidity (in a good sense), as well as a good bitterness on the attack. It expresses notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried red cherry, fresh tangy blackcurrant, raspberry and fresh strawberry, combined with notes of white pepper, violet (in the background) and toast. The acidity is lively and salivating, the finish has an average persistence. The tannins are fine-grained, but grippy and slightly bitter on the finish.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Cellier des Princes, Sceau du Prince 2022 Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is reserved, but offers a certain concentration and a delicate herbaceous hint. It expresses notes of garrigue, dried Mediterranean herbs (dried thyme, dried rosemary, a touch of dried bay leaf). Then, we find notes of sour red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, sour strawberry and red plum, associated with notes of liquorice (even star anise in the background) and balsamic, as well as crushed juniper berries. The palate offers a certain fruity material, juiciness and tanginess of fruits. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, sour strawberry, blackcurrant and raspberry coulis, associated with touches of rosemary, dried thyme, garrigue, as well as a fine hint of violet and a good bitterness on the persistence. The tannins are fine, tight and tasty. The finish is moderately long, tangy, with a good bitterness.

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

Cellier des Princes, Hérédita 2021 Côtes du Rhône

(from century-old Grenache vines) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is reserved, but expresses itself after aeration. We first smell the distinct spicy notes (cumin, clove, nutmeg), associated with a touch of integrated roasting (coffee, toasted almond), as well as a hint of balsamic and a menthol side (dried mint, rosemary, licorice, even star anise in the background). The fruits on the nose are ripe, fresh and roasted: we find crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, juicy black plum, blackberry and blackberry cream, associated with a smoky hint and a sweet touch of caramel and chocolate. On the palate, the wine offers an airy side in the material and concentration. The attack is juicy, fruity, with a slight bitterness and notes of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, blackberry and black plum. The mid-palate is tangy, slightly herbaceous (rosemary, roasted thyme), and the finish is rather spicy and toasted (on notes of liquorice, cumin, clove and the good bitterness of toasted almond). The tannins are tight, cocoa and sapid, but grippy and a little grainy. Good persistence on the acidity of the fruit.

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

Domaine PiéCaud 2021 Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose opens up after aeration and offers a warm and gourmand side of roasted fruits. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, juicy blackberry, crushed strawberry, roasted raspberry and red plum jam, combined with touches of roasted Mediterranean herbs (roasted bouquet garni), wild mint, peony, as well as a meaty touch and dried rose in the background. The palate offers chewiness, a certain concentration and freshness in its fruity material. It expresses flavors of crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, red plum jam and blackberry, combined with a good bitterness (bitter almond), notes of roasted herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary), as well as mint and peony in the background. The finish is rather persistent, with good acidity and on the tangy note of red cherry. The tannins are well constructed, fine and finely tight.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Cellier des Princes, Domaine de la Côte, Cuvée Napoléon 2022 Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, fruity, with distinct spicy and roasted hints. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, roasted cherry, roasted raspberry, raspberry coulis and juicy red plum, associated with notes of nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, toast and peony in the background. The palate has a silky, gourmet, straight and slightly bitter attack. We then find notes of juicy blackberry, crushed strawberry, roasted morello cherry, raspberry coulis and red plum, associated in the mid-palate with notes of toast, toasted bitter almond, licorice, white pepper and cumin, as well as hints of rosemary, balsamic and star anise, which appear on the finish. The tannins are silky, sapid, chocolatey. Nice supple acidity, but refreshing and good length.

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

Cellier des Princes, Domaine de la Côte, Valréas 2021 Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and initially expresses distinct roasted (roasted meat, roasted bouquet garni) and spicy (licorice, nutmeg, white pepper, clove) notes. Then we find the gourmet fruity notes (crushed blackberry, black plum, juicy wild strawberry, raspberry, morello cherry), a touch of dark chocolate with mint, toasted hazelnut in the background and a subtle hint of iris. The palate offers juiciness, an airy side in the fruity material, as well as a certain breadth in freshness. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, ripe raspberry (even raspberry coulis) and black plum. In the mid-palate, we find the spicy and toasted side in the notes of nutmeg, cumin, white pepper and toasted bitter almond. The finish is persistent, with a good bitterness, notes of chocolate morello cherry and roasted aromatic herbs. The tannins are tasty and structured, quite fine. Nice acidity. A gourmet wine, with freshness and a certain complexity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cellier des Princes, Domaine les Cassanets 2022 Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and fruity. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, strawberry, red currants, crushed raspberry, a hint of rose and violet, as well as fresh thyme, white pepper and toast in the background. The palate is gourmand, juicy and offers a fresh fruity material, as well as a straight tannic structure. It expresses flavors of blackberry, black plum on the attack, associated with notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry, balsamic, violet and white pepper in the background. The tannins are grippy on the finish, balanced by a salivating acidity and a fruity and slightly chocolatey finish. Good persistence on black fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)



La Nerthe, Les Cassagnes 2022 Côtes du Rhône Villages

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity, slightly jammy. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, cherry jam, raspberry coulis, juicy blackberry and crème de cassis, combined with notes of morello cherry in chocolate, prunes and roasted meat (in the background), with a fine spiciness (nutmeg, cumin), herbaceous (rosemary, mint) and slightly toasted notes. We also find a very subtle touch of violet after aeration. The palate is silky, filling and fresh at the same time. The attack is fruity, gourmand and offers notes of blackberry, black plum, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis. In the mid-palate, we find notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cumin), roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), as well as morello cherry in chocolate, dried mint and toasted hazelnut in the background. The tannins are fine and firm, sapid, with a

good bitterness on the finish. Good persistence and a refreshing acidity with herbal notes

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de Magalanne, Terre de Galets 2022 Côtes du Rhône Villages Signargues

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers a beautiful concentration, juiciness and a gourmet and expressive fruitiness. We find notes of crushed red cherry, juicy blackcurrant, crushed blackberry, strawberry and tangy raspberry, associated with touches of Mediterranean herbs (fresh bay leaf, a touch of garrigue, thyme flowers, sage), as well as a floral hint (violet, peony), chocolate and toast in the background. The palate offers freshness, a beautiful concentration and juiciness of ripe fruits on the attack (blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry), complemented by pleasant spicy and herbaceous notes in the mid-palate (a hint of liquorice, white pepper, garrigue, thyme, sage). The finish is fresh, with a salivating acidity and a pleasant bitterness. The tannins are sapid, fine and well-built. Beautiful persistence with a touch of crushed blackberry.

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

Domaine de Magalanne, Biou d'Or 2021 Côtes du Rhône Villages Signargues

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is concentrated, complex and deep, with juicy and ripe fruit. It expresses notes of juicy black plum, prunes, chocolate morello cherry, wild strawberry, prune cream and blackberry, combined with hints of crème de cassis and blackberry liqueur in the background. There is also an integrated spiciness: aromas of clove, nutmeg and licorice, combined with notes of roasted herbs (roasted thyme and rosemary, dried bay leaf), a touch of roasting (toasted hazelnut, toasted bitter almond, dark chocolate) and flowers (a hint of violet and peony). The palate offers a concentrated and filling material, but juicy and fresh at the same time. The attack is expressive and fruity: it expresses notes of fresh black plum, morello cherry, crushed

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blackcurrant and blackberry, as well as juicy raspberry and wild strawberry. In the mid-palate, we find spicy (nutmeg, liquorice, cumin) and herbaceous (roasted thyme, rosemary, a hint of dried mint) notes. The finish offers expressive and gourmet roasted notes (coffee, toasted almond, toasted hazelnut, chocolate). The tannins are velvety, tight and with a certain power, but at the same time elegant. Beautiful acidity that balances a concentrated profile of the wine. Gourmandise, complexity and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Rémy Nodin, Le Mazel 2022

Crozes-Hermitage

(organic, 100% Syrah) The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with purple highlights. The nose is subtly peppery, reserved at first, but opens up after aeration into a juicy and concentrated fruity bouquet. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, black plum, morello cherry and strawberry in the background, combined with a touch of violet and the freshness of peppermint and blackcurrant leaf in the background, as well as a delicate hint of liquorice and sap. The palate is juicy, fruity and bright, accessible and light (in a good way). The attack offers notes of tart red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, crushed black plum, morello cherry and blackberry in the background. The mid-palate completes the bouquet with notes of violet, licorice, dried mint and dried pine needles. The finish is rather persistent, slightly bitter and herbaceous (blackcurrant leaf in the background). Beautiful salivating acidity and polished tannins. An accessible, pleasant wine, with freshness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine de Magalanne 2023

Côtes de Rhône

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with purple highlights. The nose is aromatic and fruity. It expresses notes of fresh wild strawberry, roasted strawberry, sour red cherry, morello cherry, crushed red currant and blackberry, combined with a fine herbaceous side (dried aromatic herbs – mint, thyme), as well as a slight smoky and earthy touch. The palate is juicy, with a certain concentration of fruit and a warm side that appears on the finish. It expresses flavors of fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, fresh strawberry and roasted strawberry, combined with notes of smoke, liquorice, dried herbs (dried thyme) and a touch of slightly cocoa bitterness. The tannins are fine and supple, with chew and a good level of acidity on the finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Lucien Tramier, Pécoulette 2023

Côtiès du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color with purple highlights. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of dense black fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, a touch of bird cherry), a touch of wild raspberry and red cherry, associated with notes of peppermint, blackcurrant leaf (in the background), a very slight hint of smoke (even meaty) and dried rose. The palate is tight, with a reserved attack, on a fine bitterness and slightly grippy tannins. It expresses notes of dried morello cherry, red cherry, bird cherry, blackcurrant, tart strawberry and wild raspberry. There are also light touches of liquorice, smoke as well as a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf and dried mint. The finish is moderately persistent and expresses a slight bitterness, as well as a salivating acidity.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Lucien Tramier, Plan de Dieu 2023

Côtiès du Rhône Villages

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers tangy and fresh aromas, with a certain concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of ripe blackcurrant, morello cherry, bird cherry, fresh wild strawberry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis (after aeration), as well as subtle touches of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper in the background) and a discreet note of dark chocolate. The palate offers a silky attack, with a certain chewiness and gourmet fruit. It expresses the flavors of bird cherry with its tannic side, morello cherry, tangy blackcurrant, strawberry, crushed raspberry and black plum, associated with touches of liquorice, white pepper and smoke on the persistence. The tannins are tight, slightly grippy. Good bitterness and a salivating acidity on the persistence.

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

Vaison La Romaine, La Romaine 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved at first, but offers a tangy hint of fruit, as well as a discreet meaty and balsamic touch after aeration. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, raspberry, red currants, blueberry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with a hint of crushed mint and white pepper. The palate expresses juicy, slightly sweeter fruits: ripe morello cherry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, a hint of ripe red cherry, combined with touches of white pepper, smoke (in the background), liquorice. The finish is moderately persistent, with good bitterness, lively acidity and

a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf on the persistence. The tannins are rather well structured, slightly grippy, but not drying.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vaison La Romaine, La Romaine, L'Originale 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers juicy and gourmand fruit after aeration, combined with fine spicy and floral aromas. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, blackberry and crushed strawberry. There are also touches of liquorice, white pepper, a hint of crushed black plum, dried aromatic herbs and roasted meat (a very discreet touch in the background). The palate is juicy, fresh and fruity. It expresses flavors of tart red cherry, morello cherry, wild blackberry and blackcurrant, combined with a fine spicy (white pepper, liquorice) and smoky hint, notes of dried herbs and a good bitterness of cocoa. The tannins are slightly tight and dry, but have a fine grain. Good persistence in the mouth, warming, with a nice acidity, a tannic side of bird cherry, herbaceous touch of dried mint and a good bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Vaison La Romaine, La Romaine Séguret 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, gourmandise and notes of ripe, sun-drenched fruits. It expresses aromas of crushed blackberry, ripe blackcurrant (even blackcurrant jam), morello cherry, wild strawberry and black plum, combined with notes of white pepper, nutmeg, liquorice in the background, as well as roasted bouquet garni, roasted red plum and a fine touch of toast and roasted meat in the background. There is also a delicate note of prunes after aeration. The palate offers gourmandise and sweetness of fresh ripe fruits, balanced by a good bitterness of cocoa and menthol notes. It expresses notes of juicy blackcurrant, morello cherry, ripe tangy red cherry, wild blackberry, raspberry, combined with notes of nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice, crushed mint, as well as toast and bitter cocoa in the background. The tannins are sapid, fine, slightly gripping. The finish is tangy, quite persistent, with a tannic and bitter touch of bird cherry.

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

Rémy Nodin, Guilherand 2023

Saint-Joseph

(organic, 100% Syrah) The wine has a deep ruby color with purple highlights. The nose offers concentration, juiciness and density. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, damson plum), juicy blackberry, blueberry (even blueberry jam), morello cherry and raspberry coulis in the background, combined with a delicate touch of violet and a fine mineral hint (limestone). After aeration, we also find light smoky aromas, white pepper and the racy chalky minerality which expresses itself more. The palate is straight, chiseled, tangy and lively. The attack expresses the flavors of tangy fruits (blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, blueberry) as well as a good bitterness of cocoa. On the mid-palate, there is bitterness and a tannic touch of bird cherry, as well as spiciness notes of liquorice, white pepper and a touch of violet. The finish is sapid, taut and juicy, with salivating acidity and the racy chalky minerality, which returns on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Rémy Nodin, Coteau des Eygas 2022

Cornas

(organic, 100% Syrah) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with purple highlights. The nose offers density, tension, the solar side in its fruit, as well as perceptible spicy notes. It expresses aromas of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry, black plum (even prunes in the background), dried blackcurrant and crushed blackberry. We also find notes of dried thyme, dried rosemary (even a Mediterranean hint of roasted herbs). After aeration, a fragrant floral bouquet (lily, violet, rose in the background) appears, accompanied by spicy touches of liquorice and nutmeg, as well as dark chocolate and toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is dense, juicy, frank and expressive. The attack is lively and tangy, with notes of tart bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, raspberry and blueberry. The mid-palate is finely toasted, with a good bitterness of toasted almond and coffee, as well as a fine touch of dried mint. The finish is savory and herbaceous (the Mediterranean notes of dried thyme and rosemary return especially at the end of the palate). The finish is tasty, chocolatey and fruity, with notes of tart blackcurrant and bird cherry and a salivating acidity. The tannins are firm, but fine and enveloping, chocolatey and mentholated.

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

Suze La Rousse, La petite Verdrière 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages

(organic) The wine has a medium intensity ruby color. The nose is delicate and offers a fine mineral touch and juicy fruits. It expresses notes of roasted raspberry, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, morello cherry and red plum, associated with touches of white pepper and a fine earthiness, as well as a hint of dried rosemary. The palate is juicy, fruity and fresh, with an attack on the distinct notes of fresh morello cherry and tart bigarreau

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cherry. It also expresses flavors of crushed raspberry, red plum and tart strawberry, associated with notes of rosemary, a hint of mineral and white pepper. The tannins are finely tight, beautiful salivating acidity and persistence on the tart side of red cherry.

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

Domaine de la Bastide Visan 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages Visan

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is quite reserved, tangy and finely floral. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, crushed fresh raspberry, roasted raspberry, strawberry, a touch of blackcurrant and black plum and blackberry after aeration. We also find menthol notes (peppermint, a touch of liquorice), spicy (white pepper, nutmeg in the background) and violet. The palate is juicy, fruity and bright, less tangy than the nose, even slightly roasted. It expresses notes of roasted raspberry, roasted red plum, black plum, blackberry, sour cherry and morello cherry, associated with touches of white pepper, nutmeg, smoke and violet in the background. The tannins are sapid, fine, slightly tight, with a good bitterness. Good persistence in the mouth, on juicy fruits, with a nice acidity and the gourmandise of roasted fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vignoble Anne Collard 2021

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved (but opens up after aeration) and offers tension, a touch of clay minerality, as well as tangy fruits (crushed raspberry, red cherry, strawberry), associated with hints of roasted strawberry in the background, morello cherry and red plum. There is also a saline and floral (fresh rose, violet) and a very subtle touch of white pepper in the background. The palate is frank, straight, chiseled, tangy and mineral. The attack is precise and fresh, on notes of tangy fruits (raspberry, red cherry, tangy strawberry), with a good bitterness and a fine herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. In the mid-palate, we find the slightly dry minerality, a hint of pepper, smoke and violet. The finish is gourmet, warm, on notes of roasted blueberry and blackcurrant jam. Good length and refreshing acidity. The tannins are firm, but enveloped by the juiciness of the fruit and not drying.

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

Vignoble Anne Collard, L'Aube 2020

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a roasted side of fruit and density, even a textured side. It expresses aromas of wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, morello cherry jam, roasted blackcurrant, as well as roasted raspberry. After aeration, notes of Mediterranean aromatic herbs appear (dried thyme, rosemary, dried bay leaf), accompanied by a gravelly minerality and a fragrant floral bouquet (dried rose, lily, violet). There is also a very delicate note of nutmeg and dark chocolate in the background. The palate is gourmand, juicy, with a fruity attack, even slightly sweet. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, strawberry jam, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, blackcurrant jam, as well as tangy black plum with a tannic side, cherry with kirsch. We also find notes of nutmeg, a hint of chocolate, dried rose, violet, a mineral touch of gravel and the freshness of Mediterranean herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), which return at the end of the mouth. A pleasant tangy side of bigarreau cherry on the persistence, beautiful acidity. The tannins are well structured, fine and tasty, slightly chocolatey.

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

Les Beaux Jours, Crepuscule 2023

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The nose is aromatic and offers a certain concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, morello cherry, crushed strawberry, crushed red plum, and even prunes in the background, combined with a tangy touch of raspberry coulis, fine peppery and floral hints (iris, dried peony). The palate is juicy, fruity and enveloping, with a lively acidity, a hint of bitterness and a straight attack. It expresses tangy notes of red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry coulis and red plum, combined with touches of white pepper, blackcurrant leaf (a very discreet touch in the background) and peony. The finish is tangy, rather persistent, with a slight bitterness. The tannins are fine and delicate. Fruity and ripe on the nose and tangy on the palate.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Les Beaux Jours, Levant 2020

Côtes du Rhône Villages Laudun

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a certain complexity, concentration, even a sensation of texture. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, dried blackcurrant, blackberry and prunes (in the background), as well as dried mint, a hint of violet, rose, white pepper, liquorice and toast. After aeration, we also feel a delicate bitter touch of cocoa. The palate offers an airy and tangy side, as well as lightness. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, tangy bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry with a tannic and bitter touch, as well as dried red cherry and dried blackcurrant, associated with notes of dried mint, cocoa (in the background) and dried rose. The tannins are fine, but marked and grippy. The finish

is tangy, salivating, with a good bitterness and medium persistence.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Rocca Maura Cuvée « 1922 » 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is lively, fruity and tangy, with a touch of pepper. It expresses notes of tangy strawberry, fresh raspberry, bigarreau cherry, a hint of morello cherry and blackcurrant, as well as black pepper and a very delicate aroma of peony in the background. The palate offers a peppery and slightly bitter attack, a light and airy texture and very soft, even imperceptible tannins. The mid-palate expresses fruitiness (notes of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry and tangy blackcurrant), but all in lightness. The acidity is refreshing and salivating, the finish is moderately persistent.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Rocca Maura Cuvée « 1737 » 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color. The nose offers some density, juiciness and concentration of fruit, even with a roasted fruit side. It expresses aromas of crushed strawberry, roasted raspberry, juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry and black plum (with a delicate touch of prunes in the background). There is also some complexity – notes of wood aging and sweet spices (chocolate, a hint of toasted hazelnut, liquorice and clove). After aeration, subtle notes of violet and dried thyme appear. The palate is airy, juicy and fruity, rather delicate. It expresses notes of morello cherry, crushed strawberry, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, black plum and prunes in the background. The mid-palate expresses the tangy side of bigarreau cherry, as well as fine toasted notes of cocoa, liquorice, clove and violet in the background. The acidity is lively and salivating, the finish is moderately persistent, with a touch of bitterness. The tannins are fine, but tight on the finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Lespina Ostara 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages Sinargues

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and gourmand, with sweet notes of red fruit jam, refreshed by a pleasant menthol hint. It expresses notes of morello cherry, dried blackcurrant (with a hint of blackcurrant jam), tangy strawberry, raspberry, red cherry and morello cherry, combined with aromas of peppermint, rosemary, as well as red plum and crushed black fig (after aeration) and a fine floral bouquet (violet, peony, lily). The palate is gourmand and fruity, with the same sweet touch of red fruit jam. It expresses notes of fresh ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and crushed fig, combined with notes of rosemary, peppermint, white pepper (in the background), dried pine needles and violet. The finish is fresh and tangy, with notes of raspberry and red cherry, as well as a delicate bitterness. The tannins are fine, slightly grippy, but integrated into a juicy material. Beautiful acidity and gourmandise. The finish is moderately persistent.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Lespina Oculus 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages Sinargues

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color, with slight purple highlights. The nose is gourmand and offers a certain density and concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of dried morello cherry, dried raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, crushed strawberry (with a hint of strawberry jam) and blackberry. After aeration, we find notes of fresh tobacco, white pepper, peony and violet, as well as delicate mineral touches and dark chocolate. The palate offers a pleasant texture, rather dense, but airy at the same time, finely marked tannins, cocoa and velvety, very slightly hooked on the finish. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry, fresh strawberry, blueberry, blackcurrant and blackberry, associated with delicate hints of dark chocolate, violet and peony. On the finish, we find a delicate minerality, a good bitterness of cocoa, as well as a hint of mint. Lots of fruit, gourmandise and freshness

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

Domaine de Lauribert Tradition 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses mainly fruit, with a mineral and peppery touch. We find notes of tart red cherry, ripe strawberry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant and blackberry, associated with a hint of white pepper, a mentholated touch (reminiscent of liquorice) and slightly earthy. The palate is juicy, gourmet, on the fruit. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry (even cherry with kirsch with a touch of cherry stone), strawberry, crushed blackberry and blackcurrant, associated with a touch of liquorice and white pepper in the background. The tannins are silky, almost imperceptible. The finish is moderately persistent, with a supple acidity, but balanced in the profile of the wine and an earthy mineral hint in the background.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

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Domaine de Lauribert Merrandier 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, fresh and airy, with a certain complexity. It expresses notes of red cherry, dried blackcurrant, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, strawberry, redcurrant, as well as cherry stone (in the background), a slight woody hint (toasted aromas, liquorice, hazelnut and a very slight hint of dark chocolate), as well as a herbaceous touch of rosemary and a hint of violet. The palate offers a certain breadth and texture, a salivating acidity and perceptible but melted tannins. It expresses notes of morello cherry, cherry jam, blackberry, strawberry and blackcurrant, associated with touches of cocoa, toasted hazelnut, liquorice and rosemary. The finish is gourmet, lively and fresh, moderately persistent. Good bitterness at the end of the mouth.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine de Lauribert Truffières 2023

Côtes du Rhône Villages Visan

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is chiseled, lively and tangy, with a certain density of fruit matter. It expresses distinct and aromatic notes of blackcurrant, sour red cherry, crushed raspberry, ripe strawberry (even with a touch of strawberry jam), associated with touches of fresh tobacco, crushed mint, a touch of white pepper, toast and violet (with a very light touch of rose in the background). The palate offers a silky and juicy touch, as well as a ripe and concentrated fruit matter. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, a hint of red cherry jam, as well as toast (even coffee), dark chocolate in the background, violet, white pepper, dried mint and violet which return on the finish. The tannins are structured, but fine. Beautiful acidity and a good bitterness on the finish.

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

Domaine de l'Odylée « K de Carignan » 2022

Côtes du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, fruity (especially red fruits) and gourmand. It expresses notes of juicy red cherry, a hint of morello cherry with kirsch, very ripe black plum (even a touch of prunes), redcurrant jelly and ripe strawberry. There is also a floral (lily) and menthol (rosemary) hint. The palate is juicy, airy and tangy, with lightness and a chiseled side. It expresses notes of tangy red cherry, raspberry, strawberry, red plum, fresh redcurrants, as well as cranberries, lilies and a hint of pepper in the background. The finish is moderately persistent, chiseled and tangy. Lively salivating acidity and a hint of rosemary on the finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de l'Odylée « La Talentueuse » 2021

Côtes du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and discreet. It expresses notes of red fruits (red cherry, strawberry, red currant, red plum), a smoky and toasted hint, as well as touches of dried mint, rosemary, tobacco and violet in the background, as well as a slight hint of liquorice. The palate is tight, tangy, slightly bitter. It expresses more notes of black fruits (bird cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant), associated with tangy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry), a herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, rosemary), a toasted hint, a touch of liquorice, the bitterness of cocoa and a peppery touch. The tannins are tight and slightly grippy. The acidity is lively and salivating. The finish is on bitterness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de l'Odylée « La Tempétueuse » 2022

Côtes du Rhône

(organic, predominance of Syrah): The wine has a deep ruby color, with slight purple reflections. The nose is restrained at first - the wine requires aeration. After aeration, we find a beautiful density on the nose, depth and complexity, a concentrated fruity material and a distinct but integrated spicy side. It expresses the aromas of morello cherry, blackcurrant, black plum, bird cherry (in the background), as well as a hint of ripe strawberry and juicy raspberry, associated with notes of licorice, cumin, clove, vanilla and a touch of dark chocolate, refreshed by the aromas of mint, violet and rosemary. The mouth is juicy and quite ample, but fresh, chiseled and tangy at the same time. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, morello cherry, tart raspberry and crunchy strawberry, combined with herbaceous hints of rosemary and dried mint, as well as an integrated spiciness (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg). The finish is tasty, persistent, lively, tangy, slightly bitter (cocoa, toasted). The tannins are structured, a little tight, but balanced by a fruity material.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de l'Odylée « La Gèneuse » 2020

Côtes du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose expresses notes of roasted fruits, even jam. We find aromas of prunes, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, fresh blackcurrant and raspberry coulis, associated with hints of liquorice, fresh rosemary, thyme, as well as toast and violet and lilac in the background. The palate is juicy, especially fruity and slightly woody. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, black plum, prunes, juicy morello cherry, as well as raspberry coulis and blackcurrant in the background. We also find a hint of toast, chocolate and liquorice. The tannins are fine, very slightly grippy, but not dry. Beautiful salivating acidity and good length on a pleasant bitterness.

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

Domaine de l'Odylée « L'Audacieuse » 2022

Côtes du Rhône

(organic, predominance of Grenache) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is ripe, fruity, dense, but at the same time airy. It expresses the aromas of crushed strawberry, morello cherry, ripe blackcurrant (even crème de cassis), roasted red cherry and raspberry coulis, associated with fine herbal touches that bring freshness (dried mint, rosemary, a touch of blackcurrant leaf), as well as a hint of liquorice, toast and cumin in the background. The palate is chiseled, straight and tangy, with a good bitterness and a tangy hint of bird cherry. It expresses the tangy notes of bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, as well as morello cherry and redcurrant, associated with touches of liquorice, blackcurrant leaves (more noticeable in the mouth than in the nose), fresh rosemary and cumin in the background. The finish is rather persistent, lively, tangy and salivating, with a good bitterness and slightly grippy tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Famille Rieu Verdier Vignerons, Syrah 2023

Vin de France

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is chiseled, tangy and offers a certain density in freshness. It expresses notes of ripe raspberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, redcurrant, associated with delicate peppery and floral touches (black pepper, white pepper, a hint of violet). The palate offers lightness, a tangy and airy side as well as a hint of bitterness on the persistence. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry and blackcurrant, associated with a hint of white pepper in the background. The tannins are fine and perceptible on the finish. Good level of acidity, medium persistence, fluidity and lightness.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Famille Rieu Verdier Vignerons 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and open, with a tangy but ripe fruit, as well as a floral and peppery hint. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum), red fruits (fresh red cherry, dried red cherry), associated with notes of violet, white pepper, as well as a resinous and herbaceous touch (pine needles, fresh liquorice, blackcurrant leaf). The palate is juicy, fresh and fruity. It expresses flavors of red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, fresh blackcurrant and raspberry, associated with a hint of violet, white pepper, blackcurrant leaf and pine needles. The tannins have a fine grain, but grip on the finish. Beautiful acidity, the finish is moderately persistent, with a spicy hint and a slight bitterness.

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

Château Trinquedelle « Ce qui nous lie » 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tangy and fruity, with subtle floral and herbaceous touches. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, redcurrants, cranberries and crushed blackcurrant, combined with touches of crushed mint and violet in the background, as well as a delicate peppery hint that appears after aeration. The palate is supple, juicy, gourmand and offers pure fruit. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and redcurrants (even with a hint of redcurrant jelly), combined with a touch of dried mint, violet, white pepper and a good bitterness on the persistence. The tannins are supple and soft, practically imperceptible. The finish is gourmand, with a pleasant acidity and an average persistence.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)



Côtes du Rhône

Château Font Barrière « Savoir lire entre les vignes » 2021

Côtes du Rhône Villages

(organic) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers a certain aromatic concentration and a fresh herbaceous side. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, morello cherry, as well as black plum (with a hint of prunes) and dried blackcurrant. There are also touches of rosemary, crushed mint, mint chocolate, peony and violet, with a very light touch of fresh tobacco. The palate is juicy, silky and enveloping. It expresses the flavors of ripe morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry, black plum and blackberry, as well as mentholated touches of licorice and rosemary, associated with floral hints (violet, lily). The finish is lively, fresh, with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness. There is a hint of tobacco and bird cherry on the finish. The tannins are tight, grippy on the finish, but have a fine grain. Beautiful tasty persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Le Clos des Saumans 2021

Côtes du Rhône Villages Gagne

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved at first, but opens up after aeration. We first smell a smoky, even meaty hint, which is then complemented by aromas of roasted herbs (roasted bouquet garni, roasted rosemary), fresh and roasted fruits – roasted red cherry, roasted strawberry, fresh morello cherry, blackcurrant (even blackcurrant jam), black plum (with a hint of prunes), as well as fresh almond, cherry stone (in the background), lily and violet. We also find a spicy touch of liquorice and nutmeg, associated with a hint of dark chocolate in the background. The palate is enveloping, fresh, with accuracy, straightness and a ripe and tangy fruity material. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, black plum and bird cherry, combined with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, fresh rosemary), violet and lilac. The finish is tasty, tangy and expresses the tannic and slightly bitter hint of bird cherry. Beautiful firm tannic structure, with tight, gourmand and enveloped tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Rochecolombe 2021

Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Andéol

(organic, 50% Grenache, 50% Syrah) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers juiciness, density, beautiful fruity material and complexity. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, crushed strawberry, black plum and prunes (in the background), associated with light smoky, toast, cocoa, toasted almond and aromatic herbs (dried rosemary, thyme, even a hint of sage), as well as flowers in the background (violet, lilac). The palate has a juicy, silky, fruity and airy attack. We find the flavors of tart red cherry, fresh morello cherry, strawberry, bird cherry, blackcurrant and black plum, associated with toasted touches, toasted almond (even cherry stone in the background), smoke, aromatic herbs (fresh rosemary, thyme, a hint of sage) and a good bitterness almost citrus (reminiscent of bergamot). The tannins are young and tight, but softened by a salivating acidity and the fresh and fairly concentrated fruity material. Good persistence in the mouth, on herbaceous and floral notes (thyme, lilac), as well as a woody and toasted side which returns at the very end of the mouth.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château d'Orsan 2023

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, there is a certain concentration and complexity. It expresses the aromas of tangy, fresh and dried fruits (fresh blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry, fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, dried raspberry and crushed strawberry), associated with a herbaceous hint (mint, blackcurrant leaf in the background), violet, as well as a toasted touch, nutmeg and white pepper in the background. The palate is chiseled, lively and tangy. It expresses the notes of red cherry, morello cherry, fresh raspberry, blackcurrant and crushed strawberry, associated with a hint of blackcurrant leaf in the background, violet, white pepper and nutmeg. On the finish, there is also a discreet toasted touch and a slight bitterness. The acidity is refreshing and salivating, the tannins hang slightly on the finish, but are not dry. The finish has an average persistence.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château d'Orsan Chusclan 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses pleasant herbal notes of dried rosemary and thyme, combined with a hint of toast and fresh hazelnut in the background. Then, we find an earthy mineral touch, combined with notes of fresh and dried fruits (fresh red cherry, fresh morello cherry, dried blackcurrant, dried

raspberry), violet, dried rose, as well as a hint of licorice and white pepper. The palate offers juiciness, an airy side and a fresh fruity material. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, fresh morello cherry, ripe raspberry, red plum and blackcurrant, combined with touches of licorice, fresh hazelnut and white pepper. The finish offers a good bitterness, a salivating and vibrant acidity, as well as a good persistence. Tension, freshness and a certain concentration. Tannins are finely tight.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château de Clary, Les Fleurs des Anges 2023

Côtes du Rhône

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic, gourmand, with notes of fresh fruits and roasted fruits, balanced by the freshness of herbs and flowers. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant, as well as a perfumed bouquet of violet, cornflower and wild flowers, associated with a hint of blackcurrant bud, fresh mint and fresh thyme. The palate offers uprightness, accuracy, juiciness and a good bitterness. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, bird cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant and raspberry, associated with a hint of blackcurrant leaf and wild mint. The finish is rather persistent and expresses fine floral notes (violet, cornflower), as well as a good bitterness of bird cherry. The tannins are tight and grippy, but balanced by a salivating acidity and the juiciness of the fruity material. Freshness and accuracy.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Maison Sinnae, Château de Gicon 2022

Côtes du Rhône

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, textured, fruity and slightly sappy. It expresses aromas of morello cherry, tangy black plum, crushed raspberry and blackberry, combined with touches of pine sap, wild mint, pine needles, as well as peony, violet and liquorice in the background. The palate is juicy, textured and enveloping, while remaining airy. It expresses notes of crushed raspberry, fresh strawberry, black plum, and morello cherry, combined with touches of pine needles, crushed wild mint and licorice. The finish has a medium persistence, on floral notes of violet, a tangy and slightly bitter hint of bigarreau cherry and cranberries. Beautiful refreshing acidity, the tannins are fine, well structured, with a slight hint of cocoa.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Maison Sinnae Chusclan, Excellence 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration and a certain complexity. It expresses notes of fresh and dried fruits (dried red cherry, fresh morello cherry, fresh black plum with a hint of prunes, crushed strawberry and crushed raspberry), associated with

a herbaceous touch (dried mint, fresh peppermint, dried pine needles, a hint of tobacco), as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg) and a light chocolate touch. The palate is enveloping, textured and finely tight, with fine but firm tannins. It expresses notes of bird cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, tangy black plum, as well as crushed raspberry, associated with notes of dried mint, thyme in the background, dried pine needles, a good bitterness of cocoa, as well as a fine spiciness (licorice, nutmeg, white pepper). The finish is juicy, tangy and savory, with salivating acidity and good persistence.

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

WHITE WINES

Famille Rieu Verdier Grenache Cuvée Or 2023

Vin de France

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is gourmand, juicy and expresses sweet notes of stone fruits, even exotic fruits. We find in particular the aromas of very ripe yellow peach, yellow apple, crushed apricot, pineapple and melon, associated with a hint of freshness of tangy yellow plum and ripe lemon, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (lily, honeysuckle). The palate is juicy, fresh and gourmand, balanced by a good bitterness. It expresses the flavors of crushed yellow peach, yellow apple, pineapple, apricot and melon, with a floral touch of acacia and lily in the background. The mid-palate is rather fat and round. The acidity is supple, with a discreet finish, of average persistence.

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

Côtes du Rhône

ROSÉ WINES

Famille Rieu Verdier Syrah Cuvée Or 2023

Vin de France

The wine has a pale salmon pink color with orange highlights. The nose is discreet, fruity and delicately floral. It expresses notes of fresh red currants, cranberries, red cherry, raspberry and a slight hint of peony. The palate is tangy, fruity and refreshing. It expresses notes of fresh raspberry, red cherry, fresh red currants, as well as a hint of peony and rose. The material in the mouth is round and gourmand, balanced by a good level of acidity. The finish has an average persistence.

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

Domaine de l'Odylée Rosé d'Automne 2022

Côtes du Rhône

(organic, Syrah) The wine has a bright partridge eye color. The nose is juicy, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of crushed raspberry, fresh strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry and redcurrant jelly, combined with a fine floral bouquet (rose, peony), as well as a touch of mint in the background. The palate is lively, tangy and expresses a good bitterness on the attack, accompanied by a chiseled acidity (a touch of cranberries). In the mid-palate, we find notes of red cherry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, redcurrant jelly, as well as peony and rose in the background. The finish is fresh, tangy and chiseled, with a pleasant tannic hint. A straight, frank and gourmand rosé.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cellier des Princes Sélection Rosé 2023

Côtes du Rhône Rosé

The wine has a pale salmon pink color. The nose is gourmand, aromatic and purely fruity. It expresses notes of fresh raspberry, red currants, a touch of red cherry, yellow peach and pink grapefruit in the background. The palate offers a round texture with a fine oily side and the delicacy of ripe fruits. It expresses flavors of wild strawberry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, vine peach and a delicate bitterness of pink grapefruit. The acidity is supple, but refreshing. Good persistence on a fine bitterness. A juicy and gourmand rosé.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine des Roches Fortes Ad Astra, Vaison-La-Romaine 2022

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers gourmandise, juiciness, as well as a hint of jam in the fruity bouquet and pleasant herbal notes with a Mediterranean nuance. It expresses in particular the aromas of morello cherry jam, crushed strawberry, redcurrant jelly, roasted red cherry, as well as a touch of prune in chocolate and blackcurrant cream. After aeration, we find notes of Mediterranean herbs (roasted bouquet garni, rosemary, a hint of sage), as well as a smoky, spicy (liquorice, vanilla) and roasted (toasted hazelnut) hint. We also sense a hint of macerated morello cherry in the background. The palate is silky, enveloping and textured, with a touch of cherry in kirsch and prunes in chocolate on the attack. There are also notes of blackberry (even blackberry cream), fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with touches of chocolate, toasted hazelnut, coffee and sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg) and roasted bouquet garni (as well as a touch of sage in the background). The finish is quite persistent, warm, with notes of morello cherry with kirsch and morello cherry with chocolate, balanced by a pleasant acidity. The tannins are well constructed, enveloping and powerful, but supple at the same time.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Sud de France

MAURY

Mas Amiel – Oiseaux Rares 2022

AOC Maury Sec

(Biodynamic) beautiful and racy nose that offers a good definition as well as a lovely finesse and complexity in its deepness. It reveals notes of candy cherry, quite ripe raspberry and small notes of ripe/fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of schist, liquorice stick as well as a subtle hint of red pepper and blue plum. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, freshness, tension, a beautiful definition, suavity as well as suppleness. A beautiful three-dimensional/multi-layered characters. A discreet and beautiful work on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry and small notes of bright wild red berries associated with a touch of rosewood, fresh local scrubland as well as an almost eucalyptus hint and fresh pepper. Tannins are fresh and sapid. Good length. Nice fresh-powdery finish. Beautiful bitterness and a hint of bitter orange peel in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Mas Amiel – Alt 433M 2023

AOC Maury Sec

(Biodynamic) Beautiful fresh, tracing and chiseled nose. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small blue fruits associated with a hint of concentrated grenadine as well as a subtle hint of blood orange, iodine, liquorice stick and dried red cherry. The palate is beautifully fresh, beautifully fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, suppleness and silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed small red fruits as well as hints of pomegranate, local aromatic herbs and liquorice. A hint of good bitterness with a subtle hint of sage (in the background). Tannins are well-built and elegant. A small chewiness. Very beautiful bitterness/ noble varietal aromas.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON

Domaine Bisconte, Renaissance 2022

AOP Côtes du Roussillon village

The nose offers fruit, an airy side in its grain as well as voluptuousness. There are notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of bright small blue fruits associated with touches of roasted-fresh small red fruits as well as a subtle almost sappy/mentholated hint. The palate is nicely built, well-balanced and offers brightness, juiciness as well as a nice brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, morello cherry and small notes of roasted-juicy small fruits associated with touches of zan, black olive, fine mineral hints (granite terroir) as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco and a subtle almost sappy hint / sense of place (local biotope). Tannins are sapid, mellow and gourmand. A subtle hint of vanilla in the background.

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

Domaine Sol Payré, Ater 2020

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Village

The nose is elegant and aromatic. We find notes of wild blackberry, warm sap and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of black berries as well as hints of juniper berries, local scrubland and a hint of sense of place (local biotope). A subtle almost smoky hint in the background. The palate is beautifully built, supple, silky, gourmand and offers a beautiful expression of the fruit as well as a beautiful matter. Beautiful freshness and concentration, full of control. Nice purity of the fruit. On the palate, this

wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, crushed small fruits and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of bright/quite ripe red berries, liquorice stick, chocolate as well as hints of vanilla, black olive and a hint of sense of place (local biotope) / thyme. Good length. Presence of a hint of garrigue on the persistence.

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

Clos del Rey, Le Cortal des Baillettes 2021

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages

The nose is frank, spicy, marked graphene and offers a peppery side. There are notes of wild blackberry, gray pepper and small notes of spices associated with hints of nutmeg and toast. The palate is mineral, fresh and offers juiciness, suppleness, tension, a tangy frame as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of black plum, a hint of liquorice stick/star anise as well as a subtle hint of colas and a discreet hint of toast/chocolate. Good length. Beautiful tangy persistence.

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

Domaine Sol Payré, Trilogia 2021

AOC Côtes du Roussillon

The nose offers fruit, freshness, intensity as well as a certain small concentration. There are notes of concentrated small black fruits, violet, garrigue and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of sage, warm bay leaf, infusion and a hint of warm spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers brilliance, precision, power as well as concentration in precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright blueberry and small notes of roasted-juicy cherry associated with touches of black olive, infusion, black tea and a subtle hint of sage. Good length. The wine needs to be decanted. (Keep in the cellar for the moment).

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

Domaine La Part des Anges, Butcher 2021

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, bright/tangy purple plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of red berries, crushed redcurrants as well as hints of bay leaf and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, acidity as well as a nice burst/acidity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, juicy cherry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of liquorice stick, blond tobacco, a hint of roasted almond, crushed hazelnut, infusion as well as a discreet hint of bay leaf and a subtle hint almost of clove. A fine hint of austerity in the background.

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

Domaine La Part des Anges, Alchimie 2021

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages

The nose is airy, spicy and offers a stretched side, suppleness as well as good definition. There are notes of fairly ripe cherry, fairly ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of tobacco, a hint of crushed blackberry, fresh fig, sweet spices and discreet hints of cinnamon. The palate is nicely juicy, tangy and offers a tangy frame, brightness, mellowness, texture as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrants, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of star anise, tobacco as well as a hint of fresh fig and a subtle hint of balsamic on the finish. The tannins are sapid and tasty. Beautiful energy.

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



Sud de France

Domaine La Part des Anges, Part des Anges 2020

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages

The nose is beautifully built, velvety, airy in its depth and offers a cashmere grain. A beautiful and delicate texture despite the concentration. We find notes of small wild black berries, morello cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of blond tobacco as well as hints of roasted red berries and hints of roasted hazelnut. The palate is beautifully fruity, fresh, juicy, supple, mineral, elegant, precise, tracing, beautifully racy, chiseled and offers concentration, juiciness. A cashmere and tangy touch of the fruit. Volume. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of tangy cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of almost roasted small red fruits associated with touches of balsamic as well as a hint of cornflowers, black olive, dark chocolate and balsamic. Good length. A hint of iodine and smoke in the background.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)



LA CLAPE

Château d'Anglès, Classique 2022

AOC La Clape

The nose offers a spicy side as well as a little volatile. There are notes of wild black berries, iodine and small notes of concentrated raspberry associated with touches of crushed small red fruits/red berries as well as a hint of cornflower and toasted-sweet. The palate is nicely fruity, mineral, fresh and offers spices as well as a small melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of creamy red berries associated with hints of liquorice stick, vanilla as well as a toasted hint and roasted almond. Tannins are mellow. Nicely mineral and fresh.

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

COLLIOURE

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Le Clos 2021

AOP Collioure

The nose is elegant, concentrated, deep and offers a nice graphite grain as well as depth. A fair and fine austerity, well-balanced. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, small roasted-elegant red fruits and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of violet, crushed redcurrants as well as hints of racy minerality as well as fine hints of sweet blond tobacco and vanilla. The palate is nicely built, supple, fresh, airy, delicate, gourmet and offers precision, tension, suppleness, volume as well as a nice iodized frame. Serious and deep in elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of roasted-juicy cherry associated with touches of blue plum, bright red fruits, black olive, sweet blond tobacco as well as hints of chocolate. Tannins are fresh, supple and tasty. A subtle, almost sappy hint in the background. Congrats !

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Empreintes 2023

AOP Collioure

The nose offers fruit, a certain deepness, a certain power, a peppery side as well as a racy grain. There are notes of wild redcurrants, blackberry and an infusion side associated with hints of spices as well as a hint of vanilla/tobacco. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, pulpiness and brightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrants, bright cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of juicy cassis, hints of black olive, infusion as well as a hint of black tea, sweet spices and a subtle hint of almost juicy fig (in the background). A hint of vanilla. Beautifully fresh and elegant.

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

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Céleste 2022

AOP Collioure

The nose offers fruit, concentration and offers good definition as well as some spiciness and airiness. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits, clove and small notes of nutmeg associated with fine hints of balsamic and a hint of tobacco. The palate is nicely built, fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a tangy

frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of fresh blueberry associated with a touch of bright red fruits as well as hints of cornflower, zan and fine hints of blond tobacco and a fine hint of clove. Good length. Nicely fresh and a chiseled side on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Inspiration Marine 2022

AOP Collioure

The nose offers notes of clove, dry soil and small notes of star anise associated with almost olive touches, concentrated small red fruits as well as fine iodized hints and fresh tobacco. The palate is nicely built, supple, fresh, elegant, airy and offers a nice elegant and supple grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry and cassis liqueur associated with touches of bright small red small,

hints of liquorice stick, black olive, chocolate as well as hints of salinity, thyme and fine hints of sweet spices. Tannins are nicely mellow. Good length. The wine (currently) needs to be decanted. A silky, concentrated, delicate and fresh wine at the same time. Very good persistence (+ 12 caudalies).

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

CÔTES CATALANES

Mas Amiel – Vol de Nuit 2023

IGP Côtes Catalanes

(Biodynamic) The nose is elegant, aromatic, complex and offers a nice breadth of the palette. We find notes of pulpy cherry, rose and small notes of blood orange associated with touches of rose, flowers as well as fine hints of aromatic herbs, fresh liquorice, a hint of schist and a very discreet hint of bergamot. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acidity, salinity as well as sapidity. Beautiful purity of the structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy raspberry and small notes of iodine associated with touches of minerality/schist, hints of juicy/bright small blue fruits as well as fine hints of rose petal, fresh pink pepper, iodine, a very discreet hint of olive tree, warm sap, iodine and fresh sage/fresh scrubland. This wine is beautifully marked by its terroir, its biotope. A marked floral character.

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

Mas Amiel – Natural Grenache 2022

IGP Côtes Catalanes

(Biodynamic) Beautiful, fruity, fresh and pure nose that offers a discreet powdery side (in the background). It reveals notes of fresh cherry and crunchy redcurrants associated with touches of ripe mandarin, a hint of zest, racy soil/terroir as well as a discreet hint of zan and a subtle hint of almost crushed blackcurrant. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, tension, a lovely delicacy as well as a crystalline side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, pulpy/fleshy redcurrants and small notes of fig associated with fine hints of blood orange as well as a subtle hint of cocoa (in the background). Tannins are elegant and supple. Very beautiful bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos del Rey, Chirac 2022

IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is fruity, spicy and frank. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry liqueur and small notes of roasted red fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, iris, black olive as well as fine hints of Madagascar pepper and a hint of balsamic. A very discreet almost olive leaf hint in the background. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, juicy, elegant and offers brilliance, a beautiful airy side, race as well as a nice deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis liqueur, concentrated wild blackberry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of liquorice stick, tobacco, strawberry tree as well as hints of black olive, olive tree and a hint of chocolate. Tannins are sapid, sappy and well-built. Good length. A beautifully textured and elegant wine.

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



Sud de France

Clos del Rey, L'Episcata 2022 IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is fruity, racy, deep and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry and small bright red fruits associated with touches of crushed cherry, smoke, incense as well as fine hints of dry garrigue and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, tension as well as a slightly tight tannic structure. Precision, suppleness and a certain brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackcurrant, juicy roasted cherry and small notes of small bright blue fruits associated with toasted touches, chocolate, blond tobacco as well as hints of vanilla and black olive. Mellowness, fat and fleshiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos del Rey, La Noia 2023 IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is aromatic, precise and offers a beautiful fine grain, precise, spicy and elegant. A velvety and airy texture. We find notes of bright redcurrants, wild small fruits, lilies and small notes of wild red berries associated with a touch of fresh thyme, nutmeg and discreet hints of schist. The palate is fruity, nicely built and offers juiciness, suavity, shiness as well as brilliance and pulpiness in its fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, bright blueberry and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, cornflower, artubus fruit, toasted hints as well as a fine hint of black tea and rosemary. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A subtle hint of eucalyptus/sap in the background on the finish/persistence.

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

Clos del Rey, L'Aragone 2022 IGP Côtes Catalanes

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is a bit tight (currently), frank and offers power. It reveals notes of clove, warm grove and small notes of tobacco associated with touches of nutmeg and a hint of roasted blackberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, tension, precision, a mineral frame, a small austerity as well as verticality. A charming and mellow side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, small creamy red fruits and small notes of clove associated with touches of violet as well as a hint of strawberry tree and nutmeg. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. A small chew on the finish/persistence.

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

Domaine Bisconte, Les Vignes de Fontclare 2023 IGP Côtes Catalanes

The nose is fruity, elegant, airy in its concentration and offers darkness. It reveals notes of concentrated blueberry, cornflower and small notes of liquorice stick associated with fine hints of black tea as well as discreet hints of smoke, sense of the place (local biotope) and discreet hints of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is nicely built, supple and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, juiciness, suppleness, beautiful energy, a crystalline side as well as concentration of the fruit with precision. Lace! On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blueberry, violet and small notes of creamy cassis, violet associated with touches of black tea, black olive as well as fine hints of chocolate, toast and vanilla. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. Elegant and fresh darkness.

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

TERRASSES DU LARZAC

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Les Chausmes 2021

AOC Montpeyroux-Languedoc

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is dense, concentrated, gourmand, spicy and slightly roasted. It expresses aromas of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry and blackberry, combined with notes of crushed black pepper, liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom, as well as aromatic herbs (lemon thyme, peppermint, rosemary, sage), rose petals, blackcurrant leaf and olive in the background. There are also very subtle tangy and smoky notes of bergamot, cocoa nibs and fresh almond. The palate is silky, juicy and airy, with a good bitterness and polished and velvety tannins. It expresses the flavors of wild



strawberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, as well as Mediterranean herbs (lemon thyme, sage, a hint of rosemary, mint, as well as dried blackcurrant leaf), a cocoa and tangy touch of cocoa nibs, as well as fresh almond and sweet spices in the background (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom). Beautiful acidity and persistence, on citrus flavors (bergamot, grapefruit) and a good bitterness. Gourmandise, freshness, elegance in the structure and concentration of flavors.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Combarels De l'Ombre... 2022

AOC-AOP Terrasse de Larzac

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is perfumed, concentrated and juicy, with a chiseled and tangy hint of red fruits. It expresses aromas of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currants, red cherry, as well as blue-

berry and blackcurrant in the background, associated with delicate spicy touches (liquorice, cardamom, a hint of anise and white pepper), herbaceous (tobacco, fresh sage, mint, infused green tea, green olive), with a hint of lilac and fresh almond. The palate offers dynamism and liveliness, very fine and well-structured tannins. It expresses the flavors of raspberry, cranberry, fresh strawberry, red cherry, blueberry and blackcurrant, combined with herbal touches (peppermint, sage, rosemary, lemon thyme), spicy (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, white pepper), lemony (a hint of bitter grapefruit) and a tangy touch of cocoa nibs. The finish is persistent and savoury, chiseled, with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness. Beautiful material and consistency in the mouth, enveloping and juicy, but airy and fresh.

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

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Combarels À la Lumière... 2022

AOC-AOP Terrasse de Larzac

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers density and airiness at the same time, delicacy and a perfumed floral bouquet. It expresses aromas of fresh strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry and crushed blackcurrant, associated with notes of rose, peony, lilac and violet. There are also spicy touches of cardamom, liquorice and crushed pink pepper, aromatic herbs (dried mint, sage, thyme, rosemary in syrup) and a tangy and chocolatey touch of cocoa nibs. The palate is airy, perfumed, with a pleasant tanginess of red fruits (red cherry, raspberry, tangy strawberry), associated with a hint of blueberry and crushed blackcurrant. It also expresses herbaceous flavors (peppermint, thyme, fresh rosemary, a hint of pine needles, tea leaf), floral (violet, peony, rose) and spicy (crushed cardamom, nutmeg, liquorice). Good persistence in the mouth on notes of cocoa nibs and a smoky/tangy hint of bergamot. The tannins are firm, structured and sapid, but polished. Beautiful lively and refreshing acidity. Concentration and power in elegance.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Clas Mani 2020

AOC-AOP Terrasse de Larzac

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is perfumed and offers depth, concentration and complexity. We find the aromas of juicy morello cherry, very ripe black plum (even prunes in chocolate), roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant, blackberry and raspberry coulis, associated with an elegant floral bouquet (peony, iris, rose, lilac), herbal notes (peppermint, dried tobacco, infused black tea, fresh sage and rosemary), spicy (nutmeg, liquorice, a very light hint of vanilla in the background), toasted (roasted almond, a touch of coffee, caramelized hazelnut and roasted wood) and chocolate (cocoa, cocoa nibs). The palate is savoury, chiseled, straight and precise, with a beautiful salivating acidulous frame and a firm tannin structure, with a fine grain. It expresses the concentrated flavors of black fruits (morello cherry, black plum, blackcurrant, blackberry), combined with a tangy red fruits (red cherry, raspberry), spicy notes (cardamom, nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper), floral (peony, violet, lilac), herbaceous (mint syrup, rosemary, lemon thyme, tea leaf, sage) and toasted hints (roasted almond, a touch of sweet coffee). The finish is persistent, tangy, with pleasant notes of cocoa nibs and a saline touch in the background, as well as light tertiary notes of dried tobacco on the aftertaste. An expressive and refined wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Sud de France

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Nimalaya. Vieux Carignan 2022 Vin de France

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers tension and an elegant and fresh concentration, with a clear acidity of the fruits, which is complemented by a gourmet touch of roasted fruits. It expresses notes of fresh red cherry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, dried blackcurrant, blackberry and wild strawberry, associated with subtle spicy touches (liquorice, Timut pepper, nutmeg), a fine hint of citrus (bergamot, blood orange), herbs and fresh flowers (thyme, sage, fresh tobacco, hint of menthol, lily). The palate has a fine and silky tannic texture, a good bitterness and the juicy and acidity of the fruits. It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, bird cherry, fresh raspberry, as well as citrus fruits (bergamot with its smokiness and the bitterness of grapefruit), sweet spices (Timut pepper, liquorice, a hint of nutmeg), herbs and fresh flowers (lemon thyme, a hint of menthol rosemary, peppermint, sage, lily). Accuracy, precision, a beautiful lemony freshness in the mouth, liveliness and balance. Good persistence on a hint of roasted herbs.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles, Les Homs 2022 Vin de France

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose reveals delicate woody and herbal aromas (toasted almond, roasted wood, roasted bouquet garni, dried sage, tobacco). Then, we find mineral notes (rock, an earthy note), fruity aromas (red cherry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh raspberry, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant), as well as flowers (dried cornflower, dried rose) and a hint of cocoa. The palate is gourmand, lively, chiseled and tangy, with a pleasant sweetness of fruit and dark chocolate. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry, red currant, blackcurrant, wild blackberry, red cherry as well as flowers (lilac, dried cornflower), aromatic herbs (mint, sage, bouquet garni), fresh flowers (cornflower, lilac) and a sweet hint of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg) and cocoa. The tannins are fine and delicate, but solid. Good persistence, chiseled, on a tangy hint of fruits.

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

FAUGÈRES

Château Anglade, Comète 2021 AOP Faugères

The nose is elegant, complex and offers a multi-layered side, a beautiful freshness as well as race. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, juicy/fresh small red fruits and small notes of Cubeb pepper, lily as well as fine sappy hints and fresh spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, tension, precision, a tangy frame as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy/fresh small red fruits and small notes of red plum associated with fine touches of fresh violet, hints of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and star anise. Good length. A very nice acidity on the red fruits. A fine mellowness on the finish. Almost a fresh balsamic side on the finish.

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

Château de Ciffre, Terroirs d'Altitude Faugères 2022 AOP Faugères

The wine is fresh and fruity with a hint of minerality. It is slightly discreet with notes of red fruits such as small cherry and raspberry. The second nose opens a little more with notes of sweet red fruits. There is an almost minty freshness. The palate is fresh and tangy with a sweet vanilla roundness on the attack. We perceive small, crunchy and jammy red fruits. The finish is pretty on the cherry.

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

Château de Ciffre 2022 AOP Faugères

The first nose is intense, powerful with beautiful notes of black fruits such as blackberry as well as crushed black cherry. We also have a fresher, tangy touch with small touches of wild strawberries. The second nose is delicious with hints of vanilla as well as blackberry, cherry and always the small wild strawberry. There is also a discreet note of leather. The palate is fresh, fruity with a hint of fresh and compote black cherry, blackberry and notes of liquorice. The tannins are present but supple. The tasting is salivating with a sweet roundness brought by the fruit. The finish is pretty, long on black cherry.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Saint-Antonin, Cazalet 2022 AOP Faugères

(Organic) The nose is nicely built and offers matter as well as a certain suppleness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower, fine hints of clove, cardamom as well as an almost olive hint and sense of place (local biotope). The palate is nicely built, fresh, supple, precise and offers concentration, mellowness as well as a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, concentrated cassis and small notes of racy minerality (schist?) as well as hints of small bright/fresh red berries, sap, roasted hazelnut and a subtle almost sage hint. Tannins are mellow. Good length.

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

Domaine Saint-Antonin, Magnoux 2022 AOP Faugères

(Organic) The nose is fresh, floral and offers a certain concentration and spiciness. It reveals notes of concentrated red berries, violet and small notes of concentrated blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh olive, hints of strawberry tree fruit, dark chocolate as well as a toasted hint and quite ripe morello cherry. The palate is beautifully fresh, supple, elegant and offers gourmandise, mellowness, unctuousity in elegance as well as a nice acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackcurrant, bright morello cherry and small notes of crushed fruit associated with touches of balsamic, black olive, a hint of strawberry tree, a fine almost laurel hint and dark chocolate. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. Good length. A hint of fresh grove in the background. A beautifully built wine, chiseled, precise and with pure fruit.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Saint-Antonin, Grand Morrastrrel 2020 AOP Faugères

(Organic) The wine is worth decanting. The nose is beautifully elegant, precise and offers a lovely precise grain. There are notes of violet, elegant roasted red fruits and blond tobacco associated with touches of vanilla, morello cherry, crushed strawberry as well as fine almost pink and balsamic hints. In a few aspects it pinotes. The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, gourmand and offers a very nice freshness, a nice substance, a great texture, softness, juiciness, brightness, shiness, a nice energy, delicacy as well as a nice substance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of balsamic, bright red berries as well as hints of cornflower, a hint of lily and fine hints of vanilla. Tannins are finely sappy. Good length. Nice acidity of red fruits on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Saint-Antonin, Grand Morrastrrel 2021 AOP Faugères

(Organic) It needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of raspberry, small, quite ripe red berries and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of fresh grove, sense of place (local biotope / terroir), graphene as well as hints of infusion, black tea, black olive, with discreet hints of almost sage, coffee and cardamom. The palate is nicely built, nicely fresh, juicy and offers deepness, suppleness as well as a nice freshness. Beautifully racy (terroir). On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, juicy / fresh red berries and small notes of juicy cherry associated with touches of liquorice stick, black olive, infusion as well as a hint of almost sage / local grove and schist. Mellowness, pulpiness and gourmandise.

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

SAINT-CHINIAN

Domaine de Coumiac, Clou d'Or 2022 AOP Saint-Chinian

Beautiful, ample and elegant nose that offers complexity as well as intensity in its concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of quite ripe small blue fruits associated with touches of roasted-juicy fruits, hints of liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of smoke and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is beautifully juicy, mineral, supple, beautifully built and offers shiness, unctuousity in freshness as well as brilliance. Airy in its concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of roasted-juicy cherry, concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of crushed blue plum as well as hints of vanilla, liquorice stick, toast and vanilla. Good length. Mellow, tasty and gourmandize. Beautiful freshness!

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



Sud de France

Château de Ciffre, Terroirs d'Altitude Saint-Chinian 2022

AOP Saint-Chinian

The wine is fresh and fruity with a hint of minerality. It is slightly discreet with notes of red fruits such as small cherry and raspberry. The second nose opens a little more with notes of sweet red fruits. There is an almost minty freshness. The palate is fresh and tangy with a sweet vanilla roundness on the attack. We perceive small, crunchy and jammy red fruits. The finish is pretty on the cherry.
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château de Ciffre 2022

AOP Saint-Chinian

The first nose is intense and fruity, deep, with notes of fresh and compote fruits such as cherry and blackberry. The second nose is still intense with a vanilla roundness and hints of dried garrigue herbs. The palate is fresh and fruity with a beautiful dynamic attack with measured and salivating acidity. The mid-palate reveals powerful tannins, a sign of the wine's youth. Catchy until the finish, they let notes of cherry, blackberry and juicy plum appear. We always have hints of vanilla. The finish is juicy with a little bit of saffron at the very end of the tasting.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Saint-Martin des Champs, Cuvée 1675, 2019

AOP Saint-Chinian

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers concentration as well as intensity. It reveals notes of wild cherry, crushed red plum and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, smoke as well as hints of nutmeg, Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of dry olive. The palate is nicely built and offers fruit, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, suppleness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright strawberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of bright cassis as well as fine hints of fresh blond tobacco, a hint of zan and black olive. Tannins are sapid, supple and tasty. A hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Saint-Martin des Champs, Les Terrasses de Fontenilles 2018

AOP Saint-Chinian

La bouche est joliment menée et offre de la souplesse, de la fraîcheur, de la minéralité, une trame fraîche, de la souplesse, de l'acidulé, un côté mélodieux, un petit gras ainsi que de la fraîcheur. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de framboise pulpeuse, de petites baies rouges écrasées et plus légèrement de myrtille juteuse/pulpeuse associées à des touches d'olive noire, de zan ainsi qu'à une pointe de bosquet frais et à une subtile pointe presque sauge fraîche. Bonne longueur. Présence d'une pointe de bonne amertume variétale en fond. Un vin sur le fruit et facile d'accès.

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

Domaine Belot, Mouleyres 2023

AOP Saint-Chinian

The nose is nicely built, aromatic and offers complexity, a floral side as well as spices. There are notes of violet, nutmeg and small notes of wild black berries associated with touches of crushed blueberry as well as a hint of roasted strawberry, green pepper and a subtle almost olive hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a nice freshness, brightness, minerality as well as a crystalline side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry and creamy black berries associated with touches of crushed raspberry, hints of pulpy cherry, cornflowers, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of salt, black olive and toast. Good length. Nice brightness on quite ripe red fruits. Tannins are sapid and mellow.

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

Domaine de Belot, Best of Belot 2023

AOP Saint-Chinian

The nose needs to be decanted. There are notes of wild blackberry, flowers and small notes of a sense of the place (local biotope) associated with an almost rose touch, discreet hints of Cubeb pepper as well as discreet hints of smoke and graphene. The palate is nicely

built, sapid, supple, juicy and offers minerality as well as a tangy frame. Nice brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as fine hints of nutmeg, flowers and liquorice stick. Nice iodine/saline hint in the background. Tannins are relatively large and offer a small chew.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Terres 2 Frères, Signatures 2022

AOP Saint-Chinian

(24 months) The nose is fruity and offers brilliance as well as a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, blackcurrant liqueur and small notes of violet associated with touches of roasted small red fruits as well as hints of toast/caramelization. The palate is nicely built, fresh, supple and offers a tangy frame, precision, brilliance as well as energy. Nice freshness and nice minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackcurrant, blueberry liqueur and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of liquorice stick. Tannins are currently finely tight. The wine needs to be decanted. Good length. Good work on the good bitterness in the background / on the persistence.

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

Domaine de Coumiac, Barbula 2022

AOP Saint-Chinian

The nose is smoky. There are notes of bright small fruits and tobacco associated with almost animal touches in the background. The palate is nicely juicy, supple and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of bright purple plum associated with touches of balsamic, toasted, tobacco as well as a hint of animal and undergrowth. Good length. Concentration, freshness and a slightly patinated fruit.

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

VARIOUS APPELLATIONS

Domaine Benoit Homs, Amassa Pinot Noir 2023

IGP Pays Cathare

The wine benefits from being decanted. The nose is velvety, airy and offers a nice little textured side as well as a certain little tension. There are notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of lavender associated with touches of wild strawberry, nutmeg as well as an almost tobacco and undergrowth hint. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers concentration, gourmandize, a tangy frame as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrants, concentrated cherry and small notes of fresh/bright purple plum associated with touches of infusion, bright blueberry, vanilla as well as a subtle almost balsamic hint (in the background) and chocolate. Tannins are sapid, gourmand and mellow. Beautiful purity and brilliance of the fruit.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Benoit Homs, Montamo 2023

IGP Pays Cathare

The nose is fruity, complex, elegant, deep and offers velvety as well as a precise, fine and taut grain. It reveals notes of violet, wild blackcurrant and small notes of nutmeg, spices associated with touches of pepper, cornflower, hints of roasted-elegant red berries, tobacco as well as a fine almost cornflowers hint and vanilla. The palate is nicely built, supple, elegant, airy, gourmand, delicate and offers fat, creaminess full of precision/finesse as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed small blue fruits and crushed red berries associated with touches of cornflower, balsamic as well as a hint of blond tobacco, black olive and vanilla. A subtle hint of almost thyme in the background. Good length. A hint of iodine on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Sud de France

Domaine de Mandourelle, L'Âmes de mes ancêtres, Esth Toy 2023 IGP Vallée du Paradis

(Organic) The nose offers a certain concentration, purity in its deepness, silkiness as well as a nice graphite grain. We find notes of wild blackberry, red berries and small notes of balsamic associated with hints of flowers as well as a hint of sweet pepper. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, tension, suppleness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of fresh red berries associated with touches of fresh balsamic as well as floral hints and an almost thyme/infusion hint (in the background). Good length. A wine that offers beautiful freshness, silkiness and juiciness.
Score : 15.25/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine de Mandourelle, L'Âmes de mes ancêtres, Rabassa 2023 IGP Vallée du Paradis

(Organic) The nose is well-built, nicely mineral and offers tension, a small spicy side as well as a frank, precise and tense grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, black pepper and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a touch of clove as well as fine hints of liquorice and toast. The palate is nicely juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision, suppleness, an airy side as well as a fine and delicate grain (despite its power). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright red berries and small notes of clove associated with touches of lily, nutmeg, hints of tobacco as well as an almost thyme and chocolate hint. Good length. An infusion side in the background / finish.
Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

Domaine de Coumiac, Les Griottes 2023 AOP Languedoc

Beautiful elegant nose, racy, precise, frank and that offers power. It reveals notes of morello cherry, small roasted-juicy wild red fruits and small notes of Cubeb pepper associated with hints of blond tobacco, vanilla essence as well as a discreet hint of coconut (in the background). The palate is nicely built, supple, fresh, tangy and offers brilliance as well as gourmandize. Nicely ample and round. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrants, bright cherry and small notes of juicy/acidic cassis associated with touches of tobacco, black olive as well as a hint of balsamic (in the background). Tannins are mellow and tasty. Chewy and a hint of coconut in the background. Beautifully gourmand and juicy.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de Coumiac, Barbatus 2022 AOP Saint-Chinian

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers gourmandise, a certain concentration/richness in balance as well as toasted. It reveals notes of roasted-juicy cherry, roasted raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, camphor, black olive as well as hints of toasted and liquorice. Delicacy in its toasted side. The palate is nicely built, supple, fresh, elegant and offers an airy side, tension, precision, an acidulous frame as well as a certain concentration of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright plum associated with touches of balsamic liquorice as well as a hint of toasted and a subtle hint of coconut (in the background).
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine de la Borie Blanche, Minervois - La Livinière 2022 AOP La Livinière

The wine is round, fruity and fresh. We have notes of red fruits as well as a surprising hint of minty fennel branch because it recalls the sense of place. The second nose is still fruity with a minty freshness. The palate is fresh with hints of black pepper as well as crunchy cherry. The tannins are present, catchy with the youth of the wine. They provide structure with a touch of vanilla and continue until the finish. We also perceive notes of blackberries, blackcurrant and redcurrant jam.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



Domaine de la Borie Blanche, Terroirs d'Altitude - La Livinière 2022 AOP La Livinière

The nose is fresh with notes of black cherry as well as fresh rose petals. The second nose opens with a little vanilla roundness and a slight smoky side. The palate is fresh and tangy. We have tannins present, powerful until the finish. We perceive notes of small, crunchy red cherry as well as fresh woods. There is always a floral touch with hints of redcurrant and mint on the finish.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine de Ravanès, Alpha 2019 IGP Pays d'Hérault

(100% Merlot) The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers depth as well as superb power in precision. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis, small black fruits and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with touches of nutmeg, black olive as well as discreet hints of balsamic. The palate is nicely carried, supple, airy, racy, concentrated and deep (but full of control and precision). Nice mineral-gravelly hint. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated cassis, concentrated blackberry and small notes of concentrated small black fruits associated with touches of black pepper, tobacco, dark chocolate/mocha as well as almost sappy hints (in the background) and a hint of anise (in the background). Tannins are mellow and racy. A hint of good bitterness from the roasting. A nice powerful, frank, authentic as well as concentrated wine but all in control and precision.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de Ravanès, Prime Verd 2017 IGP Pays d'Hérault

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of small red berries, sweet pepper and small notes of sweet spices associated with fine hints of star anise, flower pistil, saffron and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, concentration, a tangy frame as well as a small pulpiness and fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/shiny red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of bright violet plum, crushed/concentrated small fruits as well as toasted hints, tonka bean, toasted hazelnut, liquorice stick and a hint of black olive. Good length. Beautiful expression of Petit Verdot.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Chai César, L'ibère 2021 IGP Pays d'Oc

The nose is spicy, aromatic, frank and offers a hint of volatile. It reveals notes of wild berries, clove and small notes of gray pepper, nutmeg associated with touches of roasted cherry, a hint of roasted raspberry and discreet hints of scrubland/dry soil. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, currently slightly tight and offers tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, fresh/pulpy cherry and small notes of garrigue associated with touches of violet, bright blueberry as well as a hint of liquorice stick, fresh black olive and a subtle hint of sage. Tannins offer mellowness. Good length. The finish is a bit tight.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Domaine Peter Sichel, Montanha IGP Pays de Cucugnan

(AB. 100% Grenache) The nose is spicy, frank, racy and offers a beautiful purity in its definition. We find notes of small wild red fruits, sweet pepper and small notes of clove associated with delicate spices, hints of cornflower as well as a subtle hint of olive tree, sense of place (local biotope) / fresh grove and an imperceptible hint of mandarin leaf. The palate is nicely built, supple, elegant and offers brilliance, a beautiful pulpiness, delicacy, a spherical and coating touch, freshness, as well as a beautiful definition of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrants, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of spices, fresh strawberry, a hint of olive tree, hazelnut as well as a subtle hint almost arbutus in its acidity (fruits of the strawberry tree) and discreet hints almost mandarin. Presence of a hint of good bitterness and almost garrigue on the persistence.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Sud de France

Domaine Peter Sichel, Terre Sichel

IGP Pays de Cucugnan

(AB. 100% Grenache) Beautiful, elegant, precise and mellow nose that offers some spiciness, a discreet fruitiness as well as delicacy in its grain and texture. We find notes of pulpy raspberry, small bright wild red fruits and small notes of thyme flowers associated with touches of nutmeg, spices, a hint of strawberry tree, hazelnut as well as discreet almost lavender hints, toasted and discreet hints of infusion. The palate is elegant, juicy, fresh, balanced and offers delicacy, a beautiful mellowness, a tangy frame, beautiful energy as well as purity. A wine with an elegant creaminess, airy and full of energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy/juicy redcurrants and small notes of tangy/pulpy purple plum associated with a touch of star anise, strawberry tree as well as a hint of rosemary flowers, infusion, Kampot pepper as well as a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope) and tobacco. Tannins are nicely mellow and tasty. Presence of a varietal/sappy and almost verbenia hint on the persistence. A very nice persistence (+12 caudalies). A wine full of harmony, purity, energy and race!

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

Domaine Peter Sichel, Petite France

IGP Pays de Cucugnan

(AB. 100% Carignan) The nose is elegant, spicy, complex and offers a nice pepperiness (nice aromatic breadth in its pepper palette). Frank and intense. It reveals notes of bright wild cassis, wild redcurrants and small notes of Cubeb pepper associated with touches of warm olive tree, small fruits, delicate hints of berries as well as a hint of warm aromatic herbs, almost warm bay leaf, a subtle hint of Kampot pepper and Timut pepper. The palate is beautifully built, supple, mineral, juicy, precise and offers a certain straightness, pulpiness as well as verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, wild cherry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of dry bay leaf, strawberry tree as well as almost olive tree hints, juicy blackberry, infusion and bergamot. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Presence of a very discreet almost toasted hint in the background. Nice chewiness and gourmandise on the finish/persistence. Good persistence (more than 10 caudalies).

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

Domaine Peter Sichel, Cucuniano

IGP Pays de Cucugnan

On y retrouve des notes de cerise juteuse/pulpeuse, de groseilles éclatantes et plus légèrement de petits fruits bleus pulpeux associées à des touches sa sauge fraîche, de bosquet frais ainsi qu'à une discrète pointe presque romarin frais, à une subtile pointe d'infusion (en fraîcheur) et à une délicate pointe de poivre de Timut. La bouche est joliment menée, fraîche et offre de la verticalité, de la gourmandise, une trame acidulée, de l'énergie, du mordant, du moelleux, du juteux ainsi qu'une jolie pureté. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de groseilles éclatantes, de cerise brillante et plus légèrement de fraise rôtie-juteuse associées à des touches d'arboise (fruit de l'arbousier), presque agrumes mûrs ainsi qu'à une pointe de feuille d'olivier, de romarin, à une subtile pointe d'épices et à une imperceptible pointe de bergamote en fond. Bonne longueur. Joli petit moelleux et grillé du pépin sur la fin de bouche/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Baronarques 2022

AOC Limoux

Beautiful, elegant, fresh and precise nose, almost slightly on the restraint but full of elegance which offers aromatic complexity, precision and a beautiful width of the aromatic palette. There are notes of blueberry, pulpy Boysen blackberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of Bourbon vanilla, cornflower as well as discreet hints of graphite and a beautiful « sens of place » (local biotop / fresh local grove) and a discreet floral hint. The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, tension, gourmandise, creaminess, a lovely energy, harmony as well as an acidulous frame. A beautiful mellow grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy blackberry, bright blueberry and small notes of roasted cherry associated with touches of cornflower, Bourbon vanilla, very discreet hints of liquorice stick, very discreet hints of sage and almost sappy hints. Good work on the good bitterness. Gourmandise and beautiful 3 dimension side (complexité / multi-layers) and power, especially on the finish. Beautiful texture and a saline touch on the finish/ persistence.

Chewy, elegant and sapid tannins. A beautiful wine! Congratulations!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

La Sapinière, La Croisée des vents 2023

Cité de Carcassonne

(Organic) Beautiful nose, precise, frank, racy and that offer deepness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of boysenberry and bright black berries associated with touches of black tea, menthol, hints of small bright blue fruits, crushed redcurrants and a fine almost balsamic hint. The palate is beautifully structured, elegant, airy and offers brilliance, gourmandise as well as a very nice freshness. A discreet hint of elegant austerity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy blackcurrant, bright/fresh red berries and small notes of fresh cherry associated with touches of crushed blueberry, hints of liquorice stick, chocolate, black olive as well as fine hints of tobacco, menthol/sappy and a subtle almost lavender hint. Tannins are sapid, mellow and offer a nice grain. A subtle hint of terracotta in the background. Purity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

La Sapinière, Archibald 2021

AOC Malepère

(Organic) The nose is nicely built and offers a certain intensity, a smoky side as well as a racy and frank grain. It reveals notes of blueberry, small roasted-elegant red fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of smoke, hints of menthole, spices as well as a hint of local garrigue/almost aromatic herbs, graphene, fresh pepper and an almost balsamic hint. The palate is nicely built, nicely fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, concentration in freshness as well as a subtle minerality that leads the tasting. Notes of roasted-elegant fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of roasted-juicy violet plum as well as hints of liquorice stick, black olive, a hint of dry garrigue and sage (in the background). Tannins are elegant, mellow and racy. A hint of vanilla in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Château Chantalouette 2022

Pomerol

The nose is floral, fresh and racy, with a hint of minerality. We perceive notes of violet, fresh blackcurrant, and fresh red berries, associated with touches of fresh tobacco and a subtle hint of clove in the background. The palate is nicely fruity, offering freshness, juiciness, suppleness, with a little roundness and a slight fatty touch. The wine is distinguished by its delicacy in its texture with a little airy side, a graphene side and notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and juicy/fresh purple plum. These flavors are associated with touches of chocolate, racy minerality, smoke, as well as fine touches of toast and vanilla. Good length, with tannins offering a fine chew.

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

Château Plince 2022

Pomerol

The nose reveals aromas of fruit, creaminess, with a fine richness and a gourmet texture. There are notes of creamy boysenberry, crushed strawberry, as well as small black berries, associated with gourmet touches of chocolate, blueberry, and a hint of bourbon vanilla. A discreet touch of roasted hazelnut is perceived in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, smooth and fresh, offering a beautiful definition and a certain gourmandise and freshness. The texture is supple and balanced, with a nice stretchiness, while remaining airy and unctuous. The notes of creamy blackberry, bright cassis and crushed raspberry are associated with touches of racy minerality, chocolate, toasted hazelnut, a hint of vanilla and sweet blond tobacco. Good length, and the integration of the tannins is pleasant with a soft texture. A perfectly balanced Pomerol, with a beautiful definition and a gourmand and savoury persistence, combining creaminess and freshness.

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

Château Lagrange 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic and complex, with a lovely soft grain. It has notes of fleshy blackberry, small pulpy blue fruits, and a slight touch of fleshy blackcurrant, combined with fine touches of bigarreau cherry, lilac, liquorice, as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy and fresh, with a lovely gourmandise and complexity. It has a melodious and airy touch, with a lovely texture of the material. Notes of juicy and pulpy blackberry, creamy blackcurrant and small notes of cornflower mingle with touches of lilac, fresh and juicy blue plum, as well as nuances of toast, sweet blond tobacco and fine hints of toasted hazelnut. The tannins are soft and gourmand, with good length and persistence. The freshness, juiciness and a touch of fat bring gourmandise. A deliciously gourmet finish, with a lovely soft texture.

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

Château Lafleur-Gazin 2022

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, airy and ample, with bright notes of blackberry, flowers (cornflower, lilac, hint of rose) and a beautiful presence of roasted red berries, associated with touches of cubeb pepper and spices. The palate is nicely built, fruity and fresh, with a nice minerality and a fresh frame. The smoothness is delicate, balanced, offering a fair harmony between the material and the freshness. The notes of pulpy blackcurrant, creamy blackberry and small blue fruits associated with a touch of crushed morello cherry, cornflower, bourbon vanilla, as well as fine hints of chocolate and toast. In the background, a hint of toasted hazelnut and a subtle almost smoky note add complexity. The tannins are elegant and racy. The palate is nicely fresh, round and airy.

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

Château Latour à Pomerol 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, airy, complex and powerful, with a little tightness, it deserves to be decanted. We perceive notes of bright blackberry and blueberry, accompanied by crushed black fruits, associated with a touch of roasted red fruits, cardamom, mocha, as well as touches of violet, dried lily, a fine hint of tobacco, sweet spices and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, fresh, elegant and complex, with a superb creamy, airy material, and a fine and chiseled texture, offering accuracy and control. The elegance unfolds through notes of creamy blackberry, blackcurrant, crushed purple plum, associated with touches of chocolate, crushed strawberry, bourbon vanilla, and a discreet note of toast. The tannins are soft, sapid and tasty, with a superb finish! A wine combining freshness, elegance and suppleness. Superb persistence.

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

Château La Grave 2022

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully built, airy and supple, with a fine and finely velvety grain. It benefits from being decanted. There are notes of boysenberry, creamy blackcurrant, and touches of blueberry, associated with touches of small roasted and juicy red berries, almost with a discreet Mediterranean accent. Notes of fresh blond tobacco and a subtle hint of sweet rose petal, as well as sweet spices. The palate is beautifully creamy, fresh and juicy, with a beautiful airy lightness and great delicacy. The grain is high, velvety, and airy, well defined, with great finesse and mastery of the texture! A fine mineral touch is felt in the background. Flavors of creamy blackberry, luscious cassis, and purple plum combine with hints of juicy, roasted strawberry (with a Mediterranean accent), as well as nuances of infusion, bourbon vanilla, toast, and a subtle, almost black olive and cardamom hint. The tannins are soft and gourmand.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Bourgneuf 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fresh, elegant and airy, with floral aromas and some spiciness. It would benefit from being decanted. We perceive notes of pulpy cherry, bright red berries, and more precisely violet, associated with touches of bright blackcurrant, zan, as well as a hint of fresh tobacco and a subtle touch of clove. The palate is fruity, with minerality, freshness, suppleness, and a beautiful smoothness. The grain is racy and presents a marked minerality (probably from the gravel), with an airy and balanced approach. We find notes of juicy/tangy boysenberry, pulpy blackcurrant, and bright fresh cherry, associated with touches of violet plum, tobacco, cardamom, and a hint of clove. In the background, a discreet touch of mocha and a subtle note of delicate roasting bring delicacy. A floral wine on the palate with notes of fresh violet and lilac.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Certan de May 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, floral, fresh and deep, with a pleasant harmony. There are notes of lily, iris, and touches of fresh blackberry, associated with touches of bright blueberry, crushed cherry, as well as subtle notes of camphor, plum blossom, nutmeg and fine toasted hints. All accompanied by a discreet note of black tea infusion. The palate is floral, fruity, fresh, with a beautiful minerality. It is structured on a fresh frame, with a tangy side and great juiciness. The energy is elegant, supple and airy. There are notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright blackcurrant, fresh blueberry, associated with touches of racy minerality (clay-gravels), graphene, cardamom, and a hint of toast. In the background, we perceive a light note of infusion and a hint of liquorice stick and fresh toast as well as a hint of black tea. The tannins are fresh, supple and elegant.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Hosanna 2022

Pomerol

The nose is nicely carried out, with a beautiful fruity intensity and a slight racy power. It also gives off an impression of velvety and delicacy, accompanied by a fine darkness. There are notes of wild blackberry, wild blackcurrant, and more lightly touches of black pepper. These aromas are associated with a touch of black plum, incense and a subtle hint of black tea infusion blend with a discreet note of aromatic herbs in the background. On the palate, the wine is nicely carried out, fruity, with freshness. It offers tension, a certain suppleness and delicacy, with an airy, frank and racy grain. On the palate, there are notes of blackberry, Boysen and small wild black berries, which blend with touches of pepper, graphene. On the finish, nuances of clove and nutmeg. Good length, the tannins are fine, supple and well integrated. Touches of infusion and a very discreet, almost saline hint in the background.

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

La Clémence à Pomerol 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand, ample and offers a certain richness as well as a nice powdery/cocoa grain. It reveals notes of roasted-juicy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of graphene and dark chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a tangy frame, mellowness, salinity and a nice racy definition. It expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackcurrant, and small notes of roasted-juicy blackberry associated with touches of iodine, mocha, blond tobacco and toasted almond. Good length. Mellow, frank and well-managed tannins, juiciness and gourmandise. Finish with a fine austerity.

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



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Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, subtle, intense and delicate at the same time, with a striking depth and harmonious complexity. We perceive notes of bright blackcurrant, violet and, more discreetly, a racy minerality. These aromas associated with touches of small bright red fruits, as well as hints of licorice stick, bourbon vanilla and a subtle note of nutmeg. On the palate, the wine is elegant, supple and sumptuous, with a delicacy and an airy freshness. Its depth and smoothness are expressed with finesse and freshness, while a lovely airy and melodious side unfolds. We find notes of boysenberry, creamy blackcurrant, violet and blueberry, associated with touches of cornflower, lilac, as well as hints of licorice stick, graphene and discreet nuances of toast and caramel. A touch of vanilla is also felt. What a touch! A velvety texture, both creamy and airy, with great freshness and a beautiful burst of fruit. The tannins are creamy and gourmand. Sumptuous.

Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)

Château Trotanoy 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, complex and subtle, with a hint of infusion. We perceive notes of violet, boysenberry and, more discreetly, bright blue plum, associated with fine hints of graphene, small roasted and juicy red fruits, nutmeg, clove, toast, as well as a very discreet hint of Mediterranean/roasted aromatic herbs in the background. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, airy, delicate, aromatic and complex. It is accessible, harmonious, with a creaminess in freshness and an airy texture, all in finesse. What a touch and what a delicate texture! We find notes of creamy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and bright blue plum, associated with touches of dark chocolate, discreet Madagascar pepper, cornflower, as well as hints of graphene, sweet blond tobacco and a touch of toasted hazelnut. In the background, a very discreet note almost of sage. The tannins are soft, airy and delicate. A very discreet touch of good chocolate bitterness persists in the aftertaste.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château Bellegrave 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, racy (terroir / graves), spicy and offers intensity and airiness at the same time. It reveals notes of ripe wild red berries, zan and small notes of vanilla associated with fine hints of toast and crushed blackcurrant. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, minerality, good definition, silkiness, a small spherical side in the mouth. It expresses notes of pulpy / juicy blackberry, crushed morello cherry and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with touches of spices, sweet blond tobacco and almond, a discreet hint almost cinnamon in the background. Good length, tasty and textured persistence.

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

Château La Patache 2022

Pomerol

The nose offers concentration as well as a little power. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of small fruits, cornflower, star anise as well as a hint of lily and Cubeb pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, brightness, gourmandise, a tangy frame and expresses notes of bright blueberry, sour cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry, hints of chocolate and toasted/vanilla. Good length, minerality, sapidity and gourmandise. Tannins are finely powdered in the background.

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

Enclos Tourmaline 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh and chiseled. It reveals notes of concentrated blackcurrant, toasted and slight spices, roasted raspberry and hints of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, minerality, a lovely sparkle and tangy fruit. It expresses notes of juicy/fruity cherry, blueberry, bright raspberry, combined with touches of tangy/juicy red plum, as well as hints of nutmeg, toasted, sparkle, a 3-dimensional side. Mellow and gourmand tannins. Lovely juiciness and sparkle, gourmandise, a little gem. Good length, savoury and finely mellow persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Romana, Château La Renaissance 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a fine velvety grain, fresh and spicy. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, fleshy wild blackcurrant and small notes of spices, nutmeg

associated with a fine hint of smoke and hints of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, accuracy, acidity, vibrancy, a certain purity. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of violet, associated with touches of fresh/crunchy blueberry, a hint of small crunchy red berries, lily, liquorice stick. Roundness and fat in the mouth, fleshiness and a certain creaminess. The finish is sapid.

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

Château La Renaissance 2022

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain small power as well as a powerful and racy grain. There are notes of blackcurrant, violet and small notes of camphor associated with a touch of infusion, concentrated wild black berries as well as a discreet hint of cornflower and star anise. The fruity palate offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, tension, accuracy, supple, suave, a certain delicacy. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of fleshy/tart redcurrants, associated with touches of tangy raspberry, cornflower, star anise, cardamom, spices, tobacco and a smoky hint. Good length. Juiciness and freshness, suppleness, fatness and a coating touch. A tobacco and toasted hint in the background/finish of the mouth.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Le Gay 2022

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, delicate and sumptuous, with great precision and a lovely multi-layered side. It reveals notes of bright blueberry, cherry, and small notes, crushed blackcurrant, combined with touches of elegant roasted berries, vanilla, star anise, as well as a hint of black tea, lilac, iodized bass, and discreet nuances of fresh hazelnut and toasted notes. The nose enhanced by a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral and elegant, with great precision, accuracy and suppleness. It offers deepness and a lovely finesse in its creamy texture. We find notes of juicy and fresh blackcurrant, pulpy and fresh blue plum, and, small notes, crushed strawberry, associated with touches of lily, cornflower, iodized gravel, chocolate, toast and almond. Toasted. The finish is marked by delicate toasted, even slightly caramelized notes, and a subtle almost hint of fresh/sappy cornflower in the background. The wine benefits from being decanted. It offers a beautiful energy.

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

Château Saint-Pierre 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration as well as a fine, precise, velvety and juicy grain. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, concentrated wild blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, star anise as well as subtle hints of lily, lilac and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, brilliance, gourmandise, fat, juiciness and a sustained/airy side. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, bright/shiny blackberry, bright/shiny blue plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry, cardamom and toast. Good length. A toasted side, toasted almond and liquorice with a hint of vanilla in the background. Juiciness, brilliance and gourmandise. Tannins are mellow

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

Clos Vieux Taillefer 2022

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully dynamic, fresh, juicy and offers an incisive and racy/terroir touch. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of bright red berries associated with a touch of violet plum, juicy-roasted fruits as well as hints of Timut pepper and fresh spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, balanced, and offers a tangy frame, minerality, tension, accuracy, energy. It expresses notes of juicy-roasted raspberry, juicy-roasted blackcurrant and small notes of juicy/fresh cherry associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as hints of nutmeg and zan. A subtle hint of cubeb pepper.

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

Clos Grangeneuve 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic, concentrated and offers a certain depth. It reveals notes of concentrated redcurrants, blackcurrant and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits and liquorice. The palate is fruity, and offers juiciness,



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acidity, a tangy frame, energy, a fine fluidity, a linear stretchiness, a finely tight tannic frame. It expresses juicy blackcurrant, tangy raspberry and small notes of juicy/tart red fruits associated with touches of vanilla, toast and a hint of roasting and camphor in the background. Good length.

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

Château l'Enclos 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a certain intensity as well as a little depth. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright/ripe small red fruits associated with touches of violet, blackcurrant, hints of fresh liquorice stick as well as a hint of nutmeg and salty gravel. Purity and brilliance in the fruit. The palate is fruity, and offers a tangy side, gourmandise, a certain silkiness and brilliance, a gourmet, deep/rich matter, but all in finesse and elegance, velvety. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, tangy blackberry and small notes of bright red berries, associated with touches of blueberry as well as floral hints and pretty iodized, caramelized and zan hints in the background. Energy and a multi-layered side. Tannins are mellow and polished.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Mazeyres 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain power, a fresh peppery as well as a floral hint. It reveals notes of violet, infusion, crushed blackberry and small notes of pulpy plum associated with touches of liquorice, tonka bean as well as a hint of strawberry, incense, toasted and sweet spices. The palate is nicely built, fruity, fresh, delicate, elegant, racy, all in velvety and delicacy. It offers juiciness, minerality and energy. It expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright violet plum and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries, associated with a touch of crushed strawberry, star anise, coffee as well as a sudden hint of mocha, graphene, vanilla and toasted/caramelized hazelnut; velvety and savoury tannins.

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

Château Moulinet 2022

Pomerol

Nice concentrated nose that offers a certain power, a dark side in elegance as well as an infusion side. We find notes of concentrated blackberry, black plum and small notes of graphene associated with touches of dark chocolate / tonka bean, a hint of lily, wild black pepper as well as a discreet hint of clove and toasted-fresh. The palate is nicely built and offers fruit, minerality, freshness, a nice definition, a mineral frame, tension, energy and a nice finesse / straightness in its guideline, nice tannic frame, powerful and delicately velvety at the same time. It expresses notes of blackberry, purple plum and small notes of crushed / concentrated raspberry associated with touches of lilac, violet, infusion, star anise and vanilla. Good length and definition.

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

Château Franc-Maillet 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, mineral and racy. A few very discreet clay hints. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with floral touches as well as fine hints of wild pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, good definition, accuracy, suppleness and silkiness, a nice energy. It expresses notes of juicy/tart blackberry, small fleshy/juicy red berries and small notes of tangy plum, associated with touches of violet, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of toast, roasted almond, racy minerality and an iodized hint. Good length. Tannins are racy and enveloping.

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

Château Fayat 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers aromatic complexity as well as a certain finesse. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small wild blue fruits and small notes of crushed red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as a subtle hint of cardamom, camphor and fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, good definition, accuracy, suppleness and silkiness, a nice energy. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, roasted-juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blue plum associated with touches of chocolate, small crushed red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of toast. Mellow and tasty tannins. A hint of graphite and good bitterness. A discreet almost chalky hint in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Le Clos du Beau-Père 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a little concentration as well as depth and a certain darkness. It reveals notes of morello cherry, black plum and small, fairly ripe black berries associated with touches of menthol, chocolate and small, juicy, roasted fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, good definition, gourmandise, silkiness, depth/darkness of the fruit, a nice infusion/concentration

side. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum and small notes of juicy, roasted redcurrants, associated with touches of dark chocolate, rhubarb, bright blue plum, graphene as well as hints of chocolate, toast, roasted almond and subtle hints of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Le Clos du Beau-Père 2022

Pomerol

The nose is spicy and offers a certain small power, suavity, roundness. It expresses notes of liquorice, pepper, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of roasted-juicy red fruits as well as hints of plum blossom. The palate is nicely built and mineral, fruity and offers freshness, suavity, a tangy frame. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright cherry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, star anise, blond tobacco and vanilla. A subtle hint of chocolate in the background. Good length. Beautiful freshness, minerality, roundness, fat and silkiness.

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

Promesse de Fayat 2022

Pomerol

(100% Merlot) The nose offers fruit, a floral bouquet, a fine varietal hint and some spices, a fine intensity. It expresses notes of fresh wild blackberry, lily, iris and small notes of spices and a sappy hint almost fresh anise. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, energy. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of small bright fruits associated with a touch of violet, iris as well as fine hints almost bud of blackcurrant and fresh pepper. Good length, with a sweet/chocolatey hint. A little roundness.

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

Château Fayat 2022

Pomerol

(89% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc) The nose is aromatic, spicy, and offers a certain power, notes of wild blackberry and small notes of concentrated wild blackcurrant associated with touches of violet, lilac as well as hints of fresh blond tobacco, zan as well as an almost star anise/anise hint and fresh pepper. The palate is nicely conducted, fruity, suave, gourmet, and offers a tangy frame, a nice precise, fine and racy grain, even an earthiness in its grain and airiness in its creaminess/richness. It expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy plum and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of juicy/tart strawberry, liquorice, toast. Good length, chewiness, tension and good definition. Tannins are mellow.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Rose Figeac 2022

Pomerol

The nose is spicy, concentrated and offers an airy side in its spicy expression as well as a certain little racy/airy power. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, nutmeg and slight notes of blackberry associated with touches of strawberry, small wild fruits as well as hints of clove, wild pepper, maceron berries and a fine graphene tip/undergrowth. The palate is nicely juicy, pulpy, gourmande with a slight creaminess and an airy and tense side. We have notes of pulpy cherries, pulpy blackcurrant and more lightly of violet plums associated with touches of small crushed red berries associated with touches of blueberries, star anise, zan as well as fine hints of tonka bean and blond tobacco. Tannins are sapid and mellow with juiciness and minerality. There is a subtle toasted hint in the background and we feel that the wine needs a decanting. There is purity in its fruit, a fine creaminess and pulpy fleshiness of the fruit. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Les Pensées 2022

Pomerol

The wine needs to be put in carafe. The nose is elegant, intense and fine. It reveals notes of clove, blackberry and small notes of spices combined with touches of tobacco, cardamom and a hint of graphene. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, beautifully built, supple and offers fat, roundness, a beautiful pulpy side, energy, a lovely guideline, accuracy, mellowness, gourmandise, finesse and a lace side. Full of precision and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy/juicy violet plum and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry associated with touches of fresh small fruits, hints of violet, lilac as well as discreet almost sage hints, sense of place (local biotope), a hint of coffee, toast, delicate Bourbon vanilla and a nice hint of coffee/roasting on the finish/persistence. Presence of a subtle almost sappy hint/fresh flowers/fresh sage in the background. A delicate, fresh, sincere and airy wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Lafleur 2022

Pomerol

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is slightly tight and offers beautiful spices. It reveals notes of clove, cardamom and small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry associated

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with hints of Timut pepper, wild blackberry, incense as well as a very discreet almost citrus hint, sap and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully fresh, suave, supple, iodized/saline, elegant, full of delicacy as well as a sappy character which leads the tasting. A silky, beautifully airy and full of finesse wine. Intense concentration/deepness but with extreme finesse and freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant, juicy/fresh red berries and small notes of iodized minerality /saline gravesl associated with touches of fresh flowers, a hint of sage, almost eucalyptus, bright blackberry, blueberry, fresh tobacco as well as a discreet hint of smoke, mocha and a subtle hint of roasting. Tannins are saline, iodized, tasty and frank. A hint of Kampot pepper, anise and a good bitterness on the finish/persistence. Full of finesse. Nice sapidity and gourmandise on the finish/persistence. Tasty! Beautiful attention to detail!

Score : 19.5+/20 (99-100/100)

Pétrus 2022

Pomerol

Beautiful, elegant, fresh, delicate and airy nose which offers power while freshness, intensity in freshness, finesse as well as a lovely airy character, control and a delicate peppery side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright purple plum and small notes of Cubeb pepper associated with touches of cornflower, blond tobacco, juniper berries, black pepper as well as fine almost mentholated hints (in the background), discreet almost graphene hints, Kampot pepper and wild pepper (in its floral side). The palate is beautifully built, supple, fresh, a beautiful elegant, gourmande, beautifully textured and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, fullness as well as an airy side and a nice finesse in its fat. Lovely pulpiness full of finesse. All in accuracy. A velvety, charming, dense, delicate and airy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of bright red berries, small fruits flirting with the roasted-elegant (a Mediterranean accent in its fruit), vanilla, purple plum, star anise, a hint of flowers (cornflower, lilac), small blue fruits, toasted hazelnut, cardamom, a subtle almost grilled hint (from the pip) in the background, sappy and bergamot. Tannins are mellow, sappy, sapid and elegant. A fine chalky side. An imperceptible saline hint in the background. A splendid wine! A splendid wine! Airy creaminess, elegance and an extreme finesse of the grain.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

Château le Bon Pasteur 2022

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, precise, frank, airy, ample offers delicacy and accuracy in its power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of bright red fruits associated with touches of blond tobacco, vanilla, crushed small fruits as well as fine hints of camphor, infusion and a hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate is beautifully built, supple, fresh, elegant, airy despite its power as well as delicate concentration. Lace! We find notes of pulpy and bright blueberry, bright blackcurrant as well as crushed red berries associated with discreet almost roasted-elegant touches, a fine hint of infusion, a subtle almost aromatic herbs hints, toasted, coffee, grilled hazelnut and a hint of blond tobacco. Good length. Tasty and mellow tannins. A beautiful delicacy. A beautiful chew and a great finesse in the texture of the matter ! A creaminess in freshness, juiciness and an airy side. We perceive in the finish a hint of dark chocolate.

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

Château Porte Chic 2022

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully spicy, frank, fresh and offers a very fine grain, powerful and airy. It presents notes of wild cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of roasted-elegant strawberry (with a Mediterranean side) associated with touches of toast, caramelization, toasted hazelnut, cornflower and a discreet hint of infusion and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, beautifully built, supple, racy, taut and offers concentration, freshness, almost graphene, roundness as well as a certain elegant fruit blackness. In mouth this wine reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small elegant roasted red fruits associated with touches of infusion, balsamic as well as fine nuances of blond tobacco and a hint of ripe purple plum, sweet spices and chocolate. Beautiful freshness and energy. Beautiful persistence with a discreet roasted fruit touch on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Grand Village 2022

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully built, precise, chalky and creamy, with a nice deepness. It needs to be decanted. There are notes of blackberry, fresh violet and graphene associated with touches of elegant-roasted red berries, hints of camphor, fresh spices, a hint of lily as well as a discreet hint of rose, nutmeg and licorice stick. The palate is beautifully

built, supple, fresh, elegant, racy, beautifully textured and offers a creamy side, tension, deepness and density. It combines freshness, finesse and elegance, without excess. In mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, fresh wild raspberry and small notes of fresh-roasted small red fruits associated with a touch of creamy small black fruits as well as an almost herbal hint, blond tobacco, cocoa, hints of tobacco and roasted almond. Tannins are mellow, suave, fresh and fine. Beautiful work on the good bitterness. Beautifully textured, sapid and saline wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Les Perrières 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, spicy, floral and offers a beautiful velvety and intense grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, nutmeg and small notes of cardamom associated with touches of tonka bean, toast as well as hints of ripe wild black fruits, cornflowers, blue plum and fine hints of smoke. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh, elegant and offers a tangy side/aciduity of limestone, precision, jutosity, density, deepness and mellowness, a vibrant side, a beautiful energy as well as a beautiful sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of tangy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, toast as well as hints of mocha and discreet hints of cardamom. Tannins are chalky. A beautiful mellowness and a juicy/acidulous side on the finish. Beautiful persistence. A nice acidity and a slight bitterness of roasting in the background. We also find a floral hint and an acidity of ripe red fruits on the persistence.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Clos René 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a small compact side. It needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of red berries, fresh flowers and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with fine touches of rose, blackcurrant leaf, clove, spices and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully-built, fresh, supple, precise, a fine crunchiness, roundness, a certain fat, gourmandise, accuracy, a small mellowness as well as a pulpy side with a beautiful freshness of the fruit. In mouth this wine expresses a floral touch, rose, pistil, small notes of small juicy and fresh red berries associated with touches of blackcurrant, purple plum and a racy minerality. We also find a hint of camphor, rosewood, bramble and fine cocoa nuances. The finish has a nice bitterness of cocoa. Tannins are fresh and tasty. Good persistence with good work on the bitterness.

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

Château Vieux Maillet 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, ripe and spicy. It reveals notes of Kampot pepper, clove and small notes of wild blackberry associated with touches of graphene, tobacco and a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a nice minerality, a fresh frame, volume as

well as a good definition. It reveals notes of juicy and fresh cassis, fresh violet plum and small notes of fresh and juicy strawberry associated with fine floral touches, bergamot, infusion as well as an almost sappy and tobacco hint. Tannins are sapid, finely sappy and mellow. A certain gourmandise. The finish is marked by a beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Croix Saint-Georges 2022

Pomerol

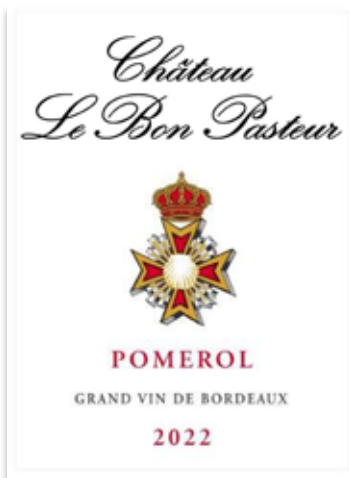
The nose offers a certain concentration, a fine power and a certain deepness on the spices. There are notes of bright blue berries, elegant roasted cherry and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of bergamot, sweet spices and a subtle almost balsamic hint in the background. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, good definition, accuracy, suppleness, a certain straightness, an airy side as well as deepness and concentration. We perceive notes of concentrated raspberry, pulpy and juicy blackberry, small notes of small bright blue berries associated with touches of violet rose as well as fine notes of racy minerality, a subtle hint of rose and fine touches of tobacco and star anise. Good length. Hints of chocolate and toasted/caramelized in the background. A beautiful persistence with mellowness.

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

Château Rouget 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise, beautifully textured and fine, with both power and delicacy. It reveals notes of boysenberry, lilac and small notes of lily associated with touches of wild strawberry, concentrated small fruits as well as fine hints of star anise, sweet blond tobacco and subtle vanilla touches. The palate is beautifully built, fresh,



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supple and offers fat, deepness, gourmandize, full of precision, control and delicacy. We perceive a beautiful texture, with notes of fleshy/pulpy blackcurrant, red berries, violet and iris associated with touches of graphene, tonka bean/mocha as well as toasted hints, sweet blond tobacco and a touch of vanilla. A subtle hint of concentrated blueberry appears in the background, accompanied by a note of sap. The finish has a pleasant varietal bitterness and a touch of roasting. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château la Clémence 2022

Pomerol

The nose is floral, fruity and offers some concentration and a slight hint of darkness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet, cornflower and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with touches of liquorice stick, black tea, a hint of almost aromatic herbs and salty gravels as well as a note of sweet pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, floral and offert fat, unctuousity and roundness. We find notes of pulpy, juicy blackberry, small red fruits as well as bright cherry associated with touches of violet lily/iris and toast, camphor as well as a hint of clove and tobacco. Good length. Firm tannins that need to wait. A small chewiness lingers in the mouth with a good persistence. Beautiful matter and texture.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Feytit Clinet 2022

Pomerol

The nose is complex, a bit tight (currently) and would benefit from being decanted. It reveals notes of violet blackcurrant and small notes of ripe wild small fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, black tea, a hint of almost aromatic herbs and salty gravels as well as a note of sweet pepper. The palate is beautifully fruity and offers minerality, freshness, tension and just a precise unctuousity, a beautiful small fat as well as mellowness. There are notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, pulpy/juicy purple plum and cornflowers associated with touches of roasted-elegant raspberry as well as a note of aromatic herbs (also present on the nose), tobacco, graphene and hints of smoke. A subtle, almost sappy hint of verbena in the background and discreet touches of mocha. Tannins are racy, precise, fine and mellow. Beautiful and gourmande toasted hints, chocolate and a hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Gazin 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fresh, mellow and offers deepness. Beautiful classism. It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild small fruits and small notes of camphor associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as hints of star anise, smoke and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, harmony, precision, accuracy, a beautiful matter, unctuousity, delicacy, a fine straightness as well as a voluptuous and melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, small pulpy black fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of camphor, graphene, toasted, tobacco as well as a hint of bergamot and a discreet sappy hint, gravel and spices. Good length. Tannins are tasty and beautifully melted. Chewy and gourmandise.

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

Clos de la Vieille Église 2022

Pomerol

The nose is spicy and offers a slight smoky touch, harmony and a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, sweet pepper and small notes of spices associated with touches of racy minerality as well as fine hints of cornflowers, minerality and star anise. A very discreet almost sappy hint in the background. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, mellowness and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, bright blueberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy wild red berries associated with touches of graphene, tobacco, toast and a hint of nutmeg. Tannins are sapid and supple. Freshness and delicacy. A beautiful small chew on the finish.

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

Clos du Clocher 2022

Pomerol

The nose offers fruit, intensity, a certain concentration as well as a beautiful deepness. There are notes of concentrated wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of flowers associated with touches of rosewood, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of Bigarreau cherry, infusion, incense and a delicate almost mandarin hint. The palate is lovely built, elegant, airy and offers deepness, juiciness, very nice energy, a chiseled side, a beautiful power (full of precision), finesse as well as a superb silkiness. A beautiful silky texture, fresh, delicate, harmonious and airy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with touches of small bright red berries as well as hints of violet, iris, fine hints of pepper, roasting, chocolate and a hint of mandarin leaf. Hint of roasted hazelnut. Good length. Beautiful sapid and deep persistence.

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

Château Bonalgue 2022

Pomerol

The nose is racy, mineral, precise and offers a certain brilliance. It reveals notes of wild blueberry, bright cassis and small notes of red berries associated with hints of rose and pepper. The palate is beautifully supple, mineral, airy and offers elegance, gourmandise, a tangy frame, a certain pulpiness as well as a nice floral side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy wild cassis, tangy wild strawberry and small notes of fresh lily, iris as well as hints of bright berries and tobacco. Tannins are mellow. Good length. A beautifully gourmand and mellow wine.

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

Château Monregard La Croix 2022

Pomerol

The nose is spicy, frank and offers a lovely floral side as well as a fine and airy grain. There are notes of Cubeb pepper, small wild black fruits and small notes of lily associated with touches of flowers, nutmeg and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/bright blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of red berries, pepper as well as hints of star anise and a fine hint of sweet pepper. Good length. A certain mellowness. Tannins are sapid.

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

Blason de l'Évangile 2022

Pomerol

The nose is nicely fruity, with depth and a nice racy grain, accompanied by a creamy touch. There are notes of creamy blackcurrant, bright blackberry and slight notes of black tea, associated with touches of creamy raspberry as well as fine hints of tobacco, a fine almost touch of fresh cumin, as well as discreet hints of serious iodine, almost a saline touch. The palate is nicely fruity, with a beautiful minerality, a mineral structure, good definition, accuracy, silkiness and delicacy, a certain density with a little fleshiness of the fruit. It reveals notes of creamy blackcurrant, crushed redcurrants and slight notes of violet, associated with touches of bright blackberry, as well as spices of tobacco, cardamom and slight notes of vanilla. Tannins are mellow and gourmand, with touches of toasted hazelnut. Pretty little gourmand chew in the background, with a nice juiciness, brightness and freshness. A beautiful racy minerality. A little touch of mocha in the background, with a hint of blueberry. Nice persistence and gourmandise.

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

Château l'Évangile 2022

Pomerol

(Blend: 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.) The nose is elegant, powdery, with beautiful depth and fine concentration, combining power and subtlety. It shows great mastery. There are notes of boysenberry, small wild blue berries, and more discreetly graphene, associated with touches of elegant/fresh roasted wood. Delicate floral accents of cornflower, sweet spices, a subtle hint of cinnamon, incense, and discreet touches of nutmeg complete the whole. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, fresh, mineral, with tension and suppleness. It offers delicacy, a silky texture and a lace side. The wine has depth and an infused side. We find notes of pulpy blackcurrant, blackberry, violet, and small shiny black berries, associated with touches of roasted raspberry, as well as notes of tonka bean, toasted hazelnut, lily, almost cypress/sappy, cumin and cinnamon. Good length. In the background, a slight touch of anise or fennel is felt. It is mineral, fresh, supple and airy, with a certain density and elegance. This wine, still a bit tight, will benefit from being decanted. Tannins are mellow.

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

La Gravette de Certan 2022

Pomerol

The nose is nicely fresh, floral and fruity, revealing aromas of pepper and, small notes, cornflower, associated with touches of zan as well as a discreet almost pink hint and subtle toasted nuances. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, elegant, airy and nicely defined. It offers a fresh weft with a pretty chiseled side. We find notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright blackcurrant and, small notes, bright blackberry, associated with a nice tanginess of the fruit and a racy minerality. We also perceive hints of star anise, toast and mocha. Tannins are mellow, offering a nice texture. The finish reveals a nice cocoa bitterness and a nice persistence. Everything is expressed with delicacy, grace and subtlety, enhanced by nuances of violet and a marked floral freshness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Vieux Château Certan 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, silky and precise, with beautiful depth and controlled darkness, all in freshness and precision. We find notes of violet, silky blackcurrant, bright black blackberry, with a pretty graphite and airy grain. Added to this are touches of tonka bean, blueberry, as well as hints of cornflower, small roasted and elegant red fruits, and subtle nuances of cardamom. All with a little chiseled side. The palate is nicely fresh,

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mineral and supple, offering great accuracy and smoothness. It has radiance, a chiseled side and notes of graphene, cornflower, tobacco and dry minerality (graves). We also find a fine hint of iodine, nuances of lilac, incense, toasted and almond. The whole is magnificently carried out, with airy power and elegant aromatic depth. A little elegant austerity brings balance and structure. The finish reveals a lovely hint of powder on the nose, a subtle, almost sappy nuance, a hint of saffron, bergamot, and a roasted and elegant bigarreau cherry, bringing a lovely aromatic complexity. Tannins are fresh, supple, sappy and elegant, accompanied by a hint of star anise and delicate spices.

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

Château Montviel 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant, with a beautiful creaminess and an airy character. It reveals a depth in accuracy. There are notes of bright blackberry, creamy blackcurrant, and, small notes, crushed strawberries and elegant roasted fruits. These aromas are associated with touches of crushed blueberry, cornflower, bourbon vanilla, as well as a hint of milk chocolate and sweet spices. The palate is nicely mineral, juicy and tangy, with a gourmand elegance and a tangy structure, endowed with great energy. We perceive notes of creamy blackcurrant, bright blackberry and, small notes, small dense blue fruits, associated with touches of roasted and elegant red berries, as well as nuances of chocolate, infusion, bergamot and a discreet hint of aromatic herbs. The finish is marked by a beautiful freshness, an assertive minerality, and a sapid/iodine gourmandise. We perceive a lovely smoothness, a slight chewiness, as well as notes of black licorice and cocoa. Everything is silky, delicate and fresh.

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

Manoir De Gay 2022

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and spicy, with a slight floral side and a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant, wild blackberry and racy minerality, combined with touches of sweet spices and blond tobacco. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, supple, and elegant, with beautiful definition. It benefits from being decanted. We find notes of juicy and fresh blackcurrant, violet, and, small notes, juicy and fresh violet plum, associated with touches of fresh and bright raspberry, as well as hints of cornflower, camphor, minerality, racy and fine hints of licorice stick. Tannins are elegant and mellow, bringing finesse and silkiness to the palate. The texture is fresh and gourmand, with notes of luscious blueberry and a subtle chalky nuance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Violette 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, delicate, juicy and airy, with great depth. It is both complex and approachable, offering a lovely delicate and luscious feel. We find notes of luscious blackcurrant, bright strawberry, and, small notes, bright blueberry, associated with touches of cornflower, plum blossom, as well as discreet nuances of bass, graphene and light hints. star anise, and chocolate. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, elegant and airy, with a tangy structure. It is delicate, fresh, juicy, supple, silky and pulpy. We find a beautiful precision and accuracy, with notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, tangy purple plum and bright blueberry, combined with touches of crushed raspberry, star anise, tonka bean, and hints of toasted almond/toasted, as well as nuances of toasted seeds. Good length, with mellow and tasty tannins, and a nice chew. The finish is offers a superb freshness and beautiful chiseled precision. Freshness, fullness and voluptuousness.

Score : 19.25/20 (98-99/100)

Château Beauregard 2022

Pomerol

(Organic) The nose is pretty, aromatic, elegant and floral, with great lightness. The concentration is perfectly right, offering a beautiful freshness, race and depth. There are notes of wild cassis, small roasted-elegant red berries and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of cubeb pepper, toasted almond, small wild berries, incense and a hint of graphene. The palate is nicely built, fruity, fresh, elegant, mineral and supple. It develops in all suppleness, silky, with a delicacy that gives it a little elegant smoothness. There are notes of creamy cassis, black plum and small notes of small roasted-elegant red berries, as well as touches of liquorice stick, tonka bean, chocolate and fine hints of toast. The whole is nicely deep, elegant, with a beautiful depth. The wine is freshly mineral, with touches of smoke and a subtle hint of tobacco. A beautiful bitterness of cocoa, delicate intensity, infused. The tannins are very fine and silky. A very beautiful sapid and stretched persistence, with a tangy, almost sappy hint.

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

Clos Saint-Vincent 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh, floral and has a subtle sappy hint. We find notes of fresh wild blackberry, ripe wild blackcurrant and, small notes, pepper, associated with touches of fresh flowers and a hint of star anise and spices. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, gravelly (to be checked) and airy, with a tangy structure and great energy. It has a slightly graphene side. There are notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, fresh blackberry, as well as crunchy raspberry, combined with touches of fresh flowers, saffron, camphor, as well as hints of toast and a slight chocolate nuance. Tannins are mellow and silky. Good length, with lovely freshness and pleasant suppleness. Silky, floral, with a discreet hint of powder in the base. Fresh and sappy.

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

Château Le Chemin 2022

Pomerol

(Organic AB) The nose is nicely fruity, intense and remarkably pure, with a certain fleshy character. We find notes of fleshy blackberry, concentrated blackcurrant and more particularly licorice, associated with fine touches of cornflower, small elegant roasted red fruits, as well as subtle notes of fresh sage, stevia, sweet spices and a discreet hint of pepper. On the palate, the wine is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, elegant and bursting with purity and gourmandise. What pulpy and juicy fruit! Gourmand, with a fine elegant darkness, we find notes of bright blackcurrant, pulpy and bright blueberry, as well as bright small fruits. These aromas are combined with touches of elegant and juicy roast, a hint of blueberry, bright raspberry, and subtle nuances of licorice, toasted almond, roasted hazelnut and a delicate hint of vanilla. A supple, fresh, elegant and airy wine. A wine also spherical, bright and juicy, all in finesse like lace.

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

Château La Pointe 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, fresh, with a brightness and a fine contained touch, which benefits from being decanted. There are notes of violet, quite ripe blackberry, and touches of warm bass, associated with small ripe wild berries, as well as a hint of sweet pepper, clove and a subtle touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, with juiciness and freshness, a nice definition, mineral, fresh, precise, with a melodious side, iodized/warm bass. We perceive notes of luscious and juicy blackberry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, as well as touches of blueberry, roasted-juicy raspberry, and spices, notably nutmeg, clove, infusion/black tea and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are sapid. Good length, with a subtle toasted note in the background, persistence.

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

Château Bel Air 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, with a certain concentration, a little power, and a nice precise, fine and powerful grain. There are notes of wild blackberry, cubeb pepper, as well as a gritty minerality,

associated with touches of smoke, wild strawberry and hints of spice. The palate is fruity, fresh, with juiciness, suppleness, lovely definition, brightness and a beautiful racy and enveloping minerality. We perceive notes of pulpy and bright cherry, currants and small blue fruits associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco, smoke, and a hint of nutmeg and graphene. Good length. Tannins are mellow and racy. Freshness, suppleness and gourmandise, with a lovely sappy/flower pistil texture in the background.

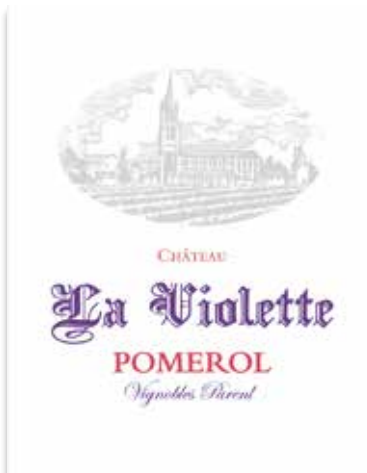
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Conseillante 2022

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, deep, airy, intense, complex, a certain spiciness and offers a nice intensity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. Velvety. We perceive notes of bright wild blackberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of pepper associated with touches of bright blackcurrant as well as discreet hints of tobacco, nutmeg and a floral hint (in the background). The palate is beautifully built, fruity, fresh, supple, tangy, nicely chiseled, harmonious, melodious and offers an electric side, a beautiful intensity, purity, a superb texture as well as a beautiful energy. Mellowness and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, bright blueberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of crushed blackcurrant, fine floral touches (cornflower, lilac), sap as well as hints of chocolate, toast and toasted hazelnut. A lovely chewiness on the finish. A hint of chocolate and a very discreet touch of fresh roasting in the background. The wine reveals a superb freshness combined to a sunny aspect of the fruit. This wine combining power, delicacy and elegance.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)



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Benjamin de Beauregard 2022

Pomerol

(Organic) The nose is beautifully built, bright, chiseled and peppery, with a nice complexity around the spices. There are notes of morello cherry, crushed blueberry, and small notes of crushed strawberry, associated with touches of camphor, anise and graphene, as well as delicate hints of black pepper and a touch of iris. The palate is beautifully delicate, suave, supple and gourmet, with a tangy frame, a juiciness and a remarkable shine. It is silky and bright, with notes of morello cherry, roasted-juicy raspberry and small notes of strawberry, associated with touches of toast, chocolate, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of sappy. A nice racy minerality, a nice freshness, suppleness and a fine sappiness which coats everything, bringing energy. A nice sappiness which underlines the freshness and suppleness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Petit Petit-Village 2022

Pomerol

The nose is fresh, with a beautiful intensity, and a certain power of the grain. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cornflower and iris, associated with touches of small bright red berries, anise, as well as hints of graphene, flowers/fresh violet and toasted almond. The palate is nicely built, fresh, supple, elegant, airy, discreetly tight with a little smoothness. There are notes of pulpy cassis, graph and small notes of flint, associated with touches of small smooth blue fruits, as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, vanilla and liquorice stick. The tannins are soft and gourmet, with fine hints of chocolate, nutmeg and toast. The wine is nicely mineral and fresh. It has a certain power, roundness, softness and gourmet tannins. The amplitude is reinforced by an elegant freshness. A touch of beautiful cocoa bitterness lingers in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Petit-Village 2022

Pomerol

The nose is beautifully built, supple and elegant, with a fine concentration. We perceive notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of graphene, associated with touches of smoke and tobacco. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, fruity, elegant, supple and airy, with great delicacy. It has a fine texture, all round and fresh. The notes of pulpy/bright blackcurrant, bright blueberry and fresh fruit are associated with touches of tonka bean, liquorice and fine hints of bourbon vanilla. The tannins are soft and delicious. The wine is beautifully fresh, mineral, with a touch of graphene and nicely chiseled. It is round, spherical, fresh and juicy. Its character is pleasant and melodious, with a slight note of elegant infusion. Beautiful freshness, breadth and gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Pont-Cloquet 2022

Pomerol

The nose reveals freshness and a certain elegant darkness, with notes of infusion. We perceive aromas of morello cherry, dense wild blackcurrant, as well as ripe and juicy black berries. These notes are associated with a racy minerality, touches of flint, cornflower, and a hint of sweet pepper, cardamom and roasted almond. A discreet hint of fresh roasting is also felt in the background. On the palate, the wine is fruity and fresh, with a beautiful minerality and an elegant, fresh and airy grain. It has a racy chiseled character, a dark side in freshness. The flavors of morello cherry and concentrated blackcurrant harmonize with touches of cornflower, small juicy blue berries, graphene, mocha, and fine notes of black tea. On the finish, a note almost of black olive, with a touch of toast, flint and vanilla, completes the whole. Good length, and the tannins are soft, fresh and gourmands, with a texture that is at once soft, fresh and airy.

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

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Lurra 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is nicely built, spicy and offers deepness as well as a beautiful texture. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, violet and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of tobacco, gravel, smoke as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is beautifully fruity, juicy, fresh, suave, racy and offers a nice gourmand, a beautiful definition, concentration, a beautiful sapidity as well as a delicate and powerful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright/fresh blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with beautiful mineral touches, smoke as well as a hint of bright small red fruits, spices, tobacco, camphor, infusion, cocoa and a discreet hint of Kampot pepper. Good length. Tannins are tasty. A subtle iodized hint and a very discreet hint of clove in the background. Good small chew in the background.

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

Enclos de Viaud 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fresh and offers a floral and varietal hint. There are notes of crunchy cherry and blackcurrant bud associated with discreet hints of rose and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, pulpiness, fruit, and gourmandise. It expresses notes of pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and more slightly - bright blueberry associated with touches of tonka bean, liquorice stick. Delicacy, a hint of acidity on the persistence.

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

Domaine des Sabines 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a nice power and notes of boysenberry, small black berries and black liquorice associated with touches of black pepper as well as fine hints of cumin/spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, and offers suppleness, a certain controlled sparkle. It expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, concentrated blackberry and more slightly - fresh/juicy small black berries associated with touches of fresh blue berries as well as hints of liquorice and blond tobacco, bright blue plum. Tannins are sapid. Good length.

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

Château Siaurac 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity and ripe. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of star anise associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and liquorice. The palate is nicely built, fresh, supple, precise, elegant and offers an airy side, a beautiful suppleness, a beautiful floral side, precision, delicacy as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small bright blue berries, bright blackcurrant and small notes of darkness/infusion associated with floral touches as well as fine sappy almost cyprus hints. A subtle hint of coffee and toast in the background. Good length. The wine is supple, fresh, ample and mineral and with a beautiful shine.

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

Château Samion 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

(100% Merlot) The nose is elegant, fresh and offers a small concentration as well as a pulpy/fresh side. We find notes of fresh/pulpy wild blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers (violet, cornflower lily) associated with notes of fresh morello cherry, racy mineral hints as well as subtle hints of liquorice stick. The palate is beautifully fresh, fruity, delicate, supple and offers beautiful accuracy, elegance and brilliance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, pulpy blueberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as subtle notes of nutmeg. Tannins are mellow, well-managed, fresh and elegant. A lovely mellow and delicious texture on the finish.

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

Château Haut-Surget 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is spicy, fresh, frank, with a racy minerality. We discover notes of violet, more delicately of small ripe fruits, associated with touches of clove and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, with juicy and fresh fruits, a mineral structure and a slight patina in the background. The frame is rather tangy. We perceive notes of juicy and pulpy wild blackcurrant, small berries, as well as touches of tobacco and cloves up to subtle hints of spices. There is also a little continuity of freshness with touches of liquorice and toast, as well as a hint of nutmeg.

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

Le Lion de La Fleur de Boüard 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, with fruit and some spices. We perceive notes of clove, small wild red fruits, and small notes of cornflower, associated with toasted touches, tobacco, as well as fine hints of nutmeg. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, elegant, airy, with a tangy structure, accuracy, and a beautiful tension and energy, currently it benefits from being decanted. There are notes of juicy/fresh wild blackcurrant, cornflower, and more discreetly small bright red berries, associated with touches of clove, zan, as well as a hint of nutmeg and a discreet note almost of bay leaves in the background and toasted. Tannins are sapid.

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

Château la Fleur de Boüard 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity, ripe, fresh, with good concentration. There are notes of bright blackberry, blueberry and, small notes, roasted and juicy cherry, associated with touches of violet/lilac, as well as fine hints of flowery pepper and discreet touches

Lalande-de-Pomerol

of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, with a fresh structure, tension, precision, suppleness and brilliance of the fruit. We find notes of juicy roasted cherry, bright blueberry, and small red berries, associated with touches of cornflower, star anise, zan, as well as a hint of laurel berry, almost sage, from infusion, and fine hints of tonka bean and sweet spices. Tannins are mellow and sapid. Freshness, with a little velvety side and shine. Small touch of roasting in the background.

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

Le Plus de La Fleur de Boüard 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, ample, fresh, with intensity and lightness in its richness. We find notes of boysenberry, small bright blue fruits, associated with touches of spices/coffee spices, zan, as well as hints of infusion, black tea, sage and bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, with suppleness and elegance, good freshness. We perceive notes of pulpy and juicy blackberry, juicy/bright blue plum and elegant roasted fruits accompanied by a Mediterranean accent, with touches of star anise, elegant sap, toasted, sweet spices and a hint roasting at the bottom. Tannins are mellow, sapid and gourmand. There is a fresh depth and elegance, with touches of infusion and elegant darkness. Aerial side in his concentration.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Garraud 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is gourmand, with a slight creamy touch, offering notes of creamy blackberry, violet, and small notes of creamy strawberry, associated with touches of crushed berries and toasted notes, as well as a hint of chocolate, nutmeg, and a discreet almost coconut note. The palate is fruity, fresh, supple, with minerality, energy, roundness and nice fat. We find notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant, and small notes of creamy raspberry, accompanied by touches of bright blue berries, vanilla, chocolate and toasted notes. Good length, with mellow, sapid and gourmand tannins. Pretty freshness and roundness, ample, creamy, fresh and airy matter.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Commanderie – Rubis 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is spicy, with a little concentration and a hint of volatility. There are notes of blackberry, violet, and slight notes of saffron, associated with touches of small wild fruits, as well as hints of tobacco, graphene, and discreet touches of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave with a mineral framework. We note a fine sappy/licorice side in the background, with a discreetly tight, but modern structure. We also perceive notes of juicy blackberry and small pulpy wild black fruits, and more discreetly of graphene associated with touches of fresh flowers, saffron, as well as a hint of star anise and clove. Tannins are fine and mellow, with a hint of gravelly minerality in the background.

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

Château Laborde Mondésir 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity, offering aromatic depth, softness and a certain density of fruit. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, creamy raspberry and small notes of creamy blackcurrant, associated with touches of liquorice stick, bourbon vanilla as well as a subtle hint of graphene, almost aniseed, and toasted. The palate is fruity, nicely fresh, energetic, with a certain softness, gourmandise and a little verticality. It expresses a darkness in its tannic structure, with a powdery touch. On the palate, we find notes of fresh blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh black berries, associated with pretty mineral touches (testifying to the terroir), toasted, mocha as well as fine nuances of blond tobacco, a hint of vanilla and a subtle hazelnut touch. Good length. The tannins are mellow and well framed.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Pavillon Beauregard 2022

Lalande-de-Pomerol

(Organic) The nose is mineral and racy, with a floral and spicy touch, reminiscent of pepper. There are notes of violet, Sichuan pepper, as well as touches of racy gravel, associated with nuances of fresh lilac and fresh flowers, as well as hints of liquorice stick and toast. The palate is nicely built, fruity and floral, with good balance. It has a tangy frame, accompanied by notes of cassis and bright blue fruits, and, more precisely, cornflower associated with touches of racy gravel, flint, as well as subtle hints of bright fruits, chocolate and toast. The tannins are sapid and gourmet, bringing a certain sweetness. Beautiful freshness, with a nice juiciness and a remarkable shine. The wine displays a beautiful brilliance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Côtes-de-Bordeaux

CASTILLON CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château La Brande 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is spicy, peppery and offers a nice fine grain, elegant and precise. It reveals notes of blackberry, Cubeb pepper/gray pepper and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of pulpy cherry as well as hints of liquorice stick as well as a hint of blond tobacco and a subtle almost thyme/infusion hint. The palate is nicely elegant, creamy, juicy, with energy and a certain bite. We have notes of creamy blackcurrant, small black berries and small notes of violets associated with touches of creamy raspberries as well as hints of violet, black tea, infusion as well as a hint of thyme and dark chocolate. There is good length with mellow and elegant tannins with a certain sapidity in the background thanks to freshness and minerality.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Folie 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity/on the fruit and offers a certain small power as well as a peppery side. There are notes of wild cherry, wild blackcurrant and small notes of pepper associated with touches of blackberry as well as discreet almost pink/varietal hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, good definition, gourmandize in its juiciness, notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of violet, fine hints of spices and toasted almond. Good length. Tannins are tasty and sapid, a discreet saline hint in the background.

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

Château La Croix Lartigue 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is gourmand and offers spiciness, fleshiness of the fruit as well as a savoury side. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, Bigarreau cherry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of almost crushed red plum as well as discreet hints of almost vanilla. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers minerality, a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, suppleness and minerality. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, purple/pulpy plum and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, liquorice stick, chocolate and a hint of vanilla. Good length. Some sapidity and mellowness on the finish/persistence. Freshness and delicacy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Claud-Bellevue 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers density, depth, a certain concentration as well as a fine darkness. Characteristics of clayey soils stand out. There are notes of boysenberry, black pepper and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of black pepper as well as a hint of roasting and graphene. The

palate is nicely built, and offers fruit, freshness, juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, good definition, concentration and a certain mellowness of the fruit. It expresses notes of dense blackberry, concentrated/juicy black berries and small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry, associated with touches of camphor, liquorice stick with fine hints of cocoa and a subtle iodine hint in the background. Good work on the good bitters, especially on the finish. Tannins are savoury.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Côte Montpezat – Cuvée Compostelle 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

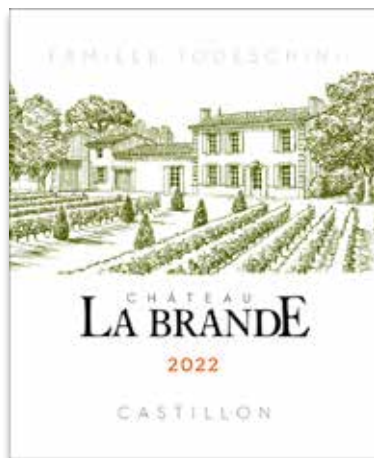
Lovely fruity, floral nose that offers freshness, spices and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of toast, caramelization, fresh nutmeg and an almost olive hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, and offers gourmandise, suppleness, silkiness, it expresses notes of juicy blackberry, bright/finely acidulous cherry, bright/finely acidulous cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of camphor, roasting and toasted almond. Good length and definition. A subtle hint of almost local environment/forest in the background brings pep. Tannins are well constructed

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

Château Le Rey – Les Argileuses 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, Bourbon vanilla as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is nicely built,



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fruity, elegant, balanced and offers a tangy frame, accuracy, tension. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blueberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of bright redcurrants. Nicely built, gourmand. Good length. Nicely fresh and juicy. Brilliant juiciness and shine of the gourmand fruit.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Le Rey – Les Rocheuses 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Lovely fruity nose, powerful and offers a fresh, racy and taut grain. We find notes of violet, fresh gray pepper and fresh limestone associated with touches of violet, blueberry as well as a hint of roasted-juicy cherry. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced and offers a tangy frame, shine, sparkle, a crystalline side. It expresses notes of bright cherry, bright blueberry and more lightly - blueberry associated with touches of crushed raspberry. Good length, Tannins are sapid and supple. Nicely multi-layered, dynamic and gourmet.

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

Château Alcée 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The wine is worth decanting. A lovely fruity, gourmet nose, which offers a certain pulpiness and a certain intensity of the grain, all in finesse. It expresses notes of bright blackcurrant, bright morello cherry and more slightly - blue plum associated with touches of cornflower, a hint of lily and fine hints of liquorice stick, cherry blossom, colas, black tea and tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, gourmet, fruity and offers brilliance and the purity of the fruit. It expresses notes of bright bigarreau cherry, bright blueberry and more slightly - bright blackcurrant, associated with touches of cornflower, bourbon vanilla and a hint of star anise. Lovely sapidity and delicate mouthfeel, fleshy and gourmet. Good length with a subtle chewiness that is nicely fresh and juicy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Les Armes de Brandeau – Privilège 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, floral and peppery. It reveals notes of cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, lily, gray pepper as well as an almost infusion and spice hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a little tension, accuracy. It expresses notes of juicy/tart blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with touches of blueberry, liquorice stick and spice. Good length. A subtle varietal and toasted hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Beynat – Cuvée Léonard 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, ripe and deep, with a certain darkness and a nice maturity sometimes flirting elegantly with roasted fruit. A fine floral hint is also present. It reveals notes of crushed blackcurrant, roasted and elegant raspberry and small notes of concentrated blueberry associated with touches of small bright black berries/ juniper berries as well as fine hints of infusion and spices. The palate is beautifully mineral, fresh, ample, suave, tasty and energetic. An elegant, racy and tannic structure. We find notes of fairly ripe blackcurrant, roasted and elegant small red fruits associated with touches of bright/juicy small black fruits as well as fine hints of star anise, cornflower, tonka bean, infusion and toast. A beautiful, gourmand, elegant and mellow wine that offers a beautiful freshness and juiciness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Beynat – Désolé c'est un Bordeaux 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is pretty, fruity, precise and offers a fine power and concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated blackcurrant, dense blackberry and small notes of elegant strawberry associated with touches of violet liquorice stick as well as fine hints of star anise and a discreet vanilla nuance. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, a certain tension and a nice energy. Nicely fruit focused. An airy side in its fleshy/mellowness. There are notes of fleshy/mellow blackcurrant, bright/acidulous small black fruits and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a floral touch, sweet spices, a hint of pulpy purple plum and fine nuances of nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Clos d'Hervé by Beynat 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is beautifully conducted, pure, deep and delicate. A small power. We find notes of bright blackcurrant, shiny cherry and small notes of juicy/fresh small fruits associated with touches of black tea/bergamot, lily and fine and delicate spicy hints. Beautiful silky texture of the nose. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, juiciness and energy. The wine needs to be decanted. It is distinguished by extreme precision, a crystalline, silky, fine and delicate side. A beautiful finely stretched side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackcurrant, bright raspberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous small fruits associated with touches of lily, lilac, fresh tobacco as well as a hint of sweet spices and black tea. Good length. Mellow tannins. Beautiful persistence. It's marked by the purity and brilliance of the fruit. A vibrant wine, carried by its juicy fruit.

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

Château Fontbaude – Sélection Vieilles Vignes 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is gourmand, aromatic and deep. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, toast and small notes of sweet spices associated with touches of bright blueberry, roasted strawberry as well as hints of cornflower, infusion, a hint of fresh incense, a subtle sappy hint (in the background) and toasted hints. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy, fresh, mineral and offers elegance, a beautiful energy, a crystalline side, deepness as well as a certain density. In mouth this wine expresses notes of bright blackcurrant, blueberry and small notes of bright/juicy red berries associated with fine touches of roasted/elegant fruits as well as toasted hints, cardamom, toasted almond and a subtle almost black olive/bergamot hint. Fine iodized/saline hints are revealed in the background. Tannins are mellow and sapid. Good length and beautiful freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Âme de Fontbaude 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is beautifully fruity, marked by notes of graphite, delicate spices and offers deepness, an incisive side as well as a nice finesse of grain. It needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of bright boysenberry, brilliant raspberry and small notes of small pulpy/juicy black fruits associated with a touch of plum blossom, infusion and a discreet almost Mediterranean hint as well as a subtle hint of vanilla in the background. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, brightness as well as a beautiful definition. It expresses a beautiful maturity and pulpy character of the fruit, with nice energy, tension, silkiness as well as deepness. There are notes of juicy/bright blackcurrant, bright red berries and small notes of bright small fruits associated with touches of racy minerality, graphene, sweet spices as well as a hint of tangy/fresh purple plum. Fine hints of infusion, a discreet almost black tea/sage hint as well as subtle hints of toasted/toasted hazelnut.

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

Château Cap de Faugères 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

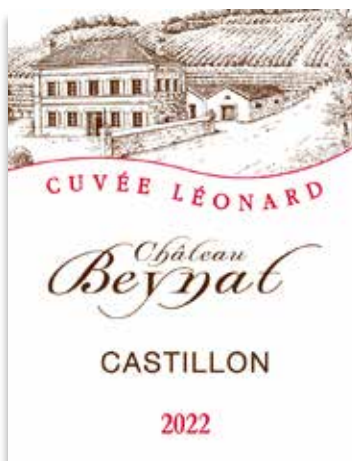
The nose is fruity, fresh, frank and mineral. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, aromatic herbs and small notes of pepper associated with almost rosemary touches and pepper. Beautiful brilliance of the fruit. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, offering freshness and minerality, a beautiful verticality as well as a tangy frame. It reveals notes of juicy and pulpy blackberry, violet and small notes of bright/juicy small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as toasted hints. The texture is slightly mellowness. A certain chewiness, bringing delicacy. There is also a subtle floral hint on the nose and palate. A fine liquorice note on the finish.

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

Domaine de L'Aurage 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is marked by fruit and a certain concentration. We find notes of small black berries, blackcurrant and, small notes, small roasted and elegant fruits, associated with touches of fig, sage and discreet hints of lilac and nutmeg. On the palate, the wine is nicely structured, supple, with straightness, density and a beautiful verticality. Good definition. We perceive notes of pulpy blackcurrant, quite ripe blueberry, and small notes small roasted fruits associated with touches of cardamom, mocha, as well as fine notes of tobacco, roasted hazelnut and toasted notes. Good



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length, with mellow and sapid tannins. The wine leaves a gourmande sensation and a nice juiciness in the background. A slightly tight feel at the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Ampélia 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant, mineral and racy, nicely defined with an infusion side. We find notes of boysenberry, elegant roasted cherry and more particularly graphene, associated with notes of minerality, touches of small ripe black fruits and infusion, as well as a subtle hint of sweet pepper. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh and bright, with great energy, nice acidity and brightness of the fruit. This wine offers balanced density and deepness with elegance. There are notes of fleshy and juicy blackcurrant, blueberry, and more discreetly roasted and juicy red berries, associated with touches of blueberry, elegant roasted cherry, as well as hints of licorice stick and chocolate, with a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla. A certain creaminess on the finish, accompanied by a delicate touch of coffee. The wine offers great gourmandise and flavor. Tannins are mellow, gourmand and tasty.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Rochers de Joanin 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, mineral, racy, offering energy and a grain that is both fine and powerful. We find notes of very ripe wild black cherry, small ripe black fruits, and star anise, associated with touches of infusion, black tea, small ripe blue fruits, camphor, and subtle notes of sweet spices. and flowery pepper. All imbued with elegance and finesse, with a refined darkness. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, with great energy and a tangy structure and a little tension. The whole is fair, elegant, airy, with a refined darkness and a beautiful fineness of grain. We find notes of concentrated wild blackcurrant, Bigarreau cherry, and more particularly small concentrated and fresh blue berries, associated with touches of roasted raspberry, star anise, tobacco, mocha, and a subtle hint of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cavalier de Brandeau 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals fruit aromas with a certain depth, austerity and spicy nuances. There are notes of bright blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of pulpy blackcurrant, combined with fine hints of violet, smoke and a touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, with a beautiful minerality, with a fresh structure, suppleness and a fine concentration. It has a certain density and straightness, although a bit tight now. This wine benefits from being decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blackcurrant, bright blueberry and slight notes of shiny black berries, associated with touches of graphene, tobacco, cardamom as well as a small nuance of roasted almond. Good length, with persistent freshness and a discreet hint of cocoa and sap.

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

Château Roc de Montpezat – Cuvée des 9 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is spicy, elegant, precise, chiseled, with a certain intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberries, small, ripe wild red berries, as well as a lighter touch of green pepper.

These aromas are associated with touches of nutmeg, a hint of clove and some discreet smoky notes, with almost imperceptible notes of citrus and heat in the background. The palate is nicely structured, supple, airy, elegant and racy, with an acidic structure which stretches, offering beautiful rightness, an airy side and tension. We find notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, crushed redcurrant, as well as small bright red berries, associated with touches of violet, spices, cloves, a subtle almost hint of Espelette pepper and fine hints of tonka. Good length. Nice freshness and minerality.

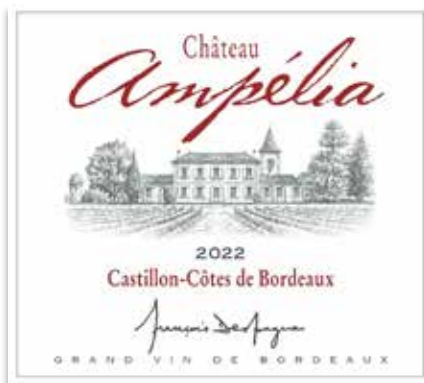
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Manoir du Gravoux – Le Secret du Manoir 2022

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, with a certain gourmandise, a velvety and melodious power, and a racy grain. There are notes of creamy blackberry, violet, and small notes small wild blue berries associated with touches of sweet pepper, limestone and spices. The whole has a delicate, black and ripe texture. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, tangy, with gourmandise. It presents a tangy frame, rightness, tension, elegance, and a beautiful delicate texture. We find notes of creamy blackberry, bright wild raspberry, and small notes small bright red fruits, associated with touches of blueberry, cornflower, tangy limestone, as well as fine hints of star anise, tonka bean and toast. Good length. Tannins are supple, tasty and well-integrated. Lovely freshness and gourmandise. An airy side in its matter.

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



FRANCS CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château La Prade

Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is beautifully carried out, deep, with concentration and a beautiful expression of clays. It reveals notes of boysenberry, Sichuan pepper and slight notes of infusion associated with touches of concentrated small black fruits as well as a fine hint of blond tobacco, a sappy note and a hint of concentrated bigarreau cherry. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, supple, well-balanced and precise. It offers notes of juicy / pulpy blackberry, pulpy / fresh cassis and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with touches of blue plum as well as fine hints of sweet blond

tobacco and a subtle toasted/chocolatey note. Tannins are mellow, finely sappy and tasty. The wine offers a beautiful freshness and a nice minerality. Beautiful work on the bitterness in the background.

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

Château Puygueraud 2022

Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, elegant and bright. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright blueberry and small notes of roasted berries associated with a touch of wild blackberry, a subtle hint of camphor, cypress and a hint of liquorice stick. The palate is beautifully structured, fresh, supple, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful purity and brilliance of the fruit. It expresses notes of pulpy and juicy cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of bright blueberry associated with an elegant almost Mediterranean touch, roasted raspberry as well as a hint of tonka bean and toast. There is also a subtle note of cardamom. The wine offers a beautiful freshness and a beautiful minerality.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Saint-Émilion

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Château Beynat – Terre Amoureuse 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, precise, finely spicy and offers a lovely racy grain as well as airiness in the power of its grain. It reveals notes of violet, morello cherry and small notes of concentrated cassis associated with touches of black pepper, concentrated small red fruits as well as almost balsamic hints, nutmeg, spices and a subtle hint of clove. The palate is beautifully fresh, juicy, with a lovely purity and a burst of fruit. It offers gourmandise, accuracy, airiness, a beautiful definition, notes of juicy/shiny cassis, juicy/shiny black cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of creamy strawberry as well as hints of zan, collas, lilac, fine hints of sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. A lovely gourmand wine, purely fruity and mellow on the finish. Tannins are gourmand and savory.

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

Château Rolland-Maillet 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, fresh, floral and offers elegance, a certain intensity as well as a fine tight side currently. This wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of violet, iris and slight notes of licorice stick associated with touches of wild blackcurrant, gray pepper, delicate almost clove-like hints as well as a subtle hint of smoke and toast. The palate is mineral with juiciness, smoothness, suppleness and a nice definition of indulgence with a mineral framework. We have notes of creamy cassis, blackberry and small notes of pulpy purple plums associated with touches of bright cherries and a juicy hint as well as toast, vanilla and a discreet hint of blueberries, iris and vanilla.

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

Château Hyon La Fleur 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is elegant, with a small concentration of finesse and offers velvety and a certain fleshiness/flesh as well as a beautiful pulpiness. It reveals lovely toasted notes, fleshy strawberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine clayey touches, small touches of dense fruits as well as a discreet hint of morello cherry and toast. The palate is nicely built, supple, elegant, racy, delicate and offers a beautiful velvety, fresh and airy matter. Beautiful mellow and juicy texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of juicy/fresh blueberry, bright berries as well as hints of cornflower, liquorice stick/star anise, a subtle touch of toast and cardamom. The finish is fresh.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Gaffelière

Saint-Émilion

The nose is elegant, racy/identical, with beautiful depth and controlled power. It reveals notes of nutmeg, spices and, small notes, blackberry, combined with touches of ripe small fruits as well as a hint of tobacco, green cardamom and toasted notes. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, and mineral, offering gourmandise, roundness, suppleness, and beautiful definition. It combines power and roundness, with accuracy, finesse and a certain righteousness. We find notes of juicy and pulpy blackberry, blackcurrant, and, small notes, bright cherry, associated with a touch of small fleshy/juicy red fruits as well as hints of star anise, tobacco, nutmeg and toasted hazelnut. Good length and nice mellowness with hints of mocha and crushed hazelnut. Tannins are nicely mellow, offering a nice chewiness on the finish. Persistence.

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

L'Archange 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is beautifully fruity, bright and offers deepness and a certain darkness as well as an elegant concentration. There are notes of concentrated blackcurrant, wild black berries and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with touches of infusion, nutmeg as well as fine hints of spices and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, chiseled, frank, beautifully built and offers energy as well as a beautiful, fleshy and gourmand texture. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of acidulous blue berries associated with a touch of redcurrant, lily as well as a hint of toast/chocolate. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. Beautiful sapidity and chewiness. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Jean Faure La Réserve 2022

Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers a peppery side and a small power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of dried blueberry associated with an almost fig-like hint of blond tobacco and a subtle vanilla touch. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, suppleness as well as a beautiful

juiciness and freshness of the fruit. There are notes of juicy blackcurrant, quite ripe blackberry as well as touches of camphor associated with crushed berries and a hint of strawberry. Floral nuances mingle with an almost bergamot note and a discreet touch of vanilla essence. Tannins offer a fine firmness.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Cormey 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild berries, blond tobacco and small notes of cardamom associated with a touch of cinnamon, nutmeg and fine hints of smoke and sweet spices. The palate is mineral, fresh, supple and offers a mineral frame and a subtle sappy hint in the background/in guideline. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, small fresh fruits and small notes of fresh flowers associated with a touch of verberna/sap as well as fine sweet spices. Tannins are very discreetly sticky.

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

Domaine du Sable 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, with a concentration of fruit and a certain maturity. There are notes of blackcurrant liqueur, morello cherry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of quite ripe small blue fruits as well as hints of smoke and nutmeg. The palate is mineral, fluid and offers a small fat and a certain maturity. The structure is mineral. In mouth this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant liqueur, morello cherry and small notes of boysenberry associated with touches of tobacco, smoke as well as a subtle hint of cardamom.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Château Sarpe Grand Jacques 2022

Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) The nose is marked by spices and offers fruit as well as a fine. It reveals notes of dense/bright blackberry, clove and small notes of bright wild berries associated with hints of Madagascar pepper and a slight toasted touch. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, mellowness, sapidity and a fine iodized side (in the background), a pulpy side to the mouth. There are notes of pulpy blueberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of tangy/juicy red berries associated with touches of violet vanilla and blond tobacco. A light mineral-sandy note in the background, accompanied by a toasted touch. Good length, the minerality is present and the wine is carried by the fruit. Easy to access

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

Château Moulin de Lagnet 2022

Saint-Émilion

(Organic AB) The nose is marked by wild black berries, gray pepper and small notes of roasted small red fruits associated with touches of clove as well as a hint of spices, sage and discreet camphor. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a certain suppleness, fruit and a beautiful aromatic concentration/maturity. A certain patinated side of the fruit. The notes of concentrated black berries, dense wild blackberry and small notes of roasted strawberry are accompanied by touches of cornflowers, a hint of bergamot, infusion and camphor. Good length. Slightly marked and discreetly tight tannins.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

La Fantaisie du Conte 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and aromatic, with a certain purity of fruit. There are bright notes of blackcurrant, pulpy purple plum, and bright strawberry. These aromas are combined with fine touches of blueberry, liquorice stick and a hint of almost fresh infusion. On the palate, the wine is fruity, with juiciness, a beautiful burst of fruit and good definition of the fruit. It has a certain purity with notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, bright black cherry, and juicy blackberry, combined with a touch of bright raspberry as well as hints of cola and almond. The finish tightens slightly, and Tannins are a little marked.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Esprit Destieu 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, with a fine intensity and a slight mellowness. There is freshness and a touch of sweet spices, accompanied by notes of crushed strawberry, pulpy raspberry and creamy blackberry, associated with touches of sweet spices, a hint of lily and a slight touch of toast. The palate is fruity, juicy, with acidity and good definition of the fruit. It has a brightness, a chiseled side, and a gourmet and mellow texture. There are notes of pulpy cherry, fleshy raspberry and pulpy blackcurrant, accompanied by touches of violet, toast, a hint of vanilla and a discreet touch of black olive in the background. Tannins are mellow, with a subtle sappy hint in the background.

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

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Clos Brégnet 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose presents notes of wild strawberry, blackcurrant, and a touch of small wild red berries, associated with notes of clove, a hint of undergrowth and a fine almost balsamic hint. On the palate, the wine is fruity, fresh, with minerality and a beautiful fluidity. The tannic structure is finely tight and marked. We find notes of juicy and fresh raspberry, blackcurrant, as well as small fruits. Touches of violet, rose and a discreet almost balsamic hint are revealed on the finish. Tannins are a little marked and dry, but the freshness is beautiful.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Château Burlis 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is marked by notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry, with a hint of blackberry and discreet touches almost of tobacco. It is finely tight and stretched. On the palate, the wine is fruity, juicy, with brightness and a certain pulpy/fatty texture. There are notes of juicy, pulpy cherry, raspberry and, more lightly, juicy and fresh blackcurrant, associated with touches of star anise, violet and a hint of tobacco. Simple but fruity, juicy, easy to access. Tannins are fine and mellow.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Palais Cardinal – L'Amphore 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose has a contained, finely tight character, which benefits from being decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, concentrated small red fruits and, more slightly, nutmeg, associated with fine almost tiled hints, a subtle floral touch and a nuance of smoke. The palate is mineral, fresh and supple, with a fine fat balanced by freshness. It offers notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and, more slightly, fresh flowers, associated with touches of crushed small fruits, toasted almond and minerality, as well as fine hints of sweet and almost toasted spices. Good length. A wine that stands out for its freshness and the clarity of its fruit.

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

Le Guillo'Vin 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals a fresh fruit with a stretched side. It expresses notes of boysenberry, pulpy raspberry and, more slightly, fresh blueberry, associated with small touches of nutmeg, a hint of clove and a toasted nuance. The palate is fruity, offering a small concentration of fruit, a slightly fleshy aspect, gourmandise, a mellow and finely tight grain. It reveals notes of mellow blackcurrant, fleshy/tangy strawberry and, more slightly, fresh flowers, associated with a touch of small berries, as well as fine hints of tobacco, clove and toasted/vanilla. Good length. Tannins are finely mellow. A palate marked by a little smoothness.

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

Château Saint Brice 2022

Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy. It reveals notes of dried flowers, a fine hint of sweet pepper and a subtle touch of clove. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness and a discreetly tight grain. The tannic structure is slightly marked. There are notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small ripe blue fruits and small notes of clove associated with touches of tobacco, spices and an almost hint of cardamom. Tannins are finely marked. The wine offers a beautiful freshness. It needs to be decanted.

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

palate. All accompanied by a hint of vanilla, toasted pips, aromatic herbs, chocolate, a hint of balsamic, black olive and mocha. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Good length, with a subtle saline note in the background. The nose also offers a discreet hint of delicate sage and stevia. A nice mellow, tasty, gourmand and toasty persistence. The shine and reflection of the wine almost show a patinated and elegant side of the fruit.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Martinet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, spicy, finely peppery and offers a certain intensity, a fine creaminess, a racy grain as well as a certain small depth. It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild blackcurrant and small notes of Cubeb pepper associated with touches of nutmeg and spices. An airy side in the expression of spices. The palate is nicely built, fruity, mineral, racy, elegant, precise, linear, a certain straightness, with a small coating and precise side of fat and a tangy frame. It expresses notes of dense black blackberry, graphite/graphene, crushed strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of juicy black berries/plum associated with touches of vanilla, toast, almond, a hint of hazelnut and fine hints of bourbon vanilla. Good length. Creamy and fresh, silky and gourmand, a hint of cocoa bitterness/cocoa darkness. Fine mellowness on the finish/persistence.

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

D de Dassault 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with nuances of graphene, a certain depth and a hint of infusion/darkness. It reveals notes of graphene, morello cherry, pulpy blackberry and, more slightly, small roasted-juicy red fruits, associated with touches of violet, blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, offering accuracy, suavity, a mineral frame, a beautiful acidity and a nice definition. It shows suppleness, with an elegant and precise grain, as well as a pleasant freshness. On the palate, we find notes of roasted blackberry, graphene and, more slightly, small roasted-juicy red fruits, associated with a touch of blueberry, nutmeg, sweet pepper and a subtle almost balsamic hint, chocolate and roasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are fat, racy and elegant. A little chew on the finish, offering a nice persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Folie de Chauvin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals fruit, depth, indulgence and a precise, elegant hint of infusion, with a fine straightness. It expresses notes of bright blackberry, shiny blackcurrant and, more slightly, roasted-juicy cherry, associated with touches of dense berries, graphene, toast, as well as a hint of nutmeg, cardamom and tobacco. The palate is fruity, offering accuracy, suppleness, a nice concentration and good work on the bitters. It has a delicate and airy texture, with a very fine and subtly unctuous grain. On the palate, this wine reveals notes of morello cherry, roasted-juicy raspberry and, more slightly, violet, lilac, associated with touches of crushed blackberry, a hint of black plum/plum blossom, as well as nuances of mocha, tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are fresh and sapid. A wine with a discreet sappy and aniseed touch in the background.

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

Château Harmonie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals fresh and pulpy fruit, with a little mellowness. It expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed strawberry and, more slightly, vanilla, associated with fine hints of bright blackcurrant and a touch of smoke. The palate is nicely built, fruity, offering freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, a fine tension, juiciness and energy. It presents notes of juicy/tangy blackcurrant, pulpy/tangy blackberry and, more slightly, fresh/juicy small red

fruits, associated with touches of cornflower, star anise, vanilla as well as fine chocolate hints. Beautiful freshness with an electric side. A slight hint of roasting in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

N°1 Les Reuilles 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers freshness, a certain darkness in the freshness, with a hint of infusion. It reveals notes of camphor, morello cherry and, more slightly, concentrated blackcurrant, associated with touches of black tea, violet, as well as fine hints of flint and fresh spices.



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Tertre Roteboeuf 2022

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The nose is elegant, aromatic, melodious and delicate, with a harmonious and balanced power. There are notes of boysenberry, fleshy and juicy berries, as well as a lighter touch of roasted cherry. These aromas are accompanied by touches of crushed strawberry, a hint of bright blueberry, nutmeg, a subtle nuance of velvety saffron, cornflower, as well as a hint of elegant roast. There are also notes of toasted seed and delicate spices. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, elegant, mineral, supple and airy. It presents both depth and density, but always with great finesse. A fine creaminess mixes with an elegant darkness, combined with touches of roast and Mediterranean nuances. There are notes of ripe blackcurrant, roasted strawberry and pulpy/juicy blue fruits on the

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A subtle nuance of zan appears in the background. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, with some pulpiness of the fruit and a certain fluidity, while offering verticality and tension. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant and, more slightly, juicy/fresh black plum, associated with a touch of small red berries, as well as hints of bay leaf, nutmeg, infusion, toast and roasting. Good length, with a nice freshness and juiciness.
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Rose Beauséjour 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

A wine that would benefit from being decanted. The nose reveals notes of pulpy black berries, blue plum and, more slightly, graphene, associated with touches of crushed ripe raspberry, as well as hints of tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, offering juiciness, suavity, a mineral framework and a certain brightness of the fruit, accompanied by a fine tension. It expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, juicy/pulpy blue berries and, more slightly, roasted red berries, associated with touches of violet, lily and nutmeg. A discreet almost sappy and chocolate nuance is perceived in the background, with a hint of toast. Tannins are fresh and supple. A fresh, juicy and easy-drinking wine.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

La Chapelle de Château L'Annonciation 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is nicely centered on the fruit, with freshness, a certain darkness and a fine depth. It reveals notes of black cherry, blueberry and, more slightly, creamy blackberry, associated with small toasted touches and a hint of vanilla. The palate is nicely fresh, juicy, offering brightness and delicacy, a tangy frame, energy and a little chiseled side. It expresses notes of juicy blueberry, creamy raspberry and, more slightly, crushed blackcurrant, associated with touches of liquorice stick, lilac, nutmeg, as well as a hint of vanilla, cardamom and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are mellow, with a little chew on the finish and a nice persistence.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Le Petit Trianon 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is racy, fruity, with a certain depth. We perceive notes of concentrated blackberry, roasted cherry and, more slightly, crushed blackcurrant, associated with toasted touches, tonka bean and an almost infused hint. The palate is nicely fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, with a tangy frame, juiciness, suppleness, and a stretched tannic frame. It offers verticality, with a very discreetly tight grain. We find notes of pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and, more slightly, roasted cherry, associated with touches of juicy and pulpy small fruits, as well as spices of liquorice stick, cardamom, mocha, and a fine hint of toast. A light almost sappy touch is felt at the end of the mouth, with a beautiful persistence. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Beautiful freshness.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Clos St-Emilion Philippe, 122 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, with good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy blackcurrant, juicy wild berries and, more slightly, roasted-juicy berries, associated with touches of violet, strawberry, as well as hints of vanilla and toasted almond. The palate is beautifully juicy, pulpy, gourmet and benefits from a beautiful freshness, with a pleasant coating sensation in the mouth. We perceive notes of creamy blueberry, pulpy blackcurrant and, more slightly, raspberry, associated with touches of juicy fruits, racy minerality, as well as a subtle touché of almost infusion, with liquorice stick. A slight almost woody and dry hint is felt at the end of the palate, with a touch of toast. Tannins are slightly mellow.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château L'Annonciation 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with a certain concentration and depth of fruit, a touch of clarity and a chiseled side. This wine would benefit from being decanted. It has notes of boysenberry, crushed strawberry and pulpy blackcurrant, accompanied by fine touches of blueberry, camphor, juicy-roasted berries (Mediterranean accents), as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco, cola and violet. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, fresh, with good intensity, a certain juiciness, gourmandise and a pleasant texture, mellow, juicy and fresh, accompanied by a beautiful burst of fruit. The notes of blueberry, bright cherry and bright blackcurrant are complemented by touches of chocolate, juicy-roasted fruits, as well as a subtle hint almost of rosemary, infusion and vanilla. A lovely gourmand wine, round and well-balanced. Tannins are mellow and sapid, with a little salinity and mellowness in the finish. Good length.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Clos Systey 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity, marked by darkness, a side of infusion, black tea and spices. It would benefit from being decanted because it is currently quite tight. There are notes of black cherry, morello cherry, fairly ripe blackcurrant, as well as a touch of infusion, black tea, with a hint of zan and black pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, with good definition, a certain tension and concentration. The structure is a little tight. We perceive notes of blackcurrant, black tea, and sappy/floral, with touches of small black berries, incense, as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and tobacco. A tight tannic structure, with fine tannins, a bit drying.
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château du Rocher 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with a fine power and a little darkness. There are notes of pulpy blackcurrant, morello cherry and fresh blue berries, accompanied by touches of zan, tobacco and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is nicely fresh, juicy, with brightness and good tension, a certain delicacy and a nice definition of the fruit. There are notes of bright cherry, juicy blueberry, as well as bright raspberry. All this is associated with touches of juicy red berries, a slight note of cola and a discreet touch of blond tobacco. A pleasant, balanced wine, with notes of crushed hazelnut, mellowness and a certain gourmandise. Good length.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pavillon Daugay 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine benefits from being decanted. The nose is spicy, with notes of camphor and dense wild berries, combined with hints of toast, clove and a fine hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, with freshness, minerality, a fresh frame and a fine tension. There are notes of juicy and fresh cherry, raspberry, as well as juicy and bright blackcurrant. These aromas are combined with touches of purple plum and subtle balsamic spices, clove and a hint of toast. Tannins are mellow and savoury. Good length.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Grand Destieu 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is quite concentrated, still a bit tight, with hints of infusion and depth. There are aromas of pulpy and fresh wild blackberry, bright wild raspberry, and bright blackcurrant, combined with touches of violet, infusion, fresh black berries, and a hint of black tea and graphene. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and well-balanced, with juiciness, brightness, energy, and good fruit definition. There are notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, bright blueberry, and morello cherry, accompanied by hints of graphene, violet, fresh blond tobacco, as well as a hint of lily and discreet touches of toasted almond and vanilla. Mellow and delicious tannins. Good length.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

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Château Monlot 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is marked by fruity and bright aromas, with notes of morello cherry, blueberry and, more slightly, bright blackcurrant, associated with touches of zan, lilac, cornflower, as well as fine hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, bright, and supple, with a little fatty coating sensation, tension, and airiness. The minerality is racy. The flavors of morello cherry, bright blackcurrant and bright blackberry combine with touches of crushed strawberries, as well as a hint of cornflower, star anise, and discreet touches of toast, crushed almond and a vanilla note on the finish. A beautiful length with a subtle Mediterranean touch (roasted aromatic herbs) in the background.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château D'Anielle 2022 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is marked by a freshness with a certain moderate intensity on the fruit, although the grain is slightly tight. It gains from being decanted. We find aromas of black cherry, pulpy blackcurrant, as well as juicy and fresh black berries. These notes are associated with a touch of violet and fine hints of zan. On the palate, the wine is fruity, with juiciness and a certain suavity. We also note a discreet freshness and a slight fat. The flavors of pulpy blackberry and blackcurrant mingle with touches of violet, associated with notes of clove, a hint of camphor, as well as a hint of vanilla and undergrowth. In the background, a discreet touch of fresh leather is revealed. Tannins are a bit dry and extracted.
Score : 14.25+/20 (87-88/100)



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Château Grand Faurie La Rose 2022

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The nose is fruity and offers a certain power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackcurrant, violet and small notes of crushed red berries, associated with touches of crushed cherry as well as a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, accuracy, a silky/fluid side. It expresses notes of crushed black cherry, liquorice stick, crushed strawberry, as well as salinity, a hint of good bitterness in the background and almost a discreet cocoa. A subtle hint almost of aromatic herbs in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Petit Soutard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a pleasant/appetizing side. It reveals notes of bright blackcurrant, pulpy boysenberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with a touch of juicy roasted berries as well as hints of liquorice stick. The palate is nicely fruity, mineral and offers fruit, balanced, a tangy frame, a nice freshness, minerality, a vibrant, chiseled side. It expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy roasted red berries and small notes of black tea associated with a touch of infusion, cocoa. Good length. Tannins are sapid and well-managed. Good length. A nice wine on the fruit and easy to access.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, airy, elegant and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed blueberry and small notes of chocolate associated with touches of crushed cherry, lilac, infusion as well as an imperceptible hint of almost aromatic herbs and a hint of vanilla/sweetness. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, balanced and offers a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, precision, mellowness and finesse, a nice racy grain, creaminess in finesse. It expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of small blue fruits associated with a touch of roasted-juicy fruits, chocolate, vanilla as well as a hint of toasted almond. A little velvety side on the finish/persistence. A nice freshness and minerality, acidity in the background. Nice mellowness and energy. Nice grain and texture in finesse

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

CM Cap de Mourlin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers concentration as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed cherry and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of wild pepper, black tea as well as hints of spices and fine varietal nuances. The palate is nicely juicy and offers silkiness, freshness, juiciness, control, a linear/long side, a tangy frame. It expresses notes of juicy/tangy blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of tonka bean, toast, fresh raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean and toast. Good length. A powdery side on the finish/persistence. A hint of good bitterness from the cocoa in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Chanoine de Balestard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers mellowness, delicacy and breadth. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small dense black wild berries and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of roasted-juicy cherry, hints of spices, fresh roasting as well as a subtle hint of Madagascar pepper and a very discreet hint of camphor. A very discreet powdery hint to the nose. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers minerality, acidity, a nice burst/juicy gourmand. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of bright blueberry, associated with touches of zan, colas, infusion, as well as hints of nutmeg. Easy to access and to pair.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Haut-Brisson 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Lovely aromatic nose, precise and offers a certain intensity, depth, a fine powdery, a certain complexity as well as a fine floral bouquet. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of purple plum, Cubeb pepper, cherry in kirsch as well as a hint of tobacco. The palate is

nicely juicy, fruity, sparkle, a crystalline side, a tangy frame. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, bright blueberry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as a hint of tonka bean and a hint of good bitterness from cocoa. Lovely freshness and juiciness. Sparkle.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Chapelle de Labrie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Lovely nose, elegant, racy, precise, spicy, delicate, beautifully velvety and offering intensity as well as depth. We find notes of morello cherry, flowers and graphite associated with touches of purple plum, small roasted-juicy red fruits (a Mediterranean accent), small crushed blue fruits (even creamy) as well as fine hints of Bourbon vanilla as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible hint almost roasted. The palate is nicely built, fruity, and offers freshness, juiciness, a tangy frame, delicacy, tension, nice accuracy, silkiness, brilliance and nice finesse of the grain, purity and an almost crystalline hint of the wine. It expresses notes of bright morello cherry, bright red plum and small notes of roasted-juicy raspberry associated with touches of blueberry, graphene, chocolate, as well as a hint of cherry blossom, star anise, fresh lily as well as tangy limestone notes. Good length. Tannins are mellow and smooth. A gourmand and lovely sapidity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Petit Corbin-Despagne 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, concentrated and offers a nice infusion side, an elegant and airy darkness. There are notes of bright wild blackcurrant, small wild black berries and small notes of infusion associated with touches of roasted cherry, aromatic herbs as well as a hint of graphene, toast, bergamot and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy/bright side, a nice definition and delicacy. It also reveals tension, precision, accuracy, a lace texture and a certain small density while remaining balanced. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, concentrated boysenberry and small notes of infusion associated with almost herbal touches, black tea, roasted almond as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean. Tannins are mellow and gourmands. Beautiful small chew and very nice sapidity/gourmandise on the finish.

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

Calice de Faugères 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with a certain intensity and a small aromatic power. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of roasted-juicy fruits, a hint of sage and pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, tangy, energetic and dynamic, with an electric and biting side. It expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, purple plum and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with a bright side of the fruit as well as hints of zan, smoke and a subtle touch of star anise. Tannins are mellow and sapid. A subtle almost sappy hint in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château L'Étoile de Clotte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru:

The nose is spicy, ample and aromatic. It reveals notes of nutmeg, lily and small notes of spices associated with touches of wild blackberry, fine hints of cubeb pepper and discreet touches of smoke, with a subtle hint almost of warm grove in the background. The palate is mineral, with a beautiful freshness and a racy side. The grain is slightly tight. This wine needs to be decanted. On the palate, we find notes of fairly ripe wild blackcurrant, dried blackberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of lily, nutmeg, a hint of clove and a subtle note almost of bay berries in the background. Good length. A slight bitterness on the finish brings sapidity and delicacy.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Chevalier des Anges 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals a fine power/intensity, with a spicy and finely peppery side. There are notes of quite ripe wild raspberry, crushed blackberry and small notes of pepper associated with fine touches of cinnamon, smoke and spices (cardamom...). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, with a little fat and a nice acidity/tanginess. The mouth



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expresses notes of juicy/tangy blackcurrant, raspberry and small notes of bright red plum associated with a touch of cinnamon, cardamom as well as a hint of smoke and a subtle almost toasted note. Good length. A slight sappy touch on the persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château La Pointe Chantecaille 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine needs to be decanted and needs time to fully express itself. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, juicy/fresh blackcurrant and small notes of pulpy blue plum associated with touches of zan, tobacco, a hint of nutmeg and a discreet note almost of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity and offers a nice juiciness and a pleasant freshness. It has a good definition, suppleness, suavity, fat and a slight unctuousity. The wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry and pulpy blackcurrant, small notes of crushed blue fruits as well as a touch of bright bigarreau cherry, lily and smoke, with a subtle almost vanilla hint. Good length. A discreet almost bergamot note in the background. A small touch of dry tobacco on the finish / on the persistence. A fresh and unctuous wine.

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

Château Franc Lartigue 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh, bright and offers grilled aromatic herbs side. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, morello cherry and small notes of fresh/pulpy blackberry associated with touches of infusion, quite ripe strawberry, grilled aromatic herbs as well as fine hints of star anise. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, suave and offers a certain freshness, energy as well as a tangy frame. In mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy cassis and small notes of pulpy redcurrant associated with touches of plum blossom, sage, toasted almond as well as fine hints of sweet spices and cardamom.

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

Château Saint-Ange 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a small peppery side and stretched side. It reveals notes of pulpy wild blackcurrant, smoke and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of violet morello cherry as well as a hint of quite ripe red berries and discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a fine unctuousity as well as a beautiful accuracy. It reveals notes of smooth blackcurrant, creamy cherry and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of lily and lilac as well as fine hints of smoke and tobacco. Good length. Fresh and sappy tannins. A fine firmness on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

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

Le Merle de Peby Faugères 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and ripe and offers a fine roasted-juicy side to the fruit. It reveals notes of roasted and juicy cherry, bright blueberry and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with fine hints of elegant-roasted fruits, star anise as well as a discreet touch of spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers a tangy frame, tension and beautiful energy. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy and tangy blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of bright cherry associated with fine almost balsamic hints, nutmeg as well as a hint of liquorice stick and cardamom. Good length marked by a tangy side and delicacy.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Clos Saint-Émilion Philippe 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

This wine needs to be decanted. The nose reveals aromas of spices and cloves associated with hint of pepper, tobacco and a subtle note of dry grove. The palate offers freshness, minerality, a small tension and a slightly tight structure. It expresses notes of juicy and fresh blackcurrant, small tangy and juicy red fruits associated with touches of tobacco, clove as well as fine hints of star anise, pepper and a discreet spicy nuance.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château La Croix du Merle 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, ripe and offers deepness and a certain concentration. It offers notes of cassis liqueur, concentrated black berries and small notes of crushed bigarreau cherry associated with touches of roasted-elegant red fruits as well as hints of liquorice, tobacco and an almost toasted hint of rosemary/balsamic. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a tangy frame, a beautiful precision, tension as well as a discreetly tight structure. A good concentration in its fruit and maturity. This wine needs to be decanted. In mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, black berries and small notes of camphor associated with touches of liquorice, bigarreau cherry as well as fine balsamic nuances, tobacco, infusion and black pepper. Good length.

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

Château La Révérence 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, frank, precise and stretched, offering a beautiful straightness and a peppery side. We find notes of creamy cassis, tonka bean and small notes of roasted morello cherry associated with touches of bourbon vanilla, sweet pepper as well as a discreet hint of lilac, nutmeg and subtle hints of cubeb pepper. This wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, tension, precision as well as a certain creaminess in finesse. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of juicy and fresh cherry associated with a touch of crushed raspberry, cardamom, tobacco, hints of camphor, roasted hazelnut as well as fine hints of cinnamon and toast. Good length. Tannins are suave. Slight saline hints on the finish. In the finish, a subtle iodized and sappy part appears in the background/persistence.

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

Château Haut Gravet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness as well as a very fine concentration. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, black pepper and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with hints of clove, nutmeg and a very discreet toasted/sweet hint. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers a small fresh fat as well as a juicy/fresh fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh pepper as well as fine hints of clove and sweet spices. Good length.

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

Château Abelyce 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a lovely racy grain, a small mellowness as well as a velvety texture. There are notes of violet, purple plum and crushed blackcurrant associated with touches of nutmeg, spices as well as an almost saline hint, liquorice stick, cherry and an imperceptible almost balsamic hint. The palate is mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, a well-managed tannic structure, freshness, a good guideline as well as a chiseled side. A gravelly minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of roasting, liquorice stick, a hint of salinity as well as a subtle varietal and toasted hint. Tannins offer a certain mellowness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Les Roches de Yon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers a certain power, precision as well as an empyreumatic side. It reveals notes of clove, spices and small notes of toasted almond associated with touches of pulpy blackcurrant as well as fine hints of blackberry, raspberry, camphor and a hint of smoke. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral and offers a certain fluidity, verticality, darkness as well as a discreetly tight and powdery grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, graphene and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of roasting, mocha as well as fine hints of fresh raspberry and toast. Good length.

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

La Dame de Baladoz 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity in its fruit as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with a touch of blue plum as well as fine hints of vanilla, blond tobacco and hints of graphene/zan. The palate is mineral, fresh and offers fruit, a fine concentration, a good definition, a chiseled side as well as an infusion side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh black plum and small notes of fresh small red fruits associated with touches of graphene, minerality as well as fine hints of grilled almond, roasting and a subtle hint of espresso (in the background). Tannins are fine and mellow. Good length.

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

Château Ascension 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh, nicely chiseled and offers purity in its definition. There are notes of cassis, small dense/fresh black fruits and small notes of infusion associated with touches of wild strawberry, an almost wild blueberry hint as well as fine hints of graphene, zan and a hint of roasting in freshness. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, chiseled, precise, ample, beautifully defined and offers minerality, a fresh frame (in the background) as well as darkness in elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy black berries and small notes of infusion associated with touches of black tea, mocha as well as discreet hints of fresh toast, fresh roasting, a hint of nutmeg and a subtle hint of cornflower (in the background). Tannins are racy, sapid and elegant. A beautiful iodized note in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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Château Trimoulet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration as well as deepness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of zan, pulpy cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of vanilla, blueberry as well as fine hints of cornflower and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, juiciness, a tangy frame, suppleness, a chiseled side, breadth as well as an elegant darkness. Beautifully fresh and mineral. A velvety, fresh and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant, wild blackberry and small notes of mocha associated with touches of clove, small roasted-juicy red fruits as well as fine hints of camphor and an imperceptible almost sappy hint in the background. The finish offers toasted hints and toasted hazelnut.

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

Château Petit Val 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers fruit, a certain concentration as well as darkness in freshness and elegance. It reveals notes of boysenberry, nutmeg and small notes of toasted-fresh associated with touches of vanilla as well as fine hints of crushed almond, pulpy blackcurrant and a hint of small roasted-juicy red fruits. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, tension, precision, suppleness, roundness as well as a nice fresh and relatively mellow texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/pulpy blackberry, purple plum and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of small roasted-juicy red fruits as well as an almost blond tobacco hint, cinnamon, a subtle hint of vanilla and fresh clove. Tannins are mellow, sapid and gourmand. A small chew on the finish/persistence. Freshness, darkness and suppleness.

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

Le Goût de la Vie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers fruit, some spices as well as a certain slight darkness. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small ripe wild red berries, incense, camphor as well as hints of cornflower, star anise and a subtle almost sweet/almost toasted hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, suavity and a certain sapidity, a certain gourmandise on the juiciness/brightness of the fruit, a slight darkness/concentration. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, nori cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of toast, graphene, incense as well as almost hints of tonka bean and toast. A subtle hint of smoke in the background. Good length. An almost gravelly hint in the background.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Château La Croix Younan 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The wine would benefit from being decanted. It offers spices, some spices as well as some empyreumatic notes. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of spices, star anise as well as fine hints of clove and empyreumatic. The palate is fresh, mineral, balanced and offers tension, energy, a certain darkness, a hint of infusion and a finely tight tannic frame. It expresses notes of small dense/juicy black fruits, roasted-juicy strawberry and small notes of graphite, incense associated with touches of roasting as well as fine hints of cocoa in the background. A fine mineral and sappy hint in the background.

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

Les Jardins du Château Zaya 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers fruit, juiciness and a certain concentration/intensity of the fruit, darkness as well as freshness. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a certain purity of the fruit, a chiseled structure, a finely tight frame. The wine benefits from being decanted. The palate expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of purple plum as well as a hint of roasted-juicy raspberry, graphene, cocoa, incense and spices. Tannins are sapid. A hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence, and a very discreet hint almost vanilla sweet on the finish.

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

Château la Fleur Chantecaille 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers breadth, spices and a certain power. The wine would benefit from being decanted. It reveals notes of black cherry, camphor and small notes of clove associated with touches of roasted red berries as well as fine hints of Cubeb pepper and smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, some tension, an acidulous frame and a finely tight tannic structure. It expresses notes of black cherry, purple plum and small notes of roasted-juicy red berries associated with touches of clove, camphor, fine hints of pepper and a dusty hint and toasted oak. Fine chewiness on the finish / some firmness of Tannins.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Château Cadet-Pontet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is mineral, a little restrained at present and offers some fruit. The wine would benefit from being decanted. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of roasted fruits, a hint of zan, violet as well as hints of black liquorice and a subtle almost fresh balsamic hint. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a little fat, a tangy frame, a fine sappy/floral hint in the background as a guideline. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of juicy violet plum associated with a touch of crushed raspberry, fleshy blueberry, camphor, incense, toast and vanilla. A little chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Petit Fombrauge 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers a little complexity, a fine power as well as a fine velvety touch. It reveals notes of nutmeg, blackberry and small notes of small concentrated/ juicy black fruits associated with touches of clove and a hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a tangy frame, tension, energy, a certain depth, a little mellowness in its tannic frame. It expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of lily, roasting as well as fine hints of balsamic and clove. Good length, Tannins are finely mellow and racy.

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

Château Tour de Pressac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers velvety, fruit, a certain depth as well as an airy power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of pepper associated with fine hints of tobacco as well as a discreet hint almost of warm Mediterranean barrier, clove and fresh cinnamon. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, suppleness and a nice burst of fruit, gourmandise, a certain controlled power (terroir). It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry, a hint of small blue fruits as well as delicate hints of vanilla and liquorice in the background. A discreet hint of roasted fruits and almost grove/dry oak. Darkness in juiciness.

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

Château Simard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh, with delicate roasted notes and a spicy touch. There is also a floral hint. The palate is fruity with a beautiful minerality, a racy texture and a fine tension. We perceive notes of boysenberry, concentrated blackcurrant and slight notes of cornflowers associated with touches of tobacco as well as fine notes of blueberry. The wine offers freshness, minerality, a pretty floral side as well as a beautiful definition. A balanced wine with a sappy touch.

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

Château de Fonbel 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is well built, racy, good definition, with a nice racy and fine grain. There are notes of boysenberry, violet and slight notes of blueberry, associated with touches of nutmeg as well as fine hints of tobacco and star anise. The palate is also nicely structured, fruity, juicy, with a certain brightness and gourmandise. It expresses a racy, mineral and floral side. We perceive notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, juicy/fresh purple plum, and more particularly cornflower, associated with touches of nutmeg, sweet pepper and a small touch of cardamom. Good length. Mellow and gourmand.

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

Château de Ferrand 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(34% Cabernet Franc, 66% Merlot) A lovely velvety nose, captivating, intense, powerful and elegant at the same time, with a precise grain, very fine racy, a lovely airiness, complexity. The wine benefits from being decanted and requires time to open up. The nose expresses notes of wild blackberry, blueberry, liquorice stick and small notes of small wild blue fruits associated with touches of lily, cornflower, fine hints of Sichuan pepper, a very discreet touch of roasted cherry, an almost infusion hint and a lovely limestone and spicy hint. The palate is beautifully fresh, juicy, mineral, fruity, chiseled and offers the brilliance of beautifully pure fruit. It expresses notes of boysenberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of juicy/bright blueberry associated with touches of juicy/bright cherry as well as hints of cornflower, liquorice stick, vanilla as well as a fine hint of cinnamon, lily/lilac, toast and salinity. Lovely sapid, saline finish with chewiness and a coating side of the barrel. A nice tension, fleshiness, a very nice freshness and volume in the mouth.

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

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Château Haut-Simard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is nicely structured, racy, with notes of violet, crushed strawberry, pepper and slightly sappy notes, combined with touches of lily, nutmeg and fine hints of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, with a beautiful minerality, a fresh structure and good definition. It reveals a certain gourmandise, juiciness and suppleness. We find notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of bright raspberry, associated with an almost hint of blueberry, blond tobacco as well as a touch of lily/fresh flowers, a subtle note of tobacco fresh and a touch of star anise. Good length, with chew. A beautiful freshness, with aromas of fresh/bright blueberry. A lovely intense and fresh nose, with notes of tobacco on the nose. A nice freshness and a certain crunchy side.

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

Château Moulin Saint-Georges 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, with a small aromatic concentration. There are notes of chocolate, sweet blond tobacco, vanilla, as well as a slight touch of crushed blackcurrant, accompanied by nuances of creamy strawberry, blueberry and a subtle hint of cardamom. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, juicy, supple and elegant, with great energy and a slight spherical side. We perceive notes of bright blueberry, bright blackcurrant, and small notes small juicy/bright roasted red fruits. The wine also reveals touches of blond tobacco, nutmeg, tonka bean and a hint of toasted hazelnut. Beautifully made, with a nice chew and a pleasant gourmandise.

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

Chapelle d'Ausone 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, airy, spicy, gourmand and nicely stretched. We find notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small bright blue fruits and, small notes, bright strawberry, associated with touches of tobacco, cardamom, as well as a discreet hint of pepper and lilac. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, airy, elegant and juicy. It expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small bright blue fruits, and more discreetly cherry. These aromas are associated with touches of tobacco, star anise and spices of nutmeg and hazelnut. Tannins are mellow, gourmand and sapid. We find a nice little chew in the background. The texture is delicate, pulpy and airy, with a beautiful depth centered on the fruit and a light touch of vanilla in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Adaugusta 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers fruit, a certain power, energy as well as a fine and intense grain. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of ripe/juicy wild red berries associated with touches of incense, clove and a hint of zan. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a mineral frame, good definition, a relatively tight and finely tight tannic structure, juiciness and a certain gourmandise. It expresses notes of juicy/bright cassis, juicy/pulpy violet plum and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of incense, graphene, crushed strawberry, tonka bean, clove. Tannins are sapid, mellow and finely tight and marked. Good length. From darkness to elegance, the wine benefits from being decanted.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Fleur 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a certain power, freshness, spices and a multi-layered profile. It expresses notes of wild cassis, cardamom, bergamot and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of sweet pepper, zan and clove. The palate is nicely suave, fresh, juicy, gourmand, with harmony, suppleness, fatness and roundness, a nice finesse in its fat, smoothness in accuracy/finesse. It expresses notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of boysenberry as well as hints of zan, colas, cherry blossoms, black tea and bourbon vanilla. Tannins are mellow and sapid, savoury.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Soutard-Cadet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose expresses notes of vanilla, toast, with delicacy and a certain power. It expresses notes of Bourbon vanilla, cornflower and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as delicate hints of creamy berries and a hint of blond tobacco. The palate is nicely conducted, fruity and offers freshness, suavity, a certain delicacy, accuracy, a tangy frame, a fine hint of roasting, a beautiful balance and a melodious side. It expresses notes of blueberry, cornflower and small notes of roasted-juicy strawberry associated with touches of creamy berries, vanilla, almost aniseed and toasted. Good length, a nice mellow persistence. Tannins are mellow and savoury.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Grangey 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity and a certain small intensity. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, eucalyptus/menthol and small notes of vanilla associated with touches of crushed wild strawberry as well as fine hints of roast, pepper, tobacco, smoke and liquorice stick. The palate is nicely conducted, fruity, fresh, suave and offers delicacy, accuracy, tension, smoothness, juiciness, brightness and a chiseled and tangy frame. It expresses notes of Boysen blackberry, pulpy/roasted cherry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of liquorice, chocolate, toast, blueberry and dark chocolate. Tannins are mellow, fresh and tasty, chewy and delicacy on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Grangey – XXII, Cuvée Amphore 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fruity, with a lovely elegant grain, airy and a certain intensity. It expresses notes of blackberry, spices and small notes of violet associated with touches of pepper as well as fine hints of blueberry, blackcurrant, tobacco, smoke and sweet pepper. A discreet and elegant nuance of dry earth in the background. The palate is elegant, nicely carried, fruity, suave, nicely fresh, racy (clay), with nice silkiness and freshness. It expresses notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of bright wild blue berries, nutmeg, spices, tobacco and a fine almost saline hint. A creamy hint in the mouth, a nice silkiness, suppleness, freshness, purity, tension and gourmandise, with good bitters of dark chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Les Tours de Laroque 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and offers fruit and a sappy hint. It expresses notes of raspberry, small bright berries and small notes of wild blackcurrant associated with touches of spices as well as fine hints of fresh zan and sap, even a very discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity and offers a tangy frame, energy, suppleness, good definition, roundness, delicacy, a tight tannic frame. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, pulpy/juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with touches of violet, lily, iris as well as points of spices. Tannins are mellow and finely sapid. Good length with a discreet hint of dark chocolate in the background. Suppleness, roundness and fatness.

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

Murmure de Larcis Ducasse 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(97% Merlot) The nose is fresh, tight and offers a certain intensity and a stretched grain. It expresses notes of spices, blackberry and small notes of small ripe wild berries associated with touches of violet, fresh lilac, hints of spices, a fine hint of clove and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is melodious, nicely fresh and offers brightness, suppleness, a nice definition, a certain fleshiness. It expresses notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of creamy cherry associated with touches of liquorice stick, vanilla and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are elegant, iodized and gourmand, with a nice mellowness on the finish/persistence. A discreet hint of roasting in the background.

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

Croix de Beauséjour 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

A lovely fruity nose, ample, suave, with velvety and width, a lovely elegant and fine grain. It expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/shiny cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine almost mentholated touches, pepper, spices, a discreet hint of tobacco and a subtle almost sage hint. The palate is nicely juicy, tangy and offers freshness, brilliance. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy violet plum and small notes of cassis associated with touches of chocolate/tonka bean, toast as well as fine hints of star anise and an imperceptible almost cypress hint. Good length, sapid, suave and gourmand tannins, suppleness and purity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Virginie de Valandraud 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a certain width, a nice peppery nuance, depth, concentration, fruit and a certain power. It expresses notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of blueberry associated with notes of liquorice, morello cherry as well as discreet hints of camphor, vanilla, as well as a creamy hint. The palate is nicely built, fresh, fruity, supple, elegant, delicate, and offers purity, a nice chiseled structure. It expresses notes of boysenberry, pulpy plum and small notes of bright morello cherry associated with touches of bright strawberry, chocolate, toast, roasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are mellow and sapid. Chewy, a nice creaminess, delicate, silky and airy.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

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Relais de La Dominique 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(100% Merlot) The wine is worth decanting. The nose expresses notes of wild raspberry, concentrated wild blackcurrant and small notes of Kampot pepper associated with touches of lilac, cornflower as well as a hint almost of cherry blossom and liquorice. The palate is nicely juicy, pulpy and offers delicacy, appetite, a certain sparkle and a floral side. It expresses notes of pulpy cherry, juicy wild blackberry and small notes of violet, iris associated with touches of cherry blossom, a hint of purple plum, liquorice stick and camphor. Tannins are sapid, mellow and gourmand, with a velvety grain. A discreet hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence.

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

Touzaïna Prieuré 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers intensity, a fine grain, intense, straight, frank and relatively powerful. There are notes of boysenberry, Bigarreau cherry and purple plum associated with touches of wild blackcurrant, infusion as well as a hint of pepper. The palate is nicely fruity with juiciness, gourmandise, a little tension, precision and a tangy side. We also have good balance, verticality and uprightness. We perceive notes of pulpy and juicy violet plum, bright blackcurrant and more discreetly blueberry combined with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of blond tobacco, licorice, toast, nutmeg and a hint of vanilla. on persistence. Tannins are sapid and tasty.

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

Château Cantenac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of morello cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of plum blossom, infusion as well as fine hints of bay leaf, pepper and a fine hint of spices. The palate is fruity with precision and a tangy structure. There is energy, an electric side and roundness coming from the barrel. We have notes of cherry, small crushed/bright red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, violet as well as a hint of blackcurrant and discreet notes of blond tobacco without forgetting a subtle hint of aromatic herbs in the background. Tannins are supple, and we perceive a subtle saline note in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Cantenac – Sélection Madame 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a velvety and powerful side at the same time. There are notes of nutmeg, clove and slight notes of pulpy blackberry associated with touches of small fleshy black fruits, fleshy cherry as well as fine hints of black pepper. The palate is fruity with juiciness, smoothness and minerality bringing freshness. There is good definition, a tangy frame and a certain energy with a tracing and discreetly tight side. We have notes of pulpy/juicy plum, pulpy/juicy blackcurrant and more discreetly fleshy cherry associated with a touch of flower, toast, salted caramel, discreet vanilla as well as a hint of cardamom. Tannins are sapid and salivating with freshness and minerality, roundness and fat.

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

Château Arcole 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, floral and offers elegance as well as purity in its definition. We find notes of cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small, bright red fruits associated with touches of lilac; licorice stick as well as an elegant woodiness. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, elegant with harmony and gourmandise. There is a lovely energy and an electric side to its tangy framework. We have notes of juicy, tangy purple plum, juicy redcurrant and more discreetly blackcurrant associated with touches of blackberry, lilac, lily as well as fine hints of tonka bean, toast and a hint of wood. There are fine notes of cardamom and tobacco in the background. Tannins are fresh, sappy and sapid. Good length and persistence.

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

Château le Conte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

This wine needs to be decanted. The nose is spicy and offers a certain slight intensity as well as a finely tight grain. There are notes of violet, camphor and slight notes of nutmeg associated with touches of spices, a hint of blueberry, roasted raspberry as well as hints of clove. The palate is fruity with minerality, freshness, a slight fluidity, a tangy structure, tension and a discreetly tight grain. We have notes of clove, cinnamon, small wild red berries and small notes of pepper associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco as well as a hint of cardamom. Tannins are discreetly dusty.

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

Château La Grâce Dieu 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers a certain power, straightness as well as a frank, tense, incisive and racy grain. There are notes of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and slight notes of lilac associated with touches of pulpy blackcurrant, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of clove, spices and toast. The palate is fruity with minerality, a certain slight fluidity, a velvety/powdery grain and a certain slight darkness. We have notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, raspberry and small notes of small dense wild black fruits associated with touches of roasting, lilac, badine and a hint of tobacco. Good long with mellow tannins.

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

Château des Rêves 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a certain small concentration, power as well as a spicy side. There are notes of clove, cinnamon, gray pepper and slight notes of small ripe fruits associated with a touch of infusion. The palate is fruity with juiciness and freshness, minerality, tanginess and energy. We have notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, creamy cherry and slight notes of roasting associated with touches of black pepper and clove. There is a very discreet hint of black olive in the background. Tannins are discreetly marked. Good length.

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

Château Zaya 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a peppery side and spices. There are notes of cherry, gray pepper and slight notes of spices associated with a hint of bay leaf, black tea and spices. The palate is fruity with juiciness, freshness, minerality and a fresh tangy frame. There is tension, a certain accuracy. We have notes of fresh juicy cherry, crushed blackcurrant and slight notes of undergrowth associated with touches of bay leaf and pepper. Beautiful minerality and freshness. Good length.

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

Réserve des Jacobins 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, spicy and finely balsamic. There are notes of wild cherry, wild strawberry and slight notes of cornflower associated with touches of blackcurrant as well as hints of Cubeb pepper. The palate is beautifully silky, gourmand and supple. There is a beautiful energy, sapidity. We have notes of pulpy and juicy cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of bright strawberry associated with touches of juicy pulpy berries. We also perceive a discreet hint of juicy roast, toasted with vanilla and a subtle hint of liquorice stick. There is an imperceptible hint of cypress in the background. Tannins have a fine chew. Good length

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Jaugue Blanc 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a finely tight grain as well as a fine dusty side. The palate is fruity with minerality, freshness and a little tension. We have accuracy, a tangy framework. We have notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, purple plum and small notes of tonka bean associated with touches of rose, violet as well as fine hints of crushed blackcurrant and a discreet hint of almost cinnamon and sweet blond tobacco. There is a certain fat/roundness. It is a fresh and juicy wine, easy to access with a finely tight finish on the length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Les Valentines 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, roasted, fruity and offers a balsamic side. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of cornflower, tonka bean as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, sweet pepper and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity with juiciness and a tangy structure. There is minerality, suppleness and an easily accessible fruity side. We have notes of small wild red fruits, balsamic and slight notes of blackcurrant associated with a touch of fresh juicy purple plum as well as hints of sweet pepper and a subtle note of lilac and vanilla. Good length.

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

Château Roc de Candale 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is a bit tight at the moment and benefits from being decanted. There are notes of clove, sweet pepper and slight notes of nutmeg associated with a discreet hint of smoke, flowers as well as a subtle hint of almost aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity with juiciness, brightness and gourmandise. There is pulpiness of the fruit, energy, roundness and a little flattering side. We have notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, purple plum and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of vanilla, cypress and an almost balsamic hint in

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the background. A lovely fruity wine with a little mellowness to Tannins and a little chewiness on the finish.

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

Château de Candale 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is racy, tense, peppery and offers a fine, powerful and sunny grain. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, pepper and slight notes of ripe fruit associated with almost Mediterranean barrier hints as well as fine hints of liquorice, toasted/caramelized and a discreet hint of black olive. The palate is nicely structured, fresh and fruity with balance and a tangy structure which brings a spherical side. There is a little creaminess in the background and a lovely tangy freshness. We have notes of creamy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and slight notes of roasted strawberries associated with touches of racy minerality, an almost subtle sappy hint in the background and a fine hint of infusion bringing gourmandise. There is even a slight sweet and saline hint on the lingering finish. The wine is sunny and fresh at the same time. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Millaud-Montlabert 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers fruit as well as a hint of volatility. Gains from being decanted. We find notes of cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of wild blackcurrant associated with touches of cubeb pepper, blackcurrant leaf, rose as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and a subtle hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity with juiciness, a tangy structure, tension, precision, minerality. We have notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, small juicy red fruits associated with touches of fresh juicy blackberry as well as hints of blackcurrant, violet, rose as well as a hint of fresh blond tobacco. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

La Clef de Voûte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power as well as a racy, powerful and quite fine grain. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, violet and slight notes of flowery pepper associated with touches of small wild berries as well as hints of zan and almost aromatic herbs. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, supple with energy and freshness as well as acidity with bite. We have notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, small juicy and ripe blue fruits and small notes of small juicy red fruits associated with touches of toast and nutmeg. There is a subtle hint of cocoa with darkness and camphor. Tannins are mellow, and the wine has good definition with a certain depth of accuracy as well as freshness and juiciness. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Grâce Dieu Les Menuts 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small concentration and juiciness. We find notes of pulpy strawberry, bright blackcurrant and slight notes of fresh blueberry associated with fine touches of creamy berries, pepper, zan and a discreet hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh with tension and a fine powderiness on the palate as well as a little creaminess. We have a lovely minerality and notes of creamy blackberry, creamy blackcurrant and slight notes of juicy roasted raspberries combined with touches of pulpy and juicy blueberries as well as hints of vanilla, toast and a fine hint of caramelized toast. Tannins are supple and on the persistent finish we have a discreet hint of good sappy bitterness and a subtle hint of graphene in the background as well as a touch of cocoa.

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

Château La Voûte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is velvety, spicy and offers concentration, darkness as well as a nice spicy side. We find notes of blueberry, blueberry, juicy roasted strawberry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of lily, Sichuan pepper as well as fine hints of Lapsang Souchong tea, crushed blueberry and a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity with juiciness, smoothness and a tangy structure. We have minerality, depth and a nice racy grain tense with bite. We have notes of wild blackcurrant, small juicy wild black berries and small notes of aromatic grass like complexon, tonka bean and cocoa associated with touches of small juicy roasted red fruits, fresh juicy Bigarreau cherry as well as with hints of sweet blond tobacco as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut. There is depth and a fine hint of black tea. There is palatability and smoothness in the background with a hint of camphor and a chiseled side with good length. We even have a powdery side to the bitters with roasting in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Croix Cardinale 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(68% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is fruity, beautifully fresh and intense in its floral aroma. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy wild blackcurrant, flowers (iris, lilac) and small notes of fresh pepper associated with touches of pulpy/fresh cherry, a hint of berries and discreet hints of zan. A very discreet sappy hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, shine, a small chiseled side (in the background), fleshiness, pulpiness, creaminess as well as a lovely tangy juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherries, blackcurrant and small notes of chocolate. Tannins are sapid, discreetly powdery and racy. Good length. Presence of fine hints of chocolate, coffee and flint. Beautiful freshness. Good persistence in the creaminess.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Intuition de Fleur Cardinale 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(76% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small creaminess. We find notes of creamy raspberry, pulpy cherry and slight notes of pulpy purple plum associated with touches of blueberry, graphene as well as discreet hints of cornflower, almost fresh pink hint and a discreet hint of infusion. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced, a tangy structure, a good definition, a lovely airy side in its matter, creaminess and freshness that drives the tasting. In mouth this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of juicy fresh purple plums associated with touches of small bright red fruits, graphene as well as a fine almost charcolat hints, cocoa, toasted hints, a hint of almond and a subtle hint of coffee. Tannins are elegant, fresh and sapid. There are fine fresh floral hints a toasted almond in the background. A nicely stretched, creamy and gourmand side in the persistence.

Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

La Closerie de Fourtet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

A beautifully elegant, silky, shiny nose which offers depth, a certain concentration as well as an infusion side. Beautifully deep, pure and chiseled. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, morello cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of black plum, small juicy roasted red fruits as well as hints of cornflower, zan, and discreet hints of pepper (green) and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is nicely fresh, juicy, balanced with a fresh/acidic frame. We have notes of juicy and pulpy black cherry, blackcurrant and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of blueberry, small roasted red berries as well as a hint of mocha, toast and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are mellow, serous and nicely appetizing. There is a hint of good bitterness in the background. There is a nice generosity/sexy side to Cabernet Franc with a salty hint in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Le Différent de Château de Ferrand 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers fruit, a certain racy power, a frank side in its grain as well as a little concentration. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, small creamy wild fruits and slight notes of licorice/zan stick associated with

touches of pepper, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of almost small juicy roasted red fruits and tapenade. The palate is fruity with juiciness and a tangy structure which brings tension and energy. There are notes of creamy blackberries, Bigarreau cherries and small notes of small roasted and juicy fruits associated with a hint of creaminess, liquorice and toast which give gourmandise. Tannins are mellow and sapid with freshness and a floral hint in the background. Good length.

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

Château Trapaud 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Lovely fruity, spicy nose, finely graphene, chiseled and offers a discreet, almost chalky side as well as aromatic purity. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, small black berries and slight notes of black pepper associated with touches of cornflower, small juicy roasted red fruits as well as a hint of colas, sweet blond tobacco and discreet vanilla pod tips. The palate is fruity with purity and lovely juicy pulpy fruit. It's beautifully crafted with precision and a tangy texture. There are notes of juicy / pulpy black cherries, juicy blackcurrant which brings brightness to the wine. There are hints of tonka bean, cocoa, toast as well as hints of roasted and juicy red berries. There is a hint of blueberries and fine notes of vanilla, blond tobacco and a subtle hint of cinnamon and toast. At the end of the palate, we perceive notes of roasting and cocoa on the persistence. Tannins are finely chalky and gourmand. There is some nice work on the good bitters and roasting. The wine is pure and precise, nicely framed.

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



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Todeschini – Distique 15 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot) The nose is mineral, racy, complete, elegant and well-built. It reveals notes of graphene and small notes of cocoa associated with touches of juicy blackberry, small roasted-juicy red fruits, a hint of crushed red berries as well as hints of Cubeb pepper, tobacco, a subtle almost smoky hint, salinity and vanilla. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and elegant, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, tension, accuracy, suppleness, delicacy, a beautiful structure (in delicacy), elegant darkness as well as silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberries, bright wild cassis and small notes of red berries associated with touches of sage, rosemary, graphene as well as discreet hints of tonka beans. There is a nice wrapped and velvety side on the finish on the persistence. Tannins are elegant and mellow, even slightly chalky. A beautiful minerality and freshness. Persistence with the limestone which is fully expressed. Beautiful sense of detail !

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Fleur Cravignac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, spicy, with a floral hint. There are notes of fresh wild blackberry, mocha, and more discreetly a touch of elegant roast, associated with touches of pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, a tangy structure, tension, gourmandise, and precision. We perceive notes of juicy roasted cherry and crushed raspberry and more discreetly of mocha, associated with touches of bright blackcurrant, as well as hints of blond tobacco, and a note of smoke and vanilla. The whole thing is fresh, with an infusion of freshness. Tannins are slightly mellow.

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

Château Godeau 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is precise, clean, with a chiseled side and great purity. There are notes of bright blackcurrant, black cherry, and more discreetly a touch of pulpy and bright red berries, combined with touches of elegant roast, as well as nuances of cornflower and fresh blond tobacco. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, fruity, with a nice minerality. The structure is fresh, marked by tension and accuracy, with crystalline purity on the palate. There are notes of juicy roasted cherry, bright blackcurrant, combined with a touch of elegant roasted red berries, a hint of sage, star anise, and a subtle hint of toast and chocolate. Good length, with mellow and sapid tannins. Gourmandise, freshness and a nice tanginess come through well, with a subtle citrus note (slight tanginess in the background).

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

Château Tour de Capet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose benefits from being decanted. We find notes of bright blackberry, passionate berries and, more precisely, crushed wild strawberries. These aromas are associated with touches of tobacco, smoke, a hint of camphor, and discreet nuances of vanilla. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, smoothness and freshness. It has a good finish, a little shine, with notes of bright cherry, juicy and ripe blackcurrant, accompanied by juicy and patinated berries. All combined with a touch of blond tobacco and a fine hint of nutmeg. Tannins are mellow.

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

L'Excellence Clos des Menuts 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and roasted, elegant, with touches of vanilla and a hint of toast. There are notes of crushed cherry and vanilla, more discreetly notes of elegant roast, associated with touches of cornflower, nutmeg, pepper and toast. The palate is fruity, juicy, with smoothness, freshness, and a beautiful roundness. We perceive notes of juicy blackberry mixing with elegant roasted cherry, with a slight touch of vanilla. We also detect notes of blond tobacco, coconut, as well as a subtle note of bright blue plum and licorice stick.

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

Lucia 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is marked by controlled power and beautiful concentration, with aromatic depth and a lovely racy grain. We find notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed strawberry, and more discreetly small shiny black fruits, associated with touches of graphene, mocha, as well as hints of toast. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, freshness, suppleness and good tension. There is some minerality, and sometimes a flirtation with roasty-juicy and Mediterranean notes. We perceive notes of bright blackcurrant, elegant roasted cherry almost Mediterranean herbs, associated with touches of bright raspberry as well as hints of toast, chocolate, vanilla, graphene and a hint of clove. A little sappy note in the background. Beautiful freshness and volume. The texture is mellow, fresh and airy.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Louis 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is marked by a racy, frank grain and a little power. We perceive notes of graphene/incense, pepper, more precisely blackcurrant, associated with touches of wild blackberry, and fine hints of sweet spices, as well as a subtle almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, racy minerality and acidity. We find notes of juicy/tart blackcurrant, accompanied by fresh/tart blackberry, and cherry, all associated with a touch of violet, tobacco, star anise, chocolate, as well as a fine hint of toasted hazelnut. We also discover a chewiness and a certain gourmandise. Tannins are mellow and sapid, with a fine varietal hint (sappy) which guides the tasting. Good persistence on chocolate.

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

Château Capet Guiller 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, with aromas of fruit and a floral touch. We perceive notes of blueberry, violet, and small notes small bright wild fruits, associated with touches of graphene, toast, and elegant roasted cherry, as well as hints of violet and spices. The palate is nicely structured, fresh and juicy, with shine and nice definition. There are notes of juicy roasted cherry, bright blackcurrant, as well as hints of blueberry, small bright blue fruits, as well as touches of toast and chocolate. Tannins are mellow and gourmand, bringing a beautiful freshness, juiciness, brightness and gourmandise. A subtle fresh balsamic hint is felt in the background. Pretty mellow and textured matter with a discreet touch of clove.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Sanctus 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, with a certain power and a fine, powerful and airy grain. We perceive notes of wild blackcurrant, wild blackberry, and small notes touches of crushed strawberry, associated with notes of toast, tobacco and a hint of vanilla. The palate is nicely structured, supple and fresh, with a mineral structure and a beautiful freshness. We find notes of luscious blackberry, creamy blackcurrant, and elegant roasted red berries, combined with a touch of fresh blueberry, cornflower, as well as a hint of sage, vanilla and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are mellow and racy. Good length. The whole thing is both mellow and gourmand. Beautiful matter and purity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Pipeau 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is nicely developed, deep, fresh and ample, with an airy side in its concentration. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry and small notes of wild strawberry, associated with touches of nutmeg, tobacco, a hint of clove, as well as a fine nuance of small bright blue berries and toasted. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, with juiciness, a tangy structure, precision, tension and a beautiful minerality. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant, boysenberry and slight notes of crushed raspberry, associated with touches of juicy/bright small fruits, as well as a hint of violet, blond tobacco and toasted notes. Tannins are mellow and toasted. Good length with a hint of roasting in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Franc La Rose 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is straight, fresh and spicy, with notes of violet, lily and small notes of fresh blackberry, associated with touches of small fresh flowers, small fresh berries, as well as fine hints of fresh pepper and a discreet almost hint of fresh balsamic. The palate is fruity, with freshness and juiciness, a mineral structure and a little tension. It reveals smoothness, freshness, good definition, floral and dynamic. There are notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, bright redcurrants and small notes of purple plum, associated with touches of licorice stick, sweet blond tobacco as well as nuances of vanilla and chocolate. Touches of smoke, graphene and a vegetal in the background. Good length. Freshness and minerality.

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

Château Daugay 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, pulpy, with purity and a nice definition of the fruit. There are notes of violet, fresh blackberry and small notes of small fresh wild red fruits, associated with touches of clove, a hint of star anise, incense and fresh spices. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, suavity, freshness, a nice definition, a fresh structure, acidity, elegantly defined, with a brilliant side of the fruit. It reveals notes of bright blackcurrant, bright morello cherry and small notes violet, combined with touches of crushed boysenberry, up to hints of roasted raspberry, chocolate, toasted almond, as well as a nuance of tobacco and a slight, almost Mediterranean impression. Good length. Tannins are sapid, mellow. The nose also presents a hint of fresh aromatic herbs.

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

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Muse du Val 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of fruit, a beautiful concentration, a lovely creamy, fine and airy grain, with depth and elegance. There are notes of creamy blackcurrant, crushed wild blackberry and slight notes of concentrated blueberry, combined with touches of small fruits with a Mediterranean accent and a roasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, tangy, with a lovely energy which carries the wine, a melodious side, creaminess combined with an airy character. It expresses notes of creamy blueberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes violet, associated with touches of Bigarreau cherry, small blue fruits as well as spices of licorice stick, blond tobacco, camphor, with a touch fresh toast, a discreet hint of crushed redcurrant, aromatic herbs and a touch of graphene. Tannins are mellow, racy and well-built. A lovely freshness and minerality. A hint of roasting emerges in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Moine Vieux 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose benefits from being decanted. We find notes of blackberry, racy minerality, and, small notes, small fresh fruits, associated with touches of flint, sweet pepper and a hint of zan. The palate is fresh, mineral, balanced, with a tangy structure and great energy. It has good definition, juiciness and substance, a certain thickness, energy and a stretched side at the same time. We also perceive notes of fresh and juicy wild blackberry, wild raspberry, as well as small fleshy and juicy berries, associated with touches of cornflower, iris, and hints of graphene/graphite, as well as a subtle touch chocolatey. Tannins are fresh, sapid and supple.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Paradis 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with a nice concentration of fruit, purity and a chiseled side. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, blackberry, violet, and small notes graphene, associated with touches of crushed fruit, with a hint of bright strawberry, a touch of elegant roast, as well as discreet hints of cornflower and by zan. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, gourmand, mellow and airy, with a certain concentration and depth. We perceive notes of creamy blackcurrant, elegant roasted cherry, and small notes crushed/concentrated blackberry, associated with a touch of elegant roasted strawberry, as well as fine hints almost of aromatic herbs, sage, infusion, toasted and roasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are mellow and tasty. A discreet firmness on the finish (gourmandise).

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Héritage de Monlot 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals a beautiful, well-balanced substance, slightly creamy with a certain gourmandise and a fine texture. We perceive notes of violet, creamy boysenberry, and slight notes of creamy strawberry, associated with touches of blueberry, mocha and a hint of roasting. The palate is fruity, fresh, mellow, supple and airy, with a fresh structure. There are notes of bright blackcurrant, creamy blackberry, and slight notes of juicy roasted cherry, associated with a touch of cornflower, zan and fine hints of tonka bean and nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are mellow and sapid. A subtle hint of crushed hazelnut. A slight almost roasted herbal/sage impression in the background.

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

Château Magnan La Gaffelière 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, concentrated, and benefits from being decanted, with a certain aromatic depth. We perceive notes of luscious strawberry, bright blackcurrant, and small notes zan, associated with touches of toast, violet, star anise and a hint of small, bright blue fruits. The palate is fruity, creamy, gourmand, with energy and a tangy structure, offering beautiful definition. We find notes of creamy blackcurrant, roasted-elegant cherry, and small notes blueberry, associated with touches of small crushed fleshy blue fruits, as well as hints of star anise, chocolate, and a touch of graphene and gentle roasting. Good length. Tannins are fresh and elegant, offering gourmandise and harmony.

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

La Croix de Montlabert 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, spicy, and concentrated, with a marked intensity and a frank grain. We perceive notes of wild blackcurrant, wild blackberry, and slight notes of Madagascar pepper, associated with a touch of cornflower, plum blossom, as well as hints of incense and spices. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, balanced, with a fresh structure, juice, and a fine tension. We find notes of juicy and fresh blackcurrant, blueberry, and small toasted and vanilla notes, associated with touches of small crushed red fruits, as well as a hint of flowers and a subtle almost touch of coconut in bottom. Tannins are mellow and sapid. It's fresh, mineral.

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

Château Trianon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, mineral, racy, with notes of fruit. There are aromas of bright wild blackberry, a slight darkness, small concentrated blue fruits, and more particularly blueberry, associated with touches of zan, bright blueberry, as well as a hint of rattan, infusion and a subtle almost black olive and chocolate touch. The palate is fruity, fresh, with minerality, a fresh structure and creaminess, accompanied by a beautiful energy which guides everything. We find notes of creamy blackberry, bright raspberry and small crushed red berries, combined with touches of elegant roasted fruits, cornflower, blond tobacco, zan, infusion, and a hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are mellow, sapid and tasty, with a touch of roasting on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Mondou 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, with a certain power and deep darkness. It expresses notes of roasting, small blue fruits and more particularly cornflower, associated with touches of aromatic herbs, small roasted Mediterranean red fruits, as well as fine hints of liquorice, vanilla, a touch of graphite and mocha. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, freshness, beautiful definition, a fresh and tangy structure with a touch of gourmandise. We perceive a little creaminess in juiciness. We also find notes of creamy blackberry followed by cornflower, fresh blue plum, and small roasted Mediterranean red fruits, associated with touches of aromatic herbs and fine hints of tobacco, black olive and roasting. A nice chew. Tannins are mellow. Good length, with a fine, almost fennel touch in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Dôme 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

A lovely elegant nose marked by a darkness, with nuances of infusion and a depth that is both austere and elegant, all in delicacy and suppleness, with a fine floral bouquet. We perceive notes of bright wild blackcurrant, bright morello cherry and, more lightly, creamy blue plum, associated with touches of liquorice stick, discreet Madagascar pepper, as well as fine hints of black tea, cornflower, clove and vanilla pod. The palate is beautifully built, supple and fresh, with remarkable elegance and a beautiful darkness balanced by the freshness. We find a depth and a concentrated side reminiscent of an infusion, with a chiseled frame. The notes of small bright black berries, bright blackcurrant and small bright blue fruits are accompanied by touches of roasted and juicy raspberry, morello cherry, as well as fine hints almost of Mediterranean aromatic herbs. Subtle nuances of graphene, tonka bean, mocha, toast and bourbon vanilla complete this complex and refined palette. The wine is distinguished by its definition and gourmandise.

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

Mazérat – Monoparcellaire 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, offering juiciness, depth and a certain concentration, with a nice infusion side. There are notes of pulpy raspberry, bright cherry and, more slightly, pulpy blackcurrant, associated with touches of roasted fruits as well as hints of small blue fruits, liquorice stick and fine notes of pepper. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, and well-balanced, carried by a mineral frame. It deploys freshness, suppleness and juiciness, with a spherical, elegant side and a beautiful alliance between infusion and aromatic concentration. A fine elegant darkness completes this harmony. The flavors are expressed with notes of pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and bright morello cherry, associated with touches of roasted and juicy small fruits, as well as subtle hints of blueberry and chocolate. Good length, with a nicely chocolatey, fresh and juicy finish, bringing brightness and delicacy. A slight hint of grilled aromatic herbs stands out in the background. A beautiful roundness, balanced, with mellow tannins and a subtle hint of roasting in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Laforge 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is beautifully crafted, offering a lovely texture, mellowness, a certain intensity and finesse in the grain. We perceive notes of wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and, more subtly, crushed wild strawberry, associated with touches of grey pepper, star anise, as well as a hint of roasted and elegant raspberry, and a subtle Mediterranean nuance and fine smoky notes. The palate is just as well crafted, fruity, fresh and elegant. Supple and suave, it deploys roundness and sweetness. We find notes of bright morello cherry, brilliant blackcurrant, and more lightly a refined purple plum, associated with Mediterranean accents, elegant roasted red fruits, as well as a light touch of grilled aromatic herbs, blueberry and zan. Tannins are elegant and discreetly firm. The finish plays on a beautiful bitterness of cocoa and roasted nuances, while highlighting a juicy and fresh roasted morello cherry. A beautiful chew.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Château Teyssier 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals a bright and powerful fruit, offering a beautiful intensity and an airy finesse of the grain. It reveals a great aromatic complexity: we perceive complex notes of wild blackcurrant, bright boysenberry, and, more precisely, blueberry associated with touches of elegant roasted morello cherry, as well as a fine hint of incense, violet, a subtle hint of saffron and black pepper. On the palate, the wine is beautifully built, fruity, suave and fresh, with a mineral frame, a subtle tension and a silky and unctuous texture. We find flavors of black cherry, bright morello cherry, bright boysenberry, and particularly star anise associated with touches of roasted and juicy red berries. Notes of chocolate, toast, cardamom, roasted hazelnut and mocha complete the picture. An elegant, juicy wine with a vibrant minerality.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Croix Canon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, spicy, beautifully intense and yet delicate, with well-marked spices. There are notes of violet, blond tobacco, and more discreetly pepper, associated with touches of wild blackberry, small very ripe wild berries, as well as small fairly ripe blue fruits, accompanied by hints of clove and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, smoothness and delicacy, a slight sensation of candy, as well as a slight fatty roundness. The frame is tangy, with notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small juicy/pulpy blue fruits and cornflower, accompanied by touches of violet, cornflower to a fine hint of nutmeg, chocolate, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. A certain creaminess is felt in the background. Good length, and a certain controlled power. At the end of the mouth, a hint of discreet roasting appears.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Perle du Brégnet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is marked by spices, nutmeg, blackcurrant and touches of black cherry, combined with fine notes of pepper and clove. On the palate, the wine is fruity, with juiciness, freshness, minerality, and a slight touch of fat. The structure is mineral. We find notes of juicy blackcurrant, juicy fresh cherry, and raspberry, combined with a touch of clove, fresh blond tobacco, as well as a subtle note of nutmeg and a slight hint of vanilla in the background.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)

Château Peymouton 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, with fruit and some minerality, accompanied by a mellow finish. There are notes of boysenberry, pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, more precisely graphene, racy minerality, associated with touches of violet, small wild black fruits, and a hint of sweet pepper, completed by fine hints almost of blond tobacco. On the palate, the wine is nicely juicy, fruity and balanced, with a tangy frame, a certain tension and adjustment. The notes of juicy and pulpy blackberry, fresh blackcurrant mingle with touches of fresh flowers, and hints of small red berries, fresh tobacco, as well as a touch of sweet pepper and graphene. Good length, with a nice freshness. Good work on the bitters. A subtle touch of chocolate on the finish/in the background.

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

Château Pindefleurs 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, with a little creamy touch of freshness and a toast. There are notes of blackberry cream, fleshy blackcurrant, and a slight note of vanilla, associated with touches of fresh toast, a subtle hint of nutmeg, and discreet notes of cornflower and salinity. On the palate, the wine is fruity, juicy, with freshness and tension. It gives off a beautiful energy, with a fine electric nuance. The notes of juicy and fresh blackberry, juicy and fresh blackcurrant blend delicately with small pulpy red berries, associated with a touch of fleshy purple plum. There are also touches of nutmeg, cardamom and vanilla toast. Good length, with mellow and tasty tannins. A sappy almost fennel hint in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Clotte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely developed, with a certain richness and intensity in the fruit. There are bright notes of raspberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of bright blackcurrant, combined with touches of cornflower, saffron, as well as fine hints of vanilla. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, supple, elegant, gourmand, with a burst of fruit. We perceive notes of bright blueberry, bright purple plum, and small notes of bright redcurrant, accompanied by touches of liquorice, toasted notes, an almost blueberry hint and subtle, slightly sappy notes. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. The whole thing is nicely carried out with an almost touch of coffee in the background. The wine is nicely juicy/pulpy and gourmand. Tannins are fresh, with a nice freshness and fullness, offering width.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Soutard 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, precise and offers concentration, complexity, a nice infusion side as well as a certain appetizing darkness. It reveals notes of violet, morello cherry, concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of star anise, Madagascar pepper as well as an almost balsamic hint and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, precise, nicely racy, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, tension, accuracy, vibrant acidity as well as beautiful energy. Beautiful brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy cherry, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh blue plum, star anise, cornflower, fresh lilac, bergamot, tonka bean and toast. A fine hint of infusion in the background. Tannins are tasty and elegant. Fine hints of sweet blond tobacco in the background. Beautiful salinity on the finish. Good length and lovely persistence. Congratulations!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Larmande 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

Lovely fruity nose, fresh and offers concentration, a hint of aromatic herbs as well as a certain depth. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of small ripe/pulpy blue fruits associated with a hint of creamy red fruits and infusion. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, freshness, minerality, a good definition as well as accuracy. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy blue plum, and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of small roasted-juicy red fruits as well as hints of star anise and blueberry. A hint of chocolate, exacerbatd minerality on the finish. Sapidty on the finish/persistence (gives appetence).

Score : 16.75/20 (92-93/100)

Château Cap de Mourlin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

Lovely fruity nose, fresh, roasted and offers intensity in elegance as well as depth. A well-integrated wood. It reveals notes of morello cherry, violet and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of roasted-juicy berries, bright blueberry as well as a hint of colas, cherry blossoms and delicate spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, balanced and offers a tangy frame, juiciness, tension, suppleness, sapidity and gourmandise. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy bigarreau cherry, blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of roasted-juicy berries as well as hints of roasting, cardamom, a hint of caramelization/toasted and discreet hints of graphene and cocoa. Nice mellowness and flavor on the finish/chewy. Good length and a coating sensation.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Balestard La Tonnelle 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, complex and offers creaminess, depth and gourmandise. It reveals notes of creamy cassis, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of limestone associated with touches of fleshy purple plum, crushed/ripe small fruits as well as a hint of toast, sweet spices, a subtle hint of tonka bean and a very discreet hint of infusion. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, elegant, balanced and offers a tangy frame, energy, roundness, volume, a nice definition. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry, bright cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of juicy/fresh cherry as well as hints of toast, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of toasted almond, fresh coffee and a subtle hint of spices. Tannins are mellow and finely powdered. Good length, nicely sapid and gourmand, appetizing and opening finish. Acidic, limestone, width, fat and smoothness. A layer of good roasting in the background.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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Château Tour Saint Christophe 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers a certain racy power, elegance, some stretchiness as well as a certain straightness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, star anise and small notes of pepper associated with touches of cornflower, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of infusion. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, accuracy. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy bigarreau cherry, bright/juicy purple plum and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of lily, tonka bean, toast and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are mellow and sapid. A beautifully gourmand wine, with smoothness in juiciness and delicacy, a powdery hint, a good bitterness and a subtle hint of incense in the background and infusion, an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate and black olive.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Bellefont-Belcier 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, elegant, aromatic, deep and offers power and airiness at the same time. It reveals notes of black pepper, camphor and small notes of lily associated with touches of star anise, lilac as well as hints of tonka bean and a hint of roasted-juicy cherry. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, elegant, nicely conducted, balanced and offers a tangy frame, concentration in accuracy, depth of limestone and complexity of the Mediterranean barrier, a hint of pepper, salinity, sweet blond tobacco, toast, cardamom. Good length, nicely racy and finesse. Nicely fresh, melodious, everything in place.

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

Château Croix de Labrie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, creamy and offers a certain small concentration, juiciness, depth, a small power as well as a nice spicy side/licorice stick. It reveals notes of creamy cassis, blueberry and small notes of small black berries associated with touches of black pepper, infusion, morello cherry as well as discreet hints of graphene, cardamom, black tea, a very discreet almost garrigue hint and black olive. The palate is fruity, vibrant and offers juiciness, freshness, a nice tangy side and energy, tangy. It expresses notes of juicy and concentrated cassis, juicy and concentrated blueberry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of small tangy red berries as well as hints of toast, graphene and chocolate. Tannins are mellow and well-managed. An infused side, a certain elegant darkness. A nice persistence and chewiness. Nice mellowness, a subtle hint of good bitterness and creamy little fruits in the background.

Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château La Dominique 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic, floral and offers a certain small concentration, intensity as well as a certain power in control. A pretty velvety grain, powerful, racy and fine. We find notes of violet, lily, crushed blueberry and small notes of Madagascar pepper associated with touches of wild pepper, small berries, concentrated fruits as well as hints of roasted-juicy fruits, discreet hints of infusion and spices. The palate is fruity and offers a tangy frame, juiciness, suavity, minerality, good definition, a certain fleshiness, velvety and delicacy, density in elegance and mastery, a fine blackness. It expresses notes of concentrated bigarreau cherry, concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of small roasted-juicy red fruits associated with touches of infusion, tonka bean, cornflower, graphene as well as fine hints of almost dark chocolate, aromatic herbs and roasting. A nice definition, Tannins are fresh, suave, tasty and tracing.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Bellevue 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of graphene, crushed blueberry, fairly ripe blackcurrant and small notes of morello cherry associated with hints of cornflower, crushed small blue fruits, Bourbon vanilla, Madagascar pepper, spices, graphene, cocoa, sense of place (local biotope) as well as a subtle hint of coffee and almost cumin. The palate is beautifully managed, fruity, juicy, elegant, racy, supple and precise, harmonious. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed blue plum, a hint of crushed raspberry as well as hints of almond, toast, cardamom and a hint of cocoa, salinity. A lovely mirror of its limestone terroir and marked by the local biotope. A subtle, almost

sappy hint. Nicely graphite/marked limestone and a hint of lovely austerity/elegant darkness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Fonplegade 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully conducted and offers a 3-dimensional / multi-layered structure, darkness as well as depth in elegance. It reveals notes of wild cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of morello cherry associated with touches of graphene, sense of place (Mediterranean barrier), wild pepper, cypress as well as hints of crushed blueberry, discreet hints of cornflower and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a nice definition, a tangy frame, a nice multi-layered structure and a frank, fine, straight and elegant texture at the same time, all in accuracy. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, suave blackcurrant and small notes of small roasted-juicy black fruits, associated with touches of cornflower, violet as well as a hint of small wild red berries, wild red pepper as well as hints of mocha, clove, infusion and roasting. Beautifully defined, precise, gourmand, mellow. Tannins are mellow, tasty, a chalky side in the mouth and a nice purity/brilliance/crystalline side of the matter. A certain creaminess in juiciness and elegance

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

Château Moulin du Cadet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fleshy and offers depth, intensity and nice airiness in its richness and grain. It expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, bright blueberry and small notes of quite ripe/concentrated small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of bergamot, infusion, black pepper and a hint of sweet spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, tangy, nicely racy and offers a fresh/mineral frame, tension, juiciness, delicacy. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, juicy Boysenberry and small notes of bright blueberry associated with a touch of fleshy/ juicy raspberry, toast, chocolate, black tea and blond tobacco, as well as a hint of fresh roasting. Tannins are supple, racy and well-managed. Good acidity and savoury persistence.

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

Château Peby Faugères 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

(25th harvest) The nose is fruity and offers a lovely fine grain, elegant, intense and frank. The wine would benefit from being decanted because it is currently slightly tight. The nose expresses notes of wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of fresh liquorice stick, fresh clove as well as a hint of almost Mediterranean barrier, infusion, black olive and vanilla. The palate is fruity, spherical and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, tension, accuracy, suppleness, volume, energy, depth. It expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with lovely saline touches as well as hints of sense of the place / Mediterranean barrier, aromatic herbs, roasting, toast, anise, black olive and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are elegant, tasty and mellow. Nice minerality and freshness. Nice mellow grain and a little chewiness on the finish and saline persistence.

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

Château Fleur Cardinale 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

(78% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is fruity, intense, peppery and offers concentration, deepness in precision as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, graphene and small notes of cocoa associated with touches of blueberry, crushed strawberry, fine toasted hints, roasting as well as a discreet hint of clove, a subtle hint of almost crushed plum

and an imperceptible almost balsamic/pepper hint. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, creaminess in precision, a spherical side, a great delicacy, brightness, brilliance as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cherry, purple plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of balsamic, hints of star anise, cocoa tonka bean as well as discreet toasted hints, a hint of toasted almond and graphene. Tannins are sapid and mellow. An almost saline side which brings a lot of gourmandise. Good length with a hint of roasting and roasted almonds in the background. A wine deeply rooted in its terroir.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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Château Faugères 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a certain varietal freshness in the background, as well as notes of pulpy blackcurrant, concentrated blackberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with a touch of bigarreau cherry, sense of place/varietal freshness as well as a hint of camphor, fresh pepper and a hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, good definition, a little tension, accuracy, suppleness. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of pulpy strawberry associated with a touch of violet, lilac, a fine hint of Mediterranean barrier, fresh nutmeg, fresh tobacco and an imperceptible hint almost fresh sage and roasting in the background. Tannins are saline, sapid and mellow. Gourmandise, roundness, freshness and an airiness in the matter.

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

Château La Couspaude 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The wine would benefit from being decanted. The nose expresses notes of Sichuan pepper, wild blackcurrant and small notes of small berries associated with touches of spices, nutmeg, a hint of pink pepper, violet/lilac as well as fine hints of camphor and tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, mineral and offers a nice definition, a fine grain, racy, elegant and tracing, a certain little straightness, precision in its fruit. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of small wild berries, spices, nutmeg and tobacco. Good length. Tannins are sapid and supple. A fine chew on the finish/persistence, with calcareous/saline hints in the background.

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

Château Dassault 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain clayey power as well as a nice racy grain.

We find notes of wild blackberry and sense of place (local biotope) associated with touches of crushed blackcurrant, liquorice/zan as well as a hint of crushed strawberry, a discreet hint of cinnamon/clove and a very discreet hint of sweet pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, and offers juiciness, a nice tangy frame, accuracy, a certain tension, suavity, suppleness and juicy/tangy fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of bright red berries, zan, nutmeg, sweet blond tobacco and a subtle almost vanilla hint. Tannins are sapid and gourmand. Fine chew and a nice sapidity on the finish/persistence. A good balance on the good bitters. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Pressac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully conducted, supple, fine and precise at the same time. Complexity, an airy side in its power as well as a lovely racy grain. We find notes of concentrated black blackberry, morello cherry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of liquorice stick, almost a side of rosemary/roasted aromatic herbs, infusion, black tea as well as fine hints of black pepper and dark chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers elegance, pulpiness, a certain purity of fruit, a nice definition and a certain width, power in accuracy. It expresses notes of blackberry, black plum and crushed blackcurrant associated with touches of roasted red berries, chocolate, as well as fine hints of blueberry, cornflower, infusion, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla pod, sage and black olive. Tannins are mellow, gourmand and chewy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Sansonnet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely built and offers a racy limestone power, depth, intensity as well as a lovely bouquet of fruits. It reveals notes of blueberry, morello cherry and small notes of concentrated cassis associated with small touches of roasted-juicy fruits as well as fine hints of rosemary/aromatic herbs, infusion/black tea and zan. The palate is nicely built, fruity, elegant, supple, airy, and offers delicacy in its power, a lovely shine, a certain brilliance of the fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blueberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits as well as hints of tonka bean/mocha, toast, zan, infusion, concentrated cassis, roasting and black olive. Tannins are sapid, savoury, precise, a little mellow and a fine straightness. Lovely silky and delicate touch.

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

Château Montlabert 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

A lovely powerful, concentrated, ripe nose, which offers density in its fruit, darkness. It expresses notes of wild blackcurrant, concentrated blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice, morello cherry, as well as hints of infusion, black tea, camphor and a subtle hint of smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a lovely definition, a certain concentration in delicacy, a certain verticality. It expresses notes of black cherry/morello cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of juicy/tangy blueberry, associated with touches of roasted/juicy red berries, black tea, juicy/fresh red berries, blueberry and camphor/sweet spices. Good length, a subtle hint of good bitterness on the persistence.

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

Château La Croisille 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is spicy, racy and offers a certain concentration and depth. It expresses notes of wild blackcurrant, blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of cubeb pepper, camphor, local dry soil as well as a hint of spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, tangy and offers delicacy, a certain little tension, accuracy, a tangy frame. It expresses notes of blackberry, tangy/juicy blackcurrant, tangy plum and small notes of tangy cherry associated with touches of lily, nutmeg and toast. Finish with a hint of roasting, liquorice and a subtle sappy hint. Suppleness, smoothness, very nice tangy freshness.

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

Château Laroze 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, airy in its power and offers a beautiful racy and structured grain. A lovely graphene side and an infusion side. It reveals notes of black cherry, star anise and small notes of concentrated red /ripe small fruits associated with touches of cornflower, small bright small blue fruits as well as hints of blond tobacco, star anise, colas as well as a

subtle hint of smoke and an imperceptible almost terra cota hint. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, elegant, well-balanced, nicely juicy, tangy, chiseled, nicely racy and offers a beautiful energy. There is a lovely airy touch, velvety and delicate. Beautiful texture ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/acidulous black plum and small notes of lily, cornflowers associated with touches of cassis, small dense/ripe red fruits as well as fine hints of cola, blond tobacco, fine hints of graphite and a hint of roasting. The wine is beautifully built and gourmand. Tannins are elegant, mellow and supple. An infusion side. On the finish we find hints of tonka bean and cocoa in the background.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Yon-Figeac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers a lovely richness and pulpiness of the fruit. It expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of liquorice stick, morello cherry as well as a hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is beautifully gourmand, creamy, fresh and offers energy, a tangy frame, a good guideline. It expresses notes of creamy cassis, blueberry and small notes of roasted-juicy raspberry associated with touches of blueberry, liquorice stick, vanilla and a hint of toasted-sweet and a very discreet hint of infusion in the background, blueberry coffee in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Haut-Sarpe 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic, floral and airy. It expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, violet and small notes of lilac associated with touches of concentrated small black fruits as well as a hint of blueberry and a hint of coffee, an almost sappy and limestone hint in the background. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a little fat, carried by its freshness, notes of creamy blackberry, black plum and small notes of roasted raspberry associated with almost cola touches, violet/blueberry as well as hints of chocolate and a hint of sweet blond tobacco and a subtle almost smoky hint. The finish is sapid, suave. Tannins are mellow, suave and gourmands.

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

Château La Tour Figeac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The wine would benefit from being decanted. The nose is spicy, frank, precise and expresses notes of boysenberry, clove and spices associated with fine hints of almost undergrowth, nutmeg, crushed wild strawberry and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is nicely built, fruity, currently a bit tight/contained, but offers a nice fat, minerality



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and race, a certain volume/roundness. It expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, pulpy blackberry and small notes of pulpy purple plum associated with touches of crushed blueberry, cornflower, liquorice stick and fine hints of vanilla. Tannins are mellow, sapid, suave and gourmand. Suppleness and harmony.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Guadet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely built and offers complexity and depth, a nice pulpy/mellow fruit, notes of pulpy blueberry, pulpy cherry/blueberry and small notes of vanilla associated with touches of liquorice, pulpy purple plum as well as camphor and sweet spices. The palate is nicely built, safe, nicely fresh, gourmand, and offers a nice purity of fruit, notes of blueberry, blackcurrant and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of roasted-juicy berries, blue berries, vanilla, star anise as well as a subtle hint of toast. Tannins are mellow, suave. A hint of oak in the background, a subtle sappy hint.

Score : 17.25+20 (95/100)

Château La Marzelle 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, juicy, nicely spicy, chiseled and offers a floral hint in the background and a certain concentration. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of concentrated black plum associated with touches of star anise, black pepper, infusion and has fine hints of spices almost aromatic herbs. The palate is nicely carried, fruity, tangy, nicely sapid/saline. It expresses notes of juicy/tart blackcurrant, juicy/tart blackberry and small notes of iodine/salinity associated with touches of juicy purple plum as well as fine hints of crushed red fruits, star anise, liquorice, infusion, and a subtle hint of cinnamon. Good length, depth, freshness and a nice chiseled structure. Tannins are sapid and suave. Beautiful gourmand persistence, a subtle hint of vanilla in the background.

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

Château La Commanderie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, spicy, complex and offers a certain power/intensity. It reveals notes of concentrated wild blackberry, small black berries and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of roasted strawberry, almost cypress hints as well as hints of almost grilled aromatic herbs and fine hints of vanilla. Toasted. The palate is fruity with juiciness, freshness, a mineral framework which brings a little tension and precision. We have notes of juicy and pulpy blackberries, bright blackcurrant and small notes of purple plums associated with touches of roasted and juicy raspberries as well as hints of vanilla, blueberries and fine hints of licorice stick and chocolate. Good length with freshness and juiciness and good persistence.

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

Clos des Jacobins 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely racy and offers depth, elegant darkness, an infusion side as well as an airy side in its power. We find notes of blond tobacco, small wild black berries and graphene associated with touches of black plum, sage/infusion as well as discreet hints of lilac and spices. The palate is nicely structured, fruity with freshness, juiciness and a fresh tangy frame with nice definition, tension and purity. The limestone terroir is nicely marked. There is an elegant darkness. We have notes of wild blackcurrant, small juicy/pulpy black berry and slight notes of black tea associated with touches of juicy roasted raspberry as well as hints of blond tobacco, graphene and cardamom. Tannins are mellow and elegant. There is a nice acidity which brings bite. The wine is powerful and delicate with an airy character. Good length with mellow persistence.

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

Château Laroque 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, complex, beautifully racy, fine, precise and captivating, with an intense grain, depth and delicacy. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of small wild berries, associated with touches of pepper as well as beautiful hints of limestone, sense of place and discreet hints of bergamot, almost dry aromatic grove. The palate is beautifully conducted, fresh, racy, elegant, tense, with beautiful energy, a precise grain, frank, racy, but delicate in its touch. It expresses notes of bosyen blackberry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of small bright blue

fruits associated with touches of small wild fruits, bright fruits, smoke, dry soil, almost dry aromatic herbs, tobacco and mocha. Tannins are mellow, sapid and beautifully tasty. Beautiful freshness with a creamy touch, gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Grand Corbin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a certain power, spices as well as a powerful and racy grain. There are notes of blackberry, tobacco and slight notes of pepper associated with touches of nutmeg as well as a hint of blueberry and cardamom. The palate is fruity with minerality, suppleness and a little freshness as well as balance. There is a fine sappy note in the frame with notes of pulpy blackcurrant, purple plum and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as hints of liquorice stick and fine toasted notes and toasted almonds. There is a lovely freshness, suppleness and an enveloping side of roasting and liquorice. Good length.

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

Château Tour Baladoz 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers concentration. We find notes of crushed blackcurrant, blueberry and slight notes of ripe fruit associated with almost rosemary/sage touches, blond tobacco, cinnamon as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is nicely fruity, mineral, fresh and tangy with gourmandise. We have notes of pulpy and juicy blackberries, bright purple plums and small notes of small bright red fruits associated with a hint of blueberry, vanilla, licorice stick as well as a hint of sage, lilac and a discreet almost infusion hint as well as toasted notes. Nice salinity and sapidity on the finish with persistence, the wine has a beautiful freshness and a tangy frame with sapid and tasty tannins.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Villemaurine 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is floral, fresh and racy. There are notes of ocardif fresh violet, iris and small notes of fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of small wild red fruits, pepper as well as hints of clove and a hint of tobacco. The palate is fresh with tanginess and good definition, suppleness, juiciness and a nice delicate silkiness and fat. We have notes of pulpy and juicy cherries, bright blackcurrant and small notes of small tangy red fruits associated with floral touches as well as hints of star anise, toast as well as discreet almost chocolatey and almond notes. Fresh. There is a hint of iris on the persistence and good length.

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

Château Rol Valentin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, fresh, flowery and offers a fine incisive side. We find notes of iris, rose and fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of wild blackberry / small wild black fruits as well as a hint of black pepper, tobacco, a hint of incense and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is nicely fruity, silky, creamy, gourmand. It is nicely tangy with the purity of the fruit and a nice spherical side which brings a nice delicacy. We have notes of pulpy and juicy morello cherries, bright blackcurrant and small notes of juicy roasted strawberries with touches of racy minerality, smooth as well as hints of licorice sticks, a subtle almost colas hint and thyme in bottom. Tannins are elegant and finely firm and tasty with lovely definition.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Corbin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

(90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc) Nice fruity nose, elegant, racy and which offers a certain creaminess in its fruit. We find notes of crushed strawberry, blueberry and slight notes of morello cherry associated with touches of small pulpy fruits, fine hints of star anise as well as a subtle hint of cornflower, salinity and sweet blond tobacco. The palate is nicely fruity, fresh with energy and purity. There is an electric side to the delicacy. We have notes of pulpy cherry, bright purple plum and slight notes of blackcurrant associated with fine hints of tonka bean/chocolate. There is flesh and juiciness, purity in the fruit. Beautiful freshness, brightness and gourmandise with precision. The wine is fleshy, full of precision and finesse, voluptuous. There is a discreet graphite tip in retro-olfaction.

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



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Château Jean Faure 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, crystalline, chiseled and offers a nice infusion/concentration side. We find notes of black blackberry, juicy/concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of violet, morello cherry associated with touches of graphene, smoke and infusion, even a discreet hint of black tea. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, beautifully pure with concentration, precision and a splendid definition of the fruit. We have notes of juicy and pulpy Bigarreau cherries, small blue fruits and small notes of small bright red fruits associated with touches of blackcurrant as well as hints of toast, nutmeg, tonka bean, cardamom as well as with fine hints of toast, a delicate hint of Bourbon vanilla. A monster of purity chiseled and juicy. There is a lovely sparkle and shine to the fruit. Tannins are mellow, sapid, gourmand and elegant. There is a nice, stretched side and a very nice length on the palate with a fine warm hint of toasted hazelnuts. Very nice freshness and juiciness.

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

Château Côte de Baleau 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers fruit as well as a certain intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of pepper as well as hints of cardamom, graphite, sweet spices and hints of fresh blond tobacco. The palate is nicely carried out with fruit, balance, elegance. There is creaminess, energy, spices and a tangy frame with concentration. We have notes of creamy blackcurrant, wild strawberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of lily, iris as well as a fine hint of cocoa. Tannins are mellow, sapid and tasty. There is a nice chewiness at the end of the palate on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

Couvent des Jacobins 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

This wine would benefit from being decanted. The nose is beautifully fruity, with a certain concentration, depth, precision and good definition of the fruit. It is chiseled, with a beautiful darkness and a certain elegant straightness. We perceive notes of boysenberry, blackcurrant and, more discreetly, violet, associated with touches of small bright wild berries, sage, as well as fine hints of roasted-juicy cherry, a Mediterranean hint of aromatic herbs as well as subtle touches of cornflower, smoke, zan and tobacco. The palate is beautifully led, fruity and suave, with a beautiful energy and a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, perfect chisel and great purity. It is beautifully defined, with a well-marked tangy frame. There are notes of juicy-roasted morello cherry, blackberry and, more discreetly, blueberry, combined with touches of nutmeg, cardamom and hints of bright blueberry, as well as hints of tobacco, camphor and a discreet hint of mocha and toast. The beautiful limestone acidity brings liveliness. This is a beautifully built and racy wine, bright and precise, with great energy and dynamics. Its melodious and serene side makes it particularly enjoyable.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Berliquet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, with a light creamy touch, an elegant and creamy texture. There are notes of blueberry, creamy blackberry, and more discreetly crushed blackcurrant, associated with touches of licorice stick, bright wild strawberry, as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, graphite and discreet touches of lilac and tobacco. The palate is nicely built, fruity and fresh, with a beautiful brightness and great juiciness. The fruits are nicely juicy on the palate, with notes of bright blackcurrant, bright cherry, and, more discreetly, blackberry, associated with touches of small bright black berries, nutmeg, lilac, as well as hints of blond tobacco, graphite and fine touches of vanilla, with a hint of liquorice, almost cola. Tannins are sapid, elegant and racy. The wine finishes with a beautiful freshness and great purity, with a fine chewiness on the finish and a nicely tannic persistence. A discreet almost earthy note, accompanied by a slight caramelization, is felt in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château La Confession 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is precise and offers a small concentration, accuracy, freshness and a slight minerality. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small pulpy / fresh black fruits, a small elegant austerity and small notes of bright wild raspberry associated with delicate touches of sage, tobacco and clove as well as a discreet hint of pepper in the background. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, supple, elegant, airy, racy and offers a slight spherical side and a slight fatness. There are notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, black plum and

small notes of elegant roasted red berries associated with touches of bergamot, clove as well as an almost black olive hint and sweet spices. Tannins are mellow and tasty. A fine iodine hint in the background. A slight elegant austerity and a beautiful freshness.

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

Château Grand Barrail Lamarzelle Figeac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers clay mineral touch. There is a floral side, a certain breadth and a fine perfumed side. We perceive aromas of concentrated violet blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of concentrated small red fruits as well as fine hints of cornflower, blond tobacco, a hint of nutmeg and bergamot. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, fresh, mineral and offers balance and a pleasant freshness. A fine floral side, almost sappy as guideline. There are notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, purple plum and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of pulpy / juicy small red fruits as well as subtle touches of cornflower, plum blossom, a toasted hint, chocolate, bergamot and a slight roasting hint. Good length. A fine structure of varietal hints in the background.

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

Château Fombrauge 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, mineral and fruits. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry and wild/ripe/ fresh berries. It expresses notes of lily and lilac associated with touches of bergamot, camphor, a hint of sweet spices and fine touches of infusion and vanilla. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, energetic and offers a fine fat side. There are notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, shiny small black fruits and bright raspberry associated with touches of racy and clay minerality, tonka bean, blond tobacco as well as hints of sage, bergamot and vanilla and a hint of mocha. Good length. Touches of black tea, toast (in the background), hints of roasted almonds and dark chocolate. Tannins are racy. A beautiful mellow texture and a chew on the finish.

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

Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, precise, well-defined and offers complexity in finesse, deepness as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of boysenberry, lilac and small notes of small bright small blue fruits associated with touches of lily, Sichuan pepper as well as fine hints of infusion, racy minerality (terroir, soil). The palate is beautifully built, sapid, supple, fresh, elegant, airy, precise and offers a complete side, pulpiness, a melodious side as well as flesh/richness (full of accuracy and without heaviness). Creaminess in freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, bright blueberry and bright small red fruits combined with touches of juicy roasted fruits, star anise as well as a subtle hint of sage, infusion, chocolate, tonka bean as well as a discreet note of cardamom

and toasted almonds. The wine is beautifully mellow and gourmand, with a nice small chew. Good length. Very nice tasty and gourmande persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Chauvin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

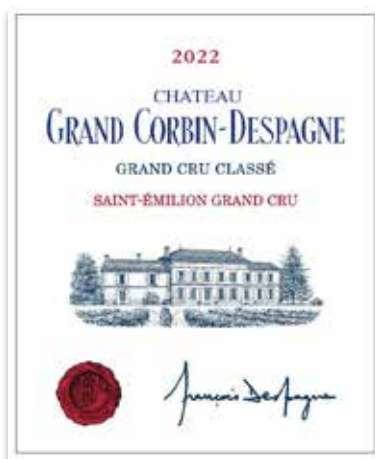
The nose is fresh, racy, deep, elegant, airy and melodious. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of bright berries associated with touches of bergamot, infusion, elegant-roasted red small fruits as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco, sage and a delicate note almost of aromatic herbs and nutmeg. On the palate, the wine is beautifully fresh, juicy, precise, elegant and offers a sappy and gourmande texture, a stretched character, a tangy frame, a beautiful deepness, beautifully mellow, density, a certain elegant austerity and a small unctuousity in freshness. Full of accuracy and delicacy. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackcurrant, concentrated blackberry, concentrated wild red berries associated with touches of elegant-roasted fruits, a subtle hint of cornflower, star anise, tobacco, sappy as well as a subtle hint almost of cypress and dark chocolate/mocha. The persistence is marked by a lovely chewiness. Tannins are fresh, tasty, mellow and gourmands. Good work on the good bitterness in the background. Congratulations!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Destieux 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offer a precise concentration and a certain elegant austerity. It reveals notes of concentrated blue berries, tobacco as well as touches of bergamot, camphor, almost incense hints, saffron, nutmeg and roasted small fruits (with Mediterranean accents). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, supple; well-built and offers



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a certain delicacy, gourmandise and a small unctuousity. It reveals notes of creamy cassis, blackberry and small notes of fresh and juicy small blue fruits associated with touches of elegant-roasted fruit, darkness, infusion as well as notes of coffee, toast and grilled almond. Tannins are discreetly firm and a sensation of freshness persists. Beautiful persistence.

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

Château Monbousquet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is quite ripe and precise. It needs to be decanted. It presents aromas of wild blackberry, fresh roasting and cornflowers associated with touches of elegant-roasted red fruits as well as fine hints of cherry blossom and sweet spices. The palate is beautifully carried, fresh, mellow, precise and offers a beautiful maturity, deepness, a certain elegant austerity as well as darkness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild blackcurrant, black berries and small notes of roasted fruits associated with touches of violet cornflower, iris as well as nuances almost of fresh gravels, sage, camphor and a discreet touch of aromatic herbs. Tannins are precise and racy. A touch of coffee is perceived in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Montlisse 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity (revealing a dense, pulpy and juicy fruit at the same time) and offers a beautiful concentration. It offers notes of pulpy wild blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of sweet pepper associated with fine hints of gray pepper, crushed blueberry as well as a subtle touch of toasted/smoked. The palate is fruity, pulpy, bright and offers a nice tangy frame, fat, roundness, a fine unctuousity, a good balance as well as sappy notes (in guideline). On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, blueberry and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of toast, nutmeg as well as a hint of crushed strawberry, star anise/zan, bergamot and blond tobacco. Good length. Tannins are juicy. A fine sappy touch in the background of the mouth.

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

Château Mangot 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

Beautiful, captivating, spicy and delicate nose that offers precision, a multi-layered side as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, creamy cherry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of cornflowers, crushed redcurrants, hints of liquorice stick/zan, fine toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and graphene. The palate is beautifully mineral, fresh, juicy and offers brilliance, a certain shine, tension as well as a fine straightness. It is nicely precise. A beautiful velvety texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberries, cassis and small notes of black plums associated with touches of red berries as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom, cocoa, subtle hints of sage and sweet spices. There is a hint of rosemary in the background. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Beautiful work on the good bitterness.

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

Château Boutisse 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, airy and deep, with a spicy side. There are notes of boysenberry, bright cherry, as well as a touch of blueberry, combined with touches of elegant roasted berries, a hint of pepper, a touch of tobacco and a subtle note of smoke, elegant, and a slight note of clove. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, mineral, and balanced, with a fresh, tangy structure, a little compact but airy. It presents power, a beautiful racy and deep freshness, with a slight touch of infusion. We find notes of luscious blackberry, bright wild blackcurrant, more discreetly graphene associated with touches of cornflower, tobacco, a hint of lily, a subtle hint of sage, and a touch of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are mellow and fresh, providing a nice delicacy. Pretty texture and substance with a sapid and mellow persistence.

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

Château Cadet Bon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, precise, straight, powerful and intense, and benefits from being decanted. We find notes of spices, pepper and more precisely small wild black berries, associated with touches of nutmeg, cloves, and a hint of toast. The palate is nicely structured, fresh, airy, with suppleness and a certain straightness. It has a mellow side and a nice grain. We discover notes of wild blackcurrant, small juicy and bright wild black berries, and more precisely graphene, associated with touches of nutmeg, toasted

hazelnut, crushed cherry, as well as a hint of chocolate, vanilla, and fine sweet spices. A touch of bergamot and infusion in the background. Good length, lovely freshness and suppleness. Pretty mellow, and chewy, tasty. Hint of smoke in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Le Chatelet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is pretty, frank, with freshness, and a nice racy character with a nice peppery component. We find notes of violet, fresh tobacco and, small notes, small wild black berries, associated with touches of black pepper, cornflower as well as fine, almost berry-like hints of juniper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, and has a beautiful minerality. It offers a fresh and mineral frame, with suppleness, a little tension and a beautiful accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy and juicy cherry, mellow blackcurrant, and, small notes, blueberry, associated with touches of elegant roasted red berries, a hint of sage, tobacco, as well as fine hints of sweet pepper and spices. Beautifully crafted and gourmand, this wine presents sapidity and gourmandise in the background, with a slight chewiness. Tannins are mellow, and the fruit offers brightness and harmony. The texture is elegant, airy and subtly creamy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Saint-Georges Côtes Pavie 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely developed and benefits from being decanted. It reveals an elegant and racy grain with a spicy side and a beautiful shine. We find notes of bright blackcurrant, small elegant/Mediterranean roasted fruits and small notes, crushed fresh fruits, associated with touches of cubeb pepper, aromatic herbs, as well as a hint of nutmeg, a very subtle floral nuance and a discreet saline note. The palate is also

nicely structured, supple, mineral, and well balanced. It offers a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, precision and a nice tangy side as well as mellowness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small bright fruits and, small notes, juicy and tangy bigarreau cherry, associated with touches of cornflower, star anise, infusion, as well as fine smoky hints, toast, and a subtle nuance of roasted almond. In the background, we perceive a discreet hint of graphene and aromatic herbs. Tannins are mellow and elegant, and we appreciate a nice play on the subtle bitterness on the finish. Supple and elegant.

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

Château Corbin-Michotte 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose presents a certain concentration with a chiseled side. It reveals notes of graphene, tobacco and more particularly wild blackcurrant, associated with notes of small wild berries, cardamom, cloves and hints of spices. On the palate, the wine is mineral, fresh, supple and tense, carried by a tangy structure. We perceive notes of boysenberry, small wild black fruits and mocha, associated with touches of tobacco, nutmeg, cardamom, a hint of

camphor, toasted hazelnut and vanilla. The whole seduces with its freshness, its velvety grain and its elegant darkness. In the background, we perceive a delicate roasted note.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Château Fonroque 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

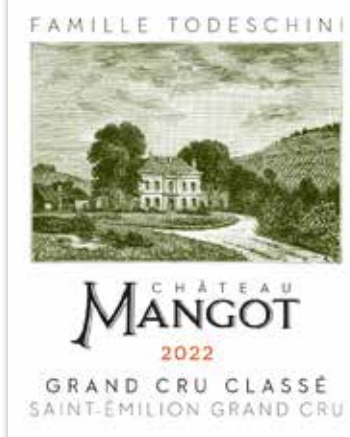
The nose is fruity, with an infusion side, a certain richness and purity of the fruit. There are notes of blueberry, violet and slight notes of creamy blackberry, associated with touches of fresh tobacco, cinnamon, fresh spices as well as fine, almost balsamic hints in the background. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, freshness, smoothness, a mineral structure, good definition, accuracy, brilliance and beautiful purity. It reveals an airy and melodious side. We find notes of bright morello cherry, juicy blackcurrant and small notes of small creamy black fruits, associated with touches of blue plum, as well as spices of blueberry, licorice, chocolate and a touch of toasted hazelnut, with a subtle note of vanilla in the background. Tannins are fresh, flavorful and creamy. It is a wine with a nice persistence with a subtle chew touch.

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

Château Laniote 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely structured, fresh, with depth, a fine intensity and a nice delicate peppery side. It has a very tight grain. There are notes of creamy boysenberry, sweet pepper and small notes of concentrated blackcurrant, associated with touches of aromatic herbs, tobacco as well as hints of clove and vanilla. The palate is fruity, with freshness, juiciness, smoothness, a lovely freshness and a certain concentration of the fruit, a slight darkness and an infusion side. It reveals a lovely minerality which carries the wine, with a fine floral side in the background. We find notes of concentrated



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blackcurrant, creamy blackberry and slight notes of purple plum, associated with touches of violet/lily, aromatic herbs, as well as spices, small roasted wild fruits and touches of cornflower, sage and a hint of balsamic. Good length. Tannins are racy. A hint of cocoa bitterness on the finish, with a nice persistence.

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

Château La Serre 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and fresh, with a chiseled touch and a slight blackness in freshness that brings depth. We can distinguish notes of boysenberry, bright blackcurrant, and a floral hint associated with almost aromatic herbal touches, infusion, small creamy blue fruits, as well as discreet notes of cornflower and toast. The palate is nicely led, fresh, fruity, with a certain creaminess and gourmandise. It offers accuracy, tension and a chiseled, airy, and pleasantly tangy profile (reflecting the terroir). We find notes of creamy blackcurrant, juicy and pulpy blackberry, and unctuous blue plum, associated with touches of fresh and juicy cherry. Nuances of cornflower, star anise, infusion, fine hints of black tea, vanilla and a subtle sappy and iodized hint complete the base. Good length. Lovely mellowness and gourmandise on the finish, with an almost caramelized or toasted hazelnut hint. Tannins are mellow, savoury and racy.

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

Clos Saint-Martin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, fresh, with spices and a certain depth. It benefits from being decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, smoke, and slight hints of cardamom, associated with touches of small wild black berries, black pepper, and discreet hints of clove. A subtle touch of almost "warm grove" completes the ensemble. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and balanced, with a mineral frame, tanginess, energy and a certain fat, although currently a little tight. We perceive notes of crushed blackcurrant, fresh/tangy boysenberry, and violet, associated with touches of lily, sap, clove, tobacco, as well as a hint of toasted almond and vanilla. Good length, with a discreet powdery hint on the finish. Tannins are mellow.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos Badon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is spicy and offers power, good definition, a frank, precise and stretched grain. It expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of réglisse associated with touches of roasted-juicy red fruits, violet as well as hints of blond tobacco and vanilla. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, velvety, balanced and offers a fresh frame, tension, a fine contained profile. It expresses notes of black cherry, black plum and small notes of pulpy/ juicy cassis associated with touches of raspberry, violet, cornflower, tonka bean, toasted. A nice mellowness and chewiness on the finish/persistence. A nice fleshy/creamy and fresh texture at the same time in the mouth, with depth and a hint of roasting.

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

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Château Cheval Blanc 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity, precision, a racy grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of creamy blackcurrant, boysenberry and small notes of red berries associated with almost eucalyptus touches, Timut pepper as well as hints of violet, tobacco as well as subtle hints of sage and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, mellowness, a good definition, a beautiful freshness, complexity as well as accuracy. Fat, a coating and generous side, but all in control and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/fresh cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed plum, chocolate, nutmeg as well as hints of star anise/licorice, Timut pepper, a subtle almost sage hint and toasted almond. Good length. Beautiful and mellow grain. Chewiness. Hints of roasting and cocoa on the persistence.

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

Château d'Ausone 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is fresh, elegant and delicate, with an almost graphene, aromatic side, a beautiful complexity and a slightly fleshy touch. A superb, racy, almost chalky grain. We find notes of blueberry, graphene, and small notes roasted/juicy cherry, associated with touches of vanilla, cornflower, a hint that evokes the terroir. On the palate, the wine is nicely structured, supple, fresh, juicy, elegant, bright, with a beautiful purity of fruit. We perceive notes of bright blackcurrant, blueberry, and slight notes of pulpy cherry, associated with touches of fleshy and crushed small fruits, as well as notes of vanilla, toasted hazelnut and cornflower. A subtle, almost camphorwood touch. In the background, we find nuances of chocolate and licorice. Tannins are mellow and

gourmand. Beautiful freshness, suppleness and gourmandise. A sunny side but all in lightness, finesse, mastery, elegance and freshness.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Bélair-Monange 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, delicate, deep, racy, and beautifully harmonious, with a lovely infusion side in finesse and a little elegant darkness. We find notes of wild blackberry, small bright black berries and, more discreetly, cornflower, associated with touches of graphene, cocoa, fresh lilac, as well as a subtle almost Mediterranean/local grove hint and a discreet note of fresh cubebe pepper in the background. The palate is beautifully conducted, delicate, airy, supple, fresh and mineral, with a lot of accuracy and delicacy. A fine compactness, currently, but... Notes of creamy blueberry, bright blackcurrant and, more lightly, roasted-juicy cherry, associated with touches of small bright blue fruits and, up to notes of chocolate, toast and nutmeg. Good length. Superb freshness and delicacy, all in voluptuousness and harmony. The texture is fresh, with an airy, chalky, racy grain, and fine notes of smoke in the background. Tannins are elegant, racy and almost finely chalky.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Clos Fourtet 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, chiseled, precise and offers a nice multi-layered side, a very nice complexity as well as precision. Great mastery! It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright wild strawberry and small notes of small pulpy/bright fruits associated with touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of blond tobacco and graphene. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, elegant, gourmand with a tangy structure. We have juiciness, smoothness, it is nicely crafted with accuracy and depth. The grain is chiseled, racy and nicely marked by its terroir. We have some good bitters in the background. We have notes of fresh juicy blackcurrant, bright purple plum and small notes of Blueberries associated with touches of fresh blueberries, bright raspberries and small notes of graphite associated with a subtle hint of juicy roast as well as discreet sappy hints caramel, toast, blond tobacco and a hint of caramelization and toasted almonds. Tannins are elegant, mellow and distinguished. There is a very nice freshness and a nice mellow, appetizing and sapid finish. The wine is supple with elegance and has an airy side in its power. There is a nice persistence on limestone, good bitterness and tanginess of the fruit.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château-Figeac 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is fruity, creamy (even finely velvety) and offers a fine velvety touche as well as precision. A very beautiful grain nicely textured. It reveals notes of morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of creamy blueberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, hints of zan, colas, dark chocolate as well as a subtle hint of Cubebe pepper, wild pepper, smoke and chocolate. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, nicely tangy and offers delicacy, tension, a nice texture with finesse, accuracy, precision, suppleness and a beautiful shine. It expresses hints of tangy/juicy black cherry, black plum, fresh blackberry associated with touches of bright red berries as well as hints of colas, tobacco, smoke, toast as well as fine hints of nutmeg, graphene. Good length, a nice chew. A subtle hint of cocoa and freshness. A subtle hint of salinity. Nice hint of Cabernet Franc, gourmandise and liveliness, especially on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, spicy, frank, tense, fresh, nicely built and peppery, nicely multi-layered, all in elegance, delicacy in its power. The wine gains from being decanted. The nose expresses notes of wild blackcurrant, nutmeg and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of Madagascar pepper, fleshy strawberry, pretty hints of infusion and spices, a subtle almost lilac hint, clove and a hint of infusion. The palate is nicely juicy, suave, tangy, gourmand, all in accuracy, suppleness and elegance. It offers brilliance, tension, a nice sustained grain, racy, tense and precise, a nice expression, power, limestone in delicacy and gourmandise, pulpy/brilliance of the fruit. It expresses notes of bright blackcurrant, pulpy blueberry and small notes of juicy strawberry associated with a touch of creamy redcurrants, chocolate, toast and tobacco and an almost sappy/mentholated hint. Good length, a lovely substance and gourmandise.

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

Château Valandraud 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, deep and complex, with a lovely fine grain, airy and elegant, melodious, powerful in accuracy and control. It expresses notes of violet, wild blackberry and small notes of spices: pepper, clove, saffron, flowers and hints of creamy blueberry, crushed redcurrants, bourbon vanilla, tobacco and a subtle almost mentholated hint. The palate is beautifully conducted, airy, delicate, juicy, bright, beautifully chiseled. It offers a tangy frame, notes of bright plum, bright blueberry and small notes of bright

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cherry, raspberry and toast, as well as beautiful notes of cocoa and tobacco. Beautifully melodious, airy, creamy and all in accuracy, sense of detail, a delight! Superb shine, juicy and airy.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Château Canon 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and deep, with a lovely intensity and a great spicy delicacy. There are notes of boysenberry, wild strawberry and, more discreetly, roasted and elegant red berries, associated with touches of blue plum, blond tobacco, star anise, as well as subtle hints of spices, racy and almost infused aromas, which bring a certain depth. The wine is beautifully textured and velvety. The palate is elegant, racy, delicate, airy, all in finesse and smoothness. It deploys a richness, a density and a depth all in lightness. The notes of creamy blackberry, creamy cassis and very ripe strawberry are associated with touches of small bright blue fruits, as well as fine hints of elegant roasted fruits. The wine also offers beautiful and delicate nuances of blueberry, tobacco, toast and subtle touches of caramel. Delicate hints of crushed red fruits bring an elegant roundness and subtlety, offering a spherical and delicate touch. A beautiful salinity and an iodized touch on the finish, with a remarkable persistence. The persistence is sapid, mellow, with floral notes of lily, violet and a hint of green cardamom.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Château Larcis Ducasse 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

(86% Merlot) A beautiful, racy, elegant and velvety nose that offers a lovely multi-layered side, harmony as well as a deep/dark/intense and elegant side at the same time...like an invitation to take your time so that it releases all its aromatics. Deeply rooted in its terroir. It expresses notes of boysenberry, wild small fruits and small notes of a sense of place (local biotope) associated with touches of blueberry, crushed strawberry as well as discreet hints of tobacco, smoke and a subtle hint of aromatic herbs. The palate is beautifully built, gourmand, fruity, nicely mineral, racy and offers tension, accuracy, suppleness as well as an airy side. What delicacy in its power, in its race! The palate expresses notes of creamy blueberry, blackberry and small notes of crushed plum associated with touches of bright red berries, cornflower, zan and fine hints of bourbon vanilla, cinnamon, sage, and a very discreet hint of aromatic herbs / infusion and liquorice stick in the background. Suppleness, gourmandise and a nice chew on the persistence

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Pavie Macquin 2022

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

(89% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose is frank, beautifully racy and offers complexity as well as a beautifully precise and chiseled grain. A sense of the place (local biotope / a discreet hint of Mediterranean barrier). It expresses notes of wild blackberry, wild pepper and small notes of spices associated with touches of violet, blueberry, bright red berries as well as fine pints of liquorice stick. The palate is beautifully built, suave, fresh, supple, airy, beautifully gourmand and offers a tangy frame, shine, sparkle as well as a beautiful complexity / a multi-layered side. An explosion of fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, bright blue plum, liquorice stick, graphene, almost a discreet chalky side, with fine hints of tobacco and nutmeg, liquorice and roasted-juicy cherry. Tannins are nicely built, suave, gourmand and mellow. Fine resistance on the finish. Beautiful persistence, supple, fresh, elegant, airy, with roundness and gourmandise.

Score : 19.25/20 (98-99/100)

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Château La Fleur 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers a certain density, juicy and ripe fruit. It first expresses a delicate touch of dried herbs (dried mint, a hint of dried rosemary), the fresh gourmand fruit aromas (fresh morello cherry, blackberry, fresh black plum, wild strawberry), with a hint of roasted fruit in jam (roasted red cherry, blackberry jam, plum cream). After aeration, we find smoky and toasted aromas (toasted hazelnut), associated with a hint of chocolate and sweet spices (licorice, vanilla in the background). A pleasant menthol note appears as the wine opens up. The mouth is fresh, airy and juicy, with a beautiful freshness of fruit, a chiseled acidity and a good bitterness. It expresses notes of black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, a tangy and bitter hint of cranberries, as well as wild blackberry. We also find spicy flavors (liquorice, a touch of vanilla and nutmeg), menthol (pine needles, even a hint of sap, dried mint). Good persistence in the mouth, on a bitterness of bird cherry and dark chocolate, as well as a toasted and slightly smoky touch. Tannins are firm and structured, grippy on the persistence. Good balance and freshness.

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

Tellus 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, precision and a fresh tangy frame. It opens with menthol and sappy aromas (wild mint, fresh pine needles, a touch of pine sap), then complemented by notes of crushed blueberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum and fresh blackberry, as well as liquorice (even star anise), white pepper, nutmeg, smoke and a racy minerality (limestone and clay). The attack on the palate is silky, airy, with lots of freshness, juiciness and a slight sweet hint of red fruit jam. We find notes of red cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant and blueberry, associated with a good bitterness of bird cherry, with sappy notes (pine needles, pine sap) and spicy notes (liquorice, star anise nutmeg). We also find a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaves on the persistence. Tannins have a fine grain and a grippy, slightly dry texture. A chiseled wine, with freshness and sharp acidity. Good persistence in the mouth, with an expressive flavor of red cherry.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Arbo 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, very ripe morello cherry, red cherry in chocolate, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, as well as a spicy touch (sweet pepper, cumin, licorice, nutmeg), roasting (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood and coffee in the background), herbaceous (dried aromatic herbs, a sappy hint) and balsamic. We also find a perfumed and expressive floral bouquet (rose, violet, peony) and a gourmand hint of dark chocolate. The palate offers density, solidity, a firm tannic structure, but a fine texture, with a powdery touch. We find notes of fresh morello cherry, damson plum, blackberry, blackcurrant, tangy strawberry, bird cherry, as well as a herbaceous and sappy hint (wild mint, fresh pine needles), smoke, toast in the background, as well as a spicy hint (liquorice, sweet pepper, cumin). The finish is persistent, tight, tannic, with a good bitterness and a salivating acidity. Concentration and accuracy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Flaunys 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(100% Merlot) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is dense, fruity and ripe. It expresses notes of black plum, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry jam, redcurrant jelly, as well as a discreet woody hint (liquorice, a hint of dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut and smoke in the background, nutmeg, licorice). There is also a hint of kirsch cherry and prunes in the background, associated with airy and elegant aromas of rose and peony. The palate is suave, airy and juicy, with an expressive morello cherry flavor. It also expresses notes of black plum, blackberry, crushed wild strawberry, kirsch cherry and raspberry parcels, associated with a spicy and gourmand woody hint (liquorice, white pepper, cardamom in the background, a hint of toasted hazelnut and toasted wood). Tannins are well constructed, supple and fine, but structured. Good bitterness, notes of rosemary and violet on the persistence, accompanied by a lively and salivating acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Haut Bonneau Vieilles Vignes 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a certain concentration, a beautiful freshness and a tangy frame. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, sour red cherry, redcurrant jelly and blueberry, as well as liquorice, morello cherry in chocolate, peppermint, white pepper, and a light toasted and woody touch in the background. The palate is airy, fresh and fruity and chiseled. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, redcurrant and blueberry, associated with a herbaceous hint, which appears in the mouth (dried blackcurrant leaf, mint), with a woody and spicy side wrapped (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood in the background, a hint of liquorice and nutmeg). Good bitterness of bird cherry and a hint of rosemary and toast. Beautiful salivating acidity, Tannins have a balanced, solid structure and a fine texture.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Fleur Plaisance Vieilles Vignes 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, even sweet. It expresses notes of mint syrup, mint chocolate, red cherry jam, blackberry, very ripe wild strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis and roasted raspberry, as well as bird cherry jam. There are also notes of liquorice, vanilla (even a hint of caramel), grated nutmeg and pink pepper, a touch of toasted wood and toasted hazelnut, as well as fresh peony and peppermint. The palate is juicy and tasty, with a fresh and gourmand fruity substance. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, redcurrant jelly, crushed raspberry, as well as chocolate cherry, peppermint, liquorice, nutmeg, crushed pink pepper berries, heated wood and toasted hazelnut, combined with a touch of fresh tobacco and macerated cherry. Tannins are finely tight and solid. Beautiful refreshing acidity and good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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Domaine Baudon, Les Terres Blanches 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(100% Merlot, 15% whole bunches) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers density, a silky and textured side. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, black plum, wild blackberry, wild strawberry and a sweet hint of red cherry jam. There is also a fine spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg), toasted and herbaceous (toasted hazelnut, ripe stalk), which brings a fine touch of roasted aromatic herbs, dry pine needles and toasted wood in the background, as well as fresh tobacco and flowers (violet, cornflower). The palate is fresh, subtly mineral, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, strawberry, red cherry jam, as well as roasted aromatic herbs (bouquet garnie), dried mint, tobacco, a toasted touch of delicate and enveloped hazelnut, as well as a touch of violet and dried blackcurrant leaf on the persistence. The finish is quite long, with a gourmand acidity of red cherry, a slight bitterness and a firm but enveloped tannin texture.

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

Domaine Baudon, Les Terres Brunes 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% of stalk) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, straightness and concentration. It expresses notes of morello cherry, ripe blackcurrant, black plum, wild strawberry and tart red cherry, combined with herbal touches of blackcurrant bud, dried mint, Earl Grey tea (with bergamot), liquorice, cardamom, grated nutmeg, as well as fresh hazelnut, a hint of toasted almond and dried bouquet garni, combined with a touch of violet and dried cornflower. The palate is juicy, textured, enveloping and elegant. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, sour red cherry, blackcurrant, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, complemented by a fine herbaceous hint (dried aromatic herbs, dried blackcurrant leaf, Earl Grey tea), by a fine bitterness of bird cherry, a toasted touch of hazelnut and coffee in the background, as well as violet and chocolate cherry. The finish is gourmand, sapid and tangy, with a good bitterness and a refreshing acidity. Tannins are fine, solid, slightly grippy, without being dry. Lots of delicacy and sapidity on the persistence. Good length, a certain power and precision in the flavors.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Maine Chaigneau 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, gourmand, spicy and fruity. It expresses notes of smoke, toast, chocolate (in the background), liquorice, nutmeg and cumin, which are then complemented by notes of morello cherry, red cherry (with a touch of macerated red cherry), strawberry, raspberry, a hint of blueberry, as well as a racy minerality, which can be felt after aeration (limestone, an earthy touch) and dried mint. The palate is chiseled, slightly bitter on the attack, with tannins of a fine texture, but a little rough. It expresses flavors of morello cherry, sour red cherry, bird cherry, blueberry, strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with notes of dried mint, smoke, liquorice, toasted almond and nutmeg, with a touch of dried rose in the background. The finish is quite persistent, gourmand, with notes of juicy morello cherry and tangy red cherry. Beautiful fresh and tangy structure on the persistence.

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

Château Franc Baudron Authentique 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(organic AB) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and expressive, with distinct notes of blackcurrant leaf and pine needles on the first nose, which bring freshness and not a green vegetable-like hint. We also find aromas of blackcurrant, tart raspberry, strawberry, bigarreau cherry and redcurrant, associated with a touch of violette and rose petals. The palate is fresh and juicy, fruity and slightly bitter (good bitterness of bird cherry). It also expresses flavors of blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries in the background and redcurrants, as well as blackcurrant leaf and tea leaf in the background. The finish is quite persistent, chiseled and finely tight, on notes of tangy black fruits (bird cherry, blackcurrant) and a good bitterness. Tannins are fine, slightly grippy on the finish, wrapped in a lovely salivating acidity.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

Château Franc Baudron 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(organic AB) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is fragrant, refined and gourmand, with a slight sweetness. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry, black plum, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry and raspberry coulis, combined with a delicate woody touch (coffee, toasted wood, toasted hazelnut), a hint of liquorice, dried mint and dried rose. The palate is silky, textured and enveloping. The attack is dense, slightly chocolatey, but juicy and fresh. It expresses notes of morello cherry, slightly bitter bird cherry, tangy raspberry, blueberry and black plum, combined with a hint of chocolate morello cherry, liquorice, bitter cocoa, coffee, toasted hazelnut and heated wood, as well as touches of dried rosemary, dried mint and violet in the background. Tannins are fine, but grippy. Nice acidity, the finish is gourmand and chocolatey.

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

Château Franc Baudron L'Audacieux 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(organic AB) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is aromatic, dense and deep, even textured. The initial aromas are chocolatey and gourmand (morello cherry in chocolate, dark chocolate, prunes), and are then complemented by notes of wild strawberry, raspberry jam, crushed blueberry, blackberry, as well as a distinct spicy and peppery hint (liquorice, grated nutmeg, crushed black peppercorns), fresh mint, pine needles, toasted almond and fresh wood in the background (even a touch of sappiness). After aeration, we also find a limestone and dry stone minerality, as well as a floral perfume of violet and peony. The palate is dense, firm and solid, with a beautiful concentrated, tangy and fruity matter. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, raspberry, blackberry and red cherry, associated with notes of bird cherry, chocolate morello cherry, bitter cocoa, with a woody and slightly sappy nuance (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, a touch of pine sap). We also find spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin, black pepper) and roasting (coffee), as well as a good bitterness of cocoa on the persistence. Tannins are sapid, gourmand and chocolatey, with a solid structure and a fine grain. Beautiful salivating acidity and a herbaceous touch of mint and blackcurrant leaf on the persistence. Good length.

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

Château Treytins 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a beautiful concentration of tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry, damson plum), juicy notes of red fruits (strawberry, crushed raspberry), associated with a delicate woody and toasted hint (heated wood, toasted hazelnut), as well as liquorice, cardamom and nutmeg. There is also a floral and herbaceous touch (violet, wild mint). The palate is straight, lively, with a tangy frame, energy, as well as a hint of bitterness and a tannic side of bird cherry that appears on the attack. We also find flavors of blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy blueberry, raspberry and cranberries, associated with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, fresh wood in the background and toasted hazelnut, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf. Tannins are firm, grippy, a little dry, balanced by a salivating acidity at the end of the mouth. A chiseled, fresh and firm wine.

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

Château de Montalbret Renaissance 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is perfumed, woody and minty at first. It expresses notes of fresh wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh hazelnut, pine needles (even a sappy touch of pine bark and sap), combined with aromas of sweet spices (liquorice with a hint of star anise, nutmeg and crushed white pepper). We then find notes of red cherry, fresh strawberry, morello cherry, red currant and raspberry, combined with a fragrant floral bouquet of violet and peony, as well as a delicate hint of balsamic. The palate is tight, tannic and slightly bitter, with firm and grippy tannins, balanced by a sharp and salivating acidity. There are also bitter notes of bird cherry, cranberries, as well as the delicacy of morello cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry and redcurrant. The herbaceous and spicy notes on the palate is fresh and integrated - we can feel the notes of blackcurrant leaf, tea leaf, liquorice and crushed white pepper. Good persistence on the palate on the tanginess of red cherry and a hint of balsamic.

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

Château Teyssier 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fresh, fruity and juicy, with a delicate spicy hint. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, black plum and red cherry jam, associated with notes of liquorice, cardamom, a fine herbaceous and sappy touch (crushed mint, pine needles, pine sap), as well as an elegant perfume of violet and a gourmand touch of fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut. The palate is lively, with a beautiful tangy frame and juicy fruits. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, cranberries, as well as crushed raspberry and strawberry. There are also touches of dried peppermint, pine needles, liquorice, violet and toasted hazelnut. The finish is savoury, tangy, with notes of dried morello cherry and blackcurrant. Tannins have a fine grain, tight on the finish. Good length on the fruits and a very subtle bitter touch.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Roc de Calon 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is chiseled, herbaceous and fruity. It expresses aromas of blackcurrant leaf, fresh tobacco, mint and fresh pine needles, combined with a touch of violet and fresh, ripe fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, roasted raspberry, strawberry and cranberry jam in the background). After aeration, we sense notes of sweet spices (white pepper, liquorice, a touch of nutmeg), as well as a very light toasted touch and dark chocolate. The palate is silky and juicy, with polished and melted tannins, even slightly cocoa-flavored. It

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expresses the flavors of morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry, roasted bigarreau cherry, fresh red cherry and crunchy strawberry, associated with notes of liquorice, nutmeg, bitter cocoa, toast, as well as blackcurrant leaf, dried pine needles and violet in the background. The finish is finely tight, sapid, with gourmand notes of ripe morello cherry and a good bitterness of bird cherry.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Vieux Château Labatut 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The wine is reserved on the nose and requires aeration. Then, it reveals refreshing herbal notes (peppermint, fresh pine needles, a sappy touch), as well as a refined spiciness (liquorice, cardamom, a hint of nutmeg). Then, we find notes of morello cherry, blackberry, fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant and red cherry, as well as a hint of red cherry jam, chocolate and violet. The palate is supple, juicy and refined, with enveloping, polished and structured tannins, slightly grippy. It expresses flavors of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, cranberries, dried pine needles, as well as peppermint, cardamom, liquorice and violet in the background. Beautiful salivating acidity, a good bitterness on the finish, which persists on a distinct note of red cherry. Good structure, straightness and freshness and a chiseled frame.

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

Château La Duchesse 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is perfumed and offers a beautiful concentration of fruit and juiciness. It expresses notes of roasted strawberry and raspberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant (even jam), morello cherry and red cherry jam, associated with touches of crushed mint leaf, liquorice and nutmeg (in the background), as well as a hint of dried rose and violet, associated with a subtle mineral touch of limestone. The palate is airy, juicy, fruity, with a tight tannin structure, especially on the finish. We find the flavors of bird cherry with a touch of good bitterness, morello cherry, red cherry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries and raspberry, associated with a refreshing herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, dried mint, tea leaf in the background), a touch of smoke in the background, liquorice and nutmeg. The acidity is lively and salivating, balancing the tight tannins. Good length, a structured and fresh wine.

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

Vieux Château Saint André 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(clay-limestone) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers delicacy in its concentration. It reveals notes of boysenberry, a gravelly minerality and small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of toast, blueberry, fine hints of Timut pepper and a discreet touch of flowers and sweet spices. The palate is nicely built, supple, juicy, fresh, pulpy, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, tension, a beautiful texture, velvety, a beautiful structure as well as accuracy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, bright raspberry and fresh/bright blueberry associated with hints of toast, chocolate, almond, a fine hint of liquorice stick as well as an almost sappy hint and eucalyptus. Tannins are mellow, elegant and gourmand. Beautiful length. The finish is fresh, floral and delicate, silky and shiny.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Roudier 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy and offers fruit as well as a little incisive side. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, fresh/juicy wild blackcurrant and small notes of liquorice stick associated with hints of nutmeg, spices as well as a discreet almost infusion hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, balanced and offers a tangy frame, minerality, some tension, unctuousity/fleshiness. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy wild blackcurrant, wild raspberry and small notes of concentrated red berries associated with touches of tonka bean, spices and cardamom. Tannins are well-managed, mellow and sapid. Freshness and sapidity, substance and toast, a hint of coffee in the background.

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

Château Tour Bayard 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals fruity, fresh, powerful aromas and offers a slight concentration. There are notes of concentrated blackcurrant, fresh and pulpy blackberry as well as slight touches of wild strawberry, star anise, a smoky hint as well as hints of boysenberry, spices, smoke, camphor, tobacco and a hint of clove. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful energy. The mouth expresses notes of sap, fresh flowers and small notes of juicy/tangy blackcurrant associated with touches of juicy and fresh blackberry. hints of tobacco and a hint of star anise. Good length. Silky and sapid tannins.

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

Château Gachon 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy, fruity, with notes of clove, blackberry, camphor and small notes of a touch of gray pepper associated with subtle nuances of undergrowth. Slight volatile hints. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers a mineral frame as well as a juicy and fresh fruit. In mouth this wine expresses notes of wild blackcurrant, clove and camphor associated with touches of fresh grove as well as a hint of chocolate, toast, spices and undergrowth.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Angelot Robin 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a certain intensity, a small power, a floral and spicy side. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, violet and lilac associated with touches of small pulpy fruits as well as subtle hints of crushed blueberry, sweet spices and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful minerality, an acidulous frame, a nice energy, roundness, fat as well as a coating side, almost spherical. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, bright blackberry and crunchy raspberry associated with touches of fresh flowers. We also find a subtle hint of sweet spices, chocolate, sappy and a slight toasted note. This wine brings freshness and juiciness. Tannins are mellow and sapid.

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

Château Haut-Bernat 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small minerality and a fine fleshy-fresh side of the fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy and juicy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of juicy small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, fine hints of zan and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain freshness, a small fat, roundness as well as a slight fluidity. This wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, juicy and ripe blackcurrant associated with touches of crushed strawberry, fresh violet, fresh blond tobacco, toasted hazelnut as well as slight hint of cardamom and a toasted hint. Good length. Tannins are fine and mellow. A slight bitterness on the finish/persistent.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

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Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose needs to be decanted. It reveals spices, cloves, ripe/pulpy black berries associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, cloves, pepper and a hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, with juiciness, smoothness, a little freshness, minerality and a slight fluidity. Currently finely tight. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy black berries and cloves associated with touches of tobacco, spices as well as a hint of undergrowth and a subtle almost chocolated hint in the background.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Bonneau 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

(100% clay) The nose is beautifully fresh, floral and racy. It reveals notes of fresh and bright cassis, pulpy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of cornflower as well as fine hints of nutmeg, smoke and graphene and a discreet varietal hint in the background. The palate is beautifully fresh, suave, mineral, racy and offers a very nice freshness, gourmandise, a nice tension, a slight mellowness as well as balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry and small bright red berries associated with touches of fresh raspberry as well as hints of toast and tonka bean. Presence of a light almost graphene touch, a fine floral hint and toasted-fresh in the background. Good length. Fresh and juicy wine.

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

Vieux Château Palon 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy, frank, with a certain power and harmony. There are notes of coffee, blackberry and ripe wild berries, combined with touches of Sichuan pepper, cloves, cinnamon and tobacco. There is a discreet hint of roasted-elegant and almost sage. The palate is fruity, with juiciness and freshness. It has good definition, beautiful freshness and tension, with a sharp side in its freshness. We perceive notes of blackberry, juicy/fresh wild blackcurrant and ripe purple plum, as well as touches of clove, incense, nutmeg, cornflower, sweet blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. Good length, with mellow and elegant tannins. Nice substance and balance, with contained power and skillful use of spices.

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

Saint-Émilion Satellites

Domaine Simon Blanchard – Village 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, airy and complex, with floral notes of violet, lilac, and plum blossoms. We also perceive aromas of crushed strawberries and, small notes, small fresh and juicy red fruits, associated with touches of fresh purple plum, a discreet sappy and almost citrus hint. The palate is fruity and flowery, fresh, with tension, a slight roundness and a slight fat. The structure is tangy, with notes of juicy and fresh blackberry, fresh violet, and lilac, accompanied by touches of pulpy cherry, small juicy and fresh red berries. There is also a fine note of saffron (in its floral side) and a touch of toast/nutmeg. Tannins are racy and supple.

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

Domaine Simon Blanchard – Au champ de la fenêtre 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, powerful, with a slight creaminess, a nice depth and a certain intensity. There are notes of wild blackberry, graphene and, small notes, Madagascar pepper, associated with touches of small roasted and elegant red berries (with almost a little Mediterranean side), as well as fine smoky hints of tobacco, small crushed blue fruits and a subtle, almost balsamic note. The palate is fruity, fresh, with minerality, a tangy structure, energy and a slight bite, while maintaining a certain airiness in its concentration. It offers power and accuracy, with a racy, discreetly tight grain. We find notes of boysenberry, small roasted and elegant red berries accompanied by licorice and touches of violet, small bright red fruits, as well as a hint of tobacco, balsamic and a subtle touch of toasted hazelnut and cloves. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Pretty mellow and persistent, with a very discreet citrus note on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Simon Blanchard – Guitard 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, it benefits from being decanted, with power and a certain intensity. There are notes of small, bright wild berries, roasted and elegant cherry (almost Mediterranean), and small notes small, bright blue fruits, accompanied by hints of licorice stick, black olive, chocolate and a touch of toast. elegant. The palate is fruity, fresh, with juiciness and a tangy structure, a beautiful minerality, energy and bite. There are notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, creamy blackcurrant and more discreetly bright wild strawberry, combined with touches of elegant roasts, as well as a hint of crushed cherry, violet/lilac, and hints of bergamot, toast and chocolate. The wine is nicely made. Salty hint and persistence in the back of the mouth. Touches of citrus on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Clos de Boüard 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is nicely fruity, bright, with intensity and a certain concentration/depth. There are notes of roasted Mediterranean cherry, small red berries, and slight notes of violet, associated with touches of wild blackberry as well as fine hints of smoke, zan (anise), infusion, and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is also nicely structured, fresh, mineral, balanced, with a fresh and tangy structure, good definition, juiciness, suppleness and freshness. We perceive notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, crushed raspberry and elegant roasted berries associated with touches of cornflower, blond tobacco, as well as a fine almost bay leaf hint, infusion, and a discreet touch of zan and chocolate. Good length. This wine is fresh, gourmand and mellow with an airy and creamy finesse.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Dame de Boüard 2022

Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is intense, with controlled power, freshness and good definition. We find notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, and more discreetly pepper, associated with touches of small berries as well as fine hints of lily, bay leaf and spices. The palate is fruity, with freshness, minerality, a fresh structure, acidity, juiciness, suppleness, and a certain shine. We find notes of juicy and pulpy blackcurrant, fleshy strawberries, and more discreetly bright cherry, associated with touches of violet, lily, and hints of spices such as wild berries, sweet pepper, a fine touch of nutmeg, and discreet almost sappy and toasted notes. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

LUSSAC SAINT-ÉMILION

Château Moulin de Grenet 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is floral and spicy. It has notes of violet, lilac and almost a rooty hint associated with touches of pepper and a hint of blackcurrant. The palate is fruity, floral, fresh, tracing. It offers a racy minerality, notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant, fresh flowers and small notes of - small fresh red berries, associated with touches of blackcurrant leaf as well as fine hints of toast/tonka bean. Good length. A hint of liquorice/cola on the finish/persistence, and a varietal hint on the retro.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château des Rochers 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose offers fruit, a certain concentration of fruit, a small darkness as well as deepness. There are notes of wild cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with a touch of zan, a hint of lily, flint, a very discreet hint of infusion as well as a subtle almost graphene hint and chocolate. A subtle almost aniseed hint. The palate is nicely fruity, fresh, mineral, gourmand and offers tension, precision as well as width. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, pulpy blackberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with hints of crunchy/tangy purple plum, fine floral hints, star anise as well as a subtle hint of almost anise, toast and chocolate. Good length. Suppleness, minerality, freshness and accessibility.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de la Grenière – Cuvée de la Chartreuse 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, suave and offers a fine concentration as well as a delicate floral side. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, violet and small notes of bright small red fruits associated with a touch of blueberry, liquorice stick / zan as well as a hint of smoke, lilac and vanilla flowers. The palate is nicely mineral, fluid and offers a fine tension as well as a slightly tight tannic frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of black cherry/morello cherry, fresh violet and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with touches of smoke, fresh almond and a hint of smoke. A very discreet good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Robin La Fleur 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of fruit, combining elegance, velvety power, precision and a certain density. We perceive notes of bright blackcurrant, creamy blackberry and slight notes of elegant roasted fruit, associated with touches of black tea, spices, cardamom, a hint of black olive and vanilla. The palate is nicely juicy, tangy, precise, offering precision, tension, elegant definition and great gourmandise. The frame is tangy and with a slight creaminess. It expresses notes of juicy/tart blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of bright small fruits, associated with a touch of roast as well as delicate hints of graphite, toast, star anise, racy minerality and a hint roast. A fine note of cornflower appears in the background. Freshness, minerality, juiciness and acidity. Tannins are sapid.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Robin la Fleur – Cuvée Saint-Jean 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers precise and fresh fruit. A certain little concentration as well as a tight side. This wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of fresh black cherry, lily/violet and slight notes of camphor/incense associated with touches of dense/fresh wild berries as well as fine hints of zan, spices and a very discreet tip of saffron. The palate is nicely fresh with fruit, juiciness, a pulpy finish and a little tightness in its structure with verticality. The wine needs time to open. We have notes of black cherries, star anise and small notes of zan associated with touches of juicy roasted raspberries as well as hints of flowers, fine hints of small concentrated black fruits, graphene, tonka bean and mocha. as well as almost hints of fresh roasting. There is good length with a hint of fresh black pepper and persistence with a touch of fresh flowers on the iris.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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Satellites

Icône de la Croix Younan 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy and offers a fine concentration, a certain depth as well as a certain darkness in freshness. There are notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of zan associated with touches of roasted-juicy berries as well as hints of nutmeg, smoke and vanilla pod. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh and chiseled. It offers energy and a certain purity, notes of dense/fresh black berries, roasted-juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality, roasting and toast. Good length, finely marked tannins. Roasting and a fine sappy hint in the background.

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

Château St Ferdinand 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers juicy/pulpy notes. It expresses notes of juicy cherry, violet and small notes of - pulpy plum associated with touches of small red berries as well as hints of pepper and a varietal hint / cherry tail. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, balanced and offers a tangy frame, energy, a little electric side. It expresses notes of fresh/juicy cherry, fresh/juicy small red berries and small notes of - juicy blackcurrant associated with a touch of star anise, flowers (violet, iris) and fresh nutmeg. Good length. A juicy wine, on the fruit, easy to access and well made. A fine chew on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château de Barbe Blanche 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small intensity/concentration as well as a small infusion side. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of plum, lily and toasted/sweet spices. The palate is nicely gourmand, supple, round, gourmand, and offers breadth and pulpiness. It expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of juicy/shiny cherry, associated with touches of liquorice stick, toast, nutmeg as well as fine hints of sweet spices. Tannins are sapid and supple. Hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

La Fleur de Château Haut-Piquat 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a certain creaminess in its fruit, brightness as well as a certain purity of the fruit. There are notes of bright blackberry, Bigarreau cherry and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of graphite, vanilla as well as fine floral hints. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced with a fresh, tangy structure and a certain verticality with a finely tight tannin structure. We have juiciness and freshness of the fruit with notes of fresh juicy cherries, blackcurrant and slight notes of fresh blueberry associated with fine floral touches as well as a hint of graphene, toast, vanilla. Tannins are finely smooth. There is a discreet hint of good bitterness and salinity in the background with good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Haut-Piquat 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a very fine grain, an airy side as well as a peppery side. This wine needs to be decanted. We find notes of concentrated blackcurrant, concentrated flowers, almost a pistil side and small juicy roasted red fruits associated with touches of graphene as well as a touch of saffron, spices and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is nicely fresh with minerality and a certain fullness in the freshness and juiciness accompanying a little fatness. We have notes of juicy and pulpy raspberries, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy roasted cherries associated with touches of flowers (iris, pistil, lilac) as well as hints of camphor, spices and a subtle note of tobacco in the background. Good length.

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

Château les Combes – Merlot 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is beautifully fruity, bright and gourmand, offering a beautiful definition of the fruit. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright blackcurrant and, more lightly, roasted-juicy berries, as well as a hint of creamy blue berries and delicate touches of cornflower and star anise. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral and chiseled, with a beautiful energy, a certain roundness and balance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, crushed blueberry and bright blackcurrant, associated with touches of graphene, toast and vanilla. A hint of fresh liquorice in the background as well as a fine salinity brings a pleasant complexity. A lovely wine on the fruit, the gourmandise, easy to access and ideal to pair. The tannins are supple and soft. Beautiful freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Bel Chouteau 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is a little closed and finely diluted. We find notes of violet, cherry blossom and slight notes of sweet spices associated with touches of small, bright red fruits as well as discreet almost patinated/dusty hints. The palate is fruity with freshness, tension, juiciness and a finely tight tannic structure which brings tension. The grain is finely powdered and marked. We have notes of fresh juicy cherries, raspberries and slight notes of juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of fresh flowers and almost a discreet hint of roots in the background and fine touches of dusty spices. Tannins are dusty and finely marked. We have a discreet sappy and cocoa hint in the background.

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

Château Croix de Rambeau 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is floral and offers some spices. There are notes of pistil, iris and slight notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry, star anise and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity with tension and a slightly tight tannic structure. There is minerality and notes of cherries, crunchy raspberries and slight notes of iris associated with rooty touches as well as fine hints of fresh violets, nutmeg and a sappy hint. Good length.

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

Château du Moulin Noir 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy, a bit tight and offers darkness. This wine needs to be decanted. There are notes of camphor, clove and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of spices and pepper. The nose is relatively marked by empyreumatic notes. The palate is mineral with freshness, juiciness, and a tangy structure. We have notes of pulpy/juicy redcurrant, juicy tangy blackcurrant and small notes of pulpy cherry associated with touches of clove, camphor as well as a hint of leather and discreet hints of pepper. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château du Courlat 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and mineral, it benefits from being decanted. It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild raspberry and more particularly sweet pepper, combined with fine toasted hints, as well as a hint of tobacco, vanilla and camphor. On the palate, the wine is mineral, fresh, supple, with a slight fatness and a nice roundness. It has a chiseled structure with a graphene and mocha side. We find notes of ripe and fresh wild blackcurrant, small juicy and fresh black berries, subtly accompanied by bright wild raspberry. All combined with touches of camphor, mocha, tobacco, a fine hint of clove and a hint of roasted almond in the background. Tannins are mellow and sapid. A discreet hint of varietal enriches the finish.

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

Château du Courlat – Cuvée Jean-Baptiste 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and fresh, with a fine tight and contained side. It is expressed with notes of very ripe wild strawberry, very ripe blackberry, and graphene, associated with touches of nutmeg, a hint of smoke, and subtle nuances of infusion. On the palate, the wine is fruity and fresh, with a velvety texture and a fine powdery side. The structure is tannic and tangy, offering a fine content side, with a slight fat and fleshiness. Wine benefits from being decanted. We find notes of pulpy blackcurrant, small fleshy black berries and bright raspberry, combined with touches of fleshy and juicy small fruits. Nuances of chocolate, toasted notes, roasted hazelnut and mocha complete the whole. Tannins are mellow, fresh and juicy, with a subtle, almost sappy hint, very discreet in the background.

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

Altea 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, with a little contained side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small fleshy blue fruits, and more particularly fleshy redcurrants, a hint of roasted Mediterranean fruits, associated with touches of infusion, blond tobacco, and a hint of cornflower, with a fine nuance of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of pepper in the background. On the palate, the wine is fruity, fresh, and mineral, with a nice balance. The structure is fresh, with tension, and precise, offering the right acidity and a beautiful verticality. The grain is finely tight, and the wine benefits from being decanted. We find notes of pulpy and juicy blackcurrant, Mediterranean roasted raspberry, combined with touches of small fleshy blue fruits and a subtle nuance of aromatic herbs/infusion. Hints of vanilla and a discreet peppery tone prolong the tasting. Good length, with mellow and fresh tannins. A round, fruity wine, offering a certain breadth and immediate accessibility.

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



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Château de la Grenière 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, fresh and juicy. It reveals notes of bright blackcurrant, creamy blackberry and, more slightly, crushed berries associated with touches of vanilla, liquorice as well as fine hints of toast and a subtle iodine hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, balanced, nicely tangy, offering delicacy, energy and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, tangy blackcurrant and, more slightly, small tangy red berries, associated with a touch of flowers (iris), tonka bean and fine hints of flint/gravel as well as hints of toast and toasted almond. There is also a fine hint of dark chocolate in the background. Good little chew and nice gourmandise in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château des Landes – Cuvée Prestige 2022

Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is well-conducted, chiseled and fresh, with a fine intensity and airiness in its grain, offering a purity in its definition. It would benefit from being decanted. We find notes of blackcurrant, small wild berries and more precisely graphene associated with a touch of violet, bigarreau cherry, as well as fine hints of zan, sweet pepper, anise and spices. On the palate, the wine is nicely fruity, juicy and supple, with a certain smoothness in freshness, good definition and airiness. We perceive notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy blackcurrant, and small touches of roasted and juicy red fruits, associated with touches of blueberry, blue plum, vanilla, as well as accents of graph, cardamom, toast and light hints of vanilla. In the background, a subtle note almost of fresh local grove. The tannins are nicely built, slightly mellow and finely sappy. Good length. A multi-layered profile.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château des Landes – Grand Héritage 2022

Lussac-Saint-Émilion

This wine needs to be decanted. The nose is precise, fresh and offers a fine floral side, a nice depth as well as a fine intensity. A precise, mellow and elegant grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, creamy cherry and small notes of small dense/concentrated black fruits associated with fine touches of violet, a hint of almost grilled aromatic herbs as well as fine hints of roasting. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, fresh, suave with a nice minerality and a nice silkiness. There is a little creaminess while freshness and minerality bringing a nice balance: it's lace! We have notes of pulpy and juicy cherries, small crushed red berries and small notes of blackcurrant associated with a touch of violet plum, violet as well as hints of star anise and zan, a subtle almost sappy hint, a discreet note of infusion and a subtle touch of cinnamon and bourbon vanilla. Tannins are tasty and gourmand. There is a slight power on the finish with persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

PUISSEGUIN SAINT-ÉMILION

Château Clarisse 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is spicy. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of violet, blackcurrant and small notes of black plum associated with touches of infusion, black tea as well as hints of camphor and a hint of clove. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity and offers minerality, darkness as well as deepness / an infusion side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant, morello cherry and small notes of black plum associated with touches of fresh roasting, bergamot / black tea as well as hints of nutmeg. Good length. This wine is, currently marked by roasting.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Chêne-Vieux – Cuvée Première 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, spicy and toasted. There are notes of chocolate, clove and slight notes of wild blackcurrant associated with fine hints of undergrowth and almost an aromatic herbal side. The palate has minerality, fluidity, juiciness with a discreetly tight tannic structure. We have a stretched side with notes of blackcurrant, small wild fruits, cloves and small notes of undergrowth associated with touches of gray pepper.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château La Vaisinerie 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals aromas of fruit, purity and a chiseled side. It expresses notes of blackberry, violet and slight notes of fresh lily, combined with touches of small wild black berries, red berries, as well as a hint of pepper, bay leaf and discreet toasted nuances. The palate is nicely juicy, suave, tangy, airy and elegantly chiseled, with relief! It offers notes of juicy/bright blackcurrant, tangy/juicy violet plum and slight notes of violet, combined with touches of crushed berries, toasted nuances, graphene and a subtle hint of almost fresh black tea in the background, as well as a little touch of mocha. Tannins are mellow and elegant. A nicely juicy and fresh mouthfeel.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Clarisse – Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, racy and offers suppleness as well as a toasted/vanilla side. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of vanilla associated with touches of crushed red berries as well as hints of violet, blond tobacco and a hint of vanilla. The palate is nicely fruity, mineral and offers juiciness, suppleness, a certain verticality as well as a chiseled side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, juicy/fresh violet plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of tonka bean, tobacco, a hint of clove as well as a subtle almost bright cherry hint and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are sapid and racy. A small chew on the finish/persistence. A very discreet salinity in the background.

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

Clos des Religieuses 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals fruit aromas, a small power, a fine concentration and a stretched and peppery character. We perceive notes of bright boysenberry, morello cherry and small notes of small shiny black fruits, associated with touches of cornflower, graphite, as well as discreet hints of juicy roasted cherry, clove and pepper. The palate is nicely structured, supple, fresh, tense, with a certain mellowness/pulpiness and a little creaminess. It expresses notes of creamy blackcurrant, acidulous violet plum and small notes of small, bright red berries, associated with touches of violet, lily, as well as hints of tobacco, cardamom and a touch of nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are elegant and racy. Nice freshness.

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

Château Teyssier – Cuvée d'Exception 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose has a fine intensity, with a certain depth. It benefits from being decanted. We find notes of wild blackberry, sweet pepper and more particularly cloves, associated with subtle dusty touches and discreet notes of lilac, spicy and nuances of sweet spices/nutmeg. On the palate, the wine is fruity, juicy, and suave, with lovely freshness and good definition. It offers a certain tension and remarkable accuracy, while maintaining elegant flexibility. We find notes of pulpy and juicy cherry, fleshy blackcurrant, and more discreetly bright raspberry, associated with touches of bright small fruits, hints of vanilla, blond tobacco, a discreet touch of smoke and star anise. Tannins are mellow and sapid, supporting a nice length on the palate.

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

Château Haut-Bernat – Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, racy and mineral. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, fresh blackberry and, more slightly, concentrated strawberry, associated with a touch of bigarreau cherry, racy minerality and a hint of fresh liquorice. The palate is fruity, offering juiciness, suavity, freshness, a tangy frame, a fine salinity and a little tension. It shows suppleness and elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy bigarreau cherry, juicy/pulpy blackcurrant and, more slightly, blueberry, associated with touches of racy minerality as well as fine chocolatey hints and a subtle toasted nuance. Minerality, freshness and a mellow finish complete a balanced and harmonious palate.

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

Château Tour Guillot 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is well-managed, offering a certain pulpiness, a little infusion side and gourmandise. It reveals notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry and, more slightly, fleshy blackcurrant, associated with touches of infusion, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of smoke and salinity. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, mineral and balanced. It offers a tangy frame, suppleness and accuracy, with a certain brightness of the fruit and airiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, tangy/juicy blueberry and, more slightly, blackcurrant, associated with fine touches of graphene, toast as well as a subtle hint of roasting. The tannins are sapid and mellow. Good length. A gourmet and easy-drinking wine.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Gontet – Robin 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, gourmand, well-built and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of bright strawberry associated with fine touches of juicy roasted fruits, licorice as well as a fine hint of caramelization, toast, blond tobacco and a touch of green pepper. The palate is nicely structured, fruity, balanced with a tangy structure. There is juiciness, suppleness, gourmandise as well as a little silkiness. We have notes of pulpy/juicy blackcurrant, juicy fleshy blackberry and slightly crushed cherry associated with touches of strawberries, juicy small fruits as well as a hint of licorice, star anise and a hint of sweet blond tobacco. We also perceive a note of iris, toast and fine touches of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are sapid and mellow with gourmandise.

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

Saint-Émilion Satellites

Château Gontet 2022

Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is fresh, floral and offers spices as well as a fine sappy side and black pepper. There are notes of black berries, black pepper and spices associated with touches of camphor, laurel berries and a hint of black tea. THE palate is fruity with juiciness, smoothness, a mineral framework with tension and a certain verticality. We have notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy/juicy blackcurrant and small, fairly ripe red berries associated with touches of violet, white tobacco, camphor as well as a hint of vanilla. Tannins are sappy and sapid. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

SAINT-GEORGES SAINT-ÉMILION

Château Tour du Pas Saint-Georges 2022

Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, with notes of graphene and pulpy blackcurrant, accompanied by small wild berries. It is also marked by touches of sweet pepper, spices, as well as a hint of zan, tobacco, and an imperceptible touch of almost sappy. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, with a tangy structure and a compact side which benefits from being decanted to relax. It has substance and a lovely velvety texture, with a little concentration. We also find notes of creamy blackberry, graphene, dark chocolate associated with touches of small blue fruits, creamy raspberry, and notes of dark chocolate, tobacco, cinnamon, and fine hints of roasted hazelnut. Tannins are mellow and fresh, with a nice little chew.

Score : 16.75/20 (83-94/100)

FRONSAC

Château Saint-Vincent 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh, saline and offers a small intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild redcurrants and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of fresh local grove and spices. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, pulpy/juicy cherry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of red berries as well as hints of salinity and a floral hint in the background. Good length. Varietal bitterness in the background/on the finish.

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

Château Tour Bel Air 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fresh and offers a very fine alcoholic hint as well as a floral side. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of ripe blackcurrant associated with touches of juicy-roasted small fruits, nutmeg and a hint of fresh pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, a good definition, fine tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of concentrated blackcurrant associated with touches of lilac, lily as well as hints of sense of place (local biotope), limestone and fine hints of spices. Tannins are mellow and sapid. Toasted hints in the background.

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

Château Lambert 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers fruit as well as a certain minerality. It reveals notes of boysenberry, pulpy/bright raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small bright red fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a small fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of juicy/pulpy cassis as well as a hint of cherry blossom and almond. A fine hint of good bitterness in the background. Good bitterness in the background. Energy, juiciness as well as acidity.

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

Château Saint Remy 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers harmony, a fine creaminess as well as a certain purity of the fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy red plum and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed cassis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, energy as well as a certain purity / a crystalline side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / tangy blackberry, cherry and small notes of juicy / bright cassis associated with touches of star anise, fresh blond tobacco as well as an iodized / saline hint and a very discreet almost sage hint in the background.

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

Fronsac & Canon-Fronsac

Château Reynaud 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, harmony as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of pulpy black cherry, purple plum and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of violet, liquorice stick / zan as well as a discreet almost infusion hint and morello cherry. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a mineral frame as well as fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of lily, lilac as well as hints of zan and a fine hint of black olive. Good length. A vegetal hint in the background.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Tour Bel Air – Merlot 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain complexity. It reveals notes of blueberry, flowers (wide aromatic palette) and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco as well as an almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a certain brilliance, precision as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, cassis and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of bright wild small red fruits, zan, star anise as well as a hint of black olive. Tannins are mellow, racy and sapid. Good length. Presence of fine floral and iodized hints in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Dauphine 2022

Fronsac

The nose is mineral. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of ripe wild raspberry associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as a discreet hint of incense, local grove and cocoa. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, juiciness, precision, a spherical side, a beautiful definition as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of violet plum as well as hints of liquorice stick/zan, cardamom, infusion and a hint of roasting. Good persistence. A hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Huste 2022

Fronsac

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a small concentration, deepness as well as a nice, intense, delicate and precise grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cornflowers, zan, black tea as well as discreet hints of limestone/graphite. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a certain tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright/shiny cassis and small notes of bright redcurrant associated with touches of lily, cornflower, zan as well as fine hints of vanilla and roasting. Tannins are sapid, mellow and gourmand. Nice salinity in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Escaderie 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers minerality, fruit as well as a fine alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of black cherry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of graphene associated with touches of balsamic as well as discreet hints of cornflowers and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, suavity as well as a nice juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of plum associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as a hint of Cubeb pepper and a very discreet almost sage hint. Good length. A hint of cocoa in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Mayne Vieil 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fresh, floral and chiseled. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of lilac associated with touches of small red fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, roundness as well as a linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of plum blossom as well as a hint of lily, blond tobacco and vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

Château Mayne Vieil – Cuvée Aliénor 2022

Fronsac

The nose is racy and offers a small minerality, spices as well as a local grove side. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition, a certain juiciness, a small creaminess, a fine silkiness as well as a slightly tight frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed red berries and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with touches of lily, cardamom, spices as well as a toasted

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hint, liquorice and chocolate. Good length. A varietal hint in the background as well as on the persistence/aftertaste. A wine with big maturity.

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

Château Tasta 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a certain maturity, deepness as well as a nice infusion side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of roasted-juicy strawberry associated with nice hints of balsamic and vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small freshness, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, blue plum and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with touches of lilac, balsamic, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of black olive and chocolate. Good length. Mellowness and chewiness on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Tour du Moulin 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with delicate hints of cornflower, Bourbon vanilla and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise, a tangy frame, a small concentration, a certain elegance as well as deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, juicy-roasted raspberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of colas/licorice stick as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla, Cubeb pepper and fine saline hints in the background. Tannins are powerful, racy and relatively polished. A small chew and power on the finish.

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

Château La Rousselle 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers fruit, a small concentration as well as race. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of crushed redcurrants as well as a hint of cardamom and toasted-fresh. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition, a small linear side as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine reveals notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of minerality as well as toasted hints, cardamom and a hint of toasted hazelnut. Good length. A hint of mocha in the background.

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

Château La Vieille Cure 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, floral and offers a small minerality as well as a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of fresh wild small fruits associated with hints of camphor as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a small fat, a slight fluidity as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of juicy/fleshy cherry associated with floral touches, graphene, smoke as well as fine hints of star anise. Good length. Tannins are a bit tight and offer a certain chewiness.

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

Château La Croix 2022

Fronsac

The nose is mineral and offers a graphene side. It reveals notes of blackberry, star anise and small notes of dense blackberry associated with touches of flint, cardamom, sweet spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a certain darkness/density as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy purple plum and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom, toast and a hint of cocoa.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Les Roches de Ferrand 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers fruit, concentration and minerality. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, concentrated cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of star anise, a hint of liquorice stick and a subtle almost smoky hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame as well as juiciness. A certain unctuousity/matter and a coating side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy black cherry, pulpy/ juicy cassis and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick, sweet blond tobacco and nutmeg. Salinity and a certain

gourmandise. Good length. Freshness and juiciness.

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

Château de Carles – Haut Carles 2022

Fronsac

Beautiful, elegant and gourmand nose that offers a certain maturity of the fruit, a silky/ delicate side as well as a certain racy power in finesse. We find notes of black cherry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with touches of cornflowers, crushed strawberry as well as delicate hints of zan, Ceylon tea and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers concentration, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, a certain precision, delicacy, harmony as well as a fine creaminess. Beautiful finesse of the grain and texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy Bigarreau cherry, juicy/fresh violet plum and small notes of bright strawberry associated with a touch of juicy-roasted small fruits as well as hints of blond tobacco, zan, a hint of chocolate, balsamic and a discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are elegant and mellow.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Carles 2022

Fronsac

The wine needs to be decanted. The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of morello cherry, quite ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice stick, vanilla as well as a hint of roasted-juicy small red fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, pulpy/ juicy blackcurrant and small notes of violet plum associated with touches of roasted-juicy fruits as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla and liquorice stick. Tannins are sapid. Good length.

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

Clos du Roy 2022

Fronsac

The nose is racy and offers minerality, a small darkness, a crystalline side as well as a quite ripe fruit. It reveals notes of black cherry, graphene and small notes of roasted raspberry associated with hints of liquorice stick, roasted-juicy small fruits as well as a hint of black olive (in the background). The palate is mineral, fresh and offers a mineral frame, a small silkiness of the matter (in freshness), gourmandise, mellowness as well as a linear/ stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy red cherry, creamy cassis and small notes of graphene associated with touches of roasted-juicy raspberry, crushed small fruits as well as a hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length. A hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Fontenil 2022

Fronsac

Beautiful fruity nose, creamy and which offers deepness, a certain intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, graphite, blueberry and small notes of minerality, creamy strawberry associated with hints of cornflowers, chocolate, toast, caramelization as well as fine hints of tobacco and a subtle kirsch hint. The palate is fruity and offers a nice juiciness, a tangy frame, freshness, bright, a crystalline side as well as energy. Almost a chalky side in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/acidulous blackcurrant and small notes of creamy redcurrant associated with touches of graphene, chocolate and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant, precise, powdery and offer chewiness. The finish is powdery. Beautiful chewiness and persistence. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

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

Château Moulin Haut-Laroque 2022

Fronsac

Beautiful and complex nose that offers a racy limestone power as well as a frank, straight and precise grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild cassis and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as fine hints of colas, blond tobacco, a hint of vanilla, warm oak and a discreet hint of crushed blueberry in the background. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, mineral, elegant, unctuous (even creamy) as well as precise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, creamy blueberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of dark chocolate, toast, almost a caramelized side as well as hints of blond tobacco, a subtle hint of camphor and a discreet hint of coconut (in the background). Good length. A nice grain of graphite/chalky tannin. A smoky side in the background.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)



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Château Renard Mondesir 2022

Fronsac

Beautiful, fruity and racy nose offering a certain deepness. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant and small notes of zan associated with a touch of wild blackberry, a discreet hint of pepper as well as a very discreet almost grilled Provençal herbs hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a certain tension as well as a small creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as hints of cornflower and almond. Tannins are mellow and sapid. Good length. Gourmandise and a nice acidity on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Dalem 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine creaminess, gourmandise as well as a toasted side. It reveals notes of creamy raspberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of morello cherry, balsamic as well as fine hints of cardamom and sense of place (local biotope). The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, elegance, a beautiful matter as well as a beautiful racy grain. Finesse in its grain as well as in its concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, strawberry and small notes of pulpy blackcurrant associated with touches of liquorice, colas, balsamic as well as hints of creamy vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant and mellow. Good persistence.

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

Château Lambert – Cuvée Fût 2022

Fronsac

The nose offers minerality. The wine needs to be decanted if you open it soon... or forget it in cellar for the next few years... It needs time to fully settle in. There are notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of nutmeg, spices and a hint of graphene. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh violet plum associated with touches of balsamic as well as a hint of liquorice stick and fine floral hints. Tannins are sapid. The finish and persistence are iodized. Good length.

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

Château La Placette 2022

Fronsac

The nose is floral, fresh and offers a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, violet, lily and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with a hint of tomato leaf. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame as well as a fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy raspberry, crushed cherry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of cornflower, cardamom, graphite/flint as well as hints of creamy vanilla. Good length. Fine vegetal hints and good bitterness on the finish/persistence. A fine hint of spices and leather on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Magondeau 2022

Fronsac

A small volatile side and spicy. There are notes of ripe small red fruits, flint/graphene, spices and a varietal hint. The palate is nicely fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, tension as well as a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, star anise as well as hints of nutmeg, toast, chocolate and a hint of sweet blond tobacco (in the background).

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

Château La Rivière 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, energy as well as a nice fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy purple plum, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of vanilla, star anise as well as a hint of crushed small red fruits, a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of fresh pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, a fresh/acidulous frame, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, purple plum and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of blueberry, liquorice as well as a subtle almost balsamic hint. Good length. Tannins are slight firm and gourmand.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

La Belle Endormie 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and offers a fine concentration as well as a certain gourmandise. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with touches of purple plum, lily as well as fine hints of

sweet pepper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, tension, precision as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of balsamic, toasted and racy minerality. Tannins are finely marked and discreetly tight.

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

Château Les Trois Croix 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a certain harmony. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blackcurrant and small notes of wild small fruits associated with touches of tobacco as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a racy minerality as well as a fresh frame. Nicely marked by the limestone acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, creamy blackcurrant and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with touches of violet, sweet blond tobacco, black olive and nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Moulin Haut Villars 2022

Fronsac

The nose is nicely fruity and offers a nice definition/precision in its fruit, a certain complexity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy violet plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed raspberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality / a mineral frame, fluidity as well as salinity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, violet and small notes of pulpy / juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of lily as well as hints of sense of place (local biotope), a subtle toasted hint and toasted almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Barrabaque 2022

Fronsac

The nose is spicy and offers a small darkness. We find notes of clove, some quite ripe fruits, a hint of smoke but also fine hints of spices. The palate offers unctuousness in freshness, a beautiful energy, a nice acidity as well as width. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of cornflowers, zan as well as a hint of acidulous candy. Gourmand wine! Beautiful persistence.

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

Château Magondeau – Beau Site 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, pulpy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of bright small fruits as well as discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, fat as well as fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with touches of fresh purple plum as well as a hint of zan. Good length.

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

Château La Vieille Croix 2022

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, harmony as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, crushed wild raspberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of ripe blackcurrant as well as fine hints of violet, infusion and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality / a mineral frame as well as acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy / fresh violet plum associated with touches of bright small red fruits as well as hints of cornflowers. Tannins are polished. Good length. A hint of fresh tobacco on the persistence.

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

Q de Château Moulin Haut-Laroque 2022

Fronsac

(80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers intensity as well as a beautiful deepness and elegance. There are notes of wild blackcurrant, tangy blue berries and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of redcurrants, hints of spices, nutmeg and a fine hint of black tea. A beautiful sensation of ripe fruits but with tanginess. The palate is nicely built, fruity, elegant, creamy, gourmand, delicate, supple, airy and offers a beautiful airy richness as well as acidity. A fine and mellow grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, creamy blueberry and small notes of ripe black berries associated with touches of black tea, star anise, violet, cornflower as well as a hint of black pepper, wild berries and strawberry. Beautiful silkiness, roundness and brilliance of the Cabernet Franc. A subtle almost caramelized/toasted hint, full of elegance. Nice persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

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Château Puy Guilhem 2022

Fronsac

The nose is racy, it benefits from being decanted. We find notes of pulpy wild blackberry, small bright berries, and slight notes of creamy blackcurrant, associated with touches of infusion, chocolate, as well as discreet hints of sweet blond tobacco and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, with a tangy structure and energy. We find notes of juicy/bright blackberry, bright blackcurrant, and small notes of bright redcurrants associated with touches of violet, blond tobacco, and an almost hint of sage, black olive/infusion, and fine spices. toasted almond. Good length. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Lovely freshness and gourmandise, with remarkable deepness and aromatic concentration.

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

Château Plain-Point 2022

Fronsac

The nose is well developed, frank, fresh and velvety, with an elegant touch of austerity. There are notes of wild blackberry, violet, and more delicately cornflower, combined with touches of infusion and nutmeg. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, fresh, with a pulpy side and a certain brightness of the fruit, which benefits from being decanted. We find notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright blackcurrant, and cornflower, all accompanied by touches of nutmeg, infusion, as well as subtle notes of toast and chocolate. Tannins are mellow, and we also perceive a hint of vanilla. Mellowness in this wine and a certain gourmandise.

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

Beynat Château Villars 2022

Fronsac

The nose is racy and offers a fine concentration as well as an airy and powerful side at the same time in its grain. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, blackberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with hints of fresh local grove, Cubeb pepper as well as a subtle almost sage hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, a fresh frame, a good definition as well as a fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, creamy cassis and small notes of creamy raspberry associated with touches of violet, lilac as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, a hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of black olive (in the background). Presence of a subtle hint of roasting on the aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Canon Cardinal 2022

Canon-Fronsac

Beautiful, fruity, unctuous and gourmand nose that offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of boysenberry, bright wild strawberry and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with a touch of flowers and liquorice. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a small pulpiness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, wild strawberry and small notes of tangy cassis associated with touches of racy minerality and liquorice stick. A great acidity and hints of chocolate in the background. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Gourmandise !

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

Château Canon Pecresse 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is mineral and offers delicacy, a nice fine grain as well as a certain concentration in finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, purple plum and small notes of roasted-juicy small fruits associated with touches of star anise, fresh blond tobacco as well as a very discreet almost grilled aromatic herbs hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a graphene side, a nice finesse of the grain, a fine fluidity as well as a silky and fine texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, toast and small notes of nutmeg associated with touches of ripe-juicy small red fruits as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco and a hint of black pepper in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Clos Saint-Michel 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers concentration, fruit, a good definition as well as a subtle powdery side. It reveals notes of bright cherry, bright cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice stick, incense/smoke and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, precision as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright raspberry and small notes of juicy-fresh red fruits associated with hints of sweet blond tobacco, fresh balsamic as well as a hint of cocoa, toast and almost aromatic herbs/infusion (in the background). Tannins are mellow and tasty. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Canon 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is a bit tight and offers freshness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of clove, ebony/varnish, smoke and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, tension, precision, energy as well as a minerality that leads. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackcurrant associated with touches of cornflower, smoke, clove and a hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Clos Toumalin 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is mineral, racy and offers fruit. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of ripe blackcurrant, nutmeg and small notes of clove associated with touches of wild berries as well as a hint of lily, acidulous candy and Cubeb pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, acidity, tension, roundness, a certain volume, a small concentration as well as a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of creamy red fruits associated with touches of balsamic, iodine as well as fine hints of pepper. Tannins are racy and structuring.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Rouillet 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a certain precision as well as a stretched side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, camphor and small notes of nutmeg associated with a touch of clove as well as a very discreet hint of crushed cassis (in the background). The palate is juicy, tangy and offers a stretched side, balance as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, juicy small red fruits and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of violet as well as a hint of sweet blond tobacco and almond. Tannins are mellow. Good length. A hint of coffee/roasting in the background. The finish is a bit tight.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Gaby – Princess 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, camphor/incense and small notes of roasted-juicy small red fruits associated with hints of clove and almost varnish. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a small tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, red berries and small notes of violet, lilac associated with touches of varnish, spices as well as a hint of clove. Tannins are finely marked. Good length. A varietal hint on the aftertaste.

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

Château Barrabaque – Prestige 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers notes of wild blackberry, quite ripe red fruits and small notes of clove associated with a hint of tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, fat, a certain roundness as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy blackcurrant and small notes of red berries associated with touches of tobacco, dried flowers as well as hints of clove, spices and fine hints of old wood.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Mazeris Bellevue 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers fresh fruit, a very fine concentration as well as a racy grain. It reveals notes of blackcurrant and red berries associated with a fine touch of violet and zan. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a small tension, a tangy frame as well as a discreet varietal side (as guideline). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of ripe blackcurrant associated with floral touches (iris, lily) as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. Tannins are finely firm. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Moulin Pey Labrie 2022

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine fleshy-juicy fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy-juicy small red fruits, blackcurrant and small notes of fresh pepper associated with touches of fresh small fruits, lily as well as a discreet iodized hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, fluidity as well as good work on the good bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh flowers, fresh blackberry and red berries associated with a touch of tomato leaf as well as fine hints of fleshy/juicy cherry. A certain harmony.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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NATURAL SWEET WINES

Château Les Pins 2023

Muscat de Rivesaltes

The nose is fresh and offers power as well as a fine chiseled side. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of ripe mango associated with touches of roasted pineapple as well as fine hints of almost citrus fruits/citrus flowers, verberna/lime blossom and a hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fruity, suave and offers fluidity as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mango, acacia flowers and small notes of roasted mango associated with fine hints of roasted berries/syrupy pineapple and an imperceptible hint of infused lime blossom.

Score : 14.75/20 (89/100)

Dom Brial – Tuilé, Hors d'Âge

Rivesaltes

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a charming side. It reveals notes of dried fig, morello cherry and small notes of blond tobacco associated with touches of spices, a hint of dried orange as well as a subtle almost cedar/caramelized hint. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, chiseled, frank and offers minerality. [...] Good length. Fine tannic hints, cocoa and dried almond in the background. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*

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

Château Les Pins – 2015

Rivesaltes Ambré

The nose is fruity and offers a certain controlled power/intensity. It reveals notes of fig, yellow plum/candied medlar and small notes of candied small fruits, dried orange associated with touches of spices, turmeric, cardamom and a very discreet almost oceanic/iodized hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, suppleness, a certain small roundness as well as a fine fat. [...] Good length. Good persistence with a subtle powdery/tannic and almond hint. Sweet hint on the persistence. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*

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

Dom Brial – Cuvée du Centenaire 2003

Rivesaltes Ambré

The nose is dusty, quite spicy and offers a cooked and fresh side at the same time. It reveals notes of rye, date and small notes of dried fig associated with hints of cashew nuts and fresh walnuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of rye, dried apricot and small notes of roasted almond associated with touches of green coffee, small dried fruits as well as fine hints of tobacco and Corinthian raisin. Good length. Hint of toasted almond, grilled and fine tannic hints (in the aromatic) in the background.

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

Dom Brial – Grande Réserve 1999

Rivesaltes

(Bottling) The nose is aromatic and offers brilliance, an almost textured side as well as a relatively fine grain. It reveals notes of dried apricot, dried mirabelle plum and small notes of Zante currant associated with fine hints of dried pineapple, rosewood as well as discreet hints of verberna and pâtisseries. [...] Brilliance and freshness. Beautiful tangy/gourmet persistence.

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Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Dom Brial – Grande Réserve 1959

Rivesaltes

(Bottled in 2013) The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic, framed/straight and offers structure. It reveals notes of date, tobacco box and small notes of dried violet associated with touches of fresh rancio, fresh gray pepper, dried leaf as well as a hint of almond biscuit. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, dried fig and small notes of candied orange associated with touches of rancio, small dried fruits/dry cake as well as touches of fresh walnut and an imperceptible floral/chlorophyll hint. Beautiful persistence. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*

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

Domaine de Rancy Le Temps d'un Oubli (hors d'âge)

Rivesaltes

The nose is powdery, marked by dried fruits and pepper. We find hints of menthol associated with touches of dried date, an almost prune side, dried fruits as well as a subtle hint of cigar box and cocoa. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, energy, a beautiful definition, precision/purity, sincerity as well as race. Beautiful personality! On the palate this wine expresses notes of prune, date and small notes of jammy/dried blueberry associated with fine touches of rancio, tobacco box, cocoa as well as fine hints of nutmeg and green coffee. Beautiful freshness, gourmandise and substance.

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

Domaine de Rancy 2004

Rivesaltes

Beautiful dry nose, precise, straight, tense and which offers a powdery side. It reveals notes of zan, dried plum and small notes of raisin associated with touches of dried Quetsche plum, fine hints of dry tobacco, pepper as well as an almost linden hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, airy and offers juiciness, suavity, minerality, freshness, precision, straightness as well as a beautiful suavity and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet plum, small candied fruits and small notes of crystallized zest associated with touches of rancio, candied kumquat as well as fine hints of coffee, cardamom and a discreet hint of dry undergrowth. Beautiful persistence over 10 caudalies.

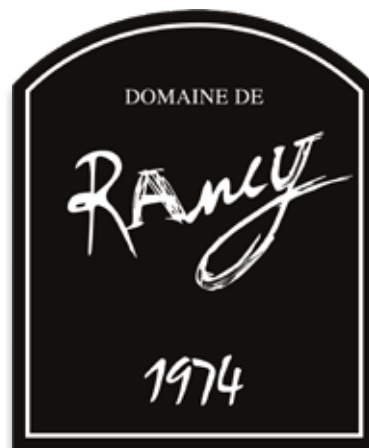
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de Rancy 1984

Rivesaltes

The nose is deep, concentrated, dense, precise, all in accuracy, and offers darkness in elegance as well as a beautiful palette of spices. There are notes of dried fig, dried orange and liquorice stick associated with hints of cocoa, tonka bean, green coffee as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, incense and dried walnut. The palate is beautifully built, elegant, racy, supple, delicate and offers deepness and intensity in accuracy. Very beautiful aromatic palette on spices. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black plum, candied raspberry and small notes of zan, cardamom associated with touches of different spices, cocoa as well as fine hints of rancio, almost truffled, a hint of green anise, camphor and a very discreet hint of incense. Good length. Presence of a hint of dry biscuit and an imperceptible hint of kirsch. Beautiful persistence over 12 caudalies.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)



Domaine de Rancy 1974

Rivesaltes

Beautiful nose that offers elegance, aromatic complexity as well as a powdery, powerful and concentrated grain. We find notes of rancio, dried strawberry and small notes concentrated black plum associated with touches of green cardamom, small dried fruits, cuttlefish as well as an imperceptible hint of saline, balsamic, almost thyme and camphor. The palate is beautifully built, fruity

and offers roundness, suavity as well as a little unctuousity in juiciness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied black cherry, candied black plum and small notes of candied strawberry associated with touches of kumquat, candied bitter orange as well as fine hints of balsamic and rancio. A subtle hint of pepper. Beautiful energy. Beautiful persistence.

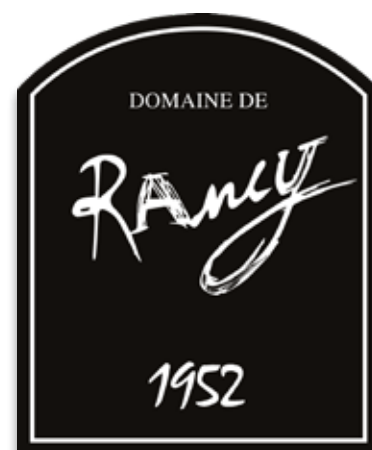
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Domaine de Rancy 1963

Rivesaltes

The nose is intense, stretched, spicy and offers a nice stretched guideline. It reveals notes of roasted coffee, zan and small notes of rancio associated with touches of morello cherry, dried redcurrants, dried mandarin as well as hints of candied small fruits, Madagascar pepper, a subtle hint of undergrowth and incense. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, accuracy as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, dried purple plum and small notes of dried small fruits, rancio, date, fig as well as a subtle hint of garrigue (in the background). Good length. A very nice persistence with in particular a subtle toasted hint.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



Domaine de Rancy 1952

Rivesaltes

The nose is powerful, airy and offers a warm side and complexity. An invitation to take your time, to think. We find notes of violet fig, dried orange zest and small notes of dried lemon associated with touches of Cubeb pepper / Timut pepper as well as a hint of fresh blond tobacco, incense, a subtle hint of cardamom and an almost local dry soil side (sense of place / biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully elegant, mineral, finely coating / creamy and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied black cherry, candied kumquat and small notes of candied purple plum associated with touches of rancio, green coffee, undergrowth as well as fine hints almost pâtisseries/crème brûlée, balsamic and an imperceptible hint almost sage/verberna (in the background). Good length with a subtle hint of toffee and an imperceptible hint of dried black olive on the persistence. Superb gourmand persistence, suave and very discreetly acidulous. An outstanding, elegant, concentrated and spicy Vin Doux Naturel.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

Mas Amiel, Vintage Charles Dupuy 2020 Maury

(Organic AB) Beautiful fruity nose that offers purity, matter, a certain concentration/richness full of accuracy, iodine as well as an airy side. It reveals notes of fresh bigarreau cherry, concentrated redcurrants and black berries associated with touches of pepper, a fine hint of rhubarb as well as a discreet hint almost of orange marmalade. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, gourmande, supple, airy, elegant and offers a tangy frame as well as a beautiful silky touch and texture. On the palate this wine

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expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, blueberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of rhubarb as well as fine hints of mango, juniper, scrubland and sage. Good length and persistence. A very nice persistence with a fine hint of fennel in the background.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Chabert de Barbera 1992

Maury

The nose is roasted, fresh, marked by rancio and offers a schist side. It reveals notes of rancio, fresh walnut and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of small jammy black fruits as well as hints of almond. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, minerality as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, black plum, morello cherry and small notes of small dried fruits associated with touches of tobacco, pâtisseries, caramelization and a discreet hint of toasted almond. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in the background.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Terres des Templiers – Prestige 2021

Banyuls Rimage

The nose offers fruit, concentration, a beautiful freshness as well as a discreetly tight grain. There are notes of Quetsche plum, kirsch red plum and small notes of star anise associated with touches of zan, salinity and a discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate offers fruit, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, a certain tension as well as a stretched side. The palate is marked by schist. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, Quetsche plum and small notes of kirsch small red fruits associated with touches of liquorice, chocolate as well as a hint of sage and green coffee. Good length. A fine chew.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Terres des Templiers – Moon 2018

AOP Banyuls

(Bottled in 12/2023) The nose offers fruit, a certain concentration as well as a fine luminous side. There are notes of dried red plum, rancio and small notes of orange associated with touches of orange blossom as well as fine hints of ginger, cedar, citron and spices/gingerbread. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a certain fat as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch red plum, candied orange zest and small notes of crystallized mandarin associated with touches of kumquat as well as fine hints of tobacco and walnut.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Terres des Templiers – Solaris 2012

Banyuls Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a certain concentration as well as a certain elegance. It reveals notes of dried blackberry, orange peel and small notes of fruit paste associated with touches of fresh oriental spices (tagine spices), fresh raisins as well as discreet hints of wild pepper and Madagascarr pepper. [...] Beautiful freshness on the finish. A gourmand side, all in freshness. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Abbe Rous – Cornet & Cie

Banyuls Ambré

(5 years and over) The nose is fruity and on the fresh oxidative. It reveals notes of mango, roasted pineapple and small notes of Zante currant (with nevertheless a certain juicy character) associated with a hint of medicinal herbs, dried apricot and a subtle hint of fresh coffee. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, freshness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Zante currant, dried apricot and small notes of juicy date associated with touches of dried apple, a hint of roasted pineapple, fresh rosemary, sage as well as a subtle almost aniseed hint and crème brûlée. Good gourmet persistence.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Abbé Rous – Baillaury 2009

Banyuls Grand Cru

The nose is marked by spices. It reveals notes of prune, fresh date and small notes of pâtisseries associated with touches of red pepper as well as fine hints of cumin and a subtle almost wild fennel hint. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, minerality, a certain small freshness, an acidulous frame as well as a silky freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Quetsche plum, date and small notes of fruit marmalade associated with touches of candied fruit cake, hints of star anise, wild fennel as well as a hint of eucalyptus, flint, roasted almond and green coffee. Good length.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Abbé Rous, Cuvée Christian Reynat 2002

Banyuls Grand Cru

The nose is racy and offers a rancio side, a fine power as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of rancio, dried citrus fruits and small notes of potpourri associated with touches of dry undergrowth, tobacco as well as a hint of fresh black pepper and incense. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, suavity, a mineral frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied red plum, marmalade, crushed fig and small notes of Zante currant associated with touches of gingerbread, cardamom, wild fennel and a discreet hint of pepper. A discreet and elegant hint of leather.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Abbé Rous, Cuvée Joseph Nadal 2004

Banyuls Grand Cru

The nose is spicy, frank, racy and offers an oriental side (coriander, curcuma/cumin). It reveals notes of dried tobacco, dried orange and small notes of dried peach associated with a touch of concentrated dried apricot, green cardamom, small dried fruits as well as fine hints of rancio, almost dry undergrowth and a hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, a chiseled side as well as a certain concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried Quetsche plum, prune and small notes of Corinth raisin associated with touches of tajine spices as well as fine hints of caramelization, blond tobacco, discreet hints of rancio and marmalade/dried orange. Good length. The persistence is finely powerful and vibrant. A discreet alcoholic hint in the background.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine de la Part des Anges – 2021

Maury Grenat

The nose is beautifully led, elegant and airy in its power. It reveals notes of blueberry, dried fig and small notes of blackcurrant liqueur associated with an almost sweet pepper touch. The palate is beautifully led, supple, mineral, elegant, nicely gourmet, airy and offers brilliance, darkness, depth as well as a fine graphite side (in the background). All in accuracy and balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blueberry, creamy blackcurrant and small notes of fig associated with touches of candied orange, hints of candied strawberry as well as a subtle hint almost dried apricot, tobacco and chocolate. The tannins are soft and gourmet.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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Maury Grenat

The nose is fruity, elegant, deep, contained, gourmand. It expresses notes of crushed blueberry, blackberry jelly and more slightly - jammy strawberry, associated with delicate hints of cinnamon, tobacco, a hint of smoke, morello cherry in sugar. The palate is nicely conducted, fruity, fresh, suave, supple and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, crushed blueberry and more slightly - jammy blackcurrant associated with touches of crushed raspberry, as well as hints of fig, a subtle hint almost dried apricot, a discreet hint of marmalade, tobacco, smoke and spices. Good length, with a tangy frame and freshness. Nicely fresh and elegant.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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Mas Amiel 30ans

Maury

(Bottled in 05/2024) Beautiful, elegant, precise, ample and delicate nose. It reveals notes of dried fig, date and small notes of cedar associated with elegant almost leathery touches, small dried fruits as well as a subtle hint of cashew nuts. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried cherry, fig and small notes of dried apricot associated with a touch of jammy redcurrants, fine hints of marmalade as well as a subtle almost fresh hazelnut hint and fresh rancio. Beautiful tension on the persistence. A subtle hint of warm pine needle on the persistence. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Mas Amiel 40ans

Maury

(Bottled in 06/2023) The nose is elegant, aromatic, gourmand and offers energy as well as matter. It reveals notes of marmalade, Quetsche plum and small notes of fresh rancio associated with a touch of fresh apricot as well as discreet hints of fresh almond and a subtle almost fresh balsamic hint. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of apricot almond, fresh marmalade and small notes of crushed/fresh Quetsche plum associated with a touch of fresh fig, sage as well as a vinous hint, iodine, fresh tobacco, fresh almond and a hint of good bitterness (in the background). A great tangy persistence. A subtle aromatic tannic hint. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Mas Amiel – Millésime 99' (1999)

AOC Maury

Beautiful, elegant, full, aromatic and complex nose that offers a fresh rancio side. We find notes of fresh Zante currant, fresh fig and small notes of rosewood, sandalwood associated with touches of juniper berries as well as fine hints of dried blackcurrant, a subtle hint of almond and fresh tobacco/fresh incense. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, apricot almond and small notes of dried blackcurrant associated with touches of sandalwood, cherry stone as well as a hint of jammy blueberry, fresh leather and fresh rancio. Discreet hints of pâtisseries on the finish. Very nice tangy persistence. Chewy. A hint of toasted almond and salinity on the persistence. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Mas Amiel – Millésime 80'

AOC Maury

The nose is nicely on the rancio and offers energy as well as a fine incisive side. There are notes of dried mandarin, juniper berries and small notes of dry kumquat associated with hints of Timut pepper, a subtle hint of sage as well as a very discreet hint of crème brûlée. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of mango, dried apricot, bright berries and small notes of candied Amalfi lemon associated with fine hints of rhubarb, juniper berries, a hint of sage, fresh rancio as well as a subtle almost citrus flowers hint, blood orange and fresh walnut. Beautifully persistent and sapid. Presence of a subtle sappy and iodized hint in the background. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Mas Amiel – Millésime 70'

AOC Maury

The nose is beautifully marked by aromatic herbs. It reveals notes of rosemary, verben, kumquat, dried plum and small notes of pine needles associated with hints of almost roasted pineapple, dried fruits as well as a subtle iodized hint and an imperceptible hint of toffee / salted butter caramel. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat and crystallized mandarin associated with hints of rosemary, dried fruits, fine lemony, iodized hints as well as a subtle almost dried mango hint, schist and a discreet hint of toasted almond. An almost tangy candy hint in the background. A hint of good bitterness. Beautiful persistence. A hint of leather and tobacco on the persistence. *Read full review on www.vertdevin.com*
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Port wines

Ferreira, Quinta do Porto 2022

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2024) Beautiful aromatic nose, dense which offers richness as well as a nice balance. It reveals notes of morello cherry, stewed blackcurrant and small notes of jammy red berries associated with touches of violet, thyme, spices as well as fine hints of fresh fig and cocoa. The palate is beautifully fruity, nicely fresh, round, fleshy, juicy, gourmand and offers richness as well as density in balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry and stewed red plum associated with touches of roasted cherry as well as hints of crushed blackcurrant, spices, cinnamon, dried fig, chocolate and toasted/caramelized. Tannins are sapid, mel-low and tasty. Presence of a hint of thyme, black olive and cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sandeman, Quinta do Seixo 2022

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2024) Beautiful, frank, powerful and concentrated nose which offers a small incisive side, darkness, a nice deepness as well as a certain freshness. It reveals notes of concentrated blackcurrant, camphor and crushed black plum associated with touches of black pepper, maceron, roasted cherry as well as hints of black tea, infusion, clove/four spices and a hint of pâtisseries. The palate is nicely mineral, fruity, suave and offers delicacy in its concentration, deepness, darkness as well as a certain roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, morello cherry and small notes of blueberry jelly associated with touches of jammy red berries, hints of Bourbon vanilla, turmeric, toasted, mocha as well as a discreet almost aromatic herbs hint and kirsch. Tannins are very fine and currently discreetly tight. Good length. Gourmand!

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Churchill's, Quinta da Gricha 2022

Vintage Porto

The nose is fruity, fresh, ample, precise and offers a lovely and delicate texture. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cornflower and small notes of fresh flowers / pistil associated with touches of crushed strawberry, hints of jammy small red plum as well as hints of pink pepper, smoke and an almost dry grove hint. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, accuracy, tension, an airy side, complexity in finesse / elegance as well as a beautiful juiciness and acidity. Beautiful gourmandise of the fruit. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of bright red cherry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of blood orange associated with touches of candied blueberry, hints of star anise, pepper, a hint of black tea as well as a subtle hint of dry grove and toasted / toasted hazelnut. Good length. A Porto full of elegance and balance.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ramos Pinto 2000

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2002) The wine needs to be decanted. The nose is elegant, precise, frank, nicely racy and offers a beautiful infusion side. It reveals notes of Madagascar pepper, crushed black berries and small notes of black tea associated with touches of jammy blueberry, hints of kirsch small red fruits as well as fine hints of lilac, cornflower, liquorice stick, discreet hints of camphor, sense of place (olive tree, dry grove) and chocolate. The palate is beautifully built, supple, mineral and offers an acidulous frame as well as verticality in its tannic structure, straightness and a very discreetly tight side. On the palate this Porto wine expresses notes of quite ripe violet plum, fig and small notes of date associated with touches of quite ripe blackcurrant as well as a discreet hint almost of Zante currant and a subtle almost orange hint. Tannins are racy, well-built and elegant. A subtle hint of cocoa in the background.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Offley 2022

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2024) The nose is powerful, frank and offers intensity. It reveals notes of kirsch cherry, candied blueberry and small notes of Timut pepper associated with fine touches of small red fruits, dried zest as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, a hint of cornflower, liquorice and a subtle hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, a stretched side as well as verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry, candied strawberry and small notes of redcurrant jelly associated with touches of bright cassis, fine hints of tobacco, smoke as well as a hint of graphene and toasted hints. Tannins are currently very slightly tight and require time. Presence of a hint of colas and pâtisseries on the finish/persistence. Good persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Quinta Nova 2021

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2023) The nose is intense and offers power and a peppery side. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, plum and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of hot/dry grove, fine almost thyme hints, small kirsch red fruits as well as a hint of dried orange zest, hints of smoke, tobacco and zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, fat, roundness, width, a sustained/airy side as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry, dried violet plum and small notes of fig associated with touches of gray pepper, Timut pepper, small jammy fruits as well as hints of clove, nutmeg, spices and tobacco. Tannins are elegant and supple. There is a subtle hint of roasting, coffee and vanilla on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Maynard's 2021

Vintage Porto

The nose is peppery and offers fruit, precision and a certain intensity in the spices. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, candied cherry and small notes of red fruits with kirsch associated with touches of gray pepper, violet as well as hints of purple plum, zan, smoke, a hint of incense and toast. The palate is mineral and offers acidity, a small electric side in its acidulous frame. A finely tight/marked tannic structure. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of crushed blackberry, candied blueberry and small notes of candied cherry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, fig as well as a hint almost of dried apricot, spices, toasted, a hint of roasting and grilled almond. Tannins are slightly marked. Good length.

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

Feuerheerd's 2020

LBV Porto

The nose is powerful, nicely fruity, chiseled and offers brilliance. It reveals notes of blueberry and bright strawberry associated with touches of kirsch small fruits, violet/violet jelly associated with a hint of plum, cornflower, fine hints of Madagascar pepper, grilled rosemary as well as a hint of smoke and fine hints of spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers brightness, brilliance of the fruit, a tangy frame, a beautiful freshness of the fruit as well as a nice concentration of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy purple plum, bright cherry and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of flowers, an almost marmalade hint as well as fine hints of fresh fig, toast, mocha, smoke and tobacco. Tannins are racy and finely smoked.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Quinta das Herédias 2020

LBV Porto

(Bottled: 2024) The nose is fruity and offers brightness as well as a certain intensity with a kirsch character. It reveals notes of redcurrant liqueur, kirsch cherry and

small notes of cassis liqueur associated with touches of plum blossom as well as hints of balsamic and a hint of star anise. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, brightness of the fruit, a tangy frame as well as fleshiness/pulpsiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, blueberry liqueur and small notes of kirsch red berries associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as a subtle almost mentholated hint, fig, tobacco and cocoa. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quinta das Hérédias 2020

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2022) The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of clove, nutmeg and small notes of spices associated with touches of undergrowth, fine hints of black olive, black berry liqueur as well as a hint of espresso and gray pepper. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral, supple and offers roundness, fleshiness as well as a certain density of matter. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cassis, fleshy/pulpy blueberry and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with touches of tobacco, cocoa/mocha, hints of undergrowth, clove as well as a hint of tobacco, gray pepper and empyreumatic. A subtle hint of toasted hazelnut in the background. The finish is roasted.

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

Quinta da Pedra Alta 2020

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 03/2023) The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of clove, fresh leather and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of wild berries as well as fine floral hints (lily, saffron) and hints of tobacco boxes. The palate is beautifully fresh, mineral and offers a certain straightness as well as a precise and discreetly contained grain. A wine driven by freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy plum, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of roasting, coffee, mocha as well as fine toasted hints and gray pepper. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Van Zellers & Co – 2019

LBV Porto

The nose offers fruit, pulp, a nice power while being well-controlled/accurate, a beautiful texture as well as a powerful, racy and elegant grain. It reveals notes of violet, fig and small notes of bright Quetsche plum associated with touches of jammy strawberry, bright blueberry, hints of tobacco, liquorice stick, green cardamom, anise as well as fine almost citrus hints, a very discreet hint of aromatic herbs, toasted and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is beautifully built, precise, delicate, elegant while mastering and offers a beautiful guideline, delicacy as well as a technical and chiseled side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed violet plum, candied cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower, crushed blueberry as well as hints of cardamom, fine hints of tobacco, smoke, toasted almond and an imperceptible almost thyme hint in the background. A hint of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Quinta do Crasto 2019

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2022) Beautiful, fruity, intense and deep nose which offers finesse in its power as well as a captivating side. A beautiful, fine and airy grain. We find notes of wild blackcurrant, violet, fresh flowers and rose associated with touches of concentrated strawberry as well as hints of Cubeb pepper and a hint of tobacco. The palate is lovely fruity, kirsch, well-balanced, racy and offers a tangy frame, minerality, a beautiful definition as well as suppleness and delicacy in its richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry, jammy blueberry and small notes of cooked small fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as

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hints of star anise, chocolate, coffee, a hint of flowers (in the background) and black tea. Tannins are mellow and tasty. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Churchill's 2019

LBV Porto

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers an airy power (all in elegance/class) as well as a very fine, airy and powerful grain. There are notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry and blond tobacco associated with fine touches of blackcurrant jam, crushed black plum as well as a hint of crushed fig, pâtisseries, pepper and roasting. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, tension, energy, a sustained side (in elegance) as well as a lovely delicacy and elegance. On the palate this Porto wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright purple plum and small notes of blueberry jelly associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of blond tobacco and toasted almond. Tannins are frank and racy. Good length and beautiful persistence. A beautifully fresh, round and well-balanced Port.

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

Taylor's 2019

LBV Porto

The nose is precise, frank, tense and offers a certain concentration as well as depth. It reveals notes of concentrated cherry, kirsch, plum in alcohol and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with hints of fig, almond as well as a subtle hint of fresh date, cinnamon, toast, Madagascar pepper and a hint of tobacco. The palate is beautifully built, mineral, fresh, elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful energy, a melodious side as well as a certain richness (but full of precision and control). On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy strawberry, crushed blueberry and small notes of violet, lilac associated with touches of kirsch small red fruits, balsamic, fine hints of spices as well as a hint almost of black olive, blond tobacco and vanilla. Good length.

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

Quinta do Noval 2018, Single Vineyard

LBV Porto

The nose is elegant, ample and offers elegant power, deepness, a beautiful multi-layered side and offers a beautiful, intense, powerful, delicate and airy grain. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis/cassis liqueur, morello cherry with kirsch and small notes of pepper (pink, black) associated with touches of redcurrants in jelly, a hint of cherry blossom, violet, liquorice stick as well as a fine hint of balsamic and mocha. A beautiful racy side / sense of place (local biotope, dry grove). The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, delicate, airy, frank and offers deepness, uprightness as well as concentration (well-controlled, precise and with an airy side). On the palate this Porto expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant liqueur and small notes of candied blueberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrants, hints of cornflower, chocolate / mocha, toast, Madagascar pepper as well as a hint almost aromatic herbs (in the background) and fine hints of roasting. Tannins offer a certain mellowness. Good work on the good bitterness. The finish is powerful. A beautifully built and gourmand wine.

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

Sequeira 2017

Vintage Porto

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of rosemary/aromatic herbs, candied strawberry and blackcurrant liqueur associated with touches of fig, hints of pepper as well as discreet hints of dried zest and a subtle hint of dry grove. The palate is nicely built, supple, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of blackcurrant liqueur, kirsch cherry and small notes of candied blackberry associated with touches of rosemary, sense of place

(local biotope), hints of pepper, star anise, fine hints of chocolate, toast, coffee, crushed small fruits as well as a subtle almost mentholated hint, toasted oak and Bourbon vanilla. Good length. A nicely fresh, gourmand and supple Porto.

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

Quinta dos Mattos 2017

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2019) The nose is fruity and a bit closed. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, shiny black plum and small notes of jammy cassis associated with touches of pepper, liquorice stick as well as hints of aromatic herbs and a discreet almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fresh frame, straightness, acidity, a certain tension as well as an elegant, mellow and discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberry liqueur and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of crushed strawberry, liquorice stick, a hint of menthol as well as fine hints of coffee and toast. Tannins are racy and mellow. Good work on the good bitterness, especially on the finish. A fine firmness on the finish. Gourmand!

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Van Zellers & Co 2017

Vintage Porto

The nose is powerful, intense and offers a multi-layered side as well as an intense and velvety grain. It reveals notes of dried fig, very ripe small red fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry as well as a fine hint of juicy date, blond tobacco, almond, pepper and a discreet almost grilled aromatic herbs hint. The palate is beautifully gourmand, suave, supple and offers freshness as well as acidity. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of dried fig, date and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of cassis liqueur, tobacco/tobacco box as well as hints of toasted almond, clove and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are sapid and supple. Good length. A quite mature and evolved style but "desired" (and not suffered), in control and balance.

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

Valriz 2016

Vintage Porto

(Bottled: 2018) The nose is floral and offers fresh fruit, an airy side as well as finesse in its grain. There are notes of violet, rose and small notes of fresh/juicy red berries associated with touches of juicy/pulpy blackcurrant as well as an almost balsamic hint and a subtle hint of fig (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame, juiciness, a certain brightness as well as a juicy/pulpy/bright fruit. On the palate, this Porto wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, jammy raspberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with a touch of fig, violet, lily as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, a hint of date (in the background), cocoa and a discreet hint of clove. Tannins offer a fine mellowness.

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

Quinta dos Mattos 2016

LBV Porto

(Bottled: 2022) The nose is aromatic and offers a certain small power, elegance as well as an airy side. It reveals notes of tobacco, dried plum and small notes of fresh date associated with a touch of dried apricot, jammy strawberry, fine hints of tobacco, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of clove and pepper. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, suppleness, minerality, a finely tight grain, race as well as a certain creaminess in balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, crushed plum and small notes of cassis liqueur associated with touches of coffee, toasted oak as well as a hint of roasted almond as well as a hint of cinnamon

and caramelization. The wine needs to be decanted. A certain small alcoholic power in the background/on the persistence.

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

Quinta da Comaça 2010

Colheita Porto

(Bottled: 2019) The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of warm aromatic herbs, ripe blackberry and small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of crushed strawberry, sweet pepper, infusion, toast as well as a hint of pâtisseries and a hint of coffee liqueur. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality / a mineral frame, gourmandize, suavity as well as a sweet peppery side. A slightly tight grain which presents verticality as well as straightness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of pulpy / juicy blackberry, violet and small notes of candied cherry, cassis liqueur associated with touches of coffee as well as hints of spices, pâtisseries, crème brûlée (in the background) and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are discreetly marked. Good length. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Crasto – 2005

Colheita, Porto Tawny

(Bottled: 2024) Beautiful, spicy and aromatic nose that offers an intense power as well as a fine, powerful and quite intense grain. We find notes of dried fig, date and pâtisseries associated with touches of dried zest, dried blackcurrant, hints of crème brûlée, dried hazelnut as well as hints of grilled rosemary, gray pepper and blond tobacco. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, well-balanced, round, supple and offers gourmandise as well as a certain unctuousity in balance. Nicely fresh in its fat. On the palate, this Porto wine expresses notes of date, dried apricot and small notes of candied strawberry associated with a touch of fig, orange peel, camphor as well as a toasted hint, chocolate and tobacco box. Good length and good persistence. Beautiful small chew and gourmandise on the finish (on walnut, hazelnut and pâtisseries/brioche). Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Quinta da Colmaça 2005

LBV Porto

(Bottled: 10/2009) The nose is aromatic and offers complexity as well as a certain breadth of the aromatic palette. There are notes of creamy blackberry, concentrated small black fruits and small notes of aromatic herbs associated with a touch of coffee, gray pepper as well as a hint of cassis liqueur and cigar box. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, tension, a good definition, a tracing side as well as verticality. On the palate this Porto wine expresses notes of cassis liqueur, crushed plum and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with touches of pâtisseries, tobacco as well as hints of caramelization and date. Tannins are integrated. Good length. It needs to be decanted.

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

Maynard's 1975

Colheita Porto

(Bottled: 2024) The nose is elegant, aromatic, airy, intense as well as complexity. It reveals notes of dried blackberry, dried strawberry and small notes of fresh pepper associated with touches of dried purple plum, hints of blond tobacco as well as a hint of clove and vanilla. The palate is beautifully built, mineral, elegant, racy and offers roundness, unctuousity (well-controlled) as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of purple plum and dried fig associated with fine touches of date, oriental pâtisseries as well as a hint of honey, fresh walnut, fine hints of fresh blond tobacco, a discreet hint almost cinnamon and sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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The 2023 vintage for VDP growers was marked by a series of challenges that ultimately led to the production of wines of exceptional quality. The year began with a wet winter, replenishing the water reserves after the hot and dry 2022 season. Spring arrived warm and dry, leading to early bud break and rapid vine growth, which required careful management to ensure balanced yields. As the summer progressed, the vineyards faced intense mildew pressure due to regular rains from mid-July to August, which necessitated close and meticulous attention. Despite these challenges, the harvest began early, with many vineyards starting in mid-September. The accelerated ripening, driven by the warm summer and sufficient rainfall, made the harvest intense, demanding the careful selection of only the healthiest grapes. This diligent work in the vineyards paid off, as the wines from the 2023 vintage have been praised for their balance, cooler style, and moderate alcohol levels.

The Rieslings, in particular, are noted for their purity. They feature slender, citrus-driven fruits, sharp acidity, and stony minerality. These wines, despite the challenging growing season, are well-balanced and exhibit great site transparency and typicity. Many of them offer immediate pleasure while also promising significant ageing potential. Overall, the 2023 vintage, though demanding, is celebrated for its precision, complexity, and elegance, making it a standout year for German wines. The wines are already showing themselves to be highly expressive and are expected to continue developing beautifully over time.

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Rudolf May - Rothlauf - Silvaner GG 2023

Medium yellow in colour with a restrained, non-fruity nose that hints at salinity and strong minerality. On the palate, it offers elevated acidity and intense stony, mineral flavours. Citrus notes emerge, leading to a very long finish that leaves you salivating. A classic expression of its terroir with a distinct, mineral-driven character.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Max Müller I - Am Lumpen 1655® - Silvaner GG 2023

Medium yellow in colour with a restrained, slightly herbal and yeasty nose. The palate is lean, vertical, and

marked by high acidity, showcasing intense minerality. Citrus notes, particularly lemon and pomelo, dominate the flavour profile, supported by a stony character. The wine is well-structured with good direction and concludes with a very long finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Rudolf Fürst - Centgrafenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, with a smoky, reductive nose. The palate is marked by high acidity and intense mineral-driven flavours. The wine is stony, not fruity, with characteristics more akin to Silvaner than Riesling. A distinctive expression with a focus on minerality.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Stiftung Bürgerspital Würzburg - Würzburger Stein - Berg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this Riesling is highly perfumed with floral notes of lemon blossom and acacia. The palate is very juicy, with vibrant lemony flavours, high acidity, and a touch of grapefruit. Mineral and subtly spicy, the wine has good length and demonstrates great finesse with significant ageing potential.

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

Staatlicher Hofkeller Würzburg - Randersackerer Pfulben - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine has a restrained and not overly expressive nose. On the palate, it is juicy with citrusy notes of limes and lemons, displaying good acidity and concentration. The wine lingers long on the finish with a notable saline character.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Rainer Sauer - Escherndorf Am Lumpen 1655® - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine offers aromas of caraway seeds with juicy and citrusy notes on the palate. It has very high concentration, balancing light sweetness with herbal nuances. Complex and well-structured, it concludes with a long, satisfying finish.

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

MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER

Forstmeister Gertz-Zilliken - Rausch - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this Riesling features a restrained nose with stony notes and ripe yellow lemons. The palate reveals lemon blossom, rounded acidity, and sweet candied lemon flavours. It has a creamy texture with a salty finish and shows potential for further development.

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

Dr. Loosen - Wehlener Sonnenuhr Alte Reben - Riesling GG 2023

(Tank sample) Pale lemon colour, cloudy appearance. Aromas of acacia and floral notes with hints of bitter lemon. Very juicy and attractive, showcasing high acidity and vibrant fruitiness. The finish is fresh and crisp, reflecting the purity of the blue slate soil.

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

Van Volxem - Altenberg Alte Reben - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this old-vine Riesling offers spicy, gingery, and green tea notes with a hint of yeast on the nose. The palate is pungent with high acidity, very linear, and showcases fresh lemony and mineral flavours. It has excellent concentration and long ageing potential.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Maximin Grünhaus - Herrenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose offers delicate floral notes of honeysuckle and acacia. The palate is juicy and citrusy

with a hint of spice and yeast. The wine is open and expressive, showcasing high acidity and classic Riesling character with great ageing potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Grans-Fassian - Hofberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour with a citrusy and floral nose. The palate is juicy and powerful, featuring slight yeastiness, pronounced red slate minerality, and a deep, pungent character. High acidity and a long finish highlight its excellent ageing potential.

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

Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt - Graacher Josephshöfer - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Floral nose with hints of yeast and spice. The palate is juicy and ripe with pleasant acidity and a touch of zesty bitterness that adds complexity. Very classic with a long, lingering finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clemens Busch - Marienburg Fahrley - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Saline and floral on the nose with pronounced mineral and spicy notes. The palate is pungent, yeasty, and infused with slate and stone characteristics. It has a long finish and shows excellent ageing potential.

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

Heymann-Löwenstein - Uhlen Blaufusser Lay - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon with a golden hue. The nose is mineral and spicy with hints of pumice stone and iodine. On the palate, it is juicy and citrusy with ripe, candied lemon notes and a pronounced, almost salty minerality. The wine has a fine, lively acidity, deep fruit character, and a long, structured finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Peter Lauer - Lamberts Kirch - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine has a restrained, mineral-driven nose with non-fruity aromas. The palate is powerful, featuring stony minerality, pungent acidity, and spicy notes of ginger and saffron. Warm stone undertones add depth. Not yet fully developed, this wine shows good ageing potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Von Hövel - Scharzhofberger - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine offers a very intense floral nose with notes of honeysuckle and acacia. On the palate, it is juicy and lemony, with very high acidity and a mineral backbone complemented by a hint of ginger spice. The finish is long and lingering, showcasing the wine's elegance and complexity.

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

MITTEL RHEIN

Matthias Müller - Mandelstein - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. The nose is floral with ripe yellow lemons and grapefruits. On the palate, it is juicy, slightly bitter with zesty grapefruit peel. The wine is ripe and powerful, showing high acidity and a massive, long-lin-gering finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Ratzenberger - Steeg St.Jost - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is restrained with citrus and mineral notes. On the palate, it is juicy and zesty with a touch of zesty bitterness and vibrant acidity. The wine is very fresh, linear, and directed, with a long, persistent finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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Emrich-Schönleber - Frühlingsplätzchen - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is floral and citrusy with hints of ginger. On the palate, it is juicy and spicy with high acidity and a powerful body. The finish is pungent and fruity with notes of lemon zest and grapefruit, showcasing a strong and persistent presence.

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

Gut Hermannsberg - Steinberg - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. The nose is restrained with floral (acacia, honeysuckle) and spicy (ginger, turmeric) notes, with a touch of yeast. On the palate, it is juicy, lemony, and slightly bitter with high acidity. The wine is mineral, linear, and finishes long.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

H.Dönnhoff - Felsenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. Discreet nose with yellow fruits (apples, peaches). On the palate, it reveals salinity and minerality of the volcanic porphyry soils, with high acidity and precise, vertical character. The finish is razor-sharp and salivating.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Dr. Crusius - Steinberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is restrained with spicy, gingery and peppery notes. On the palate, it features very high acidity, precision, and pronounced volcanic minerality. The finish is stony and persistent.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Schlossgut Diel - Dorsheim Goldloch - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Discreet nose with light spices, white flowers, and turmeric. The palate is full and fruity with good acidity, featuring ripe lemons and saffron. A lot of minerality on the finish, with a lingering touch of citrus and herbaceous notes.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

RHEINHESEN

Knewitz - Steinacker - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Very spicy with notes of slate and struck match. The palate is reductive with high acidity and a linear profile, featuring a full body and light sweetness. Still tight but shows very good potential, with a focus on mineral rather than fruity characteristics.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

St. Antony - Pettenthal - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Spicy and gingery nose with yeasty

notes. The palate is juicy with high acidity, featuring Amalfi lemons, bitter grapefruit zest, and oriental spices. The wine is powerful and warming with a long, succulent finish.

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

Gunderloch - Pettenthal - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Smoky aroma with high acidity and fruity, citrusy notes of ripe lemons and pomelos. The wine is already quite open and accessible with a moderate finish, offering a pleasant drinking experience.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Kühling-Gillot - Hipping - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. Aromas of candied orange and orange essential oil. The palate is very intense, juicy, and powerful with a lot of concentration and very high acidity. A delicious and remarkable wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Brüder Dr. Becker - Dienheim Tafelstein - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Intense citrus notes with candied lemon on the nose. Juicy and sweet on the palate, with a marmalade-like character. The finish is unexpectedly dry and linear, with moderate length.

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

Wittmann - Kirchspiel - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Floral and spicy nose of honeysuckle and light yeastiness. The palate is very juicy with high concentration and salivating acidity. Shows nice persistence and has excellent aging potential.

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

Gutzler - Morstein - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is slightly closed but shows yeasty and spicy notes. The palate is rich with high acidity, offering a balance of fruity and spicy flavours and a salty finish. Already quite delicious and well-balanced.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Battenfeld Spanier - Frauenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Spicy nose with pleasant reduction and hints of oak. Juicy and citrusy on the palate with good concentration and a lot of flavour. Features notes of yellow fruits like apples and apricots and a fantastic length with a mineral lining.

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

RHEINGAU

Kloster Eberbach - Berg Roseneck - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is restrained with a hint of yeast and ripe citrus. On the palate, it is powerful and juicy with a full body and round acidity. Intense citrusy fruitiness is supported by minerality, and the finish is long and lingering.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Prinz - Marcobrunn - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is still closed and underdeveloped with light hints of caraway seeds. The palate is restrained, featuring mineral and citrusy notes with a long finish. The structure is tight and promises good ageing potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

PFALZ

Philipp Kuhn - Saumagen - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Smoky and reductive nose with intense juiciness, but marked by noticeable sulphur at the moment. Tight structure with almost painful acidity,

offering a long finish. Needs time to fully integrate and develop. To follow.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Acham-Magin - Pechstein - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Pungent nose with intense citrus zest, lemon, and lemongrass notes. Very juicy with high acidity and excellent concentration coming from the basalt soils. Zesty and lemony with a long finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Georg Mosbacher - Pechstein - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. Herbal notes of nettle and sorrel with concentrated flavours of ripe yellow apples and Sicilian lemons. A smoky hint of oak is complimented by vanilla and spice notes. Good power and length, with a long, pleasing finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Dr. Bürklin-Wolf - Gaisböhl Monopole - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is restrained and still dominated by fermentative aromas. High acidity with powerful, phenolic notes. Slightly bitter and astringent on the palate, suggesting it needs time to develop. Good finish with a complex, bitter edge.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

A.Christmann - Idig - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Restrained nose with mineral and stony notes, the fruit is not yet developed. Oily texture with zesty acidity and a long finish promise excellent ageing potential.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Ökonomierat Rebholz - Im Sonnenschein - Ganz Horn - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour with perfumed notes of pollen and acacia. The nose is restrained yet aromatic, while the palate reveals high, almost painful acidity and intense minerality. A complex, precise wine with a salty, mineral edge and great ageing potential. Needs time to fully develop.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Jülg - Sonnenberg - Weisser Burgunder GG 2023

Pale yellow colour. On the nose shows smoky, Burgundian reduction with notes of struck match and roasted sesame seeds. The palate features elevated acidity and a creamy yet vertical texture, enhanced by lees stirring. It offers a long, saline finish and is very pleasing and delicious.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

WÜRTTEMBERG

Aldinger - Gips Marienglas® Monopole - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Slightly reductive nose of sesame seeds and brioche. Juicy with high acidity, citrusy notes and a hint of acacia, and dense, tight texture. Shows excellent potential but needs time.

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

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Seeger - Herrenberg Oberklam - Grauer Burgunder GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Reductive, smoky nose showing generous amount of new oak. Full-bodied with excellent acidity, rich yet balanced. Flavours of yellow fruits and a hint of pineapple. Delicious with good freshness and potential for further development.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bourgogne

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune 2024

It is always an emotional moment when you enter the historic building of L'Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune. The architecture is flamboyant Gothic, and the polychrome roofs are a real treat to admire.

It's in the intimate Saint-Nicolas's room, which use to be the place to help people in serious illness and critical conditions, that the tasting of the vintage of Domaine des Hospices de Beaune took place. Ludivine Griveau-Gemma, Régisseur of the Hospices de Beaune Wine Domaine, shared with us her feelings about this year*. It was a difficult vintage with terrible weather conditions. The mental strength was the key to success like team effort. It also reminded us that difficult doesn't mean bad.

* You can find on our YouTube and Social Medias her interview

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Lebelin 2024

Monthélie Les Duresses

The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight darkness. We feel the youth and lightness of the fruit under construction. The palate is fresh with a nice salinity. We stick with black fruits like juicy cherries. The tannins are smooth.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Rameau Lamarosse 2024

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Vergelesses
The nose is fresh and fruity. There is a certain delicacy, almost a shyness despite the airiness. It takes time and patience for the nose to open. The palate is also fresh and fruity. The attack is lively and the aftertaste is very pretty, charming with a note of juicy blackberry or even brandied cherry. The tannins are supple and contribute to the complexity. The wine is fresh with good acidity which continues on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Forneret 2024

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Vergelesses
The nose is fresh with notes of undergrowth but also of flowers such as rose. The mouth is saline at the start. The tannins appear, light. We perceive small, crunchy and juicy fruits such as morello cherry but also redcurrant. The finish is beautiful, delicious with notes of vanilla. Beautiful wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Arthur Girard 2024

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, almost mushroomy, wintery with black fruits and a touch of crunchy red apple. We also perceive imperceptible touches of browned butter in the background. The palate is fresh with subtle notes of hazelnut. Acidity is measured. The tannins are more present, more persistent. We have notes of pretty juicy black cherry and crunchy blackberry. The wine has length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Fouquerand 2024

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, deep with a slight note of chocolate appearing. We also have floral touches, almost a potpourri of rose with a light toast in the background. The palate is fresh, fruity, airy with a nice acidity. The tannins are present and they bring a slight astringency to the finish. The finish is pleasant with juicy morello cherries.

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



Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Cyrot-Chaudron 2024

Beaune 1er Cru Les Montrevenots

The nose is toasted, powerful, aromatic with an almost smoky side. It seems a bit closed and needs time to open up in the glass. We then have notes of roasting and coffee that appear. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. The tannins are powerful, deep and persistent. We have notes of coffee always accompanied by red fruits until the finish.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Hugues et Louis Bétault 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and discreet. We have notes of potpourri of rose with a touch of cherry brandy. The palate is beautiful, fresh with powerful and persistent tannins. The acidity is present, salivating. We have red fruits but they discreetly give way to darker fruits like blackberry which develops in the finish.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Brunet 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity. There is a wave of black and red fruits with an unexpected hint of passion fruit. There is a nice depth. The palate is fresh with a hint of salinity on the attack. The tannins are present and envelop the fruits like blackberry and juicy raspberry. The finish is full of elegance.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Maurice Drouhin 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, powerful. We perceive a light note of toast as well as touches of potpourri of rose with an imperceptible hint of black tea. The mouth is fresh. We find this lovely note of tea as well as blackberry water. There is a nice acidity in the mid-palate. The tannins are powerful and persistent. There is a beautiful fluidity on the palate which gives fullness as well as a nice cherry finish.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Rousseau Deslandes 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is intense, fruity and toasted. The second nose develops but shows that the youth of the wine needs

time, even aeration, to blossom. We mainly perceive black fruits such as juicy cherry and blackberry. The palate is fresh with a note of undergrowth. There is an almost minty freshness which embraces the black fruits. The acidity is present with tannins present but not aggressive. There is a nice length on fruits.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Pierre Floquet 2024

Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves

The nose is fresh with notes of undergrowth and black tea close to oxidation. The second nose opens with dried fruits such as hazelnut and walnut. The palate is fresh, fruity. There is a nice acidity with a tangy juicy cherry note. The tannins are present, persistent giving the finish a dry note.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Clos des Avaux 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The first nose is discreet with a nice note of vanilla. The second nose opens but remains delicate. There are touches of blackberry and undergrowth. The palate is fresh, tannic with a nice balanced acidity. We find discreet fruits, such as juicy cherry and blackberry. There is a beautiful clarity until the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée des Dames Hospitalières 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, aromatic, almost fragrant with a note of undergrowth and black fruits. The palate is fresh with very structuring and persistent tannins. The acidity opens the tasting, while the tannins tighten the taste buds. We perceive black fruits like blackberry and cherry. The finish is fragrant with juicy blackberries.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Guigone de Salins 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity with a note of cherry. We also perceive touches of undergrowth as well as menthol on the second nose. The palate is fresh with dried fruits such as hazelnuts and walnuts. The tasting is tangy with present and persistent tannins. We find fruit even in a long finish with a touch of astringency.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Nicolas Rofin 2024

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is intense, fresh and fruity with a mixture of red and black fruits. The palate is also fresh and fruity. There is a little discretion. The tannins are present, with notes of cherry. The finish is nice with a hint of coffee.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Boillot 2024

Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru Les Duresses

The nose is pretty, fresh and fruity with a touch of blackberry and cherry. There is also a potpourri note of rose. The palate is fresh with a hint of cherry developing. The tannins are powerful and persistent. Other black fruits appear like crunchy blackberry and discreet blackcurrant. There is a lovely freshness and good length.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Dames de la Charité 2024

Pommard 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity with a hint of umami. There is a little darkness. It's tight, almost closed and a little

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patience is required. Little by little, notes of plum and cherry appear. Without forgetting a touch of fresh vanilla. We also perceive menthol and cocoa. The nose is round and needs air. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity thanks in particular to notes of small, tangy and crunchy red fruits mixed with small black wild fruits such as blackcurrant, blackberry and even blueberry. The tannins are present, persistent. The finish is long, delicate in its power on cherry and blackberry skin. Exceptional wine
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Billardet 2024 Pommard

The nose is a little closed, it needs air to open. On the second nose, we perceive notes of crunchy morello cherry. The palate is fine, floral, almost peppery. Beautiful aromatic complexity. There is freshness and very present, persistent, structuring tannins. The palate is tight, composed with a nice long finish on blackberries.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Suzanne Chaudron 2024 Pommard

The nose is fresh and fruity with crunchy blackberries. We have a little discretion and a need for air to flourish. We perceive a touch of hazelnut and walnut. The palate is fresh, floral with a delicate blend of rose and violet petals. Between fresh flowers and potpourri of petals. There is a beautiful acidity and an imposing and persistent tannic structure. The finish is long, salivating with black fruits like blackberries.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Raymond Cyrot 2024 Pommard

The nose opens but we feel that a decanting would not be too much. It's fresh and fruity with notes of black fruit. We also have a floral touch on the rose. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. Everything is measured, balanced. The tannins are very present. The mid-palate slows down to better start with a long, fine finish on blackberries. The wine is beautiful in its austerity and needs time to express itself.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Dom Goblet 2024 Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots

The nose is fresh, roasted with notes of coffee. Little by little, there is intensity with a touch of hazelnut and walnut on the second nose. We perceive peppermint and a floral side with the rose potpourri. The palate is fresh with a round attack on blackberries. There is a nice acidity with powerful tannins on the attack which become refined but which persist until the finish. The end of the tasting continues with notes of juicy black cherry.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Général Muteau 2024 Volnay 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic with crunchy fruits such as small cherry and blackberry. We also perceive touches of coffee and sweet spices. The palate is fresh, floral with a note of dried rose. We have good acidity and powerful tannins with persistence. At the end of the tasting we find fruits such as cherries and crushed blackberries.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Blondeau 2024 Volnay 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and fragrant with crunchy fruits. We have notes of blackcurrant and raspberry with a discreet

touch of hazelnut and walnut in the background. The palate is fresh and fruity. We find dried fruits like hazelnuts and walnuts. The tannins are present, fine but persistent. We find darker fruits like juicy cherry and blackberry. The finish is delicate with a touch of zan.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Gauvain 2024 Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots

The nose is toasted, intense. It needs air to develop and help its youth express itself. There are notes of coffee and cooked black fruits. We perceive a touch of blackberry brandy. The palate is fresh with always a toasted note. The work of the barrel is felt from the attack with a nice coffee note. The acidity is present, the tannins are powerful. The finish is pretty with a note of blackberry skin.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Jéhan de Massol 2024 Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots

The nose is toasted and needs air to open and flourish. There are notes of crunchy blackberry and juicy cherry. We perceive a hint of salinity on the nose. The palate is fresh, fruity. We have a nice cocoa note which accompanies crunchy red fruits as well as a touch of toast. The tannins are present, persistent. The finish is beautiful, long with a crystalline note of blackberry.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Charlotte Dumay 2024 Corton Grand Cru Bressandes

The nose is fresh, delicate with a hint of lilac then light cocoa. The second nose is even fresher with notes of red and black fruits as well as a hint of walnut and hazelnut. The palate is fresh, fruity with small, crunchy and juicy red fruits. There is a nice measured acidity. The tannins are present but supple. There is a nice balance on the palate and the finish, long, is on blackberry skin.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Docteur Peste 2024 Corton Grand Cru Chaumes

The nose is fresh and fruity. However, it seems a bit closed and needs time to open. We then perceive notes of cherry brandy and undergrowth. The palate is fresh,

fruity with juicy raspberries and crunchy red fruits. The tannins are supple but present without overflowing. The finish is fresh, fine and long.
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Berthier-Sweeney 2024 Corton Grand Cru Renardes

The nose is fresh and fruity. However, it seems a bit closed and needs time to open. We then perceive notes of cherry brandy and undergrowth. The palate is fresh, fruity with juicy raspberries and crunchy red fruits. The tannins are supple but present without overflowing. The finish is fresh, fine and long.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Baronne de Bay 2024 Corton Grand Cru Clos du Roi

The nose is fresh, a little closed. Young people need time to open up. We then perceive a note of black cherry and a little acidity of the fruits. We also have a touch of hazelnut and walnut on the second nose. The palate is fresh and fruity with tannins present from the attack. There is an important, imposing structure. The tannins are fine-grained and accompany black, crunchy fruits such as cherry and blackberry. The finish is lighter and longer.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Jean-Luc Bissey 2024 Echezeaux Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity. There is a tight, closed appearance. It would take an aeration in a decanter. The second nose opens with elegance and a note of juicy cherry. The palate is fresh, fruity with a nice lively acidity on the attack. The tannins are present but harmonious. We perceive black fruits like crunchy blackberries. The finish is long and well defined on the fruit.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Cyrot-Chaudron 2024 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, almost minty with a hint of salinity. We perceive notes of light coffee, like that of coffee beans. The second nose opens with a little acidity, that of plum. The palate is fresh, deep, appetizing with a salinity present from the attack. We find notes of fruit like cherry. There is a nice balance and length at the end of the tasting with supple tannins. The finish is on juicy cherry.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Madeleine Collignon 2024 Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fresh rather floral with a note of rose like in a potpourri. We also perceive drier elements such as hazelnut, walnut and cocoa. The palate is fresh with a small floral note of lilac. There is balanced salivating acidity and soft but persistent tannins. There is a nice structure on the palate and good length.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Françoise Poisard 2024 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fresh, aromatic, surprising with a grainy note. The second nose is intense with stone fruits like juicy apricot and white peach. We perceive a touch of lemon. And we have an imperceptible note of hay in the background. The nose is sublime in its clarity. The palate is powerful, fresh and round. There are some notes of cream with fruits such as lemon and peach. There is good acidity at the attack then a roundness in the mid-palate. The finish is long, buttery with a little astringency.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Joseph Menault 2024 Saint-Romain

The nose is fresh and creamy. Aromatic with delicacy. There are notes of grapefruit, white peach and lemon. There is always the little cream on the second nose. The palate is fresh with good lemon acidity. We find the note of peach and we perceive a subtle hint of aromatic herb or even linden in the finish.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Suzanne et Raymond 2024 Beaune Blanc 1er Cru Les Montrevenots

The nose is discreet with a hint of coconut and pineapple. There is a nice minty freshness almost on the sage. The palate is fresh with a nice measured acidity. The palate is crunchy, aromatic in its discretion with fruit. The finish is grainy and light buttery.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Hugues et Louis Bétault 2024 Beaune Blanc 1er Cru Clos des Mouches

The nose is fresh and fruity with a tropical note. There is finesse and a beautiful minty freshness. The second nose is crystalline. The palate is fresh with a discreet note of coconut, pineapple and white peach. There is a beautiful acidity with a dynamic roundness. The finish is long on lemon, peach and pineapple juice.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Loppin 2024 Meursault

The nose is beautiful, aromatic with notes of butter, apricot and apple. It is pretty, delicious, fresh. The palate is fresh and aromatic with yellow peach and juicy white peach. We perceive a hint of orange blossom with a nice measured acidity. There is a little astringency on the finish with notes of orange zest and lime. There is an imperceptible touch of butter at the very end of the tasting.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Goureau 2024 Meursault

The nose is beautiful, aromatic with notes of grain, lemon and grapefruit. It's fragrant. The palate is fresh and intense with notes of ripe lemon. There is tension and roundness. The finish is pretty with a touch of toast.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Jéhan Humblot 2024 Meursault 1er Cru Les Porusots

The nose is fresh with a nutty note. The second nose opens with lemon and touches of grain. The palate is fresh, tense while being sweet with a little astringency at the end of tasting. We have notes of lemon but especially peach. There is a beautiful delicacy. The finish is on lemon blossom.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Baudot 2024 Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières

The nose is fresh with a charming note of discreet jasmine. The second nose is more aromatic with touches of lime and grain. The palate is fresh, fruity on the grain, lime and we perceive a certain creaminess which gives texture. The acidity is gentle, we perceive notes of apple on the finish and a floral side gradually emerges with the jasmine still present. There is a nice suppleness and length on the finish around the mango.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Philippe le Bon 2024 Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières

The nose is fresh, aromatic and toasted, almost smoky. There is a lovely gourmandise in the austerity of this wine. The palate is fresh, sparkling on the attack. There are notes of passion fruit with a certain tension and a little astringency on the finish. It remains dynamic thanks to the acidity of the attack.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée de Bahézre de Lanlay 2024 Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes

The nose is fresh and fruity, almost lemony. The second nose is aromatic and buttery. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity. We have a nice note of white peach and fluidity. Little by little, a slight astringency appears in the finish, always with a nice note of peach and lemon.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Albert Grivault 2024 Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes

Le nez est frais et fruité avec une jolie note de pêche blanche. C'est très beau, très cristallin avec une belle définition du fruit. La bouche est fraîche sur le citron et la pêche. Il y a un beau dynamisme dès l'attaque et cela se poursuit avec une acidité rafraîchissante jusqu'en finale.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Docteur Peste 2024 Corton Blanc Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity with a nice note of white peach. It is very beautiful, very crystalline with a beautiful definition of the fruit. The palate is fresh with lemon and peach. There is a beautiful dynamism from the attack and this continues with a refreshing acidity until the finish.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Paul Chanson 2024 Corton-Vergennes Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and milky with a gourmet pastry aspect. There are notes of peach and cooked yellow apple. The second nose is more aromatic with still these creamy notes. The palate is fresh with a slight sparkle on the attack. We find apple but also flower notes. There is a beautiful fluidity in the finale.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Roi Soleil Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

The nose is buttery and fruity with notes of white peach. The second nose opens more with a few touches of lemon and refreshing mint. The palate is fresh with fruits like peach. We also have a more cereal side with grainy notes. The tasting is tangy and fruity on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée François de Salins 2024 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

The nose is lemony, fresh with lovely notes of ripe lemon. We also have touches of juicy yellow peach. The palate is fluid, discreet. We find lemon and peach with a creamy side. Tasting is about delicacy.

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

Domaine des Hospices de Beaune - Cuvée Dames de Flandres 2024 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

The nose is fresh with fresh hazelnuts. There are also notes of fresh fruit such as lemon. We perceive touches of butter on the second nose. It is an elegant wine with complexity. The mouth is fresh. There are notes of fresh butter, lemon and juicy peach. We also have a touch of grain. Acidic, the tasting is ample, clear and fluid until the finish. Beautiful wine.

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



Roi Chambertin

Domaine René Bouvier Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity, relatively intense. We have small black and red fruits like the small morello cherry and the wild strawberry. There is a creamy and fresh woody side, almost balsamic. The palate is fresh and fruity with a similar aroma: small black and red forest fruits, crunchy. There is a note of small, juicy morello cherry very present in the mid-palate. The tannins are smooth.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine René Bouvier – « Racines du Temps » Très Vieilles Vignes Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh, a little closed. We have a certain darkness, it's deeper with a nice note of leather. The palate is fresh, with more constructed and present tannins. The wine is austere, serious with crunchy red and black fruits. The finish is fine and long.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine René Bouvier – « Combe au Moine » Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is discreet, fine and tangy with notes of forest fruits such as blackberry and small raspberry. The palate is beautiful, fresh and fruity with a certain length. We find the crunchy and juicy small fruits. The tannins are smooth.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine René Bouvier Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is floral and fruity. Intense and expressive, there is a small note of orange zest and a nice touch of kirsch cherry. The palate is fresh, aromatic and floral. There is an interesting swirl of yellow rose, jasmine and tea. The wine is crisp with fine-grained tannins and an elegant finish.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Marsannay – « Bel Air » Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is beautiful, aromatic and fresh. We have black and red fruits. And almost a floral side with a light woodiness. The mouth is structured, with a little darkness. The tannins are imposing, present with a nice woody note. We find black fruits like juicy cherry. The finish is crisp and ample with fresh black and jammy fruit.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château de Marsannay – « Champeaux » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is discreet with small, crunchy black and red forest fruits like juicy blackberries. The palate is fresh with a certain structure provided by defined tannins. We have blue fruits like crunchy blueberries. The mouth is discreet, fine. The finish is long with sweet, dried cranberries.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Marsannay 2023

Ruchottes Chambertin Grand Cru
The nose is powerful, toasted, woody. We also perceive red forest fruits. The palate is fresh, cold even with a note of menthol. We have touches of charcoal, roast, cooked and an imposing toast. The fruit notes are black and accompany powerful tannins. The finish is intense, persistent with a hint of fresh grapes.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Marsannay 2023 Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is powerful aromatically, fragrant with a well-defined toast note. There are touches of small, crunchy black fruits. The palate is fresh with very powerful and persistent tannins. Both in volume and quantity, they are dense. We have notes of black fruits, ample and a slight bitterness in the background on the finish.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Philippe Charlopin – « Vieilles Vignes » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is intense, fresh, fruity and toasted. The second nose has the same characteristics with a small reduction which will disappear with decanting. We have a lot of black fruits. The palate is fresh with a discreet salinity on the attack. There is lightness and structure at the same time. We find notes of black fruits such as blackberry and a hint of juicy blackcurrant.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine Philippe Charlopin – « La Justice » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh, intense with notes of rose potpourri. We also perceive an animal touch at the opening. The palate is fresh, straight, clear and mineral. We find the note of rose potpourri as well as fresh rose. We also have touches of crunchy black fruits like blackberry.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine Philippe Charlopin 2023

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru
The nose is perfumed with spices. It is pretty and complex. There are notes of tea as well as sweet spices with a fine hint of precious wood. Allowed to breathe, we perceive a touch of fresh fig, sweet vanilla and an imperceptible note of tangy tobacco. The palate is fresh with interesting aromatics. We find red tea leaf, a hint of clove and vanilla as well as black and purple fruits like fig. The finish is persistent. Nice wine.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Bruno Clair 2023 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

The nose is intense, fruity with notes of black fruits such as blackberry. We also have a nice touch of vanilla as well as toast. Little by little, small wild fruits like wild strawberries appear. We have a beautiful intensity, gourmandise and clarity. The palate is fresh with structure. The tannins are powerful. We have fruit and a nice acidity with salivation. The finish presents a slight, almost bitter darkness on the cocoa. There is also a hint of salinity. Very nice wine.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine du Couvent – « Aux Mazoyères » 2023

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru
The nose is fresh and fruity, almost licorice with small, crunchy black forest fruits like blackberries. There is a minty, almost sweet freshness on the second nose. The palate is fresh with beautiful clarity and fine-grained tannins. We perceive the little cherry right through to the finish.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine du Couvent – « Clos du Meix des Ouches » Monopole 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity, almost with a little darkness from the crunchy blackberry and its skin. There is a second tangy and delicate nose. The palate is fresh, fine with supple, fine-grained tannins. We are more on notes of red wild fruits such as wild strawberries. This continues in the finale. Nice balance.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine du Couvent – « Clos du Couvent » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, fresh with a beautiful clarity despite discreet notes of fruit. Allowed to breathe, we perceive a nice touch of cherry with a kirsch side. The palate is fresh with structuring tannins. There is a lovely freshness which continues in the mid-palate, always accompanied by grippy tannins. We have notes of black fruits like blackberry.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine du Couvent – « La Romanée » Monopole 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and vinous with notes of red fruits such as small, crunchy wild strawberries. The palate is tangy, fresh with new notes of crunchy and juicy red fruits such as raspberry, small morello cherry and even a hint of ripe redcurrant. The tannins are present until the finish. There is a nice balanced finish with a nice touch of raspberry and blackberry skin.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Drouhin Laroze – « Clos des Combes » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity, almost minty or even liquorice. There is a note of cachou, regressive and pretty. The second nose is elegant with notes of black fruits. The palate is fresh, fine with a nice acidity. There are notes of small forest fruits. There is a well-integrated woodiness and a good balance with fine-grained tannins. The finish is long. Nice wine.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Drouhin Laroze – « En Champs » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fragrant with an aromatic woody note. We have intense black fruits, like blackberry and blackcurrant. The palate is fresh with roundness on the attack. Black and red fruits appear. There is a very nice tasting, limpid and clear. The wine has structure and a nice cherry finish.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Drouhin Laroze – « Lavaux Saint Jacques » 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is pretty, fragrant with notes of crunchy wild fruits such as small wild strawberries. We perceive a delicate touch of cigar box with vanilla. The palate is fresh with a nice note of blackberry on the attack as well as wild berries. We can once again perceive the fresh vanilla. There is complexity and length. Little by little, we get notes of rose, almost hyacinth. The finish is on coffee and cocoa. Nice achievement.
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Drouhin Laroze 2023 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

The nose is earthy then develops with fruity notes. It's austere. We have black fruits as well as coffee and cocoa. There is a certain complexity. We also perceive a hint of alcohol. The palate is fresh with a beautiful minerality, almost saline. We find crunchy black fruits like blackberry. The finish is long.
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Duband 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is aromatic and fragrant between fruits and flowers. The palate is also on this mishmash of fruits and flowers: raspberry and wild strawberry, violet. The tannic structure is well present with a nice acidity. The finish is long.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine Duband 2023 Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity, almost creamy with notes of crunchy dark fruits like cherry and juicy blackberry. The palate is fresh, very floral with a beautiful note of rose. The tannic structure is very powerful with an interesting pepper and always this touch of pink which develops in the mouth. An atypical wine in taste and beauty.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Duband 2023 Latricières Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and toasty with notes of black fruits such

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as blackberry and juicy cherry. The palate is fresh, structured with a very present acidity. The tannins are powerful, persistent until the finish.

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

Domaine Duband 2023

Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

The nose is discreet with notes of wild fruits such as wild strawberries. We also perceive a hint of kirsch cherry. The palate is fresh, tannic with a hint of bitterness which develops in the finish with a touch of cocoa. The tannins remain persistent with black fruits.

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

Domaine Faiveley – « Vieilles Vignes » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is discreet with notes of wild fruits such as wild strawberries. We also perceive a hint of kirsch cherry. The palate is fresh, tannic with a hint of bitterness which develops in the finish with a touch of cocoa. The tannins remain persistent with black fruits.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Faiveley – « Lavaux Saint Jacques » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and toasted, almost licorice. Austere in its complexity. There are notes of black fruits. The palate is fresh, always austere, square. We have a nice note of menthol which accompanies black and red fruits like juicy cherry. The finish is beautiful, long and dark on crunchy blackberries.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Faiveley 2023

Mazis Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is toasty, powerful, almost tarry or even smoky. There is a very nice minerality with notes of black fruits. The palate is fresh with structure. You can feel the barrel well with a marked but balanced toast. This brings smoky notes and a certain silkiness with length. Nice wine.

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

Domaine Jérôme Galeyrand – « Billard » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is nice, on red fruit with a little floral note. The palate is fresh, with red fruits again. We perceive notes of raspberry and crunchy wild strawberry. We also have a hint of violet with a small structure.

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

Domaine Jérôme Galeyrand – « Croisette » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is nice, fruity, with a slight toast. We have a smoky side with a floral hint of violet. The palate is fresh with present tannins. It is aromatic with always small crunchy red fruits, toast and a fine floral touch. The finish is long.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Jérôme Galeyrand – « Justice » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh, fruity with vanilla. We find red fruits like small wild strawberries and juicy morello cherries. The palate is fresh with a well-defined tannin structure. There is a nice depth and a certain darkness in the finale.

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

Domaine Le Guellec-Ducouet – « Les Jeunes Rois » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh with a mixture of red and black fruits. The wine is fragrant, alive. The palate is fresh, fruity with structure. We mainly have crunchy black fruits. There is a nice depth and a long finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Le Guellec-Ducouet – « Clos Champs » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity, smoky and toasted. There are notes of black fruits as well as leather, almost animal. The palate is fresh with a nice intensity on an aroma of black fruits such as blackberry and juicy black cherry. There is a good structure which continues in a long finale.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Le Guellec-Ducouet « 93 » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity, aromatic. We have lovely notes of red fruits like wild strawberries. The palate is fresh with a round attack. We have a nice fruity and tannic tasting. There is even an almost animal touch at the end of the tasting. It's delicate and fine with a touch of vanilla and a note of blackberry on the finish.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Humbert Frères – « Vieilles Vignes » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is intense, smoky with an intense almost burnt note. We also have black fruits present such as blackberry and black cherry. The palate is fresh, minty with black fruits. There is a certain harshness in its complexity. We have an almost zany licorice finish.

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

Domaine Humbert Frères – « Poissenot » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, black with smoky notes of tea as well as black fruits such as crunchy blackberry. The palate is fresh, with a sweetness on the attack. We find black fruits, and this burnt note. The tannins are ample, supple. There is a nice length with intensity. It is a wine of character.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Humbert Frères 2023

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity. We have toasted notes with crunchy small black fruits. The palate is fresh, tannic. We have a lovely delicate violet note. We still perceive notes of smoke, charcoal and black licorice without sugar. It's intense and long. Nice wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Pierre Gelin – « Clos de Meixville » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of red fruits which bring a sweet sensation. There is a nice scent, a little vanilla with cherry. The palate is beautiful, fresh, aromatic. We perceive a slight toast which adds to the complexity. The finish is vanilla with a hint of blackberry. It's almost buttery. Long and delicious. We want to taste it again.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Pierre Gelin – « Clos Prieur » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is beautiful with notes of black fruit such as blackberry and juicy black cherry. There is a very nice buttery and toasted taste. Acidity is measured with tart black and red fruits. It's pleasant, delicious with supple tannins and a nice grain. The finish is long with a very nice coffee with milk note. Great Wine.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Pierre Gelin 2023

Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

The nose is very beautiful, fruity with intensity. There are notes of forest fruits but also a floral hint of violet. Little by little, a light toast appears. It's complex and refined. The mouth is beautiful with a salivating acidity. We have notes of red fruits like juicy cherry. It's long and fragrant.

Very beautiful wine.

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

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2023

Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh with notes of smoke and toast. We have touches of black fruits with a hint of vegetal. The palate is fresh with nice acidity. It is very smoky, toasted creating a mask on the fruity aroma. It takes time for this wine to open.

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

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet – « Vieilles Vignes » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is simple, fresh and fruity with a mixture of black and red fruits such as blackberry and small wild strawberry. The palate is round at the attack with tannins which arrive gradually. There is good structure and a pleasant cherry finish.

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

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet – « Clos Prieur » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity with notes of black fruits. We also perceive smoky and toasted touches from the well-integrated barrel. The palate is fresh and fruity with a tangy side brought by the crunchy red and black fruits. We have a hint of pepper at the attack. Then it is mainly black fruits which take over the mid-palate. The pepper is persistent with tannins present until the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Trapet Père & Fils 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of red fruits. It's aromatic, fragrant. The palate is fresh, simple with a nice note of juicy morello cherry. There is a nice acidity which accompanies other crunchy red fruits. The tannins are smooth, and the finish is persistent on cherry.

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

Domaine Trapet Père & Fils – « Petite Chapelle » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, a little closed. We perceive black fruits and a measured, discreet aroma on the second nose. We have fresh aromatic herbs, almost minty. The palate is fresh with acidity present on black fruits. The tannins are supple with a finish of kirsch cherry and smoke. It's long.

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

Domaine Sylvie Esmonin 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh, aromatic, delicious with notes of red fruits. The palate is round with beautiful, delicious fruit. There is a nice salivating acidity and freshness in the mid-palate. The tannic structure is powerful in its finesse. We have red fruits like small cherries and crunchy wild strawberries. The finish has an animal touch.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Sylvie Esmonin – « Vieilles Vignes » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is smoky, toasted, intense. We have notes of bacon and black fruits like crunchy blackberry. The palate is fresh, still smoky with a slight darkness. There is a nice balance between salivation and red and black fruits as well as full tannins. There is a good texture with toast, a nice complexity. The finish is long on vanilla and juicy cherry.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Sylvie Esmonin – « Clos Saint Jacques » 2023

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is smoky, austere with a hint of zan. It almost has a tarry, dark note. The palate is intense, almost bitter

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(nice bitters). There is a good structure with notes of precious wood and there is an imperceptible hint of curry in the background. We have a nice balance with black fruits and a pleasant light meatiness. The finish is long with a cooked, smoky side.

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

Domaine Duroché Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is smoky with a delicious hint of bacon. We also have black and red fruits. It's fragrant, simple with a touch of raspberry. The attack is round with fruit. We have a nice note of juicy cherry. The structure is supple, fresh, with a slight darkness. The finish is fine, aromatic, almost feminine.

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

Domaine Duroché – « Les Jeunes Rois »

Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fresh and fruity. It's simple with a little darkness. The palate is tangy, fresh with black fruits like cherry. We have an animal edge. There is a nice salivating acidity with minerality. It is an accessible wine despite its youth.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Duroché – « Lavaut Saint Jacques »

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and fruity with a slight smoky note. The palate is round with a lovely note of roasted plum on the attack. We have a beautiful fruit with freshness. We have a hint of juicy strawberry. It's nice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

MAISON SHAPS

Originally from the United States, Michael Shaps decided to move in France in 1990 to pursue viticultural studies in Beaune. After gaining some experience, he went back home and created the Shaps brand in Virginia. Because he always loved Bourgogne and thanks to an opportunity, he opened a winery and a rental house in the Meursault in 2004. This is the beginning of Maison Shaps. Initially it was a négociant but in 2016, little by little, he started to buy vineyards. Today, Maison Shaps owns 4 hectares in Côte de Beaune.

VertdeVin Magazine was welcomed by Hanna Shaps, Michael's daughter. We met through a delicious Virginia wine tasting in Paris organized a few months ago. While we had the opportunity to visit Bourgogne, we decided to meet and talk and taste! Hanna joined her father's business in 2021, she is super dynamic and is also a cheese specialist!

Maison Shaps - Mirage Blanc de Noirs

The nose is pretty, fresh and aromatic with a sensation of umami. There are notes of black fruits, particularly like blackberry. The palate is fresh, fruity with a slight toasted side. We perceive notes of white fruits such as white currant and pineapple strawberry. We also have a touch of white peach and fresh pineapple juice. There is a nice acidity which brings dynamism.

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

Maison Shaps - Les Clous - Aligoté 2022

Bouzeron

The nose is fresh and smoky with a tangy, lemony side. The second nose opens with a little menthol and still lemon with a nice toast. The palate is fresh, with a nice acidity. However, there is roundness with notes of lemon and lime. It is a real wine of pleasure with salivation and a beautiful finish of fresh almonds.

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

Maison Shaps - Les Chazots - Chardonnay 2023

Bourgogne Côte-d'Or

The nose is pretty, fresh with green fruits like lime and zest. We perceive a hint of butter with a mineral, smoky side. The palate is round on the attack with a nice freshness. There are notes of pineapple, white peach and a slight touch of lemon. There is a nice little sweetness which contributes to the texture. The finish is more floral on linden.

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

Maison Shaps - Saint Romain 2023

Saint-Romain

The nose is fresh with notes of ripe lemon and touches of grapefruit. We also perceive a hint of butter. We are in a classic Saint-Romain style. The second nose opens with pineapple, toast and a little creaminess. The palate is fresh and aromatic with peach and orange blossom. This continues in the final.

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

Maison Shaps - Les Crotots 2022

Meursault

The nose is very pretty with a nice freshness. We have notes of ripe lemon with a mineral, smoky touch, with imperceptible notes of sage and mint in the background. On the second nose, we perceive more pineapple and juicy peach. The mouth is buttery, toasted with notes of pineapple, apple, lemon and orange blossom. There is a nice creaminess on the finish with a little astringency. The toast is persistent with a salivating measured acidity and a long finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Maison Shaps - Rosé 2023

Coteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fresh and fruity with black fruits like blackberry. We can also see a little smoke. The second nose opens with touches of red plum, juicy blackberry

and still this smoky aspect. The palate is fresh with a little fruity sweetness on the attack. There are notes of black fruits. It is a vinous rosé with nice acidity and a good smoky finish on black fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Maison Shaps - Les Chazots - Pinot Noir 2022

Bourgogne Côte-d'Or

The nose is fresh and fruity. We have small black and red fruits like wild strawberries. The second nose is pretty, more aromatic with vanilla on a velvety texture. The palate is pleasant, fresh and fruity. The tannins are present and supple, persistent. There are notes of red plum, cherry and juicy blackberry. The berries are pure. We have a nice salivating acidity with a finish of black fruit skin.

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

Maison Shaps - Maison Dieu - Vieilles Vignes 2022

Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic, fresh and fruity. There are notes of cherry, blackberry and wild strawberry. We perceive a slight woodiness in the background. The second nose is more floral with a very beautiful note of violet. It's powerful and fragrant. The palate is fresh, structured from the attack with present tannins and a nice acidity. The freshness accompanies notes of purple plum, strawberry and blackberry. We also have a nice fine pepper. The finish is delicate, elegant. Nice wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Maison Shaps - Les Vêrottes 2022

Beaune

The nose is animalic with a mixture of black fruits and leather. It is intense and gradually opens with a beautiful black fruit like juicy cherry. The palate is fresh and fruity. There is a roundness to the attack brought by a note of licorice. The tannins appear in the mid-palate and are persistent despite low intensity. The finish expresses blackberry and black fruit skin. The whole thing is juicy.

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

Maison Shaps - Volnay 2022

Volnay

The first nose is fresh and fruity with crunchy morello cherries. It's juicy. We also have a little darkness with a touch of zan and light leather. We perceive a hint of vanilla with a nice freshness. The second nose brings menthol. The palate is fresh and juicy with an attack of roundness. The tannins are powerful on the tongue from the mid-palate. The wine is robust, but it is also juicy with notes of black fruits. The finish is delicate with a note of pure blackberry.

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

Maison Shaps - Les Vignots 2022

Pommard

The nose is fresh and fruity with a floral note also on violet. We have touches of raspberry and juicy cherry. The second nose is fruity and "pinote". The wine is more delicate, discreet. The palate is fresh, fruity with cherry. The tannins are present but delicate in their structure. There is a nice finesse in the finale.

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

Maison Shaps - Les Vaumuriens 2022

Pommard

The nose is fresh, a little toasted, light. There is a darkness and a depth. We have a note of vanilla and violet, it's comforting. The second nose is more expressive. The palate is fresh and fruity. The tannins are present from the attack. The tasting is delicate and powerful at the same time. There is structure with black pepper, juicy black cherry and crunchy wild berries. It's calm, vertical, a little rustic in its style. The finish is long.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Bourgogne



Château de Meursault, Beaune 2022 Beaune

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a fine density, elegance, as well as a warm, textured and velvety touch. Beautiful aromatic, with a gourmet fruity expression and slightly sweet floral scents (peony, iris, rose). We also find notes of ripe morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry (with a hint of raspberry coulis), as well as a tangy hint of fresh red currants, associated with fine spicy notes (nutmeg, liquorice), roasting (toasted hazelnut, coffee), as well as a herbaceous hint of dried mint. The palate is tangy, juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of tangy bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, blackcurrant and tangy strawberry, associated with notes of dried mint in the background, toasted hazelnut and a fine floral bouquet (rose, iris, lilac). The tannins are very fine and velvety, with a nice freshness, a lively acidity and a good bitterness on the persistence. Good length.

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

Château de Meursault, Beaune Grèves Premier Cru - Les Trois Journaux 2022 Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a fine tension, airiness, as well as delicate spicy and toasted aromas. On the first nose, we find notes of gray pepper, liquorice, clove, associated with hints of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, a resinous touch of pine sap in the background, as well as a touch of blueberry. We also find tangy fruits (raspberry, red cherry, dried cranberries in the background, blackcurrant), a hint of morello cherry and a subtle minerality. The palate is lively, chiseled and tangy, with tension and precision. It expresses the flavors of tangy fruits (red cherry, cranberries, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant), morello cherry, a hint of sappiness, as well as a fine toasted hint (toasted hazelnut, toasted oak in the background) and spicy (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), especially on the finish. The tannins are finely tight, perceptible and well-constructed. Beautiful salivating acidity, freshness and a good bitterness on the prolonged persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaune Fèves Premier Cru 2022 Beaune Premier Cru

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers an elegant herbaceous hint, precision, density and finesse. It also expresses notes of juicy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, red currants) with touches of cooked fruits (stewed red cherry, dried red cherry, a hint of dried blackcurrant in the background). We also find menthol notes (peppermint, menthol, dried licorice) which appear after aeration, associated with touches of white pepper, grated nutmeg, a delicate woody side (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, a very light hint of coffee and vanilla) and floral (cornflower, iris). The palate is airy and delicate. It expresses notes of juicy fresh fruits (strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, red currants), a fragrant floral bouquet (lilac, cornflower, peony), subtle woody and spicy touches (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper), as well as an integrated herbaceous side (dried

mint, a hint of dried pine needles). The tannins are velvety, enveloping and very fine, but well structured. The finish is persistent, with a beautiful acidity and a slight bitterness (reminiscent of grapefruit). Elegance and delicacy.

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

Château de Meursault, Beaune Teurons Premier Cru 2022 Beaune Premier Cru

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, perfumed, with a distinct herbaceous and toasted hint. It first expresses the aromas of dried thyme and dried mint, associated with touches of toast, smoke and coffee, as well as a racy minerality (graphite, with an earthy hint). Then, we find notes of ripe and juicy fruits (wood fresh, crushed raspberry, blueberry, blackcurrant), as well as fine notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg), lilac and cornflower. The palate is silky and offers a certain concentration of freshness and airiness. It expresses the flavors of fresh strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, associated with a delicate spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper), herbaceous (dried mint, fresh thyme). The finish is persistent and offers a good bitterness of coffee, as well as a toasted and smoky hint. Beautiful salivating acidity, the tannins are fine and powdery.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaune Toussants Premier Cru 2022 Beaune Premier Cru

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers density, complexity and gourmet toasted notes that appear on the first nose - toasted hazelnut (even with a hint of caramelized hazelnut) and toasted bread. Then we find sweet notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, a hint of blackcurrant, as well as spices (crushed gray pepper, liquorice, a delicate hint of ground cumin and clove), aromatic herbs (dried rosemary, a touch, dried bay leaf and eucalyptus) and flowers (cornflower, lily). The palate offers precision, directness, juiciness and freshness. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry, red cherry and blackcurrant, combined with hints of gray pepper, liquorice, nutmeg and clove, as well as toasted hazelnut, toasted bread and a fine herbaceous hint (dried mint, rosemary, tobacco). The finish is lively, juicy, tangy, with a mineral hint and a good bitterness in the background. Beautiful salivating acidity and silky tannins.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume, 1er Cru Les Avaux 2022

Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, spicy, slightly sappy and woody. It expresses notes of pine needles, pine sap, toasted wood and toasted hazelnut in the background, as well as liquorice (similar to star anise), nutmeg and cumin. There is also a concentrated and fresh fruity material (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry, blackcurrant), associated with hints of dried rose, iris and fresh tobacco. The palate is lively, chiseled, fresh and juicy. The attack expresses flavors of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, red currant and blackcurrant, associated with fine sappy nuances (pine needles, pine sap in the background), spiciness (liquorice, cardamom, nutmeg), woody notes (fresh wood, toasted hazelnut), as well as a herbaceous touch (peppermint, tobacco, a hint of blackcurrant bud) and floral (violet). The finish is persistent, enveloping and gourmet - on notes of ripe morello cherry and bigarreau cherry. The tannins are melted and fine, with a good solid structure. Good bitterness and a salivating acidity on the persistence. Concentration, gourmet, a pleasant touch in the mouth and a firm but elegant structure.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bouchard Aîné & Fils, 1er Cru Les Marconnets

Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is perfumed, with a dominant woody and spicy aromas at the beginning. It expresses notes of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut (even a hint of caramelized hazelnut), cocoa and mint chocolate, combined with sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla), which is complemented by herbaceous aromas (rosemary, thyme, a hint of dried mint) and floral (peony, violet). We also find ripe fruits (raspberry, morello cherry, red cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry). The palate is juicy, straight and tangy. It expresses notes of tangy red cherry, raspberry, morello cherry, strawberry and red currants, combined with a hint of blackberry, fresh flowers (lily, violet) and aromatic herbs (dried mint, a hint of rosemary). We also find notes of roasting (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, bitter cocoa) and spicy (liquorice, gray pepper, nutmeg). The tannins are fine, structured and sapid (good bitterness of coffee and cocoa). Good length and a refreshing acidity and gourmet chocolate notes that appear on the persistence. A well-structured wine, with juicy fruity material and solid but fine tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils, Les Lavières 2023

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru

(Organic) The first nose is fresh and fruity with black fruits such as crunchy blackberries. It's delicate and the freshness appears minty. The second nose is elegant, crystalline on flamboyant fruit. We perceive the freshness of the limestone, and we have a floral touch on the violet. The palate is fresh with fine-grained tannins. We have a mixture of crunchy red and black forest fruits, such as raspberry and blackberry. There is a nice salivating acidity with an imperceptible hint of toast in the background. The finish is persistent.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils, Clos de la Mousse 2023

Beaune 1er Cru

(Organic) The nose is elegant, fragrant, with a great finesse, darkness, crisp and a peppery side. The second nose is more intense with beautiful notes of buttered toast. On the palate, there is a beautiful structure which brings complexity. We have persistent tannins with notes of black fruits like cherry and juicy blackberry. We perceive a hint of zan. There is a nice acidity with a smoky side that emerges little by little. It is ample, soared and the finish is also long.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils, Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus 2023

Beaune-Grèves 1er Cru

(Organic) The nose is round, fresh with notes of sweet spices and fresh Tahitian vanilla pod. There is a nice minty freshness. We perceive touches of small, crunchy fruits such as wild strawberries. There is a beautiful complexity which is brought by an imperceptible note of leather, almost animal, in the background. The palate is refined and powerful. There are red and black fruits such as blackberries and wild strawberries. There is a fine hint of toast and vanilla. The tannins are firm, structuring, giving a beautiful structure when tasting. The wine is airy in its fruity composition with a strong base laid by the tannins. The finish is long with little morello cherries. Beautiful wine.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Stephane de Sousa, Les Vaumuriens 2022

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tasty, roasted and slightly smoky. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, dried cherry and blackcurrant, combined with

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spicy aromas (liquorice, a hint of cardamom, clove), a toasted hint (toasted hazelnut) and herbaceous (fresh tobacco, dried mint). The palate offers a beautiful juiciness, a tangy side of the fruit, combined with a good bitterness. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry, raspberry, tangy strawberry and blackcurrant, combined with a slightly bitter toasted hint (toasted hazelnut, coffee), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, clove), as well as a hint of smoke, roasted cherry and tobacco in the background. The tannins are melted and silky. Good persistence with a pleasant acidity.

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

Domaine Fabien Coche Pommard Vieilles Vignes 2022

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration in finesse, juiciness and a gourmet fruitiness. It expresses notes of red cherry, crushed raspberry, ripe strawberry, redcurrant jelly and crushed blueberry, as well as sweet spices (white pepper, liquorice, cardamom), a subtle floral fragrance (violet, cornflower, lily), as well as a hint of dried mint and toast. The palate is finely tight, juicy and fresh, with a certain concentration of fruity material. It expresses notes of tangy strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, cranberries and redcurrants, associated with spicy notes (white pepper, liquorice, cardamom), a toasted touch of hazelnut and coffee (with a slight bitterness), as well as fresh tobacco. The tannins are powdery and fine, but structured. Beautiful length on a lively acidity of red cherry and cranberries, with a touch of lily on the persistence.

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

Domaine Michel Arcelain, Les 3 Climats 2022

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is spicy, toasted and slightly roasted. It expresses aromas of licorice, cardamom, nutmeg, ground cumin, combined with touches of toasted hazelnut, smoke and roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni). There are also ripe fruits and roasted fruits (juicy morello cherry, fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, red currant, strawberry, roasted raspberry), as well as tobacco, dried rose and a hint of mint. The palate offers precision, liveliness, energy, as well as lively acidity and good bitterness. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, roasted red cherry and blackcurrant in the background, combined with a fine spiciness (cardamom, liquorice, white pepper), a herbaceous touch (mint, dried blackcurrant leaf in the background), as well as a toasted and bitter touch of coffee. The tannins are finely tight, delicate, but quite structured. The finish is straight, precise and tangy, with a good bitterness reminiscent of grapefruit and a juicy and enveloping side of morello cherry. Good persistence on a floral touch (violet, dried rose).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Michel Arcelain, La Combotte 2021

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration of fruit, juiciness and the delicacy of sweet notes of fruit jam. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, red cherry jam, fresh morello cherry, as well as blackberry and black plum, associated with spicy notes of cardamom, nutmeg, licorice in the background and white pepper, as well as a tasty roasted side, slightly chocolatey (toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate, a hint of coffee) a hint of dried mint and tobacco. The palate is chiseled, tangy, with a lively, even sharp fruity attack, with a beautiful freshness. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, morello cherry, sour strawberry and blackcurrant, combined with notes of fresh tobacco, crushed mint, blackcurrant bud in the background, as well as a toasted hint (toasted hazelnut, a touch of smoke) and spicy (licorice, white pepper, cardamom). The

tannins have a fine grain and good structure. Good length, with a lively acidity and notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, cranberries) on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Georges Joillot, Vieilles Vignes 2022

Pommard

Beautiful, complex, aromatic and relatively powerful nose. Beautifully racy. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blueberry and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of raspberry, violet, lily as well as fine creamy hints, sweet blond tobacco and toast. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, suppleness as well as a certain gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blueberry, violet and small notes of creamy wild cassis associated with touches of ripe wild red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, tobacco, tonka bean, almond, fresh hazelnut and roasting. Delicate saline hints on the finish.

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

Domaine Georges Joillot – Les Noizons 2022

Pommard

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain intensity/concentration but full of controle. Deepness, intensity, structure as well as a nice stretched side. There are notes of wild small fruits, quite ripe cherry and small notes of wild pepper associated with touches of spices, smoke, camphor and crushed berries. The palate is nicely-built, well-balanced and offers fruit, juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, a beautiful definition, energy, precision as well as a beautiful energy. A nice, slightly tight and stretched grain. Precision and delicacy in its intensity/power. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of red berries, flowers and small notes of tangy/ripe red plum associated with touches of wild cassis as well as hints of fresh red pepper, spices, smoke and a toasted hint. Good length. Beautiful supple and integrated tannins. A very discreet sappy/saline hint on the finish which stretches the finish.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Les Vaumuriens » 2022

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers fruit, spicy and roasted notes, as well as a certain concentration. It expresses the gourmand notes of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as a touch of black plum and blackcurrant. After aeration, we find the toasted notes (hazelnut, a touch of toasted wood in the background) and spicy notes (liquorice, clove) wrapped and well integrated, as well as a touch of roasted morello cherry and aromatic herbs (dried mint, rosemary). The palate is chiseled, with a tangy and straight attack. It expresses the flavors of sour red cherry, raspberry, dried cranberries, blueberry and blackcurrant, combined with herbal notes (dried mint, rosemary, blackcurrant leaf in the background), spiciness (liquorice, clove) and roasting (toasted hazelnut, a touch of bitterness of coffee) hints. The tannins are quite firm, but with a powdery texture and not drying (balanced by a salivating acidity). The finish is quite persistent, with notes of tangy red fruits and aromatic herbs and a good bitterness. Straightness, accuracy and precision.

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

Château de Meursault, Clos des Epenots Premier Cru 2022

Pommard Premier Cru

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is textured, gourmand, complex and offers depth in freshness. We find a tasty spicy side (white pepper, nutmeg, liquorice, even star anise), refreshing menthol and resinous notes (peppermint, fresh pine needles, pine sap in the background, fresh tobacco), a fine floral bouquet

(cornflower, lily, a hint of violet), delicate roasting notes (toast, a hint of smoke and coffee), wrapped in a juicy and fresh fruity material (red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, a hint of morello cherry, blackcurrant and bird cherry). The palate is fruity, juicy, concentrated and airy. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, sour red cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry, blackcurrant and a tannic hint of bird cherry, associated with notes of liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg and cumin, aromatic herbs (dried mint, fresh peppermint, rosemary), a touch of pine needles, tobacco, as well as smoke in the background and toasted hazelnut. There are also delicate notes of cornflower and violet. The finish is persistent, tannic and slightly bitter (on notes of bird cherry and cocoa). The tannins are well structured, solid and enveloping, of a medium grain, integrated into the fruity material. Lively salivating acidity and good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Meursault, Clos de la Platière 2022

Pommard

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved - the wine requires aeration. It then expresses mineral notes (clay, associated with a hint of limestone and slightly saline), tangy fruits (red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry), associated with sweet and gourmet notes of ripe morello cherry and raspberry coulis. We also find gourmet hints of cocoa, vanilla, liquorice and nutmeg, as well as a refreshing herbaceous side (fresh mint, a touch of eucalyptus and pine needles) and a floral touch of dried cornflower. The palate offers accuracy, firmness, solid and slightly grippy tannins, precision and a certain complexity. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, as well as a herbaceous and menthol side (fresh mint, eucalyptus), touches of sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, white pepper, a hint of cumin) and roasting (coffee with a good bitterness, toasted almond). The finish is tasty, juicy and tangy, with a mineral touch. Good persistence, freshness, complexity, power and finesse.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Meursault, Les Petits Noizons 2022

Pommard

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, juicy, aromatic and concentrated. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh red currant, red plum and blackcurrant in the background, combined with gourmand and distinct, but not dominant, spicy aromas (black pepper, dried licorice, grated nutmeg, ground cumin), combined with a pleasant herbal side (peppermint, a hint of rosemary and pine needles), as well as gourmet and sweet touches of peony, chocolate morello cherry, cocoa and toasted hazelnut. There is also a slight balsamic note. The palate is gourmet and tangy, with a juicy and enveloping fruity material, while remaining fresh. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currants, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, black pepper, ground cloves), herbs (dried mint, dried rosemary, a hint of pine needles), roasting (toasted hazelnut, cocoa with a good bitterness) and flowers in the background (dried cornflower, peony). The tannins have a fine grain, a solid and gripping structure, with a hint of bitterness. The finish is persistent, sapid, with a certain breadth and juiciness of fruits, which bring a lot of flavors and chew on the persistence. Beautiful acidity and bitterness.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume Clos Beauder 2022

Pommard

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fruity and concentrated. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry in the background, raspberry, dried blackcurrant and blackberry, associated with a racy minerality (limestone, dry stone),

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herbaceous notes (dried mint, tobacco, a hint of pine needles), as well as sweet spices (liquorice, fresh nutmeg, crushed black peppercorns), fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut, and dried blueberry. The palate is savoury, lively and straight, with a fresh fruity material and a salivating acidulous frame. It expresses notes of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, crushed blueberry and raspberry, associated with a herbaceous (dried mint, pine needles in the background, blackcurrant bud), floral (cornflower, a hint of violet) and spicy hint (liquorice, fresh nutmeg). The finish is persistent, with fresh notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, bird cherry) and a hint of blackcurrant leaf. The tannins are solid, fine-grained, slightly grippy. There are also light touches of cocoa and toasted hazelnut on the persistence. Tension, juiciness and lots of freshness.

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

Domaine Georges Joillot – Les Epenots 1er Cru, 2022 Pommard

The nose is elegant, airy, complex, velvety and offers a certain intensity as well as voluptuousness. It reveals notes of violet, small wild purple plum and small notes of creamy raspberry associated with touches of crushed cherry, graphene, smoke, nutmeg as well as a delicate hint of fresh almond and a discreet hint of lily (in the background). The palate is beautifully led, juicy, pulpy, fresh, beautifully precise and offers a certain velvetiness, energy as well as a beautiful freshness. A beautiful brightness and brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/juicy red plum, bright/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of bright/juicy red berries, mineral hints, fine hints of fresh flowers, a discreet almost laurel berries hint, smoke, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of star anise and fresh hazelnut. Tannins are tasty, fresh and juicy. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Jeannin-Naltet « Les Naugues » 2021 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers a certain density, complexity and gourmandise. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed strawberry, roasted raspberry, blackcurrant, associated with a savoury spiciness (liquorice, a touch of vanilla, cumin in the background), a herbaceous freshness (peppermint, fresh tobacco, dried pine needles), a touch of toasted hazelnut, as well as fragrant flowers (rose, peony, a hint of cornflower). After aeration, we also find a gourmet chocolate note. The palate is finely tight, juicy, fresh, with fine-grained and well-built tannins. It expresses the flavors of fresh strawberry, roasted raspberry, juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, blackcurrant and cranberries in the background, combined with notes of liquorice, white pepper and dried vanilla in the background, dried blueberry, peony, as well as dried pine needles, peppermint and toast (a bitter touch of coffee, toasted hazelnut). Good level of acidity, the finish is rather persistent, on notes of dried red fruits and a good bitterness, but seems closed.

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

Domaine Jeannin-Naltet « Les Naugues » 2022 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is fresh, refined, and offers a tangy fruity substance (red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, fresh strawberry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry), as well as a herbaceous touch (dried peppermint, blackcurrant bud in the background). There are also spicy (liquorice, ground cumin, a hint of vanilla) and toasted notes (toasted hazelnut, a very light touch of toasted wood and cocoa). The palate is enveloping, fruity and juicy, while remaining airy. It expresses notes of ripe and tangy fruits (red cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry in the background, cranberries, raspberry and fresh strawberry), combined with a gourmet hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, dark

chocolate, a hint of coffee), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, cumin) and herbs (dried mint, a hint of dried blackcurrant leaf). The finish is quite persistent, tangy and slightly bitter (bird cherry, cranberries).

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

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume, Les Byots 2022 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, a tangy, fresh and chiseled side. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, fresh red currants, crushed raspberry and tangy strawberry, associated with touches of toast, smoke (in the background), toasted hazelnut, as well as sweet spices (sweet pepper, nutmeg, clove, liquorice). After aeration, we also find notes of blueberry and dried mint, associated with a hint of cocoa. The palate is straight, tight, but juicy, with a tangy fruity material. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries with a good bitterness, bird cherry, crushed raspberry and strawberry, associated with touches of smoke, toast, sweet spices (white pepper, nutmeg, liquorice), dried blueberry and dried herbs in the background. The tannins are fine, firm and slightly grippy. The finish is moderately persistent, with a lively acidity and a good bitterness and gourmandise of cocoa.

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



Tupinier-Bautista Clos du Roy 2022 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color. The nose is perfumed, juicy and gourmand, with distinct notes of sweet spices, toast and roasted herbs. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed red currant, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with notes of toasted hazelnut, coffee and toasted wood (in the background), roasted bouquet garni, as well as a touch of freshness – the aromas of peppermint and crushed blackcurrant leaf, as well as a subtle touch of lilac in the background. The spiciness is precise, but delicate – we find in particular the aromas of toasted vanilla, liquorice, white pepper and ground nutmeg. The palate is fresh and airy, with well-structured and fine tannins, a salivating acidity and a good bitterness (coffee, bird cherry). It also expresses notes of fresh tangy fruits (blackcurrant, raspberry, red cherry, a hint of morello cherry), aromatic herbs (dried thyme and rosemary, peppermint), lilac, sweet spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice) and roasting (toasted hazelnut). The finish is persistent, gourmet, slightly tight, but tasty, with notes of tangy red cherry and a good bitterness.

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

Tupinier-Bautista Clos du Roy 2021 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved, fruity and tangy, but after aeration, it expresses the fine touches of roasted fruits. We also find notes of red cherry, raspberry, tangy strawberry, red currants, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, as well as dried mint, fresh thyme, blackcurrant leaf in the background, a hint of toasted hazelnut, licorice, white pepper and

tobacco, as well as lily and violet in the background. The palate is tangy, straight, with freshness and accuracy. It expresses notes of tangy red cherry, strawberry, cranberries, bird cherry and red currants, associated with notes of peppermint, tobacco, licorice and white pepper. The finish is crisp, airy, fruity and tangy, with notes of tart red cherry and cranberries, as well as a touch of lily in the background and a good, slightly perceptible toasted bitterness. A pleasant herbaceous note of blackcurrant leaf and dried mint on the persistence. The tannins are very fine, but give the wine good structure. Nice acidity and liveliness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tupinier-Bautista du Roy 2020 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity and ripe, even with a slight maceration and roasted fruit side. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, fresh raspberry, strawberry, red cherry and red currant, black plum (after aeration), as well as a touch of goji berries in the background. We also find notes of roasting (toasted hazelnut, fresh almond), herbaceous freshness (fresh mint, a tangy hint of lemon thyme, fresh tobacco), sweet spices (fresh liquorice stick, Sichuan pepper, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), as well as a hint of lily and a delicate minerality (dry stone, limestone). The palate offers accuracy, a fine concentration, as well as a silky and juicy fruitiness, associated with a lively acidity. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, bitterness of bird cherry, dried cranberries, a hint of morello cherry, tangy strawberry and red currant. We also find the herbaceous side – dried mint, fresh tobacco, lemon thyme, rosemary, notes of sweet spices (licorice in the background, white pepper, crushed coriander seeds), as well as fresh almond and toasted hazelnut. The finish is persistent, concentrated and gourmet, on notes of ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry and a lively acidity, associated with a good bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tupinier-Bautista Les Vellées 2022 Mercurey Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is concentrated, gourmand, juicy and offers a beautiful fruity material that is a little sweet, even textured. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly and crushed raspberry, associated with slightly sweet floral aromas (peony, iris), sweet spices (a hint of vanilla, liquorice, nutmeg), toasted hazelnut and aromatic herbs (dried mint, fresh thyme in the background). The palate is juicy, enveloping and airy, with a good bitterness of cranberries and bird cherry and firm and gripping tannins (even slightly grainy). It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, sour red cherry, raspberry, red plum and sour strawberry, combined with herbal touches of peppermint, blackcurrant bud (in the background), liquorice and coffee. Good persistence in the mouth, with a salivating acidity and a beautiful freshness and a gourmet hint of dark chocolate with mint. The wine seems closed at the moment.

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

Tupinier-Bautista, Vieilles Vignes 2020 Mercurey

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a certain concentration and a textured side, with gourmand and sweet touches of roasted fruits. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild blackberry, blueberry, blue plum and raspberry, associated with subtle notes of white pepper, licorice, a hint of menthol (peppermint, eucalyptus), a light note of toasted oak, chocolate and coffee in the background, as well as a touch of rose, which appears after aeration. The palate is tight, with a firm and tangy attack. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, bird cherry and cranberries with a good bitterness, raspberry and tart strawberry, as well as a fine menthol side (pepper-

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mint, fresh pine needles, liquorice), a hint of rose, as well as coffee and toast. The finish is chiseled, with a sharp acidity, notes of roasting and a good bitterness (coffee, bird cherry, cranberries) and a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant bud. Good persistence, the tannins are grippy and tight.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Tupinier-Bautista, Vieilles Vignes 2022

Mercury

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers gourmandise, juiciness, tanginess of the fruit, as well as a delicate minerality. It expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry, strawberry, a hint of cranberries and blueberry, as well as blueberry, violet in the background, white pepper, liquorice and a hint of pine needles. The palate is juicy, airy and fruity, with a good bitterness of cranberries and a lively acidity on the attack. It also expresses flavors of red cherry, raspberry, bird cherry and tangy strawberry, associated with notes of white pepper, liquorice, blueberry and a slight mineral hint on the persistence. The tannins are tight and slightly bitter. Good persistence, on the tangy side of the fruit, with a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Armand Heitz 2022

Mercury

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is spicy and woody (but not excessively). It expresses aromas of toasted wood, toasted hazelnut, fresh wood in the background (even with a touch of sappiness), vanilla, liquorice, fresh nutmeg, white pepper. We then find ripe and savoury herbaceous aromas (from the stalk): pine needles, dried peppermint, dried thyme in the background, as well as a touch of dried rose and lily. The fruits on the nose are juicy and ripe: we find aromas of fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, morello cherry and blackcurrant. The palate is dynamic, tangy and chiseled: on the attack, it expresses notes of tangy red cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry, morello cherry and blackcurrant. Then we find the herbaceous hint (peppermint, dried blackcurrant leaf, a hint of dried thyme), toasted (toasted wood, fresh wood, toasted hazelnut) and spicy (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper) notes. The finish is lively, tense, with an expressive and fresh note of blackcurrant leaf, as well as a good bitterness of cranberries. The tannins are fine and enveloped. Beautiful acidity and good length, lots of freshness and liveliness.

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

Domaine de la Bressande « En Sazenay » 2023

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The wine has a pale ruby color. The fruits on the nose are juicy, concentrated and a little sweet (there are ripe fruits and roasted fruits). It expresses the aromas of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and blackberry, combined with spicy and gourmet chocolate notes (toasted vanilla, mint chocolate, liquorice, clove), toasted hazelnut, heated wood and toasted bread in the background. There is also a hint of rose and crushed blackcurrant leaf in the background, which bring freshness and elegance. The palate is gourmet, juicy, with a fruity, enveloping and airy attack. It expresses the flavors of red cherry (or even macerated red cherry), fresh morello cherry, of strawberry, crushed raspberry and blackcurrant, combined with touches of dried mint, dried blackcurrant leaf (in the background), sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper), toasted hazelnut and fresh wood in the background. On the finish, we feel a good bitterness of bird cherry and cranberries, as well as a fine herbaceous touch of fresh blackcurrant leaf and a sappy hint in the background. The tannins are firm, but very fine and polished. The finish is persistent, with energy, salivating acidity and a good bitterness.

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

Domaine de la Bressande « En Sazenay » 2022

Mercury Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration of fruit, combined with smoky and roasted touches (roasted cherry, roasted meat in the background). After aeration, it expresses the dominant spicy and roasted notes (licorice, crushed black pepper, crushed coriander seeds, cloves, combined with aromas of coffee, toasted and grilled hazelnut), as well as a hint of fresh tobacco, peppermint and fresh flowers (violet, lily). The fruits on the nose are tangy and juicy - we find in particular the aromas of red cherry, raspberry, cranberries, blackcurrant, morello cherry and wild blackberry. The attack on the palate is straight, enveloping, juicy and tangy - on notes of red cherry, raspberry, redcurrant, cranberries, as well as fresh blackcurrant. There is also a fine herbaceous and menthol side (peppermint, blackcurrant leaf in the background, as well as a subtle hint of menthol and pine needles in the background), sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds), a bitter hint of coffee, bird cherry and toasted hazelnut. Good tannic structure, firm, quite solid, with a velvety texture. The finish is sapid, concentrated and fruity, with a pleasant bitterness and a refreshing acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Jeannin-Naltet, 1er Cru « Clos des Grands Voyens » 2022

Mercury

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, gourmand, juicy, with light notes of roasted fruits, a distinct, but enveloped, woody and spicy aromas. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh fresh, roasted raspberry, as well as fresh blackcurrant, heated wood, toasted hazelnut in the background, as well as liquorice, nutmeg, a very delicate touch of vanilla, a sappy hint of pine needles, violet and limestone minerality. The palate is chiseled, juicy, fruity, with finely tight tannins on the attack, as well as a good bitterness. It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, morello cherry, tart strawberry, crushed raspberry, tannic bird cherry and blackcurrant, combined with notes of liquorice, white pepper and nutmeg in the background, blackcurrant leaf, pine needles, violet, as well as a delicate touch of fresh hazelnut in the background. Good persistence with a slight bitterness, a toasted and herbaceous touch of dried blackcurrant leaf and a nice acidity. The tannins are tight and slightly grippy on the persistence.

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

Vignerons de Buxy, Buissonier 2023

Mercury

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, juicy and fruity, with expressive aromas of wild strawberry and crushed raspberry at the beginning. Then, it expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry and red cherry, combined with floral touches of peony, lilac and violet, as well as blackcurrant bud in the background and white pepper, as well as a fine touch of toast and dried herbs, which appear after aeration. The palate is airy, tangy, with a peppery and slightly bitter touch on the attack. It also expresses notes of tangy strawberry, raspberry, red cherry and blackcurrant, combined with a hint of dried blackcurrant leaf, black pepper, toast, dried cornflower and lilac. The tannins are supple, almost imperceptible. The acidity is fresh and salivating, the finish has an average persistence, on tangy notes of red cherry and cranberries with a good bitterness.

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

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2022

Mercury

The wine has a ruby color. The nose offers bright tangy fruit (strawberry, raspberry, red currant, bigarreau cherry), a spicy hint (white pepper, nutmeg), associated with a fine floral bouquet (fresh cornflower, rose, a hint of peony), a herbaceous note of blackcurrant bud and a delicate minerality (limestone, dry stone) which appears after aeration. The palate is straight, frank and offers accuracy

and a lively tangy frame. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currants, tangy strawberry and raspberry, associated with touches of fresh flowers (rose, cornflower, peony), a hint of white pepper, limestone and blackcurrant leaf. The finish is quite persistent, slightly tight, with powdery and firm tannins, a little bitter. Subtle herbaceous touches on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Stéphane de Sousa « Les Grands Poisots » 2022

Volnay

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose expresses juicy fruits, tanginess, as well as notes of roasted fruits. We find the aromas of crushed morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant in the background, associated with floral touches (violet, fresh rose, a hint of cornflower), peppermint, white pepper, liquorice and nutmeg in the background, as well as a sappy touch of pine needles and toast. The palate offers freshness and gourmandise, airiness and tanginess of the fruit. It expresses the flavors of sour red cherry, morello cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant, combined with enveloped herbaceous notes (blackcurrant leaf, peppermint, pine needles), a tangy and slightly bitter hint of cranberries, as well as cornflower, violet, a spicy hint (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper) and toasted in the background. Beautiful acidity and a slight bitterness of coffee on the persistence. The tannins are silky and melted. Good length on red fruits (especially red cherry).

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « En Vaut » 2022

Volnay

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicate, with subtle, tangy fruity aromas and a slight hint of toast, all in finesse. It expresses notes of tangy red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, tangy strawberry, as well as a hint of red plum in the background, associated with notes of toasted hazelnut, heated wood in the background, nutmeg, white pepper, as well as notes of aromatic herbs (thyme, dried mint), pine needles and flowers (violet, lilac), which bring freshness and airiness. The palate is tangy, chiseled and lively. It expresses flavors of tangy red cherry, raspberry, cranberries and fresh strawberry, associated with notes of nutmeg, white pepper, toasted hazelnut, as well as refreshing touches of thyme, dried mint and violet. Beautiful salivating acidity, balanced by a delicacy and the roundness of the morello cherry flavor. Good persistence with a very delicate bitterness. The tannins are polished and silky, well structured. A perfumed wine, on finesse and delicacy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Meursault, Clos de Chênes 2022

Volnay Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicately perfumed, floral and airy. It first expresses floral aromas of cornflower, dried rose in the background, associated with notes of red cherry, red currants, crushed blackcurrant, tangy strawberry and fresh raspberry. Then, we find a touch of pepper (white pepper), sweet spices (licorice, clove) and roasting (toasted hazelnut, a very light touch of toasted oak), associated with refined herbaceous notes that bring complexity (dried mint, a hint of thyme). The palate offers accuracy, straightness, precision, an airy side in its fine and delicate tannic structure, but quite solid. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, cranberries, fresh raspberry and strawberry, associated with a good bitterness in notes of roasting (toasted hazelnut, even toasted almond, coffee), a fine spiciness (licorice, sweet pepper), as well as hints of blueberry and dried mint. Good persistence in the mouth, with a salivating acidity, a hint of bitterness and juiciness.

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

Bourgogne

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils - Les Caillerets Ancienne Cuvée Carnot 2023 Volnay 1er Cru

(Organic) The nose offers a beautiful expression of Pinot Noir. There is an almost mineral freshness with a hint of menthol as well. We perceive a beautiful black fruit like juicy cherry as well as fresh vanilla. There is an imperceptible note of tobacco, almost ashy, in the background. This slowly develops into a beautiful cigar box note. The palate is fresh with a beautiful persistent tannin structure. We have red fruits like morello cherry and redcurrant which bring dynamism. There is a nice length, freshness with toasted, buttery notes.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2022 Volnay

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is elegant, airy, with lots of fruit and a beautiful tangy structure. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, strawberry, fresh raspberry, a touch of blackcurrant and blueberry, as well as juicy morello cherry, peony, rose petals, strawberry jam in the background. After aeration, we find notes of dried mint, even eucalyptus in the background, liquorice, coriander seeds, nutmeg and fresh tobacco. The palate is straight, tangy and a little tight. It expresses the flavors of bigarreau cherry, tangy strawberry, redcurrants, raspberry, blackcurrant, combined with notes of blackcurrant leaf, peppermint, a good bitterness of bird cherry, as well as an integrated spicy side (licorice, nutmeg, a hint of white pepper). We also find a very light smoky hint in the background. The finish is persistent, savoury, juicy, with a nice tangy frame in its fruits: we can particularly feel the flavors of bird cherry and cranberries on the persistence. The tannins are delicate, with a refined structure and a powdery texture. Beautiful salivating acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Les Creux-Fraîches Eaux » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is concentrated, spicy, toasty and savory, but reserved at first. After aeration, it expresses notes of dense black fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry), juicy red fruits (tart strawberry, crushed raspberry), fragrant floral notes (violet, peony), aromatic herbs (crushed peppermint, rosemary, dried pine needles), white pepper, licorice and roasted notes (coffee, toasted almond). On the palate, the wine offers freshness and the tangy side of red fruits in the flavors of tart cherry, dried cranberries, raspberry, as well as blackcurrant and blueberry. There are also herbal notes (dried thyme, peppermint), spicy (white pepper, nutmeg, a hint of liquorice), toasted almond and coffee with a good bitterness. The finish is quite persistent, tangy, salivating and fruity, with a good bitterness of cranberries. The tannins are grippy, but fine.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Les Crots » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fragrant, slightly roasted. It expresses notes of roasted morello cherry, wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, red cherry and blackcurrant, combined with a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, cubeb pepper, crushed coriander seeds). There are also notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni), fresh hazelnut and toasted bread, as well as a fine floral side (lily) in the background. The palate is enveloping and at the same time offers freshness, accuracy and juiciness, combined with fine-grained but firm tannins. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, fresh red cherry, roasted raspberry, blackcurrant in the background and cranberries, combined with a touch of lily, peppermint, roasted rosemary and tobacco, as well as a hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, coffee). Good persistence, tasty and fruity, especially on the notes of red cherry and a refreshing acidity of cranberries.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Aux Saint-Julien » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses juicy and gourmet fruity notes, with a hint of roasted fruits: crushed wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry and red currants. We also find delicate herbal notes (peppermint, blackcurrant leaf in the background), sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, a very light touch of vanilla), toasted hazelnut (with a hint of caramel) and a gourmet hint of chocolate plum. On the palate, the wine is rather tight on the attack, but offers juiciness, freshness and accuracy as it opens. It expresses notes of tangy strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, blueberry, damson plum, cranberries and bird cherry which bring a good bitterness and the tannic touch on the palate. Then we find the tasty notes of dried mint, rosemary, a hint of blackcurrant leaf, as well as spices (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg) and a hint of coffee bitterness. Good length, with a tannic touch and a good bitterness of bird cherry on the persistence, structured tannins, slightly grainy, but not drying and a refreshing acidity. The wine needs time to open up.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Clos des Perrières » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is perfumed and very aromatic. On the first nose, we feel the expressive hint of menthol and anise (licorice, even star anise, menthol, peppermint, pine needles), then complemented by the concentrated and fresh fruits (fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry, red cherry, cranberries, blackcurrant, black plum, morello cherry), as well as a touch of black pepper, chocolate plum, nutmeg, dried thyme and violet, which appear gradually after aeration. The mouth is closed on the attack, with grippy and tight tannins, but opens up more in the middle. We find notes of bird cherry and cranberries with a good bitterness and tanginess, of acidulous strawberry, red cherry, raspberry and blueberry, associated with herbal notes (dried mint, dried rosemary, pine needles), spicy (licorice, black pepper, nutmeg) and roasted (coffee, toasted almond). The tannins are firm and need time to round out, a salivating acidity helps balance them at the moment. Good length on the tanginess of fruits and herbal notes.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Les Poulettes » 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers density, concentration, fruit and roasted notes. It expresses aromas of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, roasted raspberry, dried blackcurrant and dried cherry, combined with savory notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, crushed coriander seeds), a distinct roasted hint (toasted almond, toasted bread), as well as herbal and floral touches (fresh mint, peony), which appear after aeration. The palate is silky, but structured, with an enveloping texture and fine but tight tannins. It expresses the tangy flavors of red cherry, cranberry, raspberry, tart strawberry, as well as blueberry, blackcurrant and wild blackberry (which is expressed more on the finish). There are also notes of sweet spices (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg), dried mint, violet and a hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, a touch of heated wood). Good length, on the note of roasted bouquet garni and a salivating acidity.

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

Edouard Delaunay « Aux Argillas » 2020 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. Beautiful floral bouquet perfumed on the first nose (violet, lilac, rose), associated with refined herbaceous notes (mint, thyme leaf, fresh tobacco, dry bay leaf). We also find ripe fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, juicy strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, crushed blueberry), associated with sweet

spices (liquorice, nutmeg, pink pepper, vanilla in the background) and a hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, a touch of toast, even a very subtle touch of coconut in the background). The palate is airy, juicy, and offers accuracy, a good bitterness and a certain complexity. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry, cranberries, tangy strawberry, blueberry, good bitterness of bird cherry), associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, a hint of vanilla), a gourmand herbaceous touch (dried mint, fresh tobacco, a touch of dry bay leaf), as well as notes of roasting (toasted hazelnut, coffee). The tannins are fine, but solid, accompanied by a nice acidity. The finish is quite persistent, on toasted notes and a good bitterness of coffee.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Clos Genets » 2022 Santenay

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a lot of freshness and the juiciness of tangy fruits. It expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry, crushed red currant, fresh strawberry, associated with a touch of blackcurrant in the background. After aeration, it expresses notes of dried cherry, roasted thyme, nutmeg and liquorice, as well as roasted cherry and dried mint. There is also a light touch of violet and a delicate minerality. A touch of roasting (toasted hazelnut, coffee in the background) appears after aeration. The palate is straight, chiseled, with firm tannins, of a medium grain. It expresses notes of tangy red cherry, raspberry, cranberries, red currants, strawberry and blackcurrant, associated with a good bitterness of bird cherry and coffee. There are also spicy notes (nutmeg, licorice) and a hint of violet on the persistence. Good length and refreshing acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Maison Louis Latour 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers concentration in finesse, juiciness and an airy side. A fine spicy side (licorice, ground cumin, white pepper, nutmeg) appears in the first nose and is complemented by notes of dried mint, dried rosemary, a hint of tobacco and a beautiful floral bouquet (violet, lily, peony). The fruits on the nose are juicy, tangy and ripe, with a touch of roasted fruits. We find in particular the aromas of fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh strawberry, raspberry and blueberry, as well as delicate roasted notes (coffee, toasted almond, a hint of cocoa). The palate is firm and juicy at the same time, and offers precision, a chiseled side and tangy fresh fruits. It expresses notes of tangy strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, bird cherry and cranberries with a good bitterness. We also find floral notes of violet and lily, a herbaceous side (dried mint, rosemary), slightly bitter roasted notes (coffee, toasted almond, cocoa). The tannins have a fine texture and a solid structure, gripping on the finish, but softened by their cocoa aspect and a salivating acidity. Good length with a good bitterness and notes of tangy fruits on the persistence.

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

Domaine de Bonnardot 2022 Santenay

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, a beautiful herbaceous freshness, as well as the juiciness of fresh fruits. It expresses aromas of red cherry, tart strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant, associated with delicate notes of blackcurrant leaf, peppermint, as well as a hint of toast, tobacco and sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice). We also see a slight touch of balsamic and cocoa in the background. The palate is juicy, fruity, with a fine hint of macerated and roasted fruits. It expresses flavors of fresh red cherry and morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, strawberry and redcurrant jelly, associated with notes of tobacco, nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper, the bitterness of cranberries, as well as a herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf in the background.

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Beautiful salivating and fresh acidity, the tannins are velvety and very fine. The finish is chiseled, juicy, lively and tasty, with notes of tart red cherry and blackcurrant and a toasted hint on the persistence.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume La Forge 2022 Santenay

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, concentration of fruity aromas, as well as a racy minerality (limestone, dry rock, even an earthy touch). After aeration, we find notes of juicy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, crushed red currants, raspberry, strawberry), tangy black fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry), associated with herbaceous touches (dried blackcurrant leaf, dried mint in the background, fresh tobacco), floral (peony, dried rose, dried cornflower), a spicy touch (liquorice, clove, nutmeg) and toasted. The palate is enveloping, fruity, juicy and offers concentration in freshness. It expresses notes of strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, blackberry, blackcurrant and redcurrant, combined with spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin in the background), floral notes (peony, cornflower, dried rose), a hint of dried mint, as well as toasted notes in the background (toasted hazelnut, a hint of chocolate). The finish is savoury, gourmet and airy, with tangy notes of red fruits (red cherry, redcurrant) and a good bitterness in the background. The acidity is lively and salivating, but at the same time juicy, fruity and gourmet. The tannins are supple and well structured.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume, Clos Rousseau 2022 Santenay Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is finely spicy and tasty. It expresses notes of liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, Sichuan pepper, as well as crushed peppermint and tobacco. There are also notes of ripe fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, dried raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry) and flowers (dried cornflower, dried rose, even a sweet touch of rose in syrup), as well as a subtle hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut) and chocolate. The palate is open and savoury, with a good, firm, but not dry tannic structure and a lively acidulous frame. It expresses notes of tangy morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currant, blackcurrant and blackberry, combined with herbal (dried mint, tobacco), floral (dried rose, peony, dried cornflower) and spicy (liquorice, a hint of cardamom and white pepper) notes. The toasted touches of hazelnut and chocolate return at the end of the mouth. The finish is persistent, fresh and tangy, slightly spicy and savoury, with a distinct note of ripe red cherry.

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

Domaine Bader-Mimeur, Château de Chassagne-Montrachet 2022 Chassagne-Montrachet

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is perfumed and offers density, a textured side and complexity. It expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, heated wood in the background, liquorice, clove, a very light hint of anise, as well as dried blueberry and menthol, associated with a sappy touch in the background. There are also notes of red cherry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, a hint of blueberry and blackcurrant, associated with light herbaceous notes in the background (tobacco, thyme). The palate is fruity, tangy and airy, but at the same time fruity and enveloping, all in freshness. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, tangy cranberries in the background, raspberry, tangy freshness, red currants, blueberry and blackcurrant (with a delicate hint of blackcurrant leaf), as well as toasted hazelnut (even heated wood in the background), toasted hazelnut, a hint of coffee, liquorice (with a hint of star anise), cornflower and dried pine needles. The tannins are finely structured, delicate but quite solid. Good length on the freshness and acidity. A fresh and airy wine.

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

Maison Louis Latour 2022 Chassagne-Montrachet

The wine has a pale ruby color. On the nose, it is reserved and benefits from aeration. It then expresses notes of fresh red cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry and red currants. We then sense fine floral aromas (violet, lily), a touch of roasting (toasted hazelnut, a hint of toast), roasted aromatic herbs and sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg in the background). The palate offers precision, flavors of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry, red currants, cranberries, blackcurrant), a herbaceous hint (dried mint, a hint of blackcurrant leaf), spicy notes (licorice, nutmeg, a touch of pepper), as well as coffee and cocoa on the persistence. Good length, on the freshness and the tanginess of fruits. The palate is fruity and sapid, but the nose is rather subtle.

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



Armand Heitz - 1er Cru Morgeot 2022 Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, quite dense, ripe and slightly roasted. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, redcurrant jelly and crushed raspberry, combined with pleasant herbal notes (dried mint, dried blackcurrant leaf, a hint of dried pine needles) and floral notes (dried rose, violet, peony). There are also savoury spicy notes (liquorice, toasted vanilla, white pepper, nutmeg) and distinct but enveloping woody nuances (fresh wood with a sappy touch, toasted wood, fresh hazelnut, toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate). On the palate, the wine offers juicy and tangy fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry, red currants, cranberries, morello cherry), a good bitterness (coffee, bird cherry), herbal notes (dried mint, blackcurrant leaf, dried pine needles), as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut and fresh wood in the background. The tannins are young, tight and grippy, softened by the salivating acidity. Good persistence on a pleasant bitterness.

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

Maison Louis Latour 2022 Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is silky, fruity and gourmand, even textured and velvety. It expresses notes of ripe strawberry, juicy red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry and blueberry, combined with a pleasant menthol hint (fresh mint, a touch of dried eucalyptus), notes of sweet spices (liquorice, a hint of star anise, ground cumin and white pepper). After aeration, we also find notes of fresh blackcurrant, rosemary and a hint of blackcurrant leaf, which brings a delicate herbaceous touch. The toasted aromas (toasted hazelnut) are enveloped and very slightly perceptible. We also smell a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, lily, peony), which appears as the wine opens up. The palate offers accuracy, straightness, a chiseled tanginess, as well as a good bitterness. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, bird cherry, morello cherry, tangy strawberry, raspberry and blueberry, associated with herbaceous notes of dried mint and eucalyptus, rosemary, as well as hints of coffee and toasted almond which bring a good bitterness. The spicy side (liquorice, white pear, cumin) is delicate

and enveloped. The tannins are tight and firm, but with a fine grain. The finish is persistent, tangy, with a good bitterness. A perfumed wine, with an elegant and aromatic nose and a solid palate.

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

Domaine Fabien Coch 2022 Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. At first, the nose expresses a touch of roasted red cherry, which is then complemented by tangy aromas of red cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry and blackberry. There are also notes of crushed mint, liquorice, nutmeg and blackcurrant leaf in the background, combined with a subtle floral touch (rose, violet) and toasted hazelnut. The palate is a little tight on the attack, but in the middle of the mouth, it develops gourmet fruity notes (morello cherry, red cherry, strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry), a hint of bitterness of coffee and toasted almond, a herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf in the background, dried mint) and a hint of violet. The finish is quite persistent and expresses the good bitterness of bird cherry and a salivating acidity that envelops the tannins.

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

Labouré-Roi 2023 Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is aromatic and fruity, with notes of juicy red fruits. It expresses notes of red cherry (with a hint of morello cherry), ripe strawberry, raspberry and red plum, combined with a hint of wild blackberry, white pepper, nutmeg, cornflower, rose (in the background) and dried blackcurrant leaf. The palate is juicy, tangy and airy. It expresses flavors of red cherry, tangy strawberry, raspberry, red currant and cranberry, combined with a mineral (dry stone), herbaceous (dried blackcurrant leaf), peppery, a slight toasted and floral touch (dried cornflower, rose in the background). The tannins are fine, but perceptible. Good level of acidity, freshness and medium persistence, on the fruits (especially the red cherry).

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Fabien Coche 2022 Meursault

The wine has a bright pale ruby color, with raspberry highlights. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses aromas of fresh raspberry, strawberry, red currant, fresh blueberry and red cherry, combined with refreshing herbal notes (peppermint, a hint of fresh tobacco and rose leaf in the background), with a delicate spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, a very subtle hint of vanilla in the background). After aeration, we also sense a touch of fresh rosemary, mint chocolate and cocoa, combined with aromas of fresh almond and toasted hazelnut. The palate is lively, straight and tangy, and offers accuracy and precision. It expresses notes of sour red cherry, strawberry, cranberries, raspberry and red plum, combined with herbaceous (peppermint, fresh tobacco, rosemary in the background), floral (violet) and spicy (licorice, nutmeg) flavours. The tannins are tight, but have a fine texture. Good bitterness of cocoa and coffee on the persistence, accompanied by a salivating acidity. The finish is juicy and quite persistent.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Labouré-Roi 2022 Chorey-Lès-Beaune

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers a beautiful fruity expression (especially red fruits) - fresh, tangy and juicy. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, raspberry, strawberry and crushed blueberry. After aeration, there are fine spicy notes - white pepper, liquorice and ground cumin, floral scents (violet, lily), as well as a subtle touch of heated wood and toasted hazelnut (associated with a delicate touch of cocoa in the background). The palate is gourmand, with a good bitterness of coffee and cocoa on the attack, tight but fine and powdery tannins. It also expresses notes of tangy red and black fruits (red cherry, cranberries, rasp-

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berry, tangy strawberry, blueberry), combined with notes of sweet spices (licorice, cumin, white pepper), a floral touch (lily, violet) and herbaceous (blackcurrant leaves in the background). Lots of freshness and energy on the finish, chiseled, tangy and persistent.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Fabien Coche, « Les Barbières » 2022 Monthélie Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose is subtle, elegant and airy: it first expresses a delicate smokiness, notes of toast and roasted cherry, combined with a fresh hint of crushed mint. We then find the aromas of tangy red fruits (red cherry, cranberries, red currants, raspberry, fresh strawberry), a fine spiciness (nutmeg, licorice, white pepper), herbaceous (dried blackcurrant leaf, dried mint) and floral (violet, dried rose), as well as a very delicate hint of dark chocolate. The palate offers sapidity, juiciness and the tangy side of red fruits. We find the flavors of red cherry, raspberry, fresh strawberry, cranberries and blackcurrant, as well as a hint of roasting with a good bitterness (coffee, cocoa), spicy notes (white pepper, nutmeg, cumin, licorice), as well as flowers and herbs that appear especially on the persistence (dried rose, violet, peppermint, dried blackcurrant leaf). The tannins are fine-grained, velvety and well-constructed. The finish is persistent, juicy and gourmet. Beautiful acidity, freshness and balance.

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

Labouré-Roi 2022 Gevrey-Chambertin

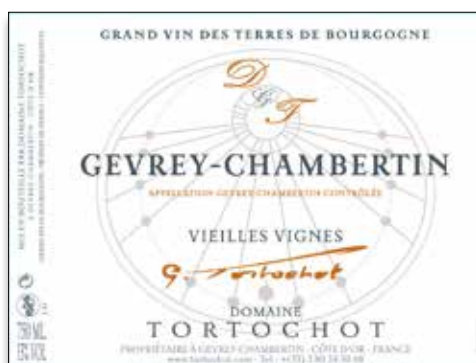
The wine has a bright pale ruby colour. On the nose it is reserved and benefits from aeration – it expresses notes of ripe fruit, with a touch of roasted and dried fruit (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried raspberry, strawberry, fresh red cherry, crushed blackcurrant), combined with spicy notes (Sichuan pepper, licorice with a touch of star anise, nutmeg, a slight hint of vanilla), a herbaceous touch (dried mint, dried thyme) and a sweet floral hint of iris, as well as a note of prunes and blackcurrant jam in the background. The palate is chiseled, tangy, with lively acidity and firm, slightly grippy tannins, with a good bitterness. There is a pleasant juiciness in the mid-palate in the notes of morello cherry, juicy red cherry, cranberries, crushed raspberry and blueberry, as well as a fine spicy (licorice, nutmeg, white pepper) and herbaceous (dried mint, a hint of blackcurrant leaf) side. Good length with the bird cherry flavor and its tannic touch, as well as its good bitterness. A chiseled and energetic wine.

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

Domaine Tortochot Grand Cru 2022 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The initial nose is restrained before aeration, but expresses dense fruitiness and gourmand notes of roasted fruits (roasted red cherry, roasted plum), refreshed by menthol aromas (peppermint, menthol, licorice, star anise). After aeration, the nose expresses a beautiful freshness of bright fresh fruits (raspberry, tart strawberry, red cherry, fresh morello cherry, blueberry), a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (violet, peony, rose, cornflower), as well as subtle and integrated spicy and toasted notes (toasted almond, a subtle hint of coffee, crushed coriander seeds, Sichuan pepper, clove), as well as a hint of fresh pine needles and fresh tobacco. The palate is enveloping, juicy, yet airy, with concentrated and juicy fruitiness, all in finesse and elegance. It expresses the flavors of ripe, juicy and crunchy fruits (red cherry, strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry, blueberry, red plum, blueberry), a refreshing herbaceous hint (fresh mint, fresh tobacco, pine needles), savoury notes of sweet spices and roasting (nutmeg, Sichuan pepper, licorice, ground clove, coriander seeds, combined with notes of coffee and cocoa. The flavours of roasting (roasted cherry, roasted meat) returns on the finish. The tannins are serrated, powdery, enveloping and silky, and give the wine a good structure, all in elegance. Beautiful acidity and freshness, the finish is fruity, slightly chocolatey, gourmet and persistent. A refined and elegant wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Domaine Tortochot, Vieilles Vignes 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is closed – the wine needs aeration. It then expresses juicy, gourmet, even sweet fruity notes (wild strawberry, ripe morello cherry, raspberry coulis, red cherry and blackcurrant), associated with notes of sweet spices (licorice, white pepper, cumin), a delicate hint of chocolate and toasted hazelnut, as well as iris and peony. The palate is fruity, supple and ripe, with a gourmet hint of jammy fruits. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam in the background, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry and blackcurrant, associated with a fine spicy side (white pepper, licorice, an almost imperceptible hint of vanilla), bitterness of coffee, toasted hazelnut, as well as a floral hint (violet, lily). The tannins are powdery, fine, well-structured and slightly bitter. The finish is persistent, with notes of fresh red fruits and a lively acidity and a fine toasted nuance that returns on the persistence.

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

Domaine Tortochot - Champierri Vieilles Vignes 2023

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fresh, fruity, clear with notes of small, crunchy red fruits such as raspberry. The palate is still fresh with small red fruits. There is a lightness in the finesse. We perceive a little astringency which adds to the complexity. It's pretty with a lingering finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Bouchard Père & Fils - Le Corton 2023

(Organic) The nose has crunchy red fruits notes like small morello cherry and redcurrant. But we also perceive floral, almost herbaceous notes. There is an imperceptible hint of smoke in the background, coming from the terroir. Little by little, the vanilla and toast appear, well integrated. The mouth is crystalline. The palate is powerful on the attack, fresh, tangy. We have almost blue fruits like the crunchy blueberry. The tannins are powerful while being silky. There is a nice tension, and notes of licorice appear. There is also a little bitterness on the finish, very pretty, very pleasant. At the end we distinguish an unexpected floral note almost on white tea with a hint of umami.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Arnaud Combier 2022 Marsannay

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers some concentration, juiciness and a slight roasted touch of fruit. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, roasted red cherry and raspberry coulis, combined with a fragrant floral bouquet (iris, rose in the background, cornflower), a fine spiciness (a hint of licorice and nutmeg) and mineral (limestone), with a touch of roasted herbs and dried blackcurrant. The palate offers an enveloping juiciness, fruit and airiness. It expresses notes of fresh strawberry, fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, crushed raspberry, red currants and blackcurrant, combined with a toasted, spicy touch (licorice, nutmeg), a hint of dried cornflower and roasted

herbs, as well as a good bitterness of dried cranberries. The tannins are fine and integrated, wrapped in juicy fruit material and refreshing acidity. Good persistence, with a pleasant herbaceous touch (dried blackcurrant leaf).

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

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Champ Franc » 2023

Bourgogne Pinot Noir
 The nose is very pretty with fresh fruits. We have notes of black cherry but also small juicy red fruits such as raspberry and wild berries. We also perceive a slight toast. The palate is fresh, simple and delicious with a nice juiciness. We have fruits such as plum, cherry, small wild strawberry and a nice touch of fresh vanilla. It is a lively wine with a beautiful finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini « Queue de Hareng » 2023

Côte de Nuits-Villages
 The nose is fresh, fruity with a smoky note. It is aromatic, fragrant with floral touches of fresh rose. The freshness is almost minty. We have crunchy wild berries. The palate is fresh with notes of blackberry and raspberry. The tannins are supple. We perceive smoky and floral notes of lilac and rose. It's light with a blackcurrant finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur, « Renardes » 2022

Corton Grand Cru
 The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicately perfumed, concentrated and complex, airy and elegant, rather reserved at first, but benefits from aeration. It then offers the roasted and savory spicy hint, but subtle in their notes of toasted hazelnut (even pecan), heated wood, roasted bouquet garni, a touch of roasted coriander seeds and toasted bread in the background. There are also notes of dried licorice, nutmeg, a hint of fresh vanilla and clove, associated with a sweet touch of dark chocolate. The airy notes of violet, lilac and peppermint bring freshness to the profile of the wine. The fruity material on the nose is gourmand, fresh and juicy: we find notes of fresh morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, wild blackberry, raspberry and blueberry, complemented by a hint of dried cassia. The palate is tight, tangy, with a good bitterness on the attack (the attack seems closed). In the mid-palate the wine opens up and offers notes of tart red cherry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, red currants, tart strawberry, wild blackberry and dried blackcurrant, combined with a nice herbaceous freshness (dried peppermint, thyme, rosemary, a hint of blackcurrant leaf), a gourmand and elegant spiciness (Sichuan pepper, licorice, vanilla in the background, nutmeg), as well as integrated and subtle roasted touches (toasted hazelnut, toasted almond). The finish offers precision, accuracy, a good bitterness and salivating acidity, as well as a hint of coffee and cocoa in the background. The tannins are solid, slightly grippy, but fine. The finish is persistent, juicy and tangy, with notes of morello cherry and red cherry. An airy and fresh wine, concentrated, but closed for the moment.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Arnaud Combier 2023

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune
 The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers fruity brilliance, juiciness and tangy freshness. It expresses notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant, red cherry, as well as black pepper, dried mint, cornflower, violet and a hint of minerality (dry stone). The palate is lively, chiseled, tangy and fresh. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, peppermint, black pepper and violet in the background. The tannins are fine, almost imperceptible. The finish is straight, salivating and tangy.

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

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SAUMUR

Domaine La Perruche, Les Rôtissants, La parcelle solaire 2023

Saumur

(White wine) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with golden highlights. The nose is dense and gourmet (even a little sweet). It expresses notes of exotic fruits (mango, papaya), ripe melon, apricot, very ripe juicy yellow peach, as well as a sweet-tart touch of candied yellow lemon, dried yellow lemon zest and citrus jam. There are also touches of lime honey, white flowers (acacia, lime) and a hint of crushed fresh yellow apple. The palate is lively, fresh with a tangy attack on notes of fresh yellow lemon, candied yellow lemon, grapefruit and green apple. In the middle of the palate, there are notes of fresh apricot, yellow peach, mango and papaya, as well as white flowers (acacia, lime). The finish is moderately persistent, salivating and tangy, with a very light note of honey in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine La Perruche, Terroir de Craie, Les Vignes Perchées 2023

Saumur-Champigny

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is chiseled, lively and tangy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, fresh raspberry, crushed blueberry, as well as a gourmet hint of morello cherry, associated with a racy minerality (limestone, even chalky, dry stone), a hint of blackcurrant bud and fresh flowers (iris, lily, violet). The palate is juicy, tangy and fruity. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries (with a good bitterness), raspberry, tangy strawberry, blueberry, as well as violet and iris. We also sense herbaceous notes (blackcurrant leaf, a refreshing hint of pepper) and a touch of limestone mineral on the persistence. The acidity is lively, energetic and salivating. Good persistence with a slight bitterness. The tannins are silky.

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

CHINON

Domaine La Perruche, Les Boires 2022

Chinon

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose offers complexity, a certain concentration, as well as fine spicy and woody aromas. It expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, cocoa, toasted wood in the background, as well as liquorice, crushed white pepper and nutmeg. After aeration, we also find notes of dried mint and blackcurrant leaf. The fruity material on the nose is juicy, tangy and enveloping. We find aromas of red cherry, blackcurrant, crushed blackberry, raspberry, fresh strawberry and redcurrant jelly, complemented by a floral hint of violet. The palate is chiseled, lively, with fine, sapid but tight tannins. On the attack, we find the flavors of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, bird cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, strawberry), a touch of dried mint and blackcurrant leaf, as well as violet, associated with a delicate spicy and woody hint, less expressive than on the nose. We find in particular the aromas of bitter cocoa, liquorice, a hint of toasted almond, nutmeg and white pepper. The finish is persistent, juicy, with a salivating acidity and a slight bitterness of bird cherry and cranberries.

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

Domaine Grosbois Montet 2021

Chinon

(biodynamic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity and very light garnet reflections. We feel density, even a velvety texture on the nose, notes of ripe fresh fruits and touches of roasted fruits: wild strawberry, fresh morello cherry, roasted morello cherry, dried blackcurrant and crushed raspberry, associated with a savoury herbaceous hint (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary, peppermint), as well as spicy touches (white pepper, ground cumin in the background). After aeration, we also find a delicate scent of violet. The palate is tight, even firm on the attack and expresses the tannic and slightly bitter flavors of bird cherry and cranberries. The wine opens up more in the mid-palate: we find notes of ripe morello cherry, dried blackcurrant, red cherry and crushed raspberry, combined with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), as well as a touch of blackcurrant leaf and dried mint in the background. We also find a fine spiciness (white pepper) and a hint of violet in the background. The tannins have a fine grain and a good structure, slightly grippy on the finish, but not drying. Beautiful refreshing acidity, a good bitterness on the persistence. Good length.

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

SANCERRE

Roger Champault « les Pierris » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is dense, textured and aromatic. It expresses notes of crushed strawberry, dried raspberry, wild blackberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, as well as a mineral hint (limestone, dry stone), aromatic herbs (dried mint, rosemary, fresh blackcurrant leaf in the background), flowers (cornflower, a touch of dried rose), as well as a spicy touch of white pepper and nutmeg in the background. The palate is slightly closed and offers straightness,

accuracy, a chiseled structure as well as a good bitterness. It expresses flavors of tangy blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, red cherry, blueberry and crunchy strawberry, associated with notes of blackcurrant leaf, dried mint in the background, cornflower and a hint of limestone on the persistence. The acidity is lively and salivating, the tannins have a fine grain and a good structure. The finish is moderately persistent.

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

Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy Cuvée « à Nicolas » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and refined. It expresses notes of juicy red fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, red currants, fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, fresh blackcurrant), associated with a fragrant floral bouquet (cornflower, violet, lilac), a fine herbaceous side (dried mint, fresh peppermint) and a hint of nutmeg in the background. The palate is savoury, finely tight and chiseled. It expresses the flavors of dried morello cherry, tart red cherry, red currants, blackcurrant and cranberries, associated with herbaceous (peppermint in the background, blackcurrant leaf) and floral notes (cornflower, violet). The finish is tight, straight and tangy, with notes of bigarreau cherry and a hint of blackcurrant. The tannins are fine and powdery, with a good structure.

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

Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy « Terre de Maimbray » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a bright pale ruby color. The nose offers a certain depth, precision and a beautiful concentration of fruit. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, wild blackberry, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, as well as a hint of bird cherry. There are also light toasted notes (toasted hazelnut, a hint of fresh toasted bread), dried aromatic herbs (rosemary, a hint of mint), an elegant floral touch (peony, lilac), as well as a very delicate spiciness (liquorice, vanilla in the background, nutmeg) and chocolate. The palate offers a lively, racy, mineral (limestone) and tangy attack. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, bird cherry and cranberries, associated with notes of peppermint, liquorice, violet and lilac. The finish is quite persistent and sapid, with spicy notes of liquorice and nutmeg, as well as a good lemony bitterness of bergamot in the background, combined with the juiciness of red cherry. The tannins are delicate, but well structured, sapid and slightly grippy.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Jean-Marie Reverdy & Fils « Héritage » 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color, with very slight garnet reflections. The nose is perfumed, textured and complex. It initially expresses distinct but delicate tertiary notes of dry leaves, forest floor and tobacco, then complemented by aromas of roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed cassis and dried cranberries, as well as a racy minerality (dry limestone, rock, dry stone), a savoury spicy and toasted hint (clove, crushed coriander seeds, toasted hazelnut, a bitter hint of coffee), as well as a herbaceous touch of hay, tea leaf and dried cassis leaf. The palate is gourmand, enveloping, with a beautiful juiciness of fresh fruit and complexity. It expresses the flavors of blackcurrant, roasted red cherry, morello cherry, dried cranberries and blackberry, associated with tertiary notes less perceptible than on the nose (forest floor, tobacco), a touch of roasting (toasted hazelnut in the background, coffee), a racy minerality (limestone, dry stone), dried rose and sweet spices (nutmeg, crushed coriander seeds). The tannins are powdery, fine, slightly cocoa-flavored. Good persistence, with a lively and salivating acidity, as well as a good bitterness of cranberries. The juiciness of the fruits and the minerality persist on the palate.

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

Domaine des Chasseignes 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is precise, racy and mineral. It expresses the notes of limestone and dry stone, the freshness of tangy fruits (red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant), associated with a floral touch (cornflower, violet, a hint of lily), tobacco and blackcurrant bud. The palate is airy, with a lightness (in a good way) and juiciness of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, cranberries). We also find finesse in its floral (cornflower, violet) and herbaceous (blackcurrant bud) touch. The finish offers a slight bitterness and tanginess and juiciness of the fruit. Beautiful acidity, the tannins are finely tight.

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

Domaine des Chasseignes Cuvée Evidence 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is perfumed, precise and offers a certain density and complexity. It expresses notes of fresh bigarreau cherry, dried bigarreau cherry, crushed blackcurrant, dried raspberry and crunchy strawberry, complemented by a touch of cranberry jam. There are also quite expressive but delicate spicy and toasted notes (nutmeg, cumin, a light touch of liquorice, which tends towards cardamom, as well as toasted hazelnut and a hint of dark chocolate), as well as a nuance of menthol and violet in the background. The palate is gourmand, juicy and enveloping, but with a lot of freshness. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, wild

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strawberry and a hint of blackcurrant and cranberries, combined with herbaceous and floral notes (blackcurrant bud, violet), sweet spices (nutmeg, a hint of liquorice) and a touch of toasted hazelnut and chocolate. The tannins are silky and powdery. Freshness and a salivating acidity. Good persistence on a pleasant bitterness of bird cherry.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Roger Champault Côte de Champain 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. Lots of freshness and tanginess on the nose: we find in particular the aromas of bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, cranberries and raspberry, associated with a fragrant floral bouquet - rose, peony, lilac, as well as a touch of limestone, crushed morello cherry and peppermint. The palate is expressive, chiseled and tangy. It expresses the tangy and slightly bitter notes of cranberries and bird cherry on the attack, associated with herbaceous (blackcurrant leaf, peppermint) and floral (peony, rose) touches. The tannins are structured, with a fine texture, but slightly grippy, tightening on the persistence. Good length and a salivating acidity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Vacheron 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers aromatic concentration and complexity. On the first nose, we find meaty and smoky touches, as well as touches of roasted fruits (roasted cherry, roasted raspberry). Then, the nose expresses notes of crushed fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry and blueberry, fresh tea leaf, a very discreet hint of citrus (tart and smoky, reminiscent of bergamot), black plum, crushed blackberry, violet, lilac, fresh tobacco, and even dark chocolate that appears after aeration. The palate is juicy, fruity and airy. It expresses notes of crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, bird cherry in the background, wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry, as well as elegant herbaceous notes of tea leaf and fresh tobacco, dried mint and a slight smoky touch. A floral bouquet (violet, lilac, dried rose) appears discreetly on the persistence. The tannins are structured, quite firm and have a fine grain. Good persistence in the mouth on the tanginess of the red cherry, complemented by a smoky touch.

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

Domaine Vacheron Belle Dame 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is reserved at first, the wine benefits from being aerated. Then, it expresses a delicate concentration of fruits on the nose, juiciness and delicacy, all in finesse. We find notes of ripe red cherry, tangy morello cherry, blueberry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry and wild blackberry, associated with a subtle spicy side (liquorice, vanilla in the background, white pepper, nutmeg), associated with an airy floral fragrance (peony, wild rose), as well as a herbaceous touch of fresh tobacco and fresh tea leaf. The palate offers a gourmet and juicy attack, on notes of very ripe red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, wild blackberry and crushed raspberry. Then, we find floral notes (wild rose, peony, a hint of violet), a herbaceous touch (fresh tobacco, infused tea, wild mint) and spicy (nutmeg, liquorice, a hint of cumin). The tannins are solid, but polished and fine. Good length, tension, energy and a salivating acidity. A very light toasted touch on the persistence.

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

Domaine Vacheron Les Marnes 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is gourmand, concentrated, juicy and slightly sweet. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, blueberry jam, fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, as well as redcurrant jelly. After aeration, the wine expresses a subtle minerality (limestone, a touch of graphite), spicy notes (fresh liquorice, a hint of vanilla, nutmeg, pink pepper, crushed coriander seeds), floral aromas (fresh rose, peony, violet, a hint of lilac) and herbaceous in the background (dried peppermint, a touch of eucalyptus, fresh tobacco and fresh tea). The palate is gourmand and fresh, with a juicy and expressive fruity material. We find notes of ripe morello cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, wild strawberry, roasted red cherry and raspberry coulis, associated with spicy notes of crushed coriander seeds, liquorice, going towards cardamom, nutmeg and pink pepper, as well as fresh tobacco, fresh tea and dried mint. The floral bouquet (violet, lilac) returns subtly on the finish. The tannins are delicately enveloping, fine and powdery. Good persistence, on a toasted touch of hazelnut. Gourmandise, finesse, a beautiful structure and freshness with a certain complexity.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

Jean Reverdy et Fils Les Villots 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers fruit brightness, juiciness and tanginess. It expresses aromas of fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, red currants and red cherry, combined with a touch of white pepper, violet and blackcurrant bud in the background. The palate is juicy, fruity and slightly tight. It expresses flavors of red cherry, cranberries, blueberry, fresh raspberry, as well as white pepper, blackcurrant bud and violet in the background. The tannins are slightly grippy, but wrapped in the juicy fruit material. Lively acidity, good length on a slight bitterness. A straight, fresh and chiseled wine.

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

Jean Reverdy et Fils Les Villots 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers an expressive aromatic, precision and a certain concentration. It expresses the aromas of bright red fruits (redcurrants, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, red cherry), a touch of crushed blueberry, as well as gray pepper, dried mint leaf, violet and blackcurrant bud in the background. After aeration, we also find a sweet hint of iris and a delicate limestone minerality. The palate seems closed, with a tangy attack on notes of cranberries, raspberry, tangy bigarreau cherry and blackcurrant, and tight, slightly grippy tannins. We also find touches of violet, gray pepper, blackcurrant leaf and dried mint. The finish expresses a sharp acidity and slightly bitter notes of bird cherry, moderately persistent.

Score : 14.5+20 (88-89/100)

Jean-Marie Reverdy et Fils Silex 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose opens with a racy, chalky and slightly smoky minerality. Then, it expresses juicy and tangy notes of quetsche plum, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant and goji berries, as well as liquorice, grated nutmeg, a light touch of vanilla, roasting (toasted almond), mint in the background, violet and lily. The palate offers gourmandise, freshness and juicy fruits. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, black plum, crushed raspberry, cranberries and morello cherry in the background, associated with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, mint, a racy minerality (limestone, smoke in the background), a fine floral bouquet (lily, violet), as well as a toasted and slightly bitter hint. The tannins are finely tight and well constructed. The finish is persistent, tangy, sapid and fresh, with a chalky hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pierre Prieur & Fils, Domaine de Saint-Pierre 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium to deep intensity. The nose offers concentration and juiciness in finesse, as well as a rich and expressive fruity material, but at the same time rich and tangy. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, blueberry in syrup, crushed blackcurrant, fresh blackberry and raspberry coulis. There are also notes of liquorice, blackcurrant leaf in the background, a sappy touch (fresh pine needles, pine bark, menthol in the background). After aeration, the aromatic bouquet is completed by notes of gray pepper and nutmeg, as well as dried rose and violet. The palate is enveloping, textured, with very fine and polished tannins, with a powdery texture and a firm structure. The attack expresses the flavors of juicy black fruits (morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, blackcurrant), associated with a tangy touch of red fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry), as well as notes of sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, hint of white pepper), flowers (violet, dried rose), dried mint, cocoa in the background. The finish is harmonious, subtly bitter, with a salivating acidity and good persistence. A structured, precise and concentrated wine.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

Domaine de Saint-Pierre, Cuvée Maréchal Prieur 2017

Sancerre

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, dense and complex, but refined and airy. It opens with notes of very ripe juicy morello cherry, crushed black plum, even prune cream, blackberry, black cherry jam and wild strawberry, combined with gourmand touches of chocolate morello cherry, dark chocolate, as well as a savoury spiciness (liquorice, vanilla, clove, sweet pepper). After aeration, we also find refreshing menthol notes (fresh pine needles, a hint of sap, wild mint) and an elegant floral bouquet (rose, peony, lilac) and a touch of cocoa. The tertiary notes are almost imperceptible (dry leaves, tobacco). The palate offers liveliness, energy, sharp acidity and fresh and tangy fruity flavors (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant), associated with the delicacy of morello cherry and black plum. We also find notes of wild mint, pine needles, liquorice, clove and sweet pepper, associated with a toasted and floral hint (violet, lilac). The tannins are finely tight and solid. Good persistence on the tanginess of the fruit. Lots of freshness, dynamism.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

Domaine de Saint-Pierre, Cuvée Maréchal Prieur 2016

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses a racy minerality (limestone, dry stone), associated with delicate tertiary aromas of tobacco, fallen leaves, undergrowth in the background. We then find notes of crushed morello cherry, macerated red cherry, wild blackberry, fresh strawberry and dried strawberry, associated with a touch of balsamic, a tasty spicy side (liquorice, nutmeg, clove), with herbaceous freshness (peppermint, crushed blackcurrant leaf, fresh tobacco). We also find gourmet and slightly sweet notes of chocolate, iris and peony. The palate is straight, chiseled and offers accuracy and precision. The attack expresses a good bitterness of bird cherry and cocoa, as well as a sharp, but integrated and refreshing acidity. We find fruity flavors (morello cherry, tart black plum, raspberry, blackberry, blackcurrant), herbaceous (wild mint, blackcurrant leaf, tobacco), as well as a spicy touch (liquorice, nutmeg) and tertiary (dried leaves, tea leaf). Beautiful sapidity in the mouth, associated with a lively acidity, a good bitterness and fine but solid tannins. The finish is persistent, spicy and herbaceous (dried herbs).

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

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Joseph Mellot, l'Original 2019

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The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is perfumed, dense and textured. First, there are herbaceous notes – dry pine needles, wild mint, hay, pine sap, combined with tertiary aromas of dry fallen leaves, tobacco, dried rose. Then, the nose expresses a fine floral bouquet (lily, wisteria, a hint of violet) and a tangy fruity material (bigarreaux cherry, blueberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, cranberries, raspberry) and a delicate spiciness (liquorice, cardamom, nutmeg). The palate is straight, precise and firm. The tannins are solid and structured, gripping in the mid-palate, but with a fine texture. We find the flavors of bigarreaux cherry, morello cherry, bird cherry, cranberry, raspberry and blackcurrant, associated with a herbaceous and sappy side (peppermint, fresh tobacco, pine needles, hay, pine sap), spicy touches (licorice, cardamom, white pepper), as well as a delicate tertiary touch of tobacco, dried rose and undergrowth. The finish is persistent, sapid, - we find a toasted touch (hazelnut) and a cocoa hint of the tannins. Beautiful salivating acidity, which balances the firmness of the tannins. Beautiful solid structure and concentrated fruitiness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Joseph Mellot, Le Connétable 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The initial nose is sappy, spicy and discreetly oaky – it expresses notes of fresh pine needles, pine bark, sap, peppermint and liquorice, which draws towards star anise and cardamom (completed by a hint of nutmeg and white pepper in the background). After aeration, we find elegant floral perfumes (violet, peony, fresh rose), a juicy, airy and tangy fruitiness – notes of crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry, strawberry, fresh raspberry and bird cherry jam, as well as a mineral touch of dry limestone. The palate is tight, firm, with grippy and youthful tannins. It expresses the flavors of bird cherry and cranberries with their bitterness and a tannic touch, of crunchy morello cherry, of tangy black plum, of blackcurrant, of blueberry and raspberry, associated with spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper and cardamom), herbaceous notes (dried pine needles, dried mint), as well as a touch of roasting (toasted bitter almond) and fresh flowers (lily, violet). The finish is tight, tannic and tangy. The wine is closed at the moment and needs time to develop.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Eric Louis 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, ripe and juicy, even slightly jammy. It expresses aromas of red cherry jam, fresh wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant and blueberry in syrup, as well as an expressive and fragrant floral bouquet (peony, lilac, rose, violet), complemented by a hint of white pepper. The palate is airy, fruity, and offers indulgence, a tangy side of fruit and lightness. It expresses flavors of tart red cherry, morello cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant, fresh raspberry and strawberry, as well as blackcurrant bud, white pepper in the background and flowers (violet, lilac, rose). The finish is moderately persistent and tangy, with tight tannins.

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

Pierre Morin Premices 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is racy, mineral, finely herbaceous and floral. It first expresses limestone and slightly smoky mineral notes, peony, violet, iris and wild mint, associated with aromas of ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild blackberry, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, as well as notes of vanilla, liquorice and toasted hazelnut (even dark chocolate) in the background. The palate is chiseled, tight and tangy. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, wild blackberry, morello cherry, red cherry and raspberry, associated with touches of violet, peony, liquorice, blackcurrant leaf which bring freshness and a hint of bitter chocolate in the background. The finish is savoury, fruity (especially on black fruits – morello cherry, blackberry), with a good bitterness of bird cherry, firm and gripping tannins, but enveloped and balanced by a salivating acidity. Good persistence in the mouth.

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

Clément & Florian Bertier 2022

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is concentrated, fruity and slightly roasted. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, as well as black plum, even roasted black plum. There are also floral notes (wild rose, lilac, iris) and herbaceous notes (fresh mint, fresh tobacco), associated with a fine jammy nuance (cherry and blueberry jam), as well as a touch of liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is juicy, precise and lively. It expresses flavors of tart red cherry, fresh red currants, blueberry, blackcurrant and morello cherry, associated with notes of violet, wild rose, licorice and nutmeg. The tannins are finely tight, polished and enveloping, well constructed. The finish is quite persistent, gourmande, tasty and fresh, with a lovely tangy red cherry structure, as well as a peppery and herbaceous touch (dried blackcurrant leaf).

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

Domaine Francine & Maxime Lemain-Pouillot Cuvée « La Terre » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is bright, fruity, fresh and juicy. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry and roasted red cherry, red cherry jam, combined with touches of dried mint, blackcurrant bud, as well as a touch of rose and violet in the background. The palate is silky, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant and raspberry, combined with notes of peppermint, blackcurrant bud, as well as nutmeg, violet and rose. The tannins are delicate and melted, slightly cocoa-flavored. The finish is tangy, chiseled and juicy. Good length, gourmandise and juiciness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Clément & Florian Bertier, La Croix Renaud 2019

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is tasty and aromatic, expressing notes of liquorice, pine bark (even pine sap) and fresh pine needles, as well as a hint of lightly toasted wood. There is also a fragrant and elegant floral bouquet (violet, wisteria, lilac, a touch of wild rose), associated with a juicy fruity material (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, a hint of blackcurrant jam) and a hint of fresh tobacco liquorice and fresh tea leaf. The palate offers a lively and punchy tangy frame, plenty of freshness and sharp acidity. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant, cranberry and raspberry, combined with sappy nuances (pine needles, pine bark, pine sap), a hint of liquorice, fresh flowers (violet, wild rose, lilac), as well as a bitterness and a tangy touch almost reminiscent of citrus fruits. The finish is persistent, expressive, with a distinct and dominant flavor of red cherry. The tannins are solid and fine.

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

Domaine Pierre Raimbault Apud Sariaum 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, a certain density (even a textured touch) and a racy minerality, which dominates the nose before aeration (limestone, dry stone, earthy). Then, we find the gourmand and slightly sweet aromas of juicy morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, blackcurrant jam, fresh black plum, as well as slightly sweet floral aromas (iris, peony, an airy touch of wild rose), pine needles, mint chocolate in the background and liquorice. The palate is solid, even firm, with grippy but fine tannins, a good bitterness and a rather reserved sapidity (the wine still needs to open up). It expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreaux cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry), a tannic and slightly bitter touch of bird cherry, as well as blackcurrant leaf in the background, dried mint, violet, iris and wild rose, as well as liquorice and a racy mineral framework (dry limestone, hint of graphite). The finish is quite persistent, tangy and slightly bitter.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau Prestige, Cuvée « Lucien » 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses a fine woody and spicy hint - notes of lightly toasted wood, toasted almond, liquorice, nutmeg, a touch of coffee and clove, as well as dry pine bark. We also find a juicy and concentrated fruity material - morello cherry, red cherry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, blackcurrant and redcurrant, a fine floral bouquet (rose petals, peony, violet, dried cornflower) and a herbaceous touch in the background (tobacco, dried mint). The palate offers concentration and juiciness in finesse, a fresh fruity material (red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, cranberries, redcurrants, a hint of bird cherry), associated with a pleasant chocolatey hint (bitter cocoa in the background, tangy cocoa nibs), a hint of fresh tobacco, blackcurrant leaf and mint. There is also a woody touch (lightly toasted wood, toasted almond) and spice (liquorice, nutmeg, clove). The tannins are fine, powdery and well structured. Good persistence in the mouth, with tangy notes of morello cherry and a good bitterness.

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

Domaine Raimbault-Pineau 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is precise, juicy and offers a certain concentration of fruit and a racy minerality. It expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, strawberry, cranberries, crushed blueberry and redcurrant, associated with touches of white pepper, violet, peony in the background, blackcurrant bud and dried mint. The palate is chiseled, juicy, finely tight and slightly bitter. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, redcurrant, cranberries, raspberry and crunchy strawberry, associated with a fine herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, dried mint) and floral (violet, wild rose). The tannins have a fine grain, powdery and are slightly bitter. The finish is tangy, airy and juicy, with a salivating acidity and accuracy.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Loire

Régis Jouan, La Particulière 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is fruity, tangy and chiseled. It expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry, red currants, cranberries, crunchy strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, as well as violet, lilac and rose petals, combined with a hint of white pepper and blackcurrant leaf in the background. The palate is lively, taut and tangy. It expresses flavors of bigarreaux cherry, raspberry, tangy strawberry, cranberries and blackcurrant, combined with a hint of violet and blackcurrant leaf in the background. The tannins are very fine, very slightly perceptible. The finish has an average persistence and expresses juiciness, good bitterness, tension and freshness, brought by a salivating acidity.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine des Brosses 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers a certain density in freshness, concentration and ripe fruity material. It expresses notes of wild blackberry, morello cherry, red cherry, dried blackcurrant, strawberry and raspberry, as well as iris, violet, roasted red cherry, raspberry jam, as well as dried mint, as well as a hint of tobacco and racy minerality (limestone, dry stone) and a touch of fresh black plum. The palate is tight, even closed. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant, cranberries and redcurrants, associated with notes of blackcurrant leaf, bird cherry, violet. The tannins are fine, slightly grippy. The finish is rather persistent, chiseled and lively, with a sharp acidity.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de Brosses, Révélation 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers bright tangy fruits, which are complemented by a delicate spiciness. It expresses notes of licorice, nutmeg, white pepper, as well as dried rose, peony and violet, wrapped in a juicy and fresh fruity material (morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry, strawberry, blackcurrant, candied cranberries). There is also a slight herbaceous hint, which brings complexity to the bouquet (dried mint and fresh tea leaf in the background). The palate is tight, tannic and tangy. It expresses notes of red cherry, tangy raspberry, crunchy strawberry, cranberries and blackcurrant, combined with a spicy touch (licorice, white pepper, nutmeg), a chiseled herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, pine needles), a hint of violet and a good bitterness. The finish is savory, juicy and fruity, with salivating acidity, fine and slightly grippy tannins, as well as a tannic and slightly bitter hint of bird cherry.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Michel Vattan « B.C » 2019

Sancerre

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is concentrated, textured, fruity and slightly roasted. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, roasted aromatic herbs, combined with the minty freshness of aromas of pine needles, dried peppermint and blackcurrant leaf in the background. There are also notes of fresh fruits (morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry, wild blackberry, blackcurrant, blueberry), sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, nutmeg), fresh flowers (violet, wild rose), as well as a delicate tertiary touch (wet leaves, tobacco) and a gourmet chocolate hint (chocolate morello cherry, chocolate plum). The palate is silky, juicy, delicate and elegant, with a beautiful refined sapidity and a fresh fruity substance. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, crushed raspberry and redcurrant in the background, combined with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), fresh flowers (violet, a hint of cornflower and wild rose), peppermint, dry pine needles, as well as a tertiary hint of tobacco and wet leaves. The tannins are delicate, polished and melted, with an enveloping and very fine texture. Good persistence in the mouth, sapid and cocoa, with a refreshing acidity and a touch of balsamic.

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

Michel Vattan « B.C » 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is expressive, aromatic, slightly macerated and balsamic. We find notes of macerated red cherry, crushed strawberry, blackcurrant, crunchy black plum, blackberry and raspberry coulis, as well as a distinct touch of violet, wild rose and peony. After aeration, we find herbaceous (crushed peppermint, blackcurrant bud) and spicy (liquorice, cardamom) touches, as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut. Beautiful complexity and airiness in the aromatic. The palate is juicy, tangy and offers a beautiful freshness of fruit and airiness, associated with a solid structure. We find notes of bird cherry with its tannic touch and a slight bitterness, dried morello cherry, tangy bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry and blueberry, as well as violet, rose and peony. The herbal and spicy notes are enveloping

and refreshing – there are hints of blackcurrant leaf, peppermint, pine needles, liquorice and cardamom. The finish is quite persistent, slightly toasted and bitter, with a nice acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Michel Vattan « B.C » 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is open, gourmand, fruity and juicy. It expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, ripe morello cherry, crushed blueberry, black plum and blackcurrant, combined with fresh touches of blackcurrant bud and mint leaf, a fragrant and refined floral bouquet (peony, lilac, rose), complemented by a delicate mineral and menthol touch, liquorice, cardamom and fresh hazelnut. The palate is energetic, lively and juicy, with a sharp acidulous frame, fine but rather tight tannins, as well as a slight bitterness. We find flavors of bird cherry, bigarreaux cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, blueberry, as well as dried mint, pine needles, blackcurrant leaf, violet and peony. The finish is persistent and expresses tight tannins, balanced by a lively acidity, as well as a spicy touch of liquorice and cardamom.

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

Michel Girault, Les Beaux Regards 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is open, juicy and offers a beautiful burst of ripe fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant, crushed red cherry, raspberry and wild strawberry, combined with sweet notes of vanilla flower, iris, peony, mint syrup, as well as blackcurrant bud and juicy black plum in the background. The palate is juicy, airy and delicate, but has structured, fine-grained tannins. We find flavors of wild blackberry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and a distinct note of crushed blackcurrant, which reflects the aroma on the nose, as well as floral (iris, peony, violet) and herbaceous (blackcurrant bud, stalk, dried mint) touches. The finish is persistent, sapid, very juicy and fruity, with precision and a delicious freshness. Nice acidity and a good bitterness, tannic touch and sweetness of bird cherry jam.

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

Michel Girault, La Prunelière 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers accuracy, a textured and tannic nuance in its aromas, as well as a pleasant sweet touch. It expresses the aromas of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh blackcurrant, as well as wild blackberry, damson plum, red plum and raspberry. There is also a very slight hint of prunes, plum pit, licorice, pine bark, dry pine needles, cumin in the background, as well as a sweet hint of plum in chocolate, iris and peony. The palate is dense and tannic, but airy at the same time. It expresses the flavors of fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry, cranberries, quetsche plum, tangy red plum, as well as blackcurrant leaf, dry pine needles, stalk, a tannic hint of bird cherry, as well as violet and rose petals. The finish offers sapidity, juiciness, an enveloping and tight texture, without being drying. The tannins are solid and structured. Beautiful acidity and a good savoury persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Jean-Max Roger, Cuvée « La Grange Dimière » 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is concentrated, racy, precise, juicy and offers a slight roasted and macerated hint. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, roasted morello cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, blackcurrant, as well as black plum. There are also touches of pine needles, liquorice, a hint of nutmeg and white pepper, associated with floral notes (dried cornflower, dried rose), as well as a very slight sappy touch in the background. The palate is frank, straight and chiseled – it expresses notes of tangy fruits with a slight tannic hint (bird cherry, cranberries), juicy morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, raspberry, as well as a slight spicy touch (liquorice, nutmeg), herbaceous (ripe stalk, dried pine needles, a hint of tobacco), floral (dried rose, violet), as well as a hint of roasted red cherry and crushed black grape. The tannins are structured and solid, slightly grippy on the finish. The persistence is sapid, tangy and tannic (on the flavor of bird cherry). Concentration, accuracy and good structure.

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

Jean-Max Roger, Vieilles Vignes 2018

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is delicate, elegant and gourmand. It expresses the aromas of juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackcurrant jam, ripe wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, combined with gourmand and sweet notes of dark chocolate, chocolate morello cherry, mint chocolate, as well as fresh wild mint, liquorice,



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cardamom, toasted hazelnut (with a touch of caramelized hazelnut). After aeration, we find tertiary notes of wet leaves and faded rose. The palate is tasty, gourmand, tangy and fresh. The attack is chiseled and straight - on notes of bigarreau cherry, fresh blackcurrant, bird cherry, raspberry, crushed morello cherry and blueberry. On the mid-palate, we find notes of liquorice, tobacco, wet leaves, faded rose and violet, which are complemented by delicate tangy and cocoa touches of cocoa nibs on the persistence. Good length with sapidity, solid but fine tannins, lively and salivating acidity (reminiscent of cranberries).

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

Jean-Max Roger, Vieilles Vignes 2017

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose offers delicacy and subtlety in its tertiary and spicy aromas. There are hints of dry tobacco, dry fallen leaves, a mineral touch reminiscent of limestone and graphite, as well as hints of liquorice, ground cumin, roasted coriander seeds, coffee chocolate, as well as a pleasant herbal touch in the background (thyme, dried mint). The fruity material is dense and juicy, but airy and gourmet - we find notes of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, black plum (with a hint of prunes), cherry jam and crushed blueberry, associated with an elegant floral perfume (violet, peony, wisteria). The palate offers an open and fruity attack, accuracy and straightness, the juiciness of fresh fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, cranberries, red currants, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant), a delicate spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, hint of white pepper), as well as a gourmet touch of bitter cocoa and dark chocolate with mint. The finish is sapid and expresses light tertiary notes (dry fallen leaves, dry tobacco), firm, enveloping and fine tannins, as well as a salivating acidity and a touch of cocoa on the persistence. Beautiful freshness and balance.

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

Jean-Max Roger, Vieilles Vignes 2016

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with slight garnet reflections. The nose offers concentration, a ripe fruitiness, even with a touch of roast and maceration. It expresses aromas of crushed black plum (or even prunes), very ripe morello cherry (or even griottines), crushed wild strawberry, crushed strawberry and raspberry jam, dried blackcurrant, as well as plum cream and roasted black fig. There is also some spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg, clove, white pepper), sappy hint (pine needles, pine sap) and tertiary notes (faded rose, tobacco, wet leaves), associated with a gourmet hint of prunes in chocolate. The palate is juicy, straight, with a good bitterness and a tight and grippy touch of tannins. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, black plum (with a touch of prunes) and blackberry, combined with touches of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg, clove), herbs (blackcurrant leaf), pine needles, faded rose, tobacco and wet leaves. The finish is savory and persistent - it expresses a savoury herbaceous nuance (dried thyme, dried mint), tangy notes of cocoa nibs and the sharp acidity of cranberries. Beautiful tannic structure, well-built and solid, balance between the roasted and juicy nose and a tangy mouth.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Jean-Max Roger, Vieilles Vignes 2015

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses subtle chocolate notes (chocolate morello cherry, chocolate prunes, dark chocolate with mint), associated with a ripe and gourmet fruity material (morello cherry, blackcurrant, red cherry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, damson plum), as well as refreshing herbaceous scents (dried mint, dried blackcurrant leaf, a hint of dried sage and tobacco), an airy floral bouquet (cornflower, violet, dried rose), as well as a hint of smoke, toast in the background, sweet spices (liquorice, dried vanilla, nutmeg), racy minerality (limestone, dry stone). The palate is lively, tangy and juicy. The attack expresses chiseled notes of red cherry, cranberries, bird cherry, crushed raspberry, then complemented by touches of blackcurrant, morello cherry and blueberry. In the mid-palate, we find the herbaceous notes of blackcurrant leaves, sage, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, crushed coriander seeds, nutmeg), tobacco, wet leaves and dried rose. The finish is persistent, tasty, sapid and chocolatey. It expresses the tangy notes of cocoa nibs, mint chocolate and bitter cocoa in the background. The tannins are polished, fine, but solid. Beautiful salivating acidity.

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

Château La Rabotine, Terres de Droux 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby colour of medium intensity. The initial nose is subtly spicy, floral and herbaceous. It expresses aromas of licorice, nutmeg, cardamom, dried mint, violet and dried rose petals and wisteria, as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut, hazelnut shells and smoke, combined with a subtle minerality (rock, limestone, dry stone). There is also a concentrated and fresh fruity material, with touches of dried fruits - aromas of red cherry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry, dried red cherry, as well as fresh blackcurrant and dried strawberry. The palate is tangy and tight, with sharp acidity and fine but grippy tannins. It expresses the flavors of tart red cherry, raspberry, cranberries, dried strawberry and red currants, combined with hints of blackcurrant leaf, liquorice, nutmeg, violet and peony. The finish is quite persistent and rounds out the flavors with notes of hazelnut shells, toasted hazelnut, as well as coffee bitterness, smoke and limestone in the background.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Rabotine, Terres de Droux 2020

Sancerre

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is complex, textured and perfumed. It initially expresses notes of fresh and roasted fruits (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry, strawberry, crushed blackcurrant), delicate herbaceous notes (fresh tobacco, tea leaf), a tertiary hint (wet leaves, faded rose), as well as a floral fragrance (peony, iris) and fine spicy and chocolatey nuances (liquorice, clove, white pepper, dark chocolate). There are also light roasted notes (toasted hazelnut, coffee in the background) and a hint of menthol after aeration. The palate is tasty, straight and expressive, with lively acidity and beautiful fruit acidity. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, crunchy strawberry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, raspberry and redcurrant, combined with herbaceous (blackcurrant leaf, stiff tea leaf), floral (violet, a hint of faded rose, lilac) and spicy (licorice, nutmeg) notes. The finish is savory, fruity and persistent, with a tannic hint of bird cherry and the acidity of cranberries. The tannins are tight and solid. A delicate touch of tobacco on the persistence.

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

Château La Rabotine 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is juicy, tangy and expresses notes of fresh red berries (cranberry, raspberry, red currant, red cherry), combined with herbal (blackcurrant leaf, peppermint) and floral (violet, lilac, peony) touches. There is also a delicate limestone minerality in the background. The palate is lively, with a tangy, energetic and chiseled frame. It expresses notes of tangy red fruits (cranberries, raspberry, red currant, bigarreau cherry), as well as blackcurrant, blackcurrant leaf, a hint of black pepper and violet in the background. The finish is quite persistent and expresses a tight tannic structure, sharp acidity, as well as a slight bitterness and tannic side of bird cherry. Accuracy and firmness.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Roger et Didier Raimbault Vieilles Vignes 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tangy, chiseled and aromatic. It expresses notes of tangy red fruits (red cherry, juicy cranberries, red currants, raspberry), herbal aromas (blackcurrant leaf in the background, with a light, barely perceptible vegetal touch), as well as white pepper, violet and rose. The palate is airy, tangy and chiseled. It expresses notes of red cherry, cranberries, tangy raspberry, tangy strawberry, as well as blackcurrant leaf, rose stem, violet and white pepper in the background. The acidity is lively and sharp. Good length with a pleasant bitterness. The tannins have a fine texture and good structure.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine des Sardelles 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a very pale ruby color (reminiscent of raspberry pink). The nose is juicy, gourmand and expresses bright notes of tangy red fruits. We find aromas of tangy raspberry, crunchy strawberry, fresh red currants, bigarreau cherry, as well as a hint of cranberry juice, associated with notes of peony, rose petals and white pepper in the background. The palate is chiseled, juicy and fresh. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, tangy raspberry, white strawberry and red currants, complemented by a herbaceous hint of blackcurrant leaf, fresh flowers (peony, rose) and white pepper in the background. The tannins are delicate, but perceptible. The finish offers a salivating acidity and a slight bitterness of cranberries.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

CHÂTEAUMEILLANT

Joseph Mellot Cuvée Geoffenet Morval 2023

Châteaumeillant

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose offers a burst of fruit, juiciness and a nice concentration. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild blackberry, tangy raspberry, as well as crunchy red currants and crushed blueberry. There is also a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, lilac, peony), as well as a hint of white pepper in the background. The palate is chiseled, fresh, juicy and fruity. It expresses flavors of tangy red cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant and blackcurrant leaf in the background, wild blackberry and red currants. The tannins are very delicate, powdery and practically imperceptible. Beautiful salivating acidity, the finish is persistent, fruity and lively. A slight mineral and bitter hint on the persistence. Lots of energy, liveliness and fruit.

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

Eric Louis 2022

Châteaumeillant

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a beautiful concentration of fruit, juiciness and a slight roasted hint. We find notes of wild blackberry, red cherry, blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, a hint of raspberry and morello cherry. We also find a slight herbaceous nuance (dried rosemary), a mineral touch and a fragrant floral bouquet (peony, lilac), as well as a gourmet chocolate hint. The palate is lively, enveloping and airy, chiseled, slightly tight, but gourmet. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, raspberry, bigarreau cherry, a hint of cranberries, morello cherry), a herbaceous touch of dried rosemary and blackcurrant leaf, as well as fresh flowers (peony, lilac). The tannins are very fine, slightly grippy and perceptible. The finish is salivating, with a sharp acidity and a good bitterness.

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

Virginia

MONTICELLO

Michael Shaps Petit Manseng 2021 Monticello

The first nose is fresh and fruity with exotic perfumes like juicy mango and pineapple. The second nose opens with more fruits. The tasting is fresh with a nice vibrant acidity. There is also a little creaminess with roundness. We feel some butter, lemon, apricot and a nice oak well integrated and balanced. The mouth feels sweet because of its aromas, but the wine is dry in the structure with a long finish. Nice Petit Manseng expression.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Michael Shaps Cabernet Franc 2022 Monticello

The nose is nice and fresh with black fruits and a darkness, deepness. We can also feel thanks to aeration the oak notes which are present and well-integrated. The tasting is powerful and tannic with a nice acidity. There is a little vegetal note quite appreciable which adds to the complexity of this very (too) young wine. We have fruits such as blackcurrant and blackberry but also a touch of rose petal. The finish is long and powerful. It is a wine with potential for ageing.

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

Michael Shaps Raisin d'Être White 2017

Monticello

(100% Petit Manseng) The first nose is very nice with purity. There are notes of cooked apple, pineapple and mango. The second nose with aeration is also very clean and clear. The tasting is sweet and gourmand. We can feel the nice acidity balancing the fruitiness with some fresh apple and juicy pineapple notes. Little by little, in the middle of the mouth, candied fruits are appearing with candied melon and a hint of honey. The finish is very long on dry fruits. This wine is enjoyable now but can also age thanks to its nice acidity. It is a very nice wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

King Family Vineyards – Brut – 100% Chardonnay 2020

Monticello

The wine is fresh with nice fine bubbles. We do have a good acidity and discreet notes of apple and almond. We do feel a touch of toast. It is light and fresh, dynamic and quite salivating with a hint of salt at the end of the tasting. It is a nice sparkling wine with a good finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

King Family Vineyards – Sauvignon Blanc 2022

Monticello

The first nose is refined with nice varietal notes of passion fruit, peach and pear. The second nose is still on freshness and fruits. During the tasting, the attack is fresh with a soft texture, almost creamy. We find more lime fruits notes such as lemon and grapefruit. There is also a little touch of toast, of vanilla, but it is very light. The finish is drier with white fruits and lemon zest. Nice balance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

King Family Vineyards – Meritage 2021 Monticello

(51% Merlot, 23% Petit Verdot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec) The wine is fresh and fruity with notes of black berry and black cherry. With aeration, we feel a little darkness. The tasting is fresh and fruity with some spices like black pepper. There are strong tannins, but the wine is young, and it can definitely age in the bottle thanks to its nice acidity. There is a good structure, and we can feel the fruity notes we had in the nose like juicy black cherry



and crispy black berry. We have also a hint of vanilla and liquorice. The finish is long.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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Paradise Springs – Nana's Rosé 2023 Virginia

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers an almost finesse of fresh clay. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with fine mineral hints and a discreet hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, juiciness, freshness as well as a fine rocky/mineral side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, pulpy/juicy peach and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of zest. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Paradise Springs – Après Rosé Virginia

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain small sweetness in freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, crushed cherry and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with crushed peach as well as almost fine hints of crushed small yellow fruits. The palate is nicely fruity. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic, fresh and stretched. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, juicy/ripe redcurrants and small notes of crushed peach associated with touches of crushed small fruits/crushed apple. Good length. A dynamic wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paradise Springs – Viognier 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, a racy side as well as a fine varietal side. It reveals notes of kumquat, fresh/juicy small yellow fruits and small notes of zest associated with touches of orange blossom as well as delicate hints of yellow flowers/lime blossom and a discreet hint of sap. The palate is nicely fresh, fruity, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a certain suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy kumquat, yellow peach and small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of fresh yellow berries as well as a hint of lime blossom, acacia and fresh flowers. Good length.

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

Paradise Springs – K III 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of fresh yellow peach, small fresh/pulpy white fruits and small notes of fresh/juicy apple associated with a discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a small roundness, suavity, a small tension, a fine tannic sensation as well as a fine saline/iodized sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, salinity and small notes of fleshy/juicy apple associated with touches of racy minerality, apple as well as a discreet hint of fresh lychee and lime blossom. Good length. Beautifully sapid persistence that offers a subtle almost toasted hint.

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

Paradise Springs – Chardonnay 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a small unctuousity. It reveals notes of crushed pear, crushed nectarine and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with almost fine hints of acacia flowers and a very discreet saline hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, freshness, a good definition, tension, a certain roundness, mellowness as well as fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, crushed nectarine and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with touches of kumquat as well as almost discreet citrus hints. Good length. Beautiful suavity/salinity and a subtle toasted hint. Freshness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paradise Springs – Petit Manseng 2022 Virginia

The nose is fresh and offers straightness. It reveals notes of fresh physalis, fresh/juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy/fresh nectarine associated with touches of nutmeg, an almost discreet saline hint, exotic fruits as well as subtle almost toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a tangy frame, a good definition, juiciness, suavity as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, juicy kumquat and small notes of mandarin associated with a touch of zest, small exotic fruits as well as hints of toasted almond and a subtle hint of spices. Salinity. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paradise Springs – Sommet Blanc 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a certain deepness of fruit. It reveals notes of juicy apricot, juicy yellow peach and small notes of fresh apricot associated with fine touches of nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of acacia flowers. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow peach, small crushed yellow berries and small notes of juicy apricot associated with fine hints of acacia flowers as well as a subtle hint of apple blossom. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Paradise Springs – Mélange 2021 Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a certain juiciness. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis, black berries and small notes of small juicy fruits associated with touches of tonka bean, camphor as well as fine hints of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, a fine tension, precision as well as an easy-to-access/drink side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, concentrated black berries and small notes of tonka bean associated with touches of

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pulpy/juicy cherry as well as fine hints of cocoa. Tannins are fresh and sapid. Good length. A subtle hint of good bitterness in the background and a discreet hint of rose.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Paradise Springs – Merlot 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration as well as precision. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, black plum and small notes of camphor associated with touches of black pepper, fine hints of violet as well as a hint of cumin and spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black cherry, pulpy cassis and small notes of dense/ripe black berries associated with hints of pepper, cocoa and a discreet hint of roasting and spices. Good length. A certain maturity but well-balanced thanks to a beautiful juiciness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paradise Springs – Cabernet Franc 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain darkness, a spicy side as well as a discreet powdery side. It reveals notes of black blackberry, violet and small notes of spices associated with touches of black berries as well as hints of small blue fruits and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, a good definition, juiciness, freshness as well as a subtle sappy/floral hint in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small black berries, black plum and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of camphor as well as a subtle hint of small crunchy blue fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paradise Springs – Cabernet Franc 2021, Williams Gap Vineyards

Virginia

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration, a small textured side as well as a certain small deepness. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy blue plum, cornflower and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine hints of bramble, black pepper as well as discreet hints of crunchy red berries. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, suave, supple and offers roundness, a certain small concentration as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black plum, juicy/ripe small blue fruits and small notes of fresh cornflowers/bramble associated with touches of racy minerality, small crunchy fruits as well as a discreet hint of bud/fresh sap, toasted almond and fine hints of fresh blond tobacco. Tannins are slightly mellow. Good length. A very discreet hint of roasting in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Paradise Springs – Cabernet Franc 2021, Brown Bear Vineyard

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers structure, a small concentration as well as a certain juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cassis, fresh red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of fresh sap, hints of concentrated small blue fruits, discreet hints of graphene, toast and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, tension, juiciness as well as a certain brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black cherry, pulpy/juicy purple plum and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with touches of cornflower, graphene as well as a subtle hint almost sense of the place (local biotope), roasting and toasted. Good length. A subtle hint of black pepper in the background, almost a floral side.

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

Paradise Springs 2021 Norton

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain texture, a certain small power as well as a small velvety side. It reveals notes of blueberry, crushed blackberry and small notes of cooked blackcurrant associated with touches of small red fruits jam as well as fine hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of clove. The palate is fruity and offers a high acidity / a tangy frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tangy redcurrants, concentrated blackcurrant and small notes of tangy / intense small black fruits associated with sappy touches, nutmeg, clove, a subtle hint of cooked blueberry as well as a hint of crunch / tangy small red fruits, balsamic, tonka bean and toast.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Paradise Springs – Meritage 2019

Virginia

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a certain concentration, deepness as well as a certain small power in precision. It reveals notes of juicy/fleshy wild cassis, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous black berries associated with touches of Bigarreau cherry, small blue fruits, discreet hints of hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of smoke and vanilla. The palate is nicely juicy, fleshy and offers gourmandise, tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, bright purple plum and small notes of concentrated black berries associated with touches of red berries as well as a hint of fresh cherry. Beautiful brightness, gourmandise, deepness and juiciness. Fine hints of violet in the background.

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

Paradise Springs – The Moment 2020

Virginia

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a spicy side, a fine varietal hint as well as a small velvety side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, graphene and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of black pepper, fine hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of concentrated red fruits. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers a small pulpiness, gourmandise, juiciness as well as a certain brilliance of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black cherry, purple plum and small notes of concentrated raspberry associated with touches of crushed small red fruits, hints of smoke, tobacco as well as a discreet toasted hint and a subtle varietal hint in the background. Juiciness, suppleness and velvety.

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

Paradise Springs – Petit Verdot 2019

Virginia

The nose is spicy and offers fruit, a frank side, a spicy

side as well as a certain austerity. It reveals notes of black berries, licorice stick and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of black pepper as well as fine hints of violet and sweet spices / nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain brightness (in control), a framed side, tension as well as a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / tangy black berries, camphor and small notes of violet plum associated with touches of black pepper, fine hints of licorice stick, a subtle hint of spices as well as a discreet hint of graphene and rose. Austerity, concentration and juiciness.

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

Paradise Springs – PVT 2020

Virginia

The nose is spicy and offers power, a certain intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, pepper and small notes of nutmeg, spices associated with touches of small black berries as well as a hint of smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a certain velvety, a certain delicacy, an acidulous frame, a certain small austerity as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black cherry, tangy/ripe purple plum and small notes of crushed/fleshy red fruits associated with touches of tonka bean, toast, nutmeg as well as a hint of chocolate, roasted hazelnut and Bourbon vanilla. The finish is mellow/toasted. Sapid and suavity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Breaux Vineyards – 2016 Nebbiolo

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy purple plum, fleshy cherry and small notes of pepper associated with fine touches of wild blackberry as well as discreet hints of wild flowers. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, salinity/iodine, a good definition as well as a certain roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of small red fruits as well as iodized hints and fine toasted hints. Tannins are sapid and saline. Good length. Velvety and supple. A subtle hint of cocoa in the background.

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

Breaux Vineyards – 2019 Nebbiolo

Virginia

The nose is fruity, floral and offers a spicy side, a small concentration as well as peppery hints. It reveals notes of violet, camphor and small notes of sweet pepper associated with touches of black plum, fleshy berries as well as discreet hints of camphor and spices. The palate is nicely juicy, suave, gourmand, supple, saline, suave and offers a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/crushed redcurrants and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with a touch of violet plum as well as hints of violet, Cubeb pepper, toast and a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Breaux Vineyards – 2019 The Fog, Nebbiolo Reserve

Virginia

Beautiful nose offering delicacy, texture and an airy side. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of quite ripe cherry associated with touches of violet, camphor, fine hints of black pepper as well as discreet hints of Cubeb pepper as well as a subtle hint of lily, saffron and toast. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, concentration, precision, a beautiful definition, deepness, a nice minerality, a nice freshness, a beautiful matter, a certain unctuousity as well as salinity. On the palate this wine



Virginia

expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed plum and small notes of quite ripe black cherry associated with a touch of dried small red fruits, fine hints of Cubeb pepper, toast, roasted, an almost subtle balsamic hint as well as fine hints of nutmeg and toast. A very discreet saline hint in the background. A discreet sappy and infusion hint in the background. Good work on the good bitterness. A very discreet dried fruit side in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Breaux Vineyards – 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Virginia

The nose is spicy, smoky and finely peppery. It reveals notes of blackberry, tobacco and small notes of quite ripe small black fruits associated with a touch of kirsch cherry as well as fine hints of almost fig, camphor and smoke. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, roundness, a small fat, a fine unctuousity, tension as well as a small linear/stretched side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of smoke, tobacco associated with touches of tonka bean, fig as well as a subtle hint of jammy redcurrants, fine hints of clove and spices. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Beautiful minerality and freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Breaux Vineyards – 2019 The Quarter Virginia

Lovely smoky and powdery nose, finely austere and elegant at the same time. A certain deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, concentrated purple plum and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of camphor, black tea as well as a hint of spices and smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, a lovely definition, suppleness as well as a certain purity, concentration and density of the fruit. A ripeness of the fruit pushed but full of control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe black plum, crushed cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of quite ripe raspberry as well as a hint of cocoa, tobacco and graphite. Tannins are supple. Good length. beautiful saline persistence.

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

Breaux Vineyards – 2019, Meritage Loudoun County, Virginia

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers concentration, a certain delicacy, a fine airy side, deepness as well as a framed/controlled side. There are notes of wild blackberry, black berries and small notes of pepper associated with touches of local dry soil (terroir), cocoa as well as a hint of small bright red fruits and graphene. The palate is beautifully built, fruity and offers a mineral frame, freshness, tension, a small fat, roundness, suppleness, concentration as well as brightness (of the fruit). A certain unctuousity in juiciness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, quite ripe blackcurrant and small notes of concentrated blueberry associated with touches of crushed small red fruits, hints of plum blossom, cocoa, zan as well as a hint of cranberry and Sichuan pepper. Good work on the good bitterness. A hint of roasting.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Breaux Vineyards – 2017 Meritage Loudoun County, Virginia

The nose is fruity, airy and offers concentration, precision, a nice finesse of the grain as well as a fine stretched side. It reveals notes of blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of camphor associated with touches of quite ripe raspberry as well as hints of pepper. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a juicy/acidulous frame, pulpiness as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, crushed

raspberry and small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of fleshy cassis, violet, hints of smoke, camphor, cranberry, graphite as well as roasting hints and a very discreet sappy hint/sense of place (local biotope). Good length. A saline hint in the background on the finish/persistence. Deepness, gourmandize and density.

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

Breaux Vineyards – Sauvignon Blanc 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of juicy/pulpy peach, fine mineral hints as well as a subtle sappy and almost lychee hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, a fine suavity as well as gourmandize. A nice saline character. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, bright white peach and small notes of fleshy/juicy pepper associated with touches of juicy/ripe citrus fruits, a subtle hint of lemon blossom, lime blossom as well as discreet hints of lychee and a very discreet sappy. Good length. Roundness, suavity and a certain small gourmandize.

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

Breaux Vineyards – Six Degrees 2019, Cellar Selection Virginia

The nose is velvety, spicy, gourmand, peppery and offers a nice powerful touch, delicate and precise at the same time. A discreet powdery side. We find notes of violet, saffron and small notes of purple plum associated with fine hints of crushed/jammed small fruits as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, zan, black tea and fresh nutmeg. The palate is nicely built, fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a tangy frame, tension, suavity, precision, a good structure, unctuousity in freshness, a nice energy as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, concentrated blackberry and small notes of concentrated violet plum associated with touches of crushed/quite ripe small red fruits, a hint of roasted-juicy fruits, toast, salinity as well as a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut and crushed almond. Good length. Nice juiciness, roundness and suppleness. A discreet powdery sensation. A beautiful sapid persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

October One Vineyard – O1V 2022, Albarino Virginia

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain freshness. It reveals notes of lychee, fresh/juicy peach and small notes of honeysuckle associated with touches of fresh kumquat as well as fine hints of lime blossom and a discreet hint

of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a small tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, crunchy peach and small notes of crunchy apple associated with touches of juicy/fresh pear, lime blossom as well as a subtle hint of kumquat in the background. Good length. A fine mellow finish/persistence.

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

Cama, Albarino 2023 Virginia

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain brightness as well as a small mellowness. It reveals notes of pulpy white peach, apricot and small notes of quince associated with touches of white flowers as well as a discreet mineral hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral frame as well as a fine salinity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, physalis and small notes of apricot associated with a touch of nectarine, flowers as well as a discreet hint of acacia (in the background). A subtle tannic hint in the aromatics, on the finish. Good persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Cama, Petit Manseng 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity (quite marked by white fruits) and offers a certain minerality. There are notes of white peach, crunchy small fruits and small notes of zest associated with a floral touch. The palate is nicely juicy and offers brightness, gourmandize as well as a nice pulpiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of physalis, juicy/pulpy small yellow fruits and small notes of bright yellow peach associated with a touch of juicy pineapple as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and a discreet hint of almost verbena (in the background). Good length. A fine sweetness/sucrosity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

October One Vineyard, O1V 2022, Viognier Virginia

The nose is fruity, taut, racy and offers a stretched side. It reveals notes of Williams pear, pulpy white peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of zest and a discreet hint of bergamot. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, precision, acidity, energy as well as a saline and flint side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy yellow peach, zest and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of flint as well as fine hints of crunchy pineapple and a subtle hint of straw. A fine linden side in the background. Good length. A discreet hint of acacia in the background on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

October One Vineyard, Merlot 2021 Virginia

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a certain power as well as a certain intensity in its grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, toast and small notes of tonka bean associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of graphene, vanilla, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is nicely built, juicy, fruity, tense and offers a fine straightness as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy violet plum and small notes of crushed raspberry (maybe slightly jammy ?) associated with touches of violet, tobacco, toast as well as fine hints of vanilla. Good length. A fine mellowness and a subtle sapidity on the finish.

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



Virginia

Hillsborough Vineyards – Opal, Petit Manseng 2022

Virginia

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, straw and small notes of acacia flowers associated with touches of pineapple as well as fine hints of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of almost zest. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, roundness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, yellow peach and small notes of beeswax associated with a touch of roasted pineapple as well as fine hints of lime blossom/acacia. A subtle hint of spices in the background. Good length. Beautiful persistence with an almost sappy/saline hint.

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

Walsh Family – Paconia 2021, Bethany Ridge Vineyard

Virginia

(40% Viognier, 35% Chenin Blanc, 20% Albarino, 5% Petit Manseng) The nose is fruity, mineral, clean and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of fresh/pulpy mirabelle plum, pulpy nectarine and small notes of lychee associated with touches of white flowers as well as discreet almost beeswax hints and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is nicely mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a certain breadth, juiciness as well than a fine crunch . On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy white peach, crunchy nectarine and small notes of lychee/quenette associated with touches of white flowers as well as hints of fresh mirabelle plum and a subtle hint of fresh zest. Good length. Beautiful freshness and minerality.

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

Cana – Rosé of Merlot 2023, Greenstone Vineyards

Virginia

Beautiful deep color. The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of pulpy raspberry, pulpy peach and small notes of pulpy white fruits associated with touches of lychee as well as a hint of white flowers and a very discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, roundness, a small fat, gourmandize as well as an airy side in its fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy peach, juicy/fresh cherry and small notes of apricot associated with a touch of fresh raspberry as well as a subtle hint of lemon.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Walsh – Merlot 2020, Russ Mountain Vineyard

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, black pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of small dense black fruits, pepper as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a certain concentration, a small jammy side as well as a fine tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of of jammy blackcurrant associated with a touch of fig, tobacco as well as fine hints of toast and nutmeg. Tannins are supple and sapid. Good length. A subtle toasted hint, vanilla and chocolate. A beautifully gourmand, fruity, fresh and mineral wine.

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

Walsh – Cabernet Franc 2021, Dutchman's Creek Vineyard

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, gourmandize as well as a fine peppery side. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, pulpy/fleshy blue plum and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with fine hints of



zan /star anise. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers pulpiness, a certain gourmandize as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/tangy raspberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy blue plum associated with touches of camphor, tonka bean as well as fine toasted hints and nutmeg. Tannins are sapid and mellow. Good length. Energy!

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

Walsh – Cabernet Franc 2021, Bethany Ridge Vineyard

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, width. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of pepper associated with touches of dense small blue fruits as well as a hint of dense black berries, infusion, black tea and black pepper. The palate is beautifully built, fruity and offers gourmandize, a tangy frame, unctuousity, a stretched side as well as a small mellowness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blue plum, violet and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous black berries, hints of black cherry, graphene as well as an almost balsamic hint, pepper (in the background) and toast. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Zephaniah – Friendship 2019

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of concentrated blue fruits associated with touches of black tea as well as fine hints of balsamic and discreet hints of smoke. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a tangy frame, a certain brilliance, deepness, precision as well as matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of blue fruits, nutmeg as well as a hint of vanilla, blueberry, chocolate and toast. Good length. Nice fresh texture. This wine is marked by blue fruits.

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

Zephaniah – Friendship 2020

Virginia

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers concentration, deepness, matter, a certain richness as well as a nice maturity. A beautiful texture in richness, elegance and precision. It reveals notes of pulpy Bigarreau cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of fleshy/crushed strawberry associated with a touch of blueberry, balsamic and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is beautifully gourmand, mineral, racy and offers juiciness, suavity, a good definition, precision, matter as well as a textured side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, purple plum and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy cherry,

hints of cornflowers as well as a subtle hint of balsamic, vanilla and toast. Good length. Gourmandize and harmony.
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Hillsborough – Cabernet Sauvignon, 2021 Vintners Selections

Virginia

The nose is spicy and peppery. It reveals notes of violet and small fresh black berries associated with touches of lily, fresh small red fruits as well as a hint of spices and a discreet hint of brambles. (in the background). The palate is nicely built, fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, tension as well as a small balsamic side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, pepper and small notes of red berries associated with touches of brambles / varietal as well as fine hints of rose, sweet spices, a subtle hint of fresh blond tobacco and a very discreet hint of zan (in the background). A subtle chew. A wine that needs to be decanted. Presence of a subtle herbaceous hint both on the nose and in the mouth.

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

Hillsborough – Ruby 2021

Virginia

Beautiful fruity nose, gourmand and offers a certain deepness as well as power. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, black plum and small notes of graphene associated with touches of roasted-juicy small fruits, almost fine aromatic herbs hints as well as a discreet hint of flowers, lily and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, fruit as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy violet plum, crushed cassis and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of lily, nutmeg, bright small blue fruits as well as hints of star anise as well as a subtle hint of aromatic herbs and nutmeg. Tannins are sapid and mellow.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Chrysalis Vineyard – Norton 2021, Locksley Reserve

Virginia

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a certain concentration, width as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, pulpy cherry and small notes of roasted-juicy raspberry associated with touches of almost jammy small red fruits as well as fine hints of lavender, pepper and a very discreet almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, density, deepness as well as great acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, tangy/juicy redcurrants, flowers and small notes of sap associated with touches of dried fig as well as a hint of tobacco, cigar and a subtle hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Good length. Juiciness and brilliance of the fruit.

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

Chrysalis Vineyard – Barrel Select, Norton 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a certain aromatic deepness as well as a small power and aromatic intensity. It reveals notes of fig, crushed cassis and small notes of dried blackberry associated with touches of concentrated small red fruits as well as hints of pulpy cherry and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, tension, deepness as well as a slightly jammy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy cherry, fig and small notes of jellied blackberry associated with touches of crushed cassis, fine tangy hints as well as a subtle sappy and floral hint. Good length. A subtle hint of nutmeg in the background. A smoky side, even discreetly peaty in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Virginia

Greenhill Vineyard – Tannat 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a nice sweet spices side as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of nutmeg associated with touches of smoke as well as fine hints of wild cassis and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a tangy frame, a small pulpy, a small fat, gourmandize as well as a mellow material. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy/juicy black cherry and small notes of concentrated raspberry associated with touches of crushed red berries as well as hints of vanilla, cigar and fine hints of vanilla in the background. Good length. Mellowness and a fine sapidity in the background.

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

Bluemont – Albarino 2023

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, a certain minerality as well as a very fine pulpiness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with touches of racy minerality, lily, crushed fruits as well as a very discreet coating / sweetening hint of the oak. The palate is fruity, slightly chiseled and offers juiciness, a good definition, a certain juiciness, acidity, gourmandise, a fine pulpiness as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy peach, fleshy/juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with touches of toasted hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of ripe pineapple and quenette. Good length. Sapidity. A subtle firmness and mellowness on the finish.

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

Bluemont – Sauvignon Blanc 2023

Virginia

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine complexity as well as a small floral side in the background. It reveals notes of ripe white grapefruit, fleshy flat peach and small notes of creamy small white fruits associated with fine hints of white flowers and crushed lychee. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision, suavity, roundness as well as a certain suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lychee, white nectarine and small notes of bright granny apple associated with fine touches of sweet white grapefruit. Good length. A subtle hint of mesocarp (in the background) and an almost tannic hint on the finish, both in the aromatic and the structure.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bluemont – The Goat 2023, Chenin Blanc

Virginia

The nose is fruity, racy, ripe and offers a good definition as well as a certain purity. It reveals notes of lychee, ripe/ fresh yellow peach, fresh flowers and small notes of lychee, mirabelle plum associated with touches of racy fruits as well as a discreet hint of apple blossom and delicate verbenas. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a certain unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy white peach, bright quenette and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of mango, crushed apricot as well as fine hints of yellow flowers and an almost buttery hint. Good length. A subtle and discreet almost varietal hint / good bitterness in the background. A subtle hint of beeswax and toasted almond on the finish/persistence.

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

Bluemont – Petit Manseng 2023

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, a certain small intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of ripe mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes

of yellow peach associated with a discreet hint of ripe citrus fruits/orange blossom. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, acidity, juiciness, suavity, a good definition as well as purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ acidulous physalis, yellow plum and small notes of quince associated with touches of crushed yellow peach as well as a discreet hint of sweet pineapple. Good length. Nice sapidity and gourmandize on the finish/persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bluemont – Rosé Tannat 2023

Virginia

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers an airy side as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe white peach, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of lychee associated with touches of peach blossom as well as a discreet hint of creamy white fruits and a very discreet hint of redcurrants in the background. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a certain gourmandise, juiciness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, bright vine peach and small notes of unctuous white fruits associated with touches of redcurrants, lychee as well as a subtle floral hint and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bluemont – Petit Verdot 2019

Virginia

Beautiful fruity nose, concentrated and offering deepness, a small darkness as well as a discreet spicy side. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis, crushed redcurrants and small notes of zan associated with touches of small jammy black fruits, a touch of local dry soil (local biotope) as well as a discreet hint of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of vanilla pod. The palate is nicely juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a certain brilliance, gourmandize, a tangy frame, tension as well as a nice grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, crushed black cherry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of cornflowers, a hint of cherry jam, a subtle toasted hint as well as discreet hints of vanilla and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are sapid and gourmand.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Bluemont – Cabernet Franc 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity, racy, tense and offers a certain precision as well as a stretched side. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of pepper associated with delicate touches of quite ripe small blue fruits as well as a hint of camphor, tobacco and toast. The palate is fruity, nicely built and offers juiciness, freshness, a nice definition, gourmandize, delicacy, suppleness as well as a nice intensity and purity of the fruit. A subtle varietal guideline (in the background) which leads the tasting. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, pulpy/concentrated blue plum and small notes of cassis associated with touches of black pepper as well as a subtle hint of flowers and sense of place (local biotope). Tannins are sapid and supple. A subtle hint of dark chocolate in the background. A harmonious, gourmand and delicate wine.

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

Bluemont – Ascent 2020

Virginia

The nose is elegant, racy, full and offers a certain power as well as an unctuous, well-balanced and frank grain. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of pulpy black cherry associated with touches of roasted raspberry as well as hints of gray pepper, toast and hints of star anise. The palate is nicely built, fresh,

mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, brilliance, purity, unctuousity as well as a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of unctuous blue fruits associated with touches of star anise, lily, lilac as well as subtle hints of toast/nutmeg. A very discreet hint of chocolate in the background. Tannins are mellow.

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

Bluemont – Ascent 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine varietal touch, a certain deepness, delicacy as well as a certain power in precision. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed black plum and small notes of violet/cornflower associated with touches of nutmeg, blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of cardamom and crushed/finely roasted small fruits. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, suavity, a delicate grain as well as sapidity. A beautiful delicacy and suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy wild blackberry, fresh violet and small notes of fresh cassis associated with touches of concentrated/rich small red fruits as well as hints of crushed/slightly jammy small red berries and star anise. Beautifully gourmand and precise.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Bluemont – Merlot 2021

Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, deepness as well as a certain small concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of candied small red fruits associated with touches of violet, sweet blond tobacco as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sense of place (local biotope). The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, freshness, tension, suavity, suppleness as well as a certain delicacy in its fruit. Beautiful freshness and definition, full of control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/fleshy small black fruits and small notes of roasted-juicy raspberry associated with a touch of black cherry, fine hints of cornflowers, blond tobacco as well as an almost sappy hint and ripe almond. Sapidity/gourmandize on the finish.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Sauvignon Blanc 2022

Virginia

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fresh and offers a fine chiseled side as well as a certain small unctuousity. It reveals notes of lychee, crushed nectarine and small notes of ripe lemon associated with touches of white flowers as well as almost fine hints of fresh pineapple. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine chiseled side, a tangy frame, a good definition as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy white peach, lychee and small notes of fleshy nectarine associated with fine hints of pineapple as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and acacia. Good length. Clarity and precision.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Delaplane Cellars – Sauvignon Blanc 2023

Virginia

Beautiful fruity and aromatic nose that offers a certain roundness. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of white peach associated with fine touches of fresh kumquat, discreet hints of lemon blossom as well as a discreet almost lime blossom hint and racy minerality. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers freshness as well as a beautiful juiciness/ brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, bright quenette and small notes of bright vine peach associated with touches of juicy pineapple as well as fine hints of crushed apple, white flowers and

Virginia

acacia. Beautifully chiseled and gourmand on the finish/persistence. Purity.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Winemakers Reserve, Sauvignon Blanc 2023 Virginia

The nose is fruity and offers a certain deepness, minerality as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of quenette, fleshy/ripe flat peach and small notes of fresh nutmeg, sense of place (local biotope) associated with fine touches of racy minerality, yellow apple and a very discreet hint of fresh physalis. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, suavity, an acidulous frame, a fine unctuousity, straightness, roundness as well as a nice small fat (from the lees). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy apple, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of juicy vine peach as well as fine hints of nutmeg and a discreet toasted hint. The wine needs to be decanted. Good length. A tannic and aromatic touch on the finish/persistence. A subtle hint of butter on the aftertaste.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Winemakers Reserve, Chardonnay 2021 Virginia

The nose is aromatic, textured and slightly creamy. It reveals notes of crushed pear, crushed nectarine and small notes of juicy/pulpy mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of light oak/freshly-toasted, fine hints of mirabelle plum, concentrated yellow fruits as well as a hint of lime blossom, butter and a very discreet hint of verbena. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a small fat in freshness as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed mirabelle plum, crushed white peach and small notes of juicy physalis associated with a fine touch of pineapple, fresh butter as well as fine hints of fresh hazelnut and toast. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in both the aromatic and the structure. Good persistence.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Viognier 2023 Virginia

(bottled 02/2024, tasted 07/2024) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine concentration as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, yellow peach and small notes of juicy small yellow fruits associated with a hint of ripe pineapple as well as a discreet hint of verbena / sap / hawthorn flowers. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, gourmand and offers unctuousity in precision, suavity as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / pulpy yellow peach, mirabelle plum and small notes of pineapple associated with fine touches of juicy / pulpy lemon as well as fine hints of vanilla, butter and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope) / sap. Good length. Beautiful slightly toasted persistence. A beautifully textured, round, delicate and gourmand wine.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Cabernet Franc 2021 Virginia

The nose is fruity, floral, frank, precise, clean and offers a certain small straightness, elegance as well as precision. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy/quite ripe small blue fruits and small notes of roasted-elegant small fruits associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as fine hints of cornflower/star anise. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-structured and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, suppleness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black berries, juicy/pulpy blue plum and small notes of star anise associated with touches of liquorice,

tobacco as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and blond tobacco. Beautifully delicate and gourmand. A nice hint of blond tobacco on the persistence.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Piedmont Station 2021 Virginia

The nose is fruity, fresh, juicy and offers deepness, gourmandise, a beautiful delicacy, elegance as well as a certain purity. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy strawberry and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with beautiful touches of small blue fruits, fine hints of star anise as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope). The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers brilliance, gourmandise, energy, a beautiful definition/precision, elegance, suppleness, velvety, delicacy as well as a beautiful finesse of the texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/tangy purple plum and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with a touch of crushed redcurrants, fine hints of star anise, nutmeg as well as a subtle almost sappy hint and cornflower. Tannins are sapid and elegant. Lovely freshness, gourmandize and lovely acidity of red fruits in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Delaplane Cellars – Rusticity 2021 Virginia

Beautiful fruity nose, frank and offers a captivating side, deepness as well as a fine hint of austerity. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of pulpy red plum associated with touches of tobacco, toasted, discreet almost crushed blueberry hints (in the background), blond tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of smoke and freshly-toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, energy, a beautiful definition as well as a fine electric side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of red berries as well as fine hints of almond. Tannins are sapid and supple. Good length. Beautiful energy and freshness. Good persistence and a subtle mellowness in the background.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Adjacency 2021 Virginia

Beautiful racy nose, marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon and offers a peppery side. It reveals notes of ripe/ pulpy raspberry, bright cassis and small notes of spices associated with touches of pepper as well as fine hints of ripe small wild fruits and discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful delicacy as well as a tangy frame. A beautiful delicate touch/texture, fruity, fresh and elegant. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, black plum and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of bright red berries, fine hints of nutmeg, Bigarreau cherry as well as a hint of violet, wisteria, racy minerality and tobacco. Good length. Tannins are mellow and sapid. A wine full of delicacy and gourmandize.

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

Delaplane Cellars – Rusticity 2020 Virginia

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise, delicate in its concentration and offers deepness, a fine velvety as well as a beautiful and precise grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, pulpy purple plum and small notes of graphene associated with touches of spices, a subtle hint of blueberry (in the background), cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of sense of place (local biotope).

The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, tension, delicacy, a beautiful velvety, a nice harmony as well as deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright cassis and small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of pulpy plum, hints of cornflowers, small bright red fruits, small blue fruits as well as fine hints of sweet blond tobacco, smoke and nutmeg. Tannins are mellow and suave. Beautiful finish, slightly powdered and delicate. A very discreet hint of tonka bean in the background.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2021 Virginia

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly creamy and offers a nice definition. It reveals notes of pulpy peach and small notes of unctuous apple associated with touches of lychee as well as discreet hints of citrus fruits, a subtle floral hint and crushed lychee. The palate is beautifully juicy, pulpy, racy and offers a tangy frame, a certain unctuousity as well as a crushed fruit side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, crushed nectarine and small notes of lychee, quenette associated with touches of acacia flowers as well as a subtle hint of lemon. Good length. Beautiful energy and gourmandize.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Vermentino 2022 Virginia

Beautiful, gourmet and precise nose that offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of flat peach, white flowers and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of acacia, verbena, small green/crunchy fruits and delicate floral hints. An imperceptible hint of wild dill in the background. The palate is nicely built, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, gourmandise, suavity, a certain finesse as well as a certain energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes of quince associated with touches of juicy/ acidulous mirabelle plum as well as fine hints of apple blossom and discreet almost lees hints. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Viognier 2023 Virginia

The nose is fruity, aromatic, precise, frank and offers a certain straightness. It reveals notes of lychee, green apple and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with touches of small yellow fruits / kumquat. The palate is beautifully built, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, roundness as well as a certain unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright green apple, bright vine peach and small notes of lychee associated with touches of crushed quince as well as a subtle hint of lemon, lemon blossom and a subtle hint of juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum. Good length. A wine full of finesse, precision and which offers a fine flint side. Good acidulous persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Fiano 2021 Virginia

Beautiful, fruity, precise and racy nose that offers a certain roundness/enveloping side as well as a beautiful grain. A fine intensity in its grain. It reveals notes of yellow flowers, dried yellow peach and small notes of apricot associated with touches of nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of kumquat and a subtle almost fresh butter hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a tangy frame as well as a nice brightness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/juicy small yellow fruits, minerality and small notes of juicy yellow peach associated with a touch of



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Virginia

apricot, fine hints of yellow flowers as well as a subtle almost starfruit hint and apple. Good length.

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

Barboursville Vineyard – Nascet 2019 Virginia

Beautiful and elegant nose that offers complexity, a certain gourmandise, deepness as well as a beautiful small intensity in its aromatics. We find notes of apricot, yellow peach and small notes of fresh mirabelle plum associated with touches of small touches of crushed white fruits as well as a discreet hint of orange and an imperceptible hint of passion fruit. Freshness, brilliance and a fine crunchiness. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, chiseled and offers minerality, freshness, gourmandise, a tangy frame, tension, precision, a beautiful energy, purity, a fine flint side as well as a certain breadth. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright nectarine, bright mirabelle plum and small notes of bright physalis associated with touches of juicy pineapple, hints of pulpy small white fruits as well as discreet hints of white flowers, beeswax (in the background) and lime blossom. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Passito 2019 Virginia

(sweet wine) Beautiful elegant nose, fruity, fresh, complex and beautifully delicate. A great multi-layered side. It reveals notes of dried apricot, dried peach and small almost orange paste notes associated with fine hints of pineapple in syrup as well as fine hints of spices and almost dried fruit cake hints. The palate is beautifully gourmand, elegant, racy, delicate, beautifully built, precise, supple, airy and that offers a nice fat as well as unctuousity (in precision). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pineapple in syrup, vine peach jam and small notes of dried apricot associated with touches of small sweet citrus fruits, a subtle hint of peach blossom, verberna as well as a discreet hint of orange blossom (in the background) and a very discreet hint of fresh blond tobacco. Good length. A beautiful, elegant, crystalline and perfectly made Passito. Congratulations !

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Nebbiolo 2020 Virginia

Beautiful and fruity nose offering a fine concentration. It reveals notes of purple plum, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of quite ripe small red fruits/cherry as well as a hint of fresh blond tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, precision, suppleness, a certain suavity as well as a certain small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright Bigareau cherry and small notes of pulpy/juicy purple plum associated with touches of tobacco as well as a very discreet almost laurel berries hint (in the background). Beautiful delicacy, gourmandise and suppleness.

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

Barboursville Vineyard – Octogone 2007 Virginia

Beautiful fruity nose, elegant, precise, frank and racy. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of lily as well as delicate hints of star anise and an almost camphor/graphene hint. The palate is nicely built, racy, elegant, gourmet and offers suppleness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black plum, quite ripe cassis and small notes of wild fruits associated with fine hints of undergrowth/truffle, small bright blue fruits and discreet almost tertiary hints. Good length. Suppleness, elegance, finesse and precision.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Barboursville Vineyard – Octogone 2015 Virginia

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a beautiful intense grain as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of roasting, crushed blackberry and small notes of undergrowth associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as a hint of tobacco/tobacco box. The palate is nicely built, gourmand, supple, juicy, precise, elegant and offers finesse as well as a slight fluidity side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, pulpy cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of crushed raspberry, flowers, dried raspberry as well as fine hints of tobacco, truffle, tonka bean and a discreet hint of camphor. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Octogone 2016 Virginia

The nose is elegant, complex and offers a multi-layered side as well as a discreet powdery side. It reveals notes of violet, rhubarb and small notes of camphor associated with touches of small black fruits as well as fine almost smoky hints of anise and Madagascar pepper. The palate is nicely built, fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a tangy frame, precision, tension, a beautiful definition as well as a melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blue plum, cornflower and small notes of camphor associated with touches of graphene, crushed cassis, a hint of small crushed black berries, black tea as well as a subtle toasted hint, roasting and a subtle almost coffee hint. Tannins are sapid and elegant. A certain controlled power.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Octogone 2017 Virginia

Beautiful, fruity, concentrated and precise nose that offers a certain intensity/deepness as well as a nice complexity. It reveals notes of pulpy Bigareau cherry and small notes of red plum associated with almost rose hints, pulpy small fruits, discreet hints of blond tobacco, nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and almost undergrowth. The palate is nicely built, fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a certain tension, precision, suppleness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis and small notes of bright red plum associated with touches of bright cherry, fine hints of sense of place (local biotope), cardamom as well as a subtle hint of undergrowth and discreet hints of tobacco.

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

Barboursville Vineyard – Octogone 2020 Virginia

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a very fine grain, slightly powdered and elegant. The wine needs to

be decanted. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed blackcurrant and small almost roasted-juicy small fruits notes associated with fine hints of cornflowers. The palate is nicely built, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers an acidulous frame and offers juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, crushed blueberry and small notes of bright blackcurrant associated with touches of nutmeg, cardamom as well as hints of star anise, quite concentrated small fruits, a subtle hint of vanilla and toasted almond. Beautiful suavity and gourmandise. A wine full of suppleness, silkiness and minerality. This wine deserves a few more years of aging.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Cabernet Franc 2022 Virginia

The nose is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of morello cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of bright blue plum associated with touches of lily, star anise and a subtle almost infusion hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, acidity, gourmandise, a tangy frame as well as brilliance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy black cherry, bright/pulpy redcurrants and small notes of bright small blue fruits /blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, a fine hint of raspberry as well as fine hints of tonka bean and toast. Good length. Gourmandise ! A lovely bright and almost very discreetly roasted fruit. A subtle sappy hint in the background. Tannins are sapid.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Cabernet Franc, Goodlow Mountain 2017 Virginia

Beautiful, fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and deep nose that offers a nice identity/sense of terroir as well as a fine peppery side. It reveals notes of pulpy blue plum blackberry and small notes of star anise associated with touches of quite ripe/crushed small blue fruits and an almost balsamic hint (in the background). The palate is nicely built, fruity and offers freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame, precision, a certain tension, suavity as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blue plum, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with touches of Bigareau cherry as well as hints of pulpy small blue fruits, Bourbon vanilla and a hint of toasted hazelnut. Good length. Outstanding elegance in its silky texture.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Barboursville Vineyard – Cabernet Franc, Goodlow Mountain 2019 Virginia

Beautiful racy nose, mineral, fruity, frank, harmonious as well as delicate and powerful at the same time. A beautiful floral side. We find notes of violet, cornflower and small notes of Cubeb pepper associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as hints of black pepper and a discreet hint of zan. The palate is beautifully textured, gourmand, supple, suave, complex, nicely built, ample and elegant. Beautiful deepness, richness and a fine elegant austerity. A great purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, bright/fresh blue plum and small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of small jammy red fruits, fine hints of cornflower, lilac, star anise as well as subtle hints of blond tobacco, cardamom and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope). Good length. Tannins are sapid, slightly powdered and delicate.

Score : 17.75+20 (96/100)

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Brugnagno – Lunario 2023, Grillo Sicilia DOC

The nose is marked by citrus fruits and offers a chiseled profile, a nice work on the flowers and a noble herbal touch. It expresses notes of pink grapefruit, yellow lemon, yuzu lemon and more slightly - plum blossoms associated with fine hints of acacia/acacia flowers, sea air and a hint of juicy/fresh plum, verbena and bright green apple. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a nice tangy and chiseled frame, good definition. It expresses notes of lemon, grapefruit, tangy/juicy peach and more slightly - tangy yellow plum, associated with touches of crunchy green apple, acacia flowers as well as a subtle limestone/marine hint. Good length, a subtle hint of toasted almond in the background. A fine pearly touche in the background.

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

Brugnano – Naisi 2022 Sicilia DOC

(75% Nero d'Avola, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon). The nose is fruity, structured and offers a certain intensity/power. It expresses notes of purple plum, cherry and more slightly, spices, aromatic herbs as well as hints of redcurrant juice, camphor and a hint of incense and mocha. A dry earthy hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, a certain tension, energy, a tracing linearity. It expresses notes of red cherry, purple plum and more slightly - small dense black fruits associated with touches of infusion, redcurrant juice, small crunchy red berries as well as touches of infusion, toast, camphor and cocoa, fine hints of liquorice stick/zan. Juicy and freshness. A stretched and discreetly tight grain. The tannins are racy, structuring and well-managed.

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

Brugnano – Honoris Causa 2018 Sicilia DOC

The nose is elegant, aromatic, powerful, fair, nicely structured but all in finesse, control, accuracy and with depth. It expresses notes of concentrated blackberry, concentrated blackcurrant and more slightly - small roasted red fruits associated with touches of balsamic, tonka bean as well as small touches of dry local earth / local dry soil, hints of blueberry, infusion, incense. The palate is nicely led, fruity, fresh, mineral and offers delicacy in its power / concentration, a nice airiness. It expresses notes of roasted-juicy wild red berries, dense purple plum and more lightly - concentrated blackcurrant associated with touches of small red fruits/quite ripe red plum as well as hints of graphene, toast, cardamom, camphor as well as fine hints of almost dry aromatic herbs/rosemary/wild pepper, a discreet hint of vanilla/toasted hazelnut on the finish. The tannins are velvety, elegant and juicy, like a discreet veil/powdery suspension in the background. The wine benefits from being decanted.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Augustali – Il Suolo, Cataratto 2023 Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant, with a beautiful width of the palette, a delicacy and a multi-layered profile. It expresses notes of yellow peach, ripe/juicy pineapple and small notes of apricot associated with touches of small juicy yellow fruits as well as hints of honey, nutmeg and discreet hints of oriental spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, nicely mineral, chiseled, elegant, with a nice roundness and coating fat with precision, juiciness and suppleness, gourmandise and a tangy frame. It expresses notes of kumquat, juicy/pulpy apricot, bright mirabelle plum as well as hints of pineapple, lemon, fine toasted almond and pretty marine hints in the background. Good definition, a discreet hint of olive leaf in the background/finish of the mouth.

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

Augustali – La Vigna 2022, Nero D'Avola

Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) The nose is fruity and offers density, richness, concentration in control. It expresses notes of roasted-crushed redcurrants, roasted-crushed raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of concentrated small red berries, smoke, iodine, olive tree and discreet hints of tobacco, graphene, black olive and toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers accuracy, purity, a long/stretched side, straightness, a certain concentration in accuracy. It expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, fleshy/juicy redcurrants, tangy raspberry, associated with touches of tangy/pulpy purple plum, mocha, smoke roasting, almost grilled/cooked aromatic herbs as well as hints of black pepper, infusion, black olive and a subtle hint of liquorice stick. The tannins are tasty, soft and sapid and juicy. Good length and persistence. Purity, nicely defined/chiseled in its structure. A pleasant wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Augustali – Il Mare 2023, Grillo Sicilia DOC

(Organic AB) The nose is fresh, mineral with a nice touch of sea air. It expresses notes of medlar, mandarin and more slightly ripe/juicy citrus fruits associated with touches of medlar and salinity. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, good definition, juiciness, a little roundness/fine and coating fat, energy, a fine electric touch, harmony and a certain purity. It expresses notes of juicy/fresh medlar, citrus fruits (mandarin, lemon) associated with touches of fresh/bright yellow plum as well as fine hints almost pineapple, buttery/honeyed/toasted almond in the background. A pleasant salinity and a subtle hint almost tannic in the aromatic with a fine mellowness. Sincerity in this wine.

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

Duca Erico, Le Icone 2020 Sicilia DOC

The nose is beautifully intense and offers fruit, finesse in its power, a certain complexity and delicacy and brilliance. It expresses notes of small black berries, dried plum and more slightly - black pepper associated with touches of liquorice stick, tobacco as well as a hint of fig and smoke. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness and a nice energy / electricity, a spherical side, concentration, verticality and a nice guideline. It expresses notes of dense red plum, concentrated small black fruits and more slightly - small roasted-juicy red forest fruits associated with touches of balsamic, chocolate, aromatic herbs, coffee as well as a hint of infusion and fresh rosemary. Nice imprint of the terroir / sense of place on the finish / persistence. A fine, precise wine, with a certain silkiness and richness at the same time.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Duca Enrico 2004 Sicilia DOC

The nose offers depth, complexity, controlled power. It expresses notes of undergrowth, dried cherry and more slightly - dried plum, associated with touches of tobacco box, dried strawberry, as well as fine almost herbal hints, tonka bean, nutmeg and a subtle hint of roasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers delicacy, substance, a nice acidity and energy, an elegant, tense, precise, racy, powerful and controlled grain. The palate expresses notes of dried wild blackcurrant, dried wild plum and more slightly - crushed raspberry associated with animal touches, undergrowth, almost truffles, as well as fine hints of vanilla. Roundness and a nice coating/gourmet side brought by the barrel. The tannins are sapid, polished and gourmet. Nice acidity and sapidity in the background.

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

Triskelè, Nero d'Avola 2021 Sicilia DOC

The nose is spicy and offers concentration, a certain depth, a discreet veiled side, fine velvety and racy minerality. The wine benefits from being decanted. The nose expresses notes of boysenberry, small ripe red forest fruits and small notes of crushed/fleshy blackcurrant associated with touches of white pepper, cinnamon stick, wild pepper, warm local grove, as well as a fine toasted/toasted almond touch. The palate is fruity and offers a nice tanginess, a nice freshness on the palate, a small spherical side and energy. It expresses notes of pulpy/tangy purple plum, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of bright cherry associated with fine touches of balsamic, spices as well as a hint of local garrigue and a subtle hint of incense. Beautiful acidity from the limestone. Hint of chocolate in the background. The tannins are savoury, mellow and sapid. A nice balance of freshness/acidity, fruit and with airiness to its material.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Passo delle Mule – Nero d'Avola 2022 Sicilia DOC

The nose offers power, intensity as well as fruit, notes of wild cassis, concentrated black plum and small notes of wild pepper associated with touches of roasted red fruits as well as hints of graphene/incense, oriental spices and a discreet hint of old balsamic. The palate offers fruit, concentration, a certain richness/intensity, a lovely tangy frame of accuracy, a stretched verticality. It expresses notes of dense black plum, tangy cassis and small notes of crushed redcurrants, associated with touches of roasted red berries as well as hints of wild pepper, cardamom, star anise/liquorice stick as well as fine hints of spices. The tannins are sapid and mellow. Softness and juiciness.

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



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The DOC Maremma Toscana is among Italy's most dynamic and versatile wine denominations, celebrated for its expressive freedom and rich ampelographic diversity. Covering the entire province of Grosseto, this denomination stretches across an impressive 4,500 square kilometers, with 8.750 hectares of vineyards. It extends from the slopes of Monte Amiata to the Tyrrhenian coast, the Argentario, and even the Island of Giglio. This vast and varied territory features a striking blend of landscapes and pedoclimatic conditions that significantly shape the quality and diversity of the wines produced, making Maremma one of Tuscany's most exciting and picturesque areas.

The inland hills embody the quintessential Tuscan landscape, rising toward the Colline Metallifere and the long-dormant Monte Amiata. To the east, the volcanic hills and plateaus of Pitigliano and Sorano are dotted with vineyards and medieval villages perched on tuff rock. Along the coast, the Argentario promontory and the Island of Giglio provide breathtaking views and host vineyards on terraces overlooking the sea.

The wines of DOC Maremma Toscana reflect this territorial diversity, ranging from fresh, mineral-driven whites to full-bodied, structured reds. Native varieties such as Vermentino and Cilieggiolo, like Ansonica and Sangiovese serve as ambassadors of the region, while international grapes like Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot enrich the enological landscape. Coastal areas with clay soils and pine forests lend a distinctive character to white and rosé wines, while volcanic soils inland yield reds with depth and personality.

The denomination exemplifies the balance between tradition and innovation, offering a playful and diverse approach to winemaking, rooted in a storied and evolving history.



Rocca delle Macie, Casa Maria Estate - Vermentino Superiore Vigna L'Aja Bruciata 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Rather intense straw yellow colour with good luminosity. On the nose a great breadth of aromas, from yellow flowers to dried fruit, ripe grapefruit, almonds and magnolia. On the palate a great layering and length as well as fullness of flavour with an almost tannic perception that sinks in the matter and releases a savoury sensation that enriches the taste and entices drinking. Impressive and very dense in the centre of the mouth, a Vermentino just at the beginning of its journey with an evolutionary edge to be discovered over the next five years.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Vignaioli di Scansano - Vermentino Vigna Fiorini 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Intense straw yellow in colour; on the nose, aromas that recall yellow citrus fruits with clear tones of citron, zesty, pomelo, with aeration mineral haloes, reminiscent of the Mediterranean such as garrigue and medicinal plants. On the palate, a very incisive slam texture unravels accompanying a round taste in the centre of the mouth sustained by plenty of freshness and acid presence. It closes with an almondy return in the finish.

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

Cantina 'I Vini di Maremma' S.A.C. - Vermentino Albarese 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Intense straw yellow in colour; on the nose, aromas reminiscent of ripe yellow fruit, pear, apple and mango, slightly tropical together with dried fruit such as almonds and baked citrus fruit; a mouthfeel of good envelopment and harmony with a satisfying taste, good density and persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Cupiroso - Vermentino Bio Audace 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour tending to gold. On the nose, bitter notes of hay and dried fruit give way to aromas of red citrus fruits. The sip is of good fullness, with the matter still slightly detached from the acidity, accompanied by aromas of salted almonds in a slightly astringent texture on the finish.

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

Poggio Levante - Vermentino Unnè 2020

Maremma Toscana DOC

A straw yellow colour with great luminosity and golden haloes. A nose of great impact, both floral and fruity that plays on citrus fruit, together with notes that recall evolution with smoky and dried fruit touches. Graphite harmonies, a few whispers, in a very dense and harmonious body, with good volume and an accompanying acidic vein. The screwcap closure suggests that this is a wine capable of ageing again and again.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Vigna sul Mare - Vermentino Cord d'Or 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour of great luminosity and brilliance. On the nose, very fresh notes of ripe lemon citron and grapefruit, concentrated notes that anticipate a certain juiciness and textural density on the palate. The sip is fresh, with intense notes of aromatic herbs, and concentrates with aeration on notes of Meyer lemon. On the palate it has breadth and fullness, balanced with a mineral vein that accompanies the matter along with a very engaging and satisfying acid verve to sustain the sip.

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

Azienda Guido F.Fendi - Vermentino Burattini 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

A straw yellow colour of great luminosity with golden haloes. On the nose, aromas reminiscent of yellow citrus fruits together with hints of wild mountain herbs and graphite. The palate plays on verticality thanks to a brackish-acidic vein running through the material. Pleasantly persistent and savory on the finish.

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

Cura Nuova - Vermentino BIO Falco Pescatore 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Brilliant and luminous in colour, this Vermentino presents an intriguing and complex aromatic profile. Elegant notes of dried flowers, butter and an enveloping minerality emerge on the nose, enriched by hints of garrigue and fresh hints of menthol. On the palate, the taste is agile and characterised by lively acidity. Although the body is slightly slender and somewhat untidy, it is characterised by an overall pleasantness that invites one to taste it again. A fascinating proposal, perfect for those seeking a fresh and vibrant wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Santa Lucia Fonteblanda - Vermentino Brigante 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour tending to gold, the nose is one to remember, with notes of honey, acacia, cinnamon and nutmeg, in the background tropical fruit, mango and very ripe pineapple. Enveloping on the palate, with a little warmth to support the matter, which closes with almondy aromas.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cacciagrande Ampio - Vermentino Cacciagrande 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour tending to very bright gold. Aromas of peach and flowers on the nose, together with dried fruit, almonds, and olives. The sip is quite fleshy, with an oily body and some evolution in terms of spores, indicative of being with a wine that is already captivating today, balanced with an excellent mineral thrust. Very persistent.

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

Fattoria Mantellassi Banditaccia - Vermentino Scalandrino 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

A luminous straw yellow colour, very intense. A very clean nose, on aromas of ripe peach and white flowers. A very jovial and fresh sip, juicy, concentrated on sweeter notes of fruit accompanied by a little warmth in the finish to harmonise and make everything more welcoming to the palate. A sip that brings everyone together.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

I Cavallini - Vermentino BIO Diaccio 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour tending towards very bright gold. The nose plays on notes of aromatic and wild herbs, linden and hawthorn that are perceived with great eloquence. On the palate it is very dense, impactful for its roundness and viscosity at the same time. Very enveloping and engaging on the palate, recalling some aromas reminiscent of hydrocarbons, graphite.

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

Tenuta Dodici - Vermentino Solo 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Bright, intense straw yellow colour. The nose recalls a

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very multifaceted palette of aromatic herbs in harmony with each other to give complexity there is a hint of aromas given by the evolution, very fine hints of acacia and cinnamon. The taste is persistent and brackish, closing on notes of Mediterranean scrub.

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

Colle Massari Poggi del Sasso - Vermentino BIO Melacce 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Straw yellow colour tending to very bright gold. On the nose, Mediterranean scrub notes together with those of dwarf pine, fern, dried flowers. Very multifaceted nose, concentrating on aromas of yellow fruit, pear, with aeration. An enveloping sip on the palate, which is round and salty, with good character and persistence and fruity returns.

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

Bruni Fonteblanda - Vermentino Plinio 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden in colour, the Vermentino Plinio opens on the nose with citrus notes of great freshness, accompanied by a well-defined fruity sweetness. The finish is intensely citrusy, with good drinkability, thanks to its pleasantness and chewiness. A well-balanced wine that invites one to sip again.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

LaSelva Winery - Vermentino BIO La Selva 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Brilliant and with a refined aromatic profile, this Vermentino releases elegant notes of dried flowers, a mineral hint and a slight chalky austerity on the nose. The palate is savoury and precise, with an iodine grit that lends finesse and persistence. A deep wine with character, perfect for those seeking energy and complexity.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Le Spighe - Vermentino Eraora 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden in colour, the Vermentino Eraora offers an intense bouquet of pineapple and grapefruit, with a clear dominance of citrus fruits. Freshness and acidity are also protagonists on the palate, where the wine is very vertical, straight and citrusy. A good completeness to the sip, which leaves a pleasant sensation of freshness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Terre dell'Etruria - Vermentino Marmato 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden and with a nose reminiscent of white Burgundy, the Vermentino Marmato stands out for its enveloping texture. The sip is juicy and acidulous, with notes of dried flowers and almonds intertwined with citrus fruits. The minerality enriches the palate, making it dense and engaging, with a remarkable persistence.

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

Val delle Rose 2023 - Vermentino BIO Litorale 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

The golden straw colour precedes a typical and fragrant nose, with herbaceous and fruity notes. The sip is pleasant, chewy, with good persistence, although still young and to be fully expressed. A wine that encapsulates the essence of the Maremma, with hints of the sea and herbs, which promises further evolution.

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

Castelprile Della Volpaia 2023 - Vermentino BIO Preluis

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden in colour and with an intense profile, this Vermentino expresses buttery and dried fruit notes, with a hint of almond. The dry and savoury sip is characterised by a good wrap-around, but the wine is a little loose and alcoholic without losing its pleasantness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Rocca di Montemassi Pian del Bichi - Vermentino Calasole 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Brilliant and tending to golden, this Vermentino has a nose reminiscent of Burgundy, with hints of magnolia and dried fruit. The sip is oily and fat, with a well-balanced acidity that supports the good fatness and pleasantness. Harmony and balance are evident, with a taste progression that leads to a powerful finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Castelprile Della Volpaia - Vermentino Superiore BIO Castelprile 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden in colour and with an intense structure, this Vermentino offers buttery and dried fruit notes, with almonds emerging on the nose. The sip is dry and salty, but has a slightly bitter finish, with a good wrap-around that makes the wine interesting, but with an expectation of more maturity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Casteani - Vermentino Superiore BIO Maremmano 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden, with a warm, enveloping sip that stands out for its density and viscosity. The wine shows good richness, enriched by a fruity apricot finish. The concentration is well defined and the palate gains in complexity, being pleasant and persistent.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Agricola Il Ponte - Vermentino Superiore Aslec 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden and very concentrated on the nose, with elegant herbaceous and marine notes, and a touch of oregano and ripe lemon. The sip is rich and oily, but retains a good minerality. The finish is long and satisfying, with a fattiness that comes through but without losing balance.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Belguardo - Marchesi Mazzei Poggio La Mozza - Vermentino Superiore Belguardo V 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden and luminous in colour, this Vermentino opens with a bouquet of dried flowers and almond, with a touch of ripe citrus. The sip is broad and round, with a nice acidity that perfectly complements the matter. The fleshiness of the fruit is well present, offering a complete and harmonious drink, with fruity returns on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Terenzi Montedonico - Vermentino Superiore Balbinus 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Golden in colour, this Vermentino stands out for its delicacy, with notes of lemon, magnolia and garrigue on the nose. The sip is harmonious and mineral, with a lively energy that makes itself felt in the mouth thanks to a very inviting mineral clutch. The fineness of the tannin and the ripe fruit offer a perfect balance.

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

Val delle Rose Poggio La Mozza - Vermentino Superiore Coblato 2021

Maremma Toscana DOC

With a luminous golden colour, this Vermentino is reminiscent of a Riesling in its aromatic finesse. The nose is complex, with hints of gingerbread and a slight evolution, which also makes itself felt on the palate, where the wine is dry and almondy. A passage of wood may have contributed to the structure.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Basile - Comandante 2020

Maremma Toscana

(Organic) The nose is fruity, intense, aromatic and offers complexity, harmony as well as a beautiful delicacy of its grain and a certain breadth of the aromatic palette. There are notes of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with touches of cornflower, thyme, sweet spices as well as a hint of smoke, black olive, blond tobacco and a subtle hint of sense of place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers suavity, a good definition, a certain gourmandize, accuracy, a certain tension as well as minerality. A finely creamy and harmonious matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of dense/fleshy red berries, aromatic herbs (thyme, bay leaf, etc.), sweet blond tobacco as well as fine hints of clove and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and mellow. Good length. Beautiful iodized persistence.

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

Valdonica - Ciliegiole BIO Vigna Rigualdo 2020

Maremma Toscana DOC

Purple and fresh, this Ciliegiole is characterised by a firm tannic profile, which is austere on the palate. The fruit is intense and pungent, with a good mineral presence that manifests itself in the finish. A wine with character, which captivates with its incisiveness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina 'I Vini di Maremma' S.A.C. - Ciliegiole BIO Albarese 2020

Maremma Toscana DOC

Dark and garnet-coloured, this Ciliegiole presents notes of oxidation that give the wine an evolved character. The wood is predominant, with a structure that could be a little heavy, while maintaining a certain elegance.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Colle della Pia - Ciliegiole L'Orso Brillo 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Luminous ruby, the wine exudes fresh cherry aromas, juicy and sweet, with a touch of mountain herbs typical of Ciliegiole. It is fresh, vertical and at the same time soft, with an enveloping and dynamic tannic grip. A balanced, elegant and very pleasant wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Sequerciani Tatti - Ciliegiole Sequerciani 2021

Maremma Toscana DOC

Purplish ruby, with a fresh and sparkling aromatic profile dominated by sour cherry, plum and currant. The wine is fun and very fresh, with the grape in the foreground. Lean and agile, it is open on the fruit and very energetic, with very fine tannins that are enlivened by the acidity. A wine that entices you to drink and drink again, crisp and sparkling.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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Le Vigne - Ciliegiole BIO Le Vigne 2021

Maremma Toscana DOC

Purple purple fruit, delicate on the nose and very enveloping on the palate. The tannins are dense and incisive, while the fruity return is vigorous and very fibrous. A great impact, thanks to the great energy and liveliness of the vintage. Well-defined flesh and tannin. A wine with character and strength.

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

Alberto Motta - Ciliegiole BIO Motta 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Ruby-purple, with acidulous notes of red fruit, like pressed grapes, fragrant and very fresh. The wine is dynamic and fibrous, with good tannic grip. Although a little short, it is very promising and expands with time. A wine that requires some maturation to reach its full potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Fonteblanda 2022 - Ciliegiole Canapone 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

On the nose, it is juicy and textural, with a brilliant colour of violet hues. On the palate, the wine is very acidic and loose, with a certain tension that makes it interesting, but not fully integrated. A wine that seems to need more time to harmonise.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Marchesi Mazzei Poggio La Mozza - Ciliegiole Belguardo 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

A bright purple ruby, with a delicate nose presenting floral and fruity aromas. The wine is juicy, sweet, and fruity, with a good concentration that makes it harmonious and pleasant on the palate. A wine with a good structure, son of the favourable vintage.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Val delle Rose - Ciliegiole 2020

Maremma Toscana DOC

Light ruby red, with some reduction on the nose. The palate is tannic and astringent, but with good concentration. Not very complex, but nevertheless well-defined and correct.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

La Mozza - Ciliegiole BIO 2021

Maremma Toscana DOC

Purple, with ripe cherry aromas and some acidity. The body is round and juicy, with a sweetness that envelops the palate. The finish has some astringent tannin and a touch of bitterness, with a slight evolution. An interesting wine, but one that could benefit from more time.

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

Tenuta Agostinetto - Ciliegiole BIO Pozze Rosse 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Garnet ruby, with hints of oregano and herbs. It is juicy and fragrant, very fresh and acidic, with tannin providing a slightly rough texture. An agile and dynamic wine, with a clean, well-defined finish.

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

Il Poderone - Ciliegiole Briglia 2023

A bold purple ruby, with a very fragrant nose. The palate is dense and viscous, with good energy and a slightly mineral finish. The wine has good body and persistence, making it pleasant and energetic.

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

Tenuta Montauto - Ciliegiole Silio 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Purple with violet hues, the wine is very intense and dense already on the nose, with a firm, textured profile. The violet notes are predominant, giving the wine great personality. Juicy and fragrant on the palate, with a pleasant mineral component. It has good concentration and precision, but does not lack a certain lightness, while maintaining a good body.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cantina LaSelva - Ciliegiole BIO Satus 2021

Ruby red tending to garnet, natural and very sweet on the nose. The wine is full and fresh, with a big fruity opening. The palate is dense and mineral, with a dry and persistent finish. A wine that stands out for its freshness and structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Podere Poggio Bestiale - Ciliegiole Equo 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Bright ruby red, with sweet, juicy aromas. Ripe on the palate, but also mineral, with fine tannins and a pleasant, enveloping finish. A wine that plays between the sweetness of the fruit and a slight mineral push, resulting very balanced and interesting.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Fattoria Mantellassi - Ciliegiole Maestrale 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Bright ruby red, with hints of cherry and cerise. The wine is juicy, sweet and fragrant, with a freshness and balance that make it enveloping and pleasant on the palate. A well-balanced wine, with a light saline note that makes it perfect for food pairings.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Cantina Vignaioli di Scansano - Ciliegiole Capoccia 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

The wine has a dark colour and a strong aromatic profile, with mineral touches. It is juicy and sweet on the palate, but with a certain persistence that underlines its pleasantness. A correct and flowing wine, with a balanced structure, albeit with a slight fruity sensation that asserts itself in the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Aquilaia Estate - Ciliegiole 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Brilliant ruby with an intense nose dominated by notes of cherry and ripe red fruit. It is juicy and fragrant, with a nice energy that emerges from the freshness of the fine tannins. The fruity return is lively and well balanced, with a fibrous tannin that gives structure to the wine. A very well-balanced and persistent Ciliegiole, which is very pleasant to sip.

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

Cantina di Pitigliano - Ciliegiole Neltufo 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

The wine is a dark purple colour, with notes of ripe red fruit. It is very sweet, but on the palate it is a little acidic and loose, with a slender structure that is not too complex. Its simplicity makes it pleasant, but perhaps not quite balanced compared to other wines of the same denomination.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Poggio Brigante - Ciliegiole BIO Scampoli 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

The wine has a dark colour and a very intense perfume, anticipating a dense and material body. In the mouth it is rich, with a good harmony between matter and acidity. The sip is filling and full-bodied, with a persistence that confirms the quality of the product. A structured wine, but very pleasant.

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

Madre Lecci - Ciliegiole BIO 2023

Maremma Toscana DOC

Dark purple, the wine has a density that makes it a little heavy on the palate. Although pulpy, the sip lingers a little without evolving further. Although interesting, it lacks a little dynamism to be fully expressive.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sassotondo - Ciliegiole BIO Monte Calvo 2022

Maremma Toscana DOC

Dark and violet in colour, with a juicy and fragrant perfume of pure cherry. The palate is enveloping and of good concentration, with a classic and easily recognisable return. A well-made, balanced and pleasant wine, with a good structure that makes it an excellent choice.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cantina Vignaioli di Scansano - Capoccia Riserva 2020

Maremma Toscana DOC

An intense, garnet ruby colour, accompanied by subtle hints of evolution that herald a pleasant complexity. On the nose, an elegant bouquet of ripe red fruit emerges, with slight nuances of sweet spices and a hint of undergrowth. In the mouth, it is characterised by a solid, well-balanced structure, with silky tannins and an acidity that lends freshness and dynamism. The finish is long, with a lingering trail of ripe fruit and slightly balsamic notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

MONTECUCCO

Podere Borselli, Marraccone 2019

Montecucco Rosso

(organic) the wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, floral and a little sweet. It opens with floral notes of peony, iris and lilac, complemented by a touch of dried rose and cornflower. Then, it expresses the aromas of fresh red plum, morello cherry, sour red cherry, fresh raspberry and crushed blueberry, combined with notes of peppermint, fresh tobacco, mint chocolate in the background, as well as a spicy hint (cumin, cardamom, liquorice), lemon thyme and infusion (tea). The palate is straight, lively, tangy. The attack expresses a sharp acidity, a good bitterness, as well as fine and cocoa tannins (also with a bitter hint), but slightly grippy. Then we find the flavors of red cherry, cranberries, raspberry, morello cherry, blackcurrant and red plum, complemented by herbaceous touches (blackcurrant bud, lemon thyme, peppermint), floral (lilac, violet, cornflower) and spicy (cardamom, liquorice, a touch of white pepper and Timut pepper). Good length, lots of gourmandise on the nose and freshness on the palate.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Assolati 2019

Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

Beautiful, ripe and fruity nose that offers elegance and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of roasted-juicy wild red berries (in elegance), Cubeb pepper and small notes of crushed blackcurrant associated with touches of violet, small pulpy blue fruits and a discreet hint of

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black olive. The palate is nicely built, fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, energy, a certain small tension, precision as well as a nice brightness of fruit. Beautiful freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blueberry, bright red berries and small notes of roasted-elegant small red fruits associated with touches of tangy/juicy bigarreau cherry as well as hints of liquorice stick, tobacco, toast, a fine hint of rosemary, chocolate and a very discreet almost tapenade hint. Good length.

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

Basile – Cartacanta 2021

Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

(Organic) The nose is racy, a bit discreet and offers a fine grain as well as a fine velvety. It reveals notes of spices, blackberry and small notes of dry local grove associated with fine hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, supple and offers a certain pulpiness, breadth, gourmandize as well as purity in its fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackcurrant and small notes of fresh/juicy wild cherry associated with touches of iris, olive tree as well as fine hints of dry local grove, a subtle hint of spices, tonka bean and toasted almond. Tannins are mellow and gourmand/savory. A certain chewiness on the finish.

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

Castello Colle Massari – Poggio Lombrone 2018

Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity and a small concentration. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, cherry blossom, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of sage and grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a small fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/pulpy cherry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of cornflower, liquorice stick, star anise, fine hints of fresh sage, fresh rosemary, cardamom (in the background) as well as a hint of olive tree and toast. Tannins are sapid, fresh and supple. Good length. A beautiful grain especially on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Assolati 2018

Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is racy. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of camphor associated with fine touches of dry local soil / sense of place (local biotope) as well as fine hints of fresh spices and a subtle hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a racy acidity as well as a fresh varietal / sappy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, rose, bay leaf, olive tree and small notes of fresh rosemary associated with touches of small red fruits as well as hints of crunchy plum and clove. Tannins are mellow, sapid and stretched. A wine quite marked by its minerality and a sappy side.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Assolati 2019

Montecucco Sangiovese Riserva DOCG

The nose is spicy, aromatic and offers a certain small power. There are notes of wild blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of wild red berries, Cubeb pepper as well as fine hints of laurel berries, local grove, a hint of saffron and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain gourmandize, precision, suavity, a certain racy minerality, a small fat as well as a fine compact side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, wild raspberry

and small notes of crunchy small fruits associated with touches of crunchy purple plum, bay leaf, olive tree as well as a hint of cardamom, camphor, sweet pepper and fine hints of tobacco. The wine needs to be decanted.

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

Basile – Ad Agio 2019

Montecucco Sangiovese Riserva DOCG

(organic) The nose offers fruit, elegance, a delicate pepper side as well as a nice finesse and intensity of the grain, with an airy side. There are notes of bright boysenberry, bright strawberry and small notes of rosemary, thyme associated with touches of bright red berries, hints of violet, cherry blossom as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a hint of bergamot. The palate is beautifully built, supple, precise and offers mellowness, precision as well as tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy boysenberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of bright red berries associated with touches of bay leaf, rosemary as well as hints of bergamot/black tea, sweet spices, vanilla, fine hints of toasted hazelnut and sweet pepper. Tannins are sapid and elegant. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Pianore – Tiniatus 2018

Montecucco

(Organic) The nose is spicy. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of nutmeg, sweet pepper and small notes of spices associated with touches of small ripe fruits as well as a hint of tobacco. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, tracing and well-balanced. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy red berries and small notes of fresh cherry associated with fine floral touches, pine needle, pine forest as well as discreet hints of star anise, clove, a subtle hint of spices and smoke. Tannins are sapid, iodized and mellow. Good length.

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

Castello Colle Massari 2020

Montecucco Riserva

The nose is aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of rosemary, small wild fruits and small notes of pepper associated with touches of nutmeg, spices as well as a hint of olive and tobacco. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fresh, well-balanced and offers fruit, a certain brightness, a nice minerality as well as a fine airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, fresh red berries and small notes of rosemary associated with touches of cornflower, rosemary, a hint of fresh pine needle as well as a hint of clove, nutmeg and camphor. Good length.

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

BOLGHERI

Argentiera, Villa Donoratico 2021

Bolgheri Rosso

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fruity, juicy and airy, with a pleasant acidulous frame as well as a saline mineral touch in the background. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry and tangy blueberry, associated with a touch of aromatic herbs (rosemary, bay leaf, thyme), a delicate floral perfume (peony, rose), as well as subtle spicy and toasted touches (liquorice, cardamom, coriander seeds, crushed pink pepper, sweet coffee, toasted hazelnut in the cocoa background). The palate offers accuracy, straightness and juiciness. It expresses the flavors of sour red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, sour strawberry, wild blackberry and blueberry, combined with a fine herbaceous hint (dried aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, fresh bay leaf, a hint of olive leaf, dried pine needles), a toasted and chocolatey touch (toasted almond, bitter cocoa), as well as a hint of violet and a slight minerality that appears on the persistence. The finish is long, gourmet, on flavors of red cherry with chocolate and

a good bitterness, reminiscent of citrus fruits (grapefruit, bergamot) which develops towards cocoa notes (mint chocolate, bitter cocoa). Beautiful fresh and salivating acidity. Beautiful concentration, good potential, balance and lots of flavors.

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

Argentiera 2021

Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color. The nose is fragrant, spicy and woody at the opening: it expresses notes of toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, cocoa, vanilla and dark chocolate with mint. Then, we find a juicy and concentrated fruity material, with a light touch of chocolate (morello cherry in chocolate) – fresh morello cherry, wild blackberry, red cherry jam, ripe strawberry, crushed black plum and crushed raspberry. There are fragrant and refreshing notes of peppermint, dried rosemary, roasted bouquet garni, as well as peony and violet. The palate offers tension, a tangy side and a solid and gripping tannic structure. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, wild blackberry and bird cherry, accompanied by notes of roasting (coffee, toasted almond), dark chocolate, as well as dried and roasted aromatic herbs (roasted bouquet garni, dried mint). The finish is savory, with elegant floral notes (peony, violet, wild rose) and juicy fruity flavors (morello cherry, red cherry), complemented by a pleasant bitterness of dark chocolate.

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

Campo alla Sughera, Arnione 2020

Bolgheri Superiore

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic, roasted and smoky at the opening (roasted herbs, roasted meat in the background) and then becomes fruity, even sweet. We find notes of ripe morello cherry, red cherry in chocolate, mint chocolate, blackberry, blackcurrant, crushed blueberry and wild strawberry, associated with spicy notes (cardamom, smoked pepper, liquorice), toasted (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood in the background) and floral (lilac, peony, violet). After aeration, we also find refreshing herbaceous notes (peppermint, rosemary, pine needles). The palate is silky, enveloping and juicy, with velvety, polished and melted, but solid tannins. It expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, chocolate red cherry, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with a spicy and gourmet chocolatey hint (notes of liquorice, vanilla, dark chocolate, cocoa, nutmeg, smoked pepper), as well as a floral hint (lilac, peony, dried cornflower) and roasting (sweet coffee, toasted almond). The finish is long, gourmet, concentrated and dense, with a good bitterness of cocoa and dark chocolate, with a refreshing acidity. Concentration, density and an elegant and controlled richness. Beautiful harmony.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

TOSCANA IGT

La Massa, Carla 6 2021

Toscana Rosso

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it is rather reserved, but offers concentration and opens up after aeration. It initially expresses a clear minerality in notes of limestone, dry stones and slightly saline, which are then complemented by floral (wild rose, cornflower), herbaceous (dried peppermint, fresh tea, a hint of fresh tobacco and rose leaf), fruity aromas (red cherry, raspberry, strawberry, blueberry, a touch of morello cherry and blackcurrant), as well as a hint of white pepper and bitter almond in the background. The palate is tight, with a noticeable bitterness on the attack (reminiscent of grapefruit and bergamot) and grippy, tight, slightly grainy tannins. It then expresses notes of

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black fruits (blackcurrant, bird cherry, morello cherry), associated with tangy flavors of red fruits (raspberry, bigarreau cherry, cranberries). We also sense herbaceous notes of black tea, dried blackcurrant leaf and rose stem, complemented by peppery touches (crushed black pepper, Timut pepper) and cardamom. The finish is quite persistent, with a salivating acidity and a good bitterness of grapefruit, bird cherry and cocoa.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

La Massa, Giorgio Primo 2020

Toscana Rosso

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is dense, concentrated, complex, but requires aeration to open up. It then expresses pleasant spicy notes with a touch of menthol (liquorice, cardamom), associated with a fresh and airy herbaceous hint (peppermint, fresh tea leaf, a very slight hint of rose stem and blackcurrant bud), as well as a fresh and tangy fruitiness (bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, blueberry, wild blackberry, fresh raspberry, tangy strawberry), dark chocolate and a slight toasted and woody note (toasted hazelnut, fresh wood, a sappy hint). The palate is dense, tight, concentrated and enveloping (but not completely open), but airy, with a fresh and tangy fruity material and a firm but velvety tannic structure. It expresses notes of morello cherry, black plum, blackberry, blackcurrant, as well as red cherry, ripe strawberry and raspberry coulis in the background, combined with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, a hint of toasted vanilla and white pepper), delicate but perceptible hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, toasted bitter almond, a hint of fresh wood and sap), as well as herbs (fresh and dried tea leaf, dried peppermint, dried blackcurrant leaf, a hint of tobacco) and the bitterness of dark chocolate and coffee. The finish is savory, rich, concentrated, with a nice acidity. A wine with good development potential, but not yet opened.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Scopone Rimani 2021

Toscana Rosso

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers gourmandise, concentration and a touch of sweet fruit. It expresses notes of morello cherry (with a touch of morello cherry jam), black plum, blackberry, wild strawberry, red cherry and blackcurrant, combined with notes of dried peppermint, fresh tobacco, as well as violet, cornflower and lily. There is also a touch of liquorice, toasted vanilla (in the background), toasted hazelnut, coffee and dark chocolate. The palate is juicy, gourmand and fresh, with a tight and grippy tannin structure, as well as a bitter touch of bird cherry. We then find notes of red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry and raspberry, associated with herbaceous notes (blackcurrant leaf, rose stem), spiciness (white pepper, liquorice, crushed cardamom), roasting (toasted bitter almond, coffee, cocoa), as well as a slight hint of citrus in the background (bergamot, grapefruit). The finish is tight, tannic, with a lively and salivating acidity, which balances the drying side of the tannins. A wine that needs time to soften the tannins.

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

Bertinga, Volta di Bertinga 2019

Toscana

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose offers depth, a textured touch, complexity and delicacy. It expresses savoury herbaceous and toasted notes at the beginning (dried rosemary, dried bay leaf, peppermint, dried menthol, toasted bread, toasted hazelnut), complemented by a racy minerality (dry stone, a very light touch of tar, a hint of limestone and saline). We find a ripe, fresh and tangy fruitiness: aromas of red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, dried cranberries, as well as floral finish (violet, cornflower, wild rose), spicy (liquorice, crushed cardamom), toasted and chocolatey

notes (toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate, a tangy hint of cocoa nibs). The palate is enveloping, textured, solid, while remaining refined and airy. The attack expresses a firm structure of tannins with their bitterness (in the notes of bird cherry, coffee and cocoa), complemented by a tangy and juicy fruity material (red cherry, tangy black plum, blackcurrant, bigarreaux cherry, dried blueberry), a savoury spiciness (liquorice, cardamom, toasted coriander seeds, a hint of nutmeg and white pepper), as well as herbaceous and floral notes (peppermint, tobacco, dried cornflower, violet, wild rose), a tertiary hint (tobacco, undergrowth in the background) and toasted notes (toasted bread, toasted hazelnut). The finish is persistent, on a good bitterness and smokiness of bergamot and bird cherry, as well as with a salivating acidity that softens the tight tannins. Complexity, a solid structure and good potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bertinga 2017

Toscana

The wine has a medium-intensity ruby color, with slight garnet reflections. The nose is reserved, but offers a complex and concentrated perfume, which opens up after aeration. It first expresses delicate tertiary notes (tobacco, a hint of undergrowth and wet leaves), as well as balsamic and a mineral touch (dry stone, tar). Then, we find herbaceous notes (dried mint, dried laurel, dried tobacco), associated with a delicate floral bouquet (dried rose, dried cornflower, a hint of fresh lilac). The fruity aromas are pleasant and fresh (red cherry, blackcurrant, red plum, morello cherry, blackberry), with a subtle touch of prunes, roasted strawberry and dried red cherry. The toasted and spicy notes are subtle and appear after aeration (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood, a hint of dark chocolate, liquorice and crushed black pepper). The palate is tasty and expressive, with an attack on a distinct tertiary side (dried tobacco, undergrowth, even mushrooms). Then, we find the fruity material (fresh morello cherry, fresh red cherry, dried red cherry, dried cranberries, blackcurrant, prunes and roasted strawberry in the background), associated with a spicy and toasted side (liquorice, black pepper, cardamom, coffee, toasted almond, cocoa), as well as dried black tea and dried rose. The finish is persistent, on the tertiary notes of undergrowth and wet leaves. Good level of acidity, the tannins are solid, firm, even dry, but rather integrated.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

Terra di Monteverro 2020

Toscana

(organic) The wine has a medium intensity ruby color. The nose offers tension, concentration of freshness and a distinct and elegant mineral touch of limestone and salinity. The fruits are juicy and fresh, with a beautiful acidulous frame – we find aromas of wild blackberry, cassis, morello cherry, a tannic and slightly bitter touch of bird cherry, ripe red cherry, as well as crushed raspberry and juicy strawberry. After aeration, we find herbal and minty notes of peppermint, pine needles, a sappy hint of pine bark, bay leaf, ripe olive, as well as Mediterranean herbs, chervil and dill in the background. The toasted and spicy side is very delicate and refined – we feel the notes of toasted almond, the bitterness of cocoa and lightly roasted coffee, heated wood, as well as liquorice, a touch of green anise, cardamom and Timut pepper in the background. The palate is straight, precise, with a lot of freshness and accuracy. The attack is firm, tight, with a good bitterness of bird cherry and sapid, fine, but solid tannins (slightly dry on the attack). We then find the notes of morello cherry, sour red cherry, blackcurrant, cranberries, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, Timut pepper), aromatic herbs with a methol hint (wild mint, pine needles, as well as bay leaf, ripe olive). There are also notes of heated wood, toasted almond, a tangy hint of cocoa nibs and Mediterranean herbs. The finish is long, with refreshing notes of bay leaf, olive, fresh tea leaf and

dried blackcurrant leaf, as well as a slightly dry limestone minerality that appears on the persistence (balanced by a hint of juicy morello cherry). Beautiful acidity that brings a lot of freshness. A structured and solid wine.

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

Monteverro 2020

Toscana

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, savoury and expressive. It opens with notes of fresh ripe and roasted fruits (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, black plum with a hint of prunes, ripe blackcurrant, crushed blueberry, wild blackberry, ripe wild strawberry), which are complemented by spicy notes (liquorice, crushed cardamom, white pepper, a touch of cumin and nutmeg), herbaceous (dried wild herbs, dried rosemary, dried peppermint, fresh thyme) and floral (thyme flower, iris, lilac, wild rose), as well as fresh almond, toasted hazelnut, cocoa nibs, fresh coffee and dark chocolate. As it develops the wine expresses notes of pine bark, dried pine needles, as well as mineral notes of limestone, wet stone and a hint of salt in the background, complemented by a savory touch of roasted bouquet garni. The palate is suave, velvety and supple, with a soft and enveloping texture, but dense and gourmand. It expresses flavors of ripe morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, wild blackberry and blueberry, combined with herbal notes (bay leaf, olive, peppermint, a hint of cassis bud, dried pine needles), floral notes (violet, thyme flower, wild rose), a race minerality (wet stone, limestone), as well as sweet coffee, fresh bitter almond, toasted hazelnut in the background of cocoa nibs and dark chocolate. The tannins are firm, fine-textured, solid and slightly dry, but balanced by refreshing acidity. The finish is long, precise and gourmande, with good bitterness of bird cherry and cocoa, an enveloping side of chocolate morello cherry, as well as a smoky touch of bergamot and a hint of limestone minerality. A powerful, well-constructed wine, but at the same time refined and elegant.

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

La Massa 2021

Toscana

The nose is frank, precise, spicy and offers a certain small power full of precision. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild red fruits and small notes of arbutus associated with touches of cornflower, tobacco, star anise as well as fine hints of Cubeb pepper. The palate is fruity, supple, fresh and offers a beautiful pulpy/brilliant fruit, elegance, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, bright cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed small red fruits, arbutus as well as hints of racy minerality, almost pine needle, thyme, fine hints of sweet pepper and spices. An imperceptible almost mandarin hint in the background. A nice and discreet work on the varietal (in the background) which leads the tasting. A hint of roasting on the finish/persistence

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pergolaia 2021

Toscana IGT

Lovely fruity nose, fresh, mineral, racy and offers good definition as well as a lovely grain. It reveals notes of fleshy/ juicy strawberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of bright wild cassis as well as fine racy/racy minerality hints, blond tobacco and fresh sweet spices. The palate is fruity, nicely acidulous and offers freshness, minerality, accuracy, gourmandise, a certain little tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with touches of juicy/ bright berries as well as hints of blueberry and nutmeg. A very lovely sapidity and gourmandise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Brunello di Montalcino

Held from November 14 to 18, the event marked its 33rd edition, showcasing the latest vintages produced by the prestigious DOCG established in 1980—the first in Italy to achieve this milestone. This year, the traditional commemorative tile was designed by acclaimed director and screenwriter Ferzan Özpetek. Over 120 wineries presented more than 500 labels to the trade press and industry professionals, with experts from 10 countries and over 2,500 attendees. Fabrizio Bindocci, president of the Consorzio del Vino Brunello di Montalcino, expressed satisfaction with the success of the event, which brought producers back in person. Among the innovations of this edition was the debut of “Brunello Forma”, a new method for evaluating vintages.

The Brunello di Montalcino DOCG denomination spans approximately 2,100 hectares (5,200 acres) of vineyards, accounting for about 15% of the Montalcino municipality (which covers a total of 24,000 hectares). Vineyards are situated at varying altitudes, from 149 to 500 meters above sea level, and grow on diverse soil types, including limestone, clay, schist, volcanic soils, and galestro, contributing to the wines' complexity and uniqueness.

The wine is made exclusively from Sangiovese grapes. For the standard Brunello, it must age for a minimum of 5 years (2 years in wooden barrels and 4 months in the bottle), while the Riserva version requires 6 years of aging (including 2 years in barrels and 6 months in the bottle). Commercial release cannot occur before January 1 of the fifth or sixth year after the harvest.

The Vintages in the show: 2020 and 2019
In the glasses, the 2020 and 2019 vintages stood out.

2020 was marked by a hot, dry summer, with significant rainfall only in September. This resulted in medium-bodied wines with remarkable aromatic finesse.

2019, on the other hand, benefited from more balanced climatic conditions, producing wines of great structure and complexity, with softer tannins and significant aging potential.

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BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

Poggio di Sotto 2018

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose expresses freshness (the cool summer and spring during the vintage) in its menthol nuance (the aromas of pine needles, mint), herbaceous (blackcurrant bud) and notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, crunchy strawberry, redcurrant, blackcurrant), associated with a tangy touch of citrus fruits (bergamot, blood orange peel). We also find spicy notes of liquorice and nutmeg, as well as a hint of toasted almond. The palate is slender, elegant, rather firm, but offers a gourmet fruitiness (tangy strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, redcurrant), we also find the citrus side (blood orange peel, bergamot) and herbaceous notes of blackcurrant bud and pine needles. A delicate tanginess in the notes of roasting – we smell more cocoa nibs than chocolate, as well as notes of liquorice and a racy minerality (dry stone, an earthy hint) as well as undergrowth. Fineness and delicacy in the mouth, the tannins are fine and polished.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Poggio di Sotto 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is refined, subtly spicy (liquorice, cardamom, fresh vanilla, cumin, white pepper) and floral (peony, rose, iris). The fruits on the nose are fresh and juicy, not overripe: we find aromas of blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry, bigarreaux cherry and wild blackberry. We also find a gourmet toasted notes (toasted hazelnut, toasted almond) and a citrus acidity (blood orange). The palate is enveloping and juicy: we find flavors of morello cherry, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant, bigarreaux cherry and wild blackberry, associated with notes of toasted almond, liquorice, cardamom, vanilla, peony and rose, as well as a touch of dried blood orange zest. The tannins are tight, a little firm, but sapid and juicy, with a solid structure. Lively acidity, good length with the tangy notes of cassia and citrus zest on the persistence. A wine on the reserved and closed for the moment, but with potential.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Poggio di Sotto 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is more open than that of the 2019 vintage. It expresses notes of juicy fruits (morello cherry, strawberry, juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry, raspberry coulis), a toasted hint (toasted hazelnut, toasted wood), sweet spices (licorice, a slight hint of vanilla), a sweet floral hint (iris), mint chocolate and chocolate morello cherry. The palate is also open and enveloping – it expresses flavors of wild strawberry, morello cherry, juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry and wild blackberry, combined with a spicy, cocoa and gourmet toasted nuance (liquorice, fresh vanilla, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond). There is also a slight earthy touch, balsamic and blood orange peel. The tannins are less tight than in the wine of the 2019 vintage, but well structured and solid, with finesse and a powdery texture. A lively salivating acidity and a good persistence in the mouth.

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

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is refined, fruity and herbaceous. It expresses notes of roasted bouquet garni, red cherry, roasted strawberry, fresh morello cherry, roasted raspberry, cranberries, liquorice, as well as a light toasted touch and a fine floral hint (cornflower, violet). The palate is fresh, juicy, tangy. It expresses fruity flavors (morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry, strawberry), roasted bouquet garni, liquorice and violet. with a pleasant bitterness, fine and structured tannins as well as good persistence. Accuracy and straightness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Pianrosso 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

(pianrosso – “red soil”, volcanic, rich in minerals and iron oxide). The nose is ripe and gourmand. It offers light metallic notes, a racy minerality, aromas of fresh and dried fruits (morello cherry, dried red cherry, blackcurrant, bird cherry, a hint of cranberries and crushed raspberry). We also find a perfumed and marked floral bouquet (violet, peony, cornflower), as well as notes of fresh almond, rosemary and liquorice. The palate is precise, expressive, powerful and straight. It offers a juicy fruitiness with its notes of morello cherry, dried cherry, crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry and bird cherry, as well as floral touches (violet, peony), liquorice, fresh almond and toasted almond in the background. The finish is long, tangy and slightly bitter (good bitterness of bird cherry).

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Vigna di Pianrosso, Riserva Santa Caterina d'Oro 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fragrant and floral, with light tertiary notes (dried rose, dried cornflower, dried tobacco). There are also aromas of fresh fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant), dried fruit (dried blackcurrant, dried morello cherry), blood orange, herbaceous touches (dried rosemary, dried pine needles) and a delicate spicy hint (liquorice, cumin, nutmeg). The palate offers concentration and density. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, dried morello cherry, dried blackcurrant, blood orange, with a good bitterness of coffee and bird cherry, as well as toasted notes. The finish is long, straight and slender, a little closed, with a floral and toasted touch on a tangy persistence. The tannins are finely tight.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Pianrosso 2017

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is elegant and harmonious. The tertiary notes of dried rose, dry fallen leaves and tobacco are balanced by a fresh touch of mint and sap, as well as a tangy and fresh fruity material (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, blackcurrant, bird cherry). There are also notes of bitter almond, chocolate, cocoa nibs, as well as a spicy hint of liquorice. The palate is suave, elegant and refined, with a balance between tertiary and fruity notes. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant and cranberries, associated with notes of tobacco, dry leaves, liquorice, chocolate, bitter almond, liquorice and cocoa nibs. The finish is persistent, cocoa-like (on notes of bitter cocoa and cocoa nibs), slightly spicy. The tannins are fine, melted and lacy, but tight.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Val di Suga 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is refined and elegant. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, blackcurrant, tangy strawberry), a fragrant floral bouquet (cornflower, violet) and a herbaceous freshness (thyme, rosemary), with a racy minerality and a slight toasted touch. The palate is elegant, silky, slightly cocoa-flavored (dark chocolate, cocoa). It also expresses flavors of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, a hint of blood orange, blackcurrant, tangy strawberry, as well as fresh herbs (thyme, rosemary), a floral fragrance (violet, cornflower) and a delicate minerality. The tannins are powdery and elegant, with a beautiful finesse. A vibrant and crisp expression of Sangiovese.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Brunello di Montalcino

Val di Suga, Vigna del Lago 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fragrant, refined and herbaceous. It expresses notes of Mediterranean herbs (thyme, dried rosemary, maquis), dried wild flowers as well as ripe tangy fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, blueberry), combined with touches of citrus fruits (blood orange, bergamot), a slight toasted and slightly bitter touch, as well as a hint of liquorice. The palate offers depth, power and at the same time – finesse in its tannic structure. We find a refreshing nuance of menthol, notes of Mediterranean herbs (maquis, dried rosemary, thyme, a touch of menthol), as well as a tangy fruity side (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, cranberries, raspberries, blackcurrant), blood orange peel, liquorice, mint chocolate and toast. A refined, deep wine, with an elegant structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Val di Suga, Poggio al Granchio 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, spicy, smoky, with a delicate meaty touch. It expresses notes of fresh ripe and dried fruits (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, a hint of blackberry and black plum), liquorice, elegant floral notes of violet and cornflower, as well as a racy minerality of dried stone and cocoa. The palate is subtle, melted and refined, with enveloping, cocoa-like, silky and elegant tannins. It expresses notes of blackberry, black plum, morello cherry, blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry and blueberry, combined with an elegant floral side (cornflower, violet), notes of liquorice, cocoa and dried stone. A persistent, tasty, velvety, slightly toasted and smoky finish. Good potential, power and elegance.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Val di Suga, Vigna Spuntali 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is dense, deep, complex and harmonious. It expresses floral notes of iris and lilac, blood orange peel, roasted Mediterranean herbs, toasted hazelnut, chocolate, liquorice, ripe and generous fruits (black plum, blackberry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis), mint chocolate, liquorice and toasted vanilla. The palate is dense, ripe, finely sweet (but without residual sugar), with a silky, rich, enveloping and lacy texture of tannins. We find a beautiful refined power and richness of flavors – notes of fresh ripe and jammy fruits (crushed morello cherry, chocolate morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, blackberry, black plum), as well as mint chocolate, roasted aromatic herbs, fresh sage, a hint of smoke and toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate and toasted vanilla. A wine of great finesse, power and with a beautiful harmony.

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

Ruffino Greppone Mazzi 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose requires aeration and seems closed, but offers a beautiful concentration, accuracy and tension, as well as complexity. Then, we find notes of fresh juicy morello cherry, dried morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, blackberry, blackcurrant, raspberry coulis, as well as a fairly present but tasty herbaceous side, which brings complexity and freshness (peppermint, fresh and dried, dried tobacco, bouquet garni especially dried bay leaf), an expressive racy minerality (dry gravel, a little chalky), opening up becomes rounder and more gourmet, on red fruits with chocolate, gourmet spices (liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg, cumin, cardamom) and toast (toasted hazelnut, coffee) black plum and crushed blueberry in the background. The palate is concentrated, fresh, deep while remaining refined (fresh morello cherry, red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blueberry, blackberry, blackcurrant, raspberry), with an elegant and complex mentholated touch and spiciness (liquorice, cardamom,

fresh pine needles), a touch of mint chocolate, cocoa, a sweet floral side (iris, lilac, peony, a hint of dried rose), the tannins are enveloping and very savoury (spicy and cocoa) A very supple and aromatic wine, with tension from the concentration. Beautiful persistence, very gourmet on sweet spices (nutmeg) and cocoa. Closed complexity and potential.

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

Banfi Poggio alle Mura 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is tense, concentrated, complex and precise with a marked minerality (dry stone, even slightly tar) and a rich fruitiness (fresh fruits – strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, and dried – dried red cherry, dried raspberry with a hint of acidity). Notes of roasting on the nose are delicate but perceptible (toasted hazelnut, coffee, toasted almond), associated with roasted herbs (roasted bouquet garni) and dried herbs (dried peppermint), with a piercing but integrated spicy note (licorice, even star anise, toasted vanilla in the background), as well as touches of dried flowers (rose) and a tertiary hint of tobacco and undergrowth in the background. The palate is airy, tense, precise, tangy and fresh. It expresses more fruit notes than dried fruit – tangy strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, red currant, morello cherry, plus fresh and dried blackcurrant, the same for herbs – more fresh than dried herb notes (peppermint, rosemary, a hint of roasted bouquet garni), as well as a touch of dried rose and undergrowth, and a delicate and integrated toasted and spicy notes (coffee, almond and toasted hazelnut). Juiciness and gourmandise on the persistence (juicy fruit, grilled vanilla and chocolate in the background). The finish is long, with a salivating acidity.

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

Banfi Vigna Marrucheto 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is gourmand, roasted and expresses aromas of fresh ripe and dried fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, roasted and dried red cherry, roasted raspberry, red currants, fresh blackcurrant), as well as an expressive menthol scent after aeration – liquorice, cardamom, peppermint, dried pine needles, a hint of Mediterranean herbs), as well as a fine toasted and cocoa side in the background (toasted bitter almond, coffee, cocoa). The nose is tense and straight while remaining refined and floral (lilac, cornflower). The palate is savoury, very fresh and tangy (red cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, raspberry, crunchy raspberry), with a fresh hint of menthol and touches of tasty spices (liquorice, cardamom, white pepper, hint of nutmeg). Beautiful persistence on fine toasted flavours (hazelnut, coffee, wood and cocoa in the background, plus a very light touch of grilled vanilla), freshness, a nice acidity, the tannins are finely tight.

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

Banfi Castello Banfi 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved, but opens after aeration in spicy and toasted aromas (white pepper, liquorice, toasted vanilla, toasted wood, toasted almond and hazelnut, coffee). The toasted notes are pronounced, but harmoniously integrated, we also find ripe and tangy fruits (crunchy strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry, a hint of blueberry, blackberry, cranberry jam), delicate and pleasant sweet spices (cardamom), associated with a fine hint of menthol (dried pine needles, dried peppermint), as well as a touch of tobacco and dried rose. The palate is savoury, sapid and expressive, with a toasted attack, slightly tertiary (undergrowth, tobacco), associated with a touch of cocoa, dried cherry, dried mint, cardamom, bouquet garni and a hint of cornflower in the background. The fruits are ripe and tangy (crunchy strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry, a hint of blueberry, blackberry). Good persistence on spices (cardamom). A wine with accuracy, finesse, and

expressiveness while remaining refined, with freshness and elegance in power. The tannins are fine, tight, solid and well constructed.

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

Cupano 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose offers expressive fruits, with a hint of maceration (morello cherry, macerated red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, roasted raspberry, red plum, jammy cranberries), even a bit of alcohol and kirsch. Then, we find an expressive peppery note, and toasted aromas present (hazelnut, almond, toasted wood, toasted bread, a hint of coffee and bitter cocoa). After aeration, the nose expresses herbaceous notes, liquorice, menthol, thyme, fresh tobacco and a racy minerality (dry stone). The palate is gourmand, tense, expressive and enveloping, with lots of fruits, tight tannins, slightly bitter, but enveloped, and well structured. It expresses more notes of tangy fruits (morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, red plum, cranberry jam, fresh cranberries, bigarreau cherry), associated with notes of roasting (toasted almond, coffee). Beautiful tangy fruity material and firmness in the mouth, with noticeable spicy and minty flavours (liquorice, nutmeg, fresh herbs). Savoury, gourmet finish, with a good bitterness. A very young wine, with potential and firmness, which still needs to soften. An elegant and solid structure.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Sassodisole, Sasso di Luna 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is concentrated, aromatic, dense, and expresses aromas of ripe and roasted fruits (juicy morello cherry, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis), as well as balsamic, cardamom, licorice, white pepper, nutmeg, fresh tobacco, sage and dried mint. There is also a very light touch of vanilla, peony and lilac, a gourmet and integrated toasted side (hazelnut and almond, a touch of coffee in the background), mint chocolate. The palate is lively, chiseled, fair, enveloping, fresh, with a hint of coffee bitterness, gourmet fruity flavors (morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis), but more on the tangy side (red cherry, cranberries), complemented by spicy notes of cardamom, licorice, and nutmeg. Good persistence, which adds notes of tobacco, cocoa, fresh aromatic herbs (bouquet garni, mint) and a good bitterness. The wine is closed and tight at first, but opens up gradually. The tannins are finely tight, powdery, cocoa. A well-constructed and balanced wine.

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

Camigliano 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is very aromatic, gourmand and expressive, with complexity, a fine minerality and freshness. It expresses a distinct spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, clove), which is complemented by notes of dried and roasted fruits (dried red cherry, roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, dried raspberry, fresh tart strawberry in the background, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant), a hint of fresh tobacco, balsamic, crushed mint, as well as a touch of mint chocolate, a hint of fresh hazelnut and toasted hazelnut. The palate is juicy, enveloping, with freshness and roundness. It expresses notes of ripe fresh fruit (red cherry, fresh morello cherry, raspberry, fresh tart strawberry, crushed blueberry, blackcurrant), balsamic, crushed mint, a hint of sage and fresh aromatic herbs, a fine bitterness of cocoa, coffee, fresh hazelnut and toast in the background. The tannins are fine, structured and polished, slightly tight. The finish is sapid, persistent and salivating, on notes of tart red cherry, crushed blueberry, balsamic and tobacco on the persistence, with a good bitterness of cranberries and bird cherry and with gourmandise.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

Brunello di Montalcino

Camigliano Paesaggio Inatteso 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is expressive, concentrated, savoury, spicy, balsamic and toasted at first. Then, it expresses notes of fresh, tangy and macerated fruits (prunes, ripe morello cherry, roasted morello cherry, morello cherry jam, red cherry with kirsch, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, wild blackberry), as well as dark chocolate, mint in the background. A slight tertiary side adds complexity, associated with floral touches (lilac, iris), fresh tobacco, balsamic, fresh pine needles, as well as spices (nutmeg, white pepper, liquorice and cardamom) and dried fruits (fresh almond, hazelnut with a toasted touch). The palate is lively, tangy, with fresh fruits (plum, morello cherry, morello cherry jam, red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, wild blackberry), combined with a hint of crushed mint, balsamic, sage and fresh tobacco, fresh almond, toasted hazelnut. Fewer tertiary flavors on the palate, a very delicate hint of undergrowth and spices (nutmeg, cardamom). Beautiful tangy persistence on the fruits, complemented by a fresh hint of blackcurrant bud. The tannins are finely tight.

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

Campogiovanni 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is refined, aromatic and fruity. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, morello cherry in chocolate, wild strawberry, cherry jam in the background, raspberry coulis, chocolate with mint, as well as a distinct spiciness (vanilla in the background, liquorice, hint of cardamom, nutmeg), associated with aromas of iris, peony, sweet tobacco, fresh aromatic herbs (thyme, thyme flower, fresh rosemary), cocoa, coffee with milk in the background and fresh hazelnut. The palate offers structure, straightness, tension and certain firmness, a good bitterness of bird cherry. It expresses gourmet fruity notes with more acidity than on the nose (fresh morello cherry, tangy strawberry, red cherry jam in the background, crushed raspberry), a refined spiciness (cardamom, white pepper, a hint of liquorice), as well as touches of café au lait, hazelnut, a hint of cocoa, roasted herbs (bouquet garni) and a floral hint (cornflower, lilac). A good persistence, tension and straightness in this tight, tangy, but enveloped and juicy. The tannins are a bit grainy and grippy, but can soften with time.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Scopone 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved and requires aeration. Then, it expresses notes of roasted and fresh fruits (roasted red cherry, dried cherry, crushed black plum, fresh blackberry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, hint of crushed blackcurrant), spicy touches (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), fresh aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, crushed mint in the background, a hint of fresh tobacco, dried basil), a slight hint of enveloped roasting and toast (sweet coffee, toasted hazelnut), mint chocolate, balsamic, cornflower and dried rose. The palate offers precision and tension, tight but fine tannins, slightly grippy. It expresses notes of fresh tangy fruits (crushed black plum, fresh blackberry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, hint of crushed blackcurrant), combined with a hint of dried red cherry, herbs (basil, menthol, fresh thyme, dried mint, fresh tobacco), a fine balsamic nuance, as well as notes of faded rose in the background and dried cornflower. There are also sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), as well as a hint of coffee, cocoa and toasted hazelnut. Good savoury, tangy persistence, on the note of macerated cherry.

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

Caparzo 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of ripe red fruits (morello cherry,

strawberry, crushed raspberry, dried red cherry), aromatic herbs (bay leaf, thyme, rosemary), a touch of roasting (toast, coffee, hazelnut), cocoa, dried rose and cornflower in the background. The palate is juicy, with fine and silky tannins. It expresses notes of fresh fruits (morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, raspberry) with a dominance of tangy red cherry and the bitterness of bird cherry, aromatic herbs (bay leaf, thyme, rosemary), with notes of bay leaf and thyme, more pronounced, a fine toasted hint in the background (hazelnut, coffee), as well as some spiciness (nutmeg, dried liquorice). A straight, chiseled wine, with accuracy, freshness, good tangy persistence and structure.

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

Caparzo Vigna La Casa 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

Beautiful tension and concentration on the nose, with pronounced and gourmand notes of savoury spices (nutmeg, cumin, liquorice, a hint of white pepper and cardamom) associated with a roasted hint of herbs and fruits (roasted bouquet garni, roasted thyme, roasted rosemary, roasted red cherry, a hint of roasted raspberry), as well as the freshness of fresh herbs (fresh peppermint, fresh rosemary) and fresh fruits (raspberry, red cherry, morello cherry, red plum). It also expresses a gourmet toasted nuance - dark chocolate and toasted hazelnut, associated with a sweet floral bouquet (rose, peony). The mouth is enveloping, ample, while remaining fresh and fruity. It expresses notes of morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry, raspberry coulis, blackcurrant, blueberry, sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, black pepper, cardamom), fresh and roasted herbs (thyme, rosemary, dried bay leaf), as well as a toasted flavours with a hint of bitterness (coffee, toasted almond). Good persistence, freshness, a slightly bitter and tangy finish, beautiful flavor.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Castiglion del Bosco 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is spicy, with pronounced balsamic notes, as well as a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), associated with fresh and dried fruits (fresh morello cherry, dried cherry, blackberry, cranberries, raspberry, blackcurrant), with aromas of herbs (basil, bay leaf, rosemary, a hint of fresh tobacco), lily and roasting in the background (toasted almond, fresh hazelnut, a hint of bitter cocoa). The palate is fruity, airy and expresses more fresh fruits than dried fruits (fresh morello cherry, blackberry, cranberries, raspberry, blackcurrant), notes of fresh herbs (thyme, a hint of mint, rosemary), as well as a good bitterness of coffee, bird cherry and fresh almond in the background. The tannins are tight, gripping, softened by a salivating acidity. Good length on the bitterness of the fruits, flavor, and a pronounced touch of coffee on the persistence.

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

Castiglion del Bosco Campo del Drago 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is dense, concentrated, very gourmand, even sweet - it expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, morello cherry in chocolate, ripe black plum, balanced by the bitterness of dark chocolate, as well as an expressive herbaceous and spicy hint and enveloped notes of dried rosemary, thyme, crushed peppermint, dried basil, a hint of tobacco, as well as liquorice, toasted vanilla in the background, cumin, nutmeg and a hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut in chocolate, bitter almond, coffee). The palate is sapid, expressive, on a savoury spiciness in attack (nutmeg, liquorice, white pepper), associated with a fresh fruitiness (ripe morello cherry, red cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry, ripe black plum), complemented by the bitterness of cranberries and bird cherry, as well as by herbaceous notes (rosemary,

thyme, peppermint, dried basil, fresh tobacco) and a hint of liquorice and vanilla. The tannins are finely tight, slightly bitter. Good length and fresh acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cupano 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is gourmand, very ripe, even roasted (fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, roasted plum, raspberry coulis), as well as chocolate, cocoa, an expressive aroma of roasted rosemary, dried thyme, associated with a savoury touch of liquorice, grated nutmeg, white pepper, as well as sweetness of vanilla, peony and iris. After aeration, we find notes of toasted hazelnut, even chocolate hazelnut. The palate is round, silky, with fine but solid tannins. It expresses the gourmet fruity flavors (fresh morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry, roasted plum, raspberry coulis, black plum), a touch of more pronounced dark chocolate, as well as the same sweetness of peony and iris, a good bitterness of coffee and sweet spices (liquorice, grated nutmeg, white pepper, vanilla). Beautiful lively and salivating acidity, good length with notes of fresh and roasted aromatic herbs on the persistence.

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

Col d'Orcia Vigna Nastagio 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses fine tertiary notes (undergrowth in the background, dried tobacco), balsamic and fresh basil, then complemented by dried and roasted fruits (dried red cherry, prunes in the background, roasted red cherry), associated with fresh fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, black plum), dried mint, pine needles, rosemary, as well as tasty spices (liquorice, cardamom, nutmeg, hint of gray pepper) and a toasted touch (hazelnut, hint of almond). The palate is dense, but refined, gourmet, chocolatey, with herbaceous freshness (thyme, rosemary, dried mint, tobacco, a hint of basil). It expresses more fresh, than roasted fruits (prunes in the background, wild strawberry, morello cherry, black plum, a hint of roasted cherry), a good bitterness of bird cherry and coffee, a touch of toasted almond, as well as delicate tertiary notes of dry leaves, as well as a mineral hint. The tannins are tight, grippy, solid, softened by a salivating acidity. The finish is persistent and firm.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Col d'Orcia 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is tasty, with roasted fruits (roasted red cherry, roasted raspberry), fresh morello cherry, crushed blueberry and blackberry. There are also gourmet notes of morello cherry in chocolate, a hint of cocoa, blueberry jam, as well as liquorice, cardamom and vanilla in the background, combined with a hint of roasted rosemary, toasted hazelnut, a pleasant touch of crushed mint and fresh tobacco after aeration. The palate is juicy, fruity, gourmet, it expresses the fruity notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed blueberry and blackberry, with a nice acidity and a hint of bitterness of bird cherry, combined with gourmet sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), a hint of dried mint and blackcurrant leaf in the background, as well as a touch of toasted almond. The tannins are tight, grippy, even a little drying. The finish is persistent and salivating, slightly bitter, but pleasant. A powerful and structured wine.

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

Scopetone 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is herbaceous, savoury and gourmand. It expresses notes of roasted and dried herbs (thyme, roasted rosemary, dried bay leaf, dried mint and dried basil), ripe tangy fruits with a slight macerated nuance (fresh morello cherry, macerated red cherry, dried red

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cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry in the background, roasted strawberry, roasted raspberry), which are then complemented by a touch of balsamic, nutmeg, cardamom, liquorice, dried flowers (rose, cornflower), a hint of fresh almond, toasted hazelnut and coffee, as well as a hint of tar. The palate is straight, slender, chiseled, with a good bitterness and a lively salivating acidity. It expresses more the fresh tangy fruits (red cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, plus hint of raspberry and morello cherry) than macerated fruits, a toasted hint, as well as the bitterness of coffee, cocoa, bitter almond and an integrated roasted herbaceous touch (bouquet garni). Good persistence on the freshness, a nice acidity and a good bitterness
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Quercecchio 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved, tangy, fruity with integrated herbaceous and spicy touches. We first smell the spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom) and herbs (dried thyme, rosemary, a hint of dried blackcurrant leaf), then we find the fresh vanilla and chocolate which bring gourmandise, complemented by the juicy fruits (morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry), as well as notes of coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted almond and bitter cocoa. The palate is juicy, straight, tangy, chiseled and airy, with solid, grippy tannins, with a good coffee bitterness, balanced by a salivating acidity. The flavors are more on tangy black fruits (blackcurrant, bird cherry with bitterness, morello cherry), complemented by a hint of red cherry, cranberries and raspberry. We also find the freshness of herbs, a hint of menthol, notes of dried mint, rosemary, cocoa and refined bitter chocolate on the persistence. Good length with a refreshing acidity.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Gianni Brunelli – Le Chiuse di Sotto 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic and first expresses notes of roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, balsamic, as well as flowers (dried rose, lily), sweet spices (nutmeg, cardamom) and gourmet fruits (fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant, morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, redcurrant, strawberry). The palate is silky, enveloping and gourmet. It expresses fruity flavors (morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, redcurrant, strawberry), complemented by a good bitterness of bird cherry, as well as a savoury spiciness (cardamom, nutmeg), tangy notes of cocoa nibs, as well as a hint of toast. The tannins are solid, but fine and velvety. The finish is juicy, persistent and salivating.
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Carpinetto 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, herbaceous at first (peppermint, dried rosemary, thyme) and very fresh. It expresses notes of fresh tangy fruits (raspberry, strawberry, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, blueberry), spices (cardamom, liquorice), toasted notes with some freshness (toasted hazelnut, fresh almond) and a hint of coffee in the background. The palate is lively, tangy, with a good bitterness of coffee and bird cherry on the attack, which are then complemented by notes of cranberries, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, fresh almond, peppermint, dried rosemary and thyme, as well as sweet spices (cardamom, liquorice). Beautiful salivating acidity, the finish is chiseled and quite persistent.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Il Palazzone 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It then expresses herbaceous notes (fresh thyme, rosemary, peppermint), a pronounced aroma of liquorice, even star anise, as well as notes of cardamom, a hint of vanilla, dark

chocolate, as well as violet and peony. The fruits on the nose are fresh and juicy - we find in particular the aromas of blackcurrant, raspberry, blackberry, bigarreau cherry, moire plum and morello cherry. The palate is straight, tangy, with a good bitterness of coffee and flavors of black fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, black plum, blackberry), associated with touches of raspberry and bigarreau cherry, dried herbs (thyme, rosemary, dried mint), violet, peony and toasted almond. Good length, with a lively acidity and a good gourmet bitterness of cocoa, completed by a tangy touch of cocoa nibs.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Palazzo 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It expresses a beautiful concentration of fruits then - notes of morello cherry, blackcurrant, fresh bigarreau cherry, roasted red cherry, raspberry and strawberry. We also find a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, peony, lilac), notes of fresh almond, sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, cumin, white pepper, vanilla), as well as a touch of dark chocolate and cocoa nibs. The palate is refined, juicy and fruity. It expresses the flavors of fresh fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, fresh bigarreau cherry, raspberry, strawberry, combined with touches of bird cherry and plums, as well as a fine spiciness (vanilla, liquorice, cardamom) and floral (peony, lilac, violet). The finish is sapid and savoury, on notes of liquorice and chocolate. Beautiful solid and well-built tannic structure.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Lecciaia Vigna Manopetra 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, juicy (crushed strawberry, crushed morello cherry, roasted cherry, crushed blueberry, dried cherry, blackcurrant), combined with notes of dried liquorice, cardamom, as well as dried mint, rosemary, dried almond and a hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut). The palate is juicy, sapid and expresses ripe fruits (blackcurrant, crushed strawberry, morello cherry, roasted cherry, crushed blueberry, dried cherry), complemented by the bitterness of bird cherry and cranberries, spicy notes (liquorice, cardamom), chocolate, a hint of tangy cocoa nibs, as well as toasted hazelnut. The tannins are fine and velvety. The finish is sapid, fruity and gourmet.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Le Chiuse 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers notes of juicy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, red plum, raspberry, strawberry, bird cherry), a savoury spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), touches of roasted herbs (roasted thyme, roasted rosemary), dried mint, basil and balsamic, associated with hints of almond, coffee, cocoa and violet. The palate is juicy, elegant and fresh. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, strawberry, bird cherry, cranberries), complemented by spicy (liquorice, cardamom) and herbaceous (peppermint, thyme, bay leaf) notes. Refined power and good persistence in the mouth with a lively tangy frame, flavors of red fruits and a tangy hint of cocoa nibs.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Abbadia Ardenga 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is concentrated, fruity and ripe. It expresses aromas of wild strawberry, morello cherry, blackberry, dried red cherry), as well as a savoury spiciness (black pepper, liquorice, vanilla), a touch of dried rose, chocolate, completed by a delicate minerality. The palate is straight and slender, with a good bitterness and enveloped herbaceous nuances (dried rosemary, dried thyme). The tannins are slightly tight, but wrapped and have a fine and elegant grain. We find the gourmet

flavors of ripe fruits (morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackberry, red cherry), completed by a sweet touch of chocolate morello cherry, vanilla and liquorice. The finish is persistent, on notes of dried black fruits. A fresh and well-constructed wine.
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Abbadia Ardenga 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity and concentrated. It expresses notes of morello cherry, blackberry, strawberry and raspberry, which combine after aeration with refreshing menthol touches of pine needles, menthol, fresh wood (even sap), as well as a sweet spiciness (liquorice, star anise, cardamom) and a hint of lily. The palate is straight, refined, but has a tight tannic structure, slightly dry. It expresses gourmet fruity flavors (blackberry, morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry), refreshed by menthol (pine needles, sap) and spicy notes (liquorice, cardamom, star anise). Good tangy persistence.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Abbadia Ardenga Vigna “Piaggia” 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, minty, but after aeration, it becomes spicy and fruity. It first expresses notes of fresh liquorice, pine and menthol, then complemented by aromas of dried peppermint, black fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry, blueberry), red cherry, as well as flowers (lily, rose), cocoa, tangy cocoa nibs. The tannins are tight, cocoa-like and slightly bitter, sapid and enveloped. The palate offers accuracy, straightness, a juicy and tangy fruity material (we find in particular the flavors of morello cherry, blueberry, red cherry, blackberry and bird cherry), as well as a racy minerality (limestone and dry stone) and savoury spicy and chocolatey nuances (liquorice, cardamom, cocoa nibs). A solid, yet elegant structure, with complexity and terroir typicality in this wine.
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Abbadia Ardenga Vigna “Piaggia” 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fragrant and offers a beautiful complexity in its aromatics. It expresses notes of tangy black fruits (morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry), red cherry and strawberry, as well as roasted fruits (roasted red cherry, roasted strawberry), sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, white pepper), aromatic herbs (thyme, dried peppermint), as well as cocoa nibs, toast, coffee, almond and dried flowers. Beautiful mineral and racy frame appears after aeration. The palate is powerful, but refined. It expresses notes of morello cherry, roasted strawberry, fresh and roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, as well as herbaceous touches (thyme, peppermint), spicy (licorice, cardamom), cocoa nibs, associated with a good bitterness of bitter almond and coffee. The tannins are powerful, but harmoniously enveloped. Good persistence, gourmand and tangy.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Donatella Cinelli Colombini 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose offers a beautiful herbaceous and tangy frame (roasted bouquet garni, dried mint, fresh peppermint), as well as elegant floral aromas (violet, peony, lilac). We also find juicy fruits (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry), associated with a tangy hint of bergamot and a delicate woody hint. The palate is expressive, chiseled, slightly tight, but crisp, juicy and fruity. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, strawberry, a tangy and smoky hint of bergamot, as well as savoury spicy notes (nutmeg, liquorice, clove), a good bitterness of bitter almond and a pleasant salinity on the persistence. The tannins are fine and sapid. Good length on notes of Mediterranean herbs.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Brunello di Montalcino

Donatella Cinelli Colombini Progette Pime Donne 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and slightly sweet. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, morello cherry in chocolate, roasted red cherry, wild strawberry, as well as chocolate with mint, roasted aromatic herbs (roasted rosemary, roasted bouquet garni), as well as sweet gourmet spices (licorice, nutmeg, vanilla), a hint of roasting (toasted almond, coffee, toasted wood in the background). The palate is supple, enveloping and fresh at the same time. We find more fresh fruit, than roasted or jammy in the flavors (morello cherry, red cherry, fresh strawberry, red cherry), with just a touch of red cherry jam and chocolate, as well as a beautiful freshness of cut mint, liquorice and menthol. Beautiful elegant and aromatic persistence, with energy and tasty notes of roasting that complement the flavors (coffee, toasted bitter almond).

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

San Polino Helichrysum 2020

Brunello di Montalcino

(spontaneous fermentation in Slavonian oak barrels) The nose is tangy and chiseled. It expresses aromas of fresh red cherry, fresh raspberry, dried raspberry, dried cranberries, as well as a racy mineral framework (limestone, dry stone), complemented by a hint of smoke and dried herbs in the background. The palate is chiseled, energetic, slightly floral (rose). It also expresses tangy notes of fresh raspberry, fresh red cherry, dried cranberries, morello cherry associated with the delicacy of dark chocolate, a good bitterness of coffee and bitter almond. The tannins are fine and well structured. An airy wine, with freshness and energy.

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

San Polino Helichrysum 2019

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose opens with a savoury spiciness, but all in elegance (we first smell the aromas of liquorice, nutmeg and vanilla in the background). Then, the nose expresses the notes of fresh and dried Mediterranean herbs (fresh sage, fresh thyme, dried bouquet garni) and ripe fruits (morello cherry, black plum, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis), as well as mint and chocolate. The palate offers more black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), associated with notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry and red cherry, fresh bouquet garni, basil in the background, chocolate and balsamic cream especially on the persistence. The tannins are firm, a little catchy, but savory. Good length, freshness, but the wine is closed at the moment.

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

San Polino Helichrysum 2018

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose expresses aromas of ripe black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), refreshed after aeration by notes of tangy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry), fresh mint, pine needles. We also find an elegant spiciness (nutmeg, liquorice), a fine floral bouquet (violet, cornflower). The palate offers juicy fruity notes (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry), a good bitterness of almond, coffee, as well as a spicy hint of liquorice and a touch of dried rose. The tannins are firm, grippy, but the finish is juicy, gourmet, tangy and salivating. It adds freshness and balances the tight and tannic grip in the mouth. Firmness and finesse.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Polino Helichrysum 2017

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose offers a lot of freshness, despite a hot summer during this vintage. We find aromas of blackcurrant, juicy blueberry, redcurrant, raspberry and juicy strawberry, associated with notes of fresh aromatic herbs (mint,

rosemary), sweet spices with a menthol and aniseed nuances (liquorice, cardamom, hint of star anise, as well as vanilla), sweet floral aromas (iris, peony). We also find gourmet notes of coffee with milk, chocolate and balsamic cream. The palate is full and gourmand: it expresses the flavors of ripe black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), tangy red fruits (bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry), sweet spices (liquorice, vanilla, cardamom), flowers (peony, iris), as well as a gourmet hint of roasting (bitter almond, chocolate, coffee) and a herbaceous freshness (fresh mint, rosemary), associated with a good bitterness of bird cherry. The tannins are firm, but fine. Good persistence on the bitterness of coffee, cocoa and bird cherry and a salivating acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA

Ruffino Greppone Mazzi Riserva 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is closed at first and needs aeration, but expresses tension, complexity and a refined spicy and herbal side, as well as juicy and dried ripe fruits (especially the savory side that comes out first - tobacco, nutmeg, liquorice, dried mint, hint of balsamic, sage), combined with notes of toasted almond, sweet coffee and a touch of mushrooms after aeration. The fruits on the nose are fresh and gourmet: we find crushed strawberry, ripe morello cherry, dried red cherry, cranberry jam, crushed blueberry, blackberry, as well as a hint of herbaceous freshness, crushed blackcurrant bud quite expressive and very fresh concludes the nose. The palate is savoury, expressive, tense, fresh. It expresses notes of tangy fruits (raspberry, red cherry, morello cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant, sage, blackcurrant bud, combined with more pronounced notes of fresh tobacco and fresh mint. We also find a bouquet of fresh flowers (rose in the background, peony), enveloped and refined roasting (toasted almond, coffee). The palate offers freshness and delicacy, but with controlled power, very fine and melted tannins, cocoa. The finish is long and fruity, gourmet, persistent and savoury.

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

Banfi Poggio all'Oro 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose requires aeration, and then expresses ripe and macerated fruits (crushed strawberry, ripe morello cherry, macerated morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry), balsamic, a touch of gourmet chocolate (mint chocolate, cocoa), roasted and fresh herbs (roasted bouquet garni, fresh thyme), a floral bouquet (lilac, dried rose), fresh tobacco, a very light note of mushrooms in the background and delicate hint of roasting (toasted hazelnut, almond), combined with the freshness of mint and cardamom. The palate is juicy, enveloping and refined. It expresses fruity flavors (crushed strawberry, ripe morello cherry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry), more acidic than on the nose (red cherry, more pronounced raspberry), mint chocolate, cocoa, toasted hazelnut, almond and cardamom. The tannins are tight, solid and grippy. The finish is persistent, with a salivating acidity, herbaceous touches (dried herbs, tobacco) and morello cherry, a good bitterness of roasting (cocoa, coffee). A solid, fresh, enveloping, chiseled and slender wine, well constructed.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Banfi Poggio alle Mura 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose expresses notes of maceration, balsamic, a racy minerality (tar, dry stone), ripe and dried fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, black plum, red plum, strawberry, dried cherry, raspberry, cranberries), lots of spices

(nutmeg, cardamom, liquorice, white pepper, cumin), toasted hazelnut and toasted almond, as well as a good bitterness of cocoa and the freshness of herbs (thyme, peppermint, sage). The palate is tangy, salivating. It expresses fruity flavors (morello cherry, red cherry, black plum, red plum, raspberry, strawberry), herbs and menthol spices (liquorice, cardamom, peppermint) especially on the persistence. The finish is savory, filling, gourmet and juicy. The tannins are polished and enveloping. Good consistency and concentration, complexity and gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cupano 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is complex and concentrated. It expresses notes of fresh and dried ripe fruits (morello cherry, dried blackcurrant, blackberry, dried red cherry), savoury and generous spices (liquorice, cumin, vanilla in the background, coriander seeds, nutmeg, a touch of pepper), aromatic herbs (bouquet garni, bay leaf, sage and dried mint), a delicate touch of faded rose in the background, tobacco and undergrowth, combined with aromas of roasting (toast, coffee, cocoa in the background), which add complexity. The palate is more tangy, tense, precise and fresh, a little bitter, with more pronounced notes of cranberries and red cherry, while remaining gourmet. It also expresses flavors of morello cherry, dried blackcurrant, blackberry, sweet spices (liquorice, nutmeg, cumin, vanilla in the background), as well as bouquet garni and sage. The tannins are well constructed, savoury and chocolatey, but still need to melt. Good length on the notes of dry tobacco and cocoa on the tangy, elegant and tight persistence. Beautiful structure and fruity material, potential and density in elegance.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Camigliano Gualto 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is delicate, but concentrated, with distinct, but enveloped tertiary notes (tobacco, undergrowth in the background, dried leaves). Then, we find notes of dried and macerated fruits (a delicate touch of prunes, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry, crushed morello cherry, raspberry, roasted strawberry in the background), a delicate spiciness (nutmeg, cardamom, white pepper, liquorice) and herbaceous notes (dried mint and fresh peppermint, a hint of thyme and bay leaf), aromas of fresh and dried flowers (rose, iris, lilac), as well as a hint of chocolate and cocoa. The palate is tangy, lively, fresh, and expresses notes of ripe tangy fruits (cherry, raspberry, blueberry, a hint of morello cherry), a fine menthol-like hint (peppermint, dried mint, thyme and bay leaf), as well as a good bitterness of bird cherry, cocoa and coffee on the persistence. We also find a touch of pine (wood), tobacco, dried leaves and undergrowth. The finish is sapid, juicy, fruity and quite persistent. The tannins are finely tight, quite solid and structured.

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

Campogiovanni Il Quercione 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is aromatic, savoury, expressive and spicy, with distinct tertiary touches of dry tobacco, dry leaves, a touch of dried rose and undergrowth. Then, it expresses notes of ripe, roasted and dried fresh fruits (crushed morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried red cherry), sweet spices (nutmeg, dried liquorice, cardamom), cocoa, mint chocolate, a herbaceous and menthol hint (dried mint, dried pine needles, thyme, a hint of rosemary), a touch of crushed black plum, as well as peony and dried cornflower, balsamic and a hint of tapenade. The palate is juicy, straight, dense and offers accuracy, a good bitterness of bird cherry, flavors of fresh tangy fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, cranberries, raspberry), associated with herbaceous notes that bring freshness (crushed mint leaves, blackcurrant leaf in the background, pine needles), sweet spices

Brunello di Montalcino

(nutmeg, dried liquorice, cardamom), as well as light notes of undergrowth and tobacco. The tannins are firm, tight and grippy. Good fruity material, tension, a good bitterness of bird cherry and coffee on the persistence. Firmness and freshness with complexity, juiciness and a fresh fruitiness. A fairly balanced wine, but tight and closed, which still needs to soften.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Caparzo 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is gourmand, chocolatey and roasted, refined, with a beautiful complexity. It first expresses aromas of roasted morello cherry, dark chocolate, sweet spices – liquorice, a hint of vanilla, cardamom), associated with a light tertiary touch (dried tobacco, undergrowth, a hint of truffles in the background), dried herbs (thyme, rosemary, dried mint), dried rose, cornflower and fresh fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, a hint of blackberry), which bring juiciness. The palate is fresh, tangy, with a beautiful salivating acidity, finely tight and refined tannins. It expresses a beautiful fresh fruitiness (red cherry, morello cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry), a hint of coffee bitterness and less perceptible tertiary notes (tobacco and undergrowth in the background). Good length on the tanginess of bigarreau cherry and a good bitterness of coffee, with tannins tightening more towards the end of the mouth. A refined and chiseled wine, but closed for the moment.

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

Castiglion del Bosco Millesimo 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is savory, slightly tertiary (with aromas of tobacco, dried leaves and undergrowth in the background). It also expresses a savory hint of roasted herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), and a refreshing touch of fresh herbs (a hint of peppermint), as well as notes of sweet spices (licorice, nutmeg, very slight hint of vanilla, cardamom) and roasted and macerated fruits (roasted red cherry, crushed strawberry), balanced by notes of fresh fruits (black plum, blackberry, morello cherry, hint of blueberry). The palate is savory, with a chocolatey attack, which is then complemented by flavors of roasted strawberry, crushed strawberry, roasted cherry, blackberry, black plum and morello cherry. We also find tertiary notes of tobacco, undergrowth, dry leaves in the background, sweet spices (liquorice, cardamom, a hint of vanilla and nutmeg), as well as the good bitterness of roasting (coffee, toasted almond) and a hint of dried laurel. The tannins are tight, but gourmand and sapid, fine and chocolatey. Good persistence on a salivating acidity and a hint of chocolate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Cupano 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is dense and concentrated, complex and airy at the same time. It opens with gourmet aromas of chocolate, mint chocolate and chocolate morello cherry. Then we find dense and ripe fresh fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, blueberry), aromatic herbs (rosemary, dried thyme, mint), sweet spices (licorice, cardamom, nutmeg, white pepper, vanilla, which disappears after aeration), as well as soft roasted notes (gourmet toasted hazelnut, chocolate, sweet coffee), refreshed by touches of fresh mint and basil. The palate is tight, with firm but fine, with sapid and cocoa-like tannins. The attack expresses herbaceous flavors (fresh mint, dried mint, basil), ripe and gourmet fruits (morello cherry, red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, blueberry), complemented by the tanginess of red cherry and a hint of bitterness of bird cherry. The finish is persistent and continues with the minty freshness of herbs (rosemary, pine needles) and a good bitterness. The acidity is fresh and salivating. Good aging potential.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Gianni Brunelli – Le Chiuse di Sotto 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is refined and tangy and offers finesse and delicacy. It first expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, cranberry, blackcurrant and blueberry, which are complemented after aeration by spicy notes of nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, vanilla, as well as bitter cocoa and a tangy hint of cocoa nibs. There is also a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, peony, rose), a herbaceous freshness (mint, rosemary, pine needles). The palate is slender, tangy and expresses above all notes of red fruits (bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, blackcurrant, blueberry, morello cherry), associated with touches of peppermint, sweet spices (nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom), violet, peony, as well as a hint of toasted almond. Good persistence, elegance and freshness.

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

Carpinetto 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is concentrated, aromatic, with delicate tertiary notes (wet leaves, tobacco, dried rose), associated with fresh tangy fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant), with the bitterness of almond and coffee, as well as touches of toasted hazelnut and refreshing herbs (peppermint, rosemary) and flowers (cornflower, lily). The palate is enveloping, silky and juicy. It expresses notes of morello cherry, red cherry, blackcurrant, strawberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry in chocolate, crushed mint, rosemary, thyme, as well as a bitterness of fresh almond, toasted hazelnut and coffee. The finish is long, with a good bitterness of bird cherry. The tannins are well constructed, firm, but fine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Il Palazzone 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is gourmand, roasted, spicy, with a touch of dried herbs. It also expresses notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, dried blackcurrant, woody freshness, dried cranberries, as well as liquorice, cardamom, cumin, balsamic, dried mint and peppermint. There is also a hint of maceration, fresh hazelnut, fresh bitter almond and coffee. The palate is fresh, ample, tangy and refined. It expresses notes of blackcurrant, bigarreau cherry, blackberry, morello cherry, blueberry, cranberries, associated with a spicy hint of liquorice, cardamom, as well as a floral bouquet (peony, cornflower, violet, lily), as well as touches of fresh almond and hazelnut. Good persistence in the mouth, savoury and gourmand, with a pleasant bitterness of bird cherry and the acidity of cocoa nibs.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Palazzo 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is concentrated, complex, dense and tasty. It first expresses spicy notes (cardamom, liquorice, white pepper, cubeb pepper), associated with notes of chocolate and cocoa nibs with its tangy hint. We then find notes of tangy fresh fruits (bigarreau cherry, raspberry, morello cherry, blueberry, blackcurrant), as well as flowers (dried cornflower, dried rose, lily). The palate is refined, juicy, with a dominant note of cherry and a gourmand fruitiness (morello cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, strawberry), associated with light roasted notes (toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, coffee), a tangy touch of cocoa nibs, as well as sweet spices (cardamom, liquorice, white pepper) and flowers (dried cornflower, lily). The tannins are solid, balanced by a salivating acidity. The finish is persistent and sapid.

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

La Lecciaia 2019

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The first nose expresses tertiary aromas (fresh tobacco, dried tobacco, undergrowth and faded rose in the background). Then, we find fresh and roasted fruits (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, blackcurrant, crushed strawberry, dried raspberry), sweet spices (cardamom, liquorice, a hint of star anise, white pepper, nutmeg), herbs (bay leaf, basil, tobacco). The palate is tangy, fresh and complex, with a slight tertiary hint (tobacco, wet leaves in the background). It also expresses flavors of fresh and dried fruits (fresh blackcurrant, dried blackcurrant, morello cherry, sour red cherry, bird cherry with its good bitterness, crushed strawberry). We also find light spicy touches (cardamom, liquorice, nutmeg), as well as a chocolatey and tangy touch of cocoa nibs. The tannins are fine and melted. Good length, power in finesse.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Le Chiuse Diecianni 2015

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is refined and offers balance between tertiary, spicy, herbaceous and fruity notes. It expresses aromas of nutmeg, liquorice, cardamom, dried vanilla, dried peppermint, tobacco, thyme, bay leaf, as well as cocoa, cocoa nibs, dried rose and undergrowth in the background. Beautiful fruity material with a certain freshness in the notes of fresh morello cherry, fresh bigarreau cherry, dried red cherry, blueberry, strawberry and raspberry. The palate is juicy, fresh and refined. It expresses the flavors of fresh bigarreau cherry, dried red cherry, morello cherry, blueberry, strawberry, complemented by a tangy frame of cranberries and a good bitterness of bird cherry. We also find herbaceous notes (thyme, bay leaf, tobacco) and tertiary (undergrowth) more present in the mouth, associated with a pleasant tangy side of bigarreau cherry and cocoa nibs on the persistence. The tannins are very fine and melted, good refined and elegant persistence.

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

Abbadia Ardenga 2018

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose offers concentration, juiciness and gourmandise in its fruit. It expresses the aromas of juicy ripe morello cherry, black plum, ripe strawberry, blackcurrant, strawberry and red cherry, associated with a fine herbaceous hint (blackcurrant leaf, black tea), a light tertiary touch (undergrowth) and spiciness (liquorice, nutmeg). The palate is enveloping and supple, with delicate and fine tannins. It expresses the flavors of juicy morello cherry, black plum, red cherry, ripe strawberry and blackcurrant, associated with herbaceous notes (dried mint, black tea, blackcurrant leaf), spicy (licorice, nutmeg), sweet iris and a touch of chocolate on the persistence. Good length with freshness and a nice acidity. A harmonious and refined wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

San Polino 2012

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

The nose is refined, delicately tertiary in its aromas of undergrowth and dried leaves that appear at the beginning. Then, it expresses notes of dried mint, fresh liquorice, juicy morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, blackberry, dried raspberry, cranberry jam, as well as dark chocolate with mint, chocolate cherry, dried plum and fresh flowers (violet, lilac). The palate is youthful, chiseled and offers a lot of energy. We find the flavors of morello cherry, red cherry with chocolate, crushed raspberry, dried raspberry, wild strawberry, a good bitterness of bird cherry, coffee and cocoa, as well as notes of dried mint, lilac and a tertiary hint of undergrowth, dried leaves and sweet tobacco. Good persistence on a pleasant bitterness and a racy minerality. Lots of energy and freshness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Rosso di Montalcino

ROSSO DI MONTALCINO

Donatella Cinelli Colombini 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is fine, fruity, tangy and fresh. It expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, cranberries, red currants, raspberry, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (rose, peony), a touch of roasted herbs, toast, liquorice. The palate is suave, juicy and supple, slightly jammy (a touch of raspberry coulis), but remains crisp and fresh. It expresses notes of cranberries, bigarreau cherry, morello cherry and red currants, a hint of liquorice, toast and fresh flowers (peony). Good tannic structure, solid and firm, but fine and elegant, with a good bitterness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Abbadia Ardenga 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is open, fruity and tangy. It expresses aromas of morello cherry, bigarreau cherry, cranberries, raspberry, strawberry, combined with a fine floral bouquet (lily, rose, cornflower), as well as a touch of white pepper. The palate is airy, straight and tangy, with accuracy and freshness. It expresses tangy fruity flavors (bigarreau cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, raspberry), with a touch of rose and white pepper on the persistence, as well as a delicate minerality. The tannins are fine and enveloped. A fruity and accessible wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quercchio 2023

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic and expressive, pleasantly herbaceous (cut thyme, roasted rosemary). [...] The palate is lively, chiseled, herbaceous (rosemary, mint, blackcurrant leaf), with a fruity tanginess (flavours of red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, cranberries, blackcurrant), associated with floral fragrances (violet, peony), mint, rosemary, a good bitterness of bird cherry, as well as a touch of roasted rosemary in the background. A chiseled and airy wine, with firm but fine tannins, solid and balanced by a salivating acidity.

Full review on www.vertdevin.com

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

Scopetone 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is dense, concentrated, roasted.[...] The palate is juicy, straight, chiseled, on tangy fruits (red cherry, cranberries, blackcurrant, tangy strawberry, hint of blueberry), associated with notes of dried mint, rosemary, fresh hazelnut and ripe stalk. The finish is fresh, with a good bitterness reminiscent of coffee, a salivating acidity. The tannins are fine, quite solid, enveloped and well constructed. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

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

Col d'Orcia Vigna Banditella 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is gourmand, concentrated, dense and fruity, while remaining refined and airy. [...] The palate is chiseled, fresh, tangy (red cherry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, red plum, tangy cranberries in the background), associated with blackcurrant leaf and mint which bring freshness. The finish is juicy, on chocolate cherry and a good bitterness of bird cherry and dark chocolate. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

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

Poggio di Sotto 2021

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, fruity and ripe, reflecting a sunny summer. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, crushed raspberry, red cherry, blackcurrant, as well as a hint of toast (toasted hazelnut) and floral, as well as a delicate touch of sweet spices. The palate is fresh, but juicy and enveloping. It expresses the gourmet flavors of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, morello cherry and blackcurrant, associated with a light smoky and toasted touch, as well as a mineral and floral hint in the background. The tannins are velvety and melted, beautiful acidity and persistence.

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

Val di Suga Vigna Spuntali 2021

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose offers aromas of tart and crunchy fruits (bigarreau cherry, tart strawberry, red currants, raspberry, cranberries, blood orange), as well as fresh liquorice, cocoa and iris roots. The palate is fresh, juicy and gourmand, with a good bitterness and verticality. It expresses the flavors of red cherry, tart strawberry, a hint of morello cherry, raspberry and cranberries, associated with notes of blood orange peel, iris, a rooty hint, as well as fresh herbs. A vibrant style, very fresh, juicy and crunchy.

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

Camigliano 2023

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is concentrated, tense, fruity, gourmand, a bit macerated (macerated morello cherry, crushed strawberry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, sour red cherry, prunes). [...] The palate is juicy, fluid in a good way, airy. It expresses the gourmet fruity notes (morello cherry, crushed strawberry, fresh strawberry, crushed raspberry, blueberry, a touch of prunes), with a distinct touch of red cherry. We also find notes of peppermint, tobacco,

white pepper and coffee. The palate is pleasant, moderately persistent, gourmand, with fine and melted tannins, liveliness and tension, a good bitterness. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Scopone 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is gourmand, juicy, concentrated and ripe. [...] The palate is juicy, gourmand, straight, tense, tangy, slightly bitter. It expresses flavors of tangy fruits (red cherry, raspberry, bird cherry, hint of blackcurrant, morello cherry), liquorice, nutmeg and dried pine needles. The tannins are tight, a little grippy, but balanced by the juiciness and a pleasant hint of menthol. Good length, on morello cherry and a hint of chocolate as well as dried mint. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Banfi Poggio alle Mura 2022

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is open, fruity, ripe, with tension and a nice concentration. It expresses notes of juicy wild strawberry, crushed morello cherry and raspberry coulis. [...] The palate is fresh, tense, enveloping and tangy. It expresses notes of fresh fruit (wild strawberry, crushed morello cherry, raspberry) and harmoniously integrated herbaceous notes (fresh thyme, dried mint, bouquet garni), as well as a fine toasted touch and coffee in the background. Beautiful acidity and persistence, juiciness, the tannins are silky. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Sassodisole, Sasso di Luna 2023

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, open, gourmand, juicy and very fruity. [...] The palate is juicy, supple, round and gourmand. It expresses the flavors of ripe fruits (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, cherry jam, morello cherry), associated with notes of chocolate and crushed mint on the persistence. A pleasant and enveloping wine, with a hint of roasted herbs in the background. Full review on www.vertdevin.com

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Spirits

SPIRITS FROM VIRGINIA

George Washington's – Rye Whiskey – Historic Recipe

(Year 2023 B, Bottle 2064) Lovely aromatic nose combining power, roundness and delicacy. It reveals notes of white fruits, lychee and small notes of white flowers associated with touches of crushed corn as well as fine fermentation hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, roundness, fat as well as a certain delicacy. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of lychee, green apple and small notes of quenette associated with touches of white flowers as well as a subtle hint of peach blossom, almost dried zest and a discreet (and delicate) sappy hint. Good length. A fine salinity in the background.

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

George Washington's – Straight Rye Whiskey – Historic Recipe

(year 2023 B, Bottle 589) The nose is aromatic, gourmand, round and offers a fine straightness as well as a nice roundness, precision and finesse in its grain. We find notes of Zante currant, caramelized orange zest and small notes of marmalade associated with touches of rancio, tobacco, a subtle hint of smoke, fine hints of crème brûlée as well as a discreet hint of lychee and cooked apple. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a nice tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, precision, tension as well as a nice structure in finesse, roundness and gourmandise. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of cooked apple, Zante currant and slight notes of dried fig associated with touches of crème brûlée, toasted hints, tobacco as well as a subtle hint of smoke, tarte tatin (in the background) and caramelization.

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

George Washington's – Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium – Historic Recipe

(Aged Yrs ./ Mos. 5/8, Year 2024, Bottle 575) The nose is precise, intense, beautifully delicate in its power and offers a lovely frank, stretched and precise grain. We find notes of smoke, dried orange and small notes of dried flowers associated with touches of dried kumquat as well as fine hints of dried fig as well as a discreet hint of cereals and pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers juiciness, suavity, a mineral texture, a good definition, a certain power, precision as well as a remarkable precise, frank and powerful grain. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of Zante currant, dried date and small notes of orange zest, marmalade, with hints of black pepper, cereals as well as fine hints of tonka bean, toast, crème brûlée and a discreet hint of roasting. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



George Washington's – Cask Age Rhum 28 months

The nose is fresh, frank, stretched and offers a beautiful control. We find notes of small white fruits and sugar cane associated with a touch almost aloe vera and white flowers. The palate is fruity, round, suave and offers delicacy, suavity as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of lychee and quenette associated with fine hints of lemon caviar as well as fine hints of small sweet citrus fruits and a hint of toasted hazelnut. Good length.

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

George Washington's – Peach Brandy

(Years 2019, Bottle 664) Lovely nose offering notes of cooked peach blossoms and small notes of cooked butter apple associated with fine touches of dried peach as well as a almost discreet lavender hint, apricot blossoms and mango. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a tangy frame, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate it expresses notes of cooked peach, mango and small notes of quince paste associated with fine hints of flowers, discreet hints of fresh pepper, small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of cereals (in the background). Good length. Power on the finish/persistence. A discreet hint of pepper and sap.

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

BOURBON

Wild Turkey - Bourbon Whiskey 101

Bourbon

The nose is fresh and discreet with notes of cereals. It's a little smoky, smoky with an earthy, wet earth side, discreet and pleasant because it gives freshness. Little by little, the coconut appears. The palate is powerful on the attack with always this slightly earthy side. We have notes of bitter orange, coffee bean but also a little salinity. The whole remains on finesse. We have power in lightness. There is a nice acidity on the palate which is salivating and which continues in the finish. This acidity is almost lemony. The notes of grain and vanilla finish the tasting.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Wild Turkey - Bourbon Whiskey 81

Bourbon

The nose is fresh and fine with a slight sweet note. We perceive touches of cooked corn as well as caramel. It's even a little creamy. The palate is fresh, aromatic with rather red fruits such as cherry in brandy but also plum in brandy. The attack is round, slightly sweet and unfolds in the mid-palate until the finish. We find its notes of red fruits, almost the cherry stone. There is a lovely freshness and gourmandise.

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

RHUM

Trois Rivières - XO

Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of dried fruit such as banana and dried orange. There are also notes of vanilla and light woody notes. The palate is fresh, spicy, almost peppery, with notes of bananas and dried apple. We have a very nice touch of vanilla and light caramel. Citrus fruits are present with orange and small mandarin. The finish is with banana notes and long. There is a roundness provided by the aromatics but the whole is rather dry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Trois Rivières - Triple Millésime 2006-2014-2016,

Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is fresh and fruity with a nice depth, almost a slight darkness. We have notes of dried fruits such as hazelnut, especially almond and very ripe vanilla. We also perceive candied orange with a tangy side and a hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, intense with always a very present spicy side. There is more texture than fragrance with an almost vegetal hint at the end of the palate on the artichoke but also on the fresh sugar cane. The mouth is round with depth. The tasting covers the entire mouth and throat. The wrap carries with a note of vanilla.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Maison La Mauny - Arrangé Vanille Mangue

Rhum Arrangé, Martinique

The nose is fresh; round, sweet, gourmet, with a main note of caramel. We also perceive vanilla and especially vanilla extract. At the opening, we have creamier notes of salted butter caramel for example. We also have a slight fruitiness with the banana and ripe mango juice. The palate is fresh, sweet, round on the attack with notes of vanilla, almost milk chocolate. We have gourmandise and the power of alcohol which is softened. We find soft and sweet notes on the finish with vanilla and hazelnut milk. Everything remains fresh.

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

Spirits

IRISH WHISKEY

Bushmills 14 ans

Single Malt Irish Whiskey

The nose is fresh and aromatic, balanced. We have lovely notes of grains as well as candied orange. We also have hints of cooked apple and small wild fruits. It's quite delicious. The palate is fresh with an attack of sweetness, gourmandise and pear juice. We have a nice salivating acidity. And we find its notes of forest fruits. The finish has a very nice touch of crushed blackberry, almost juicy black cherry. The alcohol is well integrated. A very good tasting whisky.

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

The Sexton

Single Malt Irish Whiskey

The nose is fresh with a hint of sweetness. It is aromatic, powerful with notes of cooked apple as well as custard. We also perceive spices like pepper. The palate is fresh, powerful but measured. We have a superb note of almond paste from the attack and which continues in the mid-palate. It is balanced both in terms of power and aromatics. We also have touches of pepper and apple with a hint of liquorice. We also have a slightly saline side which was slightly present in the mouth and which is more persistent in the finish.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

SCOTCH WHISKY

Kingsbarns - Doocot, Lowland

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fresh and discreet. There is a certain sweetness on the nose with notes of vanilla as well as custard. We perceive a hint of yellow peach in the syrup. The palate is powerful, aromatic with a small touch of spices especially in the mid-palate with also a hint of coconut. We have a sweetness still very present with a more saline side, more orange, more candied lemon zest on the mid-palate until the finish. We also perceive a slightly floral side. The finish is grainy with a slightly smoky aspect. It is long and balanced with still roundness at the end of the tasting. A whisky to sip.

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

Highland Park, Cask Strength n°4

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine and fresh with a first note of cinnamon. Little by little, touches of grain as well as peat appear. There is a tangy, smoky nose, truly finesse with a hint of salt. Alcohol is not aggressive. The palate is fresh, powerful with a nice acidity. There are notes of peat and smoke as well as leather. We also perceive nice touches of citrus. The finale develops, it's long, it stretches. The alcohol is strong on the palate but gives way to more sweetness on the finish. We have notes of orange but also of cooked apple with a hint of lemon zest. We still have this peaty, almost mineral, even saline side until the finish which concludes with a hint of astringency. The warmth of the alcohol is comforting right down to the chest. This is a sipping whisky.

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

FRENCH WHISKY

Ninkasi Whisky - Vendanges de Tinta Negra

Single Malt Whisky - France

The nose is fresh and grassy. There is roundness with notes of tobacco as well as grains. We lightly perceive touches of small red fruits and we have a salinity that emerges on the nose with spices. The palate is powerful, aromatic with a fairly smoky, peaty attack. We have a nice acidity with notes of grain but also of plum or prune in brandy. We always have a salinity, especially at the end of the mouth. There is also an imperceptible note of soy sauce in the background. It is a whisky with character which even offers some tannins at the end of tasting. Alcohol is comforting, powerful from the start, in the throat and chest. We end the tasting with a note of salted plum.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Khêmeia

Single Malt Whisky - France

The nose is fresh and fruity with notes of citrus fruits such as plum and lemon zest. We also perceive touches of almond and pastry cream. The palate is fresh, soft on the attack. We have notes of plum but also candied melon. We have a little iodized touch with the salinity. There is sweetness which continues until the finish. It is measured, discreet, on delicacy despite the alcohol being powerful in attack.

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

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