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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2017 Summer edition of VertdeVin magazine. For this issue I chose to explore some European and Australian wine regions, and also to give a spotlight to French Spirits.

In this edition I will take you to meet the passionate winemakers of not only Italy and Austria but also France. It is the result of exhilarating trips, amazing tastings, discoveries and fabulous meetings!

So in the first part of the magazine you will meet great winemakers from Bordeaux, Alsace and discover a few beautiful Italian and Austrian wineries.

In the second part you will discover Nicolas Frion's Wine & Food pairings, a great and promising Chef from Bordeaux. He is the Chef of the famous restaurant Le Gabriel. N. Frion created a few recipes especially for VertdeVin to pair with Italian and French wines. These customized creations will tickle your taste buds !

In the third part, you will find a special Bordeaux Bordeaux En Primeurs report with a presentation of the year (meterology), a TOP 100 as well as some Coups de Cœur wines.

In the fourth part you will find 700 wine tasting reports (Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Rosés of Provence, Alsace, Piedmont, Vintage Champagne, Tejo, Porto, Australia, British Columbia...) and some French spirits (Vintage Armagnac, Calvados, XO Cognac).

Bordeaux is one of the largest and one of the most renowned wine regions in the world. We believe its reputation not only runs through the names of some very famous châteaux and exceptional winemakers but its wealth is also seen in less famous Châteaux. This diversity is the richness of Bordeaux!

Piedmont is one of the oldest wine regions in Europe. It offers a fantastic diversity of terroir (Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera d'Asti...), colors and style. Some of the greatest wines from Italy come from this region.

Champagne is a product synonymous with festivity, sharing, gastronomy and terroir. It is a unique wine, both in quality and in terms of notoriety. This product has a special place in my heart that can be summarized by the famous quote of Napoleon Bonaparte «I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate... And I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself.»

Porto is an emotional choice. It is easy to find a great, delicious port wine «gourmandise « at a good value. For the anecdote, Porto is the world's third-oldest wine controlled appellation and the first one for the fortified wines.

Bourgogne white wines are world renowned. We make some of best white wines of the world in this region. So how can we resist the temptation to discover, explore and taste the incredible diversity of Bourgogne white wines.

Cognac... what can I say about this great Spirit. It's one of the oldest and most famous spirits in the world and one of my favorite delicacies. In this magazine you will find some XO Cognac reviews.



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LA MERCARECCIA

More than good wines, a great meeting with a Tuscan lifestyle lover...

La Mercareccia is a family owned vineyard located in the heart of Tuscany, on the Tyrrhenian coast. This area, due to its location benefits from a strong marine influence, a great sunshine as well as an great luminosity.

Owned by Fabrizio Zanfi this vineyard extends over five hectares (three vineyards and two olive trees) that he manages with organic farming. In this soil rich in yellow sandstone, limestone and fossil Fabrizio produces 4 red wines from three great grape varieties: Syrah, Cilieggiolo and Sangiovese. Its leitmotiv? Produce natural wines that reflect their land, their region and that will seduce the wine lover as well as the neophyte.



tori, a leading Italian Macchiaiolo (painters related to French Impressionists), describing the life and the moment of marking the animals in a Tuscan farm in the turn of last century.

The name « La Mercareccia » is already present in a map of 1798 of the area. At this time there were already some vines married to olive trees.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the wines of La Mercareccia?

F.Z. : In general, La Mercareccia produces straight wines, «oceanic» (that is to say marked by strong wind, iodine) and racy. They offer notes of fruit with good ripeness (ripe fruits but fresh), greediness, fleshy and a very nice persistence, greedy / sweet on the palate. The tannins are thin and very slightly firm / straight.

Meeting with Fabrizio Zanfi :

Making wine has always been my dream. I remember when I was a little boy aged only 7/8 years old I watched, eyes full of admiration, my father carrying the crates of grapes harvested a little earlier ... Today still at 92 years old, he continues proudly to work in the vineyard by helping me choose olives, grapes during the harvest ...

I love my job, I do it with joy and good humor! I also like to work in the vineyard, to do the harvesting and work in the cellar: I do not want to make homogenized wines. I want to make wines that resemble their terroir, the place where they were born but also which reflects the vintage!

V.d.V.: Why did you choose to become a winemaker ?

F.Z. : Life has brought me to the coast of Tuscany, I could say 'it was written in the charts'. I have been a farmer's son and moved to town very young, lived a citizen's life, but always dreamed of a return to country life, then I had a chance or more like the opportunity chose me, completely.

V.d.V.: Where does the name of the property come from?

F.Z. : « La Mercareccia » in Tuscan dialect means « a place to brand the cows with fire ». There are few paintings from Fat-

• **La Mercareccia società agricola**
www.lamercareccia.it



La Mercareccia Stravento 2011 IGT Toscana

Score 15.25+
Vertde Vin

The nose is fruity, racy, straight and offers a certain power (but without exuberance). It reveals slight notes of ripe wild small black berries, sun-gorged fruits and slight notes of redcurrant, wild strawberry associated with slight/discreet notes of licorice, saline minerality as well as a discreet/ subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, round and offers a nice fat/suavity, tension, salinity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant) associated with slight notes of wild blackberry as well as slight/ very discreet notes of licorice and a hint of olive. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence on slight touches of vanilla/sweet spices as well as on a very discreet note of caramelization.



POGGIO MANDORLO

A young and promising Tuscan winery !

Poggio Mandorlo is a young Tuscan wine estate located in Seggiano, in the heart of the Maremma region, at the foot of the extinct Volcano Monte Amiata. It is situated inside the Montecucco DOCG area, at the crossroads of Val d'Orcia and the outposts of Maremmas' hilly region.

The Poggio Mandorlo Project began as a dream of longtime friends Roberto Borra, Felice Colarieti, Giuseppe Bianconi and Fabio Binacchi with the common goal of promoting their land/terroir and region. In 2001 they decided to make this wine dream a reality.

This property extends over 94 acres. 30 acres are planted with Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese. Poggio Mandorlo also has approximately 3 acres of olive groves. Its terroir is a complex blend of clay and limestone marl soil, rich in quartz and flint, with a predominant content of tufa and galestro in the higher slope levels.

V.d.V.: Where come from the name of the winery « Poggiomandorlo » ?

When we first stepped into our estate there was nothing but a solitary flowering almond tree at the entrance. When planting vines, we were undecided whether to remove or to keep the almond tree there.

Finally, we kept it and that's how we came up with the name Poggiomandorlo. In Italian that means «The Hillock of the Almond Tree.»

V.d.V.: Why did you to create your winery (why in your area and not in an other place) and make your own wine ?

We went there in 2000 for the first time for a weekend's holiday to Tuscany. We stayed in a beautiful place just in front of Sant'Antimo Abbey. We immediately fell in love with those hills and countryside. We went back home inspired by that area rich in history, art, fantastic views and wine. A dream started taking shape.

We talked to three friends of ours with the same passion for the Land of Tuscany and for wine. After some months we purchased the land at the foot of the extinct volcano Monte Amiata, in the Montecucco DOC area.



Poggiomandorlo is the dream of four long time friends with the common goal of exploring and promoting that area with its valleys, mountains and generous volcanic soil. We took the challenge of growing and producing our own wine firmly convinced that that territory would soon become an important area in Italian viticulture producing elegant wines with strong personality.

V.d.V.: What is your signature? I mean what allows us to recognize your wines in blind tasting?

Poggiomandorlo includes a selection of four different red wines. Il Guardiano and La Querce - terroir wines are defined by a remarkable freshness and a mineral sensation coming from our particular soil/terroir that is characterized by the extinct volcano Amiata.

Concerning Le Ombre and Il Poggiomandorlo - a blend of international grapes (Merlot and Cabernet Franc) enriched by a bit of Sangiovese. They are extremely elegant with a velvet feel and a perfectly balanced pseudo-warm sensation

• Poggio Mandorlo società agricola
www.poggiomandorlo.it



Poggio Mandorlo
Il Guardiano 2014
IGT Toscana

Score
15.75+
Verde
Vin

The nose is elegant, full, fruity, very slightly tight, slightly powerful and offers richness as well as density. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed blackberry associated with a slight/discreet hint of rose, wild strawberry, flowers as well as a touch of spices and a subtle iodine hint. The palate is fruity, generous, suave, gourmand, elegant and offers finesse as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fresh/ripe wild berries and slight hints of fresh/ripe wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of chocolate toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of almond (on the background), cedar wood, dark chocolate and olive (on the background). Tannins are beautifully chewy. Beautiful, juicy, suave and gourmande persistence. There is a very discreet hint of blueberry on the finish/aftertaste.



CASCINA BRUNI

Meeting with Cristiano Veglio, owner of the Cascina Bruni

Cascina Bruni of Veglio di Castelletto, is a family and a wine cellar whose roots sink into Italian history. Start from the Umbrian aristocracy, go through the Napoleonic wars (“Arma Veglio di Castelletto” Battle of France in 1821), and unfold to the Piedmont of the Savoy, intertwined with the history of the passions of a king and his morganic heirs. In 1897 Giuseppe Luigi Veglio di Castelletto decides to produce his first Barolo, so the wine of Cascina Bruni was born.

Since 2015 the company is managed by Cristiano Maria Veglio di Castelletto, owner and member of the sixth generation of these noble winemakers. They produce around 40.000 bottles a year sharing different labels as Rivassotto, Carpegna and Batistot (Barolo Riserva), Marialunga (Barolo classic), Fanin (Barbaresco Classic), Villa Maggiore (Langhe Nebbiolo), Otin Matè (Barbera d’Alba Classic and Superiore), Sot-Monopole Grand Cru...



in the brilliant minerality and in the transparency of colors. This is achieved thanks to the Cascina Bruni traditional methods of vinification, our climate, the special soil of our hills, and in the methods of excavation for planting our vineyards many years ago, in fact all were made by hand with the help of our famous Piedmont oxen, in extreme slope conditions. The techniques we used were those kept in secret at the court of the king of Italy, in fact, these soils are the same, and appear in the already historic cadastral maps in the fourteenth century. In other words, thanks to our unique and distinctive terroir.

V.d.V.: What does wine mean to you? Why are you passionate about wine/winemaking?

C.V.: For those of us born and raised in Serralunga d’Alba, who own these lands, wine is a way of life, for countless generations, is in our own soul. Making wine is not just my job it’s a real passion for me... I want it to be felt in my wine. Making wine is not a game, is a serious work, to manage a 120 year old cellar means commitment, passion, so much sacrifice, to live in a constant relationship with the vineyards, to reach a perfect balance with the wines and the winery. Respect for traditions must be a constant objective, we must be scrupulous and get an accurate idea of how you must “do” the wine, without leaving anything to chance.

The wine must be a reflection of the terroir, the tradition and the spirit in which I do it. The wine is made above all in the vineyard and not in the cellar. To summarize, making wine is the desire for excellence.

V.d.V.: What allows us to recognize your wine in blind tasting? What is your signature?

C.V.: We produce wines in the best possible way, in respect of the environmental sustainable development both in the vineyards as in the cellar work, for a better quality of life in the long term.

The distinctive way of our wines, as a form of identification, is

V.d.V.: Do you have an anecdote?

C.V.: Cascina Bruni was involved in the resistance during the World War II. This winery hosted Luis Chabat aka Lulù, a famous leader of the French resistance. He was brave, loving risk and disguises, carried out a form of personal resistance to Nazism and Fascism. His actions, real mockery made with many different disguises have become legendary.

«The partisans used Cascina Bruni as a place of stationing the troops and as a weapons depot. For the anecdote he also was a lover of my grandmother’s sister. When my dad was baptized he was taken to church by the Lulu’car, a Lancia Flavia.

• Cascina Bruni 1897 - www.cascinabruni.it

Cascina Bruni
Rivassotto 2007
Barolo Riserva DOCG

Score
17+
Vertde
Vin



The nose is fine, fruity, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight power, a beautiful maturity as well as elegance. It reveals slight notes of ripe/fresh cassis, strawberry and very slight notes of mocha, pralin associated with discreet hints of dry fruits, sweet spices as well as hints of garrigue and minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight freshness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild dark fruits associated with hints of strawberry, slight notes of toasted oak and a subtle hint of pralin. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of hazelnut and a very discreet hint of tobacco on the persistence. A very beautiful, racy and fine wine!



FEUDO MONTONI

A small Sicilian wine estate where time seems to be stopped

Feudo Montoni is an ancient winery of Sicily located in the principality of Villanova. It was created in 1469 by a noble family of Aragonese origin, the Abatellis. At the end of the 18th century Rosario, grandfather of Fabio Sireci (the current owner) fell under the spell of the baglio (typical Sicilian building), the terroir and the vineyard. Since then this family has passed on from generation to generation its love for its land, for its diversity, but also and above all for the Sicilian wine tradition and its lifestyle ... Currently the property produces some of the best Sicilian wines that it 'Was given to taste'.



In Montoni, the soil is sacred but time is also! The wines need time to rest and refine, in order to reach their state of perfection. We should learn to appreciate the benefits in our lives ...

My wife and I we are passionate about the richness of the Sicilian gastronomic culture. She was a chef in New York and made the choice to come back and live here. She wrote a wonderful book of recipes typical of Sicily (Melissa

Muller, Sicily the cookbook). Many of the recipes are close to my heart, especially that of my mother: the Capretto al Forno di Mamma Adele.

V.d.V.: *If you were to describe your passion for wine, for your property in a few words, what would you say? I would say: Love, passion and the legacy of my father. I've been working with all the energy of my soul for 25 years to perpetuate the work of the wine and to make sure that Feudo Montoni is faithful to the tradition as well as the best integration possible in its environment.*

• **Feudo Montoni**
www.feudomontoni.it

V.d.V.: *What is the signature Feudo Montoni's wines? They are wines of terroir, tradition and complexity. They have a history, a nice acidity, a nice sweetness and a good persistence. I do not want bodybuilder or over-aromatic wines.*

I have a lot of iron and limestone in my soil / terroir. We benefit from a unique microclimate linked to our exposure, our geography and the fact that we are at 700m altitude. When planting new vines, I plant wild vines and let them take root for a year before grafting them with scions of Montoni's old indigenous grape varieties (Nero d'Avola, Perricone, Nerello Mascalese, Grillo, Inzolia and Catarratto). All of the vineyard's younger vines were grafted from the older plants, which were already on the property when my grandfather purchased the property over 100 years ago. One should not try to make or even judge a wine in relation to its power, the oakiness or its concentration but its ability to reflect its soil, its land. I want to feel in my wines what nature gives us! We handle as little as possible our wines and the little that we do (harvesting, pumping over ...) is entirely done by hand...

V.d.V.: *What is your philosophy? I run the property in organic farming and I also incorporate a few practices from biodynamics. What is important to me is to perpetuate the history, tradition, heritage / mission of my father while keeping a property perfectly integrated in its environment and in the landscape. We must respect this history, this cultural richness and this biodiversity...*



Feudo Montoni
Perricone 2016
Vigna Del Core - Sicilia

Score
16.25
Vertde
Vin

The nose is fine, fruity, racy, elegant, slightly enchanting and offers a very slight intensity (but all in voluptuousness). It reveals notes of black cherry, blueberry and hints of cassis associated with slight earthy notes/terroir, plum, discreet hints of griotte as well as a discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization/ripe almond. The palate is nicely fruity, well-balanced, nicely racy, slightly tight and offers a slight density, a slight minerality, roundness, a slight suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses slight hints of ripe blueberry, wild black berries and discreet/(very) slight hints of ripe raspberry, earth associated with slight notes of plum, licorice/cardamom, a subtle hint of chocolate as well as a discreet hint of minerality. Tannins are fine, racy and very discretely firms. Beautiful gourmandise on the finish. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful, racy wine!



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WEINGUT WIENINGER

One of the most beautiful wineries of Vienna

The familial Weingut Wieninger vineyard is located in Vienna (Austria) and belongs to Fritz Wieninger. It should be noted that Vienna is the only world capital producing significant quantities of wine within its city limits. This vineyard extends over 700 hectares. They are mainly cultivated in white grapes (Weissburgunder, Grüner Veltliner, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Gelber Muskateller) and a bit in red grapes. Wine growing has a long tradition in Vienna... According to historians wine has been made here since Roman times.



limestone content, the wines of the Nussberg tend to have a creamy texture and darker fruit tones along with moderate acidity and a very pronounced minerality. I'm really passionate about my terroir; about the Nussberg...

What is your signature/imprint?

There is an interplay between the soil, the vineyard sites and the microclimate of the Vienna Basin - and all this, I try to express in my wines.

Fritz Wieninger is very impassioned by winemaking and above all by Vienna terroirs. He opened his wine-cellar 20 years ago. Today the Weingut Wieninger extends across 52 hectares of vines. This vineyard is partly around the winery, in the north of Vienna, and some others are across the Danube river in the north-west. The most renowned winegrowing areas are Nußberg and Bisamberg.

Because of the continental climate, the region is influenced by different area floors, and a microclimate is created by the Danube river. All of these characteristics have an impact on the production : « all is possible in Vienna » say Fritz Wieninger. The Wieninger domain is known throughout Austria for the quality of their white wines but also for its vintages fermented in oak barrels, developed throughout the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Pinot Noir under the « Gran select » title.

Why your terroir is so specific?

Weingut Wieninger cultivates vineyards on the Bisamberg and on the Nussberg, which - separated by the Danube river - features different soils and different climates. The winery's comprehensive range of wines reflects these differences. The winery is done by biodynamic farming.

A variety of vineyard sites within a contained area defines the wine region of Vienna. Geologically, the Bisamberg consists of light, sandy loess. This soil is highly water-permeable and the subsoils are extremely calcareous.

The Nussberg is comprised of shell limestone and weathered limestone soils with subsoil of limestone rocks. The limestone content is extremely high, something that is very positive for the wine's quality. Because of the heavy soil with a high

What is wine to you ? What does it represent?

The most beautiful thing is to see how the wine develops. I realise the picture that I have in my head - which is harmony with soil, climate and variety. Each wine is also an expression of the winemaker's personality and has a lot to do with emotion and individuality.

Describe your passion for wine in 3 words...


Urban, Viennese and Pleasure

Do you have any future projects ?

Yes currently we are working with some winemakers on a project of creation a classification 'Erste Lage' und 'Grosse Lage'. We want to show the quality of our production and help the development of Vienna wines' notoriety in the world.

• Weingut Wieninger

www.wieninger.at



Wiener Gemischter Satz DAC
Nußberg 2015

Score 15.25+
Vertde Vin

The nose is aromatic and finely creamy. It reveals fine notes of lemon, yellow flowers and vanilla associated with hints of stewed vine peaches and quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, aerial and offers tension, a good volume, gourmandise as well as a nice creamy and finely satiny matter. On the palate, this wine expresses fine notes of lemon, vine peach and fine notes of apple combined with discreet hints of stewed pears. Good length



WEINGUT HÖGL

A Wachau winery where wine's passion is a family history

Hoegl (Högl) is a young and family owned winery situated in the Wachau region (Austria) and founded by Josef Högl. For a long time the family delivered the grapes to the local cooperative. After studying oenology and working at Prager Estate, Josef Högl decided to make his own wines on the estate. Starting with just 3 hectares the Högl family soon extended the property. Today Weingut Högl stretches over 7 hectares of vineyards, including terraces. The winery is managed by J. Högl and his son, Georg.



and a healthy terroir and a great attention to our vineyard are what the present and future qualities of our wines are based upon.

What represents wine to you?

G. H.: To produce wine is an honor and I think one of the most exciting jobs in the world. To drink wine is for me part of a good life quality. A bottle of wine

is a gate to the culture, the people and the landscape of a winegrowing-region.

Describe your passion for wine in 3 words...

G. H.: Live with (the) nature. Key terms that spring to mind: authenticity, sustainability and typicity, but also openness and the ability to learn.

Describe your passion for wine in 3 words...

Josef M. Högl: For me, the Wachau region represents so much more than just home. It is in this landscape that I have learned everything that makes me who I am today: here are not just the roots of my wines but also my own roots

This vineyard is marked by difficult geological and climatic conditions. Indeed, the Spitzer Graben valley is known to be an area particularly steep with an idiosyncratic climate. At the front of the Danube, their « terraces are colder, more barren, rugged and more stony » than most others in the Danube Valley region. They require a traditional skill, passion and a lot of... patience. However, they provide to their wine a specific character making them so unique in the Wachau region. The winery produces mostly Rieslings and the rest in Grüner Veltliner. Let's go to meet Georg Högl, the young winemaker generation.

Why is your terroir so specific?

Georg Högl: We are located in the Spitzer Graben. This terroir is colder and more hostile than the other main wine areas of the Danube valley. We have a very poor soil composed of primary rock especially gneiss and slate. Our very steep terraces and dry stone walls keep the warmth from the day and give it back to the vines during nights, Spitzergraben is the coolest and one of the highest parts of the Wachau wine region. In fact our terraces are up to 460 meters high. Here we have cold nights but also very warm summer days.

What is your signature/imprint?

G. H.: Our wines are fresh, elegant, precise and strong but not too high in alcohol. They offer a nice acidity and a mineralic note from our favourite vineyards bruck and schön. They have a long finish. Our Smaragde are: deep, complex and long-lasting wines.

The grapes, the soil, the slate, the location and the overall terroir - should be mirrored in the finished product. We use and practice some ideas from organic agriculture. Healthy vines

• Weingut Högl
www.weingut-hoegl.at



**Högl - Grüner Veltliner
Bruck Alte Parzellen
Smaragd 2015
Wachau**

Score **16.25+**
Vertde
Vin

The nose is elegant, intense and offers a freshness and a fine density (in the background). It reveals notes of lemon and fine notes of green apple associated with a discreet hint of lime, flint as well as a subtle hint of smoke and exotic fruits. The mouth is fruity, nicely balanced, elegant, harmonious, soft and offers a nice finesse, freshness, juiciness, a nice definition and a beautiful maturity of the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of nectarine, exotic fruits and a subtle hint of juicy apple combined with a juicy / ripe hint of papaya as well as fine hints of lemon / Tangerine as well as fine touches of racy minerality, a slight hint of rose and a discreet oaky hint on the finish. Beautiful persistence.



WEINGUT PRAGER-BODENSTEIN

Meeting with a passionate winemaker !

Prager is an family owned Austrian vineyard located in the Wachau region (Prague), one of the most qualitative Austria's terroir. Since the 90's, it has been managed by Toni Bodenstein and his wife, who have succeeded in making their vines evolve both through family know-how, transmitted from generation to generation, and the opportunities of the present.

The history of the Wachau wine region began centuries ago with the monks who, convinced of the exceptional potential of the soil, had the ambition to produce the best possible wine. They were also seduced by the huge variations of terroir from one vineyard to another, and thus between each of the wines. Indeed, between the terroirs contrasts and the influences of a complex microclimate, the Prager wines enjoy a unique quality and offer a large range of wines. Currently the Prager vineyard is extended on 16 hectares. They are planted with 60% Riesling, the rest is devoted to the Grüner Veltliner.

Why is your terroir so specific?

Robert Bodenstein: *The terroir of the Wachau valley is a big mystery. The geology, climate and soil of the Wachau is influenced by various factors. Starting with an autochthon mountain range, the geology of the Wachau is largely influenced by both fluvial and alluvial processes, therefore creating extremely diverse structures in a tight space. The climate is influenced by different climate-zones as well: in the Wachau valley, the Pannonian climate and the Atlantic climate meet and create a special sub-climate, that differs extremely inside the valley. For example, there is usually a 2 week difference in the phenology of the wine between the villages in the east and in the west.*

What is your signature? What allows you to recognize your wines in blind tastings?

R.B.: *The elegance and finesse, and sometimes the minerality (depending on the site). Our wines are produced without Botrytis and therefore especially show the difference*



between different vineyards or the inherent characteristics of a certain vineyard (e.g. Achleiten). Furthermore we don't use any pectolytic enzymes or fining agents in our production in order to further show the vintage-typicality.

What is wine for you ? What does it represent?


R.B.: *Wine represents for me life-quality, joie de vivre and hedonism. The joy of being. Wine is a wonderful union between the earth, the history and a man... it's a blend of a special reality, a beautiful reality... Wine is the empathy of a man for his terroir.... It's the hearth of a man. Wine is my way of life, my profession and my deep passion.*

Describe your passion for wine in 3 words...

R.B.: *Himmel auf Erden (Heaven on earth).*

• Weingut Prager-Bodenstein

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**Prager - Achleiten
Stockkultur - Grüner
Veltliner Smaragd 2015**
Wachau

Score **16.75**
VerdeVin

The nose is fine, fresh, mineral, elegant, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a certain purity. The nose is marked by the terroir. It reveals notes of lemon, flowers, quenette and exotic fruits combined with touches of vine peach as well as a touch of rocky minerality and a very discreet honey in the background. The mouth is fruity, fine, suave, beautifully gourmande, elegant, precise, finely fleshy and offers a nice suavity, a fine tension, a nice fat, a fine minerality, a certain dynamism, a beautiful definition and an acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / fleshy vine peach, quenette and apple, combined with small touches of saline minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and a subtle / discreet hint of oak (in the background). Good length.

NEW OWNERS for the CHÂTEAU de CANDALE

Sale of the Château de Candale and L'Atelier de Candale Restaurant

The announcement was made before *Bordeaux EnPrimeur* week on Facebook, Jean-Louis Vicard, co-owner of the famous vicard cooperage and the head of the Château de Candale since 2009 announced the sale of this Saint-Emilion property to Thibaut and Magali Decoster.

Château de Candale is a property in AOC Saint-Emilion Grand Cru. It stretches over 13 hectares and is located in the commune of Saint-Laurent des Combes, below the Château Tertre Roteboeuf, on a very beautiful terroir of clay and limestone. The name of the property is a legacy of its founder (14th century) Lady Marguerite of Suffolk Kandall, descendant of Edward III King of England and the Duke of Aquitaine.

Thibaut and Magali Decoster, are a young couple of passionate winegrowers and entrepreneurs from the Bordeaux right bank, who already own two vineyards in Saint-Emilion: Clos des Jacobins (8.5 hectares) and Château La Commanderie (4 hectares), both Grands Crus Classés. For a few years these two properties have experienced a constant improvement in the quality of the wines thanks to the great rigor and quality requirements of the Decoster family. No doubt they will be able to apply the same qualitative requirements to Candale in order to continue to raise this property to meet the high values of Saint-Emilion!

VertdeVin: Why did you choose to invest in this property? What attracted you to the Château de Candale?

T. & M. Decoster : Already the first



thing is that it is Saint-Emilion. We wanted to acquire more in this name. We are always so passionate and delighted to be there.

Our choice is based on Candale because the acquisition of this property allows us to extend the vineyard significantly.

Our other two properties do not have the necessary area for the development of our projects (economic, oenotouristic ...). Château de Candale has a pretty young, modern and chic image!

Of course the quality of the terroir, these qualities are very important, decisive and unavoidable elements. This is why we have chosen Château de Candale for the quality of its wines and its terroirs. Located on the south-facing slope of the village, the vineyards extend from those of the more remarkable First Classified Growths of the appellation.

We wish to continue this work, continue the work of recovery started by Jean-Louis Vicard in order to restore all the prestige to the wines of Candale.



« Saint-Emilion is famous for its great wines and outstanding terroirs. The diversity of its vineyards clinging to slopes overlooking the Dordogne River and basking in the Aquitaine sunshine is unique. The medieval village with its sometimes mysterious architecture preserves the warm, subtle colours of the limestone rock on which it is built ».



Stéphane Derenoncourt remains the consulting oenologist at Château de Candale to continue its work. When a man begins a work he must be given the time necessary to accomplish it.

V.d.V.: What are your long-term goals for Château de Candale and its restaurant?

T&M D.: *Saint-Émilion is all about the passion of those who live there and of the millions of tourists who come to visit it to discover its varied terroirs, complex wines, gastronomy and to meet new and old friends.*

The presence of the restaurant L'Atelier de Candale is a very good thing for the development of our oenotouristic plan and receptive projects which will enable us to make our Châteaux more widely known. This presence on the essential tourist route of Saint-Émilion is a strength for us. In the short term we want to expand the restaurant and create a shop. Of course, Cyrille Gallard, the chef and the co-owner will remain at the head of the kitchens of the establishment. The outstanding location and the restaurant will now allow us to structure the reception of visitors

around the three vineyards, offering circuits that combine terroir diversity, typicity of wines and food pairings with an authentic art de vivre...

In the longer term the creation of some guest rooms would be a good thing. This would allow us to complete our oenotouristic ideal.

V.d.V.: The ranking as « Grand Cru Classé » is it an objective?

T&M D.: *The ultimate goal is to obtain the rank of Grand Cru Classé. It is a continuation of the dynamics of our two other vineyards (Clos des Jacobins, Château La Commanderie). Candale has all the qualities and the ability to obtain the classification having as much to do with the quality of the terroir, its location, its environment as the reception.*

Congratulations, all my wishes of success to Thibaut and Magali Decoster for this new challenge and all my wishes of success to Jean-Louis Vicard for his future projects!



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SAUTERNES ZEST by CHÂTEAU FILHOT

A new freshness and novelty for Sauternes!

The Sauternes Zest is a brand new cuvee of Château Filhot (Sauternes Grand Cru Classé). Wanting a younger style, more accessibility, to Gabriel de Vaucelles (co-owner of Château de Filhot), the idea behind this new wine is to reach new consumers, to make them take a first step into the amazing world of Sauternes with the aim of creating new moments of consumption. The ambition is also, in the end, to lead them to drink more 'traditional' style Sauternes'.

What is the Sauternes Zest?

Château Filhot : This is a Sauternes adapted to a new mode of consumption putting forth the expression of the fruit and vivacity of the wines of Bordeaux Gold. The levels of liquor and alcohol are in the low range of standards of the appellation Sauternes. The blend is also unconventional because it consists of 50% Sémillon and 50% Sauvignon. The grapes for this cuvee are harvested by hand at the stage of roasted grains which allows us to obtain the eponymous character of this wine pleasure: its delicate notes of lemon zest.

How did you come up with the idea of creating this wine?

C.F. : At Chateau Filhot we have a 2nd wine (Trianon de Filbot) which is developed according to the traditions of the Sauternes appellation, vinified and aged exclusively in vats. Some vintages of this 2nd wine have a style similar to the current Sauternes Zest and appealed particularly to many amateurs and young consumers. However, this second wine is only produced from qualitative lots excluded from the blending of the first wine.

Its balance and style can vary greatly from one vintage to another. To find each year these same characteristics, it was necessary to create a specific cuvee which implies to harvest



and vinify grapes only intended for the assembly of the Sauternes Zest. Hence the idea of this cuvee was born...

What do you advise on the tasting or consumption of this product?

C.F. : The Sauternes Zest seems to be a perfect aperitif or accompaniment to an early meal. This bottle can be kept right in a refrigerator and released as soon as an opportunity presents itself.

Why this original packaging?

C.F. : The eponymous character of the Sauternes Zest and its original style (tasting) must imperatively be found in the packaging. We therefore opted for a thin and slender bottle (volume of only 37.5cl), a modern, elegant, easily readable and directly

recognizable label, a glass stopper of the Vinolok type facilitating the opening and the closing of the bottle without hampering its preservation.

It was necessary that this originality in the wine be found in the packaging.

• www.filhot.com

Sauternes Zest 2014 - Filhot Sauternes

Score
15
Vertde
Vin

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of compoted pear, crushed nectarine and fine notes of candied lemon combined with hints of exotic fruit, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of fresh ginger and candied lemon zest. The mouth is fruity, gourmande, suave, unctuous, finely tight and offers a fine freshness, a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), juiciness and a nice volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted pear, compoted peach and small notes of citrus fruits (lemon, clementine) combined with discreet hints of exotic fruits, fresh ginger as well as a subtle hint of spice, kumquate, a slight/discreet hint of candied pineapple (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of white flowers (in the background). Good length and persistence.

BESTHEIM

One of the founding wine houses
in the development of Crémant d'Alsace

Bestheim is an Alsace wine cellar cooperative with more than 250 years of history and wine tradition. The story begins in 1765 when Heim was founded in Westhalten. Over the years, this old trading house has grown, thanks in particular to closer links with other wineries in the region. The Bestheim brand was founded in 1997 on the occasion of the merger of the Bennwihr and Westhalten cellars.

Today Bestheim represents approximately 500 families of Alsatian wine growers spread over 1450 hectares. This large expanse is a force that allows it to benefit from a great mosaic of terroirs among which, some great vintages of the most famous like Grand Crus Schlossberg, Mambourg or Zinnkoepflé. This year, Bestheim celebrates its twentieth anniversary.



more 'gastronomic' called « Grand Prestige ». In both cases we always have a beautiful aromatic expression and good maturities, thanks to the importance given to the diligence of the vineyard and our winegrowers.

The 'classic' range aims to present Crémants fruité, pleasant, well made, easy to open on any occasion. For the 'gourmet' range we have a creamy foam / effervescence due to aging on slats with a minimum of 18 months of

aging for the rosé and 36 months for the white. They are more sophisticated Crémants, more marked by the terroir, coming mainly from calcareous soils. They are very fruity, without aggressiveness and reveal fine notes of almond at the end of the mouth.

We are continually striving to go further, in search of excellence. We do not rely on lessons learned alone. We would like to go little by little towards wines that are even more chiselled.

V.d.V.: Where does the name Bestheim come from?

The name of Bestheim comes from the association of the names of the origins of the two cellars associated with the trade name which was already merged with the cellar of Westhalten: the HEIM House. Either BE (from Bennwihr) - ST (from Westhalten) - HEIM (trader). Our name also has an international dimension in its consonance with both English and German.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the Crémants Bestheim?

We have a gastronomic approach during winemaking. We have two ranges of Crémants, one more 'classic' and one

V.d.V.: If you were to present Bestheim in 3 or 4 adjectives?

I will give 3 values of the brand, namely: boldness, sharing and elegance.

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**Bestheim
Premium - Brut**
Crémant d'Alsace

Score
14.5+

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals slight notes of white peach, cassis bud and ripe pear combined with slight touches of ripe lemon as well as a discreet hint of minerality and a subtle hint of almond/hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, dry, finely incisive and offers juiciness, a nice fat, a good roundness, freshness, a fine acid frame and softness. The effervescence is fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe apple, ripe vine peach and ripe exotic fruit combined with slight notes of ripe lemon as well as discreet notes of Tangerine (in the background) and a subtle hint of almond. Good length and persistence. There is a discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste.



**Bestheim
Extra Brut**
Crémant d'Alsace

Score
15.25+

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration (in the background). It reveals slight notes of fresh citrus (lemon, Tangerine) and fresh raspberry associated with a discreet hint of apple as well as a very discreet hint of flint. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, a nice finesse, fat, a fine suavity, a good freshness and a nice roundness. On the palate, Crémant expresses notes of fresh apple, fresh lemon and slight hints of crunchy pear / white peach associated with a discreet hint of lemon zest and buds / fresh flowers. Good length.



**Bestheim
Demi-Sec**
Crémant d'Alsace

Score
14.75+

The nose is fruity, relatively rich and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed apple, compoted white fruits / pear and slight / discreet touches of quince associated with a discreet hint of lemon, flowers and yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, precision and gourmandise. The effervescence is fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lychee and slight notes of crushed apple, crushed pear combined with a hint of very ripe lemon and yellow fruits. Good length and good persistence.



**Bestheim
Brut Rosé**
Crémant d'Alsace

Score
14.75+

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals fine notes of raspberry and pear associated with slight notes of fresh nectarine skin, flowers as well as a discreet hint of lemon/lemon cream, cherry and a subtle hint of flower. The mouth is fruity (nice fruits!), juicy, well-balanced, relatively/finely powerful and offers fat, a discreet cremosity, gourmandise and a fine complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and lemon associated with slight notes of white peach as well as a hint of lychee and a discreet hint of green almond. Good length.

**Bestheim
Grand Prestige 2010**
Crémant d'Alsace

Score
15.25

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a fine complexity as well as elegance. It reveals fine notes of apple and a discreet hint of eggs cream, lemon associated with a subtle hint of pear as well as a slight hint of brioche and a very discreet woody hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers tension, precision, a fine acid frame, suavity, finesse and roundness. The effervescence offers fine bubbles that burst delicately. On the palate, this Crémant expresses notes of ripe white peach, apple and a discreet hint of lemon associated with a subtle hint of quenette, brioche / toasted hint as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits and small sun-gorged fruits. Good length and persistence.



**Bestheim
Grand Prestige Rosé 2014**
Crémant d'Alsace (100% Pinot Noir)

Score
15.75

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a fine cremosity. It reveals notes of raspberry sorbet and a discreet hint of lime associated with slight notes of white fruit, a subtle hint of exotic fruits/quenette as well as a discreet hint of yuzu and brioche (in the background). The palate is fruity, creamy, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, fat, a fine acidity, a good freshness, suavity and finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry and slight hints of fresh strawberry Gariguet associated with slight notes of quenette, pear, fresh apple, ripe white fruit as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits, lemon / Yuzu and a discreet hint of brioche.



CHÂTEAU DE CRANNE

Meeting with Vincent Lacoste,
winegrower of Château de Cranne

Château de Cranne is a family wine property located in Donzac in AOC Cotes de Bordeaux. The vineyard extends over 45 hectares of vines, including 30 hectares in red and 15 hectares in white (dry and sweet). Château de Cranne was acquired by the Lacoste family in 1856, but traces of vineyards and work buildings testify to an older presence of vines and vinification. From this time the property has kept its management in polyculture (cereals, forests) even if the whole part except wines is entrusted to renting to professionals of the sector.

The property is currently managed by Vincent Lacoste representing the 6th generation of the family. As soon as he arrived as the head of the vineyard in 2005 he knew how to make his mark, going from the sale of 70% of wine to trade / bulk to 0%, going organic and decreasing the impact of oak on the wine. Today the property produces about 250,000 bottles of wine sold in some thirty countries.



«The terroirs are transferred from generation to generation but not the style. We enjoy a large mosaic of terroir ranging from hillsides to more clayey land. This diversity is a strength! »

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the wines of Château de Cranne?

It's not an easy question because I have a signature, I recognize it but I do not know how to describe it. I make wines in AOC Côtes de Bordeaux, AOC Loupiac and others in AOC Bordeaux.

For Côtes de Bordeaux wines I do not try to make wines in a modern, woody and opulent style. I do not particularly like wine too woody, the fruit must be put forward in a wine! What is important to me is acidity. What interests me in wines is the blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon (often more Cabernet Sauvignon than Merlot) because it gives a small austere side that I like as well as a complexity. My red wines are regularly marked with small animal notes, underbrush, licorice and mushroom. One usually has more notes of black fruits.

For my white and red wines in AOC Bordeaux they are more in a fruity style, frisky, more easy-drinking. In my white wines I have a lot of Sauvignon Gris and Muscadelle that bring length, good material and fat.

Regarding my sweet wines in AOC Loupiac I have in my wines an important acidity which sometimes says that my Loupiac are more in a mellow than sweet. These are aromatic wines and all in balance.

V.d.V.: If you were to describe your passion for wine in a few words?

Travel, sharing, emotion

V.d.V.: Why did you choose Organic Farming?

I believed in organic farming. There is a growing market. It also gave us constraints that made us progress technically, learn and evolve. Today it is 10 years since we are in Bio but only 2 years that the Bio wine market really has been taking off. However, I do not want my wine to be reduced to organic. I want it to be chosen for what it is, for how it tastes, for its style.

V.d.V.: Do you have plans for the Château de Cranne?

Yes, there are two main ones. The first is that we will start work at the property to create

a reception area, tasting with the ultimate goal of... starting a wine tourism business.

The second project is the creation of a new wine range made in a more uncomplicated style compared to the image of Bordeaux, a style that resembles me. When my grandfather was at the head of the family vineyard he hired many Breton students for the harvest. Among them was Joel Auvin, a young man studying philosophy and who had some time ... was also a journalist. He became well known and became famous thanks to his drawings. I have known him from a very young age and we have always had a strong bond of friendship. When I started thinking about this new range I asked him if he could make me some drawings for the labels. He accepted with pleasure and made me superb drawings that you will find on these new cuvées (one red, one white and one rosé) but also on our BIB.

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Château de Cranne 2015
Bordeaux Rouge

Score
15

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, black berries and slight hints of griotte associated with a hint of plum, ripe strawberry as well as slight hints of bell pepper, flowers, spices/mocha, woody hints and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, juicy/sweet, round and offers a beautiful suavity, a slight mineral frame as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of black small berries as well as slight notes of red cherry, raspberry, cacao/tonka bean as well as slight woody hints, roasting and a subtle/very discreet hint of vanilla in the background. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length. An easy-drinking wine.



Château de Cranne 2015
Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
15+

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively complex and structured. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and wild small black berries associated with slight hints of wild red fruits/berries, cherry as well as a discreet hint of flowers and mocha/oak. The palate is fruity, soft, well-balanced, structured, fat and offers a slight minerality, a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and black berries/cassis associated with slight notes of plum peel, wild strawberry/redcurrant as well as a hint of mocha/espresso and a subtle hint of cedar wood. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit young. Good length.

Château de Cranne 2014
Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
15.25

The nose is fresh, fruity, powerful, structured and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and discreet hints of blueberry associated with a subtle hint of red fruits, griotte as well as a discreet hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of red bell pepper/bud. The palate is fruity, juicy, soft, mineral, sleek, well-balanced, slightly tight, supple and offers a slight deepness, gourmandise, a beautiful fresh frame as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe black cherry, boysenberry and slight notes of wild small berries associated with a hint of red cherry peel, ripe wild red berries as well as a discreet/slight hint of mocha/cacao. Tannins are fine and supple. Good persistence.



Château de Cranne 2011
Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
14.75+

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight unctuousity/generosity in the background. It reveals notes of dark chocolate/mocha, fresh blackberry and fresh cassis associated with slight notes of fresh strawberry, hints of toasted oak, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of ripe bell pepper and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity/gourmandise, a beautiful fruit, a slight acid frame, a slight tension as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry and wild ripe berries associated with hints of cassis, a discreet hint of crushed strawberry as well as slight toasted touches, chocolate and a very discreet hint of verbena. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There is a hint of bitterness on the aftertaste. An easy-drinking wine.

Château de Cranne 2016
Bordeaux Blanc Sec

Score
15+

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of lemon zests and green lemon associated with a hint of vine peach, exotic fruits/quenette as well as a discreet hint of rose/flint. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, gourmand, fat, a bit fleshy and offers a slight minerality, a slight acid frame, a good guideline, a slight unctuousity, a good structure as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe vine peach, pear, quenette and slight hints of lemon/ripe Tange-rine associated with a discreet hint of litchi, rose/flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of flint. Good length and gourmand persistence.



Château de Cranne
Cuvée Annie Darras 2014
Loupiaç

Score
14.75+

The nose is fruity/aromatic, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a slight incisive side. It reveals notes of candied lemon and pineapple in sirup associated with a slight touch of kumquat, honey, orange jam as well as a discreet hint of ginger and gingerbread. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, beautifully fat/fleshy and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity, a very slight juiciness, suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach in sirup, pineapple in sirup, slight notes of candied apple and hints of candied lemon /clementine associated with a discreet hint of kumquat/candied apricot, honey as well a slight hints of spices and ginger. Good length.



CHÂTEAU SAIKOUK

Meeting with Latifa Saïkouk, winegrower in the Medoc

Château Saïkouk is a young and dynamic property created, carried out and embodied by Latifa Saïkouk.

This young winemaker is the daughter of agricultural workers who arrived from Morocco in 1972 is a lover of her terroir, wine and epicureanism. She bathed from her earliest childhood in the world of wine spending her holidays in vineyards or cellars.

V.d.V.: Why did you decide to become a winemaker?

L.S.: I grew up among the vines of Château Verdignan. Every Wednesday after school we went to pull the wood, take out the branches at the end of the row ... The wine and the vine have always attracted me a lot.

Mr Dupuy who was my neighbor and winegrower in love with his terroir gave me his passion. I would see him all the time after school. He gave me his wine virus and when I was old enough to be able to taste he brought me to my first tastings at the wine competition of Bourg. I did this for 4/5 years focusing mainly on white wines. Then I stopped going to this competition to taste the thirty wines that are here in Saint-Seurin. When he retired in 2001, I naturally took over his vineyards and set up the Château Saïkouk. I also wanted to keep the label Château Le Mont Du Puit as a tribute to this man. In 2003 I vinified my first harvest in the cellar.

At present I produce, most years, between 9,000 and 10,000 bottles.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the wines of Château Saïkouk? What makes it possible to recognize them in blind tasting?

L.S.: I do not try to make a hard,

austere wine but wines that can be enjoyed from the aperitif until the end of the meal; wines that you can drink young, on any occasion... The only exception is the cuvée «Le O de Saïkouk» which is best made to be a wine of gastronomy, to drink with a food pairing.

Generally speaking, we are more likely to sense black ripe fruits than fresh red fruits and they will not be overloaded with woody aromas.

V.d.V.: For my part I would add that the wines of Château Saïkouk are characterized by a fine minerality and a «pleasurable / accessible» side. These are balanced wines that offer freshness. Very often there are fine licorice notes at the finish.

V.d.V.: If you had to summarize your passion for wine in a few adjectives what would you say?

L.S.: For me, wine is the story of my life. It is sharing, conviviality, love...

V.d.V.: Do you have a project in particular for the years to come?

L.S.: Yes, I would like to make a white wine. I recently planted 40 acres (60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Sémillon) in the town of Ordonnac to eventually make a white cuvee.

Another project I also have is a house nearby that I would like to transform into a guest house and tasting room.

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**Saïkoug
Rosé 2016**
Vin de France

Score
15

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry associated with slight hints of strawberry candy as well as slight / discreet hints of white fruit. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral and offers a nice fat, roundness, gourmandise and a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and strawberry candy combined with slight touches of white fruits and citrus fruits.



Le O de Saïkoug 2014
Haut-Médoc

Score
15.25+

The nose is fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, fresh cassis and slight notes of red fruit, licorice associated with a fine woody hint, cocoa as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, ample and offers a nice freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis combined with slight hints of plum, fresh red fruits, fresh Gariguet strawberry and discreet toasted hints, cassis, toasted oak as well as a slight hint of cardamon. Beautiful finish ! Tannins are fine and well-built. There are slight hints of licorice on the finish / persistence. Good length.



Saïkoug 2013
Médoc

Score
14

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy (terroir) and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and cassis associated with slight notes of menthol, liquorice and a few slight touches of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid and well-balanced. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry and cherry, combined with a touch of blackberry and cassis as well as a very discreet toasted hint (in the background) and a slight hint of licorice on the finish. Good length.



Saïkoug 2014
Médoc

Score
14.25+

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of raspberry, cherry and slight hints of licorice combined with a discreet hint of tea and crunchy strawberry. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, well-balanced, slightly gourmande, relatively ample, a bit aerial and offers a small fat as well as a mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry and raspberry combined with slight hints of licorice as well as a hint of cardamon on the finish / persistence. Tannins are well-built.

Saïkoug 2015
Médoc

Score
15

The nose is fruity, relatively fleshy and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and fine notes of crushed blackberries combined with a touch of wild berries, licorice, Ceylon tea and a slight hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a nice mineral frame, a good structure, a nice freshness, a good structure and a certain complexity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry and raspberry, combined with discreet notes of cassis, juicy blackberry, slight woody notes, toasted oak, licorice (on the finish) as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are a bit young. A nice and pleasant wine !

Saïkoug 2016
Médoc (en primeur)

Score
15+

The nose offers a fine concentration as well as a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and crushed cassis combined with slight hints of blackberry, wild berries as well as a discreet hint of flowers, spices, licorice and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, quite gourmande and offers a nice juiciness, a nice fruity, fat, a good definition, suavity as well as a good roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry and juicy blackberry combined with slight hints of strawberry and plum as well as a toasted hint / vanilla, a discreet hint of spices, cardamom, flowers and a tip of roasted brioche. Good persistence. Nice potential ! There is a fine hint of licorice / cardamon on the persistence.

CHÂTEAU CANTINOT

Meet one of the Blaye jewels

The Château Cantinot is a family property of 30 hectares located in Cars, in the Blaye AOC Côtes-de-Bordeaux. Even though the Château was built in 1811, in the lower part of the property there are ruins of a 16th century house and traces of vines attesting to the ancient presence of a vineyard.

«We acquired Château Cantinot in July 2002. At the time the property was spread over 9 hectares of vines. Little by little we have grown to reach 30 hectares spread over 3 main sites (Cantinot, Capron, Haut-Boutet).» Currently the property produces about 180,000 bottles of which 65% are sold abroad.

What is the signature of the wines of Château Cantinot?

When we arrived at Cantinot we were at the time in AOC Ires Côtes-de-Blaye. We knew that it was a difficult name and we wanted to make dif-

ferent wines because we were already convinced by the potential of our terroir. We wanted to show that it is possible to make quality wines, great wines in this kind of appellation. During my first meal with Olivier Dauga I asked him to take out the wines he liked and that I would also bring the wines that I loved. We already knew what we did not want to do but we had to define together the style of the wines that we would do. After all, it's not up to us to do it according to the terroir, the earth, the geology, the things that can be done...

My wines are like my children, they have the same father, the same mother but four different characters... each one in his place and his own personality.

Generally we do not want to make wines too extracted. We want sweetness, fruit and «gourmandise».



Focus on Yann Bouscasse, co-owner

«I have not always been in the wine industry. I worked for a long time as a marine broker in the transportation of natural gas and liquefied gas. I always liked wine and a good table... I was very friendly with François Nony Borie. Thanks to him I discovered and tasted most of the Médoc wines.

We have long sought property in the Médoc but... we did not find anything that was financially within our means, with a seductive terroir and where we could do a lot of things to improve the quality. One day François heard about a property of Blayais for sale. It was in the budget, there was a lot to improve and the terroir looked good. So we came to see it and we quickly fell under its spell... We embarked on this adventure at 50 years old! It was a bit of our mid-fifties crisis...

We have absolutely reviewed everything (vineyard, production tools) with the sole objective of being able to produce great wines. We knew it was going to be difficult but we did not suspect that it would be as difficult to take on a vineyard! Our first vintage was the 2003. In 2004 we launched the Tours of Cantinot and in 2009 the cuvée Orbite (made from whole grapes).»

What is wine for you?

For me wine is conviviality, sharing between friends, friends. When sharing a bottle between people of good companies we talk about everything, we redo the world, we exchange... Wine is also to be around a table, eat well, enjoy good products. It is a whole part of epicureanism.

How do you manage the vineyard / property?

We manage our vineyard very reasonably. I have a mindset closer to biodynamics than to organic farming, but I do not want certification. We pay great attention to biodiversity and the health of our vineyards. We plant flowers, try to attract bees, conserve woods, maintain biodiversity, we grow grass, work the soils, minimize our impact on nature.

Do you have plans for Château Cantinot?

Yes. We intend to create a collection of three bottles containing a 100% Cabernet Franc,

a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and a 100% Merlot. We find interesting to propose mono-varietal wines because we have delicious lots that can not fit into any of our other cuvées... and then the approach is very interesting for wine lovers!

Where does the name of the property come from?

The ancients say that in local patois 'Cantinot' designates a place of demarcation... no doubt because we are at the crossroads between two roads. We never changed the name because in my previous area of work we never renamed a ship. It also has the advantage of being a short name, easy to pronounce and we like it.

• **Château Cantinot**

www.chateau-cantinot.com

Château Cantinot 2009
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
15.5+

The nose is aromatic, slightly powerful and finely structured. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, fresh cherry and slight notes of fleshy strawberry, blackberry associated with discreet hints of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of vanilla, a hint of flowers, minerality and a very discreet hint of undergrowth/truffle (very discreet). The wine needs to be carafed. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, elegant, finely fleshy and offers freshness, minerality (racy minerality) a nice definition, a slight intensity as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy boysenberry, wild strawberry and slight notes of redcurrant, cassis associated with hints of licorice, vanilla oak as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of pepper and a very discreet hint of cacao on the aftertaste.



Château Cantinot 2010
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
16

The nose is fine, fruity, racy, charming, elegant and offers a slight density (in the background), deepness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of raspberry and wild blackberry associated with a slight touch of flowers, a oak touch, black pepper as well as slight hints of cacao and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla. The wine needs to be carafed. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful structure, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh strawberry and hints of raspberry associated with discreet hints of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of cacao and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, well-built and polished. Good length and persistence.

Rivière du Château Cantinot 2014
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
15

The nose is fruity and finely structured. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and slight hints of ripe cassis associated with hints of spices. The palate is fruity well-balanced and offers gourmandise, juiciness, a nice freshness and a slight racy minerality as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, strawberry, raspberry and slight / discreet notes of ripe berries associated with hints of licorice as well as a discreet toasted hint, sweet spices, a discreet oaky notes and hints of cacao on the finish/persistence. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a slight minerality on the finish. Good persistence.

Orbite de Cantinot 2011
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
16.25+



The nose is fruity, fresh, fine, gourmand, elegant, precise/clean, charming, slightly fleshy and offers a slight intensity and deepness. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe blackberry and slight notes of cassis, crushed redcurrant, strawberry associated with discreet hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background) and a hint of flowers and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, elegant, straight and offers a slight tension, suavity, a nice gourmandise as well as a slight minerality/freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe blackberry, ripe/fresh redcurrant and slight notes of strawberry, cassis associated with a discreet hint of fresh raspberry, a subtle hint of plum as well as touches of toasted oak, a discreet hint of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla and an imperceptible hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly chewy. Good length and persistence. There is a discreet hint of cacao/nutmeg on the persistence.

Les Tours de Cantinot 2010
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Score
16.25



The nose is fine, fresh, elegant, structured, slightly powerful and offers a slight straightness as well as a slight hint of austerity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, cacao, wild strawberry and minerality/flint associated with slight hints of crushed cassis, woody hints as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth, a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful suavity, juiciness, a slight fat, precision, finesse/delicacy, a slight acid frame, a slight tension, a beautiful matter, precision as well as a beautiful precise fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight hints of blackberry, violet as well as discreet hints of licorice and a subtle hint of vanilla oak. Tannins are well-built, round and slightly firm. Beautiful aromatic persistence.

CHÂTEAU HAUT SELVE

Meeting with the Lesgourgues family,
winegrowers-entrepreneurs, epicureans and enthusiasts

Château Haut Selve (Graves) is a young property of 50 hectares, located in the Graves. It was created ex-nihilo in 1991 by the Lesgourgues family. Seduced by the beautiful potential of this terroir they acquired this land at the time occupied exclusively by a forest and embarked on the beautiful adventure of creating a vineyard. Even if it seems a little crazy to start from nothing to create a vineyard there is a great advantage because «we start off with a virgin terroir devoid of any treatment, a healthy soil».

As for its history, even though during the acquisition there was only one forest, this land had been planted with vines in the 19th century. However, the vineyard was completely destroyed by phylloxera in 1870 and then abandoned.



V.d.V.: What is the signature of the wines of Château Haut Selve? What makes it possible to recognize them in blind tasting? It just so happens that we recently did a blind tasting of various Graves 2014 with our oenologist!

Our red wines offer a lot of finesse, elegance and a gourmet side / pleasure. We have worked hard on this notion of «gluttony» from the beginning. We did a lot of work on cooperage, on vinification ... we want notes rather toasted but without saturating the fruit with the oak. Our red wines are gourmet, fine, elegant, straight and offer fresh fruit. The finish of the mouth are quite assertive, complex.

We have also refined the style of our white wines by seeking more balance with a precisely dosed acidity. 30% Sémillon is always blended in order to bring fat. We are also very attentive to the risks of oxidation to keep the freshness of the fruit and its primary aromas. 50% of the wine is aged in stainless steel tanks and 50% in barrels (100% new). At Chateau Haut Selve we develop wines that are not as marked by vinification as the Pessac-Léognan but without the Sauvignon being too acidic, without complexity. The blend is 30% Sémillon, 60% Sauvignon blanc and 10%

Sauvignon gris. The latter brings small notes of exotic fruit and complexity.

In the end, we get gourmet, pleasant wines... wines that look like us!

V.d.V.: What is wine for you?

For me there are two dimensions in wine. The first is the 'sacred' dimension (in the religious sense). It is a product that has a great place in Christianity.

The second dimension is pleasure and the art of living in the French style. The wine is an integral part of the gastronomy in general and more particularly of the «gourmet meal of the French»... that France made it into the heritage of the humanity (UNESCO) in 2010. In my opinion, the place of wine in gastronomy is even stronger in France than in other major European wine-producing countries.

There is magic in this product! Wine must remain synonymous with sharing, conviviality, pleasure and not technic.

V.d.V.: Do you have any plans for the property?

Yes, the vintage of 2015 which is our 20th vintage. We will put it on the market during Vinexpo Bordeaux 2017. It is a very beautiful vintage!

To celebrate this event a special packaging will be created. A series of events in France and abroad will be led to taste or re-taste Château Haut Selve. There is clearly a beautiful upscale release!

On this 20th anniversary label you will still find the gates, the sculptures of Castor & Pollux, but with a different color code, a numbering of bottles, shorter capsules...

• **Château Haut Selve**
3 Chemin du Port, 33650 Saint-Selve, France
www.vignobles-lesgourgues.com

Château Haut Selve 2015

Graves

Score
15.5+



The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, relatively complex and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, ripe cassis, and juicy / ripe red berries combined with a subtle hint of blue fruit, fresh raspberry, chocolate, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee and a very discreet hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral (racy mineral), elegant, racy and offers suavity, gourmandise, a fine fresh frame as well as a beautiful and finely unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and fine notes of raspberry, red berries combined with hints of chocolate, caramelization, spices and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length and nice persistence with a slight toasted hint and hazelnut.

Château Haut Selve Reserve 2014

Graves

Score
15.75+



The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, gourmandise as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and cassis cream combined with a hint of crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate, cardamon and discreet toasted hints. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, mineral, racy and offers a nice freshness, suavity, a good definition, precision, finesse as well as a fine straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh Boysen berry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy black cherry associated with a hint of raspberry, cherry, small hints of licorice, undergrowth, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe red bell pepper and a very discreet hint of truffle. Good length. There is a subtle hint of cocoa and almond on the aftertaste (brings gourmandise). A well-balanced and nice wine!

Château Haut Selve 2016

Graves (White)

Score
15.75+



The nose is fruity, fresh, straight and elegant. It reveals notes of lemon, clementine zest and grapefruit zests associated with a hint of ripe peach in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely elegant and offers a nice fat (due to sticking/bâtonnage), a fine creaminess, freshness, straightness, a fine acidity (in the acidity) as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe peach, grapefruit, clementine and small notes of citrus zest associated with touches of quinine, passion fruit, ripe papaya and a very subtle hint of vanilla.

HORIZONTAL TASTING of CHÂTEAU PIERRAIL

Château Pierrail 2014

Bordeaux Supérieur

Score
15.25+



The nose is aromatic and offers a fine gourmandise, a fine freshness and a fine elegance. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of blackberry combined with discreet hints of coffee and oak. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, a fine mineral frame, a nice fat, suavity and a fine tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh fleshy blackberry, ripe / fresh cassis and small notes of fresh / ripe strawberries combined with slight hints of fresh fleshy raspberry as well as fine touches of bitter dark chocolate, coffee, toasted oak and a discreet hint of caramelisation. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and good persistence with a hint of bitter dark chocolate (brings gourmandise). Good value for money!

Château Pierrail Cuvée Prestige 2014

Bordeaux

Score
16

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals fine touches of citrus, beeswax and a discreet touch of orange peel associated with a discreet hint of spices and oak. The palate is fruity, nicely suave, well-balanced and offers a good acid frame, freshness, tension, nice fat, a good structure, a good definition, roundness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and fine notes of yellow peach combined with a discreet hint of exotic fruits as well as slight toasted notes and sweet spices. Good length and good persistence.

La Réserve de Pierrail Coteaux de la Fonchette 2014

Bordeaux Supérieur

Score
16+



The nose is fine, fruity, aromatic, elegant, finely gourmand and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, ripe / fresh cassis and fine notes of crushed Gariguet strawberry combined with hints of blueberry, discreet touches of licorice, cornflowers and a touch of caramelized oak, spices, a discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, nicely balanced, silky, suave and offers gourmandise as well as a very nice minerality and a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and ripe / fresh blueberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, licorice, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a discreet / slight hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and persistence. A good and gourmand wine.

CHÂTEAU LAGRANGE

Meeting with Matthieu Bordes,
General Manager of Château Lagrange

Château Lagrange is a vineyard property located west of the Saint-Julien appellation in the commune of Saint-Julien-Beychevelle. Even though the castle itself was built in 1618, the origins of this Cru Classé of Saint-Julien date back to the Middle Ages.

Currently the property extends over 157 hectares (118 planted) on one property, on two parcels of Garonne Graves of the Quaternary (Graves Günziennes). The vineyard is planted with about 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot.

V.d.V.: What makes the typicality of your terroir?

A block of 118 ha in one piece that combines several terroirs ranging from 80% bass to 10% coarse elements and a limestone clay subsoil. The largest altimetry at Saint Julien 5m for the lowest plots which unfortunately froze this year and 23 m at the highest consisting of several meters of gravel. Note 23m is the highest point of the appellation and it does not please everyone but it is the truth! It is an older vineyard: 10 ha are less than or equal to 10 years old, 60 ha which are 32 years old and 50 ha which are between 40 and 65 years old... which also explains the good quality of the Fiefs de Lagrange.

Our geographical situation in the southwest of the appellation allows us to have between 1 and 3 degrees cooler than at the edge of the river this allows us to keep a lot of freshness in our wines (acidity, pH, aromatic...)

Our staff, for the most part, have been working on the same plots for thirty years, so it is important to have this continuation.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the Lagrange wines? What makes it possible to recognize them in blind tasting?

A very relevant question! We who generally taste blindly and benchmark (the school of humility of course but also truths!)

Our wines always reflect the terroir of Saint Julien and the image we have of these wines. Quite often Denis DUBOURDIEU would do tastings for the DUAD or the Faculty of oenology to illustrate the wines of this appellation.

First of all the color is always much less evolved than the majority of the wines of the appellation, the wines are cooler in a consistent vintage. They offer a nice acidity which

can sometimes take one aback at first but which guarantees us a remarkable longevity both aromatically and visually.

In the nose: black cherry fruit, licorice, menthol, pepper and sometimes jasmine floral notes, the oak is aggressive with melted vanilla, caramel, mocha. With aging there are notes of cedars, eucalyptus, full grain leather and licorice.

The mouth is never overpowered but well built, tasty, digestible and always balanced because we adapt the extraction according to the plots from which the grapes come. (Intra-plot)

I must say that since 2000 the wines are very precisely aromatic and have a great drinkability due to the freshness (pH between 3.45 and 3.65 all vintages combined)

This may seem presumptuous but to taste them regularly blindly and in Benchmark on the same vintage, over a dozen years there are no wine rivals, as incredible as it may seem.



V.d.V.: Where does the name of Château Lagrange come from?

Lagrange comes from the word Grangia which in old Gascon defined a community managed in polyculture including dwellings. This community, known as the Tenement of Pellecabus, was founded by the Templars but was long managed by the Order of Malta. For example, we found in Lagrange traces of an ancient hospital and a chapel.

V.d.V.: Describe your passion for wine in a few words.
Perfectionism, excellence, humility and sharing.

V.d.V.: Do you have plans for Château Lagrange?

Yes, we are planning to build a cave. At present one of our vinification cellars is semi-buried. The idea is to move this cellar and dig deeper to create a cave to store our bottles. Normally work should start next year.

After all, we want to continue working on quality and fragmented work. In order to be able to optimize quality, work more precisely / close to our vineyard, we have doubled the number of tanks and reduced the size of the tanks

• **Château Lagrange**
www.chateau-lagrange.com

Château Lagrange 2014
Saint-Julien, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a slight richness/concentration. It reveals slight notes of crushed wild strawberry, red berries and blueberry associated with a discreet hint of chocolate, caramelized oak, a subtle hint of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper, violet and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a slight density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, red cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of plum, discreet hints of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, a subtle hint of violet and a very discreet hint of salinity. Tannins are fine and slightly firm/straight. Good length and persistence.

Score
16.75

Château Lagrange 2012
Saint-Julien, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and slight notes of wild strawberry, cassis cream associated with a slight touch of Cuben pepper, a hint of minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers, toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers minerality (beautiful minerality), juiciness, a beautiful acid frame, suavity, gourmandise, a beautiful/slight fat as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry, strawberry and slight notes of black berries associated with a discreet hint of caramelized oak, chocolate as well as a hint of vanilla and a subtle/imperceptible hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine and slightly chewy. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score
16.75



Château Lagrange 2013
Saint-Julien, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine and offers a certain delicacy. It reveals slight notes of blackberry, plum and strawberry associated with a discreet hint of spices, Sichuan pepper as well as slight notes of spices and a hint of flint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise, juiciness as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy cassis and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with a hint of cherry as well as discreet woody hints, dark chocolate and a slight hint of caramelization. There are medium-sized and slightly firm tannins. Good (and gourmande) persistence.

Score
15.75

Château Lagrange 2011
Saint-Julien, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, powerful, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and hints of gray pepper associated with touches of crushed raspberry, hints of spices as well as a slight hints of cuben pepper and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant and offers suavity, fat, tension a slight straightness, a slight structure, gourmandise as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and fresh/fleshy raspberry associated with discreet hints of red berries as well as woody hints/chocolate and slight touches of caramle. Good length and persistence.

Score
16.25+

Les Fiefs de Lagrange 2012
Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity and offers a slight power, intensity as well as a discreet freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of ripe red cherry associated with a hint of crushed wild strawberry, a woody hint as well as discreet hint of thyme, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a slight mineral frame, silky, a nice structure as well as a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of cherry as well as slight woody touches and spices. Tannins are fine. There are slight notes of salin minerality on the finish. Good length and persistence. There is suavity on the finish.

Score
15.25



Les Fiefs de Lagrange 2010
Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers intensity as well as a discreet freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of ripe red cherry associated with a hint of crushed wild strawberry, a woody hint as well as discreet hint of thyme, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, slightly fleshy and offers a slight freshness, a slight mineral frame as well as a nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of cherry as well as slight woody touches and spices. Tannins are fine. There are slight notes of salin minerality on the finish. Good length and persistence. The finish is relatively suave.

Score
15.5





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NICOLAS FRION

Chef of Le Gabriel

Nicolas Frion is a talented chef who has made his home in the terroir of Aquitaine, his adopted region. Currently chef of the restaurant Le Gabriel (gourmet restaurant and bistro) he made his debut among the famous names of French gastronomy. Formerly Chef of the Michelin-starred restaurant Le Chapon Fin emeritus, his career has allowed him to rub shoulders with Thierry Marx at Cheval Blanc in Nimes then Cordeillan-Bages and Gérard Boyer in Crayères (Reims) and Paul Bocuse.

Following a tradition of gastronomy, Nicolas Frion breathes a wind of creativity, freshness and modernity into Gabriel's kitchen. On the one hand, the gourmet restaurant for which the Chef imagined an upscale kitchen, elegant, refined and delicious meals made from seasonal ingredients carefully selected from regional producers. With precise cooking and an exotic touch, the kitchen Frion Nicolas and his team invite you to a culinary journey.

On the other side, the Bistrot Gourmand, delicate and authentic menu waiting for you to include you in the discovery of the wonders of the Aquitaine terroir. His goal: Obtaining a Michelin star and why not a second?!

In the following pages you will find a few seasonal culinary creations made to order by the Chef as suggested to accompany the wines. Dishes and wines that tantalize our taste buds!



Le Gabriel, Restaurant Gastronomique
10 Place de la Bourse à Bordeaux

Wine & Food pairing

by Nicolas Frion



Saint-Pierre cuit doucement au vadouvan, petits pois et mousse de lait

Saint-Pierre filet slowly cooked with vadouvan spice, peas and milk froth

Enjoy it with a **Château d'Aiguilhe 2012 - Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux** (score : 16)



Paleron de veau cuit 48h, mousseline de carotte des sables, carottes fanes et curry Masachi, huile curry / oignons nouveaux.

Veal calf cooked 48 hours, sand carrots mousse, fane carrots and curry Masachi, oil curry / spring onions

Enjoy it with a **Château Haut Selve 2014 - Graves** (score : 15+)

Wine & Food pairing

by Nicolas Frion



Selle d'Agneau en deux versions: le filet grillé, la panoufle confite à l'ail des ours, jeunes navets glacés au jus et cristaline d'ail des ours.

Saddle of Lamb in two versions: the filet grilled, the panoufle preserved with the ail des ours, young turnips frozen with the juice and crystalline of ail des ours.

Enjoy it with a **Château Fleur Cardinale 2012, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé** (score : 16.5)



Fraises et thym Linalol sauvage, note d'huile d'olive.

Strawberries and Wild Linalol thyme, olive oil note.

Enjoy it with a **Cascina Bruni Barolo Marialunga 2013** (score : 15.75+)



BORDEAUX EN PRIMEURS 2016

A vintage with an atypical and stressful climate

Talking about the vintage 2016 is telling the story of a stressful, unpredictable nature, by some aspects radical but with a quite exceptional result! 2016 is divided into three main periods...

Winter / Spring: Enough water !

The winter of 2015-2016 was exceptionally mild and very wet. Spring was just the same... We note that in places between 600 and 700 mm of precipitation fell between January and June, about twice as much a «classic» year. Small special mention for the month of January in Saint-Emilion which received nearly 200mm of rain.

Mid / late February the first buds were out ahead compared to the last few years. This advance would be lost later because of a slightly cooler period. The bud break at the end of March favored by the wet and sweet conditions. The vineyard flowered a few days later than average in recent years. The end of May the days were a little warmer and favorable to flowering.

Summer:

Could there be a little water ?

From mid June onwards, the climate was warm and warmer. Besides this, cooler nights than usual, offering a very exceptional day / night temperature difference.

July offered good conditions for the vine. August is marked by a long drought and a few scorching episodes that make certain parcels suffer, non-clayey soils and especially young

vines with less developed root systems (blockages of maturity, water stress ...). The «old vines» endure these exceptional conditions thanks in particular to the water reserves accumulated during the winter and the spring. The veraison took place from the 4th to the 16th of August.

September:

The right amount of water at the right time !

The month of September started dry but a few light rains (30/40 mm) fell on the 13th and 14th of September unblocking the maturity, bringing a bit more «juice» and thus offering a breath of oxygen to winemakers. This precipitation of mid-Septem-

Focus on red wines : FRESHNESS, TENSION AND FINESSE!

2016 is a beautiful vintage generally despite some heterogeneities on some appellations / terroirs.

There are pretty deep robes and intense colors obtained from the first juices... It was not necessary to multiply the pumping to concentrate the color and aromatic palette. Overall, the red wines present a nice tension / freshness, a good balance, ripe fruit but fresh, a delicate fat and a degree of alcohol less than on «solar vintages such as 2009. The seeds offer a good maturity thus bringing Ripe tannins and sometimes even fine almond notes. There are good structures, powerful but still in finesse. These are wines that already offer a good gourmandise, a good «drinkability» and a very good potential aging.

Note that in some terroirs (plateau, gravels ...) it is possible to find in the wines slight vegetale notes (bell peppers, ivy, cassis bud) probably due to a blockage of maturity or water stresses. However, most of the time this, which could turn out to be a «fault» is easily forgotten by the other qualities of the wine.





ber ensures a good maturity and the quality of the vintage. The harvest took place a bit later than usual.

My first impressions of the 2016 vintage

Every year the En Primeurs season (March / April) allows professionals from all over the world to meet in the Bordeaux vineyards to taste the latest vintage. Before speaking to you, in a global way, of vintage 2016 wines it seems important to remind you that it is wine Primeurs. That is to say unfinished wines, in the process of being created and therefore not finished! This could, if I dared to compare, be like an ultrasound of a baby in the sixth month of pregnancy. Just as for the child this «examination» allows us to have a good idea of what the wine will become without having a fixed, determined and 100% reliable image. The majority of the wines remaining in vinification between 12 and at most 24 months.

I must also remind you that in the Gironde there are more than 10,000 vineyards, a great wealth of terroirs and therefore thousands of wines. You must therefore understand that the short description below is only a general

**Focus on white wines :
GOOD MATURITY AND FAT !**

Perhaps the color that does not work well but be careful not to make generality! Overall the white wines offer great ripeness on the fruit, a lot of fat, good structures that can easily withstand a classic vinification but with perhaps a little lack of freshness / acidity. There are still some great successes to note such as Domaine de Chevalier, Château de Reignac, La Grande Clotte, Alto de Cantenac Brown...

On the volume they are below the previous vintages.

overview and can in no way be understood as a veritable truth verifiably on absolutely 100% of the wines. As in all vintages, there are properties, know-how and terroirs that do better than others. Let us also bear in mind that, as one famous taster said, «tasting is not about tracking down the fault, but about determining whether the pleasure exceeds it.» Wine is not a technological product, standardized but a

living product of human, pleasure, sharing and conviviality!

Following you will find the TOP 100 of the best Primeurs notes/reviews. Keep in mind that it would be incongruous to compare a Pessac-Léognan with a Pomerol or an other appellation because we don't have to expect the same thing from these wines!

You will also find at the end of this Bordeaux EnPrimeur 2016 subject a short selection of wines that didn't necessarily get the best ratings but that offer an excellent value for money... «coups de cœur» wines!

**Focus on sweets :
A GREAT VINTAGE FULL
OF BALANCE & FINESSE !**

2016 is in a style less rich / opulent, less fat and offering a less acidity than on some of the last vintages.

In my opinion, the 2016 vintage offers a beautiful balance (full of finesse) between tension, freshness, fine acidity and ripe (but also fresh) fruits. Note that on some properties the fruit is a bit over ripened. They offer a nice fineness as well as a nice capacity of aging. There are beautiful achievements such as Yquem, Doisy-Daëne, Rabaud-Promis...

On the volume they are below the previous vintages.

TOP 100 EN PRIMEURS

Château L'Évangile
Pomerol

Score
19.5

Grand Vin de Château Latour
Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux
Bordeaux

Score
19.25+

Château Pontet Canet
Pauillac, 5ème Cru Classé

Score
19.25

Château Lafite Rothschild
Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

Château d'Yquem
Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
19+

La Mondotte
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande
Pauillac, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

Château Palmer
Margaux, 3ème Cru Classé

Château Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Château Bélair-Monange
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Figeac
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Score
19

Château Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Château Coutet
1er Cru Classé Sauternes-Barsac

Château Margaux
Margaux, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.75

Château Angélys
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé A

Château Canon La-Gaffelière
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé B

Score
18.5+

Château Léoville Poyferré
Saint-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé

Score
18.5

Château Mouton Rothschild
Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

Château Doisy Daëne
Barsac, 2ème Cru Classé

Tertre Roteboeuf
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Château Cheval Blanc
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.25+

Château Trostanoy
Pomerol

Château La Fleur-Pétrus
Pomerol

Score
18+

Château Ausone
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé A

Château Léoville Barton
Saint-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé

Château Pavie
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé A

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Score
18

Château Cos d'Estournel
Saint-Éstèphe, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

Château Troplong Mondot
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Rabaud-Promis
Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Château Hosanna
Pomerol

Château Pavie Macquin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé B

Score
17.75+

Château Lynch-Bages
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé

Château Lafon-Rochet
Saint-Éstèphe, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

Château Valandraud
Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Le Plus de La Fleur de Boüard
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Grand Vin de Léoville Las Cases
Saint-Julien 2ème Cru Classé

Château Haut-Bailly
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.75

Château Montrose
Saint-Éstèphe, 2ème Cru Classé

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Domaine Chevalier
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5+

Château Suduiraut
1er Cru Classé Sauternes

Château Certan de May
Pomerol

Château Gruaud Larose
Saint-Julien 2ème Cru Classé

Score
17.5

Château Lagrange
Saint-Julien 3ème Cru Classé

Château Beauséjour
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

Le Carillon d'Angélys
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

TOP 100 EN PRIMEURS

Le Défi de Fontenil

Vin de France

Score
17.25+

La Chapelle d'Ausone

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Alter Ego de Palmer

Margaux

Clos Badon - Thunevin

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Pichon Baron

Pauillac 2ème Cru Classé

Château Larcis Ducasse

Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Canon

Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Carruades de Lafite

Pauillac

Château Lafaurie Peyraguey

Sauternes 1er Cru Classé

Château d'Arche

Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé

Château Rieussec

Sauternes 1er Cru Classé

Score
17.25

Château Latour à Pomerol

Pomerol

Domaine de Chevalier

Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé

Château Mangot, Cuvée Todeschini

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Daugay

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Bourgneuf

Pomerol

Château Beychevelle

Saint-Julien 4ème Cru Classé

Score
17+

Château de Myrat

Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé

Score
17+

Château Cantenac-Brown

Margaux 3ème Cru Classé

Château Bellevue Mondotte

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Malartic Lagravière

Pessac-Léognan

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Château La Fleur de Bouïard

Lalande-de-Pomerol

Balthus du Château de Reignac

Bordeaux Supérieur

Château Duhart Milon

Pauillac 4ème Cru Classé

Château Guiraud

Sauternes 1er Cru Classé

Château Sansonnet

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Pape Clément

Pessac-Léognan

Clos des Jacobins

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Score
17

Château Talbot

Saint-Julien 4ème Cru Classé

Château de Pressac

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Beau-Séjour Bécot

Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Tour Peyronneau, Cuvée Pierrick Lavau

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Pavillon Rouge de Margaux

Margaux

Château La Dominique

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château de Rayne Vigneau

Sauternes 1er Cru Classé

Score
17

Château Filhot

Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé

Château Malartic Lagravière

Pessac-Léognan

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Château Fleur Cardinale

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Le Prieuré

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Clos Haut-Peyraguey

Sauternes 1er Cru Classé

Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rothschild

Pauillac

Score
16.75+

Château Giscours

Margaux 3ème Cru Classé

Clos Fourtet

Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé B

Château Marquis d'Alesme Becker

Margaux 3ème Cru Classé

Château Meyney

Saint-Estèphe

Château de Ferrand

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château de Malle

Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé

Château Langoa Barton

Saint-Julien 3ème Cru Classé

Score
16.75

Château Pavie-Decesse

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



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Château Fleur
La Mothe
Haut-Médoc
Price : €

Score
15.5+

RED



Château
Phélan Ségur
Saint-Estèphe
Price : €€

Score
16.5

RED

Château
Reignac
Bordeaux
Price : €

Score
15.75+

WHITE

Château Mangot
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25

RED

Price : €€

Château Trapaud
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
15.5+

RED

Price : €

Château Larrivau
Haut-Médoc

Score
15.75+

RED

Price : €

Château d'Aiguilhe
Castillon

Score
16

RED

Côtes de Bordeaux

Price : €

Château Olivier
Pessac-Léognan, Grand
Cru Classé
Price : €€

Score
16.75

RED

La Perle de Peyrous
Graves

Score
16

RED

Price : €

Muse du Val
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Price : €€

Score
16+

RED

Château Pabus
Bordeaux
Price : €€

Score
16.25+

RED

Les Griffons de
Pichon Baron

Score
16.25+

RED

Pauillac

Price : €€

Virginie de
Valandraud

Score
16.5+

WHITE

Bordeaux

Price : €€

Château Clos de
Boüard

Score
16.25+

RED

Montagne Saint-Emilion

Price : €€

Château Cissac

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CRU BOURGEOIS

Château Cissac
Haut-Médoc

Score
16

RED

Price : €

Château La Lagune
Haut-Médoc,
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75

RED

Price : €€

Clos Dubreuil
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25

RED

Price : €€€

Château
Grand Mayne
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Price : €€

Score
16.75

RED

Réserve de la
Comtesse

Score
16.25

RED

Pauillac

Price : €€

Château Bernateau
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5

RED

Price : €€

Château Thieuley
Cuvée F. Courselle

Score
15.5

WHITE

Bordeaux

Price : €€

Château
Puygueraud

Score
15.75+

WHITE

Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Price : €

Château
Grand-Puy Ducasse

Score
16.75

RED

Pauillac, 5ème Cru Classé

Price : €€

Alto de
Cantenac Brown

Score
16.25

WHITE

Bordeaux

Price : €

Château La Grave
à Pomerol

Score
16.75

RED

Pomerol

Price : €€

Château Pierrail

Score
15.75

WHITE

Bordeaux

Price : €

WHAT IS ARMA

Benoit Hillion
Armagnac Dartigalongue

What I like most when I talk about Armagnac is the notions of happiness and sharing that it implies. It is a product that is to my taste a little too often enclosed / confined to the ritual of the end of exceptional meals (note: New Year's Day, Christmas, birthdays...). It is true that it is part of the pleasure of Armagnac but I find it a pity that many do not dare to open a bottle of Armagnac except for these exceptional occasions.

" Armagnac is a product of passion that lends itself to many different moments as long as it is shared."

Yet there is such a diversity of terroirs and styles of Armagnac that one can find the perfect one for all occasions and with many dishes. It can be drunk on a bold faith (young Armagnac), with a dessert (Vieux Armagnac) or simply with people that we love around a game of rugby. It is a generous product produced in the South West... a region that is synonymous with passion, gastronomy, joie de vivre, good living, traditions... and beautiful scenery! We blend / make our Armagnacs in a friendly relaxed way, and we have a lot of fun creating them.



J erome Delord
Armagnac Delord



Armagnac is my passion, my life and the life of my family. It is an ancestral, historical, artisanal product and so extraordinary! Armagnac is linked to Gascony, our family and our know-how. It is a product rich in emotion. As my marriage witness once told me, 'Armagnac is the blood of D'Artagnan!'

"That's why we love it, if it was too easy we would like it less"

What I also like about this product is that it is not won in advance, it is not an easy product. It does not sell itself, it's a niche product. It is a discrete product that one must pamper, put forward. Armagnac it is worth it! This is my passion !

GNAC TO YOU ?

Pierre Laberdolive
Armagnac Laberdolive



Armagnac is and will always remain to me a transmitted mission, a story to continue, a memory... For me Armagnac is the fruit of the memory of the gesture, the memory of grape varieties, the memory of the cellar and especially the memory of the people who were there before me.

"A memory to be transcribed and transmitted"

To share a glass of Armagnac with friends is to remake the world. It is a product of sharing, terroir and conviviality. Armagnac we sip it, we talk about it, we share it and after a few moments we redo the world. The happiness of this product is this diversity of terroirs, styles, this concept of conviviality, identity but it is also, quite simply, the pleasure of tasting it.

Stéphane Volpato
Armagnac Jean Cavé

In 1883, the Jean Cavé family created its first vintage and undertook to raise it to bring it to its peak. From here begins a passionate adventure that has lasted for more than 130 years during which four generations apply the duties of transmission of knowledge and the making of a heritage reserve of each vintage.

These four speakers will mark the imprint of their passages by bringing technical improve-

"Armagnac is the intergenerational transmission"

ments both in the vineyard and vinification, as well as in distillation and aging while responding to the evolution of the consumers' taste of each time period.

To make, to age an Armagnac is to «think» to prepare his succession to two generations in a visionary way with respect for the methods and the knowledge acquired and those to transmit... To make the Armagnac, to perpetuate this know-how, The gestures of our relatives means that we must remain so...



WHAT DOES WINE

Sandrine Garbay
Château d'Yquem



Above all, wine is my trade. It is a product that I have really discovered in depth and appreciate for what it is when I have been studying. Previously I especially enjoyed wine for its biology, for the materials that it revolves around (chemistry, microbiology...). If I chose to be an oenologist it is for this scientific approach above all because I wanted to apply it to a noble product.

My family always loved wine. My father was a great wine lover and so he initiated me. I really learned to love wine for what it is during my studies so eventually quite late. From then on, the wine became the object of all my attentions. I try to detach myself from it during my personal time even if on holiday I can not help but visit vineyards, to taste... My passion often catches up with me... my husband takes me there very often too.

Wine is associated with gastronomy, meals... it is the Wines & Food pairing... I am an epicurean, I like good things and therefore very gourmand.

Not long ago I had the honor of attending the traditional vigneron lunch organized by Jean-François Piège. Every year he invites the winegrowers who provide the wine and offers them lunch. Every winegrower must bring a bottle... and there are only great wines! We tasted a Muscat 2008 and a Joseph Jamet Côte Brune 1991 (Côte Rotie) that really moved me!

Jean-Pierre Marty
Château Talbot

The wine is very cultural. I'm from Bordeaux by birth. My family has always lived in this universe. My grandfather and father were cellar masters. Wine is a passion that has been in me for a long time. I started collecting and bottling wine as early as 16/17. I have very eclectic tastes. I like to discover and taste wines from everywhere, from all regions, from all countries. This open-mindedness is surely also due to my journey, my history. I have made wine in the four corners of the world, in China, in Australia, in Morocco... I love many grape varieties from the South, from Provence such as the Rolle or the Syrah.

My last great emotion was a tasting at Meursault, in Burgundy. We tasted the same grape variety on different terroirs interpreted by the same winemaker... We really felt the magic of the terroirs. Later I had the chance to repeat this type of tasting but in Alsace, at Paul Blanck... it was wonderful.



MEAN TO YOU ?

Lorre Allen
Southwind Vineyard & Winery



Wine, to me, is the opportunity to manipulate the gifts of mother nature in order to create a truly exceptional product. If you were to fill a bucket with grapes and leave it alone for a week you will have in the bottom of the bucket what is essentially wine. It's up to us, the winemakers, to guide this process in order to end up with a beautiful product which expresses the beauty of the grapes. I agree with the winemakers who say wine is made in the vineyard. You need to have a well balanced grape in regards to the sugar, the acid etc, a ripe grape with a deep color. With this grape, if the winemaker takes very good care of it in the chai, he/she can guide the fermentation and the rest of the process, to have, as a final product, the purest, best wine that nature can provide. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to work hand in hand with nature.

Nicolas Lesaint
winemaker of Château Reignac

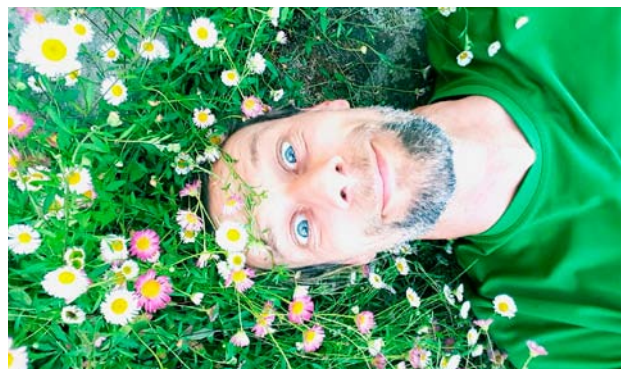
In order to succeed in fine, elegant, harmonious aerial cuvées, it is essential that one must practice the haute-couture culture, cutting, touching, cutting, weighing a shoot, estimating a skin tension or the temperature of one Tank by a fleeting passage of the palm of the hand on its surface. One must know how to sharpen one's gaze and love the beautiful.

But despite this, I remain convinced that a wine is not a work of art because it is much more than that.

It is a concentration of life, it is a crystallization of the gift of self, it is the image of a society and a connection with a life requiring terrestrial links. It is a social bond marking each amateur in the depths of his taste buds revealing a story, memories, happiness, pleasure or pain.

It is a political and social commitment, a catalyst of passions and emotions in the same way as a sculpture realized with force and perspiration. But I know that the most passionate winegrowers refuse to be compared to creative artists, they are far too modest for that. Yes, having an artistic sensitivity strengthens the trade and enriches the drink. But this fermented juice must remain simple in its interpretation and consumption. These wines that we develop for you are there to accompany your life at all without being presented as something necessarily cerebrally complex. They are there to be associated with beautiful things, to magnify those beautiful things like your moments of life, your joys, your sorrows, those that build your personality and which make sure that your other half is always in love with you.

Yes, wine is more than a work of art it is what you make of it every moment, it participates in the eternity of man because «it belongs to him and every second of tasting contains it...



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Wines to discover... and savor!

Joseph Phelps Backus Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Oakville - Napa Valley

Score
17.75/20
Vertde
Vin

TO
KEEP

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, well-built, relatively rich and offers concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis, Quetsche plum and fine notes of cherries combined with touches of liquorice, toasted oak as well as a few slight touches of caramelization, a hint of cardamom and discreet touch of coconut. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced and offers harmony, a mineral frame, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful, suave and a bit silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum jam, blackberry cream and touches of cassis associated with slight notes of wild strawberry, fine notes of chocolate (in the background) as well as discreet hints of sweet spice. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Beautiful harmony!

Price : €€€€€

Château Franc Baudron Montagne-Saint Emilion

Score
15.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, spicy, aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cherry and slight notes of redcurrant, ripe wild cassis associated with small notes of pepper (black and white), a woody note as well as a hint of Ceylan tea (in the background), flint and a very discreet hint of menthol (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful juiciness, tension as well as a nice volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy wild strawberry, redcurrant and cherry associated with touches of juicy cassis, juicy plum as well as hints of toasted oak, cardamom, spices as well as a subtle hint of Ceylan tea (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a slight hint of vanilla on the aftertaste.

Price : €

Quails' Gate Riesling Icewine 2014 Okanagan Valley - Canada

Score
15.75+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, fresh, fine and well-balanced. It reveals notes of quince, honey and a slight notes of peach associated with a discreet note of apple as well as a hint of yellow peach in syrup. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, luminous and offers a beautiful minerality, a nice balance, dynamism, gourmandise as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied clementine and pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of crystallized lemon, vine peach and a hint of Granny Smith apple on the persistence. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Price : €€

Staglin Family Vineyards - Salus Chardonnay Estate 2014 Rutherford, Napa Valley

Score
16.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, incisive and offers intensity, a small freshness and harmony. It reveals notes of white fruits, stone fruits and small notes of exotic fruit associated with a hint of citrus, slight touches of peach flowers as well as slight vegetal touches, butter and very discreet notes of wood / oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers minerality, juiciness, tension, fat, complexity, finesse as well as a nice and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stone fruit, white fruits (stewed pear, nectarine) and fine notes of citrus notes (tangerine, lemon)...
(Read full review online)

Price : €€€

Château Belles-Graves 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
15.5+/20
Vertde
Vin

TO
KEEP



The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of cassis associated with slight notes of plum, violet as well as a hint of wild strawberry and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, juicy and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, precision, a slight complexity, a nice expression of the fruit as well as a fine/beautiful fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry and slight hints of cassis associated with a slight note of flowers, crushed strawberry as well as slight/discreet woody touches. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length and gourmand persistence.

Price : €

Ambrosan Nicolis 2008 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

Score
16.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Italy
The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic and offers power as well as a nice structure. It reveals notes of very ripe boysenberry, ripe wild small black fruits and slight notes of ripe raspberry, wild strawberry, roasted oak associated with a hint of coffee, dark chocolate as well as slight notes of spices, hints of pralin and a very discreet hint of cornflower (after aeration). The palate is fruity, sleek, straight, clean, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight minerality, a beautiful roundness, power, complexity, suavity as well as a slight freshness.
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Price : €€€

Wines to discover... and savor!

Cupano 2012 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Italy

Score
17+/20
Vertde
Vin

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The nose is fine, elegant, racy, velvety, slightly powerful and offers a complexity as well as a beautiful precision. It reveals slight notes of ripe wild blackberry, slight notes of wild black berries and a discreet hint of garrigue, gray pepper associated with a subtle hint of spices, a very discreet hint of flowers, bay as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, a subtle hint of undergrowth and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful definition, a beautiful minerality, a slight acid frame, fat, suavity, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful roundness, a slight density, a nice precision as well as a beautiful tension...

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€€€



Friularo 2006 Riserva Il fondatore Italy

Score
16.5+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fine, powerful, well-balanced, elegant, straight, frank, racy and offers a beautiful power as well as a slight density/intensity. It reveals notes of ripe red cherry and slight notes of blackberry, raspberry associated with a discreet hint of mushroom (very discreet) as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of lily pistill and very discreet hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy, gourmand and offers a beautiful tension, a slight acid frame, minerality, a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried strawberry, fresh/ripe berries and slight notes of black cherry peel, cassis associated with a subtle hint of white fruits, slight notes of mocha as well as a very discreet hint of truffle/mushroom.

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€



Score
15.75+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

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Basile Ad Agio 2012 Montecucco Sangiovese Riserva D.O.C.G

The nose is fine, elegant, silky and offers a slight intensity and power. It reveals notes of ripe boysenberry and slight notes of black cherry, ripe black olive and slight hints of small berries associated with a hint of licorice, chocolate, a very discreet hint of cronflower, a subtle hint of lilac as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of garrigue and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, soft, velvety, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a very slight concentration as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of ripe cassis and ripe blueberry ...

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €



La Piu belle 2011 Chile

READY
TO DRINK

Score
16.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy, aromatic, harmonious and offers a slight complexity as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe black fruits, redcurrant, blackberry and flowers associated with a slight notes of violet and crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, quite elegant, racy, slightly velvety and offers precision as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, flowers and slight touches of blackberry associated with slight toasted hints, cacao, discreet hints of plum, black fruits as well as slight notes of cacao, cardamom and a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are slightly firm. Beautiful persistence. There is a hint of minerality on the persistence.

Price : €€€

George Vesselle Cuvée Véronique-Syl- vie - Grand Cru Bouzy Rouge – Coteaux Champenois

Score
15.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, ripe cherry and fine notes of dried cassis combined with discreet hints of plum, flower / violet as well as hints of spice. The palate is fruity, gourmande, juicy and offers an acid frame and a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe red cherry and fine notes of dried cassis associated with hints of blackberry, a fine touch of terroir as well as discreet hints of spice, a subtle hint of fleshy prunes, discreet hints of licorice and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

Price : €€



Patritti Section 181 Grenache Single Vineyard 2015 McLaren Vale – Australia

Score
16/20
Vertde
Vin

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READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, fresh and fine. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed/fresh strawberry associated with notes of spices, chocolate/cacao as well as a very discreet hint of violet and Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant and offers a slight juiciness as well as a slight creamyness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy wild strawberry, ripe redcurrant, fresh raspberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of crushed blueberry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak, a hint of sweet spices... (Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€



Wines to discover... and savor!

Michel Rolland Bonne Nouvelle 2006 Remhoogte Estate Cape Blend Stellenbosch - South Africa

Score
16.5+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and slightly rich. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated discreet notes of raspberry jam as well as slight notes of spices, smoke and oak. The mouth is nicely fruity, elegant, fine and offers gourmandise, a nice freshness, harmony as well as a nice acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fleshy / crunchy strawberry associated with slight notes of licorice, chocolate, juicy cassis, tobacco as well as discreet spicy notes. Tannins are fine and well done. Good length.

Price : €€

Domaine Denis Père et Fils 2015 Pernand-Vergeleses

Score
17.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fine, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, deepness as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of beeswax and yellow fruits associated with slight hints of ripe white fruits as well as a hint of exotic fruits and subtle hints of toasted oak/beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, elegant, dynamic and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness/delicacy as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon, juicy ripe peach, quince and slight notes of small yellow stone fruits associated with a discreet hint of ripe apple, exotic fruits as well as subtle toasted hints and beeswax. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste. Beautiful aromatic and gourmandise persistence.

Price : €



Score
16/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

Champagne George Vesselle - Blanc de Noirs - Grand Cru Extra Brut Champagne

The nose is fresh, fine, creamy and aromatic. It reveals notes of egg cream and slight notes of apple associated with discreet hints of lemon and crushed pear. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity, intensity, freshness as well as vivacity. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic, shining and offers a very slight creaminess. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, apple, flat peach associated with slight/discreet toasted touches as well as very discreet hints of stewed white fruits. Good length and good aromatic persistence.

Price : €€€



Score
16.5+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

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KEEP

De Morgenzon Reserve Chardonnay 2016 Stellenbosch - South Africa

The nose is fruity, gourmand and creamy. It reveals fine notes of lemon and crushed pear associated with slight notes of apple, Tangerine flowers as well as discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, relatively aerial and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight creaminess as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and slight notes of Tangerine associated with a discreet hint of quince, apricot as well as a very discreet toasted hint / vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Price : €€

Boschendal Elgin Chardonnay 2015 South Africa

Score
16.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

TO
KEEP



The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of pear and slight notes of crushed nectarine/white peach associated with slight touches of quince/citrus as well as a very discreet oaky hint, a subtle hint of zests and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, round, precise, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple and slight touches of pear, ripe lemon associated with a discreet hint of clementine, a subtle hint of quenette/quince and a very discreet oaky hint in the background. Good length.

Price : €

Finca os Cobatos Godello Monterrei 2016 Gallicia

Score
15.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of flint and slight notes of apple associated with a discreet hint of quince as well as subtle touches of citrus and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight minerality, fat, a slight acidity, gourmandise, a slight tension, an aerial side as well as a slight mineral frame (racy minerality). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, small yellow stone fruits and slight notes of quince, lemon associated with a very discreet hint of lemon zests as well as a subtle hint of toasted. Good length.

Price : €

Spirits to discover... and savor!

Hepp - Single Malt Tharcis Hepp

Alsace Whisky

The nose is fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of rocky minerality, mountains flowers and slight notes of mirabelle, Williams pear associated with small touches of wheat, quince, muesli, yellow flowers as well as a subtle hint of dry fruits, spices, pepper and hay. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight fleshy, a beautiful fat, a nice structure, minerality, a beautiful suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of small yellow fruits, quince, mirabelle and slight notes of dried yellow grape associated with a subtle hint of peach, Brazil nut/dry fruits, wheat, a subtle oaky/toasted hint as well as a subtle hint of crystallized kumquat, a hint of hay and minerality. There is an imperceptible hint of peat in the background.

Price : €€€

Score
15.5+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Chase Distillery Elegant 48 Gin

England

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals fine notes of apple and green lemon/citrus associated with small notes of flowers (white flowers, lemon blossom) as well as subtle hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, gourmand, incisive, elegant, fine, suave and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this gin expresses notes of green lemon, green apple and flowers associated with a subtle hint of orange zests, discreet hints of white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of melon in the background. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Price : €€

Score
16+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Score
16/20
Vertde
Vin

Rum Coloma - 8 anos

Colombia



READY
TO DRINK

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes of dry fruits, Zante currant and a discreet hint of date, dried peach associated with a subtle hint of dried lemon as well as discreet hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of coffee cream. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, unctuousity, a beautiful fat, precision, straightness as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses touches of caramel, date, dried lemon and a subtle hint of caramel, molasses, coffee cream associated with a grilled hint (in the background). Good length and persistence. The aftertaste is relatively powerful.

Price : €€

Score
17/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Armagnac Delord N°7

Bas-Armagnac

The nose offers slight notes of ripe lemon and a discreet hints of zests/yuzu, flowers associated with a slight/discreet hints of iris, a subtle hint of spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, fat, a slight suavity, a slight unctuousity as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses slight notes of candied orange, candied lemon and hints of peach associated with discreet hints of white fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of exotic fruits, slight notes of caramelization and a very subtle hint of vanilla.

Price : €€€€

Vieira de Sousa - Very Old White Port

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and finely gourmand / rich. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied tangerine associated with fine touches of spice, almond, hazelnut and a few discreet woody notes and a fine note of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers fine elegance, a nice definition and an acid frame. In the mouth this Porto expresses fine notes of candied lemon and caramel associated with a hint of honey, tobacco and hazelnut / almond. Good length and persistence.

Price : €€€€€

Score
17.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Taylor's 325th anniversary Reserve Tawny - Port

The nose is elegant, fine, well-balanced, slightly velvety, slightly powerful and offers complexity. It reveals notes of dried blackberry, dried fig and slight notes of dried raspberry, crushed cassis associated with slight hints of crushed strawberry, spices, cardamom, licorice, tea as well as a slight hint of Sichuan pepper, dry fruits and an imperceptible hint of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, precision, a good definition, a slight acid frame, an aerial side, minerality as well as a beautiful grain. (Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€

Score
16.25+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Spirits to discover... and savor!

Whisky d'Arche 8 ans d'Âge

Score
16+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, powerful (and soft at the same time!), harmonious and offers a certain finesse. It reveals slight notes of wheat, dried lemon, malt and a subtle hint of peat, honey associated with a discreet hint of nutmeg/cinnamon, a subtle hint of peach, cereals as well as a discreet hint of herbs and a very discreet hint of fat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a beautiful softness, finesse, power as well as a small sucrosity/roundness (certainly due to the Sauternes finish). In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried lemon and Zante currant associated with a subtle hint of wheat, malt, ripe mirabelle, quince paste, spices, woody hints associated with slight hints of honey/vanilla on the finish/persistence and an imperceptible hint of botrytis. Nice aromatic persistence. **Price : €€€**



Domaine de Severin XO Rhum Vieux Agricole Guadeloupe

Score
16.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fine, elegant, aromatic and offers a slight richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of Zante currant, leather, baked banana and slight hints of white pepper associated with a discreet hint of cacao, toasted oak, molasses, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of compoted yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of peach in the background. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, slightly powerful (in the background) and offers a fine fat, suavity as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of mirabelle, yellow fruits and slight notes of quince associated with a very discreet hint of apricot, a slight touch of dried yellow grape, leather, nutmeg.... (Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€€



Score
15/20
Vertde
Vin

Emperor Sherry Cask Finish Mauritian Rum

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity and spicy. It reveals fine notes of dried fruit and a touch of caramel and kirsch cherry / sour cherry combined with a fine hint of Zante currant, dried lemon, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pear tip (in the background), flowers and a subtle hint of nougat. The palate is fruity, gourmand, racy, suave, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame as well as creaminess. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of cherry in kirsch / sour cherry, candied red fruits and slight hints of candied lemon associated with a discreet hint of caramel, nougat as well as a subtle hint of cane syrup and an imperceptible hint of Coffee (in the background). Good length.

Price : €€€



Score
16.5/20
Vertde
Vin

HSE - Grande Réserve XO

Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux Martinique

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is aromatic, fine, elegant, charming and relatively complex. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried lemon, dried citrus zest and slight notes of candied fruit associated with slight notes of caramelization, cardamom as well as fine notes of tobacco, toasted oak, mocha / cocoa and a discreet note of leather. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively aerial, gourmand, suave, well-built, relatively fleshy and offers a certain opulence, a good volume and a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of Zante currant and dried citrus associated with fine notes of quenette...

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€€



Flatnöse Blended Scotch Whisky

Islay

Score
15.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fine (and powerful at the same time) and offers a slight sweetness. It reveals slight notes of dried peach, white fruits (pear...) quince and a discreet touch of dried zests associated with a subtle hint of barley/cereal, a very discreet hint of honey, a subtle hint of cedar wood, nutmeg, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, smoke and dried yellow grape (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers fat. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried lemon, dried mirabelle and a hint of quince associated with a touch of white fruits, a very discreet hint of apricot, wheat / barley as well as a subtle t of honey...

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€



Distilleria Marzadro Espressioni Solera, Bagnomaria anno 2010

Score
16.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fresh, aromatic, voluptuous and offers a beautiful balance. It reveals fine notes of flowers, vanilla and orange zest associated with fine touches of sandalwood, a discreet hint of dry yellow grape and a very discreet hint of dried lemon (in the background). The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers a nice fat, a nice roundness, a beautiful balance, a fine acid frame, a fine straightness, finesse as well as a beautiful expression and elegance. On the palate, this Grappa expresses fine notes of dried orange, dried zest (yuzu, lemon) and discreet hints of Zante currant combined with an imperceptible hint of honey...

(Read full review on vertdevin.com)

Price : €€€€





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Vintage Champagne

Champagne Froment-Griffon Vindémia 2006 - Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, fruity and frank. It reveals notes of lemon cream and green apple associated with a discreet hint of flowers as well as a subtle hint of beeswax/brioche, oak and a very discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fat and offers gourmandise, finesse and offers a slight minerality, a slight freshness, a slight straightness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of juicy peach, lemon and slight notes of Granny Smith apple associated with a hint of beeswax as well as touches of spices and slight notes of beeswax on the persistence. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Champagne Georges Vesselle 2011 Grand Cru - Brut

The nose is fresh, elegant, fine, straight and precise. It reveals notes of lemon, lemon zests, slight notes of exotic fruits and fresh vine peach associated with slight/discreet hints of pâtisseries as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fresh, precise, straight, very well-built and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame as well as gourmandise. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic and offers beautiful/elegant bubbles. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh apple and slight notes of nectarine, beeswax associated with a subtle hint of pâtisseries as well as an imperceptible toasted hint. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Champagne Froment-Griffon Privilège 2012 Brut - Premier Cru

The nose offers fine notes of lemon zests and fresh Granny Smith apple associated with slight hints of fresh pear as well as a discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as a slight minerality. The effervescence is very fine and very slightly creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon and slight notes of fresh Tangerine associated with discreet hints of vine peach, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Champagne Froment-Griffon Vindémia 2004 - Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic and fine. It reveals slight notes of pear and fresh nectarine associated with slight hints of beeswax as well as a subtle hint of dried peach and a discreet hint of gingerbread. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, suavity, fat, a slight deepness/richness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh vine peach, fresh pear and slight notes of lemon associated with hints of egg cream, beeswax as well as discreet hints of quince and cardamom/spices. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Champagne Paul Goerg Vintage 2007 - Premier Cru - Brut

The nose is fresh and slightly racy. It reveals slight notes of lemon cream and fresh apple associated with a discreet hint of fresh Williams pear (in

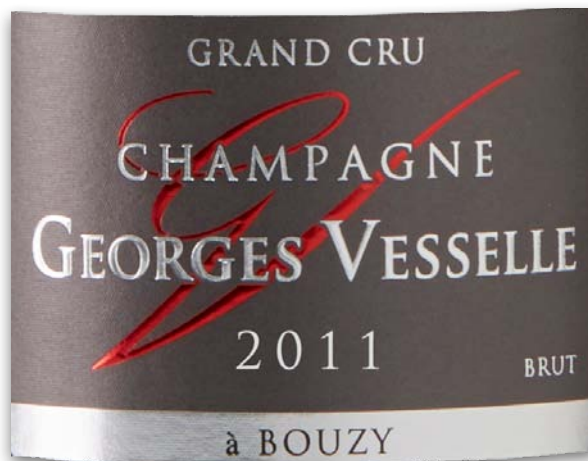
the background) as well as a slight hints of limestone. The palate is fresh, well-built, well-balanced, racy (terroir/limestone) and offers fat, a slight straightness as well as a slight acid frame, notes of lemon and fresh peach associated with slight notes of fresh lemon, fresh green lemon as well as slight touches of fresh apple and hints of limestone. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Champagne Piot-Sévilano Edition 2009 - Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of lemon and a hint of fresh Tangerine peel associated with slight hints of fresh brugnion as well as a very discreet hint of oak/almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight tension. The effervescence is very fine and very dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh lemon and fresh Tangerine zests associated with hints of fresh apple, a hint of fresh yuzu as well as discreet hints of beeswax, a subtle hint of almond/brioche and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 15+



Champagne Drappier Grande Sèndrée 2008 - Brut

The nose is fine, elegant and well-balanced. It reveals slight notes of lemon, zests and a hint of green lemon associated with hints of fresh peach as well as a discreet hint of egg cream/crème pâtissière and a subtle hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, fat and offers elegance, freshness, a good definition, suavity, gourmandise as well as a slight richness/fleshy. The effervescence is fine and elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh Granny Smith apple and

slight touches of crushed nectarine associated with a hint of fresh lemon, zests as well as a discreet hint of egg cream, a discreet touche of apricot (in the background) and discreet hints of honey/pâtisseries. Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Champagne Xavier Alexandre Blanc de Blanc 2009 - Brut

The nose is fresh and offers a slight creaminess as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals slight notes of lemon cream and crushed peach associated with discreet hints of apple, beeswax as well as a very discreet touch of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a slight fat and a slight aerial side. The effervescence is fine and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses slight notes of lemon and fresh yellow peach associated with discreet hints of fresh grapefruit as well as a hint of apple. Good length. The finish is slightly gourmande.

Score : 15.5+

Champagne Philipponnat Blanc de Noirs 2009 - Brut

The nose is elegant, aromatic, slightly creamy and offers a slight freshness. It reveals slight notes of lemon, apple and ripe peach associated with a discreet hint of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight richness as well as fat and suavity.

Vintage Champagne

The effervescence is highly fine, shining, elegant and slightly aerial. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of ripe peach, lemon and slight notes of white fruits (Granny Smith apple, hint of vine peach) associated with discreet hints of biscuit, almond as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax. Good length and beautiful elegance!

Score : 18

Champagne Gosset Celebris 2004 - Extra-Brut

The nose is nicely fresh, fine, elegant, precise, aromatic and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of lemon, slight notes of fresh Tangerine associated with a discreet hints of zests as well as a subtle vinous hint, quince/yellow fruits and a discreet hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, delicate and offers a beautiful definition, a good volume, a slight acid frame as well as a slight suavity. The effervescence is very fine, elegant, precise, shining and slightly creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, apple, chalk and slight notes of fresh vine peach associated with a subtle hint of brioche, juicy/fleshy Tangerine, quince as well as an imperceptible vinous hint. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.25

Champagne Gosset Rosé 2007 - Extra Brut

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight suavity. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry pie and discreet hints of fresh lemon associated with a hint of fresh Granny Smith apple, an imperceptible hint of fresh green lemon as well as a subtle toasted hint and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite melodious and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a very beautiful finesse, gourmandise, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh green lemon and fresh Granny Smith apple associated with discreet hints of zests as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of pâtisseries and a subtle hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 17.5

Champagne Taittinger Millésime 2012 - Brut

The nose is fresh, fine and offers a slight richness/creaminess. It reveals notes of lemon cream, fresh Tangerine and slight notes of fresh exotic fruits associated with hints of brioche as well as a discreet hint of white flowers, almond and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fine, fat and offers straightness, a slight tension, elegance, minerality as well as a beautiful balance. The effervescence is fine, elegant and straight. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh/crushed Granny Smith apple and slight notes of nectarine, green lemon zests associated with a discreet hint of honey as well as a subtle hint of vanilla, brioche and egg cream. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.25+

Champagne Tarlant L'Aérienne 2004 Prestige Millésime

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a slight richness. It reveals slight notes of egg cream and fresh lemon associated with hints of fresh apple, a discreet hint of pear, a subtle hint of beeswax as well as an

imperceptible hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, straight, elegant, fine, subtle and offers a very beautiful effervescence, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful structure, a slight acidity as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this Champagne expresses slight notes of lemon, apple and vine peach associated with a discreet hint of pear as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries on the aftertaste. Good length. The persistence is beautifully aromatic and gourmande.

Score : 17

Champagne Lanson Gold Label 2008 - Brut

The nose is fruity, slightly creamy and offers a very slight richness. It reveals slight notes of fresh apple and fresh pear associated with a discreet hint of fresh lemon as well as discreet hints of fresh flowers and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, fat, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as a good volume. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of pear, fresh apple and slight notes of egg cream, lemon associated with a subtle hint of crème brûlée as well as an imperceptible touch of almond and a very discreet hint of lemon zests on the persistence. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Champagne Bollinger La Grande Année - Rosé 2005 - Brut

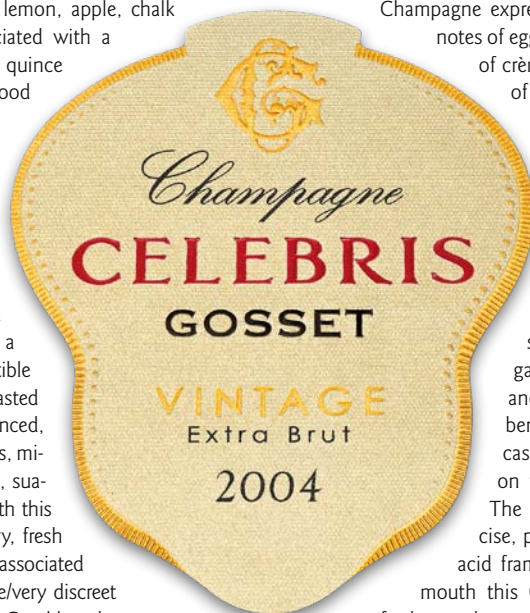
The nose is fine, elegant, straight, classy, slightly gourmand and offers much elegance. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh apple and slight hints of crushed peach, fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of fresh cassis as well as a discreet toasted hint/brioche on the background and a subtle vinous hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise, perfectly straight and offers tension, a slight acid frame, gourmandise as well as suavity. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry/fresh strawberry, fresh/ripe pear and slight notes of ripe vine peach, ripe lemon associated with a subtle/discreet hint of kumquat, brioche as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of butter (in the background) and a subtle vinous hint. Good length. Beautiful aromatic, suave and gourmand persistence.

Score : 18

Champagne Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Nicolas Francois Billecart 2002 - Brut

The nose is aromatic/fruity, delicate, very elegant, nicely built and offers a beautiful maturity of the fruit. It reveals notes of white peach, apple, mirabelle and crème brûlée associated with very slight notes of brugnion compote and an imperceptible woody hint. The palate is fruity, fine, delicate, elegant, suave and offers creaminess, straightness, a good maturity of the fruit, a beautiful freshness, a very nice fat as well as a certain roundness. The effervescence is creamy, very fine, dynamic and very elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses very slight notes of lemon and pineapple associated with a discreet touch of clementine, pear, walnuts as well as very discreet notes of cooked fruits, egg cream, spices and a very discreet hint of honey on the finish. Good length and beautiful persistence. There finish is relatively suave. A very beautiful Champagne!

Score : 18.5



Vintage Champagne

Champagne Le Brun de Neuville Grand Vintage 2008 - Brut

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of yellow fruits, Golden apple and hints of dried fruits associated with a very discreet hint of brioche and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers fat. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of quince, pear and yellow stone fruits associated with a hint of green apple as well as hints of citrus and a subtle hint of dry fruits/beeswax/toasted. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Champagne Boizel Joyau de France Chardonnay 2007 - Brut

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively riche. It reveals notes of ripe Golden apple and mirabelle/quince associated with slight/discreet notes of brioche, white flowers/white fruits, slight/discreet toasted notes as well as a hint of limestone and ripe/dried lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, fat, elegant, round and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful dynamism/guideline. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic, precise, elegant and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and yellow stone fruits associated with a hint of pear as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits, brioche/beeswax and a subtle hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 16+

Champagne Lallier Millésimé 2008 Grand Cru - Brut

The nose is fruity, creamy, elegant, gourmand and quite generous. It reveals slight notes of egg cream and white fruits associated with a discreet hint of ripe peach, crushed pear associated with a subtle hint of quince, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of Brazil nut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, minerality, freshness, a beautiful fat, roundness, suavity, a beautiful fresh frame, a good volume as well as dynamism. The effervescence is very fine, shining and creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon/quince, ripe yellow peach and crushed pear associated with subtle hints of fleshy/juicy Tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of toasted/Brazil nut and sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Champagne J. De Telmont Blanc de blancs 2009 - Brut

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers a slight freshness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of quince and slight notes of fresh Tangerine associated with hints of white fruits, a subtle hint of exotic fruits, a very discreet hint of oak, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of dried fruits and chalk. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, racy and offers a good definition, suavity, a good freshness as well as a beautiful acid frame. The effervescence is fine and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh lemon and slight notes of quince, white fruits (apple, flat peach) associated with hints of exotic fruits as

well as an imperceptible hint of oak. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Vazart-Coquart & Fils Blanc de Blancs 2009 Spécial Club - Brut

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and offers a slight creaminess. It reveals slight notes of lemon cream, fresh Tangerine and slight notes of nectarine associated with hints of fresh exotic fruits as well as very discreet touches of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight fat, a slight concentration, a good volume as well as a racy minerality (terroir). The effervescence is fine and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, fresh Tangerine and slight notes of fresh peach associated with a discreet hint of quince, honey as well as an imperceptible hint of brioche.

Score : 15.25+

Champagne J. De Telmont Grand Vintage 2005 - Brut

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy and offers richness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of limestone, lemon and slight notes of crunchy vine peach associated with a subtle hint of small stone yellow fruits as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a beautiful acid frame, suavity, a beautiful volume, a

beautiful definition, finesse as well as gourmandise. The effervescence is very fine and elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, quince and slight notes of white fruits associated with hints of small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of pineapple/beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Champagne Louis Brochet 2005 Premier Cru - Brut

The nose is fresh, creamy, elegant and slightly intense. It reveals notes of lemon cream and slight notes of fresh mirabelle associated with hints of ripe yellow peach as well as subtle hints of dried fruits, quince and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, well-built, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight acid frame, suavity as well as fat. The effervescence is fine, well-built and slightly unctuous. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of yellow peach, ripe pear associated with a subtle hint of ripe pineapple as well as discreet hints of dried fruits and brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Champagne Jacquinet & Fils Symphonie 2008 - Brut

The nose is fine and elegant. It reveals notes of ripe yellow fruits, mirabelle and a hint of apple associated with a subtle hint of quince, dried fruits and a very discreet grilled hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, fat, suavity, a slight freshness as well as a slight straightness. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and well-built. In



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the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe Tangerine, ripe peach associated with a touch of quince, mango as well as discreet toasted hints and vanilla. Good length. The persistence is quite gourmande. Good length and good aromatic persistence.

Score : 16

Champagne Claude Rigolot Millésime 2002 - Brut

The nose is fruity, finely elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and slight hints of beeswax associated with a discreet hint of brioche as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, racy, well-built and offers tension, a good structure, fat as well as an acid frame. The effervescence is well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, slight notes of Tangerine and a touch of dried mango associated with discreet hints of yellow peach, pear, a subtle hint of beeswax as well as slight touches of toasted, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of grilled coffee on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Déhu Millésime 2008 - Brut

The nose offers a slight richness as well as a slight dynamism. It reveals slight notes of crushed pear, nectarine and slight notes of fresh lemon associated with a discreet hint of zests, very discreet hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, suavity as well as a good volume. The effervescence is fine, shining and very dynamic. In the mouth this

Champagne expresses notes of lemon, green apple and slight touches of vine peach associated with a hint of zests as well as a discreet hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Champagne Déhu Blanc de Blancs 2010 - Brut

The nose is fine, elegant, very slightly creamy and offers gourmandise as well as a slight straightness. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits (apple, pear) associated with discreet hints of vanilla flowers, a discreet hint of quince as well as a woody hint, a subtle hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, fat, a slight suavity, straightness as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh apple, brugnion and slight notes of ripe pear associated with a discreet hint of quince, quenette, a slight hint of green lemon zests (in the background) as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, vanilla, a very discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries. Good length.

Score : 16+

Champagne Waris-Larmandier V.M.H.J.P.L.I. 2008 Extra Brut - Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals slight notes of fresh zests, lemon cream and a subtle hint of fresh grapefruit associated

with hints of fresh apple as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits/quenette as well as a hint of almond. The palate is very fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight tension, suavity as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon zests, fresh lemon and slight notes of pink grapefruit associated with very discreet hints of fresh clementine as well as a hint of almond and a woody hint. Good length and persistence. The persistence is a bit gourmande.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Besserat de Bellefon Cuvée des Moines 2006 - Brut

The nose offers a slight freshness and gourmandise. It reveals toasted notes, small yellow fruits, quince and a slight grilled hint associated with discreet hints of sweet spices, a subtle hint of cumin as well as very discreet hints of apricot and a touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, fat, roundness, tension as well as a slight minerality (in the background). The effervescence is creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of quince, small yellow stone

fruits and hints of ripe white fruits associated with a discreet hint of ripe citrus as well as small notes of toasted, vanilla, sweet spices and a very discreet grilled oak. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Champagne Atair 2011 Grand Cru

The nose is fine, aromatic and offers a slight power/concentration in the background. It reveals notes of ripe red apple and nectarine associated with discreet hints of ripe white fruits as well as subtle hints of spices/gray pepper. The palate is fresh and

offers a slight fat, finesse, elegance, a good structure as well as tension. The effervescence is very fine, tight, shining and slightly creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of green apple, red apple and slight notes of nectarine associated with slight touches of citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of spices/oak. Good length.

Score : 16

Champagne Michel Gonet Blanc de blancs - 2010 Grand Cru - Extra-Brut

Beautiful and fine mousse. The nose is elegant, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of apple and citrus combined with a touch of pear and flowers. The palate is fruity, fat, elegant, fine and straight. The effervescence is very fine and elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) combined with a touch of pear and a hint of apple. Good length.

Score : 16.25



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Albert Mann - Cuvée Albert 2014 Riesling Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, fresh lemon zests associated with a hint of litchi, apple as well as a discreet hint of peach. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a slight acid frame, minerality, precision as well as a good balance and a good expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits/quenette, lemon zests and citrus (Tangerine, lemon, yuzu) associated with a discreet hint of yellow peach. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Ansen - Riesling 2015 Geierstein Alsace

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of apple and slight notes of ripe citrus associated with a hint of minerality, lemon zests/pomelo as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful fat, a slight acid frame, a very slight unctuousity, a good freshness, a good volume as well as a slight racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe Tangerine and slight notes of green apple, quenette/exotic fruits associated with a very discreet hint of lemon zests in the background. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25

Famille Hugel - Riesling 2015 Classic Alsace

The nose is fruity, fine and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of vine peach, fresh Williams pear and slight notes of fresh citrus zests associated with a subtle hint of flint as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, slightly tight and offers an acid frame, fat, precision, dynamism as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, pear and ripe nectarine associated with slight notes of fresh Tangerine, exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of almond on the finish. Good length. There is slight touches of juicy citrus and juicy peach on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Simonis - Riesling Clos des Chats 2015 Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of lemon, apple and slight notes of vine peach associated with a discreet hint of zests and lemon tree flowers/white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers unctuousity, a slight acid frame, a beautiful «guideline», a certain purity, gourmandise as well as a slight bright side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe vine peach and slight hints of brugnion associated with a discreet hint of passion fruit. Good length and gourmand persistence. There is a subtle hint of vanilla on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16+

Pfaff - Steinert 2015 Riesling

Alsace Grand Cru (La Cave des Vignerons de Pfaffenheim)

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and slight notes of fresh peach associated with discreet hints of litchi/quenette as well as a discreet hint of sweet Tangerine. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a slight acid frame as well as residual sugar. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed peach and slight notes of ripe lemon associated with hints of exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette) as well as discreet hints of Tangerine and a subtle hint of ripe Granny Smith apple. Good length. There are notes of juicy citrus and exotic fruits on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+

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Alsace

Steingold - Riesling 2013

Alsace (La Cave des Vignerons de Pfaffenheim)

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed vine peach, white flowers and discreet hints of fresh exotic fruits associated with a subtle hint of fresh pear in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame/citrus, freshness, minerality as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and crushed peach associated with slight notes of exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of white fruits compote. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15+

Simonis - Riesling Reserve 2015

Alsace

The nose is aromatic, slightly gourmand and slightly elegant. It reveals notes of white flowers/pink flowers, citrus zests and exotic fruits associated with a discreet touch of vanilla flowers as well as subtle woody hints/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, fat, a slight unctuousity, finesse as well as a certain purity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach/crushed brugnon and flat peach associated with slight notes of lemon zests, citrus as well as a hint of quenette and rose. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château d'Ollwiller Riesling Vieilles Vignes 2014

Alsace Grand Cru Ollwiller

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight richness as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe apple and slight notes of white fruits, pomelo associated with a hint of flint (terroir) as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. There is an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background) which appears after aeration/work in the glass. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a slight minerality, a slight unctuousity, tension, a good definition, fat as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and slight notes of zests associated with hints of ripe white fruits as well as a hint of exotic fruits. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Veil Armand - Riesling Tradition 2015

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of white flowers, green apple peel and slight hints of litchi associated with a discreet hint of fresh citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a nice freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits, quenette and green apple/fresh peach associated with a discreet hint of fresh lemon as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château de Riquewihr Riesling 2011 Grand Cru Schoenenbourg

Alsace (Dopff & Irion)

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of lemon zests and slight notes of white rose and peach associated with a subtle hint of fresh citrus, hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aromatic and offers a beautiful freshness, concentration, suavity, a slight gourmandise as well as a beautiful aromatic intensity and expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, quenette and ripe peach associated with a subtle hint of melon, ripe lemon as well as a hint of racy minerality/flint and flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Clos Château d'Isenbourg Riesling Les Tommeries 2010

Alsace (Dopff & Irion - Cuvée Limitée)

The nose is aromatic and fresh. It reveals slight notes of lemon and peach associated with slight notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, papaye, litchi...) and discreet hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame/citrus, intensity as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy Tangerine and slight notes of ripe vine peach associated with hints of exotic fruits as well as a hint of fresh Grannu Smith apple. Good length and persistence with touches of citrus.

Score : 15.5+

Pfaff - Cuvée Jupiter 2015 - Riesling

Alsace

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe peach, ripe pink grapefruit and slight notes of exotic fruits associated with hints of minerality/silex as well as a hint of fresh Tangerine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful suavity, finesse as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe clementine associated with slight touches of ripe pink grapefruit as well as touches of exotic fruits and peach. Good length. There is suavity and gourmandise on the finish.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Dussourt - Reserve Prestige 2014 - Riesling Vieilles Vignes

Scherwiller - Alsace

The nose is fruity, slightly concentrated and structured. It reveals notes of crushed ripe peach, litchi and slight notes of lemon associated with hints of fresh exotic fruits, fresh apple as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a very discreet sparkling side (in the attack), a small fat, freshness, a small straightness, a very slight unctuousity as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and juicy Tangerine associated with slight notes of green apple, green lemon zests as well as a hint of ripe pineapple and a subtle hint of ripe nectarine. Good length.

Score : 15+

Domaine Dussourt Reserve Prestige 2015 - Riesling

Scherwiller - Alsace

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of flowers and rose associated with slight notes of litchi, white peach, hints of fresh citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, fat as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, ripe/crushed pear and slight notes of lemon, Tangerine associated with hints of fresh exotic fruits (litchi...). Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Dussourt Reserve Prestige 2014 - Riesling

Scherwiller - Alsace

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of green apple, nectarine and slight hints of fresh citrus (lemon, Tangerine) associated with a subtle hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, relatively silky and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful fat/definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed/computed peach, ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe vine peach

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associated with a hint of Tangerine as well as a very discreet hint of ripe pink grapefruit zests and minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Clos Saint Landelin - Riesling 2015

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight richness/concentration. It reveals notes of vine peach and slight notes of ripe lemon associated with hints of litchi, flowers, minerality as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight freshness, fat, roundness as well as a very slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, fresh Tangerine and slight notes of pineapple associated with a hint of litchi and white fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château de Riquewihr Les Murailles 2011 Riesling

Alsace (Dopff & Irion)

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fresh and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed peach and slight notes of pear, fresh lemon associated with a hint of zests as well as a discreet hint of kumquat and slight touches of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, suave, well-built, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful definition as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and slight notes of quenette, litchi associated with discreet hints of kumquat, crushed Tangerine as well as a subtle hint of green lemon.

Score : 16

Simonis - Riesling 2015 Kaefferkopf

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fine, gourmand and offers richness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of flowers, pear and slight notes of ripe vine peach associated with hints of fresh citrus as well as a very discreet hint of quince. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, suave, slightly tight and offers a slight acid frame, gourmandise, a slight fat, tension, a certain purity of the fruit as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted peach and ripe pear associated with slight notes of litchi, flowers as well as touches of citrus and a subtle hint of yuzu. des notes de pêche compotée et de poire mûre associées à de fines notes de litchi, de fleurs ainsi qu'à des touches d'agrumes et à une subtile pointe de yuzu.

Score : 16+

Hugel - Riesling Grossi Laüe 2011 Edition Limitée

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fresh and quite elegant. It reveals notes of lemon and white/flat peach associated with slight hints of ripe Tangerine, quenette as well as a subtle hint of ripe pink grapefruit and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe flat peach, pink grapefruit and touches of ripe lemon associated with slight hints of papaya/green apple as well as a very discreet hint of toasted brioche/vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16+

Famille Hugel Riesling 2011 Vendange Tardive

Alsace

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight elegance as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe vine peach, candied lemon and

slight notes of ripe Williams pear associated with slight notes of peach in syrup as well as a discreet hint of apple and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, fat, a small roundness, a slight dynamism, a slight acid frame, a slight freshness as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted peach, candied lemon and slight touches of clementine associated with a hint of pineapple as well as discreet hints of dried apricot, beeswax and a subtle hint of yuzu. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Jean-Baptiste Adam Le Riesling 2014 - Wineck-Schlossberg

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic, racy and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of flowers, exotic fruits and slight notes of concentrated white fruits associated with hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good suavity, a beautiful acid frame, gourmandise, a beautiful minerality as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy ripe white fruits (peach, apple) and slight touches of clementine zests associated with hints of quenette as well as an imperceptible hint of pineapple and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine Agapé - Riesling 2015 - Osterberg

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic, mineral, racy and offers intensity. It reveals notes of quenette, goyave and fresh lemon zests associated with hints of apple, exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers roundness, fat, gourmandise, a beautiful fresh frame, acidity as well as a beautiful minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy green apple and quenette/passion fruit associated with touches of green lemon zests as well as hints of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Veil Armand - Riesling 2015 - Ollwiller

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, slightly intense and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of white flowers (honeysuckle, slight hints of apple tree flowers...) and fresh lemon associated with a discreet hint of fresh zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, gourmandise, a beautiful suavity, a good definition as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe apple and slight touches of white flowers associated with a hint of watermelon as well as a very discreet hint of fleshy/juicy mirabelle in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Schieferkopf Riesling Via Saint-Jacques 2012

Alsace

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of mirabelle, ripe lemon and hints of apple associated with a subtle hint of beeswax, yellow fruits, dried grape and a very discreet hint of hay. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful roundness, a beautiful fat, dynamism, a good volume, a beautiful minerality as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, dried orange zests and small notes of juicy peach associated with slight touches of yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality and small dry fruits on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Alsace

Domaine Fleck - Riesling 2016

Alsace

The nose is fruity and fleshy. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and slight hints of silex associated with discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat, finesse as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of brugnnon/ripe vine peach and crushed pear associated with small notes of juicy citrus (lemon, clementine...) as well as a subtle/discreet hint of fleshy apricot/passion fruit in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Jean-Baptiste Adam Le Riesling 2014 - Letzenberg

Alsace

The nose is fruity, slightly rich and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of yellow fruits and small notes of ripe citrus associated with a subtle hint of quince as well as discreet hints of white fruits in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy, a bit « perlant » (lightly sparkling) on the attack and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, gourmandise, straightness as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of white fruits (flat peach, green apple). Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Frédéric Mallo - Riesling 2013

Alsace Grand Cru Rosacker

The nose is aromatic and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe citrus and slight notes of beeswax, yellow fruits associated with a discreet hint of nuts and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, roundness, a good volume, minerality, freshness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits (yellow peach...) and slight notes of quince associated with hints of beeswax as well as very subtle/imperceptible hints of oak/nuts. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Frédéric Mallo - Riesling Reserve Spéciale 2013

Alsace

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy yellow fruits, fleshy apricot and slight of citrus associated with slight touches of minerality as well as a discreet honey hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, unctuousity, a slight acid frame, tension, a beautiful roundness as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe red apple and slight notes of ripe peach associated with discreet hints of honey and woody hints.

Score : 15.25

René Fleck - Riesling 2012

Alsace Grand Cru Zinnkoepflé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, fresh mirabelle and lemon zests associated with touches of muesli, beeswax and flint. The palate is fruity, tight, well-balanced and offers a beautiful density, an acid frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy clementine and quince associated with small touches of yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of dry apricot and a honey hint. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Schieferkopf - Lieu-dit Berg - Riesling 2012

Alsace

The nose is concentrated and offers richness (in the background). It reveals notes of very ripe citrus (lemon, clementine), quince and slight touches of peach associated with a subtle hint of fresh white fruits as well as a honey hint and hints of spices. The palate offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful minerality, a very beautiful roundness, a beautiful volume, a nice freshness as well as an acid frame/citrus. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight touches of dried clementine, ripe yellow peach, apple associated with subtle hints of quince, dried lemon zests as well as very discreet woody hints/spices in the background. Good length.

Score : 15+

Jean Huttard - Riesling 2014 - Lerchenberg

Alsace

The nose offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of yellow fruits/juicy yellow peach and slight notes of white fruits associated with woody touches, almond as well as a very discreet hint of green lemon zests. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, suavity, tension, juiciness, a beautiful volume as well as a slight deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe yellow peach and slight touches of very ripe/juicy apple associated with a hint of pineapple as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length on citrus.

Score : 15+

Albert Hertz - Riesling 2012

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and slightly intense. It reveals notes of flowers (yellow and white), ripe citrus and spices associated with a hint of small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, suavity, minerality, purity as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, apple and small touches of juicy Tangerine associated with a subtle hint of lemon, pineapple and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Wolfberger - Riesling 2016 - Signature

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of white fruits, ripe fruits/quince and small notes of flowers associated with a subtle hint of spices (in the background) and a very discreet hint of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful gourmandise as well as beautiful volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon and small notes of juicy clementine associated with hints of vine peach, apple, kumquat, juicy/ripe pineapple as well as a subtle hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16+

Wolfberger - Riesling 2016 - Vieilles Vignes

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and fruity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and vine peach associated with a hint of yuzu and green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, fat, freshness as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy vine peach and small touches of Granny Smith apple associated with hints of juicy/ripe lemon as well as slight touches of minerality and an imperceptible hint of yuzu zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Alsace

Wolfberger - Riesling 2015 - Pfersigberg Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and mirabelle associated with a slight touch of flowers, lemon, racy minerality as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/acid frame, minerality, fleshy, gourmandise, a slight suavity, a slight unctuousity as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe brugnon and ripe pear associated with slight touches of apple, lemon and a subtle hint of flowers, racy minerality and very discreet hints of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Wolfberger - Roches Clacaires - Riesling 2016

Alsace

The nose is fresh, aromatic and slightly intense. It reveals notes of white flowers (lemon tree, honeysuckle), lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with a hint of minerality as well as a very discreet hint of fresh apricot and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit « perlant » (lightly sparkling), suave, a bit aerial and offers a slight acid frame/citrus zests, fat as well as a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and ripe/juicy peach and touches of exotic fruits as well as small touches of flowers and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Agapé - Expression 2015 Alsace

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of peach, spices and small notes of fresh white fruits, flint associated with discreet touches of green lemon/exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, straight and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe flat peach, ripe apple and small touches of exotic fruits associated with a hint of citrus. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Schieferkopf - Lieu-dit Fels 2012 - Riesling Alsace

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince and beeswax associated with small touches of ripe white fruits (brugnon, apple), dried orange/Tangerine as well as hints of almond and spices (imperceptible hint of nutmeg...). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers tension, a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful gourmandise, a good volume, a slight acidity as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits (physalis, quince) associated with a hint of ripe lemon, dried orange as well as a subtle hint of roasted pineapple, beeswax and almond on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

René Fleck - Riesling 2014 Alsace Grand Cru Zinnkoepflé

The nose is fruity, rich, slightly intense and slightly incisive. It reveals notes of ripe yellow fruits and ripe citrus (lemon, Tangerine) associated with small touches of ripe pineapple, apricot as well as touches of spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight straightness, tension, finesse, elegance, a beautiful suavity as well as a slight mineral frame/juicy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine, ripe pineapple and juicy vine peach associated with a discreet hint of apricot, apple as well as hints of racy minerality, honey and spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

Gustave Lorentz Riesling 2010 - Kanzlerberg Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, rich and full. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy peach and Williams pear associated with small touches of apple, quenette as well as a very discreet hint of green lemon zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely juicy, fine, racy and offers tension, a beautiful suavity as well as a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe peach and ripe lemon associated with small notes of Tangerine, Tangerine zests as well as hints of exotic fruits. Good length. Beautiful persistence on slight touches of green lemon zests and ripe citrus.

Score : 15.25

Frey-Sohler - Riesling 2016 - Vieilles Vignes Alsace

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively full. It reveals notes of flowers, quenette and small touches of passion fruits associated with slight hints of apple, citrus and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, well-built and offers a beautiful volume, suavity, gourmandise, minerality as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits, yuzu/green lemon zests and small notes of citrus (lemon, green lemon, Tangerine) associated with a subtle hint of watermelon, flat peach as well as slight hints of flowers. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15+

Gustave Lorentz - Riesling 2016 - Réserve Alsace

The nose is very fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, ripe green apple and fresh peach associated with a discreet hint of pear as well as a hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, minerality as well as a good freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy flat peach and small notes of apple associated with a subtle hint of clementine as well as a very discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Lucien Albrecht - Riesling 2016 - Réserve Alsace

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, lemon and ripe green lemon associated with touches of apple as well as a very discreet hint of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit « perlant » (lightly sparkling) and offers a slight suavity, a small fleshy, a slight gourmandise as well as a beautiful volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy exotic fruits (quenelle, pineapple...), lemon as well as slight touches of green lemon zests and apple. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Jean-Baptiste Adam - Le Riesling 2014 - Vieilles Vignes - Kaefferkopf Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh, slightly gourmand, racy, slightly mineral and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe flat peach and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe flat peach and fresh apple associated with hints of green lemon zests and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful minerality, freshness, a beautiful fat/suavity, a good volume, gourmandise, finesse, tension as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy lemon, kumquat and crystallized Tangerine associated with touches of ripe exotic fruits as well as a hint of crunchy flat peach (in the background) and flint. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

Alsace

Frey-Sohler - Riesling 2014 - Scherwiller

Alsace

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe yellow apple, quince and slight hints of fresh mirabelle associated with a discreet hint of citrus and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe flat peach and green apple associated with a hint of Golden apple, slight touches of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of quince and physalis. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Domaine Gustave Lorentz Evidence 2015 - Riesling

Alsace

The nose offers slight notes of lemon, ripe lemon and leather associated with a touch of Williams pear and fresh fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, precise and offers a good definition as well as a good expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe green apple and flat peach associated with a hint of crunchy pineapple as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality and fresh zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Wolfberger - Cuvée des Seigneurs Riesling 2016

Alsace

The nose is gourmand, aromatic and relatively full/intense. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, apple tree flowers), apple and slight notes of lemon associated with touches of exotic fruits, Tangerine and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit « perlant » (lightly sparkling) on the attack and offers a slight straightness, a slight gourmandise, an acid frame/citrus as well as a slight suavity/fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple notes and ripe lemon associated with small notes of exotic fruits/crushed vine peach, Tangerine as well as a subtle hint of green lemon. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Willm - Riesling 2016 Reserve

Alsace

The nose is aromatic, fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of apple tree flowers, fresh green apple and exotic fruits associated with a hint of ripe citrus, crushed kumquat as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, very slightly « perlant » (lightly sparkling) in the attack, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple, lemon zests and slight touches of exotic fruits associated with a hint of clementine (in the background). The persistence offers a small racy minerality.

Score : 14.75+

Jux - Riesling 2016 Reserve

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and peach associated with slight hints of lemon, flowers and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very sparkling side, suavity, freshness, a slight suavity as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe vine peach and slight touches of apple associated with a subtle hint of crushed mirabelle as well as touches of lemon zests. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Vincent Stoeffler - Riesling 2014 Lieu-dit Kronenburg

Alsace

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of flint/minerality associated with slight notes of lemon, flat peach, apple as well as a subtle hint of spices/nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, elegance as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and kumquat, quince associated with slight touches of ripe flat peach as well as a hint of beeswax, racy minerality/silex, a very subtle hint of juicy orange (in the background) and a very discreet hint of spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Trimbach - Riesling 2014 - Sélection de Vieilles Vignes

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness, a slight richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, Tangerine and apple associated with touches of beeswax, yellow peach as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background) and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, elegant and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful acid frame, a good volume, a beautiful gourmandise as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy citrus (lemon, Tangerine) and ripe/fleshy flat peach associated with small touches of zests of Tangerine, beeswax, green apple as well as a subtle hint of quenette. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.25

Gustave Lorentz - Riesling 2011 Vieilles Vignes - Altenberg de Bergheim Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of beeswax and woody notes associated with hints of ripe lemon, apple as well as a subtle hint of yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, nicely unctuous, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small touches of ripe peach associated with hints of ripe apple, Tangerine as well as slight hints of yellow fruits/beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Wolfberger - Riesling 2015 - Steingrubler Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness, gourmandise as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, kumquat associated with slight/discreet touches of zests, flint as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, nicely built and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of flowers (white flowers and apple tree flowers), Granny Smith apple and small touches of ripe vine peach associated with subtle hints of juicy Tangerine as well as a slight touch of lemon, quenette/passion fruit and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Albert Hertz - Riesling 2015 - Vieilles Vignes - Eguisheim

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and intense. It reveals notes of flowers, honey and small notes of spices and quince associated with subtle hints of ripe white fruits as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of muesli. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, fine and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight suavity, gourmandise, elegance as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of beeswax/honey, quince and yellow fruits associated with slight notes of exotic fruits (papaya...), green apple, white flowers

Alsace

as well as discreet hints of citrus. Good length. Beautiful and gourmand persistence on slight touches of almond/spices.

Score : 16

Schieferkopf - Lieu-dit Buhel 2011 - Riesling Alsace

The nose is aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of beeswax and almond associated with small notes of ripe white fruits, yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of Tangerine (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/mineral frame, fat, a slight unctuousity, straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow fruits, beeswax and slight notes of ripe lemon associated with small touches of mirabelle as well as a subtle hint of orange and quenette. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Trimbach - Cuvée Frédéric Emile - Riesling 2008 Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of fresh lemon zests and fresh apple associated with slight touches of yellow fruits, beeswax, woody touches as well as a slight hint of minerality and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, nicely juicy and offers elegance, a beautiful definition, a beautiful dynamism, a beautiful acid frame as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and green lemon zests associated with touches of apple, quince/juicy mirabelle as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of peach, beeswax/woody hint, spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.5

Domaine Agapé - Riesling 2014 Alsace Grand Cru Rosacker

The nose is fruity, racy, structured and mineral. It reveals notes of fresh lemon associated with slight touches of fresh clementine zests, racy minerality/flint, kumquat as well as a subtle hint of flowers and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers precision, a beautiful juicy frame, minerality, freshness, roundness, suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy clementine and juicy/fleshy vine peach associated with slight hints of Golden apple as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax/spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Albert Hertz - Riesling 2013 - Pfersigberg Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and powerful. It reveals notes of quince, fresh lemon and ripe/fresh peach associated with touches of silex, smoke as well as subtle hints of apricot (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful/slight acidity, juiciness, roundness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fresh yellow fruits and slight touches of fresh kumquat associated with a hint of quince as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and racy minerality. Good length and persistence with a subtle hint of dry fruits.

Score : 15.75+

Vincent Stoeffler - Riesling 2015 - Kirchberg de Barr Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, slightly intense and slightly concentrated. It reveals

notes of quince and flowers (yellow flowers, wild flowers) associated with touches of fresh zests, racy minerality, spices as well as discreet hint of compoted brugnion. The palate is fruity, nicely gourmand, well-built and offers harmony, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, a good expression as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, kumquat and slight notes of clementine associated with a hint of roasted pineapple, compoted brugnion, flowers and honey. Good length. A beautiful and gourmand wine!

Score : 16.5

Vincent Spannagel - Riesling 2014 - Wineck-Schlossberg Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is full, fruity and relatively rich. It reveals notes of compoted yellow peach, quince and slight hints of kumquat associated with a very discreet hint of flowers and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful acid frame, a good definition, fat, a certain straightness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle and slight touches of compoted pear associated with a subtle hint of ripe peach, racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Bestheim - Riesling 2015 - Kaefferkopf Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a nice freshness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of white flowers and fine notes of fresh vine peach, fresh apple and flowers combined with a discreet hint of fresh citrus as well as discreet hints of flint and a subtle hint of Gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy and offers fat, a good freshness, tension, a slight aerial side as well as a racy minerality and fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow peaches and fine vine peach, apricot combined with discreet hints of ripe citrus as well as discreet touches of spices. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

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Beaujolais

Domaine des Deux Noyers 2015

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, round, soft and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of black cherry and cassis cream associated with slight notes of reducrant jam, spices (discreet hint of gray pepper...) as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a slight richness, straightness, tension, a beautiful acid frame as well as a beautiful suavity/elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of juicy small red fruits and, slight/discreet notes of toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background) and sweet spices/bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, well-built and still young (+18 months). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Domaine Berrod - Le Roches du Vivier 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fine, quite aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and slight notes of ripe small berries associated with slight notes of violet as well as hints of spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, mineral, sleek, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight suavity, fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy blackberry and slight notes of juicy raspberry associated with a hint of cherry as well as slight touches of spices, a hint of chocolate and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly tight. Good length. The finish is slightly powerful.

Score : 15.75

Domaine de la Bouronnière - Prestige 2013

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a slight concentration as well as finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis jam and discreet hints of blueberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy red fruits as well as very discreet hints of spices, tea and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight fat, roundness, juiciness, a slight gourmandise, a slight concentration as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry/griotte and blueberry associated with slight hints of plum, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of oak/toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Gry-Sablon - Vieilles Vignes 2015

Fleurie

The nose is flowery and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and black cherry associated with slight hints of spices as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, round, quite unctuous and offers a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed black cherry, crushed black raspberry and crushed blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis jam, a hint of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Tannins are young. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15

Domaine Bourdon 2014

Fleurie

The nose offers a slight hardness. It reveals notes of black cherry, blueberry and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of ripe red berries as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and a woody hint. The palate is fruity, suave, fine, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight freshness, a good structure as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and slight notes of ripe cassis associated with a hint of crushed blackberry, flowers (violet...) as well as discreet hints of cacao. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Domaine de la Bouronnière 2015

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum as well as slight hints of gray pepper and a very discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, minerality, a slight unctuousity/gourmandise as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of fleshy/juicy raspberry as well as a very discreet hint of tea (in the background), licorice and a woody hint. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Mommessin 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and charming. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild flowers and slight notes of ripe blueberry associated with a hint of Quetsche plum, a discreet hint of chocolate as well as touches of sweet spices and a discreet hint of

vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful elegance, a slight acid frame, finesse, a slight suavity, a small gourmandise, a beautiful definition as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a hint of juicy fleshy raspberry, discreet toasted hints, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of cigar and spices. Tannins are supple. Good length.

Score : 16.75+

Domaine des Marrans 2014

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers a slight hardness. It reveals slight notes of boysenberry jam, blueberry and slight touches of flowers associated with a hint of ripe/crushed blackberry and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers a slight acid frame, a silky matter, tension as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, black cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with woody hints as well as a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm/dry.

Score : 15+

Domaine des Marrans Clos du Pavillon 2014

Fleurie

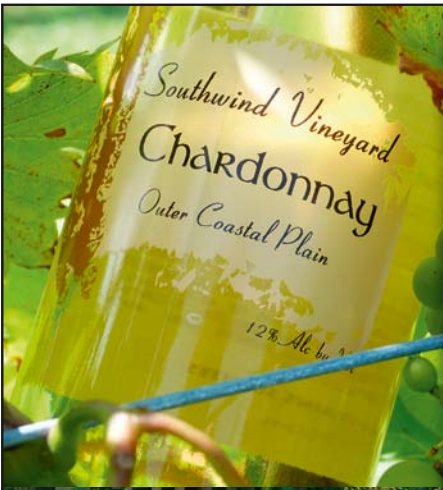
The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed/ripe blueberry and



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plum associated with slight hints of cherry, wild berries as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, a woody hint and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a mineral frame, a slight suavity, roundness, a good structure, tension as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy wild raspberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a very discreet hint of wild small berries, toasted hint as well as a subtle hint of chocolate/mocha. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Clos de Mez - Mademoiselle M 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis/wild berries and slight notes of fleshy strawberry, cherry associated with small notes of spices, gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of vanilla/spices. There is a discreet hint of blueberry and flowers after aeration/work in the glass. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight mineral frame, juiciness, a slight acid frame as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy assis associated with slight hints of cherry, purple plum as well as a subtle hint of violet, spices and a very discreet toasted hint. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length and good aromatic persistence.

Score : 15+

Georges Duboeuf - Clos des 4 Vents La Madone 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, slightly concentrated and offers elegance. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and dark chocolate associated with slight notes of blueberry, wild strawberry as well as toasted hints, spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe cassis and juicy plum associated with toasted hints, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of coconut. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of cacao on the persistence.

Score : 16.5

Georges Duboeuf - La Madone 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of violet plum associated with a hint of licorice and caramelization. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight deepness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a subtle hint of violet as well as an imperceptible hint of fig and discreet hints of toasted oak. Tannins are very slightly dry and young. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

George Duboeuf 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals

notes of blueberry, cassis and slight hints of black berries associated with discreet hints of violet as well as a subtle hint of griotte and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, minerality as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and plum associated with a hint of blueberry as well as discreet hints of licorice and discreet toasted hints. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm/dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Manoir du Carra - Vers le Mont 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, full and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe/juicy cassis and slight of Quetsche plum associated with a hint of licorice and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, slightly silky and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, juicy/crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of griotte as well as a subtle hint of dark chocolate, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of coconut. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine des Marrans 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand as well as relatively fine. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, cassis jam and slight notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with hints of chocolate, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced, slightly aerial and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, a slight roundness, suavity, gourmandise as well as a slight deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of

fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of crushed blueberry associated with discreet toasted hints, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of violet. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of caramelization on the finish and a subtle hint of chocolate on the aftertaste

Score : 15.5

Château de Raousset 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight intensity, a slight elegance as well as an incisive side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, ripe plum and slight notes of ripe cassis associated with a subtle hint of red fruits as well as slight woody notes, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, straightness, elegance, finesse as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy boysenberry, blueberry and plum associated with a slight touch of ripe/crushed strawberry as well as slight touches of chocolate, oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very slight hint of dark chocolate and coffee on the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25+

Château de Raousset - Grille-Midi 2015

Fleurie

The nose is powerful, fine, straight, aromatic and relatively elegant. It re-



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veals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum, wild small black berries as well as hints of chocolate, spices, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of roasting (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame (in the background), a slight minerality, a slight suavity, straightness, a slight juiciness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cherry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of blueberry as well as a discreet toasted hint, flowers and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of roasting/cacao on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Domaine Bourdon 2015 Fleurie

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and wild small berries associated with slight hints of blueberry, woody hints and chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and a imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, nicely juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful expression of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a discreet hint of juicy cherry as well as hints of toasted and chocolate. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Bertrand - Les Dédits 2015 Fleurie

The nose is fruity, quite intense and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry, blueberry and slight notes of cherry jam associated with slight hints of toasted oak, flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, well-built, silky, juicy and offers a beautiful fresh/juicy frame, a slight acidity, a good definition as well as intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, redcurrant and blackberry associated with slight hints of cassis, strawberry as well as discreet hints of toasted oak.

Score : 15.75

Dominique Piron 2015 Fleurie

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of fresh blueberry, violet, toasted oak, licorice and chocolate. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as juiciness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and cassis associated with slight hints of fresh red fruits as well as very discreet/imperceptible toasted hints. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Château Grand'Grange Clos La Madone 2013 Monopole Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of violet and blackberry associated with slight notes of Quetsche plum, cassis as well as touches of chocolate and a very discreet hint of truffle. The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame, a slight silky as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a subtle hint of fresh wild strawberry, discreet hints of cacao, spices as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and undergrowth/truffle. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine de Gry-Sablon - Vieilles Vignes 2016 Fleurie

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (cornflower, violet) and blueberry associated with slight notes of Quetsche plum as well as discreet hints of raspberry candy. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, minerality as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blueberry and slight notes of blackberry candy associated with discreet hints of violet, cornflower as well as a very discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are supple. Good length.

Score : 15+

Domaine des Fonds 2014 Fleurie

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and wild berries associated with discreet hints of ripe raspberry, cacao as well as slight touches of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, harmony as well as a tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of wild raspberry, spices and woody hints. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine des Fonds 2015 Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, quite intense and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of lilac and cornflower associated with small notes of plum, blueberry as well as very discreet hints of cassis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a certain finesse, suavity, a slight fat, a slight gourmandise, a slight tension, a slight minerality as well as a juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy blueberry and slight notes of cassis candy associated with hints of violet plum as well as slight hints of flowers and a discreet hint of licorice.

Score : 15

P. Ferraud & Fils - Le Reposoir 2015 Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals slight notes of blackberry and fresh plum associated with slight notes of fresh strawberry, coffee as well as discreet hints of wild berries and woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, suavity, a slight gourmandise, a silky matter as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of fleshy/sweet strawberry as well as a discreet toasted hint and licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+



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Domaine des Fonds - La Madone 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, lily...) and slight notes of blackberry, cassis cream associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight deepness, dynamism, a beautiful juiciness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry and fine notes of Quetsche plum associated with a discreet hint of flowers, oaky hints, licorice as well as discreet hints of vanilla (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of coconut (in the background).

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Bertrand - Les Dédits 2014

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of cherry, wild fruits and minerality associated with touches of blackberry as well as discreet hints of licorice, spices (pepper...) and subtle woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight minerality, a slight gourmandise as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, ripe red-currant and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and melted. Good length.

Score : 16

Château des Dédits 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis and wild blackberry associated with discreet hints of blueberry, small berries as well as hints of Sichuan pepper and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, well-built, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, suavity, gourmandise as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed fleshy blackberry and juicy blueberry associated with slight notes of cassis, ripe raspberry as well as a discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are fine and silky. There are slight hints of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16+

Domaine André Colonge & Fils Maranvières 2009

Fleurie

The nose is gourmand, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of Bourbon vanilla and caramelization associated with slight notes of boysenberry jam, ripe/fresh blueberry as well as slight toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, racy and offers an acid frame, minerality, tension as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, ripe cassis and slight hints of ripe/fresh blueberry associated with hints of sweet spices, vanilla, toasted hints as well as discreet hints of caramelization and coconut. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. The finish is very slightly dry.

Score : 15.5+

Château Grand'Grange Clos La Madone 2015 Monopole

Fleurie

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis cream and slight notes of licorice associated with hints of toasted/caramelized as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious, silky and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of toasted, licorice as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine de la Calèche 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of griotte associated with a subtle hint of redcurrant jam, spices, toasted hint as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, a slight suavity, a good definition, juiciness, roundness as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with slight hints of wild/juicy raspberry as well as discreet toasted hints and dark chocolate. Tannins are a bit tight and well-built. Good length and aromatic persistence. There is a slight touch of juicy blackberry and violet on the persistence.

Score : 16

Domaine André Colonge & Fils Maranvières 2011

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, cas-

siss and slight hints of plum associated with woody touches, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of truffle. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, silky, well-built, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandise as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed Quetsche plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of cornflower as well as hints of toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There is a very slight and discreet hint of mushroom/undergrowth on the finish.

Score : 16+

Domaine des Nugues 2015

Fleurie

The nose offers slight notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of black cherry associated with a hint of small berries as well as touches of spices (cardamom, tea) and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, silky and offers a slight freshness, harmony and a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a hint of toasted and spices/cardamom. Tannins are fine, tight and very slightly firm/young.

Score : 15+

Château de Fleurie 2015

Fleurie

The nose reveals slight notes of blue fruits and blueberry associated with a discreet hint of fleshy raspberry, Cuben pepper as well as hints of dark



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chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, aerial and offers a slight freshness, unctuousness, roundness, a slight tension, a silky matter as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of violet, spices, licorice and a slight hint of roasting. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Patrick Tranchand - Poncié 2014

Fleurie

The nose is slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes cassis, wild berries associated with a discreet hint of undergrowth as well as an imperceptible hint of spices/gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured, a bit aerial and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, a slight fleshy, a very slight unctuousness as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and juicy violet plum associated with a hint of licorice as well as a discreet hint of ripe/fresh red fruits and woody hints. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+

Lucien Lardy Vigneron Les Moriers 2015

Fleurie

The nose is slightly concentrated as well as slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of flowers and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a slight gourmandise, a slight fat, a slight suavity as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum, blueberry and slight notes of griotte associated with discreet hints of violet/flowers and licorice stick. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Patrick Tranchand - Poncié 2015

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis and small wild berries associated with slight touches of blackberry and oak/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a slight tension, dynamism, a good definition as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy plum, juicy fleshy blackberry and slight notes of juicy cassis associated with discreet hints of juicy fleshy raspberry, hints of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of licorice (in the background) and cardamom/spices. Good length.

Score : 15

Cyril Copéret - La Madone 2016

Fleurie

The nose is fruity, concentrated and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with slight hints of plum as well as a discreet hint of black cherry and spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, silky and offers a slight mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25

Domaine de Roche-Guillon 2015

Fleurie

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful (in the background). It reveals notes of black cherry, juicy black berries and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of violet as well as a slight toasted touch, licorice and gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a very slight acidity (in the background), suavity, a certain straightness, gourmandise as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy fleshy plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of juicy fleshy black cherry, slight notes of blueberry, a hint of juicy fleshy cherry as well as hints of toasted oak, sweet spices, a discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine André Colonge & Fils 2015

Fleurie

The nose is aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals slight notes of ripe wild blackberry and cassis associated with a hint of plum as well as a discreet hint of minerality and a slight hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky, fleshy and offers fat, a slight minerality, a beautiful suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy plum and juicy fleshy blueberry associated with slight notes of black cherry as well as a woody hint and licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine des Nuges 2014

Fleurie

The nose is powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of plum and cassis associated with slight hints of fleshy blueberry, licorice as well as a hint of caramelized oak and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, well-built/well-defined, a bit aerial and offers tension, fat, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy cassis, ripe/fresh plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of licorice, a subtle hint of cassis bud/flowers as well as discreet hints of licorice. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Lucien Lardy 2015

Fleurie

The nose is slightly powerful. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and slight notes of ripe blue fruits associated with a hint of plum as well as a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight mineral frame, suavity, fat, a slight deepness, a slight freshness, gourmandise, dynamism, a good definition as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and slight hints of cassis associated with a hint of flowers as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 15.5+



Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Le Soutient-Gorge Rouge du Château de Chainchon 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a good maturity. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry and ripe cassis associated with slight notes of wild blackberry and spices. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral and offers a slight concentration, a slight juiciness, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with woody hints as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices/cardamom and a very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Cote Montpezat Cuvée Compostelle 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is slightly powerful. It reveals toasted notes and blackberry associated with a woody hint, slight notes of ripe strawberry as well as discreet hints of spices and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, dynamism, an acid frame, fat, suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis, cherry, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper and mocha (on the finish). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Roc de Maugras 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight charming side. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and ripe cassis associated with a hint of violet as well as touches of red fruits and a discreet/imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers roundness, suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and flowers. Tannins are well-built and very slightly dusty. Good length and persistence. There is a discreet hint of bitterness on the aftertaste.

Score : 15

Valmy Dubourdieu Lange 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose offers a certain richness, a slight hardness/straightness as well as a certain power/concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with a discreet hint of wild fruits, gray pepper as well as a slight minerality and a slight hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, well-



balanced and offers a slight suavity, a slight gourmandise, juiciness, a beautiful/slight fat, slightly tight as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of juicy strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and spices. Tannins are fine, very slightly dry and structured/straight. Good length and persistence. The finish/aftertaste is slightly powerful. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate and caramelization on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25

Château Haut Beynat Cuvée Lyrique 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, tight and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cassis and slight hints of blackberry associated with a slight hint of flowers, a discreet hint of raspberry, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, fat, a slight freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and slight hints of ripe redcurrant associated with a hint of cassis, a woody hint as well as a discreet hint of caramelization/hazelnut on the finish/aftertaste. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 15+

Château Haut Beynat Tradition 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is slightly tight, slightly powerful and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, bell pepper and slight notes of fresh wild strawberry associated with a hint of pepper, toasted oak as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, fat/suavity, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh wild strawberry and slight notes of cassis, fresh black cherry associated with a very discreet hint of bell pepper, hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of mocha. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Beynat 2015

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis, red fruits and a slight touche of bell pepper/peony associated with discreet toasted hints as well as a slight touch of minerality, pepper, flowers and wild red berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers juiciness, a slight fat as well as a juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, cassis and slight notes of red berries, black cherry associated



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with a discreet hint of flowers/cassis bud as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, chocolate and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château de Laussac Cuvée Sacha 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of torrefied wood, toasted bread and chocolate associated with slight notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis as well as ripe wild strawberry. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity/fat, a slight unctuousity, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight acid/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, fresh raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of chocolate, sweet spices (vanilla, cardamom...) and a slight/discreet hint of coffee on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château de Laussac 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, Sichuan pepper and flowers associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of sandalwood and ripe red fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly juicy, gourmand, well-built and offers a beautiful fat/suavity, a slight tension, a slight unctuousity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, toasted oak, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built, slightly firm and a bit young. Good length and persistence. There is a gourmandise on the finish.

Score : 15.25

Le Pin Belcier 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers richness. It reveals notes of dark chocolate and slight notes of blackberry, black cherry, red fruits associated with discreet hints of caramelization as well as a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers minerality, a beautiful fat, gourmandise, a tight matter, an acid frame as well as a very slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and juicy raspberry associated with slight notes of black cherry, a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background) as well as hints of toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+



Score : 14.75+

Château Belcier 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fresh boysenberry, ripe cassis and a hint of fresh strawberry associated with hints of Sichuan pepper, violet as well as a very discreet hint of caramelized oak, minerality and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight freshness, minerality, a slight tension as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe/juicy cassis and slight notes of red berries/fresh raspberry associated with hints of caramelized oak and chocolate. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

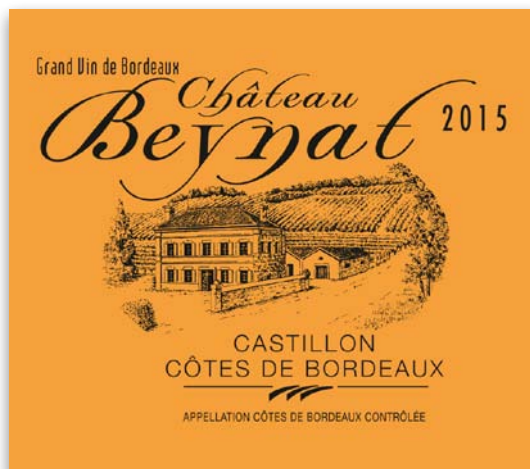
Domaine de L'Aurage 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is gourmand, nicely fruity/aromatic, full and offers elegance as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of vanilla and a hint of coconut, blackberry, chocolate associated with discreet toasted hints, ripe strawberry as well as subtle hints of ripe cassis. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful balance, a beautiful dynamism, roundness, a slight juiciness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Gariguet strawberry and slight notes of juicy blackberry, cassis associated with a subtle hint of cherry, a toasted touch, almond, chocolate and a woody touch. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very discreet hint on salinity

on the finish. Tannins are fine, straight and slightly chewy. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16



Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Château de Monrecueil 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers richness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry and slight notes of ripe black cherry, strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak/caramelized oak, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of cassis bud. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, relatively powerful and offers a slight freshness, fat, suavity as well as a slight silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis and fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of black cherry as well as a discreet hint of cassis bud/flowers, chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Roque Le Mayne 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is slightly powerful and offers elegance. It reveals slight notes of coffee, oak/toasted bread, ripe/fleshy red berries and blackberry associated with hints of gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of flowers and caramelization. The palate is fruity, slightly fleshy and offers gourmandise, a slight juiciness, a beautiful suavity/fat, a small unctuousity, a slight freshness, a good definition as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak, dark chocolate as well as slight notes of flowers and caramelization. Tannins are slightly firm and well-built. Good aromatic persistence. A beautiful wine, well-built!

Score : 15.75+

Château de Bernon 2015 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

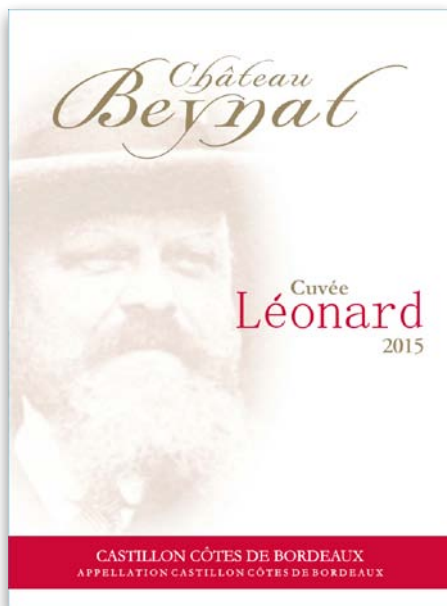
The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness as well as a slight fleshy/gourmandise. It reveals notes of fresh cassis and fleshy/ripe strawberry associated with slight notes of toasted oak, chocolate as well as a hint of gray pepper and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, slightly powerful and offers a slight fat, an acid frame as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh black cherry and slight notes of fresh cassis, fresh raspberry/red berries associated with hints of toasted oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Château Canon Montségur Cuvée Gaspard 2015

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose offers power, intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh strawberry and Sichuan pepper associated with a hint of flowers, slight notes of nutmeg/spices as well as a discreet woody hint. The palate is well-balanced and offers an acid



frame, a slight freshness/minerality, fat, suavity, a slight gourmandise as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry, redcurrant associated with hints of chocolate, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg/vanilla. Tannins are well-built and a bit firm. There is a slight/discreet hint of bitterness on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Château Beynat Cuvée Léonard 2015 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is slightly powerful. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, redcurrant and cassis associated with hints of blackberry as well as a discreet/imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small fat, a juicy frame, a very slight silky as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes

of cherry, crushed cassis associated with toasted hints/caramelization and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Château Beynat Cuvée des Lyres 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is racy, relatively powerful and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis and bell pepper associated with slight hints of crushed strawberry as well as a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight

unctuousity, juiciness, minerality, freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and slight hints of red fruits associated with a hint of black cherry as well as slight notes of toasted oak/caramelized oak, a slight notes of vanilla and a very discreet hint of chocolate on the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 15

Château d'Aiguilhe 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, flowers (tulip, violet) and hints of cassis associated with a discreet hint of fresh redcurrant, raspberry as well as a slight hints of undergrowth and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, slightly silky and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful roundness, a good structure, a slight suavity as well as minerality (racy minerality).

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight/discreet hints of fresh raspberry associated with very slight hints of dark chocolate, caramelization (on the finish) and very slight hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine.

Score : 15



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Domaine

La Tuque Bel Air 2014

Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of ripe black fruits as well as a woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers juiciness, a slight tension, a slight gourmandise as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red berries and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of black cherry, bell pepper as well as discreet hints of toasted oak and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of salinity on the finish.

Score : 14.75+



a hint of fleshy blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of black cherry, chocolate, toasted oak and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château La Carelle 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of strawberry, ripe red cherry as well as hints of toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of licorice and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, juiciness, fat, a certain straightness, tension as well as an acid frame.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry, redcurrant and touches of crushed blackberry associated with a discreet hint of cassis, toasted oak/caramelized oak as well as an imperceptible hint

of mocha (in the background) and a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a slight hint of minerality almost saline on the finish.

Score : 15+

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Château Jussas 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is structured, slightly powerful, marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of wild red berries and slight notes of grove, spices associated with a discreet hint of pepper as well as a very discreet hint of toasted oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, a slight fat, a slight minerality as well as a slight silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cherry associated with a hint of cassis as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15+

Château Barbé 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is relatively powerful offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, caramelization, cassis, blackberry, strawberry, woody notes associated with touches of red berries as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud, a slight touch of chocolate and a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight freshness, suavity, a racy minerality as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, juicy blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a slight notes of chocolate and a discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are fine and slightly chewy. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Pardaillan 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, strawberry...) associated with woody hints, a discreet hint of caramelization as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of mocha (in the background), a discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight juiciness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh cassis/fresh black berries and fleshy raspberry associated with

Château Haut Prieur 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of red berries, wild strawberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of toasted oak, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity and offers fat, minerality, a slight gourmandise, a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a slight silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries/redcurrant and raspberry associated with slight hints of toasted oak, an imperceptible hint of bell pepper (in the background) as well as a hint of chocolate/caramelization on the persistence. Tannins are fine and very slightly dusty.

Score : 14.75+

Château Bourdieu N°1 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, relatively gourmand and slight powerful. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of blueberry as well as a touch of chocolate, toasted/caramelized oak and a slight touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a good definition, slightly silky and offers a slight acid frame, fat, juiciness as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/fleshy strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15+

Prélude 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, aromatic and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with hints of chocolate, vanilla, woody hints as well as a subtle hint of cedar wood and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and slight notes of crushed

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cassis associated with a hint of blueberry, toasted oak and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of mocha/coffee and caramelization on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château Les Graves 2014 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight elegance as well as a power/intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed strawberry associated with hints of flowers/cassis bud, spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, suavity, an acid frame, a slight deepness as well as a slight minerality and a slight intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, redcurrant and raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate and sweet spices/nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Les Tours de Peyrat - Vieilles Vignes 2014 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose reveals slight notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and touches of strawberry associated with hints of wild black berries as well as discreet woody hints and a very discreet hint of licorice/caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, fat, a slight tension as well as a slight straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of blueberry as well as a slight touch of toasted oak, licorice and very slight notes of sweet spices/nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste. The persistence is gourmand.

Score : 14.75+

Esprit de Bel Air La Royère 2015 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is fine, straight, slightly powerful and offers a very slight density. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of red berries, raspberry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak, sweet spices and a slight touch of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a small fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, red berries and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and cardamom. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Terre Blanque 2014 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is fine and offers a slight power as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of red fruits (wild strawberry, red berries...) and blackberry associated with slight notes of spices, woody hints as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight fleshy, a slight gourmandise, suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and red berries associated with slight notes of cherry, blackberry as well as hints of toasted oak, spices, a discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible/very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château La Roche Bazin 2014 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is fine and offers a power. It reveals slight notes of undergrowth,

cassis, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat, a beautiful minerality, a slight freshness, a slight unctuousity as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of cassis, black cherry, licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. There is a slight power on the finish and a slight hints of chocolate on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score : 15

Château Mayne Guyon - Grande Cuvée 2014 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is aromatic, relatively fine and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of coffee, cassis, blackberry, woody notes associated with slight notes of strawberry as well as hints of grilled oak, a discreet hint of spices and a subtle hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of redcurrant, black cherry associated with a hint of red berries as well as touches of toasted oak, licorice and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are very slightly firm as well as very slightly dry. Good length. There is slight hints of dark chocolate/coffee and a very discreet hint of saline minerality on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Château Jussas 2015 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of redcurrant, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak, flowers as well as a slight hints of spices and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight fat, minerality, tension, a slight gourmandise as well as a very slight silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with a subtle hint of bell pepper/cassis bud as well as a very discreet hint of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of crushed blueberry on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Les Aubiers 2015 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is powerful and relatively fine. It reveals notes of wild red berries, slight notes of cassis and a touch of blackberry associated with hints of toasted oak, a discreet hint of sweet spices, Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint of flowers/cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight fat, a slight minerality, roundness, an acid frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe small red berries and slight touches of cassis associated with a discreet hint of black cherry, toasted oak, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of cornflower. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Haut Sociendo 2015 **Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux**

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of red fruits associated with hints of licorice, woody hints as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Gariguet strawberry, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with a slight touch of fleshy raspberry as

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well as woody hints, discreet toasted hints and slight touches of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15

Château Le Grand Moulin 2015

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The nose offers a slight power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small berries associated with a slight touch of bell pepper, touches of minerality as well as discreet toasted hints and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a slight fat, gourmandise, a beautiful fruit as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy red berries and fleshy/ripe redcurrant associated with slight notes of blueberry, black cherry as well as a discreet hint of licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. There is a very discreet hint of caramelization on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.5+

Château Haut Colombier 2015

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The nose reveals slight notes of blackberry and empyreumatic/undergrowth associated with hints of red fruits, Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint of cassis and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight acid frame, harmony, a beautiful fat as well as a small silky side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe redcurrant, ripe/fresh strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of blackberry as well as an imperceptible hint of bell pepper (in the background), a very discreet hint of pepper and discreet woody hints. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Ricaud 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, relatively aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of ripe wild strawberry, red berries as well as woody hints and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a slight tension, fat, a slight acid frame, as well as a slight silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed/ripe red berries, strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of juicy blackberry, toasted, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices/cardamom. Good length. The aftertaste is relatively gourmande.

Score : 15

Haut Peyrefaure 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is structured, slightly powerful, marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon (slight hardness) and offers a very slight/discreet minerality. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of blackberry, wild berries associated with hints of fresh redcurrant, spices as well as a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, sleek, racy and offers a slight minerality, juiciness, fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries, strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a very discreet hint of cassis bud (in the background) as well as slight hints of spices.

Score : 14.75+

Château Siffle Merle - Cuvée Tradition 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe blackberry and slight notes of cassis, fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of toasted oak, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of tea. The

palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-defined and offers juiciness, a slight acid frame, a slight unctuousity, suavity/fat as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry associated with slight notes of redcurrant, blackberry, crushed cassis as well as toasted/caramelized hints and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Glorit 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, quite elegant and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red fruits/red berries associated with woody hints, toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of pepper, licorice and a slight hints of flowers (cornflower...). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly silky and offers juiciness, minerality, a slight freshness, fat, roundness, a slight acidity (in the background) as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and red berries/fresh redcurrant associated with slight notes of blackberry, cherry as well as touches of toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Mayne Guyon 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of raspberry, Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruti, well-balanced, fat and offers juiciness as well as slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and slight notes of raspberry, cassis associated with a hint of blackberry, toasted oak, licorice as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices/cardamom. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Mayne-Mazerolles 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with slight woody notes, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of spices/gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, sleek and offers freshness, a slight mineral frame as well as a slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed ripe raspberry, cassis and blackberry associated with slight woody notes, spices as well as a very discreet hint of licorice in the background. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Bourdieu N°1 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of red berries, cassis and slight notes of flowers associated with toasted hints, licorice as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality, roundness, a slight unctuousity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, red berries and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet toasted hints, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are very slightly chewy and polished.

Score : 15+

Château Cap Saint-Martin - Cuvée Prestige 2015

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The nose is slightly powerful/intense and marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon. It reveals notes of red fruits (redcurrant, wild strawberry...) associa-

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ted with slight touches of blackberry as well as a discreet hint of spices, a hint of gray pepper and a subtle hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, juiciness, suavity, a slight acid frame, gourmandise, minerality as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe redcurrant, ripe raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of cherry as well as discreet hints of licorice, woody hints and an imperceptible hint of mocha (in the background). Tannins are well-built and slightly chewy. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15

Château Les Tours de Peyrat - Cuvée Prestige 2015

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The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry associated with hints of licorice as well as a slight touch of dark chocolate and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight acid frame, gourmandise, a slight freshness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, ripe/fleshy redcurrant and slight notes of cherry, raspberry associated with toasted hints, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of roasting. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Siffle Merle - Cuvée Prestige 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis, wild raspberry and wild berries associated with slight hints of flowers, dark chocolate, toasted/caramelized oak as well as a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, well-built, racy and offers juiciness, fat, freshness, a racy minerality, a very slight unctuousity as well as a beautiful mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15+

Château Haut Prieur 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is slightly gourmand and slightly powerful/concentrated. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, vanilla oak and slight touches of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of crushed cassis, coconut and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, sleek and offers juiciness, a slight minerality as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of toasted oak associated with a hint of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of coconut. Tannins are well-built and slightly chewy. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Haut Cabut 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals slight notes of cassis, blackberry jelly and wild strawberry associated with a hint of spices as well as a very discreet woody hint and an imperceptible hint of coffee in the background. The palate is fruity, sleek and offers minerality, fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly and slight notes of cassis, fleshy strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a very slight/imperceptible note of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of dark chocolate/bitterness of the chocolate and a subtle hint of salinity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Gourmandise de Bel Air La Royère 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, racy, slightly powerful and marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon. It reveals slight notes of wild strawberry and red berries associated with a discreet hint of cassis as well as hints of blackberry and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight fat, suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of toasted oak as well as a slight touch of dark chocolate/cacao on the persistence. Tannins are very slightly/discreetly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Gatines 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fine, slightly aromatic and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of toasted, vanilla and fleshy strawberry associated with slight touches of fleshy blackberry as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight unctuousity, a slight freshness, a slight minerality as well as a beautiful fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and raspberry associated with slight hints of redcurrant, cassis as well as a toasted hint and licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Haut-Meneau 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon and offers a slight intensity as well as a small aerial side. It reveals slight notes of flowers, blackberry and cassis associated with touches of flowers (iris, cornflower...), red berries as well as a slight hints of tea and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, racy, well-built and offers a slight minerality, roundness, a slight gourmandise, a good structure as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, red berries and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak, slight touches of flowers as well as a discreet hint of licorice, spices and a slight hint of dark chocolate. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Haut-Meneau - Cuvée La Clie 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight elegance, a slight intensity as well as a slight straightness. It reveals notes of red berries, wild strawberry and discreet hints of cassis associated with hints of fleshy blackberry as well as a subtle hint of toasted oak, a very discreet hint of caramelization and hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat, straightness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, ripe redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of flowers, licorice as well as a slight toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a slight bitterness on the aftertaste.

Score : 15

Domaine de Meneau 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is relatively fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, flowers (cornflower, violet) and slight touches of wild berries, cassis associated with slight hints of spices, an imperceptible hint of cassis bud as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper, Ceylan tea and a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight minerality, a slight acid frame, fat as well as a certain straightness.

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In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of small wild red berries associated with hints of licorice, a discreet hint of flowers/bell pepper as well as a subtle woody hint, cacao and a very discreet hint of licorice. Good length. There is a slight hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score : 14.75

Amphorae de Château Bellevue 2015 Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals slight notes of leather, Sichuan pepper and blackberry associated with a hint of cassis, flowers as well as a subtle toasted hint, caramelization, spices and an imperceptible hint of almonds. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a very slight unctuousity, juiciness as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of raspberry, griotte, oak as well as a very discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are silky. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château L'Espérance – Espérance 2014 Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness/concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of boysenberry, ripe/crushed raspberry and slight notes of ripe cassis associated with a hint of violet, toasted oak/caramelized oak as well as a hint of cardamom, mocha and a very discreet hint of violet in the background. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of black cherry, blueberry as well as slight hints of toasted oak, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25+

Château Barbé 2016 (white wine) Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh kumquat and a discreet hint of Tangerine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a slight tension, a certain finesse, a slight acid frame as well as a slight deepness and a slight gourmandise/richness (but full of balance). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe lemon, fresh/ripe Tangerine and slight notes of kumquat associated with a touch of fresh peach as well as a discreet hint of quenette/passion fruits. Good length.

Score : 15

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Château Mercier - Cuvée Prestige 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with small hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured and offers a big minerality, a slight freshness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, cassis bud and slight notes of raspberry associated with hints of blackberry, a discreet hint of cherry as well as slight notes of spices, woody notes and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). Tannins are a bit dry.

Score : 14.5

Château Fougas - Maldoror 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity, structured, relatively gourmand, relatively full and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of violet, ripe red fruits as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, chocolate, spices and subtle woody hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, well-built and offers suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of plum, ripe/fresh raspberry associated with hints of spices, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and a woody hint. Tannins are well-built and firm. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of caramelization/vanilla on the finish.

Score : 15.5+

Château Labadie 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose offers fine notes of fresh blackberry, raspberry and spices associated with hints of Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint of violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, sleek, slightly fleshy and offers freshness as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of raspberry associated with woody hints as well as slight hints of Sichuan pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 14.75

Clos du Piat - Cuvée Léonard 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is slightly powerful/rich. It reveals notes of cassis and fresh wild blackberry associated with slight notes of Cuben pepper, spices, cacao, woody notes as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background) and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful mineral/juicy frame, a slight acidity as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy black cherry and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with a discreet hint of red berries as well as slight hints of spices and toasted oak/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Vieux Plantier Cuvée Prestige 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and a hint of violet, blueberry associated with a subtle hint of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness, a slight acidity as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and black cherry associated with hints of crushed strawberry, ripe raspberry as well as hints of toasted oak. Tannins are slightly firm and dry. Good length. There is a slight hint of licorice and chocolate on the finish.

Score : 14.75

Château Vieux Plantier 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with small notes of spices, gray pepper/Sichuan pepper and subtle hints of black cherry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, minerality as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy plum and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of ripe raspberry, strawberry, slight woody touches as well as a discreet hint of mocha/chocolate, spices and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Tannins are well-built and a bit dry.

Score : 15



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Côtes de Bourg

Château Grand-Maison 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and woody notes associated with slight notes of strawberry, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky and offers a slight minerality, a slight freshness, a small suavity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of black cherry, raspberry as well as discreet hints of licorice and woody hints. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Mercier 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, undergrowth and ripe red fruits associated with small notes of spices as well as a touch of pepper and a discreet hint of truffle. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful minerality, a slight acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy fleshy raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of cherry, a discreet hint of violet, small woody touches, spices, cacao/mocha as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Tannins are well-built. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 15

Château la Cottière 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry, cassis and small touches of crushed wild strawberry associated with slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a slight juiciness as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh plum and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of ripe red fruits, a hint of spices as well as a very discreet hint of licorice, vanilla and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a slight drying side on the finish.

Score : 14.75

Château L'espérance - Les Cèdres 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity, full and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of chocolate, crushed blackberry and slight hints of plum, crushed strawberry associated with subtle hints of sweet spices, subtle toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, silky, gourmande, nicely built, nicely juicy and offers a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and small notes of crunchy cassis, fleshy/ripe cherry associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate, sweet spices as well as subtle hints of cardamom. Tannins are fine and firm. Good length. There is a subtle grilled hint and coffee on the finish.

Score : 16

Château Laroche Joubert 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of undergrowth and spices associated with a touch of Sichuan pepper, blackberry as well as slight hints of red fruits, licorice and woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, sleek and offers a slight suavity, a slight fat, a slight freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of ripe red berries, cherry as well as hints of licorice, undergrowth and a subtle hint of sweet spices/vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Pont de la Tonnelle

La Part des Anges 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight concentration as well as straightness. It reveals notes of crushed fleshy blackberry and ripe cassis associated with slight notes of crushed wild strawberry as well as woody hints, spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers finesse, tension, a slight juiciness, a beautiful volume as well as a beautiful mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, black cherry and hints of ripe raspberry associated with a discreet hint of ripe/juicy red berries, slight woody hints, licorice, spices, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Le Clos du Notaire - Notaris

Grande Réserve 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity, racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small touches of crushed strawberry, fresh raspberry associated with woody hints, licorice as well as a subtle hint of mocha, clay and a very discreet hint of Ceylan tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, well-balanced, slightly tight, silky and offers minerality, a good structure as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red cherry, crushed cassis and slight notes of blackberry, raspberry associated with touches of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, mocha and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Beautiful persistence. There is gourmandise as well as an imperceptible hint of black pepper on the finish. A beautiful wine!

Score : 15.5

Château le Clos du Notaire 2014

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity, marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and slight hints of ripe black small fruits associated with touches of black pepper as well as slight hints of spices and a very discreet hint of ripe bell pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, suave, fresh, well-balanced, racy, slightly tight, well-built and offers a slight minerality, fat, a certain precision, a slight tension as well as a certain fleshy/juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes juicy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of black cherry, a discreet hint of plum as well as a subtle hint of violet, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization/vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length and persistence. There is a subtle hint of mocha/roasting on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25+

Château Les Graves de Viaud

Réserve 2011

Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of violet, wild blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of wild raspberry (in the background), slight hints of spices, tobacco as well as a subtle hint of truffle and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, a good definition, gourmandise, a beautiful dynamism as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and juicy raspberry associated with hints of small berries as well as slight woody touches, truffle, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of violet. Tannins are fine and tight. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Côtes de Bourg

Château Les Graves de Viaud Terroir 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy, slightly tight and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, wild blackberry and slight notes of wild small berries associated with a hint of crushed strawberry, clay as well as hints of spices/pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, freshness as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of crushed strawberry, fresh raspberry as well as hints of sweet spices, woody hints and a very discreet hint of truffle (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Graves de Viaud Cuvée Prestige 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe and wild fruits associated with small notes of truffle, violet, spices, graphite as well as a subtle hint of pepper and slight woody touches. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers minerality, a slight freshness as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry associated with slight hints of plum, fleshy raspberry as well as touches of licorice, mushroom and slight woody hints. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Roc de Cambes 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity, powerful (but full of balance) and offers richness, deepness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh cassis and strawberry associated with a subtle woody hint, chocolate as well as discreet hints of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful freshness, dynamism, roundness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fresh cassis and slight notes of strawberry/fresh small red fruits associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate, a discreet hint of caramelization as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean and a subtle toasted hint. Tannins are fine, racy and structuring. Good length. The persistence is gourmande, slightly juicy and offers a slight hint of cacao bitterness.

Score : 16.5

Domaine de Cambes 2014 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is aromatic, fresh, racy (terroir/clay) and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh cassis and slight notes of ripe/fresh wild strawberry associated with a subtle hint of black cherry, plum peel, a hint of clay as well as slight toasted notes, sweet spices, coffee, almond and a slight hint of grilled bread and woody notes. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy (terroir/clay) and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful fat, a nice expression, a beautiful gourmandise as well as a slight dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh redcurrant, fresh raspberry and slight notes of ripe cassis associated with hints of blackberry, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). Tannins are

fine and very slightly chewy. Good aromatic persistence with, in particular, a small note of almond as well as a very discreet hint of caramel.

Score : 16+

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Château Queyron Pindefleurs 2015 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fresh red berries and a hint of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of blackberry, violet as well as hints of toasted oak, spices, a hint of mocha and a subtle hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, gourmande, slightly silky and offers juiciness, fat, a slight suavity, freshness as well as a certain deepness.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of fresh raspberry associated with hints of fresh red berries, cassis as well as slight hints of toasted oak and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, well-built and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Fleur de Fonplegade 2015 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic. It reveals slight notes of flowers (violet, iris) and blackberry associated with a hint of cassis, boysenberry, strawberry as well as touches of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a beautiful suavity, fat, an acid frame as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy boysenberry, ripe strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of redcurrant, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly dusty. Good length. There is a hint of mocha and coffee on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

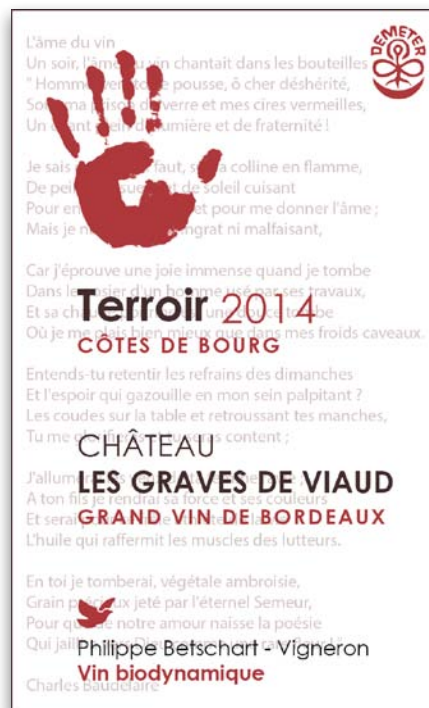
Château Bernateau 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight richness as well as a beautiful elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh cassis and slight hints of fresh red berries associated with a hint of raspberry, terroir/clay as well as a subtle woody hint, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of licorice. There is a discreet hint of violet after aeration/work in the glass. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acid frame as well as a slight richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with touches of fresh raspberry/red berries as well as hints of toasted oak, cacao and a very slight hint of roasting oak on the finish. Tannins are fine, racy and polished. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Tour Peyronneau 2015 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and wild small red fruits associated with hints of ripe berries, slight notes of licorice as well as a hint of spices, a woody hint and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-built, precise, well-balanced and offers a slight tension, a nice



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freshness as well as a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of red fruits (berries, strawberry) associated with hints of toasted oak, licorice, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Tannins are fine, well-built, straight and very slightly firm.

Score : 15.5

Château Queyron Pindefleurs 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, relatively fine and slightly powerful. It reveals slight notes of flowers, blackberry and discreet hints of red berries associated with a woody hint as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of mocha (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality as well as a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh red berries and touches of cassis, plum associated with discreet hints of fleshy/fresh strawberry as well as slight notes of sweet spices, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château de Candale 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite charming. It reveals slight notes of boysenberry, violet and spices (Sichuan pepper, hint of curcuma/oriental spices) associated with touches of fresh strawberry, cassis as well as a discreet hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, finesse, a beautiful freshness, a good definition, suavity, a beautiful tension, a slight juiciness as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of red juicy berries/red currant associated with hints of raspberry, woody hints as well as very slight notes of chocolate and hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There is a hint of cacao on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château Tour Peyronneau **Cuvée Pierrick Lavau 2014** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers concentration as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and hints of ripe wild strawberry associated with slight woody touches, caramelization, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, gourmandise, a beautiful fat, a good definition, a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame, a nice freshness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy red berries and slight touches of cassis, wild strawberry associated with hints of licorice, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of spices and a slight hint of dark chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very discreet hint of coffee and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Château de Saint-Pey 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of red berries, fresh raspberry and slight notes of spices associated with an imperceptible hint of cassis bud, a hint of caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat, a beautiful freshness, tension, a good roundness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry, juicy red berries and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of blackberry, hints of toasted oak, licorice as well as a discreet hint of cassis bud and vanilla.

Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château de Pressac 2007 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, slight notes of cassis, a hint of flowers and touches of licorice stich associated with a discreet hint of menthol, truffle as well as slight hints of fresh red berries, a hint of spices and a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, mineral and offers gourmandise as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, ripe red berries, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet woody hints, licorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, racy and well-built. Good length and persistence. The persistence is relatively gourmande.

Score : 15.75

Château Laniote 2007 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, straight and offers a slight freshness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of strawberry, toasted oak, spices associated with a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, undergrowth (discreet) as well as a discreet hint of roasting, mocha and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, silky, gourmand and offers suavity, a beautiful fresh frame, a racy minerality, a slight deepness as well as much elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red berries, ripe strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of roasting and mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and aromatic persistence. There is a very discreet hint of truffle on the finish. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16+

Clos de L'Oratoire 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of caramelized oak associated with slight notes of flowers, discreet hints of wild strawberry as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, slightly juicy, well-balanced, chewy and offers a slight gourmandise, suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and slight notes of violet purple plum, ripe strawberry associated with a discreet hint of violet, slight hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and a woody hint. There is a beautiful persistence with, in particular, a very slight hint of pepper.

Score : 16.25

Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2014 1er Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Emilion

The nose is fine, elegant, powerful and offers freshness. It reveals slight notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of cornflower, blueberry associated with very discreet hints of strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of toasted oak, caramelization and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, tension, a slight intensity as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight of crushed strawberry associated with a discreet hint of caramelized oak, a very discreet hint of raspberry, flowers as well as slight notes of racy minerality, mocha and a slight hint of Sichuan pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. There is a very discreet hint of cacao/bitterness of the dark chocolate on the aftertaste.

Score : 17.25

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La Mondotte 2014

1er Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Emilion

The nose is fine, elegant, aromatic, powerful and offers finesse. Very pretty nose! It reveals notes of black fruits, dark chocolate and discreet hints of cornflower/flowers associated with slight hints of crushed strawberry, subtle hints of cacao as well as discreet toasted hints and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely elegant, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, fat, a beautiful tension, straightness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of blueberry, fresh raspberry associated with a discreet hint of dark chocolate and discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence. There is a discreet hint of dark chocolate.

Score : 18+

Le Carillon d'Angelus 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fine and powerful. It reveals notes of mocha and slight notes of blackberry, crunchy cassis, crunchy red fruits (cherry, strawberry), spices and espresso associated with a discreet hint of coffee, discreet hints of dark chocolate as well as a very slight hint of Sichuan pepper (very discreet) and cornflower. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, slightly gourmand and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight acid frame, a slight tension as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry/red berries associated with slight hints of cassis, slight notes of blueberry as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence. There are slight hints of cacao/tonka bean on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16

Château Bellevue 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness/minerality. It reveals notes of strawberry and discreet hints of chocolate associated with very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, slight hints of iris as well as a very discreet hint of blueberry in the background after aeration. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful preserved fruit, a beautiful gourmandise as well as acidity. Beautiful, gourmand, round and preserved fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy fresh strawberry and slight notes of red berries, juicy blueberry, juicy blackberry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak, grilled as well as a very discreet hint of cacao and slight toasted hints/sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 16.75

Château Angélu 2014

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

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and slight notes of cassis, crushed strawberry associated with a subtle hint of violet as well as discreet hints of blueberry, a woody hint and spices (hint of Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of cinnamon). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a very beautiful finesse, a beautiful straightness, a beautiful tension as well as a slight freshness and a silky matter. Beautiful gourmandise and finesse! In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a discreet hint of fleshy violet, red small berries as well as a discreet hint of gourmand chocolate and caramelized oak (very discreet). Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly creamy. Good length.

Score : 18.5+

Château Laniote 2015

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful, straight and quite intense. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small notes of strawberry jam associated with hints of chocolate, spices (Sichuan pepper, licorice...), violet as well as slight woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful suavity, straightness, elegance, tension as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crème de cassis and slight notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with a hint of black cherry, licorice as well as beautiful notes of chocolate, woody notes and a subtle hint of Ceylan tea (in the background). Tannins are fine, firm and young. Good length and very beautiful persistence. There is a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper and cacao on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Clos des Jacobins 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé :

The nose is aromatic, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, crème de cassis and slight touches of crushed wild strawberry, blueberry associated with slight notes of gray pepper, chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet hints of coconut/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a slight acid frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and hints of plum associated with discreet hints of toasted oak, chocolate, coconut and a subtle hint of caramel. Tannins are fine, firm and straight. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Château Fleur Cardinale 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, intense, elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry and wild small berries associated with hints of raspberry, spices as well as discreet hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely unctuous, nicely fresh, elegant and offers a slight mineral frame, precision, a beautiful matter as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and slight notes of cassis, plum associated with hints of chocolate, toasted oak, licorice as well as subtle hints of sweet spices, Ceylan tea and cardamom. Tannins are fine, firm and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château de Pressac 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed blackberry and slight touches of ripe strawberry associated with touches of black pepper, spices as well as a discreet hint of flowers, chocolate, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a slight freshness, a slight acid frame, a very slight unctuousity, a slight concentration as well as a beautiful, racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of ripe red berries, raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak, a subtle hint of mocha, a discreet hint of spices as well as hints of chocolate and caramel (on the persistence). Tannins are well-built and elegant. There is a slight concentration on the finish, and a hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16+

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Château Pieuré La Marzelle 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, powerful, slightly tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of spices, woody touches as well as a subtle hint of pepper and peony. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, juicy, well-balanced, silky, well-built and offers precision, gourmandise as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, blackberry and raspberry associated with a subtle hint of redcurrant (in the background). Tannins are fine and firm. Good persistence. There is a discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25

Château La Marzelle 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, full, rich and elegant. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crème de cassis and crushed strawberry associated with touches of crushed ripe cherry, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of caramelization, flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, mineral, elegant and offers tension, straightness, juiciness, gourmandise, a good definition, deepness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy redcurrant and crème de cassis associated with a hint of plum as well as touches of chocolate, sweet spices and a slight hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are fine, firm and tight. There is a discreet hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.75

Château Trapaud 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly spicy, slightly powerful/intense and offers a slight incisive side. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, peony), ripe blackberry and crushed raspberry associated with touches of black cherry, strawberry (discreet), licorice as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and a subtle woody hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, suave, slightly tight and offers a slight freshness, a slight gourmandise, a slight fat, precision, a mineral frame as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fleshy/ripe strawberry and slight notes of ripe raspberry associated with a hint of cherry, fleshy cassis, violet and an imperceptible hint of cassis bud (in the background) as well as slight woody touches, chocolate and cardamom. Tannins are fine, tight and still young. Good length. There is a slight toasted hint of chocolate and a discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château Laroze 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, crème de cassis and slight notes of wild small berries associated with touches of ripe pepper as well as woody hints, mocha and a touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers unctuousness, tension, a slight juiciness, fat, a fresh frame, suavity, gourmandise as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, fleshy cassis and slight notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of almond/Bourbon vanilla on the finish. Tannins are well-built. There is a discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16

Château La Commanderie 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is powerful, aromatic and spicy. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red fruits, fresh berries associated with small notes of flowers, spices, Sichuan pepper, a touch of toasted oak (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of mocha and sweet spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, fine and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight freshness, suavity, gourmandise, roundness, finesse a beautiful volume, a beautiful minerality as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and slight notes of plum, redcurrant associated with a hint of violet as well as slight hints of toasted oak and touches of spices. Tannins are fine and young. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of mocha, grilled oak, sweet spices on the persistence and a subtle hint of coconut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16

Château Haut-Fonrazade 2007

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fresh, slightly powerful and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, blackberry and slight touches of crème de cassis, raspberry, menthol as well as a subtle hint of wild truffle/undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers juiciness, a slight freshness, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry and ripe/dried wild strawberry associated with slight hints of blackberry, crushed cassis as well as small touches of truffle, undergrowth, a woody hint and a subtle hint of vanilla on the persistence. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. To drink! .

Score : 15.25

Château La Marzelle 2007

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic, powerful and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of dried blackberry, fleshy strawberry, cassis and discreet hints of black cherry associated with slight hints of chocolate, a hint of menthol as well as slight touches of undergrowth, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, suave, slightly fleshy and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe wild strawberry and slight notes of cassis, ripe blackberry associated with slight touches of undergrowth, chocolate as well as a hint of truffle, caramelization and a very discreet hint of tea (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Château Coudert 2007

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed wild strawberry and crushed cassis associated with small notes of menthol, flowers as well as a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively gourmand, suave and offers freshness, a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame as well as a certain harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry and ripe strawberry associated with slight notes of crushed cassis, fleshy/crushed blackberry, a hint of plum as well as touches of undergrowth, sweet spices and woody touches. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Saint-Émilion

Château La Marzelle 2015 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly fleshy and offers richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of ripe/crushed strawberry associated with discreet hints of ripe plum, chocolate/oak as well as a subtle toasted hint and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful freshness, a nice minerality, silky, a slight tension as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy/ripe strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and a subtle hint of licorice/cardamom. Tannins are fine, well-built and slightly firm. Good length. There is a slight note of bitter dark chocolate/cacao on the finish.

Score : 16+

Château Tertre Roteboeuf 2014 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a beautiful power (but full of elegance/balance). It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild small fruits and discreet hints of cassis associated with a subtle hint of flowers, slight toasted hints, cacao as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is well-balanced, suave, nicely fresh, juicy, tight, elegant and offers a slight unctuousness, roundness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh fruits, cassis, blackberry and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak, cacao, a very discreet hint of caramelization as well as a subtle hint of coffee and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 18+


Château Fleur Cardinale 2015 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, fruity, aromatic and offers a slight richness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals slight notes of ripe/fresh wild strawberry, cassis and slight notes of fresh blackberry associated with slight notes of spices, a discreet hint of violet as well as a subtle hint of pepper, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of violet as well as a subtle hint of pepper, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is nicely fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat, suavity, a beautiful tension, a nice roundness, a nice structure, a very slight unctuousness, an acid frame, gourmandise, straightness, a beautiful freshness as well as a nice volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe strawberry, ripe blackberry, juicy blueberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak and cacao/dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, straight and racy. Good length. Nice and gourmandise persistence with slight notes of dark chocolate, a very discreet hint of saline minerality, a subtle hint of caramelization/vanilla. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 16.5+

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Sauternes

Château d'Yquem 2010

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is fruity, elegant and fresh. It reveals slight notes of candied lemon and hints of honey associated with slight hints of quince, persimmon, compoted white fruits (brugnon, pear) as well as discreet hints of pâtisseries, brioche and gingerbread. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a beautiful/slight mineral frame, a very beautiful balanced as well as a beautiful finesse/delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of lemon, compoted white fruits (brugnon, pear) and slight notes of quenette associated with a discreet hint of spices, cardamom and green tea. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 19.25+

Château d'Yquem 2013

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of pear, ripe red apple and slight hints of mirabelle, quince, apricot associated with discreet hints of citrus, honey as well as slight hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight richness, fat as well as fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted pear, apple compote and candied lemon associated with slight hints of zests, apricot as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla in the background. Good length. A style more «stewed/compoted» than on millésimes 2014 and 2015, but always well-balanced. Beautiful and suave persistence with slight touches of dried apricot.

Score : 19.5

Château d'Yquem 2014

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a very beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of lemon and quince associated with beautiful notes of Tangerine, pear as well as a hint of fresh apricot, gingerbread and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful finesse/delicacy (silk!), a beautiful fat, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition/structure, a beautiful tension as well as a beautiful acid/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and pear associated with slight hints of quince, nuts, Tangerine, citrus as well as a very discreet hint of pineapple in the background, vanilla (in the background) and pâtisseries on the finish. Good length. A very beautiful wine!

Score : 19.5+

Château Suduiraut 2007

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, slightly powerful and offers concentration. The wine needs to be carafed. It reveals slight notes of quince and mirabelle associated with discreet hints of spices, safran, flowers as well as a slight hint of honey and a very discreet hint of nuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, syrupy and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight tension as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted white fruits (apple, brugnon) and hints of honey associated with discreet hints of candied lemon, dry citrus/dried apricot, slight hints of baked apple, flint as well as a very slight hint of verbena and very slight hints of nuts/caramel on the persistence. Good length and a very beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 18.25+

Château Suduiraut 2014

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, lively, elegant and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of candied lemon and hints of honey associated with a hint of exotic fruits, compoted white fruits as well as a very discreet hint of honey. The

palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers a beautiful structure, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful delicacy as well as a bright/crystalline side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and slight hints of Williams pear, honey associated with a very discreet hint of candied clementine, slight hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of persimmon and a subtle hint of apple tree flowers on the finish. Good length and persistence with slight touches of candied lemon/Tangerine.

Score : 18.5+

Château Suduiraut 2015

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine and elegant. It reveals notes of pear, candied quince and a discreet hint of fresh Tangerine associated with a very discreet hint of spices and very discreet hint of yuzu zests as well as hints of spices and flint. The palate is fruity, fresh, beautifully balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple compote, pear and slight notes of compoted brugnon associated with slight hints of quince, slight/discreet hints of flowers/verbena as well as a very discreet hint of quenette, spices, candied ginger and very slight hints of honey. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 18.25

Château d'Arche 2009

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, quite powerful, elegant, well-balanced and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of candied peach and white fruits in syrup associated with small touches of candied lemon, cooked pineapple, hints of botrytis, nuts as well as a very discreet hint of almond, caramel and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, nicely defined, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, gourmandise, precision as well as richness (but full of finesse). In the mouth this Sauternes expresses notes of candied lemon, white fruits in syrup and slight touches of candied peach associated with a hint of cooked pineapple and almond/nuts on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Château d'Arche 2010

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of candied lemon, honey and minerality associated with slight notes of quince, candied mirabelle as well as touches of fresh ginger, a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight freshness, a slight acid frame, suavity, straightness, a beautiful fat as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, honey and candied quince associated with touches of candied brugnon, candied pear as well as discreet hints of nuts, botrytis, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of candied /crystallized clementine (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Château Raymond-Lafon 2010

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, rich, elegant and offers concentration as well as a slight straightness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, green lemon and slight notes of candied peach associated with discreet hints of zests as well as a hint of peach in syrup, fresh ginger and a subtle hint of caramelized oak/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight acid frame, freshness, a beautiful fat/suavity, a slight unctuousity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple in syrup, peach in syrup, candied green lemon and hints of

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Tangerine associated with a discreet hint of quennette/exotic fruits, toasted hints/vanilla as well as small hints of honey and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length. There is a hint of citrus on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.75

Château Raymond-Lafon 2009

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a slight intensity, richness (but full of finesse) as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of composted pear, apple in syrup and fine notes of candied lemon associated with hints of vanilla, discreet toasted hints, honey as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries and dried yellow grape. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful volume, a slight acid frame, a beautiful definition, complexity as well as richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied Tangerine and slight notes of green apple associated with a hint of flat peach, discreet hints of vanilla, pineapple in syrup, honey, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of ginger and cedar. Good length.

Score : 17

Château Raymond-Lafon 2011

Sauternes

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a concentration as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of candied lemon and a hint of quince associated with discreet hints of dried mango as well as a subtle hint of dried peach and a subtle roasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, fresh and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight tension, fat, roundness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and quince associated with slight notes of dry apricot, crushed dried mango as well as a subtle roasted hint, fruits in syrup, honey and an imperceptible hint of muesli. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château Coutet 2011, Barsac Grand Cru Classé Sauternes-Barsac

The nose is fresh, fruity, relatively powerful, intense and incisive. It reveals notes of nuts, candied citrus and candied orange zests associated with small notes of ginger, candied physalis as well as a subtle hint of honey, almond and botrytis (discreet). The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, incisive, gourmand, aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful roundness, unctuousity, a beautiful/slight freshness as well as a beautiful minerality and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied Tangerine and small notes of candied mirabelle/physalis associated with hints of pineapple in syrup as well as discreet hints of honey, almond, small yellow stone fruits and discreet hints of spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.75+

Château Rabaud-Promis 2014 Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant and incisive. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and

small notes of candied citrus/clementine associated with small touches of ripe physalis as well as hints of exotic fruits/pineapple/kumquat, Granny Smith apple as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, gourmand and offers a beautiful fat, a very beautiful balance, a very beautiful acid/juicy frame, a slight unctuousity, a slight tension as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied clementine and small notes of ripe pineapple associated with touches of candied white fruits as well as a slight hint of juicy mirabelle and spices. Good length.

Score : 17

Château Rabaud-Promis 2015 Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, racy and slightly intense/powerful. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, yellow fruits, candied clementine and candied pineapple associated with touches of spices as well as a hint of fresh ginger, green lemon, nuts and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely balance, slightly gourmand, nicely built and offers a beautiful acid/juicy frame as well as finesse. In the mouth this Sauternes expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized Tangerine and slight notes of ripe vine peach, pineapple in syrup associated with slight hints of juicy green apple, botrytis as well as a subtle hint of verbena, flowers, racy mi-

nerality and an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length. Promising!
Score : 16.75+

Château Doisy Daëne 2014 Barsac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy and offers a slight richness as well as a slight incisive side. It reveals notes of kumquat, candied orange and pineapple in syrup associated with slight notes of ginger, dried apricot and small exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-defined, precise, suave, elegant and offers a beautiful mineral

frame, a very beautiful unctuous matter, a beautiful delicacy/expression, straightness as well as a very slight juiciness. In the mouth this Sauternes expresses notes of candied lemon, candied Tangerine and slight notes of candied pineapple, kumquat associated with a hint of peach in syrup, dried apricot puree as well as slight hints of sweet spices, vanilla and a very discreet hint of almond. Good length. Beautiful, gourmande persistence with slight hints of candied citrus (lemon, clementine).

Score : 17.75

La Perle d'Arches 2014 Sauternes

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness/concentration. It reveals notes of quince, candied lemon and crystallized lemon zests associated with a hint of kumquat as well as slight hints of pineapple in syrup. The palate is fruity, rich, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, freshness, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful fat as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized green lemon and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with hints of apple as well as slight touches of honey and a very discreet hint of botrytis (in the background). There is a subtle hint of vanilla on the persistence. An easy-drinking wine.

Score : 14.75+



Sauternes

Château Caillou 2014

Sauternes Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a slight unctuousity as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of peach in syrup associated with small notes of candied lemon, vanilla and small toasted notes as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a slight acid frame, a slight freshness, minerality, fat as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, compoted/crushed peach and slight notes of candied Tangerine associated with a hint of vanilla, a subtle hint of roasted pineapple as well as a very discreet toasted hint/sweet spices. Good length. There are slight notes of candied lemon and a very discreet hint of apricot puree on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château Filhot 2009

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers richness as well as elegance. It reveals fine notes of botrytis, lemon and a touch of quince combined with discreet hints of exotic fruit (in the background), spices as well as a subtle hint of ginger and honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine minerality, a fine acid frame, a slight unctuousity, richness and fat. In the mouth this Sauternes expresses notes of candied lemon and candied pear associated with slight touches of pineapple in syrup as well as a discreet hint of vanilla, candied Tangerine and a subtle hint of fresh ginger. Good length. Beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.75

Château Filhot 2010

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a certain richness as well as slight concentration. It reveals notes of candied lemon and slight notes of candied Tangerine, kumquat associated with discreet hints of vine peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality, a beautiful roundness, a slight acid frame (in the background), suavity, a slight freshness as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied Tangerine, kumquat and slight touches of apple in syrup associated with a very discreet hint of dried apricot (in the background) as well as a slight notes of caramelized brioche/sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Château Filhot 2011

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals slight notes of quince and discreet hints of dry apricot associated with subtle hints of citrus, candied lemon, candied pineapple as well as an imperceptible hint of zests, honey, fresh ginger and an imperceptible hint of caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and slight notes of candied apricot associated with discreet hints of Granny Smith apple as well as subtle hints of pear and vanilla on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Filhot 2012

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, elegant and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of candied lemon and kumquat associated with a hint of quince, discreet hints of peach in syrup as well as hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition/expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon,

kumquat and slight touches of candied Tangerine associated with a hint of peach in syrup, quenette/fresh exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of green lemon zests and a discreet roasted hint on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75

Château Filhot 2013

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince and candied lemon associated with discreet hints of dried peach, mango as well as discreet hints of green lemon zests/yuzu zests, flowers and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, racy and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful fat, unctuousity, suavity as well as a good definition/precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup and slight notes of crushed pear associated with slight toasted hints, vanilla as well as slight touches of botrytis and honey. Good length.

Score : 17

Château Filhot 2014

Sauternes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fine, concentrated, aromatic and intense. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, flowers and slight notes of candied lemon associated with a hint of pineapple as well as a subtle hint of white flowers and a subtle toasted hint/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight tension, a very beautiful acid frame (on citrus), suavity, a nice definition as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon and juicy ripe clementine associated with slight notes of pineapple in syrup, pear in syrup, a discreet hint of quenette, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of toffee and Bourbon vanilla. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Sirona 2015

Sauternes

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of candied lemon and crystallized Tangerine associated with slight touches of kumquat as well as a hint of pineapple and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a slight suavity, a slight unctuousity, a slight acid frame (in the background), a nice balance, a certain finesse as well as a small bright side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied clementine and slight notes of pear in syrup, compoted brugnion associated with a subtle hint of roasted pineapple and dry fruits/almond on the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Liot 2015

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, jammy and offers freshness. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied pear associated with slight notes of botrytis, white flowers and fruits in syrup. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, fat, a beautiful freshness, richness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized lemon zests and pear in syrup associated with slight notes of roasted pineapple as well as slight hints of compoted white fruits, honey and a very discreet hint of botrytis (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15+

Sauternes

Château des Rochers 2015

Sauternes

The is fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of candied green lemon and candied lemon associated with slight notes of white fruits in syrup as well as a slight hints of apple and an imperceptible hint of ginger. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, suave and offers a beautiful mineral/fresh frame, fat as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits in syrup, pineapple in syrup and citrus (lemon, green lemon) associated with a hint of fresh ginger. Good length.

Score : 15+

Les Tourelles de Caillou 2015

Sauternes

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, candied apple and slight touches of pear in syrup associated with a discreet hint of candied orange (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of botrytis (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a nice freshness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, ripe flat peach and pear in syrup associated with a discreet hint of crunchy pineapple as well as an imperceptible hint of Tangerine and a very discreet hint of botrytis/honey. Good length.

Score : 14.25+

Château La Bouade Cuvée du Château 2012

Sauternes

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, candied lemon and almond associated with small touches of nuts, nutmeg and woody notes/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight richness, fat, suavity, a slight juiciness as well as a slight acid/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle, quince and candied lemon associated with slight notes of roasted pineapple, yellow fruits, a discreet hint of honey as well as an imperceptible hint of muesli and nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Château La Bouade 2013

Sauternes

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of candied orange, ginger, candied lemon and botrytis associated with slight hints of kumquat as well as a very discreet hint of dried apricot and honey. The palate is fruity, suave and offers a beautiful acid/juicy frame, minerality, a slight freshness, a slight unctuousity as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, kumquat, fresh orange jam associated with discreet hints of dried apricot as well as a subtle hint of crystallized clementine. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château La Bouade Cuvée Coccinelle 2013

Sauternes

The nose offers notes of crystallized lemon and ginger associated with small notes of roasted pineapple, ripe/candied exotic fruits as well as slight hints of spices. The palate is fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), gourmandise and offers a beautiful juiciness/freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized clementine associated with slight notes of roasted pineapple, dried apricot, exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of honey and a very discreet hint of verbena in the background. Good length. An easy-drinking and very well-balanced wine.

Score : 15+

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Roubine
La Vie en Rose 2016
Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, intense and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh wild raspberry and small red berries associated with slight hints of fleshy strawberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, fat, minerality, a slight gourmandise, a slight intensity as well as a certain deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh raspberry, ripe redcurrant and slight notes of fresh wild strawberry associated with a subtle/very discreet hint of citrus (Tangerine, lemon). Good length.

Score : 16.25

Château Pas du Cerf
Rocher des Croix 2016
Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain finesse as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe redcurrant and crushed strawberry associated with a subtle hint of peach and exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers tension as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with slight notes of nectarine/white fruits and a very discreet hint of apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Vigneret
2016
Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, gourmand and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry and slight notes of crushed white fruits associated with a hint of fresh cherry. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, sleek and offers a slight suavity, a slight acid frame, a nice structure as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry and white fruits/ripe white peach associated with slight hints of fresh cherry as well as a discreet hint of crushed red berries. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Mathilde Chapoutier
Grand Ferrage 2016
Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fruity, fresh and gourmand. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh peach and compoted pear associated with touches of fresh citrus as well as a subtle hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fresh frame, fat, suavity, roundness, a slight juiciness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh raspberry, fresh lemon and ripe/fresh pink grapefruit associated with small touches of white fruits (brugnon, pear). Good length.

Score : 16.25

Le Temple 2015
Château Bas
Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is powerful, aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry and blackberry associated with discreet small touches of ripe wild strawberry and white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of compoted white fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.75

Pierre du Sud 2016
Château Bas
Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic and full. It reveals notes of ripe/sweet small red fruits and slight hints of green lemon zests associated with discreet hint of crunchy brugnon as well as a discreet hint of candy. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, freshness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sweet clementine, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy white fruits associated with a subtle hint of juicy ripe citrus (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château des Ferrages
- Mon Plaisir 2016
Côtes de Provence
Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fresh, racy and structured. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh white peach and small touches of fresh flowers, lemon zests as well as an imperceptible hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful mineral frame, gourmandise, freshness, a slight acidity, a good roundness, a beautiful definition/volume as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes

of ripe/crushed white peach, crushed fleshy raspberry and small touches of candied/fresh strawberry associated with slight hints of lemon/fresh citrus as well as a very slight note of candy. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château des Ferrages - Roumery 2016
Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, quite fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and cassis candy associated with small notes of fresh white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely suave and offers fat, gourmandise, a fresh frame, a slight acidity (in the background) as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed vine peach, fresh raspberry and fresh lemon/Tangerine associated with a subtle hint of redcurrant/cassis candy (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Mathilde Chapoutier
Grand Ferrage 2016
Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of red fruits, compoted brugnon and pear associated with a discreet hint of citrus



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zests, clementine as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, nicely fresh, well-balanced and offers suavity, precision as well as a good roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh white fruits (vine peach, crushed brugnon, a hint of pear) associated with a small note of fresh/juicy citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of racy minerality in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5

La Grande Bauquière Moment Suspendu 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry and fleshy / fresh strawberries combined with a discreet hint of exotic fruits, fresh cassis as well as a subtle hint of fresh peach and a very discreet hint of citrus/zests. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry and fleshy/fresh strawberry associated with slight hints of cassis as well as a discreet hint of crushed white fruits and a very discreet hint of citrus (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

La Grande Bauquière Moment Inattendu 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of raspberry candy and crushed white fruits associated with slight touches of ripe/sweet redcurrant as well as a subtle hint of fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy frame, a beautiful acidity, a nice definition, gourmandise, a beautiful freshness, a good volume, elegance as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry candy and crushed/ripe white fruits associated with slight hints of Tagada strawberry candy as well as a subtle hint of ripe citrus (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Clos des Roses 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly powerful and offers deepness. It reveals notes of fresh/crushed wild red fruits and boysenberry associated with slight hints of citrus and zests. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, nicely fine, precise and offers elegance, finesse, tension, a good definition as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy ripe raspberry and redcurrant candy associated with slight hints of cassis, white fruits as well as subtle hints of citrus/lemon in the background. Good length.

Score : 16.75

Clos des Roses - Dame de Cœur 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand, nicely fine and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of rose, raspberry and ripe white fruits associated with a discreet hint of zests in the background. The palate is fruity, nicely suave, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, juiciness, deepness as well

as a beautiful finesse/elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh raspberry and ripe/computed white fruits associated with slight touches of strawberry candy as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of green lemon zests (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.5

Clos Gautier Clos du Château 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fine and slightly tight. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and flowers associated with small touches of white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fleshy and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, a small fat as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy ripe raspberry and crushed vine peach associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, crystallized clementine as well as a hint of strawberry. Good length. A beautiful rosé!

Score : 16+

Sainte Croix La Manuelle Rosé Charmeur 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, gourmand, racy and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and flowers associated with small touches of raspberry candy, ripe white fruits as well as a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, roundness, fat, a nice definition as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy raspberry, acidulous candy strawberry and crystallized lemon associated with small touches of computed

white fruits and crystallized Tangerine. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château des Ferrages Note 2016

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The nose is aromatic, fresh and charming. It reveals notes of Gariguet strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight hints of cassis and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely defined and offers a small suavity, a beautiful freshness, minerality as well as a nice volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Gariguet strawberry, fleshy/ripe redcurrant and small notes of fresh white fruits, flint associated with a discreet hint of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy Tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of green lemon zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Commanderie de Peyrassole 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity, gourmand and offers a certain richness as well as finesse. It reveals notes of raspberry, ripe cassis and slight hints of ripe citrus associated with a subtle hint of violet/fresh plum as well as an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, mineral and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beauti-



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ful fat, an aerial side, finesse, juiciness as well as a beautiful dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry candy and ripe cassis associated with small touches of green lemon zests, juicy ripe lemon as well as a subtle hint of cherry (in the background). Good length. The aftertaste is relatively suave.

Score : 16.5+

Château Peyrassol 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is elegant, aromatic and very fresh. It reveals notes of crunchy Gariguet strawberry associated with small touches of ripe Tangerine and fresh/ripe blackberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers freshness, minerality, an acid frame, suavity, a good structure, straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh white fruits (vine peach, pear) and fresh crystallized lemon associated with small touches of cassis jam. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Mas de Cadenet 2016

Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly powerful and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of redcurrant candy and wild strawberry associated with slight touches of cassis/plum as well as a subtle hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of curcuma in the background (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful volume, a beautiful freshness, gourmandise, a good definition, juiciness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, redcurrant candy and ripe/fresh wild strawberry associated with touches of fresh/crushed cassis as well as a hint of ripe brugnion and a very discreet hint of fresh citrus (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.75

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Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, precise and offers a slight concentration/intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cassis and fleshy red berries associated with touches of flowers as well as discreet touches of white fruits (in the background) and a subtle hint of green lemon zests (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a beautiful fresh frame, a beautiful volume, a beautiful definition, a good structure, straightness as well as a beautiful unctuous and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry and redcurrant candy associated with small notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, Gariguet strawberry as well as hints of white fruits and a subtle hint of clementine/fresh lemon (in the background). Beautiful and gourmande persistence.

Score : 17

Domaine Houchart 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of strawberry candy and ripe/fresh redcurrant associated with slight/discreet notes of citrus in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, minerality, juiciness, gourmandise as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry candy and redcurrant associated with discreet touches of fresh ripe lemon as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits (in the background) and ripe pink grapefruit. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Sainte Béatrice

Cuvée Vaussière 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh and slightly concentrated/powerful. It reveals notes of strawberry sorbet and ripe red cherry associated with a slight hint of white fruits (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, freshness, minerality, a slight unctuousity, a good definition/precision, a beautiful volume, roundness as well as a small gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry sorbet and cherry candy associated with small notes of ripe lemon, white fruits (peach...) as well as a subtle hint of ripe clementine. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Château de la Sanglière

Apogée 2016

Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is fresh, mineral and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of strawberry sorbet and fresh raspberry associated with slight hints of crushed white fruits as well as a subtle hint of yuzu/zests (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely built, suave, gourmand and offers a beautiful straightness, deepness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry sorbet and fresh raspberry associated with small notes of vine peach, quenette/passion fruit as well as discreet hints of ripe citrus and an imperceptible hint of zests. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Château Roubine - Premium

Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, precise and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of raspberry and crushed ripe redcurrant associated with small touches of white fruits as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of green lemon (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful mineral frame, freshness, fleshy as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, redcurrant and small touches of fresh flat peach, crushed brugnion as well as subtle hints of ripe/fresh citrus (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16+

Château du Seuil 2016

Coteaux d'Aix-En-Provence

The nose is aromatic, powerful and concentrated. It reveals notes of crunchy wild strawberry, fresh redcurrant and slight hints of fresh cassis associated with slight touches of fresh white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely fat/suave and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight unctuousity, a beautiful acid frame, gourmandise as well as a good dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy redcurrant and crunchy wild strawberry associated with hints of white fruits (Williams pear, brugnion) as well as a subtle hint of fresh cassis. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Summer Dreams 2016

Sainte Béatrice

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of small fresh berries and rose associated with slight touches of white fruits as well as a subtle hint of garigue/spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral and offers an acid frame, a slight juiciness as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy brugnion and small notes

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of lemon associated with a subtle hint of pineapple (in the background). Good aromatic length.
Score : 14.75

La Sanglière 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively full. It reveals notes of crushed ripe red berries and apple/brugnon associated with a subtle hint of rose/flowers as well as a hint of flint and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good minerality, dynamism as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed ripe red berries and ripe/fleshy raspberry associated with small notes of Granny Smith apple, brugnon as well as a subtle touch of juicy/ripe green lemon and juicy clementine. Good length.
Score : 15.25

Château Grand Seuil 2016

Coteaux d'Aix-En-Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild red fruits and slight touches of compoted brugnon/pear associated with a hint of strawberry (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful acid frame, freshness, a slight suavity as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild strawberry, compoted pear and compoted brugnon associated with a subtle hint of juicy citrus and Tangerine zests (in the background). Good length.
Score : 15.25

Domaine Houchart 2016

Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of redcurrant candy and fleshy/fresh Gariguet strawberry associated with slight hints of fleshy blackberry and small touches of white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly « perlant » (slightly sparkling characteristic) in the attack and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful fat, a beautiful roundness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant candy and fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of green lemon zests, ripe citrus as well as a small touch of cassis. Good length.
Score : 15.25+

La Chapelle du Seuil en Provence 2016

Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh peach and slight hints of fresh lemon associated with slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers juiciness, a small freshness, fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and fresh raspberry associated with small

notes of fresh peach and fresh lemon as well as a subtle hint of ripe/fresh grapefruit (in the background). Good length.
Score : 15+

Château Sainte Béatrice

Instant B 2016

Côtes de Provence
 The nose is fresh, fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of raspberry candy, wild redcurrant and slight hints of white fruits associated with a touch of zests and english candy. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, nicely mineral, gourmand, well-built and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry candy, ripe redcurrant and small notes of ripe white fruits associated with a subtle hint of lemon zests. Good length.
Score : 15+

Château L'Afrique

César à Sumeire 2016

Côtes de Provence



The nose is fresh and gourmand. It reveals slight notes of raspberry candy, redcurrant and candied cherry associated with a discreet hint of Tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of crushed white fruits, zests and an imperceptible hint of fresh quinine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful suavity, finesse, a good volume as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and ripe/fresh redcurrant associated with slight hints of Gariguet strawberry, red fruits sweet as well as an imperceptible hint of white fruits in the background.
Score : 16.5

Figuière - Première 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fine, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of Gariguet strawberry and raspberry sorbet associated with small notes of citrus zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, juiciness, elegance, harmony, precision as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Gariguet strawberry, raspberry sorbet and small touches of ripe vine peach associated with a hint of juicy Tangerine, a subtle hint of lemon zests as well as an imperceptible hint of grapefruit and cassis candy. Good length. A beautiful gastronomic rosé!
Score : 16.5+

Domaine La Sanglière

Cuvée Spéciale 2016

Côtes de Provence
 The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed wild strawberry, redcurrant and a hint of candy associated with a subtle hint of fresh green lemon zests

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(in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy frame as well as a beautiful minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry and Gariguettes strawberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy apple, small touches of juicy lemon as well as a very discreet touch of crushed blackberry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Sensation by La Sanglière 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and intense. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight hints of cassis associated with a subtle hint of citrus zests as well as small hints of spices. The palate is fruity, suave, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy wild raspberry, redcurrant and small touches of wild strawberry, compoted brugnons as well as touches of citrus zests and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.25

Réal 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, full and precise. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, Gariguettes strawberry and slight hints of cassis associated with hints of white fruits/Granny apple as well as slight touches of spices/garrigue (in the background). The palate is fruity, nicely juicy/gourmand, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame/lemon as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, cassis and redcurrant associated with small touches of green cherry/yuzu as well as a subtle hint of fresh Granny Smith apple (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine de La Sanglière

Prestige 2016

Côtes de Provence - La Londe

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively aromatic as well as relatively powerful. It reveals notes of fresh small berries and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of cassis as well as touches of compoted white fruits (in the background) and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly « perlant » (slightly sparkling characteristic) in the attack and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful minerality, a nice guideline, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, cherry, green lemon and small touches of juicy Tangerine associated with a hint of Granny Smith apple as well as an imperceptible hint of blackberry (in the background) and slight hints of spices. Good length. A beautiful fresh and gourmand wine.

Score : 16.25

Château Roubine

Inspire 2016

Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity and harmonious. It reveals notes of strawberry, vine peach and slight notes of fresh cherry (in the background) associated with an imperceptible hint of citrus (green lemon, grapefruit...), raspberry and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful roundness, a very slight acid frame, dynamism as well as a good expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh red berries, vine peach and green lemon/Tangerine associated with a subtle hint of fleshy red cherry (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75

Domaine du Clos Gautier

Oser... 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry candy and ripe brugnons associated with a subtle hint of apple as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh red berries and flowers (thrush...). The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, mineral, juicy, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, finesse, roundness, a very slight unctuousness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and ripe brugnons associated with touches of strawberry, apple as well as a subtle hint of citrus. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Moulin de La Roque

Villa Roca 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity, tight and intense. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, sweet Gariguettes and apple associated with discreet touches of lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of green lemon. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful freshness as well as a slight unctuousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Gariguettes strawberry, juicy raspberry and white fruits (apple...) associated with touches of citrus/lemon as well as a very discreet hint of zests in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château Sainte-Croix

Infini Rosé 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as finesse. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry and fresh raspberry associated with subtle hints of fresh citrus, fresh apricot as well as a very discreet hint of spices/white pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, finesse as well as a beautiful gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry sweet and more slightly of crunchy green apple associated with a subtle hint of quenette, nectarine and fresh apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Roubine

Terre de croix 2015

Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of cooked strawberry and slight notes of ripe cherry, cassis associated with a subtle hint of crushed ripe brugnons as well as a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful suavity, tension, gourmandise as well as a very beautiful elegance/straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry as well as a subtle hint of ripe brugnons, a very discreet hint of citrus (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of flint/racy minerality. Good length. There is a very slight hint of spices on the persistence.

Score : 16.5

Sancerre

Domaine Fouassier - Les Chasseignes 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of lemon, ripe Tangerine and slight notes of flint associated with a hint of exotic fruits, zests as well as subtle woody hints in the background (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely built, gourmande, racy, slightly « perlante » (very slightly sparkling, on the attack) and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful fat/suavity and nice definition, straightness, a slight aerial side as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of candied peach associated with touches of exotic fruits (quenette, exotic fruits). Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine Fouassier - Les Grous 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (quenette...), apple and ripe citrus (Tangerine, lemon) associated with discreet/imperceptible toasted hints/vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, slightly « perlante » (very slightly sparkling, on the attack), well-balanced, racy and offers a slight mineral frame, fat, unctuousity as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe Tangerine associated with hints of passion fruit as well as a discreet hint of kumquat. Good length.

Score : 16+

Domaine Fouassier - Les Romains 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of fresh clementine associated with discreet hints of ripe peach as well as touches of flint/silex and a very discreet hint of fresh exotic fruits (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, slightly fleshy and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, a slight suavity, finesse, a nice precision as well as a slight straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe clementine associated with slight hints of ripe peach, quenette as well as a discreet hint of ripe/crushed apple and an imperceptible hint of candied lemon/passion fruit (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Eric Louis - Les Celliers de la Pauline Cuvée de Prestige 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, relatively fine, mineral and offers a very slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of minerality/flint and ripe flat peach associated with slight notes of lemon, ripe clementine as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (lemon flowers, white flowers). The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and clementine associated with slight notes of juicy peach as well as a hint of honey, quince and touches of exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Eric Louis - Les Celliers de la Pauline 2016 Sancerre

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of lemon, Tangerine flowers and exotic fruits associated with slight hints of minerality and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, slightly « perlante » (very slightly sparkling, on the attack) and offers minerality, a beautiful acid frame, suavity as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit, hint of papaya) associated with slight notes of ripe Tangerine, Tangerine flowers, lemon flowers as well as a discreet hint of minerality and a subtle/very discreet hint of yuzu zests (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.75

Roger et Didier Raimbault - Côteline 2013 Sancerre

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a slight richness (in the background) as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of lemon and flowers associated with slight notes of green apple, green lemon as well as a very discreet hint of minerality/flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness of the fruit, a beautiful fat, finesse as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon and ripe/juicy Tangerine associated with slight hints of juicy apple, ripe/juicy pineapple as well as a discreet hint of apricot, exotic fruits and racy minerality. Beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of green lemon zests on the persistence.

Score : 16+

Roger & Didier Raimbault 2016 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, lemon and slight notes of ripe/fresh vine peach associated with discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, nicely suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and juicy Granny Smith apple associated with slight hints of quenette/litchi as well as slight touches of flowers and a very slight hint of blackberry zests on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16

Roger et Didier Raimbault - Vieilles vignes 2014 Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of citrus (clementine) and small notes of ripe white fruits associated with slight hints of zests, exotic fruits as well as a slight hint of flowers/boxwood. The palate is fruity, well-built, slightly « perlante » (very slightly sparkling, on the attack) and offers a slight gourmandise, fat, suavity, tension, a slight straightness as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and slight notes of white fruits (apple...) associated with a subtle hint of crunchy pineapple and a discreet hint of lemon zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Sancerre

Pierre Morin - Le Chant de l'Orme 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, precise, elegant, fresh and clear/clean. It reveals notes of lemon and lemon zests associated with slight hints of flowers, yuzu as well as hints of white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, silky, mineral, precise, fine, clean/clear, silky and offers a slight acid frame, fat, roundness, a slight richness, deepness as well as a melodious side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe Tangerine and green apple associated with a subtle hint of peach compote, exotic fruits as well as very subtle toasted hints (in the background). Good length. A beautiful wine

Score : 16.5

Pierre Morin 2016 Sancerre

The nose is fine, fresh, elegant, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruits) and apple associated with slight touches of flowers, flint as well as discreet hints of ripe citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, sleek and offers a beautiful acid/juicy frame, juiciness, a slight fat, tension as well as minerality (racy minerality). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe apple and exotic fruits associated with hints of flowers, vine peach, racy minerality as well as a slight touch of ripe lemon zests and an imperceptible hint of ripe clementine zests. Good length.

Score : 16

Pierre Morin - Ovide 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, flint and fresh vine peach associated with a hint of crushed pear and juicy exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful fat, a beautiful roundness, freshness, juiciness, precision, gourmandise as well as a beautiful volume and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe/juicy peach and more slightly of ripe grapefruit, ripe pear as well as a discreet/imperceptible hint of exotic fruits and flint. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Tokay

Barta - Öreg Kiraly Dulo Furmint 2013

Mad

The nose is relatively fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of papaya, flowers and slight notes of zests associated with hints of straw as well as a discreet hint of beeswax and a slight oxidative hint. The palate is fruity, very fresh, well-balanced and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh papaya, fresh lemon and fresh lemon zests associated with a discreet hint of Tangerine as well as slight touches of straw, dry yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of beeswax. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Öreg Kiraly Dulo 6 Puttonyos Aszu 2013

Tokaji

The nose is fruity, fine, gourmand and offers freshness. It reveals notes of candied lemon and slight notes of crystalline apple associated with a hint of fresh white peach, citrus zests as well as a discreet hint of honey. The palate is fruity, elegant, straight and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight freshness, a beautiful balance, finesse as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied Tangerine and slight notes of candied peach associated with hints of fresh white fruits, honey/botrytis as well as a subtle hint of dry fruits (very discreet). Beautiful aromatic persistence. There is a very discreet hint of almond and an imperceptible hint of brioche on the finish.

Score : 16

Royal Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Aszu 2013

Tokaji

The nose is aromatic, fruity, relatively riche and offers elegance as well as a slight deepness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied clementine and slight notes of white fruits associated with a hint of yuzu, candied zests as well as a hint of white flowers, a discreet hint of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fresh, elegant, precise, straight and offers tension, roundness, precision, a slight freshness, ac acid frame as well as a beautiful balance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, slight notes of candied Tangerine and touches of ripe Granny Smith apple associated with slight hints of candied peach, a hint of yuzu zests as well as hints of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries and a discreet hint of almond. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Öreg Kiraly Dulo Szamorodni 2013

Tokaji

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, yuzu) and green apple associated with a hint of papaya, slight hints of flowers and a very discreet hint of fresh vine peach as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax and date/dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, freshness as well as a beautiful minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple and slight notes of vine peach associated with touches of candied lemon, a discreet hint of crystallized Tangerine as well as a subtle hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of dry fruits. Good length and persistence. There is a discreet hint of hazelnut/fresh almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 15+

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Tokay

1413 Disznoko Edes Szamorodni 2014 Tokaji

The nose is fruity, elegant, fresh, slightly tight and offers richness, a certain complexity as well as gourmandise. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, quince and very discreet hints of honey, spices associated with a hint of botrytis and a subtle hint of dried grape. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful balance, a beautiful tension, a slight suavity as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and slight notes of crystallized Tangerine associated with a hint of zests as well as discreet hints of sweet green apple as well as a discreet hint of beeswax and sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Disznoko - Késoi Szuret Late Harvest 2015 Tokaji

The nose is fresh, a bit tight and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and fresh nectarine associated with a hint of beeswax as well as a subtle hint of pear and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, mineral and offers a mineral frame, freshness, a good roundness, a very slight unctuousity as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and vine peach/fresh nectarine associated with hints of apple, pear as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits and beeswax and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries. Good and gourmand persistence. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25

Disznoko 5 Puttonyos 2008 Tokaji Aszu

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers richness. It reveals notes of dried apricot, candied peach and slight notes of crystallized lemon associated with hints of honey as well as discreet hints of brioche/pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, well-defined and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a slight acid frame (which brings a small vivacity). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, green apple and crystallized clementine associated with hints of litchi/quenette, slight/discreet hints of dried apricot as well as a very discreet hint of almond, honey, a subtle hint of dried fig (in the background) and discreet hints of flowers. Good length. (Very) Beautiful persistence with notably a subtle hint of biscuit.

Score : 16.25+

Disznoko 6 Puttonyos 2002 Tokaji Aszu

The nose is fruity, fresh, intense, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals slight notes of date and fig associated with slight hints of crystallized lemon, candied pear, a discreet hint of peach as well as slight notes of sweet spices, almond and a discreet hint of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, fine and offers a beautiful acid frame, a good definition, a good freshness, tension, fat as well as a very beautiful straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized Tangerine and slight notes of almond, fresh apple, vine peach associated with hints of honey, litchi, sweet spices, a slight hints of zests as well as a very discreet hint of pâtisserie (in the background) and very slight notes of dried apricot. Beautiful aromatic persistence on slight hints of dried apricot, almond and crystallized lemon.

Score : 16.5+

Gróf Degenfeld 2013 6 Puttonyos Tokaji Aszu

The nose is fruity, rich, relatively gourmand and well-balanced. It reveals notes of candied lemon and slight notes of candied peach associated with hints of botrytis as well as touches of dried apricot, honet and a discreet hint of apple in the background. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful balance, suavity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and dried apricot associated with slight touches of candied orange, a subtle hint of apple, flowers, botrytis as well as a woody hint and almond. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75

Bodrog Bormühelly 2013 Tokaji Aszu

The nose is fruity, mineral and fine. It reveals notes of candied lemon and a slight note of quince paste associated with a subtle hint of pineapple as well as a very discreet hint of apple, botrytis, a woody hint and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, round, fine, well-structured and offers concentration as well as sweetness (but well-balanced). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon paste and slight notes of candied clementine, pineapple associated with a discreet hint of dried apricot as well as a subtle hint of dried pineapple. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Szepes - Szamorodni 2012 Tokaji

The nose is fruity/aromatic, fine, concentrated and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied pineapple associated with a discreet hint of multi-flower honey, flowers (white flowers, peach flowers) as well as a subtle hint of candied peach, a very discreet hint of oak/nutmeg (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced (thanks to the acidity and the freshness), fine, mineral and offers concentration as well as a certain complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of madarin paste, candied lemon and a discreet hint of candied clementine zests, pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of honey, dried apricot as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, nutmeg/fresh almond and spices on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

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BOUZERON

Domaine de Villaine 2015

Bouzeron

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of lemon and slight notes of minerality/flint associated with hints of lemon zests, Tangerine, touches of exotic fruits, quenette as well as a subtle hint of spices and leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise, a slight freshness, a racy minerality, straightness, tension, a beautiful roundness, fat as well as a beautiful unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, orange and slight notes of yellow fruits, compoted mirabelle associated with slight hints of dried grape (in the background), a discreet hint of green lemon zests, apple as well as very slight toasted notes, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length and nice aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.25+

André Delorme 2015

Bouzeron

The nose is fruity and concentrated. It reveals notes of white fruits, quince and slight touches of flowers associated with hints of sweet spices, leather and woody hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful mineral frame, freshness, unctuousity, suavity as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed mirabelle and small notes of pear associated with a subtle hint of ripe apple as well as a discreet hint of beeswax, toasted hint/vanilla and a very slight/imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

CHABLIS & PETIT CHABLIS

Drouhin Vaudron Mont de Milieu 2015

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of lemon and vine peach associated with a discreet hint of apple, racy minerality as well as discreet woody hints. The palate is fruity, gourmandise, fine, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful fat/suavity, a slight acid frame, a slight tension as well as a slight delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and vine peach associated with slight hints of pear, exotic fruits/quenette as well as a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

Domaine Ventoura 2015

Petit Chablis

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness as well as roundness. It reveals notes of ripe vine peach and ripe lemon associated with discreet hints of apple and flint/limestone. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, freshness, a slight richness, fat, a slight acid frame as well as a slight racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of brugnon/ripe white peach and hints of ripe lemon associated with a discreet hint of zests as well as slight notes of flint. Good length.

Score : 15

Alain Geoffroy Beauroy 2015

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, crushed pear and slight hints of zests associated with touches of ripe white fruits, oak, spices as well as imperceptible hints of pepper. The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, elegance, fat, a beautiful suavity, a slight unctuousity, juiciness as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe white fruits (Williams pear...), yellow peach and a hint of ripe lemon associated with slight touches of yellow stone fruits as well as very discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length and aromatic persistence. aromatique.

Score : 15.75

Alain Geoffroy Domaine Le Verger 2015

Chablis

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of exotic fruits, quince and discreet hints of yellow stone fruits associated with a subtle hint of physalis as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, slightly fleshy and offers a slight creaminess, juiciness, a slight acid frame/citrus, freshness, gourmandise as well as a very discreet perlant/sparkling character (on the attack). In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of compoted peach and quenette associated with slight notes of crushed Williams pear as well as subtle touches of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of ripe physalis.

Score : 15.25+

Alain Geoffroy 2015

Petit Chablis

It reveals slight notes of quince and discreet hints of apricot, peach associated with an imperceptible hint of pineapple as well as a hint of spices, vanilla and racy minerality/flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, quite elegant and offers a slight unctuousity as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe pear and slight notes of exotic fruits (quenette, pineapple) associated with a hint of ripe/crushed physalis as well as discreet hints of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Pascal Bouchard Le Classique 2015

Chablis

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and discreet hints of Tangerine zests associated with a hint of ripe pear as well as subtle touches of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers a slight fleshy, a slight unctuousity, roundness, tension as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe pear, crushed ripe brugnon and slight notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of mirabelle as well as discreet hints of small yellow stone fruits and very discreet touches of vanilla/sweet spices. Good length. There is a slight hint of green almond and grilled oak on the persistence.

Score : 15

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre Mont de Milieu 2015

Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals slight notes of ripe/fresh peach and slight notes of quince associated with hints of zests as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits and ripe lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers precision, a slight acid frame, a beautiful fat, roundness, a beautiful suavity, straightness, gourmandise, a beautiful juiciness as well as a slight deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of juicy lemon and clementine associated with hints of juicy vine peach as well as a discreet hint of quenette, an imperceptible toasted hint and green almond. Good length.

Score : 16

White Bourgogne

Domaine Gueguen 2015

Chablis

The nose is fruity, fine, well-balanced and slightly racy. It reveals notes of lemon, quenette and white flowers associated with discreet hints of white peach, limestone/minerality (terroir) as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, racy, aerial and offers a slight acid frame, a slight unctuousity, minerality, gourmandise a swell as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, apricot and slight touches of quince, ripe Williams pear associated with a discreet hint of lemon, clementine as well as a very discreet hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Pascal Bouchard Les Vieilles Vignes 2015

Chablis

The nose is fruity, fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh clementine and slight hints of zests associated with touches of mirabelle/ fresh physalis as well as small notes of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, fat and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight acid frame, fat, tension, a slight roundness as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh clementine and slight notes of fresh quenette associated with hints of quince, a discreet hint of honey as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe apricot and a subtle woody hint. Good length.

Score : 15

Pascal Bouchard Blancs Cailloux 2015

Petit Chablis

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of flint/minerality and slight notes of fresh zests associated with touches of white fruits as well as discreet hints of vine peach, fresh litchi as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral, racy, slightly straight and offers a slight suavity, a fine fat as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe vine peach, fresh apple and discreet hints of zests associated with imperceptible touches of fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of fresh butter (in the background). Good length. The aftertaste is gourmand, very slightly suave and offers a very discreet woody hint/almond.

Score : 14.75+

Domaine du Chardonnay Vaillons 2015

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and racy. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and slight hints of ripe Tangerine associated with hints of ripe white fruits, crunchy green apple as well as touches of limestone. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful suavity, fat, a beautiful minerality, a slight acid frame (in the background), fat as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mirabelle and slight notes of clementine associated with touches of limestone/terroir,

a discreet hint of ripe apricot as well as a hint of apple and very discreet toasted hints. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Pascal Bouchard - Fourchaume 2015 Les Vieilles Vignes

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach and small notes of apple associated with hints of yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful fat, a good structure, a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful freshness, a good definition as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh peach, crushed brugnion and crushed pear associated with small notes of fresh/crushed mirabelle as well as a subtle hint of quince, butter as well as an imperceptible toasted hint. Good length. A beautiful wine, full of finesse!

Score : 16

Clotilde Davenne - Les Clos 2013

Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and ripe Tangerine associated with slight notes of juicy mirabelle, small yellow stone fruits as well as a discreet hint of flint and a very discreet hint of crushed white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, suavity, a good roundness, a slight unctuousity, a beautiful fat, tension as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach and juicy ripe citrus (lemon, Tangerine) associated with slight notes of juicy yellow fruits/

yellow plum as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Clotilde Davenne Vieilles Vignes 2015

Chablis

The nose is fruity, fresh, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of fresh lemon zests and quince associated with slight hints of fresh almond, flint, fresh flat peach as well as a subtle hint of leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise, an acid frame, a racy minerality as well as a slight roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh lemon zests and small notes of fresh flat peach associated with a subtle hint of quince, fresh Tangerine (very discreet) and racy minerality/flint. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine du Chardonnay 2015

Petit Chablis

The nose is fine as well as a relatively fruity and racy. It reveals notes of limestone and slight notes of fresh citrus associated with hints of ripe white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful, racy minerality, a good definition, roundness, unctuousity as well



White Bourgogne

as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and ripe/crushed white fruits associated with hints of minerality/limestone as well as subtle hints of ripe/crushed apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre Vaulorent 2015

Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe clementine and slight hints of yellow plum associated with a hint of fresh peach as well as a subtle hint of zests. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful suavity, elegance, a slight straightness, roundness as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and slight notes of clementine associated with hints of flowers as well as a subtle hint of apple, flint and a subtle hint of ripe mirabelle. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Jean Durup Père & Fils Fourchaume 2015

Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of ripe peach and ripe apple associated with slight touches of quince, leather as well as subtle hints of yellow fruits and slight notes of flint. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful volume as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, white fruits and more slightly of ripe orange associated with slight notes of crushed vine peach as well as a hint of apple and flint. Good length

Score : 15.25+

Jean Durup Père & Fils - Vaudésirs Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of flint and quince associated with slight touches of physalis, yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of peach, leather (in the background) and imperceptible woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful juiciness, an acid frame, a minerality, a good volume, harmony as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe Tangerine, physalis/yellow plum associated with hints of ripe vine peach, a subtle hint of zests (in the background) as well as slight hints of honey and toasted oak on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre Fourchaume 2015

Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of lemon and fresh white fruits associated with slight notes of racy minerality/limestone as well as an imperceptible hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-blanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful, racy minerality, a slight freshness, suavity, a very slight juiciness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe peach and slight notes of yellow plum associated with a hint of quince, racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices/beeswax. Good length. A beautiful gastronomic wine.

Score : 16

Domaine Ventoura 2015 Chablis

The nose is aromatic. It reveals slight notes of citrus and empyreumatic notes associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight tension as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed ripe brugnon and citrus associated with hints of crushed pear as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre Les Preuses 2015

Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) and crushed white fruits (peach, apple) associated with slight hints of flowers, lemon tree, slight toasted hints, butter as well as a subtle hint of vanilla, a slight hint of racy minerality and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers an acid frame, a slight minerality, tension, volume and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe Tangerine, crushed peach associated with a hint of apple as well as a subtle hint of passion fruit. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre Les Preuses 2014

Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity (in the background). It reveals slight notes of crushed ripe nectarine and ripe clementine associated with slight notes of apple as well as hints of fresh citrus and a subtle hint of fresh zests. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness, deepness, suavity, a good definition, finesse, a slight tension/straightness, a beautiful volume, a good roundness as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, juicy/ripe lemon and slight hints of juicy clementine associated with a hint of juicy apple, a very discreet hint of pineapple as well as hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of clementine zests (in the background) and an imperceptible toasted hint/vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine du Chardonnay Mont Milieu 2015

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fresh and racy. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh apple and slight hints of yellow peach associated with a discreet hint of quince as well as a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine tension, a slight mineral frame, a very slight unctuousity as well as a slight acidity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe peach, ripe apple/pear and small notes of ripe citrus associated with a subtle hint of quince as well as very discreet toasted touches, vanilla and a subtle hint of almost saline minerality on the finish.

Score : 15.25+

Camille & Laurent Schaller 2015 Chablis

The nose is aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, physalis and small yellow fruits associated with a hint of ripe citrus, lemon zests as well as a hint of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a beautiful minerality, a slight juiciness as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and fleshy ripe yellow peach associated with slight hints of juicy fleshy mirabelle as well as slight hints of white fruits and a slight hints of lemon zests (in the background). Good length.

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Score : 15+

Camille & Laurent Schaller
Vieilles Vignes 2015

Chablis

The nose is fresh and racy. It reveals notes of flint, lemon zests and ripe/fresh peach associated with slight/discreet hints of ripe green apple (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a good deepness, gourmandise, a certain finesse as well as a slight acidity and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy apple, ripe lemon and slight hints of juicy flat peach associated with a subtle hint of zests (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of exotic fruits and a very discreet toasted hint/almond on the aftertaste/persistence. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre 2015

Chablis

The nose is fresh, mineral, racy and fruity. It reveals notes of flint, fresh lemon zests and slight notes of fresh peach, fresh clementine associated with small touches of racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of fresh Granny Smith, fresh white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful, racy minerality, a fine tension as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, terroir/limestone and ripe/fresh vine peach associated with slight hints of Granny Smith apple as well as hints of crushed brugnion. Good length.

Score : 15+

Camille & Laurent
Schaller 2015

Petit Chablis

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and full. It reveals notes of quince and ripe lemon associated with slight notes of pear/ripe flat peach, touches of racy minerality as well as a subtle woody hint and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful minerality, a nice definition, a beautiful fat, gourmandise, harmony, juiciness as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of ripe flat peach, apricot associated with a subtle hint of crushed ripe apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality and a subtle/imperceptible woody hint. Good length.

Score : 16+

CHITRY

Constance - Olivier Morin 2015

Chitry

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of quince and crushed yellow peach associated with slight touches of ripe physalis as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, well-balanced, nicely racy and offers a slight fat, minerality, a beautiful roundness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and quince associated with subtle hints of ripe pineapple, physalis as well as a discreet hint of ripe peach, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of toasted oak in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Olympe - Olivier Morin 2014

Chitry

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of limestone and slight hints of fresh citrus associated with a hint of small stone fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and spices (fresh nutmeg...). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, gourmandise offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful suavity, a good volume, tension, a slight straightness as well as a beautiful unctuous and fresh matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe vine peach, ripe pear and small stone fruits associated with a discreet hint of physalis as well as a hint of racy minerality. Good length. There is a small hint of limestone on the finish.

Score : 16

FIXIN

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair
Clos Marion 2015

Fixin

The nose is fine, aromatic and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, rose) and pink grapefruit associated with slight notes of litchi, ripe citrus (yuzu...) as well as slight hints of fresh apricot, white fruits and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, a beautiful finesse/delicacy, roundness, tension as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yuzu, ripe pink grapefruit and ripe vine peach associated with slight hints of lemon, fresh apricot as well as slight hints of beeswax and an imperceptible toasted hint. Good length and persistence.

A beautiful, gourmand and well-built wine.

Score : 16+

Domaine Jolier
Clos de La Perrière 2014 - Monopole

Fixin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, peach and slight notes of flowers associated with a hint of ripe peach as well as discreet toasted hints/beeswax and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a very slight unctuousity, a slight minerality as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon/ripe Tangerine, ripe peach and slight notes of crushed pear associated with a subtle toasted hint / beeswax and a very discreet hint of citrus zests/clementine as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length and beautiful persistence on a hint of butter and toasted hint (which brings gourmandise).

Score : 16.75



White Bourgogne

CÔTE DE NUIT VILLAGES

Pierre Naigeon Les Vignois 2014 - Vieilles Vignes Côte de Nuits Villages

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight richness/intensity. It reveals notes of compoted pear and slight notes of crushed mirabelle associated with discreet hints of butter as well as an imperceptible hint of minerality and butter. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, gourmand, well-balanced, silky, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful definition, a good volume, finesse, tension and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits (quince, mirabelle) and touches of yellow peach associated with a hint of apricot, a discreet hint of juicy clementine as well as an imperceptible toasted hint on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Domaine A. Chopin & Fils Les Monts de Boncourt 2015 Côte de Nuits Villages

The nose is fine, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of quince, flint and slight notes of small stone fruits associated with a hint of fresh apricot, a very discreet hint of fresh citrus as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, brioche and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, a very discreet perlant/sparkling character (on the attack), suavity, minerality, a beautiful freshness as well as a slight intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy peach and small notes of yellow stone fruits associated with a discreet hint of citrus. Good length. A beautiful harmonious, very elegant and aerial wine. Beautiful gourmandise persistence. There is a very discreet hint of toasted bread, citrus, fresh almond and fresh coffee on the persistence.

Score : 16+

Domaine de la Poulette Chardonnay Blanc 2015 Côte de Nuits Villages

The nose offers a slight power as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of toasted oak and slight notes of lemon, ripe citrus associated with a hint of fresh apple. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand, slightly fleshy and offers suavity, fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy apple, juicy ripe peach and small notes of green apple associated with a discreet hint of lemon, a very discreet hint of fresh physalis as well as a hint of pineapple, toasted oak and very slight hints of vanilla in the background. Good length.

Score : 15+

MÂCON & ...

Georges Duboeuf Chardonnay 2015 Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals toasted notes, beeswax and yellow fruits associated with hints of fresh white fruits as well as a discreet hint of lemon zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), a slight concentration, a beautiful suavity, a nice volume as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe

apple, ripe flat peach and slight notes of yellow fruits associated with a touch of compoted pear as well as very discreet touches of ripe citrus (in the background) and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Joseph Drouhin - Les Clos 2015 Mâcon-Bussières

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fresh peach, fresh apricot and slight notes of fresh citrus (lemon...) associated with a hint of zests as well as a subtle hint of white flowers and quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, racy, well-built and offers a slight gourmandise, a good structure, a slight suavity, softness, a slight unctuousity, fat as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, crunchy white peach and slight notes of zests, fresh mirabelle associated with hints of exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of toasted oak and vanilla on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Domaine de la Jobeline 2015 - En Prévisy 2015 Mâcon-Verzé

The nose is aromatic, fresh and racy. It reveals notes of rocky minerality, ripe green apple and quince associated with slight touches of beeswax. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced, gourmand, silky and offers a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits, ripe lemon and slight hints of clementine, kumquat associated with small touches of ripe brugnol, pear as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine de la Jobeline 2015 Mâcon-Verzé

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite gourmand and offers a slight richness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of ripe quince and ripe mirabelle associated with slight notes of crushed pear, butter, flint as well as a subtle hint of toasted oak/

vanilla and a very discreet hint of fresh lemon (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality, a beautiful volume as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, mirabelle and slight hints of ripe apple associated with discreet hints of citrus as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality, toasted, butter and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length. Very beautiful persistence with a subtle hint of almond on the aftertaste/persistence which brings gourmandise and suavity.

Score : 16

Château de Javenand 2015 Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of minerality/flint and lemon zests associated with slight hints of yellow peach. The palate is fruity, soft, silky, fat, round, well-balanced, elegant, straight, silky and offers a good structure, a slight juiciness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of peach associated with a subtle hint of apricot and a very discreet woody hint/vanilla on the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 15.75

White Bourgogne

Sylvaine & Alain Normand 2015

Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

The nose offers slight notes of flint and juicy white fruits associated with touches of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) as well as a very discreet hint of leather, butter and toasted. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, fresh, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a slight unctuousity as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits and quince associated with a discreet hint of yellow peach as well as slight notes of juicy citrus (lemon, clementine) and a discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5

Sylvaine & Alain Normand Vieilles Vignes 2015

Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, quince and toasted oak associated with a subtle hint of beeswax, flowers and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight juiciness, a beautiful gourmandise, a slight silky slight unctuousity as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy yellow fruits, quince and slight/discreet notes of apricot associated with a hint of peach, a discreet vinous hint/dry fruits as well as discreet hints of citrus and subtle toasted touches/vanilla on the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Château de Messey Les Crêts 2015

Mâcon

The nose reveals notes of limestone/flint and slight notes of fresh physalis associated with slight touches of fresh citrus, fresh yellow peach as well as discreet touches of honey and almond/hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful

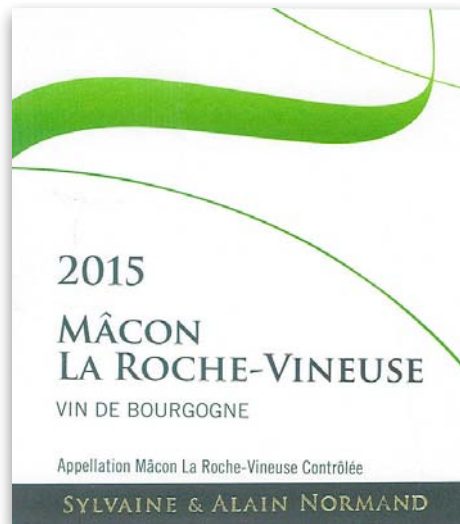
finesse of the grain, a good definition, a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, a good freshness as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh physalis, fresh citrus (quince...) and slight notes of white fruits associated with discreet touches of honey as well as an imperceptible woody hint/almond. Good length.

Score : 17

Château des Messey Clos des Avoueries 2015

Mâcon Cruzille

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh physalis and slight notes of quince associated with a touch of honey, minerality as well as hints of vanilla oak and butter. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, racy, suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful acid frame, a beau-



tifum dynamism, elegance, a slight freshness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight note of quince, fresh physalis associated with a very discreet hint of Tangerine as well as a hint of vanilla oak. Good length a very beautiful and gourmand persistence. There are toasted hints, honey and dry fruits on the aftertaste (bring gourmandise and suavity). A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5

L'Œuvre de Perraud Chardonnay 2015

Mâcon Villages

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of limestone and lemon associated with slight touches of leather, ripe white fruits as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmand and offers fleshy,

a slight suavity as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crushed ripe vine peach and crushed ripe pear associated with slight/discreet hints of fresh citrus and a very discreet hint of minerality. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

L'Œuvre de Perraud 2014

Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

The nose is fine and concentrated. It reveals slight notes of fresh fruits associated with a hint of lemon/Tangerine, ripe peach, limestone as well as a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite elegant and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a beautiful volume, fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon,

ripe Tangerine and slight hints of white fruits associated with touches of ripe exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of minerality. Good length. A well-built, precise and racy wine.

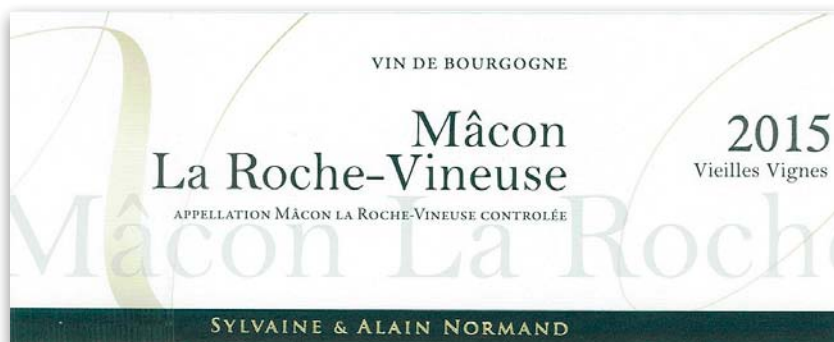
Score : 15+

Clotilde Davenne Plaisir Selection 2015

Macôn Village

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, ripe citrus and slight notes of ripe white fruits associated with a subtle touch of beeswax, butter as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and slight touches of ripe yellow peach associated with a subtle yellow plum as well as discreet toasted hints and beeswax (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15+



White Bourgogne

Nicolas Thibert Bois Denis 2015

Mâcon-Fuissé

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a slight straightness. It reveals notes of yellow peach, yellow fruits and slight hints of fresh brugnion associated with a subtle hint of fresh citrus (in the background) as well as a very discreet toasted hint and beeswax/butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, fat, a slight acid frame, precision, a nice definition, straightness as well as a very slight juiciness in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of ripe yellow peach associated with a discreet hint of crushed brugnion, crushed pear as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length. There is a very discreet toasted hint, almond and hazelnut on the aftertaste (which brings gourmandise).

Score : 16

Domaine Mathias Château de Chaintré 2015

Mâcon-Chaintré

The nose is fresh, fruity, fine and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of lemon and beeswax associated with a subtle hint of yellow peach and apricot. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral/fresh frame, a slight acidity, a beautiful fat, suavity, gourmandise, juiciness, a slight richness, a beautiful matter as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe physalis and slight notes of ripe yellow peach and discreet hints of compoted pear as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Marcel Couturier Les Longues Terres 2014

Mâcon-Loché

The nose is fresh and concentrated. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, fresh peach and slight notes of apple associated with a subtle hint of beeswax, a woody hint as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a nice gourmandise, finesse, precision, richness as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, ripe peach and slight notes of ripe crushed apple associated with a hint of juicy mirabelle as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16

Domaine de la Jobeline En Prévisy 2014

Mâcon-Verzé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of crushed pear associated with a subtle hint of yellow fruits, beeswax and a subtle toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-built, elegant, aerial and offers tension, a beautiful suavity, minerality as well as slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and pear associated with discreet hints of apple, small yellow stone fruits as well as a subtle toasted hint/beeswax and almond on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16

Prosper Maufoux Lieu Dit Château London 2015

Mâcon-Igé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers freshness. It reveals notes of butter, fresh citrus and ripe white fruits associated with a hint of verbenalea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a nice definition, suavity, roundness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of ripe peach and ripe lemon associated with slight hints of butter, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of fresh apple/fresh green apple and an imperceptible hint of tea. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

L. Tramier & Fils Collection 2016

Mâcon-Villages

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of white flowers/wild flowers associated with notes of crystallized lemon, green apple, quenette as well as discreet hints of clementine (in the background). The palate is fruity, suave, elegant and offers fat, a slight unctuousity, a nice definition, precision as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe nectarine, ripe apple associated with small notes of flowers as well as subtle hints of quenette.

Score : 14.75+

Clotilde Davenne Paradoxe - Selection 2015

Mâcon Village

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits and beeswax associated with slight hints of ripe white fruits and dry fruits/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a slight deepness, a slight unctuousity, a slight fleshy as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon/quince and yellow fruits associated with slight hints of beeswax, apple as well as a hint of dry apricot, dry fruits and a subtle toasted hint/almond on the aftertaste. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Louis Dorry Les Collonges 2014

Mâcon Milly-Lamartine

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, fresh, fine and powerful. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and fresh white flowers associated with small notes of pear, toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, well-built, well-defined, precise and offers an acid frame, a slight suavity, a very beautiful finesse as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe clementine and crushed white peach associated with slight hints of apple as well as touches of vanilla, woody touches and an imperceptible hint of lemon tree flowers in the background. Good length. A beautiful gourmand wine.

Score : 16.25

George Duboeuf - Domaine les Chenevières Chardonnay 2015

Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of almond, flat peach and apple associated with slight notes of fresh lemon as well as hints of almond. The palate is fruity, gourmand, nicely built and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight unctuousity as well as a slight acidity. The palate is fruity, gourmand, nicely built and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight unctuousity as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, ripe/crushed flat peach and slight notes of ripe lemon associated with hints of quenette/exotic fruits and a subtle hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+

White Bourgogne

MARSANNAY

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Aiges Pruniers 2015

Marsannay

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic and offers a slight juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe peach, wild flowers and slight hints of fresh lemon associated with a subtle hint of fresh pear, crunchy flat peach, aromatic herbs as well as slight touches of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky, gourmand and offers fat, a beautiful unctuousness, a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a nice volume, a beautiful freshness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed mirabelle, yellow peach and slight notes of quince associated with touches of pear, apple as well as a very discreet hint of lemon zests (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of butter, vanilla oak and an imperceptible hint of almond on the finish.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Fougeroy de Beauclair Saint-Jacques 2015

Marsannay

The nose reveals woody notes, toasted bread and slight hints of quince, beeswax associated with a very discreet hint of fresh physalis, compoted vine peach, spices as well as a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, racy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a good expression/definition as well as a beautiful minerality/freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh ripe lemon, ripe/fresh green apple and vine peach associated with a subtle hint of beeswax as well as a very discreet toasted hint and almond on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

René Bouvier Le Clos 2015 - Monopole

Marsannay

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh quince and slight notes of fresh mirabelle, brioche associated with a subtle toasted hint, butter and fresh citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, suavity, a slight unctuousness, gourmandise, straightness, freshness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, Tangerine paste and mirabelle associated with slight toasted notes, brioche as well as a hint of butter and an imperceptible hint of crushed pear. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

MERCUREY

Château d'Étroyes Les Ormeaux 2015

Mercurey

The nose is racy and slightly tight. It reveals notes of flint and slight notes of fresh white fruits (Williams pear, hint of yellow peach) associated with a hint of lemon zests, quince as well as a discreet woody hint and an

imperceptible hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, racy and offers gourmandise, unctuousness, straightness, a beautiful fat, a very slightly minerality as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, quenette and slight touches of quince/ripe kumquat associated with a discreet hint of ripe yellow plum, vanilla and toasted oak. Good length. There is a beautiful, aromatic and gourmand persistence.

Score : 15+

Domaine Belleville 2015

Mercurey

The nose is fresh, aromatic and relatively full. It reveals notes of white fruits and a discreet hint of zests associated with hints of toasted oak as well as slight notes of flowers (after aeration) and an imperceptible/subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers finesse, a slight suavity, a good structure, a nice straightness, a beautiful fat, a beautiful freshness as well as a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe pear, fresh apple and slight notes of quince, kumquat associated with a hint of mirabelle, slight touches of beeswax, quenette, minerality as well as very discreet hints of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of butter. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Vignerons de Buxy 2015

Mercurey

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness, a slight freshness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of yellow stone fruits and slight notes of flowers/green apple peel associated with a hint of lemon paste as well as a subtle hint of papaya and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, fat, a beautiful acid frame, freshness, straightness, a racy minerality as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small yellow stone fruits, quince and slight hints of ripe lemon associated with a discreet hint of green peach, apple as well as an imperceptible hint of Tangerine and flint. Good length.

Score : 15.5

L. Tramier & Fils - Collection 2015

Mercurey

The nose is fruity, elegant, quite fine and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits (pear...) and vanilla associated with slight notes of fresh fruits as well as a hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful suavity, fat, a slight unctuousness, juiciness as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe brugnion, crushed pear and vanilla associated with a subtle hint of juicy clementine (in the background) and a subtle toasted hint. Good length and suavity. A gourmand and pleasant wine.

Score : 16+

André Delorme 2014

Mercurey

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers gourmandise as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, crushed white fruits (pear, nectarine) and slight hints of quince associated with a subtle hint of clementine



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flowers as well as discreet hints of butter and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful mineral frame (racy minerality), a slight acidity, softness, harmony, a nice volume, a beautiful fat as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe/juicy Tangerine and mirabelle associated with touches of ripe white fruits as well as slight hints of racy minerality/flint and a very subtle toasted hint. Good length. There is a hint of butter, toasted hint and almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

MEURSAULT

Domaine du Château de Meursault Le Limozin 2015

Meursault

The nose is aromatic, fresh, quite elegant and offers freshness. It reveals notes of crushed fresh pear and butter associated with slight notes of lemon, yellow peach as well as subtle woody hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, a beautiful juiciness, a nice definition, dynamism as well as a suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe yellow peach and slight notes of fleshy green apple associated with a hint of litchi/exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of lemon zests, butter and a woody hint. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine du Château de Meursault Meursault du Château 2015

Meursault

The nose is aromatic, elegant, full and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fresh mirabelle and slight notes of small yellow stone fruits associated with hints of brugnon/crushed pear as well as touches of spices, an imperceptible hint of butter and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame (in the background), suavity, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful elegance, a certain straightness, a very slight juiciness, dynamism, minerality as well as a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe mirabelle, quince and slight hints of physalis, ripe/crushed brugnon associated with a discreet hint of pear, lemon as well as a very discreet woody hint, butter and vanilla. Good length. There are discreet hints of toasted bread and hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Domaine du Château de Meursault Clos des Grands Charrons 2014 Monopole

Meursault

The nose is gourmand and offers richness as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight hints of ripe peach associated with touches of ripe white fruits as well as toasted hints and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, suavity, a slight tension, a good definition, a beautiful expression as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of ripe yellow peach associated with hints of ripe white fruits, a very discreet hint of Tangerine as well as slight toasted touches and beeswax. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Domaine du Château de Meursault Meursault-Perrières 2014 Premier Cru

Meursault

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness, finesse as well as intensity. It reveals notes of yellow fruits and slight notes of citrus associated with discreet hints of flowers, vanilla, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, fat, minerality, a slight suavity and unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe white peach and slight notes of Tangerine associated with touches of ripe Tangerine as well as a very discreet hint of Tangerine zests, racy minerality and discreet woody touches/butter. Good length. There is a very discreet/imperceptible hint of fresh almond on the finish.

Score : 16.75

Domaine du Château de Meursault Les Charmes Dessus 2014

Meursault Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and very elegant. It reveals notes of vanilla, butter and ripe white fruits associated with hints of quince, yellow fruits and toasted hints. The palate is fruity, gourmand, straight, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful «guideline», a nice definition, suavity, a slight acid frame/citrus as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, ripe citrus and slight notes of crushed brugnon, crushed ripe apple associated with touches of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) as well as slight toasted touches, beeswax and sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17+

Domaine Saint-Marc - Sous La Velle 2015

Meursault

The nose is fruity, relatively intense and concentrated. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and slight notes of clementine, quince, white fruits associated with a discreet hint of zests, a subtle hint of flint as well as an imperceptible sweet spices/ toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, tension, elegance as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, clementine and slight notes of zests associated with hints of ripe white peach, slight hints of yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine Saint-Marc - Bois de Blagny 2014

Meursault

The nose offers woody notes, smoke and small notes of ripe white fruits associated with hints of lemon, flint as well as a hint of spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful structure, fat, suavity, a slight unctuousity as well as a beautiful acid frame/citrus. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of fresh Tangerine and ripe white fruits (brugnon, apple) associated with a subtle hint of pineapple (in the background) as well as slight hints of racy minerality, slight toasted hints/sweet spices and a hint of almost saline minerality on the finish. Good length and persistence with notes of racy minerality and a very discreet toasted hint/hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75

Patrick Javillier - Clos du Cromin 2015

Meursault

The nose is powerful, racy, slightly creamy and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of honey, quince and small notes of ripe fruits associated with hints of vanilla as well as a subtle hint of butter and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced, slightly unctuous and offers a beautiful definition, a slight unctuousity, richness, a very slight freshness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe

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pear and crushed peach associated with a subtle hint of quince, mirabelle as well as very discreet hints of vanilla/woody hints and hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Patrick Javillier - Les Tillets 2015 Meursault

The nose is aromatic and quite fine. It reveals slight grilled/toasted notes and ripe mirabelle associated with slight notes of quince, ripe nectarine, ripe white fruits and subtle hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, fine, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a good definition, a beautiful volume, suavity, gourmandise as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe peach, juicy mirabelle and slight notes of juicy pear, ripe citrus associated with a discreet/imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background) as well as discreet woody hints. Good length.

Score : 16+

Patrick Javillier Cuvée Tête de Murger 2015 Meursault

The nose is slightly tight and slightly intense. It reveals notes of toasted bread, honey and white fruits associated with slight touches of citrus as well as a very discreet flowery hint (in the background) and subtle hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a slight richness, a good definition, a slight freshness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, crushed pear and slight notes of quince, mirabelle associated with a subtle hint of litchi, honey and vanilla oak. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

MONTAGNY

Stéphane Aladame Les Vignes Derrière 2015 Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of quince and slight notes of yellow peach associated with a hint of fresh mirabelle as well as a very discreet woody hint and very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured and offers a beautiful acid frame, minerality, a beautiful fat, a certain straightness, a good definition as well as a beautiful silky matter and slightly unctuous. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow peach/yellow fruits and slight hints of mirabelle associated with discreet hints of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) as well as slight/imperceptible toasted hints/butter and brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Stéphane Aladame - Les Coères 2015 Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is fine, aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of butter and slight notes of ripe small stone fruits associated with slight touches of white fruits as well as an imperceptible toasted hint, vanilla and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat, unctuousity, roundness as well as a beautiful gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe mirabelle, ripe white fruits and slight notes of small stone fruits associated with a hint of lemon/ripe Tangerine as well as discreet hints of vanilla/butter. Good length

Score : 16+

André Delorme 2015

Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of compote white fruits, butter and more slightly of flowers associated with slight hints of ripe mirabelle (in the background). The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, elegant, nicely balanced, racy, tight and offers a slight grain as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe apple and ripe quince associated with slight notes of mirabelle, ripe peach as well as a subtle hint of beeswax/butter and a discreet toasted oak. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly gourmand (butter, toasted hint/almond).

Score : 15.75

Stéphane Aladame Sélection Vieilles Vignes 2015

Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity, full and tight. It reveals notes of ripe apple, beeswax, butter and small notes of yellow fruits associated with discreet touches of ripe citrus as well as a subtle woody touch. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy, fresh and offers a beautiful juiciness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, ripe pineapple and ripe crushed quince associated with notes of ripe apple, crystallized lemon, fresh brugnion as well as a subtle woody hint/beeswax. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

L. Tramier & Fils 2016

Montagny

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, peach flowers and citrus flowers), ripe citrus (clementine, pink grapefruit) and peach associated with slight hints of crunchy white fruits. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, acidity, a beautiful volume, a beautiful definition, tension as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe peach, white fruits and small notes of ripe citrus (lemon, pink grapefruit) associated with small touches of flowers as well as a discreet toasted hint (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

Vignerons de Buxy 2015

Montagny

The nose is fruity and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of fresh small yellow fruits associated with hints of Granny Smith apple peel, fresh exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, fat and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, a slight concentration, roundness, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh yellow fruits and slight notes of quince, mango associated with a hint of green apple peel as well as a discreet hint of green lemon zests and exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15+

Vignerons de Buxy - Les Chaniots 2015

Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of quince and ripe/crushed yellow fruits associated with hints of crushed peach as well as a very discreet hint of butter and a subtle hint of beeswax/brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a slight mineral frame, a very slight juiciness, gourmandise, a good definition, acidity, finesse as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle and slight notes of quince associated

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with a hint of ripe lemon, discreet hints of white fruits as well as a touch of flowers, butter and sweet spices/toasted oak. Good length. Nice persistence with hints of brioche/pâtisseries.

Score : 15.75+

Vignerons de Buxy 2015

Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, gourmand and slightly unctuous. It reveals slight notes of quince, vine peach and a hint of yellow stone fruits associated with a hint of ripe lemon and crème pâtissière. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers a good structure, suavity, a slight unctuousness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince and ripe vine peach associated with small hints of crushed brugnon, slight touches of flint as well as slight touches of small yellow stone fruits and a hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Millebuis 2015

Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe apple associated with very discreet hints of papaya, an imperceptible hint of crushed pear as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of beeswax/vanilla (in the background). The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers fat, suavity, a beautiful finesse, a very slight fleshy, gourmandise, tension as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe small yellow fruits and quince associated with slight notes of green apple, papaya as well as a subtle hint of flowers and flint. Good length. There are a discreet toasted hint, vanilla and a discreet grilled hint on the persistence.

Score : 16.25

MONTRACHET

Château de Chassagne-Montrachet 2013

Chassagne-Montrachet

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and slightly intense/powerful. It reveals notes of flowers, lemon tree, green apple, ripe nectarine and ripe citrus associated with a discreet hint of ripe exotic fruits, spices and toasted oak/almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, unctuous and offers delicacy, a beautiful aromatic expression, a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful finesse, dynamism, elegance as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, clementine, apple associated with touches of crushed flat peach, crushed mirabelle, a subtle hint of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax and toasted oak. Very beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.25

Joseph Drouhin - Marquis de Laguiche - Morgeot 2015

Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and racy. It reveals slight notes of white peach and apple associated with slight notes of quince, yellow plum as well as a subtle toasted hint, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers tension, a slight acid frame, a slight racy minerality, a beautiful elegance, a beautiful straightness, a slight freshness, gourmandise as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, pear and slight touches of apple associated with discreet hints of citrus zests, lemon, yellow plum as well as a hint of toasted oak and vanilla. There is a subtle hint of zests and lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax on the finish. Good length and persistence. A very beautiful wine!

Score : 17+

Domaine Roger Belland Morgeot-Clos Pitois 2015 - Monopole Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and rich (but full of balance). It reveals notes of quince, fresh apple and slight notes of litchi associated with slight hints of fresh citrus and slight notes of litchi associated with slight hints of fresh citrus, a discreet hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible woody hint (in the background) and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, nicely built, racy, elegant and offers a very beautiful finesse, a slight gourmandise, a lot of class, a slight unctuousness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, fleshy/juicy green apple and vine peach associated with hints of beeswax, sweet spices and a subtle woody hint as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 17

Domaine Roger Belland 2015 Criots Bâtard - Montrachet Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fine and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of nectarine, pear and slight notes of apple associated with a hint of fresh mirabelle and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegante, well-built, racy and offers gourmandise, a beautiful frame, a beautiful finesse as well as a slight unctuousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, ripe nectarine and slight notes of mirabelle associated with a hint of lemon, discreet toasted hints as well as an imperceptible hint of butter and vanilla. Good length and persistence. There is a very slight hint of salin minerality on the finish.

Score : 16.5+

Domaine du Château de Meursault Champ Canet 2014

Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, slight powerful and offers a slight intensity as well as richness. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon, almond, beeswax, butter and mirabelle associated with slight notes of ripe white fruits as well as a subtle hint of ripe clementine and an imperceptible hint of grilled oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, a small fat, juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful richness (all in balance) as well as a certain/fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, ripe/juicy apple and ripe Tangerine associated with slight notes of juicy peach, a discreet hint of mirabelle as well as a subtle/imperceptible toasted hint and beeswax in the background. Good length.

Score : 17.25

Domaine Roger Belland Les Champs-Gains 2015

Puligny Montrachet Premier Cru

The nose reveals slight notes of mirabelle, green apple and fresh citrus associated with a discreet hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla/toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand, racy, powerful and offers a slight minerality (racy minerality), a good structure, a beautiful elegance, straightness, unctuousness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine/fresh vine peach, crushed brugnon and Williams pear associated with hints of quenette/exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of vanilla and toasted oak. Good length. A very beautiful (and gourmand) persistence.

Score : 16.5+

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POUILLY-FUISSÉ

Nicolas Thibert 2015 - Elevé en Fûts Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fresh and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince and slight notes of mirabelle, crushed pear associated with a hint of citrus, a very discreet hint of pineapple as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and a woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral, suave and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, a slight unctuousness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy yellow peach, fleshy/computed pear and slight notes of honey associated with slight hints of citrus, vanilla, butter as well as an imperceptible hint of kumquat.

Score : 15.75+

L. Tramier & Fils - Collection 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of flint, fresh white fruits, leather, fresh citrus and woody notes. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a beautiful freshness, a slight minerality as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh Granny Smith apple and slight/discreet hints of ripe/crushed vine peach associated with toasted touches, spices as well as a subtle toasted hint / almond on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Le Clos Devo- luet-Durand Les Verchères 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fresh, aromatic, racy and quite intense. It reveals notes of fresh white fruits and fresh wild flowers associated with slight touches of fresh litchi/exotic fruits/eucalyptus as well as slight touches of leather/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, fat, a slight acid frame as well as unctuousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed white fruits (pear, brugnon/vine peach), fresh wild flowers and slight hints of fresh citrus associated with a subtle hint of eucalyptus, toasted oak, spices as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg/leather. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Marcel Couturier - Le Bourg 2015 Pouilly-Loché

The nose is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, slight notes of ripe lemon zests and ripe white fruits (pear, brugnon) associated with slight touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-defined and offers a slight minerality, freshness, suavity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of lemon zests and fresh quince associated with touches of ripe brugnon, ripe pear, discreet hints of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of ripe pineapple (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25

P. Ferraud & Fild - L'Entreroches 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, ripe and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of ripe quince and slight hints of ripe vine peach associated with slight notes of flowers (peach flowers, citrus flowers) as well as a discreet hint of clementine and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight fat, a nice volume, a racy minerality, a slight suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach and ripe brugnon associated with slight notes of apple, citrus as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15+

Sylvaine & Alain Normand - Les Crays 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is aromatic, quite gourmand and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of vanilla, pâtisseries and small yellow stone fruits associated with hints of computed peach, a subtle hint of citrus as well as toasted hints and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, gourmand, slightly tight, slightly fleshy and offers a slight acid frame, a racy minerality as well as a slight unctuousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small

yellow stone fruits and computed yellow peach associated with slight notes of quince, citrus as well as a discreet hint of green apple, brioche and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16

Georges Duboeuf - Clos Reyssie 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and citrus associated with slight hints of fresh mirabelle as well as discreet hints of flint and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, finesse as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh peach, fresh apple and slight notes of citrus associated with subtle/very discreet hints of fresh yellow plum. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15+

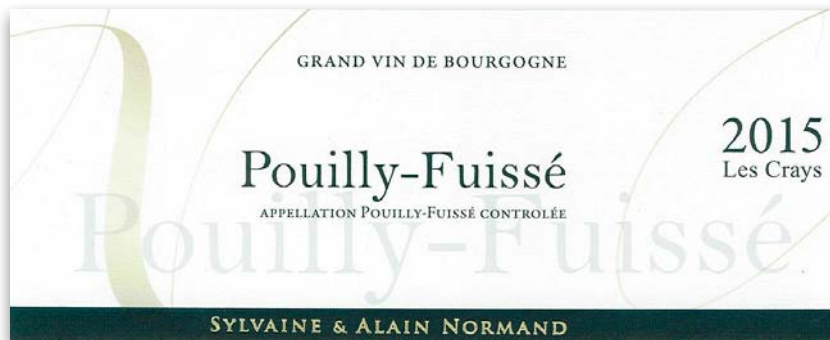
Domaine du Bois Rosier 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of fresh ripe fruits (peach, pear) and slight notes of fresh lemon associated with discreet hints of fresh zests, flowers and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fat, mineral and offers a slight acid frame, straightness, precision as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of computed/fresh vine peach and pear associated with slight touches of fresh lemon, racy minerality (terroir) as well as a discreet hint of Tangerine zests/flowers. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine J.A. Ferret Tournant de Pouilly 2015 - Cuvée Hors-Classe Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight fat. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine and ripe Williams pear associated with slight /discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a



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slight freshness, a beautiful acid frame, a slight racy minerality, a slight fat, suavity, gourmandise, elegance, a slight unctuousity, a slight juiciness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh Williams pear, crushed nectarine and slight touches of lemon/ripe quince associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits, vanilla and toasted oak. Good aromatic persistence. The finish is slightly gourmande/suave.

Score : 16.25+

Château Pouilly 2011 - Cuvée 1551

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is aromatic, fresh, fine and offers a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of quince, dried lemon and hints of beeswax associated with a subtle hint of apricot, spices/gray pepper as well as a very discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse/delicacy, a beautiful fat, a slight unctuousity, a very beautiful definition (lace!), a beautiful elegance, a beautiful minerality, tension, a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, slight notes of quince, juicy peach and slight hints of pear, juicy apple associated with a discreet hint of beeswax, mango as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices, oak and an imperceptible hint of muesli. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Domaine Carrette - Pres des Gours 2014

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of vanilla, yellow peach and slight hints of quenette, juicy yellow fruits, lemon associated with discreet toasted touches and sweet spices/butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, juicy apricot and slight notes of juicy Tangerine associated with a discreet hint of honey, Williams pear as well as discreet woody hints/dry fruits and vanilla. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Domaine Carrette - Rochevat 2015

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is aromatic, fruity and fine. It reveals toasted notes, butter and white fruits associated with discreet hints of flowers (in the background) as well as a hint of ripe mirabelle. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, aerial and offers a very beautiful freshness, unctuousity, a beautiful definition, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe white fruits (ripe Williams pear, ripe/crushed brugnon) and slight notes of crushed mirabelle associated with a discreet toasted hint, butter as well as a very discreet hint of limestone (in the background). There is a hint of vanilla/toasted hint/butter on the persistence (brings suavity and gourmandise).

Score : 15.75+

Domaine Camille Paquet 2015

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, slightly intense and offers freshness. It reveals notes of ripe citrus, honey and yellow fruits associated with a hint of spices, compoted white fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of grilled oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmande and offers a beautiful fat, a slight unctuousity, delicacy, a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy yellow plum and juicy yellow peach associated with a subtle hint of apple, honey and oak/toasted bread. Good length. Beautiful gourmand persistence!

Score : 16

Domaine Mathias - Tradition 2015

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and slight notes of ripe peach associated with slight notes of racy minerality (limestone) as well as an imperceptible spices/toasted hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful roundness, suavity, fat as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, mirabelle and slight notes of quince associated with hints of vine peach, a subtle hint of pear as well as an imperceptible hint of limestone and slight toasted hints/vanilla on the finish. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of almond/fresh hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Mathias - Les Longeays 2015

Pouilly-Vinzelles

The nose offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh quince and slight hints of lemon, fresh physalis associated with slight notes of ripe peach and slight butter/toasted notes. The palate is fruity, fresh, bright, nicely suave and offers a good definition, a beautiful volume, precision, gourmandise as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mirabelle and slight notes of quince, ripe peach associated with discreet touches of apricot as well as subtle toasted hints/butter on the finish. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of lemon zests on the finish. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

Jean Loron - Les Vieux Murs 2014

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh quince, beeswax and leather associated with slight hints of pear/fresh peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, slightly fleshy and offers a beautiful minerality, a good definition as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow lemon/quince and juicy yellow peach associated with slight hints of compoted apple, fresh apricot (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of pineapple and toasted oak/brioche. Good length and persistence. A beautiful gourmand wine!

Score : 15.75+

Domaine des Boutires 2014

Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is quite powerful and fresh. It reveals notes of juicy yellow fruits and apple associated with hints of juicy ripe lemon, spices as well as a subtle woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful minerality, a nice structure and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon and fleshy/juicy green apple associated with slight hints of yellow fruits/juicy yellow plum as well as a hint of flat peach (in the background), a discreet hint of racy minerality and an imperceptible woody hint. Good length.

Score : 15.25

RULLY

Domaine Belleville - Les Cloux 2015

Rully 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine fat. It reveals notes of lemon and slight notes of ripe white fruits (pear, nectarine) associated with a discreet hint of zests as well as discreet touches of minerality and a toasted hint. The palate is fruity, soft, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a good definition, a beautiful small fat, a beautiful freshness, a slight unc-

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tuosity, a slight straightness, softness as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of brugnion, pear and slight notes of lemon/zests associated with hints of ripe green apple, toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of almond. Good length and aromatic persistence. The finish is a slightly gourmande.

Score : 16.5

Domaine Belleville - La Perche 2015

Rully

The nose is aromatic, relatively fruity and offers a hint of freshness. It reveals slight notes of nectarine/ripe white peach associated with discreet hints of citrus as well as touches of minerality. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a beautiful softness, roundness, finesse as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine and pear associated with a hint of quince, lemon/Tangerine as well as discreet toasted hints, almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Belleville - Chapitre 2015

Rully 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, nicely slight and offers a slight richness (in the background) as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of white peach and slight notes of lemon associated with a very discreet toasted hint, quince as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, racy and offers gourmandise, a slight mineral frame, a slight freshness (in the background), a slight unctuousity, a good structure as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear,

ripe white peach and slight/discreet hints of kumquat associated with an imperceptible hint of lemon as well as slight/discreet touches of toasted oak and a very discreet grilled hint. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Domaine Belleville - Rabourcé 2015

Rully 1er Cru

The nose is racy and offers a slight richness, a slight freshness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals slight notes of ripe white fruits and a hint of Williams pear associated with a discreet hint of exotic fruits as well as an imperceptible woody hint/oak. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a slight unctuousity, a small bright side, minerality, gourmandise, a slight freshness, tension as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine and Williams pear associated with a discreet hint of quince, banana as well as a subtle toasted hint, almond and a very discreet hint of vanilla in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Château D'Étroyes - Domaine Maurice Protheau - La Chatàlienne 2014

Rully

The nose is fruity, slightly fleshy and offers a slight freshness. It reveals

notes of fresh pear and nectarine associated with a very discreet hint of citrus (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, fat, slightly fleshy/unctuous and offers roundness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of nectarine and pear associated with slight/discreet hints of citrus (lemon, Tangerine) as well as a toasted hint on the finish/persistence and an imperceptible hint of coconut. Good length.

Score : 15+

Vignerons de Buxy 2015

Rully

The nose is fruity, fresh and racy. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and slight notes of quince associated with a hint of fresh mirabelle as well as a discreet hint of lemon paste. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy, slightly tight and offers a good volume, a beautiful roundness, unctuousity as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince and slight notes of fresh mirabelle, small yellow stone fruits associated with discreet hints of yellow peach as well as a hint of dry fruits and a very discreet hint of honey. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

SAINT-BRIS

Clotilde Davenne - Vieilles Vignes 2014 Saint-Bris

The nose is fresh and slightly concentrated/powerful. It reveals notes of boxwood, flowers and fresh fruits associated with slight woody touches as well as a subtle hint of leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe peach and ripe yellow blackberry associated

with slight notes of quince, crystallized citrus as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Clotilde Davenne - Sauvignon 2015

Saint-Bris

The nose reveals notes of boxwood/herbs and small notes of pear, nectarine, flowers associated with a very discreet hint of lemon (in the background) and minerality (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, suavity, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boxwood/herbs, pear and flat peach associated with slight notes of lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of Tangerine and flint (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75

Pascal Bouchard - Sauvignon 2015

Saint-Bris

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of lemon and lemon flowers associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of boxwood in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a slight acid frame, fat, a very slight unctuousity, a good definition as well as tension. In the mouth



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this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe clementine and slight notes of orange jam associated with a hint of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of boxwood and an imperceptible hint of honey in the background. Good length. There is an imperceptible woody hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Félix - Cuvée Sainte-Claire 2015 Saint-Bris

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of limestone, fresh peach and slight notes of yellow fruits associated with a hint of ripe white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, suave, gourmand, silky and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful fat, minerality, a slight freshness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, fleshy mirabelle and slight hints of compoted/fresh white fruits associated with a hint of apricot as well as a subtle hint of honey and brioche. Good length and persistence. There is a slight/discreet hint of lemon zests on the finish.

Score : 16

Domaine Félix - Sauvignon 2016 Saint-Bris

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of lemon and green lemon hints associated with touches of white fruits, vine peach as well as a discreet hint of minerality/flint. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, racy, quite aerial and offers tension, a slight suavity, a beautiful fat, a slight unctuousity as well as a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon paste and slight notes of ripe clementine associated with hints of ripe/crushed brugnon, crushed pear as well as a subtle hint of quenette and an imperceptible hint of minerality/flint (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15



SAINT-VERAN

L'Œuvre de Perraud 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is aromatic and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, beeswax and flowers associated with slight hints of green apple as well as hints of juicy fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a beautiful volume, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful freshness/minerality, a slight mineral frame, juiciness, a slight tension as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe apple and fleshy flat peach associated with slight hints of ripe lemon, quenette as well as a discreet hint of flowers and a very discreet hint of honey (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15+

Nicolas Thibert - La Côte 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is fresh, fruity and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of beeswax and woody notes associated with slight notes of quince, juicy small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of fresh apple. The palate is

fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant, straight and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful freshness, a nice definition, precision, a nice expression as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy yellow plum and slight notes of physalis associated with touches of fleshy white peach. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

L. Tramier & Fils - Collection 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity, fresh and concentrated. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle and more slightly of white fruits associated with hints of peach as well as an imperceptible toasted hint and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, ample, a bit aerial and offers a slight tension, roundness, freshness, a slight acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits, quenette and slight notes of lemon associated with a touch of peach as well as an imperceptible toasted hint/beeswax. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of butter on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.5

Marcel Couturier - La Cour des Bois 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is aromatic, racy and elegant. It reveals notes of butter, toasted notes, quince and ripe white fruits associated with slight hints of citrus, peach as well as a discreet hint of beeswax and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, dynamism, a beautiful juiciness, a juicy/acid frame, a beautiful volume, suavity, a beautiful fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of juicy peach, juicy ripe pear and slight hints of citrus (quince, clementine) associated with discreet toasted hints, beeswax, a slight hint of clementine zests (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of nutmeg (in the background). Good length and persistence with toasted touches as well as a hint of grilled oak.

Score : 15.75+

George Duboeuf - Domaine de la Bâtie 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is fresh, crunchy and gourmand. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, pear and slight hints of compote brugnon associated with subtle toasted hints, fresh lemon and a subtle hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of butter, almond and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, suavity, gourmandise, fat, a beautiful minerality as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and fresh white fruits (crunchy apple, crunchy flat peach) associated with slight hints exotic fruits/quenette as well as a subtle hint of beeswax (in the background) and a woody hint.

Score : 15

Pacaud Vignerons - Les Prés Batard 2015 Saint-Véran

The nose is aromatic, relatively fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of quince, pear and slight notes of fresh/crunchy vine peach associated

White Bourgogne

with hints of spices and woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, unctuousity, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and compoted pear associated with touches of lemon, crunchy flat peach as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and a very discreet hint of spices/physalis in the background. Good length. There is a discreet toasted hint on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Pacaud Vignerons 2014

Saint-Véran

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of fresh physalis and quince associated with slight notes of white fruits, beeswax as well as touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful suavity as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, physalis and quince associated with touches of ripe white fruits, juicy vine peach as well as a hint of beeswax. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 15.5+

Pacaud Vignerons - En Combes 2014

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Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of honey, vanilla, juicy mirabelle and slight notes of white fruits associated with hints of ripe lemon as well as a discreet hint of spices, butter and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a slight acid frame, a beautiful unctuousity, precision as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince, juicy mirabelle and slight touches of crystallized Tangeline associated with slight hints of ripe white fruits (apple, vine peach), honey, butter and slight toasted hints. Good length. There is a toasted hint on the persistence. A gourmand and easy-drinking wine.

Score : 16+

Domaine des Valanges 2016

Saint-Véran

The nose is fine, fruity and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and a touch of quince associated with slight hints of yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of citrus and beeswax. The palate is fruity, gourmand, round, slightly unctuous, suave and offers a slight mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed/compoted apple, quince and slight notes of small yellow stone fruits associated with a discreet hint of lemon, Tangerine zests as well as a slight hint of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

SANTENAY

Domaine Saint-Marc - Saint-Jean 2015

Santenay

The nose is aromatic and fruity. It reveals notes of smoke, flint and quince associated with slight notes of ripe white fruits as well as a subtle woody hint/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat, intensity, a beautiful juiciness as well as a slight delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and ripe/juicy white fruits associated with a hint of litchi as well as a discreet hint of juicy citrus (Tangerine...) and a very discreet hint of toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15+

Prosper Maufoux - Comme Dessus 2015

Santenay

The nose is fresh, aromatic, gourmand, structured and relatively rich. It reveals notes of mirabelle and butter associated with small notes of lemon, yellow fruits as well as a hint of apple/fresh pear and woody touches. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, a slight juiciness, a small suavity as well as a small incisive side on the attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh apple, juicy mirabelle and slight notes of juicy/fleshy quince associated with a subtle hint of pear, a woody hint and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair

Les Golardes 2015

Savigny-les-Beaune

The nose is aromatic, relatively full and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh apple tree flowers, crunchy flat peach and apple associated with a slight woody side. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh apple, fresh/ripe flat peach and slight notes of flowers associated with a subtle hint of ripe/fresh citrus as well as very discreet toasted hints. Good length.

Score : 15

Patrick Javillier - Les Montchenevoy 2015

Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is fresh, mineral and fruity. It reveals slight notes of ripe lemon and ripe white fruits associated with a hint of limestone as well as a very discreet hint of yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively aerial and offers tension, gourmandise as well as a beautiful acid frame and a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe/compoted brugnion associated with slight notes of quince, limestone/racy minerality as well as a hint of mirabelle, a subtle hint of butter and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

OTHERS BOURGOGNE WINES

Pierre Naigeon

La Combe Bazin 2014 - Vieilles Vignes

Saint Romain

The nose is fine, intense and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of quince, ripe white fruits and physalis associated with a hint of honey as well as very a discreet hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly « perlante » (slightly sparkling character on the attack) and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, a beautiful acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe pear, nectarine/ripe brugnion and slight notes of ripe lemon associated with a very discreet hint of clementine as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruits and toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

L. Tramier & Fils - Collection 2015

Viré Clessé

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and quite intense. It reveals notes of lemon zests, ripe peach and flowers associated with hints of ripe pink grapefruit as well as a subtle hint of Granny Smith. The palate is fruity,

White Bourgogne

well-balanced, precise, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity, a racy minerality as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, citrus (lemon, grapefruit) and flowers associated with slight hints of juicy Granny Smith apple as well as an imperceptible hint of small yellow stone fruits (in the background) and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine de la Poulette - Chardonnay 2014 Bourgogne Blanc

The nose is aromatic, fruity and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of yuzu zests and slight notes of fresh citrus, flint associated with a discreet hint of flowers as well as a subtle hint of fresh vine peach. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers a slight fat, a slight acid frame, a beautiful definition as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed vine peach, ripe litchi and small notes of ripe lemon, ripe clementine associated with discreet hints of ripe/crushed white fruits as well as small touches of minerality. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Denis Père et Fils 2015 Pernand-Vergelesses

The nose is fine, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, deepness as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of beeswax and yellow fruits associated with slight hints of ripe white fruits as well as a hint of exotic fruits and subtle hints of toasted oak/beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, elegant, dynamic and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness/delicacy as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon, juicy ripe peach, quince and slight notes of small yellow stone fruits associated with a discreet hint of ripe apple, exotic fruits as well as subtle toasted hints and beeswax. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste. Beautiful aromatic and gourmandise persistence.

Score : 17.25+

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VINTAGE PORTS

Ramos Pinto LBV 2012 - Unfiltered Porto

The nose is fresh, fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of crème de cassis, crushed strawberry and crushed/ripe boysenberry associated with touches of griotte as well as slight hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, suavity, a slight acid frame, a good definition, delicacy, power as well as a certain harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and touches of ripe Gariguet strawberry associated with hints of griotte, raspberry as well as slight notes of chocolate/mocha, sweet spices, woody notes and a subtle hint of almond on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Quinta da Gaivosa - Vintage 2013 Porto

The nose is fruity, powerful, slightly concentrated and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of griotte and crushed raspberry associated with slight hints of blackberry jelly as well as a discreet hint of licorice and sherry. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight acid frame, richness, deepness, a certain finesse as well as a certain power (but full of balance). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of griotte, red cherry jam and slight notes of crushed raspberry associated with hints of cassis jelly as well as a touch of licorice, dark chocolate, sherry and a discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Good persistence on touches of mocha, licorice, sherry as well as on a subtle hint of hazelnut. The persistence is quite gourmandise.

Score : 16+

Quinta de la Rosa 2012 Vintage Port

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry, fresh cassis associated with slight notes of strawberry, plum, licorice, spices, a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of olive tree and saffron flower. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful roundness, a beautiful definition, fat, suavity, gourmandise as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, strawberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of chocolate truffle, licorice, spices (cardamom, imperceptible hint of saffron). Good length.

Score : 15.5

Quinta da Gaivosa - LBV 2012 Porto

The nose is aromatic, slightly intense, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and more slightly of blackberry associated with a hint of redcurrant jam as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, mocha as well as a hint of licorice and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, well-built, nicely defined/precise, elegant and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful finesse as well as suavity. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of blueberry, cassis and slight notes of griotte associated with hints of fresh raspberry, a discreet hint of redcurrant as well as slight woody touches, chocolate, a hint of licorice and cardamom. Good length. Good aromatic persistence with slight notes of dark chocolate, caramelization, coffee and an imperceptible hint of coffee. Promising!

Score : 16+

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Quinta de Marrocos - LBV 2011

Porto

The nose is fruity, gourmand and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and red cherry associated with slight notes of plum, crushed blueberry as well as subtle hints of almond, cacao, spices and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, fine and offers a slight acid frame, freshness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of crushed/ripe wild strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of ripe plum, discreet hints of licorice, chocolate, woody hints as well as slight notes of caramelization and coffee. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Alves de Sousa 2009

Porto Vintage

The nose is fresh, structuring and offers a slight power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of olive tree, ripe redcurrant associated with a discreet hint of blueberry as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus, oleander and a slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful acid frame, freshness, elegance, a slight concentration, a slight tension as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of wild blueberry, ripe cassis and slight notes of olive tree as well as a subtle hint of olive tree, roasting, cacao/mocha and a hint of spices. Good length. There is a slight hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. The aftertaste is slightly powerful. A fine, promising and concentrated Porto, full of finesse.

Score : 16+

Quinta de Marrocos - Colheita 2008

Porto

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a certain power/richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and ripe wild strawberry associated with slight touches of cherry, blackberry as well as a hint of cardamom, cedar wood and a subtle hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced and offers freshness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful definition, fat as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blueberry and slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry associated with a hint of violet, licorice, chocolate and a subtle/imperceptible hint of caramelization/Bourbon vanilla. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly powerful. A beautiful wine!

Score : 15.75

Butler Nephew & Co - 2015 Porto Cruled Port

The nose is fruity, soft and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis, small blue fruits jam and slight hints of wild strawberry jam associated with discreet hints of flowers as well as a very discreet hint of black olive, licorice stick and a very discreet hint of sandalwood. The palate is fruity, gourmand, round, nicely-built, mineral, well-defined and offers fat. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of blueberry jam, crushed boysenberry and slight notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of fleshy/crushed wild strawberry, dark olive and spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. Good potential!

Score : 16

Duorum - Vinha de Castelo Melhor 2013 Vintage Port

The nose is fruity, powerful, intense and fine. It reveals notes of blueberry cream, cassis and slight notes of griotte, plum associated with a hint

of crushed red fruits as well as slight hints of chocolate, sweet spices, licorice stick, spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a slight fat, power, a good structure, softness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry cream, plum and slight notes of fresh small red berries associated with a hint of cassis jam, sweet spices, licorice, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of tobacco (in the background). Good length and persistence. There is a hint of dry fruits/almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Quevedo LBV 2012

Porto

The nose is fruity, juicy, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of sherry, cassis jam and crushed blackberry associated with slight notes of red fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of bay/garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, quite elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful finesse, minerality, a good guideline, a slight acid frame (in the background) as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, crushed black cherry and slight notes of cassis jam associated with hints of fleshy raspberry, slight woody hints, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of hazelnut and chocolate truffle. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 16

Quinta Nova LBV 2012

Porto

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals slight notes of crushed Gariguet strawberry, cassis jam and blueberry associated with subtle hints of sweet spices, licorice as well as an imperceptible hint of spices/garrigue (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), gourmandise, fat, softness as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam and crushed blueberry associated with slight notes of plum, crushed red fruits as well as slight touches of chocolate, licorice, cedar wood and a subtle/imperceptible hint of garrigue. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Borges - Soalheira 2012

Vintage Port

The nose is powerful, concentrated and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of sherry and cassis cream associated with slight hints of spices as well as subtle/discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, nicely-built, suave, round, nicely-defined and offers gourmandise, tension, a good density as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed boysenberry, sherry and slight notes of cassis cream associated with a hint of purple plum jam as well as slight hints of spices, chocolate, caramelization and a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Good length. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence. A well-built Porto!

Score : 16.25+

Borges - LBV 2010

Porto

The nose is fruity, powerful, concentrated and tight. It reveals notes of sherry, cassis cream and slight notes of wild black berries, red cherry as well as hints of licorice, a slight hint of Cuben pepper, cornflower and a slight/discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, slightly powerful and offers a slight mineral frame as well as a small fat. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of juicy/crushed blackberry and crushed black sherry associated with slight notes of cassis, plum, touches

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of licorice as well as slight hint of Cuben pepper and spices. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of tobacco and dry fruit/dry fig on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score : 16+

Duorum - LBV 2011

Porto

The nose is fruity, powerful, fine and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of plum jam, cassis cream and spices associated with a hint of Sichuan pepper, a discreet hint of licorice as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper, a discreet hint of licorice as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus and dried black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight creaminess, a slight acid frame as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of cassis and plum jam associated with slight notes of crushed raspberry, ripe wild small red berries as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, licorice, chocolate and a very discreet hint of almond in the background. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. The finish is a bit drying. There is a discreet hint of coffee in the background on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15

Quinta Dona Matilde 2011

Vintage Porto

The nose reveals slight notes of blackberry, blueberry and flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with a hint of Quetsche plum, a subtle hint of ripe red berries as well as an imperceptible hint of licorice candy and

an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, soft, gourmande and offers unctuousity, a fresh frame as well as a good balance. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry, flowers and hints of ripe raspberry associated with discreet hints of licorice candy, melted chocolate, spices as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There is a slight hint of coffee and cardamom on the persistence.

Score : 16

Quevedo - Colheita 2000

Porto

The nose is aromatic, slightly concentrated, slightly powerful and offers a very slight freshness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of red fruits/cherry jam, hints of licorice as well as a very discreet hint of dry fruits and menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality as well as a small fat. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of crushed blackberry, a hint of griotte and subtle hints of red fruits associated with very slight hints of dry fruits (in the background), a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background) as well as a hint of fig and a subtle hint of date on the finish/persistence. The finish and on the aftertaste are slightly powerful.

Score : 16.5+

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Quinta Dona Matilde - Colheita 2008

Porto

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and slight notes of plum, fig, cassis associated with a discreet hint of candied orange as well as hints of cedar wood, spices and dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, well-built, suave and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a slight straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis, plum and hints of cherry jam associated with slight touches of fig, dry fruits as well as a discreet hint of coconut, hazelnut and a woody hint. Good length and persistence. The persistence is gourmand, suave and offers slight touches of crushed fresh hazelnut and coconut. To drink!

Score : 16.5

Borges - 2007 Vintage Port

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of cassis jam and dark cherry associated with slight hints of crushed boysenberry as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-defined, elegant and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, a certain finesse as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of chocolate, licorice and very fine/imperceptible hints of menthol (on the finish) as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

WHITE PORTS

Kopke - Colheita 1981

Porto

The nose is fine, elegant, generous, well-balanced and offers relatively rich. It reveals notes of caramelized orange and fine notes of candied zests, caramel associated with slight notes of hazelnut, walnut as well as a discreet touch of mocha and brown sugar. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, generous, well balanced as well as offers a nice minerality and a silky texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied orange, candied Tangerine, caramel, a hint of dried fig (discreet) associated with fine touches of hazelnut, hints of minerality as well as discreet notes of walnuts and a fine note of hazelnut. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Borges - Soalheira 10 years old Old White Port

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals slight notes of candied lemon and candied yellow fruits associated with a discreet hint of ripe peach as well as an imperceptible hint of physalis and a very discreet hint of dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality, a slight suavity, freshness as well as finesse. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of ripe physalis, ripe peach and slight hints of candied lemon associated with a discreet hint of apricot, dried fig and dry fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Quinta da Gaivosa - 10 years Old White Porto

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and intense. It reveals notes of eucalyptus, physalis and fresh almond associated with hints of hazelnut, subtle hints of candied citrus as well as a subtle hint of menthol and dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, well-built and offers a slight

unctuosity, a beautiful freshness, a slight minerality, tension as well as a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of physalis, candied lemon and candied Tangerine associated with slight notes of quince as well as a discreet hint of pineapple in syrup and slight touches of dry fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

S. Leonardo - Very Old White Porto

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant, complex and offers power, gourmandise, subtlety as well as richness. It reveals notes of dry fruits, muesli, honey, date and slight touches of dried fig associated with a discreet hint of dried lemon/apricot as well as a hint of caramel and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, delicate, aromatic, subtle and offers gourmandise, a slight acid frame, a beautiful richness as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of honey, date, dried apricot and candied lemon associated with slight notes of dry fruits, dried fig, candied Tangerine, hazelnut, a woody note as well as a discreet/subtle hint of chocolate on the finish. The persistence is gourmande and suave. A very beautiful Porto!

Score : 19+

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Reserve Tawny

The nose is elegant, fine, well-balanced, slightly velvety, slightly powerful and offers complexity. It reveals notes of dried blackberry, dried fig and slight notes of dried raspberry, crushed cassis associated with slight hints of crushed strawberry, spices, cardamom, licorice, tea as well as a slight hint of Sichaun pepper, dry fruits and an imperceptible hint of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, precision, a good definition, a slight acid frame, an aerial side, minerality as well as a beautiful grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed plum, dried raspberry, dried blackberry, crushed strawberry associated with slight hints of dark cherry jam, caramel, discreet hints of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of cardamom, coffee, an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco and dry fruits. Tannins are very fine and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Fernao de Magalhaes - Tawny 10 ans Porto

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and relatively fine. It reveals notes of dry fruits, candied orange, dried fig, date and a touch of dried lemon zests associated with hints of dry fruits (hazelnut, almond...), caramelization as well as a subtle hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight freshness, a good guideline, a slight acid frame as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of dry fruits, dried lemon and candied Tangerine associated with a subtle hint of tobacco and cedar wood. Good length and persistence on the hint of almond and tobacco.

Score : 15.25

Quinta da Boeira - Very Old Tawny Port Porto

The nose is fruity, gourmand, intense, powerful and offers elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of currant, a hint of dried lemon associated with discreet hints of caramel, date, a subtle hint of dried fig, a hint of spices, honey as well as an imperceptible hint of

Port wines

Sichuan pepper, almond and dried apricot. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, silky, soft and offers fat, suavity, a slight acid frame, a good definition as well as a beautiful complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, dried apricot, date and slight notes of dried peach associated with discreet hints of dried fig, Zante currant, a subtle hint of caramelization, hazelnut/dry fruits as well as a discreet hint of dark chocolate, coffee and spices (cardamom, imperceptible hint of tea). Good length and persistence. The persistence is endless and offers a very discreet hint of almond, coffee and caramel.

Score : 18+

Quinta de Marrocos - 20 Years Old Tawny Port

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of dried fig and candied lemon associated with a hint of date as well as a subtle hint of fruit in syrup. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced, nicely suave and offers gourmandise, a slight freshness, tension as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried fig, candied orange and slight notes of date associated with a hint of candied lemon, discreet hints of dried white grape as well as touches of caramelization and toasted oak. Good length. There are very slight touches of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16.5+

Boeira - Reserve Tawny Porto

The nose is gourmand, rich and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of caramel, crushed date and slight notes of candied strawberry associated with a discreet hint of candied lemon, candied blackberry, a hint of blueberry jam, cedar as well as discreet hints of mocha and Virginia tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, nicely balanced, elegant and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, dried fig and slight notes of candied lemon, crushed/fresh blueberry associated with a discreet hint of crushed cassis, candied strawberry, small woody touches, cigar box, chocolate as well as touches of sweet spices/vanilla and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Boeira - 20 ans d'âge Porto

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of candied strawberry and crushed blueberry associated with slight hints of griotte, cedar wood, date as well as a discreet hint of Zante currant, spices, a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight, suave, round, gourmande, elegant and offers a slight unctuousity, freshness, a good volume as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied strawberry, crushed plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of blackberry, date, sherry, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of walnut. Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Martha's - Special Reserve Porto

The nose is fruity, powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dates and small touches of dried fig, blackberry jam associated with a very discreet hint of red fruit jam (in the background) as well as hints of caramel, Cedar wood, spices, tobacco and a subtle hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a fine minerality, straightness and a certain finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dates, dried figs and slight notes of prunes combined with a touch of red fruits jam, caramel,

toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of candied lemon, a very discreet hint of Tobacco (in the background). Good length. There is a fine touch of nougatine and a very discreet cocoa on the aftertaste.

Score : 16+

Martha's - 20 Years Old Porto

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of raisins, dried citrus fruits and subtle hints of candied orange zests combined with a very discreet hint of candied strawberry (in the background) as well as touches of caramelization, spices, Tobacco and a subtle hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, fine, fresh and offers a fine acid frame, a very fine juiciness, a nice gourmandise, suavity and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied citrus fruits, candied lemon peels combined with touches of caramelization, candied clementine, dried grapes as well as subtle hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate in the background.

Score : 16

Lacrau - 20 Years Old Porto

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful/intense, slightly incisive and offers fat. It reveals notes of dried lemon zests and dried raisins associated with slight notes of lemon marmalade, candied clementine and a subtle touch of caramelization, spices, flowers, tea and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a fine minerality, freshness, a fine acidity, a certain finesse, fat and a nice tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied orange, candied clementine zest and touches of Zante currant, caramel associated with subtle hints of candied white fruit (in the background) as well as toasted hints and blond tobacco. Good length and persistence with notes of spices and rancio.

Score : 16.25

Martha's - 40 Years Old Porto

The nose is powerful, fine, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of Zante currant, tobacco / cigar, dried fig, rancio / caramel and candied lemon peels combined with a touch of gray pepper and a subtle hint of nuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, suavity as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and candied clementine associated with small touches of candied lemon zest as well as touches of caramel, cedar wood, sweet spices and a subtle hint of rosewood. Good length. The finish is relatively gourmande.

Score : 16.25+

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Tejo - Portugal

Companhia Das Lezirias - Tyto Alba Touriga Nacional 2014

Tejo

The nose is fruity, aromatic, racy and offers a slight hardness. It reveals notes of cassis cream, ripe plum, blackberry and slight notes of wild redcurrant associated with hints of flint, bell pepper/vegetal as well as a discreet hint of olive tree and chocolate/oaky note. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality, a slight acid frame, a slight gourmandise, a slight juiciness, suavity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, juicy plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of juicy redcurrant, a subtle hint of cherry as well as discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Quinta da Lapa - Sta Teresa D'Avila Homenagem - Reserva 2013

Tejo

The nose is fruity, structured, elegant and offers concentration as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of cassis jam, fleshy/juicy cherry and strawberry associated with hints of flint, crushed blueberry as well as a subtle toasted hint/smoke and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, racy, elegant, structured, straight, well-built and offers a beautiful mineral frame, deepness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, crushed blueberry and slight notes of cherry, fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of toasted oak/cacao as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are supple. A very beautiful wine, gourmand and elegant.

Score : 17+

Quinta Vale de Fornos Syrah Reserva 2013

Tejo

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and relatively deep. It reveals notes of cacao/mocha, boysenberry and violet/iris associated with a subtle hint of wild raspberry as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight, silky, suave, slightly fleshy and offers a slight juiciness as well as density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of redcurrant, ripe/fresh raspberry associated with oaky hints as well as a subtle hint of cacao, a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15+

Caves Velhas - Cabeça de Toiro - Reserva 2012 Touriga-Nacional Castelao

Tejo

The nose is aromatic, slightly tight and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed boysenberry and discreet hints of ripe raspberry as well as a subtle hint of cacao and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight, suave and offers a slight acid frame, minerality, fat, harmony, elegance, a fine intensity, deepness, a nice definition as well as a slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed boysenberry, fresh/ripe cassis and hints of plum associated with a subtle hint of fresh/ripe raspberry, a hint of redcurrant jam, slight notes of chocolate as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak, spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers/plants (in the background). Tannins are supple and harmonious.

Score : 16.25

Quinta Vale de Fornos Colheita Especial 2013

Tejo

The nose is elegant, concentrated, racy and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of cacao/dark chocolate, slight notes of cassis cream and hints of crushed fleshy plum associated with a subtle hint of strawberry jam, black cherry, hints of wild red fruits, a subtle hint of olive, violet as well as a discreet hint of garrigue, flint and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices (vanilla...). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, fresh, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, fat, suavity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh boysenberry and fine notes of crushed plum, redcurrant jam associated with a hint of wild strawberry, blueberry and small notes of chocolate, toasted oak, licorice, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla and olive/garrigue. Tannins are well-built, a bit young and slightly dry. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

Quinta da Lapa - Reserva Vinho Branco 2015

Tejo

The nose is fruity and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh yellow peach and mirabelle associated with discreet hints of fresh citrus, flint as well as a subtle vegetal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful fat, a beautiful unctuousity, a beautiful freshness, tension as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle and ripe yellow peach associated with slight notes of lemon, Tangerine as well as a hint of clementine, slight touches of flint and a discreet salin hint. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Quinta da Lapa Reserva Touriga Nacional 2013

Tejo

The nose is structured, racy and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of cassis, garrigue associated with hints of rocky minerality as well as a very discreet hint of redcurrant, cacao, an imperceptible grilled hint and a subtle hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful fat and a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of wild raspberry associated with hints of spices, rocky minerality as well as a hint of garrigue. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are slight notes of cacao and a discreet hint of coffee on the finish.

Score : 15+

Quinta da Lapa - Reserva 2012

Tejo

The nose is slightly powerful offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, bell pepper and slight notes of garrigue/bay associated with slight hints of black cherry, red fruits, olive tree, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus and cacao. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight unctuousity, a beautiful acid frame, a nice definition, a certain straightness as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, crushed wild cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with a discreet notes of red fruits as well as hints of toasted oak, roasting and cacao. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Tejo - Portugal

Quinta da Lapa - Nana Reserva 2013

Tejo

The nose is powerful, racy and concentrated. It reveals grilled notes, coffee and blackberry associated with slight notes of blue fruits, spices as well as a touch of Sichuan pepper, roasting, cardamom and a hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful suavity as well as tension and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, blackberry and slight hints of fleshy strawberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy/ripe redcurrant as well as hints of licorice, woody hints, cacao and caramelization/toasted hints on the finish/persistence. The finish is relatively gourmande.

Score : 16

Vinha da General - Touriga Nacional 2015

Tejo

The nose reveals notes of blueberry, flowers (violet, lilac) and slight touches of Sichuan pepper associated with a hint of Quetsche plum, red fruits as well as a discreet hint of graphite and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, suavity, tension, a beautiful definition as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Quetsche plum, blueberry and slight hints of flowers (lilac, violet, cornflower) associated with a very discreet hint of fig as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, licorice and subtle hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, dry and young. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Vinha da General - Syrah 2015

Tejo

The nose is fine, powerful, concentrated and incisive. It reveals notes of Sichuan pepper, blueberry and slight notes of plum, ripe red fruits and small touches of flowers as well as hints of spices and a very discreet alcohol hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a beautiful silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry, juicy fleshy cassis and slight notes of fleshy red berries associated with a hint of flowers, plum as well as touches of spices, Sichuan pepper, chocolate and flower. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good persistence. There are a subtle hint of bitterness and a subtle hint of pepper on the finish.

Score : 14.5+

Quinta da Alorna Alvarinho Viognier 2016 - Reserva

Tejo

The nose is fruity, aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (papaya, quennette...) and citrus associated with slight touches of flowers, minerality as well as a discreet hint of green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely round, silky, fine, a bit aerial and offers a slight fat, a nice definition as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe exotic fruits and green apple associated with slight touches of citrus (lemon, green lemon, yuzu hints) as well as a subtle hint of minerality and a hint of crushed ripe vine peach. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15+

Casal da Coelheira - Vinho Branco 2016

Tejo

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fresh and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of nectarine/brugnion associated with slight notes of apple, ripe papaya as well as slight hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced,

suave, fine and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful minerality, roundness, fat, a very slight unctuousity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed peach/nectarine, ripe apple and slight notes of lemon associated with a hint of green lemon and exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Varandas - Branco 2015

Tejo

The nose is fruity and offers a slight minerality (in the background). It reveals notes of eucalyptus, racy minerality and slight notes of citrus associated with a hint of quince as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, racy, a bit aerial and offers fat, roundness, tension as well as a slight saline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh pear, fresh quince and small touches of fresh mirabelle associated with a discreet touch of fresh citrus, hints of racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the finish/aftertaste. Good length. There is a slight oaky hint on the persistence

Score : 15+

Vale de Lobos - Grande Escolha 2013

José e Violante

Tejo

The nose is fine, fruity and offers elegance, a slight richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, blue fruits and slight touches of crème de cassis associated with a touch of strawberry, chocolate touches, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus and flowers (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, suavity as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of plum associated with touches of small red fruits as well as discreet hints of licorice, woody hints, olive and chocolate. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Vale de Fornos - Vinho Tinto 2013

Tejo

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of racy minerality, blackberry and slight touches of blueberry, fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of graphite as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper/garrigue in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, silky and offers a slight acid frame, a fine minerality, straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of strawberry/wild red berries as well as a subtle hint of black olive, chocolate and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence on a hint of chocolate.

Score : 15.25+

Bridao - Private Collection 2015

Tejo

The nose is fine, intense, quite elegant and concentrated. It reveals notes of wild berries, blackberry and Cuben pepper associated with subtle touches of crème de cassis, garrigue, racy minerality, flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, straight, silky, well-balanced, quite elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minimality as well as a beautiful tension and a beautiful «guideline». In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry, wild berries associated with touches of small red fruits, licorice, chocolate/mocha as well as a hint of hazelnuts.

Score : 16+

Italy

MOSCATO D'ASTI

Roberto Sarotto - Solatio 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and peach associated with subtle hints of candied lemon and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, supple and offers a beautiful fat, a nice volume, gourmandise as well as a slight deepness. The effervescence is very fine and very slightly incisive. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied apple, pineapple in syrup and candied lemon associated with a hint of quinine, apricot in syrup as well as small touches of candied Tangerine. Good length.

Score : 16

Boeri - Ribota 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fresh, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of orange blossom, ripe apple and slight touches of fresh apricot associated with discreet hints of candied citrus (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, supple, well-balanced, fleshy and offers a slight unctuousness, fat, a nice volume, a slight suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe Granny Smith apple, candied lemon and small touches of vine peach in syrup associated with a subtle hint of orange (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25

Rinaldi 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of orange blossom, white flowers and candied citrus associated with a hint of fresh almond and rose petal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, a bit aerial and offers a slight acid frame, tension as well as precision. The effervescence is precise and frank/straight. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied Granny Smith apple and candied yuzu associated with small touches of grapefruits as well as discreet hints of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15+

Boeri - Ribota 2015

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is aromatic and slightly intense. It reveals notes of ripe clementine and a subtle hint of zests associated with very discreet hints of peach and peach flowers. The palate is fruity, supple and offers finesse, precision as well as fat. The effervescence is very fine and bright. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, juicy clementine and slight hints of citrus zests associated with a subtle hint of sweet pink grapefruit and white fruits in syrup (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16

Ghione - Canelli 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of white flowers, Tangerine flowers, candied Tangerine and candied lemon associated with a slight hint of yuzu zests as well as a subtle hint of rose petal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a small fat. The effervescence is very fine and dynamic. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, green lemon sorbet and small touches of juicy clementine associated with touches of candied vine peach as well as discreet hints of flowers.

Score : 15

Ghione - Piccole Gioie 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fruity, gourmand and full. It reveals notes of candied lemon

and lemon flowers/orange blossom associated with a hint of green lemon zests as well as hints of crunchy flat peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a nice definition. The effervescence is very slightly creamy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied green lemon and crunchy flat peach associated with small touches of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of crunchy Granny Smith apple and a slight hint of orange blossom (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Bera - Vendemmia 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is aromatic and slightly incisive. It reveals slight hints of minerality, leather and small notes of fresh fruits associated with a hint of zests and lemon paste. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, supple and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight minerality, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy Granny Smith apple and lemon associated with small touches of candied peach as well as a touch of juicy pineapple and an imperceptible hint of yellow plum (in the background).

Score : 15.5

Roca Neira 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fresh, fruity and well-built. It reveals notes of candied lemon and slight touches of exotic fruits, apple associated with a touch of green lemon zests as well as a very discreet hint of lemon tree flowers. The palate is fruity and offers fat, roundness, tension, a slight straightness as well as a good volume. The effervescence is very dynamic. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied green lemon and candied green apple associated with slight touches of crunchy peach, crunchy pineapple and candied Tangerine. Good length. A beautiful wine.

Score : 15.75+

Emilio Vada 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and quite fine. It reveals notes of candied green lemon, yuzu and flowers (honeysuckle, orange blossom) associated with a discreet hint of crushed green apple as well as a very discreet hint of spice (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, straight and offers finesse as well as straightness. The effervescence is elegant, fine and relatively bright. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, candied lemon and slight notes of apricot associated with touches of crystallized mirabelle, Granny Smith apple as well as slight touches of flowers and an imperceptible hint of Tangerine (in the background). Good length. Beautiful gourmande and suave persistence.

Score : 17

Romano Dogliotti - La Caudrina 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of candied green lemon, candied Tangerine and small notes of white fruits/apple associated with a discreet hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, supple and offers fat, a nice volume, a slight acidity as well as a beautiful mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied white peach, crystallized Tangerine and small notes of candied lemon associated with a subtle hint of flowers, pineapple as well as an imperceptible hint of orange blossom (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Tenuta Langasco 2016

Moscato d'Asti

Italy

The nose is fruity and slightly mineral. It reveals notes of candied citrus and green lemon zests associated with slight hints of green apple, flat peach, flowers as well as a subtle hint of pineapple in syrup (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers fat, a certain finesse, precision, a slight unctuousness as well as a slight acid frame/citrus. The beautiful effervescence is fine, fresh and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green lemon and candied lemon associated with small touches of candied vine peach and a subtle hint of kumquat/yellow fruits. Good length.

Score : 16

Cascina Castlet 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small minerality as well as richness. It reveals notes of crunchy flat peach, compoted/fresh white fruits and flowers associated with an imperceptible hint of candied yuzu (in the background). The palate is fruity and well-balanced. The effervescence is well-built, precise, bright and quite dynamic. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and yuzu zests associated with small notes of fleshy vine peach, candied pineapple as well as discreet touches of sweet pink grapefruit and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Romano Dogliotti - La Galeisa 2016

Moscato d'Asti

The nose is relatively full, quite fruity and finely intense. It reveals notes of candied citrus, flowers (white flowers, lemon tree flowers) and ripe vine peach associated with discreet hints of mirabelle/mango as well as a subtle hint of crunchy green apple (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers straightness, fat as well as tension. The effervescence is very fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and green lemon zests associated with touches of kumquat, ripe vine peach, ripe/crushed yellow fruits as well as a hint of apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.75

ROERO ARNEIS

Poderi Moretti - Occhetti 2015

Roero Arneis

The nose is mineral and racy. It reveals notes of rocky and almost saline minerality, fresh white fruits and fresh small yellow fruits associated with a hint of fresh pepper as well as a slight hints of aromatic herbs (after aeration/work in the glass). The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-built, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful, racy/saline minerality as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small yellow stone fruits, mirabelle and slight hints of apple associated with a subtle hint of ripe/fresh quince (in the background) as well as slight touches of aromatic herbs and a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). Beautiful persistence on subtle toasted hints and vanilla.

Score : 15+

Fontana Fredda - Pradalupo 2016

Roero Arneis

The nose is fresh, slightly fruity, slightly powerful and offers minerality. It reveals notes of racy/saline minerality and small notes of fresh small fruits, mirabelle associated with hints of apple as well as touches of butter, spices, aromatic herbs and an imperceptible hint of white flowers (after aeration/work in the glass). The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-built, well-balanced and offers a beautiful volume, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh small yellow fruits, mirabelle and apricot associated with slight notes of apple

as well as a subtle hint of lemon/zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

BAROLO DOCG

Curto Marco - laFoia 2012

Barolo DOCG

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness/concentration. It reveals notes of tonka bean/cacao, blackberry, crème de cassis and strawberry associated with slight hints of fresh raspberry, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of graphite and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, dense, tight and offers fat, a slight acid frame, a very slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crème de cassis, blackberry and small notes of fresh red fruits (raspberry, strawberry) associated with a subtle hint of garrigue/olive tree as well as small notes of chocolate, caramelized oak and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Very beautiful, gourmand and suave persistence. There are a touch of chocolate, a hint of vanilla and almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 16

La Morra - Bricco Delle Viole - Annata 2013

Barolo DOCG

The nose is fruity, powerful, well-balanced and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed black berries and chocolate powder associated with hints of wild small fruits, wild strawberry as well as a hint of caramelization, licorice, dark chocolate, a very discreet hint of graphite and an imperceptible hint of violet in the background. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful tension, a slight minerality as well as a beautiful harmony/definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, boysenberry and small notes of ripe/crushed wild strawberry associated with discreet touches of cherry, dark chocolate/mocha and woody hints. Tannins are fine, firm and very slightly dry. Good length and beautiful persistence on touches of bitter dark chocolate.

Score : 15.75

Borgogno - Cannubi 2012

Barolo DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers delicacy as well as a certain straightness. It reveals notes of juicy wild red berries, cassis and small hints of dark chocolate, black pepper, garrigue as well as a hint of ripe/crushed redcurrant as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity, soft, slightly mineral, supple, nicely balanced and offers gourmandise and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry, redcurrant jam and small notes of cherry, crushed cassis associated with touches of toasted oak, graphite and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is relatively gourmande and suave.

Score : 16

Cascina Bruni - Rivassotto Riserva 2010

Barolo

The nose is fine, fruity, racy, generous and elegant. It reveals fine notes of blackberry, small berries and gray pepper (in the background) associated with a discreet hint of flowers, ripe fruits as well as a slight hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers fat, a beautiful minerality, a slight unctuousness, silky, a nice power as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe blackberry, fresh/ripe cassis and slight notes of small berries associated with woody hints, a slight notes of truffle as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, dark chocolate and sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 16.75

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Fontanafredda - Vigna La Rosa 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy, elegant, quite fine and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis/blueberry and chocolate associated with touches of wild strawberry, cherry, a discreet hint of redcurrant jam as well as hints of gray pepper, licorice stick, spices and an imperceptible hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, slightly fleshy and offers a beautiful volume as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed/dried redcurrant associated with touches of cassis, fleshy violet plum as well as slight hints of licorice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. There is a very discreet hint of salinity and suavity on the finish.

Score : 15.5

Casa E. di Mirafiore 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, gourmand and slightly intense/powerful. It reveals notes of cherry candy and wild redcurrant associated with slight notes of wild cassis, boysenberry as well as small notes of Bourbon vanilla, toasted and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), tension, finesse as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy wild strawberry, crushed/ripe wild redcurrant and small notes of juicy cassis, boysenberry associated with touches of graphite, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, an imperceptible hint of coffee and a very discreet hint of saline minerality. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good persistence. The finish is slightly gourmande.

Score : 16

Curto Marco - laFoia 2008 - Arborina

Barolo

The nose is fruity, gourmand and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, cherry candy and small notes of garrigue, black olive associated with slight hints of crème de cassis, crushed blackberry as well as slight hints of spices, a very discreet hint of violet and a subtle hint of undergrowth/mushroom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful finesse, tension as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, redcurrant cream and small notes of crushed boysenberry associated with a subtle hint of violet, touches of graphite, racy/saline minerality, touches of spices as well as a subtle hint of coffee and bitter dark chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built/ beautiful suavity and gourmandise on the finish. Wonderful persistence!

Score : 17.75

Borgogno 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, delicate and offers a beautiful power (full of finesse), a slight richness as well as a small charming side. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, crème de cassis associated with small notes of crushed wild strawberry, redcurrant candy as well as slight touches of red/fleshy cherry, hints of toasted oak, licorice stick, cardamom as well

as a subtle hint of caramelization and a slight hint of undergrowth/mushroom in the background. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant well-balanced, nicely silky and offers a slight fleshy, a very beautiful definition, a fine acid frame as well as a very slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild strawberry as well as small touches of toasted oak, spices, coffee, dark chocolate and subtle hints of cardamom. There is a very discreet hint of undergrowth and an imperceptible hint of black tea in the background. Tannins are elegant and slightly firm. Good length. Wonderful, suave, aromatic and slightly powerful persistence.

Score : 18

Cascina Bruni - Barolo Marialunga 2013

Barolo

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of ripe black fruits and licorice sweet associated with slight touches of aromatic herbs (rosemary, discreet hint of thyme...). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity, freshness, deepness as well as a slight power. In the mouth this wine expresses

notes of blackberry, cassis and slight touches of ripe raspberry, licorice stick associated with a slight woody hint and slight hints of aromatic herbs. There is a discreet saline hint. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Very beautiful persistence. There is a slight caramelization on the persistence and a slight gourmandise on the finish.

Score : 15.75+

Cascina Bruni Rivassotto 2007

Barolo Riserva DOCG

The nose is fine, fruity, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight power, a beautiful maturity as well as elegance. It reveals slight notes of ripe/fresh cassis, strawberry and very slight notes

of mocha, pralin associated with discreet hints of dry fruits, sweet spices as well as hints of garrigue and minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight freshness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild dark fruits associated with hints of strawberry, slight notes of toasted oak and a subtle hint of pralin. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of hazelnut and a very discreet hint of tobacco on the persistence. A very beautiful, racy and fine wine!

Score 17+

Casa E. Di Mirafiore - Paiagallo 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of dried strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small touches of blueberry, flowers (cornflower, violet), plum associated with subtle oaky hints, licorice, spices as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, supple and offers a beautiful mineral frame, precision as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed very ripe wild strawberry and crushed redcurrant associated with slight notes of fleshy bigarreau cherry as well as small touches of cassis, subtle hints of coffee, mocha, sweet spices (cardamom, vanilla...), almost saline minerality and a very discreet hint of undergrowth/mushroom in the background. Tannins are well-built. Good length and beautiful per-



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sistence (in a slight touch of dark chocolate).

Score : 16+

Agricola Brandini - Resa 56 2013

Barolo

The nose is aromatic, harmonious and elegant. It reveals notes of tonka bean, crushed cassis and dried wild strawberry associated with touches of crushed/dried raspberry, toasted oak, Bourbon vanilla, mushroom, spices and slight hints of gray pepper in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, nicely built, silky, gourmand and offers a slight tension as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy ripe red cherry, fleshy raspberry and juicy fleshy cassis associated with slight notes of crunchy redcurrant as well as touches of fleshy Quetsche plum, toasted oak, dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16

Agricola Brandini - La Morra 2013

Barolo

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, racy and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry and fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of bigarreau cherry, hints of chocolate, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices, a very discreet hint of cardamom and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a nice minerality, a slight suavity, gourmandise as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/juicy bigarreau cherry and slight notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of blackberry, subtle hints of toasted oak, Bourbon vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of mushroom in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Ciabot Berton 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy/crushed raspberry, redcurrant jam and small touches of blueberry associated with a hint of plum as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, gray pepper, licorice and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed ripe redcurrant and touches of cassis, cherry associated with slight hints of licorice, undergrowth, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background) and a subtle hint of tonka bean on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of salinity on the finish/aftertaste.

Score : 15.75+

Fontanafredda 2013

Barolo

The nose is fine, powerful, incisive and offers a slight deepness. It reveals notes of redcurrant, wild berries and discreet notes of flowers/violet associated with slight touches of white pepper, racy minerality, black olive and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good suavity, softness as well as a fine harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes fleshy strawberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of blueberry, plum associated with a hint of violet, subtle hints of chocolate, caramelization, racy minerality, garrigue, vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive and undergrowth. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate and roasted almond. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 15.5+

M. Marengo - Brunate Annata 2013

Barolo

The nose is fruity, fine, racy and offers a certain richness/concentration. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe wild small berries and slight hints of cassis associated with a discreet hint of red sherry, a subtle woody hint as well as a hint of flint, a very discreet hint of blackberry and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, tension, elegance, suavity, freshness, a slight silky, a nice definition/expression, a very discreet hint of salinity as well as a nice guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe wild small red berries and a hint of cassis, licorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and a slight notes of caramelization/vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. There is a hint of cacao on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score : 16

Ciabot Berton - Roggeri 2012

Barolo

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively full and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe redcurrant, raspberry, cassis and a discreet hint of plum associated with discreet hints of zan, black olive, spices, truffle as well as a subtle hint of crushed strawberry, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers a racy minerality, suavity, straightness as well as a very slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, juicy red berries and a hint of cassis associated with slight touches of toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of coffee, truffle and mocha. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length. The finish is gourmande and suave.

Score : 16.25+

Fontanafredda - Serralunga d'Alba 2012

Barolo

The nose is aromatic, rich and full. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, black olive and crushed strawberry associated with hints of boxwood/garrigue, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful acid frame, fat, a slight unctuousity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh wild red berries associated with hints of cassis, plum, subtle touches of spices as well as a discreet hint of undergrowth, an oaky hint and a very discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine, slightly dusty and racy. Good length and gourmand persistence. There is an imperceptible iodine hint on the finish.

Score : 15.75+

Borgogno - Fossati 2012

Barolo DOCG

The nose is fine and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed wild red berries and crushed raspberry associated with slight hints of blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers freshness, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh red berries and slight notes of cherry, wild strawberry associated with a hint of crunchy cassis, an imperceptible hint of flowers, a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of licorice, toasted oak/chocolate and an imperceptible hint of graphite. Tannins are fine and firm. Good length and beautiful persistence with a slight note of cacao.

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Borgogno - Liste 2012

Barolo DOCG

The nose is fine, fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of wild blackberry associated with hints of black berries, ripe raspberry and a hint of graphite as well as slight oaky hints, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful roundness, freshness, fat, a slight unctuousity as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh plum and discreet hints of juicy berries associated with a hint of cherry, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of licorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of cacao, bitterness of the chocolate and very discreet iodine hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Ciabot Berton 2013

Barolo DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine gourmandise as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, cherry and slight hints of blueberry associated with hints of chocolate, woody hints, a discreet hint of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame, fat, freshness, suavity as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe raspberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

LANGHE DOCG

Casa E. Di Mirafiore - Nebbiolo 2014

Langhe DOC

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, full and offers a certain richness. It reveals notes of peony, crushed blackberry and small notes of crème de cassis, cherry cream associated with a hint of black cherry, a touch of rose as well as touches of spices, pepper (gray pepper, cuben pepper) and a hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, straight, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a beautiful fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried wild strawberry, crushed blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with hints of wild berries, flowers as well as a discreet hint of garrigue/olive tree, gray pepper, spices and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of bell pepper in the background. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Fontanafredda - Nebbiolo 2015

Langhe DOC

The nose is powerful and racy. It reveals notes of graphite, racy minerality and small notes of black cherry, cassis associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, blackberry, cardamom, tea, spices as well as a hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful tension, a slight juiciness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry/griotte, fleshy/fresh raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with a subtle hint of boysenberry, spices as well as a very slight hint of chocolate (in the background), tobacco and an imperceptible hint of caramelization on the finish/persistence. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16+

Agricola Brandini - Filari Corti 2014 - Nebbiolo

Langhe DOC

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers a slight minerality as well as a slight richness (in the background). It reveals notes of graphite, cassis and Sichuan pepper associated with small notes of violet, blueberry as well as discreet hints of garrigue/olive tree (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight juiciness, a beautiful minerality, straightness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of garrigue, Cuben pepper, woody hints as well as subtle hints of coffee on the finish. Tannins are well-built as well as slightly firm and racy. Good length. This wine needs to be carafed.

Score : 16

Poderi Moretti - Occhetti - Nebbiolo 2013

Langhe

The nose is fine, powerful and racy/straight. It reveals notes of blackberry, gray pepper and a very discreet hint of flowers associated with a subtle hint of strawberry/raspberry as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight tension, freshness as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, strawberry and slight hints of crushed blackberry, cassis associated with a hint of black olive as well as oaky touches and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. There is a very discreet iodine hint minerality on the aftertaste.

Score : 15+

Poderi Moretti - Montevada 2013

Langhe

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of wild red fruits associated with a hint of plum as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, a bit aerial and offers fat, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and slight notes of red berries associated with a hint of blackberry/fresh plum, a slight hint of saline/racy minerality as well as slight touches of flint and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly chewy. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Cascina Bruni - Arneis 2016

Langhe

The nose is mineral, fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of white fruits and nectarine associated with slight notes of yellow fruits, minerality as well as a very slight hint of white flowers, lemon and apple blossom. The palate is fruity, fine and offers suavity, a small fat, unctuousity as well as straightness and a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh green apple and litchi associated with a hint of quenette as well as a discreet hint of zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Cascina Bruni - Sot Monopole 2015 Grand Cru

Langhe

The nose is fine, fruity, aromatic, fine, nicely elegant and offers a perfect maturity as well as a nice structure. It reveals notes of griotte and a slight notes of cassis, blue fruits associated with a hint of raspberry as well as slight/discreet hints of gray pepper and aromatic herbs. The palate is racy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful fruity side as well as a beautiful minerality and a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried blackery, cassis and slight notes of wild small berries asso-

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ciated with hints of toasted oak, dark chocolate as well as a hint of black tea. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of bitter dark chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16.25+

BARBARESCO DOCG

Socré 2013

Barbaresco DOCG

The nose is aromatic, incisive and quite powerful. It reveals notes of licorice, Cuben pepper and flowers associated with notes of crème de cassis, blackberry as well as a subtle hint of redcurrant jam and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, tension, a beautiful structure, a beautiful finesse, suavity, a slight freshness as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, crème de cassis and small notes of redcurrant jam associated with a subtle hint of fleshy blueberry, licorice, caramel, toasted oak, sweet spices and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Beautiful fine and gourmand persistence.

Score : 16.25

Socré - Roncaglie 2012

Barbaresco DOCG

The nose is aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of tonka bean and cardamom associated with small notes of blackberry, cuben pepper, licorice, a subtle hint of truffle as well as slight hints of fresh red fruits, black olive and vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, fine, elegant, a bit aerial and offers a slight tension, a slight suavity, a very beautiful silky matter and a very slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blueberry, red berries and slight hints of plum associated with a hint of fleshy wild raspberry, dark chocolate, cardamom, tea, roasting oak, a subtle hint of black olive as well as an imperceptible hint of racy minerality and garrigue. Tannins are very fine and discreetly dry. Good length. Beautiful gourmand persistence on a slight touch of dark chocolate/cocoa bean. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5+

Poderi Moretti - Ginis 2011

Roero Riserva

The nose is powerful, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals slight notes of blackberry, wild black berries associated with a discreet hint of red fruits, iodine, Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful minerality, suavity, fat, a slight straightness as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy Quetsche plum and slight notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of juicy red berries, toasted oak, chocolate as well as a slight notes of caramelization and a very discreet hint of roasting. Tannins are well-built and a bit firm. Good persistence. There is a subtle hint of cassis bud, iodine, juicy fruits and roasting/grilled on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Canada

Poplar Grove – Cabernet Franc 2013

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

The nose is fruity, structured, slightly gourmand and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh cassis and slight notes of licorice associated with a woody hint as well as discreet hints of blueberry and spices. The palate is fruity, soft, velvety, tight, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality, a nice volume, tension, straightness as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of strawberry, an imperceptible hint of blueberry, discreet hints of licorice, toasted/caramelized oak as well as a subtle hint of flowers (in the background) and mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. The persistence is relatively gourmande.

Score : 16.25+

Cedar Creek Estate Winery – Platinum Pinot Noir 2013 Block 4

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of fresh blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of strawberry as well as a subtle hint of cedar and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, tight, quite elegant and offers a slight juiciness as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy cherry and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a hint of chocolate/mocha as well as a subtle hint of cola/chocolate and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Tannins are fine and silky. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Mission Hill Family Estate – Pinot Noir Reserve 2015

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, slightly powerful and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed black plum associated with slight touches of blueberry, dark chocolate as well as hints of caramelization and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, nicely defined and offers a beautiful, racy minerality, freshness, tension as well as a beautiful gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of blueberry, dark chocolate and toasted oak/caramelized oak. There are slight notes of chocolate and a subtle hint of hazelnut on the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 16+

Cedar Creek Estate Winery – Chardonnay Platinum 2014

Block 5 – Single Vineyard

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

The nose is fresh, mineral, slightly concentrated and offers a very slight unctuousity. It reveals notes of quince, yellow plum and slight toasted notes, butter and white fruits associated with an imperceptible hint of fresh citrus (in the background) and white pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral (racy minerality), well-balanced and offers suavity, juiciness, dynamism, a slight deepness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh apple, fresh flat peach, juicy grape and juicy small yellow stone fruits associated with discreet touches of juicy citrus (in the background) as well as toasted touches and butter. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Australia

Moss Wood - Wilyabrup Pinot Noir 2015 Margaret River

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of fleshy plum and slight hints of red fruits/red berries associated with a slight touch of blueberry as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise/fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries, plum and slight notes of cherry associated with discreet hints of raspberry. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Moss Wood - Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Margaret River

The nose is fruity, aromatic, straight, racy and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, spices as well as discreet hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, silky and offers a slight acid frame. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, silky and offers a slight acid frame, suavity as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe strawberry, red berries and cherry associated with slight notes of juicy cassis as well as a hint of spices. Tannins are well-built and polished. Good length.

Score : 15+

Moss Wood - Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Ribbón Vale Vineyard Margaret River

The nose is fruity, fine, gourmand, aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fresh strawberry, wild raspberry and slight notes of fresh blueberry associated with hints of juicy cassis as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background) and chocolate/mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers juiciness, straightness, tension, a good definition, a certain finesse as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy wild strawberry, raspberry and juicy redcurrant associated with a hint of blackberry, a discreet hint of plum as well as slight notes of toasted and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. A well-built wine!

Score : 15.75

M. Chapoutier - Tournon Pyrenees Shiraz 2012 - Shays Flat Vineyard Victoria

The nose is fruity, structured, racy and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of redcurrant, wild raspberry and slight hints of cherry/plum associated with a discreet hint of spices as well as a subtle hint of licorice and a discreet woody hint. There is a very discreet hint of truffle in the background, after aeration. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a slight tension, an acid frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry and redcurrant associated with slight notes of small berries, plum as well as hints of spices, a subtle hint of licorice and a slight hint of truffle/earth. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a subtle hint of colas/chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16

Terlato and Domaine Chapoutier Shiraz-Viognier 2015 Victoria

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, redcurrant and crushed strawberry associated with hints of dark chocolate, oak as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, suave, well-defined, precised, relatively elegant, silky and offers a slight fluidity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, blueberry, redcurrant as well as slight touches of wild strawberry associated with a woody hint, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good aromatic persistence.

Score : 16+

Terlato and Domaine Chapoutier Lieu-dit Malakoff 2013 Shiraz Pyrenees

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of red berries associated with a hint of Cuban pepper as well as a discreet hint of spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite elegant and offers a slight suavity, finesse, a slight juiciness, a slight minerality, freshness, fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, redcurrant and plum associated with discreet hints of mocha, licorice and caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Tournon - Mathilda 2013 Victoria Shiraz Victoria

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of redcurrant/raspberry, spices as well as discreet hints of grove and minted licorice. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful juiciness, a beautiful suavity, a slight acid frame, freshness, a slight unctuousity, a silky matter as well as a gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, ripe raspberry and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of blueberry as well as slight touches of chocolate/spices. Tannins are elegant and polished. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Berton Vineyards The Black Shiraz 2016 South Eastern Australia

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, powerful and offers a slight richness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed cassis and fresh redcurrant associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of minted licorice and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, gourmand, smooth, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, an acid frame as well as a beautiful suavity and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and juicy Quetsche plum associated with slight notes of redcurrant, fresh strawberry as well as hints of chocolate and a subtle hint of toasted oak. Tannins are fine, racy and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Tournon - Lady's Lane Vineyard 2014 - Heathcote Shiraz Victoria

The nose is fruity, fine, quite elegant and offers power, richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry jam and hints of wild strawberry, redcurrant associated with touches of chocolate as well as a subtle hint of truffle and an imperceptible hint of cardamom/caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, aerial, fresh and offers a very



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Australia

nice suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed Quetsche plum, ripe wild strawberry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with a hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16

Moss Wood - Wilyabrup Semillon 2015 Margaret River

The nose is fruity, racy and offers straightness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of flint and slight notes of white fruits associated with hints of fresh citrus zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a beautiful fat, a slight unctuousity, tension, straightness, freshness as well as a very slight sparkling side on the attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Granny Smith green apple and slight notes of litchi associated with slight touches of green lemon zests, citrus as well as a very discreet hint of clementine zests and touches of green lemon zests on the persistence. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15+

Moss Wood - Wilyabrup Chardonnay 2015 Margaret River

The nose reveals slight notes of white fruits (apple, hint of white peach) associated with slight touches of vanilla as well as a discreet hint of toasted/buttered as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh lemon (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral, elegant, well-defined and offers a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, pear and slight hints of vine peach associated with slight hints of flint as well as a subtle hint of quince and lemon zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Tournon - Mathilda Chapoutier 2015 Victoria

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers elegance. It reveals notes of flowers, rose/lily pistil and litchi associated with subtle hints of exotic fruits and citrus (Tangerine, pink grapefruit). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers fat, unctuousity, tension, a good definition as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach/flat peach and slight notes of apple associated with slight touches of citrus (green lemon, Tangerine) as well as an imperceptible hint of pink grapefruit and flowers. Good length and good aromatic persistence. There is a hint of green lemon zests/grapefruit and flowers on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Tournon - Landsborough Vineyard Pyrenees Chardonnay 2013

Victoria

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of flat peach, brugnon and lemon associated with a hint of Tangerine as well as discreet hints of vanilla and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, unctuousity, fat, a good definition, precision/pureness as well as a slight racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, brugnon and slight touches of litchi, white fruits associated with hints of quince, lemon zests as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of butter (in the background). Good length and persistence. There is a subtle hint of vanilla.

Score : 16

Calvados

Roger Groult

Age 8 ans

Calvados Pays d'Auge

The nose is fruity and powerful (but all in balance). It reveals notes of apple juice and slight notes of small yellow fruits, apple pie (cooked apple with butter) associated with a hint of yellow peach, cider as well as a subtle woody hint/dry fruits and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, soft, well-balanced, silky, slightly fleshy, precise, elegant and offers a slight suavity as well as sweetness. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of apple juice, fleshy peach and small touches of yellow fruits (yellow peach, quince...) associated with a touche of caramel, pâtisseries/brioche as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of sweet spices. Good length and beautiful persistence. The finish is relatively powerful and offers an imperceptible hint of anise on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.25+

Roger Groult

Vénérable

Calvados Pays d'Auge

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cedar and slight touches of crushed yellow peach associated with a hint of ripe/cooked yellow apple, a slight hint of green apple, a woody hint as well as a subtle hint of apple blossom, fresh lemon zests and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, round, slightly unctuous, quite aerial and offers a beautiful balance as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of apple, candied lemon and slight notes of peach/pear associated with a hint of cider as well as a discreet woody hint, gingerbread and a subtle/very discreet hint of apple blossom. Good length.

Score : 17

Distillerie Garnier Très Vieux Calvados - 12 ans Calvados

The nose is aromatic, fine, quite elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cider, yellow apple/cooked apple and slight hints of crystallized lemon (in the background) associated with woody hints, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of orange zests (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly unctuous, precise, straight and offers a slight juiciness as well as a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of cider and candied orange associated with a hint of Tangerine zests, caramel/rancio as well as a subtle hint of compoted pear/white fruits (in the background) and a very discreet hint of cedar wood. There are slight hints of caramel as well as an imperceptible hint of apple seed on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Distillerie Garnier Très Vieux Calvados - 20 ans Calvados

The nose is aromatic and slightly powerful/concentrated. It reveals notes of cider, quince and small touches of apple cooked with butter associated with hints of green apple, cooked yellow plum as well as subtle hints of spices, cedar wood as well as an imperceptible hint of leather and white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, unctuous, suave and offers a slight fleshy, a slight mineral frame, gourmandise, roundness, tension as well as richness. Full of balance! In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of cooked yellow plum, cider, yellow apple and more slightly of quince associated with a subtle hint of rancio, leather as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper in the background.

Score : 16.5+

Armagnac

BLENDDED ARMAGNAC

Marquis de Montesquiou - Réserve Armagnac

The nose is fruity, powerful, quite intense, quite gourmand and offers intensity. It reveals notes of lemon zests and candied Tangerine associated with small touches of white peach/white fruits, dried orange as well as hints of flowers, subtle woody hints/rancio and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, gourmand, straight and offers a nice structure, a slight minerality (in the background) as well as precision. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied Tangerine and slight touches of candied lemon, lemon zests associated with touches of comported white fruits, caramel as well as a discreet hint of rancio and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Marquis de Montesquiou - Extra Old Armagnac

The nose is fruity, very powerful and offers a certain finesse as well as intensity. It reveals notes of dried orange zests, crystallized clementine and slight notes of Zante currant associated with a hint of dried lemon as well as a subtle hint of white fruits and rancio (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced, straight and offers a nice guideline, gourmandise, a very slight unctuousity, precision as well as a slight elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied clementine and dried orange zests associated with small notes of crystallized lemon, Zante currant as well as a very subtle hint of dried fig, a hint of caramel, a woody hint and spices on the finish. There is a subtle hint of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 16.5

Gelas - Single Cask - Double Matured - Porto-Barros - 18 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, slightly incisive and precise. It reveals notes of Zante currant, crystallized Tangerine, lemon zests and grapefruit zests associated with hints of small yellow fruits, a subtle hint of sweet red fruits (in the background, certainly due to the finish) as well as slight oaky touches and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, suave, quite aerial and offers a beautiful tension, roundness, a beautiful unctuous matter as well as a beautiful gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized clementine, candied apple and slight notes of citrus zests, candied lemon associated with a touche of red fruits cream/black-berry cream as well as touches of caramel, toasted oak and vanilla.

Score : 16.25+

Gelas - Single Cask - Double Matured Lustau-Oloroso - 12 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fin, gourmand, elegant and offers a slight sucrosity. It reveals notes of dried yellow grape, orange dried zests and dried lemon associated with small touches of dried peach peel, candied citrus, cedar wood, oak as well as a subtle hint of almond and an imperceptible salin hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine and offers a beautiful roundness/suavity as well as tension. Finesse ! In the mouth this Arma-

gnac expresses notes of dried peach, crystallized Tangerine and dried lemon associated with touches of candied peach as well as touches of caramel as well as slight hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. A gourmand Armagnac made in a «modern» style.

Score : 16

Gelas - Single Cask - Double Matured - Amigne Mitis - 12 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, incisive and quite powerful. It reveals notes of Zante currant and dried yellow plum associated with small notes of crystallized lemon, green lemon zests, candied mirabelle as well as a hint of dried white lemon, green lemon zests, candied mirabelle as well as a hint of dried white grape, subtle hints of rancio/caramel and an imperceptible hint of rosewood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers an acid frame, a slight minerality, a certain softness as well as suavity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied yellow plum and small touches of quince, peach in syrup associated with a hint of candied lemon, caramel, rancio as well as subtle hints of rosewood/rose, spices and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16+

Joy - XO Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of lemon zests/grapefruit zests, Tangerine, rancio and candied green apple as well as a hint of flowers and a subtle hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, soft, fine, well-balanced and offers a slight straightness, fleshy as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied pear, candied apple and slight notes of candied lemon associated with a hint of candied Tangerine zest, caramel, Bourbon vanilla as well as hints of cedar woody. Good length. There is an imperceptible grilled hint and cacao on the finish. Good aromatic persistence. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 16.5

L'Encantada - 20 ans Brut de Fût Armagnac

The nose is racy, well-structured, aromatic, powerful and quite elegant. It reveals notes of candied lemon and citrus dried zests (orange, lemon) associated with touches of

dried peach, crystallized Tangerine as well as a subtle/discreet hint of pâtisseries (in the background) and touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, relatively powerful and offers fat and tension. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied Tangerine, crystallized lemon and slight notes of peach in syrup associated with touches of candied white fruits, touches of caramel, rancio, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of dry fruits and cacao (on the finish). Good length.

Score : 16.25+

J. Goudoulin - 15 ans d'Âge Bas-Armagnac

The nose is gourmand, round and powerful. It reveals notes of candied orange, crystallized Tangerine and touches of gray pepper associated with small notes of white fruits in syrup as well as a hint of rancio, cedar



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wood, tobacco and a subtle hint of licorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight unctuousity, a slight acid frame, tension as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of white fruits in syrup, crystallized lemon and candied Tangerine associated with touches of caramel, pâtisseries and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château de Laubade - 18 ans

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystallized orange zests and small notes of apple/peach compote associated with hints of flowers, sandal wood, spices as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries/creme brulee (in the background). The palate is fruity, very well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a slight minerality, gourmandise as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of pear in syrup as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of pear in syrup, candied quince and slight notes of candied lemon associated with touches of candied orange zests as well as hints of creme brulee/pâtisseries, date, spices and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75

Château de Lacquy - 30 ans

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, racy and slightly intense. It reveals notes of candied orange zests and green lemon zests associated with slight touches of marmelade, rancio, green apple, grilled oak as well as a hint of roasting. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, gourmandise, a slight suavity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied Tangerine and orange zests associated with touches of white fruits in syrup, marmelade, cedar wood, leather, cacao, tobacco as well as a hint of almond and grilled oak on the finish.

Score : 17.25

Château de Lacquy - 17 ans

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, fine, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of crème brûlée, crystallized lemon and candied lemon zests associated with a hint of small yellow fruits as well as subtle hints of orange blossom (very discreet), grilled oak, woody hints/oak and cedar wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, suave and offers a slight mineral frame, finesse, tension as well as a beautiful balance. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized Tangerine, candied lemon and slight notes of peach in syrup associated with hints of candied red apple as well as touches of caramel, pâtisseries, a oaky hint and a grilled touch. Good length and persistence. There are a grilled hint and a hint of coffee on the finish.

Score : 16.75

VINTAGE ARMAGNAC

Dartigalongue 1893

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is relatively powerful and offers a very beautiful finesse as well as nobility. It reveals slight notes of candied orange zests, cedar and hints of candied lemon zests associated with a subtle hint of aged oak/barrel cellar, a slight hint of apricot, Timut pepper, caramel as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (which brings freshness), peat, a slight woody hint, a very discreet/imperceptible hint of roasting and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers deepness, roundness, a beautiful tension, freshness, gourmandise as well as a beau-

tiful delicacy. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses fine notes of candied orange, dried vine peach, caramelization and a slight/discreet hint of candied lemon associated with touches of tobacco/cigar, a woody hint as well as slight touches of tobacco (in the background) and a very discreet hint of dry fruits (in the background). Good length and gourmand persistence with slight hints of cedar, candied orange zests and a discreet hint of leather. Nice persistence.

Score : 19.5+

Château de Laubade 1997

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of crystallized clementine, candy/toffee, beeswax and small touches of apricot associated with hints of spices, crushed peach as well as a hint of candied orange, a subtle hint of flowers (very discreet), vanilla, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful roundness, a nice definition as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of toffee, candied Tangerine and slight notes of apricot in syrup associated with touches of caramel as well as a hint of flowers, toasted oak and vanilla.

Score : 17.25+

Château du Tariquet 1995

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fine, powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of dried yellow gape, dried lemon zests and candied yellow peach associated with small touches of yellow fruits, Zante currant, dried orange zests as well as slight touches of grilled oak and a touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively powerful, slightly fleshy and offers fat, juiciness, an acid frame, a slight suavity as well as roundness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of dried yellow grape, dried lemon, dried orange zests and a discreet hint of kumquat associated with small touches of fleshy yellow plum as well as slight hints of rancio, tobacco and grilled oak. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château de Laubade

1989 Brut de Fût

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a small charming/silky side as well as a slight power (but full of balance). It reveals notes of Zante currant, mirabelle, dried Tangerine and green lemon zests associated with a subtle hint of white flowers as well as touches of rancio, a subtle hint of dried apricot and grilled oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, soft, silky, precise, suave, powerful (but full of balance) and offers straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of dried lemon zests, dried Tangerine and slight notes of candied Tangerine, dried orange, kumquat associated with a subtle hint of dried apricot, touches of blond tobacco, grilled oak, cedar wood, spices and an imperceptible hint of nuts (in the background) as well as subtle hints of almond and cacao on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 17.25+

Château de Laubade

1985 Brut de Fût

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy, powerful, deep and precise. It reveals notes of candied orange zests, caramel, dried yellow peach, leather and slight notes of cacao associated with a hint of flowers (orange blossom, lemon blossom), candied white fruits, nutmeg, spices and grilled oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight acid frame,

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minerality, suavity, power as well as a beautiful structure and precision. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied Tangerine, dried orange zests and slight notes of peach in syrup associated with a hint of dried lemon, caramel, toasted oak, a grilled hint and a subtle hint of dry fruits on the finish. The finish is relatively suave. A beautiful straight, precise and elegant Armagnac.

Score : 17.5

Castarède 1977

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is gourmand, quite elegant and offers a slight straightness. It reveals notes of caramel and crème brûlée associated with slight notes of candied orange, dried zests as well as touches of grilled oak, almond and a subtle hint of cacao (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful gourmandise, finesse, straightness, a small austere side as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized pear, orange marmelade and small notes of candied lemon zests associated with touches of candied white fruits, grilled oak, cacao/bitter dark chocolate, rancio, nougatine/crème brûlée as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean (on the finish) and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). Good length. There is a slight hint of grilled oak on the persistence.

Score : 17.25+

Château de Laubade 1977

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, candied orange and slight touches of peach in syrup, candied pear associated with slight touches of caramelization, grilled oak as well as a discreet touch of dry fruits (nuts, almond...) nougatine and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-defined, relatively powerful and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight freshness, a slight richness as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied orange/marmelade, candied lemon and slight notes of dried zests associated with touches of caramel, cardamom, pâtisseries, tobacco and grilled oak.

Score : 17.75+

L'Encantada - Domaine de Cassou 1988

Brut de Fût

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, round, slightly charming and offers a beautiful expression. It reveals notes of candy/toffee, candied Tangerine and candied lemon zests associated with slight notes of peach in syrup as well as hints of dry fruits/almond and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight roundness, finesse as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied Tangerine, candied lemon zests and slight notes of peach in syrup associated with a hint of apricot, caramel, grilled oak, cacao and spices. Good length.

Score : 16.75+

Dartiglongue 1987

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, powerful, fine and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals slight notes of orange, candied orange zests and dried grape associated with slight notes of sandal wood, spices as well as a discreet hint of rancio, a oak hint, vanilla and a very discreet hint of almond. Feel free to aerate it in the glass. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers freshness, a slight acid frame, fat, a beautiful suavity, finesse, a fine power, subtlety as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine

expresses slight notes of candied orange, a discreet hint of vanilla as well as a very discreet oaky hint, roasting and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). Beautiful persistence and nice balance.

Score : 17

Dartiglongue 1974

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is well-balanced, aromatic and offers a slight gourmandise, a very beautiful finesse, a beautiful power as well as a slight fat. It reveals notes of dried grape associated with a hint of dried orange peel, dried peach as well as a hint of caramel, rancio, cedar wood, a very discreet hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of dry fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a nice guideline, a beautiful freshness, a nice suavity, roundness, finesse, power as well as dynamism. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of dried yellow peach, orange/dried Tangerine and a discreet hint of candied lemon associated with a subtle hint of rancio, almond, orange blossom as well as a discreet hint of cedar wood and cacao/oak. Good length. The persistence is gourmande and aromatic.

Score : 17.5

Dartiglongue 1963

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers richness as well as fat. It reveals small notes of candied orange, peach, woody hints and slight hints of ripe apricot associated with a hint of exotic fruits/lemon, slight notes of caramelization/pralin as well as a discreet hint of cedar, sweet spices, Timut pepper and a slight/discreet salin hint. There is a slight hint of cacao after aeration/work in the glass. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, a bit aerial and offers freshness, fat, a slight tension, a beautiful finesse as well as freshness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of Tangerine associated with slight hints of lemon, caramel/pralin, woody notes, candied orange, cedar wood and roasting. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Dartiglongue 1949

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine and offers a slight richness as well as subtlety. It reveals a slight note of orange, a slight touch of cigar associated with a hint of spices, a discreet hint of white flowers, white fruits as well as a slight hint of rancio/caramel and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, aerial and offers a beautiful elegance, delicacy, subtlety, a nice freshness as well as a slight acid frame, a slight freshness, a beautiful fat, a beautiful roundness and a very beautiful finesse. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of white fruits and a slight notes of Tangerine associated with a discreet hint of lemon, fresh white flowers as well as a subtle hint of vine peach, a hint of toasted oak, vanilla, caramelization and cacao. Good length.

Score : 18.5+

Laberdolive 1995

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic (terroir) and slightly powerful. It reveals slight notes of rancio, red earth (terroir) and slight notes of Zante currant associated with slight/discreet hints of date and a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers gourmandise, fat, a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied lemon and discreet hints of kumquat, peach associated with slight hints of white fruits as well as hints of caramelization, spices and rancio. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Jean Cavé 1987

Armagnac

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, slightly tight and slightly powerful (in the background). It reveals slight notes of ripe white fruits (nectarine, discreet hint of apple) and hints of ripe citrus associated with a slight hint of caramel and cane sugar, a slight woody hint as well as a slight hint of Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight, slightly powerful and offers freshness, dynamism, deepness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful fat, a slight fleshy as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of ripe green apple and slight notes of white nectarine associated with a very discreet hint of ripe lemon zests, coffee (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of gray pepper, hints of spices and a very discreet hint of cedar.

Score : 15.75

Jean Cavé 1967

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, elegant, relatively powerful and offers straightness as well as precision. It reveals slight notes of dried grape, hints of dried apricot and a very discreet hint of dried fig associated with slight hints of flowers, spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, discreet hints of caramelization and a subtle mineral hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers freshness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses a subtle hint of date, a hint of toasted oak, caramel as well as a very discreet hint of rancio, peat and a very discreet grilled hint on the aftertaste. Beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 17.5+

Jean Cavé 1978

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is generous, aromatic, well-built, elegant and offers gourmandise as well as straightness. It reveals slight notes of candied orange peel, caramel and slight notes of tobacco associated with a discreet hint of rancio as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, relatively fleshy and offers a slight juiciness, fat, a beautiful freshness, a nice definition, a beautiful gourmandise, straightness as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of peach jam and candied orange peel associated with a very discreet toasted hint, spices and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Château Garreau 1996

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and offers richness as well as a certain power. It reveals slight notes of exotic fruits, compoted pear and slight notes of flowers associated with a discreet hint of caramelization, a woody hint as well as slight touches of ripe apple and a discreet/imperceptible hint of lemon zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight richness, roundness, a slight freshness as well as power. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of compoted pear, compoted peach and slight hints of honey associated with a hint of nutmeg, hazelnut as well as discreet hints of toasted oak and a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Jean Cavé 1971

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a certain richness. It reveals slight notes of candied orange and a hint of ripe peach associated with a discreet hint of caramel, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of candied lemon and a hint of rancio. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, fat, suavity, a beautiful richness, roundness, a certain straightness, a slight freshness (in the background) as well as a small

« frank » side. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of dried grape puree and candied zests orange associated with hints of caramel, brown sugar as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and a woody hint. Good length and beautiful persistence. The aftertaste is relatively powerful.

Score : 16.5

Laberdolive 1989

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, elegant, precise, slightly velvety and beautifully powerful. It reveals slight notes of fresh yellow peach, a discreet hint of fresh apricot and hints of spices associated with slight notes of rancio, a slight hint of caramelization, vanilla a discreet woody hint/roasting as well as a subtle hint of dried fruits, an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and violet (after aeration/work in the glass). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a very beautiful precision, a very beautiful structure, roundness, suavity as well as finesse. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses slight notes of peach and candied citrus (lemon, hint of clementine) associated with discreet hints of apple, hints of rancio, caramelization as well as subtle hints of spices, woody hints, vanilla and caramelized oak. Good length.

Score : 17.5+

Laberdolive 1979

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is nicely built and offers a beautiful suavity, complexity as well as a very beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of dried grape puree and slight notes of candied lemon, candied orange zests associated with hints of rancio, a discreet hint of almond, macadamia nut, honey as well as a hint of nutmeg, leather, slight hints of spices and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, elegant, racy, supple and offers a very beautiful mineral frame, finesse, suavity, fat as well as richness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of fresh white fruits (peach/nectarine) and hints of litchi, lemon, Tangerine associated with a discreet hint of rancio as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and a woody hint on the finish. Beautiful persistence and aftertaste, with slight hints of caramelization. Remarkable persistence!

Score : 18.75+

Laberdolive 1946

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, elegant, charming, racy and offers a beautiful power. It reveals slight notes of peach, dried fig, nectarine and almond associated with a hint of dried flowers, leather, terroir, a subtle hint of flowers as well as a discreet hint of spices, yellow peach, honey and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is suave, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful structure, tension, a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity/gourmandise as well as a beautiful balance. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses slight notes of Zante currant puree, compoted peach and slight hints of rancio, caramelization associated with discreet woody hints, a subtle hint of almond as well as a discreet toasted hint/rancio. Beautiful gourmandise and finesse.

Score : 19+

Château Garreau 1991

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight elegance as well as a slight fat/richness. It reveals notes of compoted peach and slight notes of quince, candied lemon associated with slight/discreet hints of flowers, a subtle hint of vine peach/quenette, discreet hints of caramelization as well as a subtle hint of lemon zests, hints of spices and slight hints of lemon (which brings dynamism). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers gourmandise, fat, suavity as well as a slight acid frame.

Armagnac

In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of compoted vine peach and slight notes of compote brugnon associated with slight touches of caramelization, discreet hints of rancio as well as a subtle woody hint and an imperceptible grilled hint. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly powerful and gourmande.

Score : 16

Baron de Pichon Longueville 1985

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a certain finesse as well as richness. It reveals notes of dry citrus (Tangerine, lemon) and hints of white fruits associated with a discreet hint of litchi, slight hints of caramelization as well as a discreet hint of spices, rancio, a hint of dried flowers and slight hints of Zante currant. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful acid/fresh frame (in the background) as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of white fruits (apple, peach) and slight hints of fresh lemon associated with grilled hints, roasting and a woody hint as well as slight notes of cigare and sweet spices/vanilla on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Château Garreau 1985

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, fruity and racy. It reveals slight touches of ripe brugnon, ripe lemon and a discreet hint of ripe clementine associated with discreet hints of caramel, exotic fruits as well as subtle hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, freshness, a slight acid frame, fat, finesse, a beautiful fat, a certain precision, suavity as well as a very slight unctuousity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied nectarine, compoted white fruits and a hint of quenette associated with discreet hints of lemon, a subtle hint of vanilla and a very discreet hint of roasting/oak/mocha on the finish. Nice persistence.

Score : 15.75

Delord 1982

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, harmonious and offers a fine richness as well as a slight fat. It reveals fine notes of caramel and a discreet hint of fig, date associated with a hint of rancio, a subtle hint of flowers, Timut pepper as well as a very discreet hint of cocoa/oak. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, suavity, a fine fat and a fine tension. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, candied lemon and a hint of candied Tangerine associated with hints of quenette, a discreet hint of caramelization, a subtle hint of sweetspices / spices, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of pepper, oak and cedar wood. Good length and good persistence. There is a very discreet hint of peat on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.5

Delord 1987

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, powerful and offers a fine richness (in the background) as well as a gourmandise. It reveals fine notes of lemon zest and a hint of yuzu associated with a hint of flowers, a discreet hint of rancio as well as a discreet / imperceptible hint of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-built and offers gourmandise, a fine acid frame and good expression. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses fine notes of lemon and tangerine associated with a discreet hint of fresh peach as well as slight touches of caramelization. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 16+

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Martel XO

Cognac

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers elegance. It reveals notes of dry fruits, Zante currant and slight touches of lemon associated with a hint of candied fruits, a subtle hint of rancio, grilled oak as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco and pear. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, relatively powerful and offers suavity, fat as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of lemon zests, clementine zests, candied citrus and hints of Zante currant, caramel associated with a hint of roasting, grilled oak as well as a subtle hint of black pepper and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

Chollet XO Extra

Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, delicate, aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crushed date, candied clementine and candied orange zests associated with touches of chocolate as well as a hint of caramel, apricot and compote white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight gourmandise, tension, a beautiful definition, elegance/finesse as well as delicacy/harmony. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currant, dried Tangerine and candied lemon zests associated with subtle hints of caramel, dried apricot puree, cedar wood and touches of tobacco on the finish. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly suave.

Score : 16.75+

Cognac Leyrat Domaine de Chez Maillard - XO Elite

Cognac Fins Bois - Single Estate

The nose is round, powerful, rich, racy and offers intensity. It reveals notes of dried orange zests, caramel, pâtisseries and slight touches of peach, candied lemon zests associated with hints of toasted oak, grilled hints as well as an imperceptible hint of white flowers and coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight suavity, tension as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of dried lemon zests, peach and slight notes of candied citrus associated with touches of Zante currant, caramel, woody touches as well as subtle hints of flowers/orange blossom and touches of spices on the finish. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 16.25+

ABK6 Cognac XO Renaissance

Cognac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, powerful and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of Zante currant, candied peach and touches of datte associated with touches of caramel, orange jam/candied citrus as well as a subtle hint of flowers, toasted oak, rancio and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, powerful, supple and offers a beautiful definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses slight notes of candied white fruits, orange marmelade and candied lemon zests associated with small notes of pâtisseries, candied Tangerine zests, rancio as well as subtle hints of dried apricot puree, spices and a very discreet hint of

gray pepper (in the background). Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.25

Brard Blanchard - XO

Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful, precise, incisive and offers a fine gourmandise as well as generosity. It reveals notes of Zante currant puree, candied orange zests and marmelade associated with touches of cedar, rancio, a hint of fruits in syrup as well as a very discreet hint of leather, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, slightly aerial, slightly fleshy and offers a tension, a slight/discreet minerality as well as suavity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits in syrup, marmelade, dried grape puree and subtle hints of dried apricot associated with slight touches of cedar wood, caramel as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean (in the background). Good length and persistence. There is a subtle hint of candy on the aftertaste.

Score : 16+

Drouet XO Ulysse

1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fine, powerful and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of orange marmelade, datte and touches of apricot in syrup associated with touches of rancio/caramel, subtle hints of chocolate, grilled oak as well as a subtle hint of rosewood and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, round, fat, well-balanced, slightly unctuous, nicely fine, slightly soft and offers an acid frame and a slight gourmandise. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of peach, candied Tangerine and slight notes of candied orange zests associated with a hint of crystallized lemon, touches of toasted oak, caramel as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and almond. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of chocolate on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.5

Laurent Jouffe - XO

1er Cru de Cognac - Grande Champagne

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness, finesse as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of dried orange, marmelade and slight touches of green lemon zests associated with hints of exotic fruits/quenette as well as a subtle hint of lemon tree flowers and slight toasted hints/caramel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, fat, racy and offers a slight acid frame, tension, finesse as well as a slight aerial side. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, green lemon zests, candied Tangerine and touches of orange marmelade, dried orange zests, exotic fruits associated with a hint of pear in syrup, caramel, rancio as well as a very discreet grilled hint and cacao on the finish. Good length and persistence. There is a subtle hint of pepper. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 16.75

Hardy - Noces d'Argent

Cognac - Fine Champagne

The nose is fine, fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of candied peach, candied Tangerine zests and slight touches of apple in syrup, quenelle/exotic fruits associated with



Cognac

touches of rancio, caramel, cigare as well as a subtle hint of violet, grilled oak and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, slightly suave, nicely elegant, a bit aerial and offers fleshy, a very fine juiciness, a slight power (full of balance) as well as a very discreet acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied Tangerine, candied pear and slight notes of dried orange zests, apple in syrup, candied pear associated with touches of pâtisseries, caramel as well as a subtle hint of black tea/flowers, grilled oak, roasting almond and chocolate. Good length.

Score : 17.75

Domaine Des Forges - Chermignac XO Vieille Réserve

Fine Champagne - Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful, fine and slightly incisive/tight. It reveals notes of dried yellow peach, green lemon dried zests and slight touches of dried Tangerine associated with hints of white fruits in syrup, caramel as well as a subtle hint of cedar wood, tobacco, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of violet. The palate is fruity, fat, round, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight tension, finesse, a slight aerial side, a beautiful harmony as well as a fine gourmandise. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of dried citrus zests, candied Tangerine and slight notes of caramel associated with touches of white fruits in syrup, a subtle hint of flowers, cedar wood, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco and Bourbon vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17+

Paul Giraud - XO Premier Cru de Cognac Grande Champagne

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, rich (but all in finesse) and complexe. It reveals notes of candied Tangerine, apricot and more slightly of dried yellow peach associated with hints of caramel, candied lemon as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of licorice (in the background), white flowers, woody hints and a very discreet hint of pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, very well-balanced, relatively fat, suave, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful guideline as well as a richness (but full of finesse). In the mouth this Cognac expresses slight notes of peach in syrup, candied lemon and slight notes of fresh apricot, white flowers associated with a hint of rancio, cigare, spices and a subtle hint of caramel, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. Good length and aromatic persistence. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 17

Hardy - XO Rare Cognac - Fine Champagne

The nose is powerful, fruity, spicy, concentrated and slightly incisive. It reveals notes of dried grapefruit zests and dried orange associated with small touches of white fruits in syrup, flowers as well as touches of rancio, caramel, cacao and slight hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a very slight juiciness, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, elegance, a nice structure, richness (but full of balance) as well as a power (but well controlled). In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmelade, peach in syrup and small notes

of dried apricot associated with a subtle hint of candied lemon, rancio/ caramel as well as hints of pâtisseries and a very discreet hint of cigar (in the background). Good length and beautiful gourmande persistence.

Score : 17.25

Jules Gautret - XO Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly powerful/intense and offers a slight richness (in the background) as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried orange zests and green lemon dried zests associated with slight hints of quenette, crystallized Tangerine as well as discreet woody hints, rancio, caramel, dried apricot, grilled oak and a subtle hint of spices. There is an imperceptible hint of dried fig/flowers in the background, after aeration. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a slight juiciness as well as straightness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized Tangerine and dried zests associated with hints of white fruits in syrup, caramelization/rancio, toasted oak, spices and cardamom/almond.

Score : 17+

J & L. Charlemagne XO - Lot n°50 Cognac

The nose is fruity, incisive, powerful, slightly gourmand and slightly spicy. It reveals notes of dried orange zests, flowers and crystallized orange associated with touches of green lemon zests as well as hints of rancio, cigar box, cedar as well as slight hints of gray pepper and a slight hint of grilled oak. The palate is fruity, fleshy, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity, deepness as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized orange and slight notes of pear in syrup associated with a subtle hint of crushed vine peach, pâtisseries as well as a slight hint of licorice and a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla.

Score : 16.5



Chollet - Altesse XO Extra Grande Champagne

The nose is fine, gourmand, elegant, racy and offers a power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of pâtisseries, candied lemon, candied orange/ marmelade and more slightly of peach in syrup associated with touches of caramel, dried lemon zests as well as a hint of Santal wood, flowers and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of tobacco/ The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, elegant, very well defined, precise and offers a slight unctuousity, a beautiful finesse, gourmandise, sweetness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pâtisseries, orange marmelade, crystallized lemon and a hint of crystallized clementine, dried lemon zests associated with a touch of exotic fruits, crushed vine peach, touches of rancio, santal wood, tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of cacao (in the background) and a subtle hint of pepper. Beautiful gourmand persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Cognac

Louis Royer - Extra

Cognac

The nose is fine, rich/full, elegant, gourmand and offers a slight straightness. It reveals notes of marmelade, white fruits in syrup (brunon, apple) and touches of candied lemon associated with a hint of dried Tangerine zests, a subtle hint of quenette, flowers (orange blossom, lemon tree flowers), hints of rancio, grilled oak as well as a subtle hint of caramel, pepper and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, delicate, elegant, quite fine and offers a slight straightness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized Tangerine and slight notes of marmelade, dried citrus zests associated with hints of quenette, peach compote as well as hints of rancio, cigare/tobacco, pepper, grilled oak and cacao. Good length and persistence. There is a gourmandise and a suavity on the persistence.

Score : 17+

Château de Montifaud - XO - Cognac

Fine Petite Champagne

The nose is fruity, incisive and powerful. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and green lemon zests associated with a hint of grapefruit zests, rancio, a subtle hint of Zante currant as well as very discreet hints of spices, leather, cedar woody, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of dried strawberry (in the background). The palate is fruity, fleshy, straight, well-built, elegant, racy and offers gourmandise, fleshy as well as roundness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmelade, crystallized Tangerine and more slightly of crystallized lemon associated with a hint of zests, exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of caramel, Zante currant puree, cedar wood, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Pierre de Segonzac - XO

Selection des Anges

Cognac

The nose is fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of tobacco, Zante currant associated with slight notes of cardamom, dried lemon zests, candied orange as well as touches of rancio and a subtle hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, roundness, a slight fleshy/sweetness as well as tension. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized Tangerine, dried lemon zests, candied orange zests, candied white fruits and caramel associated with discreet hints of undergrowth/rancio and spices. Good length and persistence. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15.75+

Tesseron - Lot N°53 - XO Perfection

Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, powerful and elegant. It reveals notes of dried Tangerine zests, peach, candied lemon and slight touches of caramel associated with a hint of quenette, rancio, cedar woody as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate and vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, straight, aerial and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a very slight acidity, a beautiful tension as well as a slightly fleshy, precise and slightly tight matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized Tangerine, dried clementine zests and small touches of crystallized lemon / citrus associated with touches of rancio, caramel, subtle hints of pâtisseries, a very discreet hint of pear in syrup as well as an imperceptible hint of cedar wood, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of candied clementine on the finish. Good length. There is a subtle hint of pepper on the persistence/aftertaste. A gourmandise!

Score : 17.25

Tesseron - Lot n°90 - XO

Cognac

The nose is fruity, relatively intense, incisive, fresh, powerful, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of green lemon zests, exotic fruits and more slightly of dried fruits, crystallized citrus, cedar wood associated with slight notes of yellow fruits as well as a hint of honey, gray pepper and almond. The palate is fat, suave, straight, tight, ample, round, elegant and offers gourmandise, a slight acid frame as well as tension. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of apricot, quince and slight notes of yellow peach in syrup, crystallized citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with slight notes of honey, currant, rancio, pâtisseries as well as a slight note of caramel. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Tesseron - Lot N°76 - XO Tradition

Cognac

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of citrus, apricot, dry fruits, candied orange zests and slight notes of peach associated with slight notes of spices, cardamom, almond, brown sugar/caramel as well as slight hints of crystallized citrus, licorice candy and cedar wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, racy, suave, ample, elegant, deep, gourmand and offers a slight straightness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits (peach, pear and touch of apple) and crystallized clementine associated with slight notes of apricot, candy, compote, Zante currant, honey, pâtisseries as well as delicate notes of spices and an imperceptible hint of cedar wood. There is a lot of gourmandise. Good length and persistence. The finish/persistence is relatively powerful.

Score : 16.75

Tesseron - Lot N°29 - XO Exception

Cognac

The nose is fine, fruity, elegant, slightly concentrated and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of candied orange/marmelade, zests, dried Tangerine and peach associated with a hint of mushroom, caramel, a subtle hint of crushed apple as well as slight touches of cedar wood, flowers, spices and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, unctuous, aerial and offers a nice definition, tension, a beautiful elegance, volume as well as a very beautiful balance. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmelade, jammy white fruits and small notes of candied orange zests associated with a subtle hint of crystallized lemon, sweet spices, quenette, an imperceptible hint of chocolate as well as a subtle hint of cedar wood, cardamom and vanilla/pâtisseries on the finish. Good length.

Score : 18

Pierre de Segonzac - XO Reserve

Cognac

The nose is fine, powerful, well-balanced and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of rancio and yellow peach associated with slight notes of crystallized Tangerine, dried orange zests as well as touches of minted licorice and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively powerful and offers gourmandise, a slight incisive side, a slight suavity, a slight acid frame, a slight fat, roundness as well as elegance. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmelade, dried Tangerine zests and rancio associated with touches of cigar/tobacco, cedar wood, spices as well as a slight hint of grilled oak on the finish, cedar wood, spices as well as a slight hint of grilled oak on the finish. Good length. The persistence is gourmande.

Score : 15.5+



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