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Welcome to this 29th edition! It is with a great pleasure that I want to introduce to you this 2025 Summer edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue we tasted for you a large and diverse panel of wines and regions. You will be able to read more than 1.400 reviews in the following pages! Some Armagnac are also presented.

In the first part of the magazine, you will discover some interviews and general articles as usual such as Château d'Arsac (Bordeaux), Weingüter Wegeler (Rheingau & Mosel), Terre Stregate (Campania), Ornellaia (Tuscany), Naoussa (Greece), Ningxia (China) but also article about Chile, Alsace, Loire, Veneto, Alto-Adige... We always try to have more and more general articles to share with you our passion for wine, terroirs and its diversity.

Don't miss our two special TOP100 on Sicilia Anteprema and Campania Anteprema and the article about Yiannis Karakasis, Master of Wine and Greek Wines Ambassador.

Afterwards, in the second part you can find food focused pages with interviews of restaurants chosen from our selection which gathers now more than 450 restaurants offering great wine lists. Discover also a delicious Wine & Food pairing by Nama, a great Bordeaux Restaurant.

To finish this gourmand segment, let us introduce to you 12 olive oils from the Mediterranean area. Olive oil, like wine, is a real, deep and true passion for me. These two products share many things in common. Go to page 52 to learn more about it and know that all these olive oils can be shop online.

BORDEAUX EN PRIMEURS NOTICE :

In the third part you will find a special report about the Bordeaux En Primeurs 2024. With my team we tasted more than 1.000 wines for this En Primeur campaign. This vintage was a real challenge for winemakers but finally 2024 can also offert beautiful wines however there are quite heterogeneous in the quality (and in the quantity). 2024 allows us to reconnect with the balances that have made Bordeaux's reputation : freshness, tension, élégance, finesse, sapidity. I mean, of course it's not a « big boy » as can be sunny vintage (2019, 2020, 2022).

We had an unusual/extraordinary mildew pressure (in the first sense of the term), coulure, millerandage, botrytis, relatively low and long fertilization... So, it was a very complicated vintage to manage in the vineyard, which required a huge amount of vineyard work, a lot of resilience and philosophy on the part of the winegrowers/vignerons... But where it was successful, it's really good! It should be noted that this vintage demonstrates all the technical « savoir-faire » of Bordeaux...because considering appalling conditions there are still some great successes! Only a couple of regions in the world are able to produce this level of quality given the conditions. Before reading this session, I would like to remind you that it is wine enPrimeur. That is to say unfinished wines, in the process of being created / blended and therefore not complete ! This could, if I dared to compare, be like an ultrasound of a baby in the sixth month of pregnancy. Just as for the child this "examination" allows us to have a good idea of what the wine will become without having a fixed, determined and 100% reliable image. The majority of the wines will remain in ageing between 12 and at most 24 months...and in the vintage context i twill be very important !

After this specific tasting, we are proud to offer you hundreds of wine reviews from Bourgogne, Greece, Rhône, Provence and Italy. Enjoy!



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Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche



GRAND CRU CLASSE & VIGNOBLE JARDIN

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

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



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

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

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

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

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DISCOVER LOIRE VOLCANIQUE

IN SAINT-POURÇAIN, A REVIVAL OF VOLCANIC WINES



In the heart of France, at the foot of the Massif Central, human communities have been dedicated to vine cultivation for centuries - an activity that has experienced alternating phases over the course of history. This ancient volcanic mountain range shapes the landscape with its gentle peaks, high plateaus, and the extinct craters of the Chaîne des Puys, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Massif Central is a land of extraordinary natural diversity: from the deep gorges of the Gorges du Tarn to volcanic lakes like Lac Pavin, and emblematic mountains such as the Puy de Dôme and the Plomb du Cantal. Some of France's most important rivers - the Loire, the Allier, and the Dordogne - are born here, shaping the territory and enriching its fertile soils. This region boasts an ancient agricultural tradition, rooted in sheep and cattle farming and the production of renowned cheeses such as Bleu d'Auvergne, Cantal, and Saint-Nectaire. Alongside these culinary treasures, viticulture is today reclaiming its space and importance, thanks to the efforts of a new generation of winemakers united under the Loire Volcanique association, which brings together 46 producers across four areas: Auvergne, Forez, Roannais, and Saint-Pourçain. These zones are home to several AOCs: Saint-Pourçain (around 600 hectares), Côte Roannaise (215 hectares), Côtes du Forez (150 hectares), and Côtes d'Auvergne (1,350 hectares). The aim is to promote, through a collective brand, this virtuous and passionate viticulture, capable of

expressing the uniqueness of the various volcanic terroirs. This journey of rebirth, which also emerged as a response to the challenges of the pandemic, is now entering international markets as a novelty rich in history and authenticity. The origins of vine cultivation in Auvergne date back to Roman times, with a golden age during the Middle Ages when Dutch merchants helped spread its fame. Phylloxera, wars, and geopolitical crises then led to a long decline, but today, thanks to winemakers trained in oenology and agronomy schools, a revival is underway - one based on sustainable, organic, and biodynamic practices. Although production still focuses primarily on red and rosé wines made from Gamay (covering about 80% of the vineyard area), it is the white wines that are drawing increasing interest. The true protagonist is Tressallier, an indigenous grape grown mainly within the Saint-Pourçain AOC, officially recognized in 2009. Tressallier stands out for its marked freshness and lively aromatics, with notes reminiscent of Viognier, though with a more delicate and mineral-driven flavor profile. Tressallier boasts one of the oldest histories in French winemaking. The wines of Saint-Pourçain were already appreciated in the Middle Ages by Saint Louis, King of France, the Popes of Avignon, and the Bourbon dynasty, which organized the first national wine competition here, remembered as the "Battle of the Wines." While the Bourbonnais vineyards once extended over more than 8,000 hectares, today they cover around 640 hectares, shaped by a continental climate and soils rich in

sandy clays, granites, and limestone.

From a genetic standpoint, Tressallier is identical to Sacy, an ancient variety from Yonne in Burgundy. Its name may derive from the Latin "trans Alligerim" (beyond the Allier) or from "trésaille," the traditional trellis training system. Like Chardonnay, it descends from a cross between Pinot and Gouais Blanc, a genetic link that explains the tradition of vinifying the two grapes together.

Tressallier wines are delicate, with moderate acidity, subtle citrus notes, and an elegant minerality that gently recalls the finest Chablis. While it was traditionally blended with Chardonnay, today there is a growing focus on single-varietal bottlings. The best expressions avoid new oak and malolactic fermentation, favoring stainless steel, amphorae, or large neutral casks to preserve the grape's freshness and authenticity.

The historical soul of Saint-Pourçain finds its symbol in the Clos of the Château de Chareil-Cintrat, where seven parcels over one hectare make up the Conservatoire des Anciens Cépages, a vineyard-museum established in 1996 to preserve ancient grape varieties such as Saint-Pierre-Doré, Meslier-Saint-François, Melon, Romorantin, Aligoté, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Gamay, and of course, Tressallier. On these steep slopes, still cultivated by hand and with the help of horses, an extraordinary wine is born from a blend of twelve historic varieties, grown on the granite hills beside the Château de Chareil: a living link to the region's pre-phylloxera past.

Completing this unique landscape stands the legendary Tronçais Forest, planted by Colbert under the reign of Louis XIV, famous for its centuries-old oaks, still used today to craft barrels for the great wines of France and the world.

Erika Montovan



Château d'Arsac

HAPPY (GREAT) WINES

Château d'Arsac is located in Margaux wine area. It is one of the oldest winery of the Médoc as the Seigneury of Arsac already existed during the XII century. Several owners, including Michel's brother, Thomas de Montaigne, managed the estate. In 1986, Philippe Raoux bought the Château d'Arsac which was in a very poor state : it counted only 3 hectares of vines which lost the Margaux AOC, abandoned cellars and the house was a chicken coop ! Can you imagine ?

Philippe Raoux saw what nobody has : the extraordinary potential of this estate. After years of renovations and legal battles, the property regained its glory with 113 hectares including a 54 hectares vineyard in Margaux appellation. The Château d'Arsac was promoted as Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel in 2020 and was confirmed in 2025 again. Moreover, the winery has a breathtaking modern art collection : it is definitely bringing an extra-special something.

Loïc Le Bozec arrived at the winery in 2017 as vineyard manager and did, with the team, an incredible work to change the cultural practices in order to minimise the chemical residues : the estate is certified HVE3. This young but talented oenologist became Technical Director in 2022 and he pursues now the vision of Philippe Raoux who sadly passed away in 2023.

Château d'Arsac was once a ruin. Now, like the phoenix it has reborn into a marvellous property. The aim is to produce smooth concentrated wines with structure at a good price : goal reached ! The range



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of wines is for every moment of consumption and to please every taste. Obviously you will be pleased with Château d'Arsac - Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel in Margaux. But you can also discover Château Le Monteil d'Arsac - Cru Bourgeois in Haut-Médoc, Cuvée Céline in Bordeaux Blanc and Cuvée Scooter in Bordeaux Rosé. The labels and the packaging have been changed to add a touch of modernity. But the energetic Château d'Arsac doesn't focus only on the wines ! The winery has got 200 olive trees and is producing olive oil. The wine tourism is highly dynamic : you can come and discover the art collection but you can even get married here ! Moreover, the « Happy Wine » events which is like a white party full of fun and wines is rocking the summer. Also, the

team is also trying to get closer from its consumers thanks to direct sales and wine exhibitions.

Château d'Arsac is a perfect exemple of how to never gave up on life's challenges. And we need such positivity in Bordeaux right now.

Thanks to Loïc Le Bozec for his time and dedication

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THE NEW FACE OF ALSACE

PINOT NOIR AND THE NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE

Viticulture in Alsace has ancient origins, possibly dating back to the Celts, but it was with the Roman conquest in 58 BC that vine cultivation truly took root. Already in Roman times, Alsatian wines enjoyed a solid reputation - so much so that Emperor Domitian was compelled to limit their production to protect Italian vineyards. During the Middle Ages, monasteries played a crucial role in preserving and refining viticultural techniques. By the 9th century, Alsatian wines were being exported to destinations such as Holland, Switzerland, and Germany. The Alsatian vineyard reached its peak in the 16th century, covering twice the area it does today.

However, wars, vine diseases, and economic crises caused a gradual decline. Today, Alsace comprises approximately 15,500 to 15,900 hectares of vineyards, with production predominantly focused on white wines (about 90%). Key varieties include Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris, and Muscat. However, Pinot Noir, the region's only significant red grape, is gaining increasing prominence. It now represents roughly 11% of the vineyard area (around 1,700 hectares). Grown mainly along the lower slopes of the Vosges Mountains, on granite, volcanic, and schist soils, Alsatian Pinot Noir expresses itself with unique freshness, elegance, and drinkability - offering a distinctive alternative to the more structured reds of Burgundy or the Rhône. The region's mild, semi-continental climate, protected by the Vosges, allows for slow ripening and preserves natural acidity. In the past two decades, Alsace Pinot Noir has undergone a remarkable qualitative leap. Advances in winemaking and aging techniques, including the use of whole-cluster fermentations, larger oak barrels, and minimal intervention, have produced wines that are more refined, precise, and true to their terroir. These wines do not attempt to mimic Burgundy but instead present an authentic Alsatian identity. A turning point for the region came with the official recognition of Pinot Noir



Photo Erika Montovan

Grand Crus - Kirchberg de Barr, Hengst, and, starting from 2024, Vorbourg - signaling formal acceptance of red wine as part of Alsace's top-tier production. Proposals to introduce a Premier Cru classification further reflect the region's ongoing dynamism and qualitative evolution. At the same time, Alsace faces structural challenges: vineyard area is expanding slowly, the number of wineries is declining, and exports remain under pressure in highly competitive markets. Yet positive signs are emerging, particularly from countries such as Italy, where both Crémant d'Alsace and high-end still wines are gaining traction. The gastronomic versatility of Pinot Noir, coupled with growing consumer demand for fresh, elegant reds, is helping to position Alsace as an increasingly attractive source of fine wine. The renewed success of Alsace Pinot Noir also reflects the broader context of soaring prices and limited availability of Burgundy Pinot Noir. Alsatian reds now stand as a credible, authentic, and accessible alternative, capable of offering elegance,

tension, and aging potential without compromising their own identity. Visionary producers have led this renaissance, crafting Pinot Noirs that are unmistakably Alsatian - not Burgundian. Today, Alsace's wine scene is vibrant, diverse, and forward-looking. Alongside its historic reputation for aromatic whites, reds - led by Pinot Noir - are finding renewed centrality, showcasing the region's extraordinary richness and potential. For wine lovers seeking authentic, complex, yet approachable wines, Alsace represents one of the most exciting frontiers in the European wine landscape.

Among the many estates we visited, two stood out for encapsulating the full potential of Alsace Pinot Noir: Domaine Weinbach and Domaine Schoenheitz.

Erika Montovan



DOMAINE WEINBACH: ICON OF ELEGANCE AND HISTORY



Domaine Weinbach is one of the most iconic and respected names in Alsatian viticulture. Located in Kaysersberg, at the foot of the hill crowned by the medieval castle that gives the estate its name, it covers around 28 hectares and boasts a centuries-old tradition, today passionately carried forward by the Faller family. Weinbach's winemaking philosophy is rooted in biodynamic agriculture, with deep respect for the terroir and meticulous vinification aimed at highlighting the identity of each individual parcel. The estate focuses primarily on two major soil types: the granite slopes of "La Col-

line du Château" and the marl-limestone soils of "Altenbourg" and the Grand Cru Furstentum. Each of these terroirs offers a distinct expression of Pinot Noir, with a pure, delicate, and vibrant voice that remains faithful to the climatic nuances of each vintage. The 2021 vintage was cool, marked by late ripening and the constant threat of mildew, but Weinbach managed to safeguard grape quality, producing reds of extraordinary elegance and tension. By contrast, 2022 benefited from a warmer and drier climate, resulting in wines with greater richness and roundness while maintaining the estate's hallmark freshness.

La Colline du Château Pinot Noir 2021

Vin d'Alsace AOC

From granitic soils at 230 meters altitude, this wine offers a tense, vertical, and vibrant profile. In this cool vintage, Pinot Noir expresses fresh fruit, delicate spice, and a structure that builds progressively, with a very long, curry- and pepper-tinged finish. A wine that dances between the freshness of Beaujolais and the seriousness of the Northern Rhône

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

La Colline du Château Pinot Noir 2022

Vin d'Alsace AOC

A richer, more compact version of the 2021, with slightly more new oak influence. The palate is juicy, with well-polished but present tannins, a chalky finish, and a return of spice. A wine of great depth and aging potential.

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

Altenbourg Pinot Noir 2021

Vin d'Alsace AOC

From marl-limestone soils at around 300 meters, this Pinot Noir shows more power and structure than La Colline: dark fruit, fleshiness, yet still tightly wound with tannins needing time to soften. More Burgundian in style, with a touch of astringency.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Altenbourg Pinot Noir 2022

Vin d'Alsace AOC

A lighter, more linear interpretation than the 2021, with less pronounced tannic grip but still showing structure and verticality. The fruit is more subtle, and the wine is shorter and drier on the finish. It will benefit from further aging.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Grand Cru Furstentum "Les Terres du Prince" Pinot Noir 2021

Alsace Grand Cru

An exquisitely refined and delicate Pinot Noir, produced in extremely limited quantities (1 barrique of 350 liters). From marl-limestone soils with south/south-east exposure, the wine is aerial, broad, and aromatic, with hints of rose, sweet spices, and silky tannins. It recalls the finesse of top Volnay, whispering across the palate with breathtaking aromatic length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



DOMAINE SCHOENHEITZ : PRECISION AND BIODIVERSITY

Domaine Schoenheitz is located in Wihr-au-Val, on the southern slopes of the Vosges Mountains. The estate covers about 17 hectares of vineyards situated between 300 and 500 meters above sea level. The Schoenheitz family, originally from Austria and settled in Alsace after the Thirty Years' War (1648), resumed winemaking in the 1980s under Dominique and Henri Schoenheitz, with Adrien Schoenheitz joining in 2014. Since then, the domaine has made sustainability and terroir stewardship its defining mission, earning HVE (High Environmental Value) certification. The estate is built around four main crus: Herrenreben, Holder, Linsenberg, and Val Saint Grégoire, all characterized by granitic soils with varying amounts of clay and sandy skeleton. The steep slopes make mechanization impossible, so all vineyard work is done manually, supported by a natural ecological corridor that preserves biodiversity and ensures minimal environmental impact. In the cellar, Pinot Noir is vinified according to a strict protocol: gentle destemming, 15-day maceration with delicate pump-overs, controlled infusion, and aging in barrique for approximately 12 months. The goal is to extract tannic finesse, freshness, and elegance, avoiding the rustic aggression sometimes associated with lesser Pinot Noir. The domaine offers a range of wines, from a "Tradition" Pinot Noir to more site-specific bottlings such as Val Saint Grégoire, Herrenreben, and Linsenberg, with wines that evolve beautifully over time and faithfully reflect their terroir.



Pinot Noir Val Saint Grégoire 2023

Vin d'Alsace bio

A communal cru not yet AOC-recognized for Pinot Noir, the 2023 label features a landscape illustration by an artist. The wine is elegant, floral, citrus-driven, with light tannins and a slightly bitter finish. It opens progressively in the glass.

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

Pinot Noir Herrenreben 2022

Vin d'Alsace AOC

A historic cru with sandy-granitic soils, this Pinot Noir is intense, concentrated, with violet and spice notes, elegant tannins, and aging potential. A wine with a Burgundian soul.

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

Pinot Noir Linsenberg 2022

Vin d'Alsace AOC

An altitude cru yielding a vertical, structured, and fresh Pinot Noir. Taut tannins, hints of dried fruit, flowers, and a ferrous minerality. Persistent and with remarkable structure, it recalls a Volnay but maintains its distinct Alsatian character.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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IGT Veneto Bianco

(84% Garganega, 6% Riesling e 10% Chardonnay).

The nose is fruity and offers a certain delicacy, a good definition as well as precision. It reveals notes of pulpy apple, quince and small notes of bright yellow peach associated with hints of zest, acacia and a discreet hint of small pulpy fruits. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a tangy frame, accuracy, a certain tension, gourmandize, roundness, a nice small fat, a bright side as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, bright vine peach and small notes of quenette associated with touches of apple blossom, mandarin/kumquat as well as fine hints of small exotic fruits and iodine. Good length. A subtle, almost buttery hint in the background. Nice acidity of the fruit. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Tedeschi – Nicalò 2022

Valpolicella Superiore

Beautiful, fruity, fresh and crispy nose

that offers a hint of pepper. It reveals notes of pomegranate, blackberry, and small notes of ripe/fresh small fruits combined with fine touches of fresh red plum, a hint of fig as well as a discreet hint of blood orange, red pepper, and fresh spices. The palate is beautifully structured, fresh, elegant, gourmand and offers a tangy structure, tension, precision, straightness full of elegance as well as a beautiful balance and finesse in its definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy red plum, fresh/juicy cherry and small notes of pomegranate associated with touches of bright grape, a hint of fresh fig, fine almost blood orange hints as well as a subtle hint of flowers, cinnamon and toast. Good length. A nice and easy-drinking wine. Great food and wine pairing possibilities.

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



Tedeschi – Capitel San Rocco 021

Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore

Beautiful, elegant and precise nose that offers complexity. It reveals notes of pulpy red plum, fig and small notes of dried blackberry associated with delicate touches of zan, spices as well as a hint of dried morello cherry and fine and almost chocolatey hints. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, elegant, delicate and offers accuracy, brightness as well as a certain intensity and precision. Full of freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, pomegranate and small notes of fresh cassis associated with a touch of bright/juicy redcurrant as well as fine hints of cornflower and a hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are sapid, juicy and elegant. Good length. Fine floral hints (in the background) and a subtle firmness on the finish/persistence.

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



Tedeschi – Maternigo Valpolicella 2021

Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Riserva

A beautiful, elegant and precise nose that offers a beautiful, airy, intense, and delicately tight grain. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, concentrated cassis and small notes of jammy strawberry combined with touches of mandarin, fresh small red fruits, a hint of ripe citrus as well as a discreet hint of dried apricot and almond. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, elegant, gourmand, delicately tight and offers a tangy structure, precision, a fine tension as well as energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of crushed cherry combined with touches of crushed mandarin, fine hints of star anise, a floral hint of jammy plum and discreet hints of spices. Good length. Fresh and acidulous.

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



Tedeschi – La Fabriseria 2021

Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Classico Riserva

The nose is elegant, aromatic, precise and offers a good definition, accuracy, deepness as well as a certain concentration with elegance. An invitation to work the wine in the glass. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of dried plum, crushed cherry and small notes of crushed small fruits, violet associated with touches of concentrated blackberry, discreet hints of crushed strawberry, a hint of kumquat marmalade, discreet hints of cornflowers, dried orange and a hint of fig. The palate is beautifully built, fresh, elegant, harmonious, round, ample and offers a tangy frame, accuracy, tension, energy, purity, a beautiful definition, delicacy as well as a beautiful matter / texture. Beautifully rich and silky at the same time. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, purple fig, and small notes of crushed strawberry combined with a touch of mandarin, fine hints of bright red plum, as well as a hint of chocolate, toast, smoke, and a hint of oriental spices. Tannins are savory/tasty and mellow/elegant. Good length.

Score : 17.25/20 (95/100)



Tedeschi – Capitel Monte Olmi 2018

Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Classico Riserva

The nose is elegant, precise and offers freshness, intensity, a voluptuous side as well as a beautiful finesse in its intensity/delicacy. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, redcurrant jelly and small notes of crushed purple plum combined with fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of blueberry, fig, sweet mandarin, oriental spices and a hint of dried fig. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a certain creaminess, accuracy, brightness as well as complexity. Beautiful precision and gourmandise! On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright purple plum, cherry jelly and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of crushed fig, hints of mandarin/lemon as well as fine hints of bright red plum, spices and a floral hint. Tannins are precise and mellow. Good length.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



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Cembra

A COOPERATIVE'S COLLECTIVE QUEST FOR QUALITY IN MOUNTAIN WINES



custodians of a tradition passed down through generations.

The valley, shaped by the Avisio River and characterized by porphyric soils - the "red gold" of the Val di Cembra - offers a unique terroir, with altitude, temperature swings, and microclimates ideal for cultivating high-quality grapes.

The cooperative, founded in 1952 and today the highest cooperative winery in Trentino, has around 300 member growers who tend to 300 hectares of vineyards, often in small plots of less than half a hectare, mostly south-facing and naturally ventilated by the Ora del Garda wind. The signature grape varieties of the winery are Müller Thurgau, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Pinot Noir - the latter cultivated with particular care in selected vineyards and even vinified in terracotta amphorae to preserve freshness

and complexity. Added to these are Zymbra, a cuvée blending the best Müller Thurgau, Chardonnay, and Riesling grapes, and TrentoDoc Oro Rosso, a 100% Chardonnay Riserva Dosaggio Zero.

Ten years ago, Stefano Rossi joined CEMBRA Cantina di Montagna with both an intuition and a challenge: to create a metodo classico sparkling wine capable of telling the story of its land - without compromises and without artifices. Today, after a decade of experimentation and courageous choices, that vision has become reality - and of remarkable quality.

"When I arrived in 2011, no one was producing metodo classico here yet," Rossi recalls. "The opportunity arose, and I jumped in."

The first experiment dates back to 2008, when Rossi, still a student, decided to make a sparkling wine using a base wine with an alcohol level considered "unsuitable" for secondary fermentation. "The textbooks said that above a certain level you couldn't make metodo classico, but I wanted to try anyway. I discovered on my own that it wasn't true." From this intuition - rooted in study and passion - a journey began that is now firmly established. For Rossi, metodo classico is not just a technique, but a production philosophy that puts the purity of the fruit and the expression of the land at its core.

"I quickly realized that the base wine for sparkling has to be even better than a still wine. It's not enough to make a good wine: you need an exceptional wine, one that can evolve and tell its story even after years of aging."

In 2015, Rossi adopted a minimalist approach, inspired by the great producers of Champagne but with a strong Trentino identity: zero added sulfur, zero filtration, zero fining. "It's much harder to not intervene than to intervene," he emphasizes. This method enhances the raw material and the land itself, and ensures a quality that can even be felt in the well-being of the consumer.

This bond with the territory is the beating heart of CEMBRA Cantina di Montagna, located in the municipality of Cembra Lisignago, about 700 meters above sea level, in the heart of the spectacular Val di Cembra - one of the most enchanting winegrowing valleys of the Dolomites.

Here, the beauty of the mountains merges with heroic viticulture, made of vineyards that climb steep slopes, supported by over 700 km of dry-stone walls built by the vintners of Cembra -

The bond with the land is further strengthened by the close collaboration with the cooperative's 300 grower members. "Each year we select the best 7-10 vineyards for metodo classico, rewarding those who work well. Compensation can vary by up to 40% more for those who follow a quality-driven path. This approach is gradually changing the mindset of our winegrowers."

This work translates into bottles that express identity and distinctiveness: "We don't need to chase the market. If the market rejects us, we'll do something else - but what matters is staying true to ourselves and doing what we know how to do well."

Beyond metodo classico, Rossi is also looking with interest at Trentino's native varieties, such as Schiava and Kerner, with the goal of giving new life to these often-overlooked grapes. "Our task is to tell the story of the mountains and their wines without distorting them. Every bottle must carry the scent, the freshness, and the history of this land."

The work in the vineyard is demanding, requiring over 900 hours per hectare each year - compared to 300-400 hours in flat areas - due to slopes that can exceed 40%. Pruning, irrigation, green harvesting, and the grape harvest - strictly by hand - are carefully overseen by the winery's team, which applies sustainable practices in line with the National Quality System for Integrated Production.

Porphyry, an ancient volcanic rock, is not only the foundation of the soils but also a symbol of the valley, which continues to shape a rural landscape recognized by UNESCO.

But what is the most beautiful thing to see beyond the vineyards? The members themselves, visiting their winery and enjoying their own wine. Chatting with tourists, they recount their feats among the mountains, keeping alive the spirit and soul of this extraordinary place.



Erika Montovan

CASTELFEDER

50 years of experience, discipline and passion for the Alto Adige terroirs



Established in 1969, the Giovanett family brings over 50 years of experience to the wine industry. Since its initial growth, the estate has expanded to 70 hectares in Alto Adige, planted on volcanic porphyry and Dolomite rock. The portfolio consists of native grapes – Gewürztraminer, Schiava, and Lagrein – as well as international varieties like Pinot Grigio, all grown with a focus on quality.

Red wine production is centered on Pinot Noir, with a single vineyard project covering the Buchholz, Glen, and Mazon sites, where the Giovanett family emphasizes the distinct characteristics of each to produce three distinct wines.

For the anecdote, since 2011 the Giovanett family produce also Riesling in Mosel (Germany), cultivating the steep slope of Sorentberg vineyard.



Castelfeder – Raif, Sauvignon 2024 Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT

The nose is fresh and offers a certain intensity and a pretty floral side. It reveals notes of vine peach, fresh pulpy apple and small notes of fresh quince, as well as fine peach blossom and discreet touches of fresh balsamic. The palate is nicely fruity, juicy, pulpy and presents a certain fatness, gourmandise, pulpiness and a airy side, very well-balanced. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of bright green apple, combined with touches of kumquat, as well as fine hints of sweet pink grapefruit. Good length and definition. A wine offering a tangy frame and salinity. Racy persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Castelfeder – Lagrein Riserva 2021, Burgum Novum

Alto Adige Riserva DOC
The nose is beautifully elegant, delicate, floral, deep and accessible at the same time and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated blueberry, blackberry and small notes of juniper berries, associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, cornflower, small roasted-elegant red fruits,

hints of infusion, as well as depth, notes of bergamot, sage and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is well-built, precise and presents energy, straightness, a tracing side, good definition, precision and suppleness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of small black berries, combined with touches of morello cherry, as well as hints of violet, camphor, tobacco, volcanic rock/tangy and hints of small juicy fruits and cherry in the background. Good length. We also perceive hints of star anise, roasted almond and cardamom. Juicy, tracing and gourmand wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



Castelfeder – Pinot Nero Riserva 2022, Burgum Novum

Alto Adige Riserva DOC
The nose is elegant, racy, complex and presents a little power and a certain intensity in accuracy. It reveals notes of pulpy violet plum, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant, associated with touches of star anise, aniseed, as well as hints of almost sappy/sapid, spices, a discreet hint of cubeb pepper, lilac, crushed blueberry and a hint of flowery red pepper. Depth and purity. The palate is well-built, supple, elegant, velvety, delicate and intense at the same time, precise and offers a stretched side in finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of violet plum, morello cherry and small notes of small crushed blue fruits, combined with touches of cornflower, violet, as well as fine hints of sense of the place, almost verberna, as well as hints of infusion and a subtle touch of almost mandarin peel in the background. Good length. We also perceive spices notes and toastiness, a hint of chocolate and a certain richness all in accuracy. Gourmand, creamy and finely peppery persistence.

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



Castelfeder – Kreuzweg, Chardonnay 2021, Family Reserve Alto Adige DOC

The nose is elegant, beautifully fresh, racy and mineral. It reveals notes of small fresh/juicy yellow berries, mirabelle plum and small notes of quince, associated with touches of crushed apple, as well as notes of fresh butter, white flowers and apple blossom. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, juicy and offers gourmandise, purity, fatness and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, juicy/pulpy nectarine and small notes of Amalfi lemon, combined with touches of small crunchy yellow berries, as well as delicate hints of acacia and verberna. Good length. Precise, mellow tannins. A hint of salinity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Castelfeder – Gewürztraminer, Vom Lehm 2024 Alto Adige DOC

The nose is fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of fresh lychee and small notes of fresh quenette, associated with touches of small roses, exotic fruits, as well as a fine hint of juicy medlar. The palate is fruity, juicy and presents a mineral frame, freshness, good definition, gourmandise, a little fat, energy and pulpiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lychee, rose and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of pulpy green peach, as well as hints of zest, verberna and herbaceous. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

CANTINA MERAVIGLIA

A Bolgheri winery inside an abandoned quarry



Tenuta Le Colonne 2020

Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is peppery, fresh and marked by Cabernet Sauvignon. It reveals notes of fresh green pepper, flowers (an almost varietal/floral side) and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of fresh/juicy blackberry, cornflower, tobacco and a subtle hint of smoke. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a varietal side, an acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh/pulpy raspberry and small notes of flowers associated with fine sappy touches as well as fine hints of fresh green pepper, chocolate and toasted hazelnut. Good length. A slightly mellowness on the finish/persistence. The finish is tangy.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta Meraviglia Maestro di Cava 2019

Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is spicy, frank, racy, and offers finesse, intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, black pepper, and small notes of cornflowers combined with touches of creamy small fruits, a hint of roasted fruit, roasted notes as well as fine hints of lilac, a subtle hint of nutmeg and black olive. The palate is fruity, tangy, chiseled and offers energy as well as a certain delicacy/precision in its acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, cherry, and small notes of violet combined with touches of juicy-roasted small red fruits as well as fine hints of racy minerality, toasted hazelnut, caramelization, and a toasted hint. Good length. Persistent and tangy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Meraviglia Vigna Pianali 2020

Bolgheri

The nose is aromatic and offers fruit, spices, a certain deepness as well as an airy and powerful texture. It reveals notes of wild cassis and small notes of balsamic combined with fine touches of Madagascar pepper, a discreet hint of green pepper, coffee, star anise, and a hint of saline/iodine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, precision, acidity as well as a relatively tight and taut structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of tangy wild small fruits as well as hints of roasted fruits, fine toasted hints, nutmeg and a hint of cocoa. Tannins are finely mellow. Good length. Freshness, juiciness and fruit.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Cantina Meraviglia is an innovative winery located in the heart of a former quarry in Bolgheri, the result of a visionary project started in 2017 by the Bulgheroni family. Designed to blend seamlessly into the landscape, it combines architecture, wine and environmental respect (using over 95% local materials, respect of the landscape and the edge of the quarry).

The winemaking process takes place by gravity, with the grapes being delivered to the square on the highest floor, below are the rough concrete tulips and steel vats for winemaking. The first level is dedicated to the oak barrels, to the ageing and to the wine library. The natural thermal inertia and the constant humidity offer an ideal microclimate for winemaking and refinement thanks to the amphitheater volcanic rock (rhyolite).

This project was designed by Bernardo Tori Studio (architect) to give importance to environmental sustainability but also to a social and economic aspects (water management, reduced light pollution, a green roofs, environmental comfort for workers and visitors...).

The 7000m² of this facility will also be a venue for wine tourism, with a panoramic terrace overlooking the beautiful Tyrrhenian Sea, a green roof immersed in the Mediterranean scrub and with areas dedicated to the discovery the region. Alejandro Bulgheroni sees it as a symbol of cultural and territorial renaissance, rooted in his Italian origins.

Cantina Meraviglia will produce wines for the two Bolgheri family estates (95 hectares in total) : **Tenuta Meraviglia** (higher up, volcanic soils) and **Tenuta Le Colonne** (close to the sea, sandy soils).



Cantina Meraviglia

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CANTINA VIGNAIOLI SCANSANO

Tasting of aged Vermentino and fresh Sangiovese !

The Vignaioli del Morellino di Scansano is a cooperative winery founded in 1972 by a small group of producers from Scansano. Today thanks to those who decided to join their forces the winery is extended on 700hectares (mostly spreading in the area of Scansano, Magliano and) and count almost 170 members. Unlike many cooperatives, they decided in the 1990s to no longer be focused on mass production but on quality, investing in production tools/cellar, in sorting qualities as well as in identifying the different terroirs available.

We were lucky to be invited to the cantina to explore it and to a vertical tasting of Vermentino as well as their "Sicomoro" cuvée (100% Sangiovese). The first is a white grape variety vinified rigorously but without the objective of aging...and yet some vintages present themselves in very beautiful ways after a few years in the bottle. The Sangiovese as for him, it fully expresses its terroir, its "altitude" freshness (300/500meters above sea level) as well as its work in barrels done sparingly.



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« Vermentino is one of the typical varieties of Maremma. Here it has found its ideal habitat thanks to the proximity of the sea which enhances its mineral character, acidity and aromas. As a Winery we've been exploring the versatile character of this grape. We got the idea after tasting older vintages of our Vermentino Vigna Fiorini and realising that it showed a very interesting ageing potential. As for Morellino di Scansano Riserva Sicomoro, it's one of the historic labels for the Winery and comes from a selected vineyard of one of our associated producers. It's an interpretation of Sangiovese that aims to enhance the natural elegance of this grape variety while drawing from the terroir, with its closeness of the sea, its sunny hills and sea breezes. »

Sergio Bucci, General Manager



Photo Cantina Vignaioli Scansano



Vigna Fiorini 2020, Vermentino Superiore

Maremma Toscana DOC

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild yellow berries, small dried yellow fruits, and small iodine notes associated with touches of crushed yellow apple, a subtle hint of honeysuckle, quite ripe lemon and delicate hints of aromatic herbs. A beautiful hint of bitterness. A lovely iodine and delicately creamy persistence. A very discreet hint of dried fruit.

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

Vigna Fiorini 2019, Vermentino Superiore

Maremma Toscana DOC

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy yellow apple, apricot, and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of quince, a subtle hint of crushed pear, arbutus as well as fine hints of rosemary, local garrigue, dried almond, and a discreet hint of almost dried herbs.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vigna Fiorini 2018, Vermentino Superiore

Maremma Toscana DOC

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy mirabelle plum, butter, crushed pear, and small notes of white flowers associated with a very discreet hint of apricot, mandarin, and a fine hint of local garrigue and fresh hazelnut/almond. Good length. A hint of iodine and a good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Vigna Fiorini 2017, Vermentino Superiore

Maremma Toscana DOC

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of mandarin, tangy/juicy yellow plum, and small notes of crushed apple combined with touches of mandarin, verbenas as well as a subtle hint of creamy small yellow fruits, dried almond and sage. A subtle tannic touch in the aromas and structure. Good length. Good persistence on the iodine. A good bitterness.

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



Sicomoro 2019

Morellino di Scansano DOCG, Riserva

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, creamy cherry, and elegant-roasted small fruits combined with subtle hints of sage, a sense of place (local biotope), a hint of fresh tobacco, almost pine nut, and cocoa nibs. Good length. A nice and delicate varietal character in the background/ as a guideline. Freshness, juiciness, and creaminess.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Sicomoro 2017

Morellino di Scansano DOCG, Riserva

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, pulpy roasted cherry, and small notes of creamy small fruits associated with a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, undergrowth, a discreet hint of black olive and an imperceptible hint of arbutus. Beautiful length, delicately acidulous, iodine and creamy.

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

Sicomoro 2015

Morellino di Scansano DOCG, Riserva

[...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, balsamic, and small notes of pulpy small fruits combined with fine hints of undergrowth, sage, a hint of black olive, and a discreet hint of game. Good length. A hint of iodine on the finish/persistence.

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

Sicomoro 2013

Morellino di Scansano DOCG, Riserva

[...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, morello cherry and small notes of quite ripe / roasted-elegant small red fruits, bright Quetsche plum associated with hints of cornflower, sage, fine hints of balsamic, a subtle hint of fig and a discreet hint of cocoa. Tannins are finely powdered. Beautiful persistence and tangy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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ORNELLAIA

Meeting with a legendary Tuscany winery



soil types:

■ **Northern Area – Bellaria:**

Situated at the northernmost edge of the appellation, near the village of Bolgheri, this area lies between 80 and 130 meters above sea level. Here, the soils are deep and well-draining, ideal for withstanding dry periods as the vines' roots can search deep underground for water and nutrients.

The soils range from sandy to more skeletal-rich zones, with clay content reaching up to 25% mixed with sand, and a presence of friable limestone that can exceed 20%. This limestone is not active but rather integrated into the soil's structure, providing minerality and freshness to the wines.

The more draining soils are best suited for Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, while the clay-rich areas favor Merlot and sometimes Petit Verdot.

■ **Historic Area – Ornellaia:**

Surrounding the winery lies the historic core of the vineyard, where the soils are predominantly rich in clay, sometimes with high limestone content. These soils produce powerful, deep, and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon, with an aromatic profile that is completely different from the wines of the northern area. The clay in this zone contributes to the wines' structure and aging potential, giving rise to firm tannins and a distinctive minerality.

Bolgheri's Mediterranean climate, moderated by winds from both the Tyrrhenian Sea and the surrounding hills, plays a fundamental role. The winds in Bellaria are fresh and elegant, encouraging the creation of more refined and aromatic wines. The winds in the Ornellaia zone, by contrast, contribute to wines that are more powerful and concentrated.

Ornellaia

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Founded in 1981, Ornellaia was born in the heart of Bolgheri, along Tuscany's Tyrrhenian coast—a territory that, in just a few decades, has become synonymous with some of the world's finest wines. From the very beginning, the estate has pursued a singular goal: excellence.

This estate is extended on 134 hectares of vineyard but also have forest and olive trees. Ornellaia benefits from a unique microclimate shaped by the nearby Tyrrhenian Sea and soils of marine, alluvial, and volcanic origin. Here, grape varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot reach their fullest expression.

Since 2002, the wine estate has been part of the Frescobaldi Group, one of the most famous names in Italian winemaking.

Ornellaia Bolgheri DOC Superiore and Ornellaia Bianco Bolgheri DOC Bianco are the estate's top wines, ensued by Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia, Le Volte dell'Ornellaia and the white Poggio alle Gazze dell'Ornellaia. The team's dedication, in addition to optimal geological characteristics and an exemplary microclimate, has resulted in critical acclaim and public success within Italy and internationally.

Vendemmia d'Artista

Each year, Ornellaia celebrates its identity through the "Vendemmia d'Artista" project, inviting internationally acclaimed artists to interpret the character of the vintage through limited-edition labels and original artworks. These unique creations, often auctioned by Sotheby's, fetch extraordinary prices and have become highly sought-after collectors' items.

The proceeds from the "Vendemmia d'Artista" project has been supporting the arts and individual projects developed by museums and foundations around the world, including the Friends of Florence Foundation, London's Victoria & Albert Museum, the Beyeler Foundation in Basel and the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles or the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation to which Ornellaia has offered its support since 2019.

Focus on an exceptional terroir

The terroir of Ornellaia, located in the prestigious Bolgheri appellation, is a true mosaic of soils and microclimates that gives uniqueness and complexity to its wines.

Geological Diversity

The Ornellaia vineyard extends across various geographic areas, each with distinct pedoclimatic characteristics, but all sharing an extraordinary richness of



TASTING ORNELLAIA WINES

Ornellaia 2022

Bolgheri Bianco

The nose is elegant, mineral, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a nice grain, elegance, deepness, richness in delicacy/finesse as well as a good definition. Full of freshness and subtlety. An intellectual character. We find notes of pulpy nectarine, small fleshy white fruits and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of lemon blossom, hints of apricot, crushed apricot as well as fine mineral hints, almost pine needles/sap and a delicate hint of buttered brioche. The palate is beautifully built, delicate, supple, gourmand, full of accuracy and offers a beautiful unctuousness, a nice precision, delicacy, finesse, deepness, a beautiful matter as well as richness with finesse. A silk square! On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, creamy nectarine, and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of ripe citrus fruit, as well as a subtle hint of almost white melon, peach blossom, verbena, and a delicate iodine/saline touch. A subtle tannic hint in the aromas on the finish. Good length. A lovely hint of infusion full of elegance. A subtle hint of lime on the persistence. A beautifully gastronomic and textured white wine.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia 2022

Bolgheri Rosso DOC

A beautiful, elegant, delicate, and racy nose that offers deepness, a beautiful complexity, and intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, creamy small fruits and small notes of elegant roasted strawberry associated with touches of small blue fruits/blueberry as well as delicate hints of cornflower, star anise as well as a hint of rosemary, Penja pepper and a discreet iodine hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, delicate, silky and offers freshness, minerality / a beautiful mineral frame, freshness, a good definition, a small elegant austerity as well as a certain richness in deepness, but full of precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassia, small, brilliant wild black berries, and small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry combined with a touch of elegant roasted fruit (a Mediterranean side to the fruit) as well as fine toasted hints, dark chocolate, a hint of wild blueberry, a hint of cornflower, and a discreet sage hint. Tannins are precise, very elegant, and mellow. Good length. Lovely chewiness and sapidity bring a delicious/gourmand finish/persistence. Good persistence.

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



Ornellaia 2022

Bolgheri Superiore DOC

The nose is elegant, racy, precise and offers a beautiful complexity, a 3D/multi-layered aspect, as well as superbe finesse and intensity. It expresses a delicate approach despite a certain intensity, relative power, and deepness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, purple plum and small notes of wild small black fruits associated with touches of black pepper / macearon, small elegant-roasted red fruits as well as fine hints of quite ripe blueberry, almost gingerbread hints, nutmeg, toasted hazelnut, a discreet hint of sage, sweet spices, tobacco and a very discreet hint of warm local grove / local biotope (sens of the place). The palate is beautifully built, supple, elegant, delicate, nicely harmonious, melodious and offers energy, richness, accuracy, delicacy, mellowness, an airy side, silkiness as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, wild black berries and small notes of black pepper associated with touches of camphor, terroir (sens of the place / soil character), fine hints of toasted/grilled as well as fine hints of bergamot, infusion, black olive, toasted/caramelized, discreet hints of small Mediterranean fruits and a hint of chocolate, toasted and grilled/roasted almond. Good length. Beautiful finesse and attention to detail.

Score : 19.25/20 (98-99/100)



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TERRE D'AENÒR

Led by the young Eleonora, the winery aims to become a new benchmark in Franciacorta

In the heart of Franciacorta, Terre d'Aenòr was born—an emerging winery that brings together a passion for wine, a deep commitment to sustainability, and a constant pursuit of quality. Founded in 2018 by Eleonora Bianchi, now CEO and Sales & Marketing Director, Terre d'Aenòr represents not only a business venture but also a bold and visionary life choice.

The project is the brainchild of Eleonora, born in 1995, who, defying expectations after earning her Law degree, decided to leave behind a legal career to give life to a family dream: the creation of a winery dedicated to producing wines that respect both nature and people. From the outset, Terre d'Aenòr embraced a 100% organic approach in both vineyard and cellar, driven by the desire to integrate ethics, aesthetics, and sustainability into every step of the winemaking process.

The journey towards organic certification began in 2014, with the official recognition arriving with the very first harvest in 2018. Today, every stage – from vine to bottle – is carried out in full respect for the environment, without the use of synthetic chemicals, and with meticulous care for both the health of the land and the consumer.

We are proud to say that our wines are free from pesticides and chemical herbicides. This is not just a way of producing; it's a way of being, says Eleonora, who works alongside Ermes Vianelli, Technical Manager and a pioneering advocate of organic viticulture.

I wanted to create something tangible and authentic, something that could express the value of our land through respect for nature and the elegance of our wines, Eleonora adds.



With 46 hectares of vineyards spread across 33 plots in seven municipalities of Franciacorta, Terre d'Aenòr has chosen to focus on pedoclimatic diversity to craft complex, distinctive wines that are true expressions of their territory. From Chardonnay to Pinot Noir, with Pinot Blanc, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon, each variety is carefully cultivated and vinified to preserve the unique characteristics of every parcel.

In the vineyard, we work like painters with a palette: each plot is a color that allows us to create wines that are unique and full of personality, explains Eleonora. Every grape is vinified separately before blending, an approach that ensures authenticity, complexity,

and stylistic consistency. Today, the Terre d'Aenòr Franciacorta collection includes six labels: Brut, Extra Brut Millesimato, Rosé Extra Brut Millesimato, Pas Dosé Millesimato, Satèn Ricciolina, and Demi-Sec. Two still wines complete the lineup: "È Nori", an elegant, mineral Curtefranca DOC white, and "Spadone", a Bordeaux-style red that embodies both power and refinement.

The brand Terre d'Aenòr, together with its payoff "Gradi di Stile" ("Degrees of Style"), reflects a desire to break away from traditional wine language, drawing inspiration from the worlds of fashion and art to create a young, dynamic, and inclusive identity. The logo, inspired by Botticelli's Venus, is an artistic stylization of femininity and the three founders, while the concentric circles evoke vineyard rows, symbolizing an unbreakable bond with the land.

Packaging reflects this same philosophy: every bottle is designed to visually captivate, with labels inspired by avant-garde artistic movements and fashion trends, blending minimalism and vibrant color to turn each bottle into a piece of contemporary art.

With the opening of a new winery scheduled for 2025 in Provaglio d'Iseo, Terre d'Aenòr is ready to embark on the next phase of its journey based on innovation, growth, and sustainability.

Erika Mantovan

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GAVI GIOVANI

NEW ENERGY FOR A GREAT ITALIAN WHITE

Regions like Gavi, in Piedmont, have conquered the world thanks above all to the freshness of their wines, but also to their ability to evolve and gain complexity through bottle aging. Today, Gavi is rediscovering itself to reclaim a central role not only abroad but also at home, in Italy. It is doing so through its young generation, sending a powerful message: the future is ready. The future is Gavi—buoyed as well by current consumption trends that favor white wines over reds.

The Gavi Giovani Association, founded in 2024, now brings together around 40 producers and industry professionals. With an average age of 30, the group's desire to promote and innovate has been revitalized. The region is growing and changing, moving with the times while remaining deeply rooted in tradition and embracing solidarity as a core value.

To tell their story, the group recently chose an iconic place within the denomination: the Forte di Gavi, the historic fortress that towers over the vineyards and town. It was the perfect occasion to showcase the dynamic nature of Gavi—through its sparkling, still, and reserve versions—while tasting local products and donating the proceeds of the June event to charity.

The association, led by Lorenzo Bisio, shared this comment:

"Gavi is a living denomination, made up of producers who believe in the value of their land, in food and wine culture, and in solidarity. Supporting the Pediatric Oncohematology Center of Pavia is for us a way to combine the pleasure of being together with a deep sense of social responsibility that we want to nurture."

This renewed energy and desire for recognition by the younger generation, however, must contend with the current market reality: annual production stands at approximately 14 million bottles,



with 92% exported. The key markets are the United Kingdom (62%), United States (13%), Germany (6%), and Russia (4%), along with other important destinations such as Japan, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, and over 100 countries worldwide. Commercial distribution is almost evenly split between large-scale retail (52%) and the HoReCa channel (48%), while only 8% of production is sold within Italy, mainly in the North (which accounts for 88% of domestic sales).

While Gavi's international identity is firmly established, the challenge for the new generation is to win back the domestic market, making Gavi not only an ambassador abroad but also a more recognized and appreciated presence in Italy.

The road ahead is just beginning, but this new energy from a dynamic group of young winemakers can only bring renewed vitality to the entire region.

Erika Mantovan



La Ghibellina, Metodo Classico

Gavi del Comune di Gavi

Aged 24 months on the lees, from clay soils. Crisp bubbles, sharp tension with hints of pastry, evolving into fruity, almond, and iodine notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Castellari Bergaglio, Metodo Classico "Arde"

Gavi del Comune di Gavi

60 months on the lees, with clear notes of ripe citron, apple, white chocolate, and briny nuances. The palate is intensely saline, with fruit depth and creamy bubbles. Very long finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Mesma, "INDI" 2024

Gavi del Comune di Gavi

"INDI" stands for indigenous yeasts but is also a tribute to Indie music. From Monterotondo, on mixed soils, with fermentation via pied de cuve. Brilliant and charismatic, offering zesty lime, brine, candied ginger, and balsamic hints. A broad, decisive palate with pronounced saline amplitude.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cascina delle Monache 2024

Gavi del Comune di Gavi

From the marls of Cessola with alternating sandy layers, part of the Piedmont Tertiary Basin. Vinified in concrete and steel. Balsamic notes of mint and ripe yellow citrus, touches of white pepper. The palate is marked by savory persistence with echoes of mango.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Giorssa 2024

Gavi DOCG

From Capriata d'Orba, vinified in stainless steel. Known for its floral profile and softness, this wine shines with linden, thyme, daisies, wildflowers, hints of papaya, and ripe pomelo. Explosive on the palate, harmonious and persistent.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

TENUTA LILIANA

One of the youngest and most promising cantinas in Puglia

Founded in 2017 by Antonio and Liliana Intiglietta, Tenuta Liliana is a young winery located in Parabita, in the heart of Puglia's Salento peninsula. Driven by an ambitious, contemporary vision of wine, the Intiglietta family has imagined a project that is both rooted in the local heritage and internationally oriented. Today, the estate covers 13 hectares divided into five distinct parcels: Vigna di Specchia, Contrada Lembo, Rischiazzi, Pizziffero and Contrada Mitriano, nearly 90% of which are devoted to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Since its creation, Tenuta Liliana has established itself as one of the region's most dynamic and innovative viticultural projects.

The white, the new Liliana baby!

Veneri 2024 comes to life in Contrada Lembo, on the Serra di Sant'Eleuterio hill, 200 meters above sea level, in a strategic spot where the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea seem to meet. Here, the vines grow caressed by constant breezes that regulate temperature and humidity, ensuring healthy grapes of superior quality.

Concerning the terroir

The soil, rich in limestone and red clay, gives the wine freshness and minerality thanks to its excellent drainage capacity and its natural ability to retain essential micro- and macro-nutrients.

Tenuta Liliana

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Liliana & Antonio Intiglietta



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Tenuta Liliana 2024, Veneri Salento IGP

(White) The wine is brilliant straw yellow, elegant bouquet of orange blossom (zagara), thyme, balsamic hints, papaya, and aromatic herbs. An engaging sip with good breadth, concentration, and volume, supported by a mineral tension and a vibrant, persistent finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Liliana - Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 Salento IGP

The nose is fruity, dense and offers power and a certain depth. There are notes of wild cassis, small dense black berries and small notes of small roasted-elegant fruits, associated with hints of roasted black cherry, as well as discreet hints of black pepper, black tea and maceron. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, nicely gourmand, balanced and offers precision, tension, concentration, a roasted-elegant side, density, good definition and a pretty infusion side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry, combined with touches of cornflower, small roasted red berries, as well as subtle hints of cola, black tea, black olive, a floral hint and a subtle hint of sap. The tannins are chalky and elegant.

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

Tenuta Liliana - Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 Salento IGP

The nose is fruity, sappy and offers a floral side, with good definition, a certain intensity and depth. The wine benefits from decanting. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, violet, iris and small notes of roasted wild strawberry, associated with touches of small blue berries, as well as fine hints of infusion. The palate is well-built, supple, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers good definition, a tangy frame, precision, a little tension, darkness, depth and gourmandise. On the palate, there are lovely notes of fresh cherry and small fairly ripe (but balanced) red fruits, combined with floral, racy/terroir and sweet spice touches, as well as a hint of pulpy blueberry, liquorice, as well as fine hints of infusion, black tea and a discreet hint of salt in the background. Good length. Precision.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Terre Stregate

WHERE THE ANCIENT RITUALS OF VITICULTURE AND OLIVE
GROWING PASSED DOWN FROM FATHER TO CHILDREN

Born in 1898, Terre Stregate embodies five generations of passion for vineyards and olive groves, rooted in the heart of Sannio Benevento (Campania, Italy). The estate organically cultivates twenty-five hectares of native grape varieties, benefiting a unique micro-climate. The semi-underground cellar invites you to discover sincere, lively cuvées in harmony with their land.

Let's meet the Lacobucci family (father, mother, daughter in law... and the three quite young grandchildren!).

VertdeVin: Please can you speak about your terroir, about this place?

Lacobucci family: We are located in Sannio hills, close to the village of Benevento, dominating the Telesina Valley, between the Guardiesi hills and the Taburno mountain. Here the soil is very rich in energy, thanks to our microclimate the vineyards are able to absorb the sun and to maintain energy for the grape. The potential of our soil is high and we take care a lot of our terroir. We manage everything organically to maintain life in our soil, biodiversity... We use only natural treatments, for example after making olive oil we keep the residues to use them in the vineyard to bring some nutrients. Thanks to this, to the soil, to the climate, to the weather (even if it's changed) we obtain a very fresh, a very versatile and high acidity wines.

VertdeVin: What allows to recognize your wines in a wine tasting?

First of all, our family has always been the guardian of traditional local crops, thanks to which our wines and oils come to life, as if by magic. I think it's not easy question not an easy exercise but a blind tasting can be a nice way to find something more in the grape. In fact, if there is a tasting with similar wines, from the same area, same grapes and without any strong bad elements it can be difficult.

We want to produce wines that totally respect the terroir, the vintage effect,



clean wines, with purity, fresh, crispy, precise, vibrant and deep... After 2 or 3 years our wines do not become tired but keep energy. We have an evolution from floral aromas to fruitiness.

For the Passito we harvested at the end of October to have the high acidity of the grape, of the Falanghina. We look for elegance, acidity and a balanced energy in our sweet wine.

VertdeVin: How many different cuvées do you produce?

We decided from the beginning to be mainly focused on the most common grape for this area. We mainly grow Falanghina grape and Aglianico grape to obtain different versions, different styles.

Concerning the Falanghina, we have four versions: the sparkling, the steel, the aged, and the passito. For Aglianico, we produce a steel wine and also a Reserva. However, we have completed the "white wines range" with a Fiano and a Greco (grapes). We also produce a rosato from Aglianico grape. In total we produce 11 different wines and two olive oils.

VertdeVin: Do you have any future projects?

For now, we want to underline the knowledge of these two big grapes (Falanghina & Aglianico) but I would like also to discover some other ancient local grapes as the Sciascinoso grape and Sannio Beneventano. It's a red grape that is opposite to Aglianico, with less tannin and a better balance.

Thanks to the Lacobucci family for the friendly hospitality.

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NOZZE D'ORO TASCA D'ALMERITA

40 YEARS FOR SICILY'S PIONEERING WHITE FOR AGING



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Forty years of history, emotion, and craftsmanship captured in a single bottle. Nozze d'Oro by Tasca d'Almerita was born from a gesture of love and, over time, has become an icon of Sicilian winemaking. "Dedicated to my wife with immense love."

These words, still featured on the label today, mark the origin of this wine. In 1984, Count Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita created it to celebrate his fiftieth wedding anniversary with his wife, Franca. The first toast was made on June 3, 1985, at the family's Regaleali estate—a private homage that no one could have imagined would evolve, four decades later, into one of Sicily's most enduring and distinctive white wines.



From the outset, the vision was to transform a family milestone into a wine that speaks of place, memory, and tradition. To achieve this, Giuseppe Tasca built Nozze d'Oro around two complementary varieties that embody both heritage and innovation: Inzolia, a historic grape of Regaleali known for its structure and balance, and Sauvignon Tasca, a unique estate biotype selected from Sauvignon Blanc vines introduced in the 1920s. The interplay of these two varieties—Inzolia's floral, citrusy brightness and Sauvignon Tasca's fuller, rounder character—creates a blend with both tension and harmony, a "dual wine" designed to unite past and future.

The grapes come from two historic vineyards wit-

hin the Regaleali estate. Vigna Barbabietole, planted in 1966, lies above 500 meters on deep loamy-clay soils, low in phosphorus but rich in potassium and magnesium. These conditions produce structured, long-lived grapes,

supported by roots that can extend more than a meter deep. Vigna Santa Tea, by contrast, rises between 650 and 680 meters, its sandy-calcareous soils rich in stones and basking in optimal sunlight. This is where the Sauvignon Tasca selection was planted in 1998, the result of decades of observation, clonal selection, and adaptation. This estate-specific biotype is now recognized for its distinctive aromatic signature and remarkable aging potential.

Nozze d'Oro also reflects the estate's pioneering research in both vineyard and cellar. A geo-pedological zoning project launched in the 1990s allowed Tasca d'Almerita to map the estate's soils and microclimates, ensuring each parcel expresses its fullest potential. Clonal selection of Sauvignon Tasca has safeguarded a unique genetic heritage, while since 2007, the use of indigenous yeasts isolated in the winery has further deepened the wine's connection to its place of origin, enhancing complexity and stylistic precision.



At its debut, Nozze d'Oro was a bold statement for Sicily: a white wine crafted to age, fermented and matured solely in stainless steel, without the influence of oak. The goal was to preserve varietal purity and vibrant acidity, letting time and careful lees aging build complexity. The winemaking approach involves separate harvests—Sauvignon Tasca at the end of August and Inzolia in early September—followed by a brief cold maceration to extract delicate aromatics. Fermentation takes place at low temperatures, and the wine rests on fine lees for several months before bottling, where it continues to evolve gracefully.

In the glass, Nozze d'Oro is a wine of both precision and depth. In its youth, it shines with a bright straw-yellow color and offers notes of apple, pear, white peach, melon, citrus zest, and hints of sage and white flowers. On the palate, it is taut, saline, and refreshing. With age, it develops a layered complexity, revealing nuances of rosemary honey, toasted almonds, beeswax, and subtle mineral tones. The texture grows richer and creamier, yet its vibrant acidity and long, savory finish remain intact—a testament to its ability to evolve beautifully over time.

Erika Montovan

THE RIESLING ITALICO WAVE IS GROW(ING)

The popularity of the grape variety - also widely grown in Italy, particularly in Oltrepò Pavese - is spreading from the Balkans to Eastern Europe, driven by a movement founded by three wine professionals.

An invisible bridge linking the Balkans and Eastern Europe, with branches extending into Central and Southern Europe. Not an infrastructure project, nor the invention of a mad scientist, but Italic Riesling. Whether it's called, by its Italian name - Riesling Italico - or by its regional variants - Grasac (Serbia), Graševina (Croatia), Olaszrizling (Hungary), or Laški Rizling (Slovenia) - this white grape variety, genetically unrelated to the more famous "German Riesling" (Rhine Riesling), is at the centre of a renewed wave of interest driven by a broader movement to rediscover and revalue its potential. Behind this revival is a network of wine professionals - supported by geneticists and ampelographers - who have created a true cultural movement around Italic Riesling. The acronym "GROW" brings together the initials of the grape's national names: "G" for Graševina and Grasac, "R" for Riesling, "O" for Olaszrizling, and "W" for Welschriesling, as the grape is known in Austria. "GROW du Monde" is the name of the annual wine competition where producers from these countries put their Italic Riesling wines to the test. Judging is conducted by an international panel of expert tasters - including several



Masters of Wine - led by the movement's founders: Igor Luković (Serbia), Saša Špiranec (Croatia), and Zoltán Györfy (Hungary). All wines are blind tasted, and the host country changes every year. The 2025 edition took place in June in Serbia, between the Fruška Gora wine region and the capital, Belgrade, which hosted both the awards ceremony and a public festival where wine lovers could sample many of the competing wines. A success that is set to continue in 2026, when the Czech Republic will host the next edition, in collaboration with wine journalist and critic Michal Šetka. The resurgence of Italic Riesling in the Balkans and Eastern Europe is driven by the grape's remarkable versatility. From Charmat and traditional method sparkling wines, to dry still wines, dessert wines and skin-contact "orange" wines, "Riesling Italico" is becoming a valuable asset for many producers. "There are countless interpretations," says Igor Luković. "The wines made from the varieties represented in the GROW acronym can be light and fresh - perfect for summer - or rich and structured, ranging from dry to sweet. Riesling Italic performs well in stainless steel, ideal for more immediate styles, but it also handles oak exceptionally well. What's striking is how, in every producing country, the grape expresses a unique identity, while still retaining

certain common traits."

Hungary is among the countries investing most in this variety. Along the northern shores of Lake Balaton, not far from Budapest, a PDO has been established specifically for Olaszrizling: Balatonfüred-Csopak. Progress is being made on the genetic front as well. Italic Riesling, now widespread across Danubian countries, remains a mystery in terms of origin. Italy is the only country to have addressed the issue scientifically, thanks to a team of researchers at the National Research Council (CNR), including Stefano Raimondi. "We have likely identified one of Riesling Italic's two genetic 'parents,'" explains Raimondi. "It's Cocolona Nera, a red grape variety historically grown in the Oltrepò Pavese and bordering areas of Piedmont. The other parent remains unknown."

The growing collaboration among countries currently focused on this grape might eventually lead to the identification of the second parent. Meanwhile, in Serbia, at the Andrej Volny Herbarium housed in the Karlovci Gymnasium in Sremski Karlovci, researcher Milica Ray safeguards what may be some of the earliest physical traces of the grape - genetic material such as leaves and seeds, discovered by chance in an abandoned chest. Who knows? The GROW project might not only bridge cultures and terroirs, but also connect researchers in uncovering the full story of a variety that still holds many secrets.

Davide Bortone



DEEP ROOTS, BRIGHT FUTURE

AUTOCHTHONOUS GRAPE VARIETIES OF HUNGARY

Beyond Furmint a number of lesser-known, autochthonous varieties — from Hárslevelű to Kadarka and Csókaszőlő — are carving out their place in the spotlight.

Back in the early nineties, when, after the Communist era, vineyards were replanted and wineries reborn in Hungary, most producers chose international grape varieties like Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and — despite the warm and warming climate — even Pinot Noir was shining. Then, as the wines of Hungary were welcomed by consumers, and a new generation of winemakers returned home from abroad with freshly gained knowledge, more and more of them decided to turn back to indigenous grape varieties, some even dating back to the pre-phylloxera era. Time proved they were right to do so, as today, characterful wines of indigenous origin are shining brighter than ever.

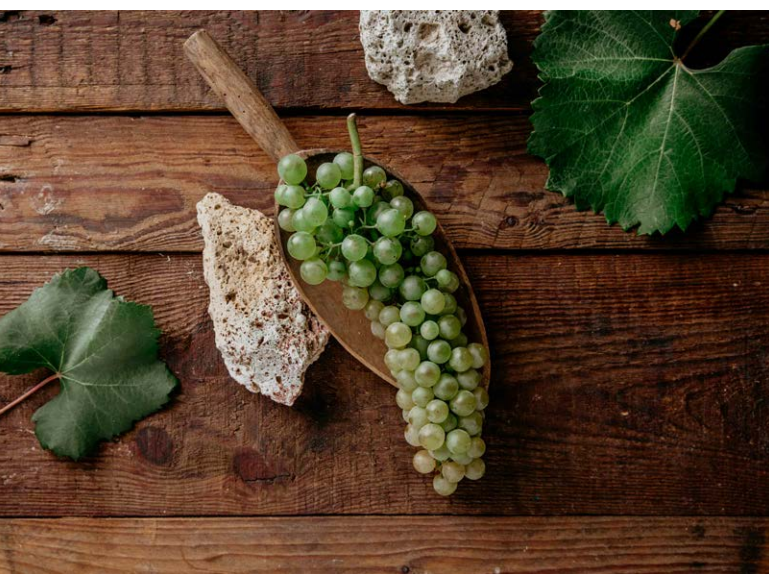


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Tokaj's Second Favourite: Hárslevelű

Hárslevelű is gaining popularity without any doubt: the second grape variety of Tokaj is becoming increasingly well known. However, this was not always the case. Despite the fact that its roots go back to the Middle Ages, just before phylloxera it almost became extinct — thanks to a regulation that declared Hárslevelű must go. Luckily, producers changed their minds and replanted it after phylloxera hit — and not only in Tokaj.

It is planted throughout the Upper Hungary wine region (including Eger, Mátra and Bükk), as well as the Balaton area: the most complex examples come from the basalt-rich Somló. Interestingly enough, there is absolutely no historic evidence that Hárslevelű existed here before phylloxera. As local winemaker, Zoltán Balogh (Somló Apátsági Pincészet) says, the farmers may have replanted it simply because they needed an aromatic grape variety.

Hárslevelű is certainly capable of producing floral and honey-toned, let's call them semi-aromatic wines — making it the perfect blending partner for the more neutral Furmint. But with care, it can go far beyond that. On its own, it can be medium to full-bodied, and as it is mostly grown on volcanic terroir, it often expresses a distinctive mineral character.

Fun fact: it is also planted in South Africa, and more producers are adding it to their portfolios.

From Hungary: **Tokaj Kikelet** and **Somló Vándor** are two great examples producing mineral-driven, complex, vibrant single-varietal wines from this grape.

Kadarka, the Hungarian Pinot Noir

I do not like comparisons, but with Kadarka it is hard to avoid. Not only in the aromatic profile, but also in its sensitive growing conditions, Kadarka is similar to Pinot Noir.

Sharing its past with Balkan countries, the grape variety was introduced to Hungary in the 16th–17th century. Kadarka flourished in the southern regions of the Kingdom of Hungary, becoming the dominant red grape by the 19th century. It was the soul of the famous Bikavér blends, and a varietal wine in its own right. However, during the Communist era, its thin skins and irregular ripening made it unfashionable.

Zoltán Heimann, the younger member of the Heimann family, is one of the leading revivalists of this grape. You can find him online under the name Kadarka Man — he has done a great deal to bring the variety back into the spotlight. Kadarka is mid to late ripening, and due to its thin skin is prone to botrytis and rot, so careful canopy management is more than essential. It is destined for hand-picking, as selection is a crucial element in producing a wine that is light to medium-bodied, with bright acidity and aromas of rosehip, sour cherry, redcurrants, and white pepper.

Alongside Heimann, try **Vida, Márkvárt**, or **Sziegl** — especially if you're curious how Kadarka shows in a red Aszú-style interpretation. While the latter is not located in Szekszárd, the others are — and there's little doubt that Kadarka performs best on the loess soils of this region. You'll also find it planted in Upper Hungary and around Lake Balaton, where it expresses a different character thanks to volcanic soils.





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The Most Famous Black Bird: Csókaszőlő

Speaking of great revivalists, József Szentesi is impossible to overlook. A true legend in Hungarian winemaking, he has brought countless rare indigenous grape varieties back into the spotlight. Today, any winemaker in Hungary looking for a cutting of a special cultivar is likely to turn to him. His name has become almost synonymous with Csókaszőlő — which, charmingly, translates to "jackdaw vine".

As legend has it, when Budapest still had vineyards, the famous Budai Vörös (Buda Red) cuvée was made from Csókaszőlő and Kadarka. Like many traditional varieties, Csókaszőlő nearly became extinct due to the upheavals of the 20th century — until József Szentesi recognised its potential. And while it is far from widely planted even today, in recent years it has been gaining more and more attention as a single-varietal wine.

The grape itself is thick-skinned, offering good resistance to disease. It has a deep ruby colour, is medium-bodied, with vivid acidity and moderate tannins. Aromas of cassis, blueberry, sour cherry, along with subtle spice and earthy, herbal notes, allow for the production of a well-structured, complex red wine with significant ageing potential.

Alongside **Szentesi** (based in the Etyek wine district), try **Vylyan** (Villány), **2HA**, or **Bussay** (both in Balaton).

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Greece is a country with amazing history, culture and gastronomy. Obviously, the country is producing wine for a very long time and has a strong heritage. If for many years we haven't seen a lot of these gems outside of Greece, it is currently changing thanks to a great dynamism of the Hellenic wine scene. Let's meet one of the best Greek wines ambassadors: Yiannis Karakasis MW.

VertdeVin: *Could you introduce yourself and explain your journey in wine?*

Y.K.: I'm Yiannis Karakasis, a Master of Wine based in Greece. My wine journey started after a career in the Hellenic Navy as a helicopter pilot. I was always fascinated by complexity, depth, and structure, and wine offered all of that, plus a cultural and emotional dimension. Since then, I've been involved as a wine writer, consultant, speaker, and educator, always with a focus on telling the story of Greek wine to a global audience.

VdV: *You achieved the prestigious Master of Wine title in 2015. Could you tell us a little bit more about this adventure?*

Y.K.: It was a long, challenging, but deeply rewarding process. The MW program is not just about knowledge - it's about critical thinking, tasting precision, and communication. For me, it helped shape my voice and provided a more structured perspective on the global wine landscape. I was proud to become one of the very few MWs in Southern Europe and to represent Greek wine in a more international context.

VdV: *If you could describe Greek wines to beginners, what would you say?*

Y.K.: Greek wine is authenticity in a bottle. It's about indigenous varieties with centuries of history, shaped by rugged landscapes, islands, and mountains. It's diverse, refreshing, often saline or herbal, and made for food. If you love discovering something new, wines with character and a story, then Greek wine is for you.

VdV: *What are the strengths and weaknesses of Greek wines?*

Y.K.: The strengths? Unique indigenous grapes, stunning terroirs, and a new generation of winemakers with real talent. The wines are becoming more precise, elegant, and internationally appealing. Weaknesses? Limited volume, fragmented production, and sometimes inconsistent marketing. But that's changing. Greece is learning to tell its story better.

VdV: *What is the current wine consumption in Greece? And in the world, what are the main Greek wine markets?*

Y.K.: Greek wine consumption is relatively stable, though locals often consume bulk wine or house wines at tavernas. The export markets are growing - the US, Canada, Germany, the UK, and Cyprus are major destinations. Recently, we've seen increased interest in Poland, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia.

VdV: *Tell us everything about these 50 Great Greek Wines Awards*

Y.K.: I founded the initiative in 2019 because we wanted to create something different, not just another competition, but a curated list that really reflects where Greek wine stands. It started as the 50 Great Greek Wines and is now just Great Greek Wines (GGW) to reflect its evolution.

The idea is simple: blind-taste wines from across Greece and Cyprus with an international jury of respected professionals, and award only about 10%. That creates a sharp, high-impact selection that serves as a guide for professionals, buyers, and sommeliers.

It took place in Athens, but the list travels with tastings and masterclasses abroad. It's all about creating real conversations around Greek wine.

VdV: *You just released the results of the 2025 Great Greek Wines Awards, and you disclosed the weight of each bottle. Why is that important?*

Y.K.: We introduced this initiative with Gregory Michailos to raise awareness of sustainability. The wine industry can reduce its carbon footprint by making lighter glass bottles, and we wanted to start this conversation in Greece. By disclosing the weight, we highlight best practices and encourage producers to rethink packaging. It's a small but meaningful step. And we award a sustainability prize for wines that fulfil three criteria: grapes sourced from bio certified vineyards, glass bottle weight <420 gr and use of renewable energy

VdV: *Will it be possible to attend tasting events with these wines around the world?*

Y.K.: Yes, absolutely. GGW is not just a list - it's a living platform. We organise tastings, masterclasses, and wine dinners internationally. Events have already taken place in Paris, London, Warsaw, Antwerp, Amsterdam - and this year, we're heading to Hamburg and Sylt in Germany, among other destinations. It's all about bringing the wines to the right audiences.

Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre

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SORRY... NO BEACHES!

WELCOME TO NAOUSSA, THE HOMELAND OF XINOMAVRO

"Sorry... No Beaches!" That's the blunt yet ironic slogan used by the local Tourism board to promote Naoussa - a mix of reality and playful semantics. In truth, the phrase fits the city well, known historically as "Heroic Naoussa" for the tragic mass suicide of women and children during the Greek War of Independence, in 1822. Rather than return under Ottoman rule, they chose to drown into the Arapitsa River.

The same phrase could just as easily apply to Xinomavro, the grape for which Naoussa is the undisputed capital. A tough variety. Often thick-skinned, high in tannins. "Masculine," some might say. It has found its home in the Imathia region, with Naoussa as its heart. This is Central Macedonia, 100 kilometers west of Thessaloniki, a key port connecting Western and Eastern Europe. From Naoussa's bustling main square, at an altitude of 330 meters, you can glimpse the horizon through the Municipal Park trees. The landscape blends into itself. The hill drops steeply, creating a sort of natural balcony. What looks like sea, from above, is actually the plain where the Arapitsa River runs slowly. The local microclimate owes much to Mount Vermio - snow-covered in winter - which moderates temperatures. Days are hot, but at night, a sweater is a must due to the sharp temperature drop.

These are ideal conditions for Xinomavro, a grape typically marked by distinct notes: dark fruit (blackberry more than cherry or strawberry), hints of beetroot, tomato pulp and leaves, layered over earthy, fresh-menthol aromas. Winemaking choices shape its profile - light and crisp or structured and age-worthy, often beyond ten years. This question is at the center of ongoing debate among the Association of Winemakers and Producers of Naoussa.

The effort to modernize the style hasn't gone unnoticed. Greek Master of Wine Konstantinos Lazarakis, speaking in Naoussa on May 30 during the awards ceremony of the Balkans International Wine Competition, put it this way: "Xinomavro is not an easy variety to manage. Twenty years

ago, a difficult grape had no commercial chance. Today, things have changed. We're drawn to more complex, visceral grapes. In the '80s and '90s, everyone drank Cabernet and Chardonnay because they were easy, obvious, rich wines that jumped out of the glass. Now that kind of wine, to use a Greek word, is becoming an anathema. Wine lovers at large may still enjoy those classic grapes. But many winemakers, wine journalists, and sommeliers are seeking something harder to interpret. We see it in art, we see it in cinema. As genres evolve, the focus shifts from the obvious to the obscure. That's the essence of Xinomavro." Lazarakis adds: "That said, Xinomavro can produce excellent rosés and sparkling wines, both white and rosé. And in red, it covers a full spectrum. From lively, fresh styles to Barolo-like wines that need decades to fully open up."

Barolo, in fact, has long moved past its reputation for being overly tannic and austere, as seen in recent vintages "Antepima". In Italy, if Xinomavro resembles any wine, it's generally not Barolo but Taurasi - the noble Aglianico from Avellino, in Campania. Like Naoussa, Taurasi is also reassessing its limitations and virtues, aiming for a more contemporary identity.

What surprises most about the remarkable Xinomavro-based reds from the heart of Macedonia is their exceptional value for money. "Welcome to Greece," Lazarakis says. "Aside from Santorini, for various reasons, we've long held a very conservative, old-fashioned view on pricing. Today, in the wine world, if a bottle isn't expensive, people assume it's not good. But trust me: many Greek wines, if you changed the label and wrote 'Tuscany,' people would pay ten times more."

It's like a sunbed at a posh beach resort - often overpriced, and not necessarily cleaner than a public beach. But in Naoussa, again: there are "no beaches". Just Xinomavro. And plenty to discover.

Davide Bortone



Master of Wine Konstantinos Lazarakis and Galina Niforou, managing director of the Balkans International Wine Competition

A XINOMAVRO TO DISCOVER

Kir-Yianni "Ramnista" 2020 Xinomavro Single Vineyard Naoussa PDO

This wine perfectly illustrates the evolution of Xinomavro. It proves that Naoussa can produce reds with well-integrated tannins even when young, fruity, concentrated, and persistent, without betraying the variety's character.

Garnet in color, the nose moves between elegant warm spices and fresh red (cherry) and black fruit (blackberry). The palate is graceful, juicy from start to finish, thanks to present yet soft tannins, and precise winemaking that allows the grape's primary aromas to shine. Lively acidity propels the sip toward a slightly savory finish. A wine you can serve slightly chilled in warmer months. Versatile at the table, it pairs especially well with red meat. This is just one of the standout labels produced by Kir-Yianni, one of the most forward-thinking wineries in the region. A benchmark for the entire Greek wine scene. Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



WEINGÜTER WEGELER

Let's discover an historic Riesling winery of Rheingau and Mosel

A fourth-generation winery guided by Richard Grosche, Weingüter Wegeler cultivates 41.40 hectares in the Rheingau and 12 hectares in the Mosel, specializing exclusively in Riesling. Following their 2014 acquisition of the prestigious Krone estate in Assmannshausen, they also offer a refined selection of Pinot Noir.

The winery's estates in both the Mosel and Rheingau consist exclusively of VDP Grosse Lage vineyard sites. The Mosel vineyards thrive on steep – sometimes even up to 70% – slate soils, while the Rheingau sites feature a diverse mix of slate, loess, and clay soils. Controlled yields, hand harvesting, and extended maturation uphold the winery's high standards.

Weingüter Wegeler – Schiefer 2024, Riesling Trocken Mosel VDP. Gutswein

(tank sample 2024) The nose is beautifully aromatic and offers a fine intensity, fruit as well as good definition. It reveals notes of lychee, crunchy green peach, and small notes of Granny Smith apple combined with touches of mandarin zest, flowers, and a subtle hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, beautifully defined and offers energy, a fine sparkle (« perlant »), gourmandise as well as crunchiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crunchy nectarine, bright vine peach, and small notes of apricot combined with touches of lychee and a hint of mandarin. The finish offers a discreet, almost tannic side to the aromas/structure. Good length. Beautiful persistence.

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

Weingüter Wegeler – Oestrich 2023, Trocken Rheingau, VDP. Ortswein

The nose is racy, chiseled, precise, and beautifully marked by flint. Delicate, airy as well as with a beautiful and fine texture. It expresses notes of lychee, quenette, and brilliant small fruits combined with discreet hints of crushed fruit. The palate is beautifully structured, precise, finely chiseled and offers precision, tension, a beautiful energy, a flinty character, and a sharp/incisive side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of acacia, linden, white fruits and small notes of quenette combined with touches of lychee, pulpy white peach, and fine chalky hints. A fine, almost iodized hint. Good length.

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

Weingüter Wegeler – Rüdesheim 2023, Trocken Rheingau, VDP. Ortswein

The nose is beautifully structured, floral, intense, and offers a certain power, precision as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of flat peach, pulpy apple and small notes of ripe citrus fruits associated with a hint of rose, peach blossoms and a sense of place (local biotope). The palate is beautifully structured, supple, precise, fair and offers roundness, fatness, a good definition

as well as a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, juicy/ripe citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of Granny Smith apple as well as fine hints of flint. Beautiful tangy and incisive/vibrant finish. A hint of good bitterness and ripe pip. Superb persistence over 9 caudalies.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Weingüter Wegeler – 16 Grosse Terroirs, Geheimrat « J » 2022, Riesling Trocken Rheingau, VDP. Ortswein

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain complexity. It reveals notes of pulpy white fruits, lychee and small notes of rose associated with discreet touches of citrus as well as beautiful floral hints (lily, etc.). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, tension, energy as well as a nice chalky side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy white peach, crunchy pear and small notes of small white fruits associated with touches of smoke, flint as well as a fine hint of exotic fruits (in the background). Good length. A hint of rose on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Weingüter Wegeler – Geheimrat « J » 2017, Riesling Trocken

Rheingau, VDP. Ortswein

The nose is beautifully aromatic, airy, and offers intensity as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of rose, white flowers, and small notes of fresh lychee combined with discreet hints of fresh pineapple, a discreet hint of juicy citrus fruit, kumquat, a hint of juicy physalis, and a subtle hint of spice. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, juicy, pulpy, well balanced and offers gourmandise, a beautiful definition, precision as well as a tangy structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy peach, bright citrus fruit, and small notes of fresh pineapple combined with beautiful floral touches, an almost fresh kiwi hint and fine hints of tangy/pulpy physalis. Good length. Lovely chalky finish. Superb acidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Weingüter Wegeler – Geheimrat « J » 2012, Riesling Spätlese Trocken Rheingau

The nose is superbly deep, elegant, and offers precision. Full of precision and deepness. It reveals notes of verbena, physalis and small notes of bright small yellow fruits combined with discreet hints of beeswax, nutmeg, as well as a discreet floral hint of dry blond tobacco and toast. The palate is beautifully structured, supple, well-balanced, elegant, and offers precision, gourmandise finesse, delicacy, race as well as a tangy racy structure. Beautifully defined and gourmand. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of physalis, kumquat and small notes of crushed quince associated with fine touches of dried lemon, potpourri, flowers as well as discreet hints of lychee, a subtle hint of beeswax, dry tobacco and sweet spices. Good length. A hint of saffron in the background (in its floral side). Superb persistence of 12 caudalies.

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



ITATA

THE OLDEST VINEYARDS IN CHILE



Until recently few wine lovers had ever heard of Itata. It can be found at the southern end of Chile's long narrow growing wine region, some five hundred kilometres south of the capital Santiago. We are familiar with the neatly manicured rows of the international varieties such as Cabernet, Merlot, Sauvignon and Chardonnay found further north, but Itata is a world away from this.

A cool climate area open to the sea, the wine growing part lies twenty kilometres or more inland from the port of Concepción, also the regional capital. Itata may not be familiar to wine lovers, but this is an historic region, the first place the Spanish colonized and planted grapes in the mid fifteenth century. At one stage it supplied inexpensive wine to the cities further north, but it was gradually overtaken by the more northerly vineyards and fell into disuse. It is only over the last decade that producers have rediscovered Itata and its wealth of old vines, many a century or more old. The vines, typically head-trained, are dry-farmed and often worked by horse and plough. The soils vary but are primarily granite, giving the wine an enticing freshness and a mineral edge.

The most popular grapes are País, Moscato and Cinsault. País is one of the great historic grapes of South America. Originally from Spain, it made its way over to Chile and Argentina via the Canaries, where it is known as Listán Prieto. In Argentina it is known as Criolla Chica. Missionaries brought it up the west coast of America to California where, appropriately, it is called Mission. For many years it was dismissed by most as being only useful for low quality wine. However, in recent years there has been renewed interest (as there has been for Cinsault) in Chile and elsewhere and some excellent wines produced.

The climate in Itata is cool, moderated by the Pacific Ocean, and rainfall relatively high but mainly occurring in the winter. Summers tend to be dry and moderately sunny.

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Imaginador Pedro Parra, Cinsault 2021 Itata Valley

Pedro Parra is an internationally renowned soil expert consulting for many great producers around the world. This is his own project, celebrating the old vines and grape varieties of the region. He makes a number of single-vineyard wines focussing on the individual terroirs. The Imaginador is his 'villages' wine made from several vineyards in the same region.

This has lovely savoury dark cherries and cranberries with a charcoal edge. The fruit is vibrant and juicy. It has no real tannins but a light grippiness to provide structure. This has amazing substance ripeness and depth, a fine minerality.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

De Martino Ungrafted Old Vines 2024, Cinsault Itata Valley

Originally from Italy the de Martino family make a fascinating range of wines across various regions of Chile. In each region they source grapes made from ungrafted vines, unique to Chile. They farm ten hectares in Itata. This has delicious free-flowing fresh juicy wine with a savoury touch, and succulent, lively dark cherry fruits. The tannins are there but light.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



A Los Viñateros Bravos, Volcanico País 2021 Itata Valley

Leo Erazo spent a decade travelling the world to learn about wine before returning to Itata. Volcanico Granito is made from very old bush-trained vines growing on volcanic sand. The grapes are hand harvested, basked pressed, and fermented using local yeasts. Fermentation and ageing takes place in concrete vats with some large old wooden casks.

Light and juicy, with captivating dark fruits, an earthy, herbal touch and fine grippy tannins on the finish. A very exciting wine with a mineral freshness, and wonderful purity of fruit.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Clos des Fous, Pour Ma Gueule 2022 Itata Valley

Clos des Fous is a group of four Chileans, including Pedro Parra, who source grapes grown in the northern and southern extremes of Chile. The wines are made with minimal intervention from dry-farmed vineyards and using wild yeasts and low sulphur.

Pour ma Gueule, or 'for my gob' is made from a blend of different grapes grown in Itata, varying each year depending on the harvest. It includes Carignan, Cinsault, País and Malbec in 2022. This is fresh and lively with clean unoaked dark fruits, a touch of mint, and a sweet tannin-free finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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NEW YORK STATE

LESS KNOWN WINES, NOT LESS INTERESTING



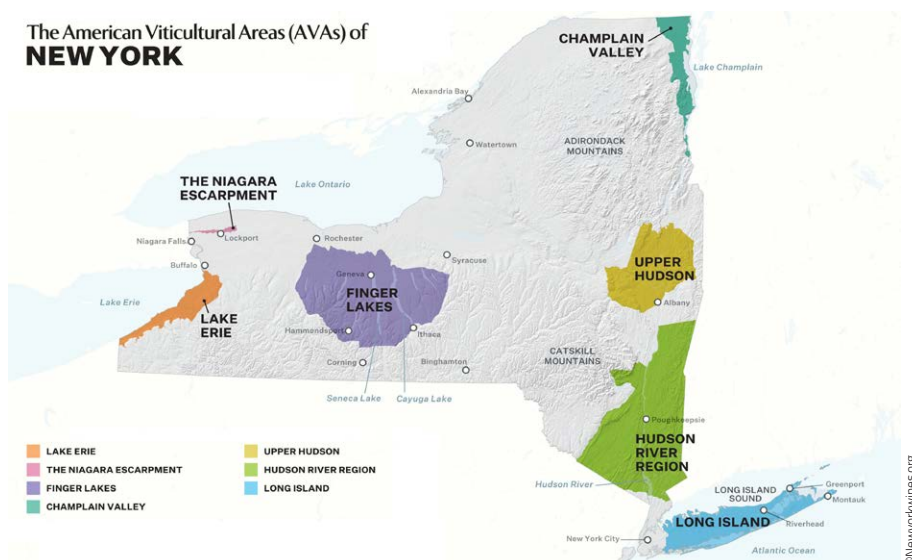
Less known for its wines than the famous California, the New York State is the third wine producing region of the USA. It stretches between the Atlantic coast and the American border with Canada, in the North-East of the country, and is renowned for its wines from Riesling and hybrid grape varieties, but not only. Thanks to the warming effect of the lakes of the New-York State, which makes its winters milder, this cool-climate region allows growing different red varieties, which need more warmth: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon...

The most famous AVA (American Viticultural Areas) of the New-York is Finger Lakes (producing 80% of wines of New York), with some of them recognized as a separate AVA. Finger Lakes region is situated inland, near the Canadian border, and is distinguished by a cool climate, moderated by extended bodies of water - lakes themselves, various soil types with different structure and texture (shale, limestone, siltstone, sandstone) and steep slopes on the lakes borders, where vines are grown. Long Island is better known as a holiday destination, but its maritime climate is milder, than those of the inland AVAs, with long hot summers, mild autumns and springs, and cool winters. It is also distinguished by moraine soils, formed by movements of ancient glaciers, with great drainage and low organic content. This offers favorable conditions for viticulture of various varieties (Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, red Bordeaux varieties) and contributes to a quality of grapes.

Valentina Guerin de Tourville



The American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) of NEW YORK



Osmote Chardonnay 2023

Seneca Lake

(aged in barrels) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is expressive, fragrant, floral and toasty on opening. It initially offers distinct notes of white flowers (acacia, lily, orange blossom), combined with delicate lactic (lemon yogurt, raw butter), toasted (lightly toasted hazelnut, heated wood) and spicy (vanilla in the background, a hint of coriander and Timut pepper) notes. Aeration reveals mineral, calcareous and chalky notes, combined with citrus (lemon, grapefruit, lime) and tangy fruits (white peach, apricot, green apple). The palate has a gourmet attack, honeyed (chestnut honey) and slightly bitter (lime, grapefruit). The mid-palate expresses notes of ripe blood orange, tangy green apple, white peach, and exotic fruits (guava, a hint of kiwi, tangy pineapple). There are also notes of milk (butter, lemon yogurt), toast (toasted almond with a slight bitterness, toasted wood in the background) and spice (vanilla in the background, coriander seed, a light peppery touch). The finish is long, flavorful and delicious, with toasted notes of hazelnut and wood, as well as tangy lemon cream. Beautiful salivating acidity. A complex, slender, straight and fresh wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Thirsty Owl Wine Company, Diamond 2022

Finger Lakes

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is aromatic and rather complex: it combines the ripe side of the fruits, honeyed, herbaceous and floral notes, as well as a distinct minerality, reminiscent of hydrocarbons. Aromas include ripe yellow apple (with a touch of roasted apple in the background), dried yellow lemon zest, a hint of crushed blood orange, yellow peach, pineapple, quince, as well as bitter citrus preserves (grapefruit, lime). Aeration also reveals a clear limestone and stony minerality, as well as notes of roasted quince, fresh quince, hay, dried white flowers (acacia, linden) and honey. There is also a light touch

of gooseberries and cucumber in the background. The palate is generous, soft, pleasantly sweet. The attack expresses notes of white currants, ripe peach and apricot jam (but not too sweet). On the mid-palate, we feel the flavors of ripe pineapple, yellow peach, candied lemon peel, as well as roasted quince, fresh yellow apple and slightly bitter blood orange. The finish offers a salivating and balancing acidity, a slight bitterness of grapefruit (even bergamot with a smoky touch), as well as a more delicate mineral touch than on the nose (hydrocarbons, a hint of limestone). Good length on the citrus acidity. A gourmet, balanced and accessible wine.

Score : 15.5/20 (91/100)

Mazza Chautauqua Cellars, Merlot 2019

Long Island

The wine has a pale ruby color, with slight garnet highlights. The nose is airy, elegant, it offers concentration and a certain complexity, but requires aeration to open up. It then expresses spicy and toasted notes (nutmeg, ground cumin, crushed coriander and vanilla seeds, as well as toasted hazelnut, cocoa and chocolate almond). We also find juicy and gourmand fruits (morello cherry, crushed cassis, crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, ripe red cherry), as well as dried cherry and dried cassis, complemented by a herbaceous and floral hint (dried bergamot tea, dried mint, dried cornflower). The palate offers tension, a good bitterness of dried cranberries on the attack, completed by a smoky-bitter hint of bergamot. Then, the wine expresses a delicate spicy and toasted touch (cumin, nutmeg, white pepper, a touch of licorice, dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut), as well as a juicy and tangy fruity material (red cherry, cassis, morello cherry, raspberry, a hint of black plum), black tea, dried cassis leaf, as well as dried blueberry. The tannins are sapid, powdery and polished. Beautiful salivating acidity, a pleasant bitter-chocolate side on a fairly long persistence.

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

NINGXIA

CHEERS TO THE WORLD FROM CHINA



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Silver Heights Vineyard The Summit 2021

Ningxia

(100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Demeter) The wine has got a deep ruby color. The first nose is a little bit closed, it's a wine that needs aeration. Little by little, the black fruits are appearing with a nice freshness. The mouth is fresh, with a good acidity and powerful tannins which continue until the finish. We have black fruits such as black berry and juicy cherry. The vanilla appears at the end. The wine is long and powerful.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Jade Vineyard Messenger Reserve 2017

Ningxia

(100% Cabernet Sauvignon) The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is nice with sapidity and a hint of leather. We have fruits like plum and a touch of forest floor. The mouth is fresh and round at the attack. There is a nice acidity with deep tannins. It's velvety with fruits like plum and black cherry. The finish is long, it is well-balanced.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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From the 9th to the 12th of June, I was lucky enough to be part of the **Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 32nd edition** as a judge for a third time. Every year, this amazing wine competition is taking place in a different region. In 2025, it was in Yinchuan, the capital of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China. After hearing a lot about this famous wine area, after tasting some of their wines, after meeting some Ningxia winemakers earlier this year and following a Master Class with Xing Wei MW at Prowein, it was a wonderful opportunity to finally visit Ningxia. Let's talk about it!

Ningxia is an arid region located at the foot of the Helan Mountains in the north-west of China. It is a mix of deserts; grasslands, flood plains and mountains and it is cut through by the Yellow River. If this area is unfamiliar to you, know that humans have lived in this place for at least 30,000 years; that there are incredible rock paintings dating back to the Neolithic period; that Genghis Khan conquered it in the 13th century (to the north, it's the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China); that it was in the 1930s that the Western Xia pyramid mausoleums were discovered by chance and that Islam is the main religion.

But what about wine? Since the 1980s, Ningxia Province has been a promise: an El Dorado for quality wine producers. The climate is certainly

extreme with an altitude above 1000 meters. In summer, the temperatures are scorching and it's windy, but irrigation is provided by the Yellow River (which is 200 km away!). In winter, it's the opposite with up to - 30°C: the vines are buried for protection! Since the 2000s, the quality of Ningxia wines has steadily improved. Renowned Chinese producers like Changyu and Great Wall have seen the arrival of Western groups like Pernod Ricard and LVMH (Chandon). But we can also underline that boutique wineries have developed, such as Silver Heights Vineyard. Now, organic and biodynamic viticulture is the new trend.

There are about 200 wineries in Helan Mountain Eastern Foothills that grow mainly Cabernet Sauvignon but also Merlot, Carménère (known as Carbernet Gernischt), Marselan, Syrah... And some white grape varieties like Welschriesling, Chardonnay and Viognier. The red wines are dry and are vinified "Bordeaux style". The results? Powerful, full-bodied red wines with oak and fruits and for the dry white wines: light and dry with good acidity. The purple miracle is coming to us, let's embrace this new wine region.

Thank you again to the CMB for this amazing journey in China. Xièxie.

Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre

KENBISHI

More than 500 years of delicious taste

Famous for its delicious Wagyu beef, Kobe is also the birthplace of one of the oldest brands in the world: Kenbishi. For over 500 years, this sake house has benefited from the virtues of Japan's Hyogo region. Known and recognised for its great consistency, Kenbishi is undoubtedly a blend of artistic craftsmanship and centuries-old know-how to reach delicious taste.

It produces sakes from another era. This is, in fact, its first motto: "stop the clock" ! Indeed, since its inception, Kenbishi, which means "sword and diamond," has created its own style of sake that is highly acclaimed by the public. Its product line includes sakes with flavour and plenty of umami. The house is fond of aged sakes, known as Koshu. Its signature is the blend of several vintages: this imparts strength and delicious rice flavours.

In addition, Kenbishi has a second precept: "to return in kind to our customers the money they have invested." In other words: quality, quality, and quality! The Kura uses the king of rice, Yamada Nishiki. But in addition, the house selects the first category Special A rice. It's a bit technical, but in Japanese sake, certain production areas for Yamada Nishiki are considered exceptional from a geological and climatic point of view: they are all in Hyogo. The rice from these rice paddies is intended to produce very great Nihonshu. It goes without saying that Kenbishi employs around a hundred trained and dedicated kurabito (employees specialized in sake production), because everything is done by hand.



Kenbishi sakes are unique. These are traditional sakes worth discovering, and don't hesitate to open them with food to fully enjoy the virtues of nihonshu: its ability to enhance the ingredients.

Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre

劍菱



Kenbishi "Kuromatsu" (17% alc - aged 1 year and more)

Yamada Nishiki Special A and Ai-yama

The sake has a pale straw color, clear and bright. The first nose is intense with notes of maturation. There are toasted rice, bitter cocoa, white soy sauce, white pepper, and dried mushroom notes. It's a complex nose. The second nose opens with softness, roundness, a sweetness from the sticky rice, but also mild vanilla spices. There's still the light soy sauce and hints of citrus zest. The palate is clear, fresh, and sweet on the attack, with an immediate hint of spiciness from the white pepper. We find notes of puffed rice, toasted rice, and sticky rice, but also cocoa, salted caramel, and hints of citrus such as mandarin and candied lemon zest. The finish is intense and long, with these rice notes still accompanied by cooked apple and white pepper. This is a complex sake with body and intensity.

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

Kenbishi "Mizuho" (17.5% alc - aged 2 years and more)

Yamada Nishiki Special A

This sake has a straw color with pale golden highlights. It is clear and bright. The first nose is fresh, spicy, and peppery with notes of candied lemon, candied citron, and light soy sauce. The second nose opens with more subtlety, delicacy, and umami notes of meat juice, puffed rice, and fresh/cooked apple. The palate is fresh and round on the attack with good acidity and minerality. There are straightforward notes of apple, reduced soy sauce, cooked rice, and root vegetables. The finish is mouthwatering, saline, and with an almost minty freshness that is very long and intense. There are few aromas but plenty of textures with umami and a spicy, almost chili-like from the white pepper. The finish is clear and crystalline, with a hint of savory and lemon juice on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Kenbishi "Zuisho" (18% alc - aged 5 years and more)

Yamada Nishiki Special A

The nose is aromatic and offers fruit, spices, a certain deepness as well as an airy and powerful texture. It reveals notes of wild cassis and small notes of balsamic combined with fine touches of Madagascar pepper, a discreet hint of green pepper, coffee, star anise, and a hint of saline/iodine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, a good definition, precision, acidity as well as a relatively tight and taut structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of tangy wild small fruits as well as hints of roasted fruits, fine toasted hints, nutmeg and a hint of cocoa. Tannins are finely mellow. Good length. Freshness, juiciness and fruit.

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

A NEW HOSPICES DE BEAUNE CUVÉE !

A DONATION FOR
DOMAINE FAIVELEY'S 200TH
ANNIVERSARY

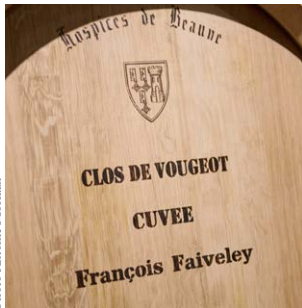


Photo Antoine Morfaux

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of **Domaine Faiveley (1825–2025)**, the **Faiveley family announced a generous donation to the Hospices de Beaune on June 20, 2025, during a ceremony at the Château du Clos de Vougeot. They donated a prestigious vineyard parcel of Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, planted in 1974 and covering just over 4 ouvrées (approx. 0.17 hectares). This vineyard will yield about three barrels of wine annually.**

The new wine will debut at the 165th Hospices de Beaune wine auction on November 17, 2025, under the name “Clos de Vougeot, cuvée François Faiveley”, in tribute to two key figures of the family: François Faiveley (1859–1918) and François Faiveley (born 1951).

Erwan Faiveley expressed pride in sharing this exceptional heritage with the Hospices, emphasizing their shared values of organic viticulture and commitment to quality. Guillaume Koch, Director of the Hospices Civils de Beaune, thanked the Faiveley family for this rare and symbolic donation, highlighting its role in continuing a long tradition of generosity and supporting hospital operations. Ludivine Griveau-Gemma, manager of the Hospices' wine estate, called the gift deeply meaningful and a lasting connection between the two institutions.

Domaine Faiveley, based in Nuits-Saint-Georges, owns over 120 hectares of vineyards, including 12 Grand Crus and 22 Premier Crus. Currently led by Eve and Erwan Faiveley – the 7th generation – the Domaine has been transitioning to organic farming since 2022, with full certification expected in July 2025.

The Hospices de Beaune, founded in 1443, are a public hospital network still operating today, with nearly 1,000 beds across several sites in Burgundy. Their wine estate, built through centuries of donations, covers more than 60 hectares, mainly Premier and Grand Crus. It includes 86 unique vineyard plots and produces 51 distinct cuvées – all honoring their donors. The new Faiveley cuvée will now be part of this remarkable living legacy.



Photo Antoine Morfaux

67 PALL MALL BORDEAUX

THE PROJECT IS TAKING SHAPE

The renowned private members' club **67 Pall Mall**, celebrated for its exceptional wine offerings, is set to open its doors in Bordeaux in April 2026, right in time for the En Primeur campaign. Located at 21 Cours de l'Intendance in the prestigious Triangle d'Or, the club will transform a historic 1,500-square-meter 18th-century building, which was previously a restaurant in the 19th century, then a bank and later a fashion boutique, into a “place to be” for wine enthusiasts.



Two Bordeaux-based architects, Charles Sarthou et Beba Michard-Castagné (S+M Architectes), who were also behind the renovation of Le Gabriel Restaurant and Château Angélus among many other projects, have obtained planning permission for renovations that will carefully preserve the structure's original architectural character. The hard hat tour in July 2025 revealed that the space had been reimagined across multiple levels. The centrepiece is an impressive 8.2-meter glass wine tower standing beneath the building's spectacular 15-meter cupola. The renovation includes a professional kitchen in the basement, which was dug in the ground, a ground-floor wine bar open to the public, a members-only lounge and private dining rooms, and a panoramic rooftop terrace overlooking Bordeaux's historic rooftops and the Notre Dame church.

The wine list promises to be the region's most extensive, featuring over 5,000 references from 50 countries, including approximately 500 options available by the glass, all served in premium Zalto glasses. Bordeaux wines will make up at least a third of the selection. The founders expect that many producers will utilise the club as a convenient venue to present their wines without requiring visitors to travel to distant estates.

Founded by a wine enthusiast and former trader, Grant Ashton, 67 Pall Mall has already established exclusive clubs in London (2015), Singapore (2022), and Verbier (2021). Besides Bordeaux, new clubs are being set to open in Shanghai, Beaune and Melbourne. Membership, priced at 3,400€ (2,000€ joining fee plus 1,400€ annual fee), grants access to all global locations. With a cap of 1,800 members, anticipation is high for this outstanding addition to Bordeaux's wine scene. While waiting for the opening, the team organises regular masterclasses with exceptional wines from around the world presented by winemakers and leading journalists.

Valeria Tenison

CONSUMPTION IS DOWN, PRICES ARE UP... PRODUCTION IS EVERYWHERE

Habits are changing and people drink less, but better. Winemakers produce less but it's seemingly still too much. And why does any of this have to do with kombucha, flying doctors, hail storms and trams in South Australia? Read on.

Last year, the world population drank 214 million hectolitres of wine. It's hard to imagine what that number represents: it equals 28.5 billion bottles with almost 1000 being emptied every second. You would have to stand on Paris' Pont Alexandre III for some twelve hours to see that much liquid rushing down the River Seine – even with the Place de la Concorde and the Eiffel Tower as backdrop, it might get a bit boring. However, this is still the lowest global wine consumption level since 1961. After a sharp increase beginning in the 1980s, the figure has been on a downwards trend since 2016. For a number of unfortunate, concurrent reasons.

Less wine - but why?

Most people are worried about the economy in one way or another; the cost of living is rising but wages aren't. Under constrained budgets, wine becomes a dispensable item.

Geopolitics are another factor. Ongoing conflicts – most obviously in Ukraine and the Middle East – have disrupted supply chains, created instability and sped up inflation in already volatile markets.

The many tariffs promised or implemented by the second Trump administration have only added to an already complex mix.

Meanwhile, Gen Z is drinking less alcohol in all forms, and if they do, not necessarily the oaked cab that their Gen X parents consider the ultimate wisdom; instead they're seeking low- and no-alcohol wines. They also pick from a large choice of RTDs, Kombucha, teas and ever growing options of mixed drinks.

But lowering consumption is not limited to youngsters: consumers of all ages are cutting down on their alcohol intake, often cheered on by aggressive anti-alcohol lobbies influencing lawmakers. The Australian Cancer Council plastered a message that alcohol causes cancer, across the sides of trams, illustrated with red wine glasses.

Slump in worldwide consumption

These concurrent factors help to explain why consumption has gone down in 15 of the 20 leading wine-drinking countries last year. According to John Barker, Director of the International Vine and Wine Organisation, they are 'saturated'. Not least the USA – the world's biggest wine market that slurps up 16% of the world production for some of the highest prices – where consumption has slowed down.

Some smaller markets seem to be taking a roller coaster ride. Seen as a shooting star in the last decade, Brasil has had a slump of 10% in consumption in 2024. Argentina used to be world champion of per capita consumption with 80% of the demand met by domestic wines. Consumption has halved since 2014. Stocks have been dangerously accumulating and a glut of grapes in the 2025 harvest delivered an oversupply of several harvests.

Winemakers around the world have 1.2 billion litres of wine in stock (about 30 minutes on the Seine), putting severe downward pressure on prices. The small 2024 harvest helped slightly. But not enough.

On the other hand, "wine has never been so widely consumed worldwide," Barker insists. It is now "consumed in 195 countries", some with a large

population and "strong overall consumption [...] still offer significant growth potential."

Southeast Asia (excluding China), is one of the few regions forecast to see some growth. High hopes are pinned on India. Consumption in Vietnam or Malaysia is growing but starts from a very low baseline.

Rising production costs

Across production lines the cost of making wine has consistently increased in recent years, both to environmental and socioeconomic factors: more irrigation needed, higher costs of labour, steeping prices for energy, machinery and, crucially, glass bottles, of which Ukraine used to be a main supplier.

This has added pressure to an industry already very much at the mercy of nature's whims.

Spring frosts kill buds; hail can destroy complete crops in seconds; severe heat and drought put vines under extreme stress, reducing yields or simply making it



Photo Marion Köhler

impossible to mature with balance. France lost 22% of the harvest in 2024. Spain's Priorat saw yields drop up to 50% in recent harvests.

Many winemakers found it increasingly difficult to make a living under current conditions "and simply left their grapes unpicked", said Barker. Even Torres, sustainability trailblazers – having committed 11% of annual profits to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change – and one of the world's most admired wine brands, has announced they might be abandoning the 1000-hectare famous Priorat-soils in their home Catalonia in 20 or 30 years. "Because traditional winemaking here may not be viable", laments 83-year-old patriarch Miguel Torres.

Vineyards under threat

For four consecutive years, the global vineyard area has shrunk to 7.1 million hectares in 2024 – 9% less than 2002's 7.8%.

The outlook is not promising. According to a study conducted by research agency IWSR, yields will keep decreasing for years. The value will slightly rise, but most on the account of premium wines. In other words:

solvent premium drinkers will play a more important role and support higher-shelf producers while winemakers at the other end of the spectrum won't get enough to make a livelihood.

In Australia, for example, where wine is the most popular tipple, growers of premium wine get four times more for their grapes than producers of cheap grapes. Even winemakers in historic Rutherglen are uprooting vines. Experts estimate Australia – fifth-largest wine producing country with an industry worth € 25 billion – needs to cut its vineyard area by 30% under the economic conditions.

On the other side of the globe, Bordeaux has been struggling with over production for years. Some local stakeholders think the classical wine style as well as their marketing are lagging behind local trends and marketing dynamics. Winemakers in the entire southwest and the Rhône valley are also affected. Last year, 5418 growers applied to clear 27,461ha of vines, accepting a government compensation of €4000 per hectare – €110 million from the tax payers pocket.

It's estimated that 100,000ha of the Grande Nation's 789,000ha under vine might need to be cleared to balance supply and demand.

Meanwhile, 1300 growers completely gave up farming, sending the property prices plummeting when putting their land on the market. Côtes de Bordeaux-soil lost 60% in value. Even top appellations like the Médoc and Pauillac fell -17% resp. -7%, which still leaves the sellers with € 2.5 million/ha.

Current challenges also lead to serious mental health struggles. In Australia, France, Germany and other wine-producing countries doctors report increased mental health crises among farmers. "A farmer dies by suicide every 10 days," warns Dr Tim Driscoll, the Queensland State Manager for Mental Health at the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

It must be sold

Europe produces 61% of wine worldwide, but European countries just drink 48% of global production. Wine no longer is the drink with every meal in Spain, France or Italy, the countries that account for 50% of wine produced.

It might sound reassuring, therefore, that every second bottle of wine gets opened in another country where consumers pay more than in most countries of origin. But export markets are tricky, too. Inflation, taxes and tariffs drive the prices up (especially if compared to times before the Covid pandemic) in many countries – foremost the US, the biggest and one of the highest-priced wine markets globally. One third of all EU wine exports travel across the pond.

In view of all difficulties, the French government granted an aid programme worth € 5 billion to help exporters ship large stocks to the USA before the new tariffs come into force.

The pandemic affected prices as well as drinking habits. In 2024 China's imports rose 14% in volume and 38% in value. But consumption fell by 19% and, now with the third biggest vineyard surface in the world, China is seeing a growing trend towards drinking domestic.

Russians zipped 2% more wine despite an international boycott and enlarged their vineyards by 2.2% to a total 108,000ha, many of which may be on Ukrainian soil. Yet another challenge for international winemakers to contend with.

Matthias Stelzig

Wines & spirits to savour this summer



Weingut Krone, Assmannshausen – Pinot Noir 2020

Höllenberg – VDP. Grosse Lage

The nose is beautifully aromatic, floral, finely smoky, airy and taut. Purity. It reveals notes of violet, violet plum, flowery pepper and small notes of flint associated with hints of pistil, as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is well-built, supple, elegant, gourmand, silky, harmonious, nicely marked by its terroir, frank and offers juiciness, acidity and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of violet plum, violet and small notes of pulpy/juicy cherry combined with touches of flowery pepper, a hint of tobacco, cardamom, as well as a discreet hint of almost aniseed and black tea (in the background). Good length. A subtle hint of chocolate. Very nice spicy/peppery and gourmand persistence.

Price: €€€



Bodegas La Rorra – Corimbo 2021

Ribera del Duero

The nose is gourmand and presents a certain silkiness and depth of fruit, a creamy, even roasted side to the fruit, but with elegance and brilliance. [...] The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a certain salinity, precision, a fine concentration (full of balance) as well as even a certain lightness despite the richness/maturity of the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fairly ripe cassis, dense/concentrated blueberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry, combined with touches of small red fruits with Mediterranean accents, as well as hints of smoke, tobacco, arbutus, chocolate, toasted hazelnut and vanilla. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. Racy minerality and a subtle hint of local roasted garrigue/roasted thyme in the background.

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

Price: €€

Stoller Pinot Noir 2023

Dundee Hills, Oregon

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is tangy, fruity and expresses notes of raspberry, tangy red cherry, crushed blueberry, as well as smoke, toast and licorice. After aeration, we find chocolate and vanilla aromas. The palate is warm, juicy, slightly roasted, but remains fresh and gourmand. In mouth this wine expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crushed blueberry, wild strawberry associated with chocolate, vanilla and licorice notes, as well as hints of white pepper and toast (in the background). Tannins are velvety, fine and mellow. Good bitterness on the persistence. Good length and supple (but fresh) acidity.

Price: €€



Toki – Suntory Japanese Whisky

The whisky has a beautiful, clear, and bright golden color. The nose is powerful and aromatic, with fresh notes of honey, candied lemon, and tropical fruits. Sweet spices and hints of vanilla are present. There are also notes of baked apple, almost caramelized, with fresh vanilla. The palate is fresh, almost minty, intense, and spicy, with hints of candied orange and candied lemon zest. Vanilla comes through at the end of the tasting. The whisky is round, powerful, and comforting. Well-balanced, it offers freshness and peppery vitality while possessing a velvety smoothness.

A whisky to serve neat, on the rocks, or even in a highball with a twist of grapefruit.

Price: €€€



Il Monte Caro - Fogo 2020

Amarone della Valpolicella

Produced at 220 meters above sea level on soils rich in rocky marl limestone with a 30% incline, this Amarone is crafted from Corvina (50%), Corvinone (40%), and Rondinella (10%) grapes and aged for approximately 30 months. Unfiltered, it displays an intense, deep color and offers a broad, persistent palate. The aromatic profile ranges from red fruit to dried fruit, accompanied by balsamic notes. The tannic backbone, typical of Corvina, is balanced by sweeter, deeper sensations imparted by the dried grapes. A wine of great structure, smoothness, and remarkable elegance.

Price: €€€



Cantina Tramin – Terminum 2023

Alto Adige DOC

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of apricot, sweet kumquat and small notes of sweet mandarin, associated with a fine herbaceous touch, fine hints of sage, a hint of spices, as well as a herbaceous/floral hint in the background. The palate is well-built, tangy, supple, elegant, racy, full of precision and offers a beautiful tangy frame, elegance, precision as well as a beautiful unctuous character. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, raisin and small notes of pineapple in syrup combined with touches of vine peach, kumquat, white flowers as well as a hint of dried apricot, mango, fresh dates, exotic fruits and sweet vine peach as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and a hint of minerality. Good persistence with a subtle hint of toasted almond in the background.

Price: €€€



Bordeaux 2024

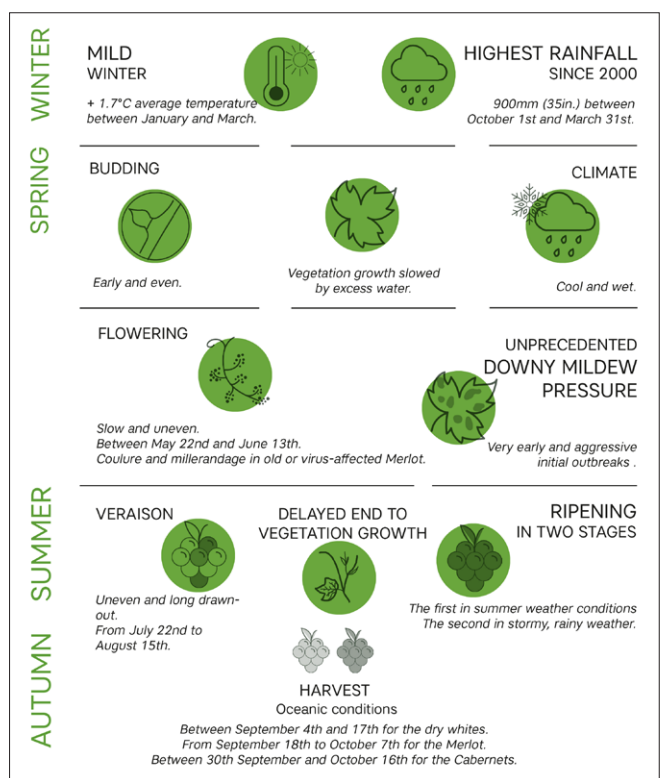
A VINTAGE OF RESILIENCE AND COURAGE

ONLY A COUPLE OF REGIONS IN THE WORLD ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE THIS LEVEL OF QUALITY GIVEN THE CONDITIONS

This year was a vintage of stress for winemakers/vignerons, of weather phenomena, a vintage of « wine-grower »... an atypical vintage but so qualitative! Be careful, however, even if we find very great wines in this vintage, I would not go so far as to speak of homogeneity but of heterogeneity of quality according to the several terroirs... The terroir and the hand of man are our notion keys!

Key informations to better understand this 2024 vintage :

- a mild temperature and very wet winter
- February and March were particularly wet, with an average of +175% precipitation in March compared to the thirty-year average. Combined with mild temperatures, these conditions favored early budburst as well as significant (and early) pressure from fungal infections (downy mildew, among others). In some places, when tracing the contamination, it appeared that downy first mildew attacks occurred at a vegetative stage when it was not thought possible.
- A frost episode from April 19 to 25
- April, May, and June were cool, with temperatures and precipitation close to the thirty-year averages, but with a significant deficit in sunshine/light
- A very spread-out flowering period depending on the terroir, with a large disparity from one appellation/terroir to another. Rain-related coulure.
- July and August were quite dry, in complete contrast to spring and winter, but with some morning humidity present.
- A very spread-out ripening process at the end of July, which soon disappeared.
- Heavy rainstorms were forecasted for early September. Again, depending on the area, they occurred or not, with significant variation (in mm) from one appellation to another, and sometimes even from one village to another within the same AOC/AOP... it appears that weather forecasting models have proven in recent years that they need to be revised.
- The key words of this vintage: hard work in the vineyard, courage, philosophy, resilience, precision, perseverance, and drastic selection...



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In a few words, and generally speaking, we have white wines with freshness, fruit, and significant acidity to tame (some had to undergo malolactic fermentation for the first time to "round out" and tame this acidity).

The sweet wines winemakers are used to practice a lot picking selection, in this vintage context the selection was definitely drastic. Sauternes, Barsac, Cérons are beautifully fresh, with lovely acidity, chiseled, elegant, deep, dynamic and beautifully floral. You definitely need to buy some Bordeaux sweet wines !

Regarding the red wines, the wines (which are successful) rediscover the balance that has made Bordeaux' wines famous: elegance, finesse, freshness, digestibility, sapidity and fruit... some also display a wide range of fruit ripeness.

Bordeaux 2024 En Primeurs

BARSAC, SAUTERNES

Château Liot

Sauternes
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Rayne Vigneau

Sauternes - Barsac
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Bergeron

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

Château Liot

Sauternes - Barsac
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Doisy-Daëne

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Rabaud-Promis

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château la Tour Blanche

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

Château Nairac

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Romer du Hayot

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

GRAVES

Château Brondelle

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

Château de Chantegrive

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

Château de Respide - Callipyge

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

Château Haura

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

Château Pellot

Graves
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Rahoul

Graves
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Saint Robert

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

Clos Floridène

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

Château Brondelle

Graves
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Crabitey

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

Château de Chantegrive

Graves
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Chantegrive - Cuvée Caroline

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

Château Rahoul

Graves
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Saint Robert

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

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

C des Carmes Haut-Brion

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

Château de Rouillac

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

Château le Thyl Comte Clary

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Haut-Bailly II

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

La Chapelle de la Mission Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte

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

Les Hauts de Smith

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

Château Cantelys

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

Château Couhins Lurton

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Cruzeau

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

Château de France

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

Château de Rochemorin

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

Château La Garde

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Louvière

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

Château Larrivet Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Léognan

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

Clos Marsalette

Pessac-Léognan
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Seguin

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

Château Trigant

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

Domaine Lespault Martillac

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

Esprit de Chevalier

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

Domaine de Chevalier

Pessac-Léognan Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Bouscaut

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

Château Carbonnieux

Pessac-Léognan Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Couhins

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

Château Haut-Bailly

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

Château Haut-Brion

Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

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

Château Pape-Clément

Pessac-Léognan Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Château Rieussec

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Sigalas Rabaud

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Suduiraut

Sauternes, 1er Cru Classé
Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Château Coutet

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château d'Arche

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château de Myrat

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Doisy Daëne

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

Château Filhot

Sauternes, Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
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Pessac-Léognan
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de La Solitude
Pessac-Léognan
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

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

Château Couhins Lurton
Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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

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

Domaine de Chevalier
Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

MARGAUX

Alter Ego de Palmer
Margaux
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Aurore de Dauzac
Margaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Baron de Brane
Margaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Blason d'Issan
Margaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Brio de Cantenac Brown
Margaux
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Bellevue de Tayac
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château d'Arsac
Margaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Haut-Breton Larigaudière
Margaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Mongravey
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Deyrem Valentin
Margaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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

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

Château La Tour de Bessan
Margaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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

Château La Fortune
Margaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Labégorce
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Gurgue
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Côte Lascombes
Margaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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

Château Pavail de Luze
Margaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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

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

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

Franç de Pied du Château Dauzac
Margaux
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Cantenac Brown
Margaux
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Gallen - Margaux de Château Meyre
Margaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

La Sirène de Giscours
Margaux
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Labastide Dauzac
Margaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pavillon Rouge de Margaux
Margaux
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

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

Château Brane-Cantenac
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Dauzac
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Château du Tertre
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Dufort-Vivens
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Ferrière
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Giscours
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)

Château Issan
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Malescot St Exupéry
Margaux Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Kirwan

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Lascombes

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Margaux

Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Marquis d'Alesme

Margaux Cru Classé

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

Château Marquis de Terme

Margaux Cru Classé

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

Château Palmer

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Prieuré-Lichine

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Rauzan-Gassies

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 16.5 /20 (93/100)

Château Rauzan-Ségla

Margaux Cru Classé

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC

Château Anthonic

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Biston Brillette

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Branas Grand Poujeaux

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Caroline

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Chasse Spleen

Moulis-en-Médoc

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

Château Chemin Royal

Moulis-en-Médoc

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

Château Dutruch Grand Poujeaux

Moulis-en-Médoc

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

Château La Garricq

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lalaudey

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lestage Darquier Grand Poujeaux

Moulis-en-Médoc

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

Château Maucaillou

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Mauvesin Barton

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Poujeaux

Moulis-en-Médoc

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

LISTRAC-MÉDOC

Château Fourcas Dupré

Listrac Médoc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Fourcas Hosten

Listrac Médoc

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Martinho

Listrac Médoc

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

Château Cap Léon Veyrin

Listrac Médoc

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

Château Donissan

Listrac Médoc

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Fonréaud

Listrac Médoc

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Lestage

Listrac Médoc

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

Château Reverdi

Listrac Médoc

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

Haut Lestage

Listrac Médoc

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

La Légence de Château Fonréaud

Listrac Médoc

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

SAINT-JULIEN

Château Moulin Riche

Saint-Julien

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



Amiral de Beychevelle

Saint-Julien

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château du Glana

Saint-Julien

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Finegrave

Saint-Julien

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Gloria

Saint-Julien

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

Château La Bridane

Saint-Julien

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

Château La Fleur Lauga

Saint-Julien

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

Château Moulin de La Rose

Saint-Julien

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

Château Teynac

Saint-Julien

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

Clos du Marquis

Saint-Julien

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

Connétable de Talbot

Saint-Julien

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

Château Léoville Poyferré

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



Evoked

Saint-Julien

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Fiefs de Lagrange

Saint-Julien

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

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

Saint-Julien

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

Le Petit Lion du Marquis de Las Cases

Saint-Julien

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

Le Sarget de Gruaud Larose

Saint-Julien

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

Madame de Beaucaillou

Saint-Julien

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pavillon de Léoville Poyferré

Saint-Julien

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

Château Beychevelle

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Branaire-Ducru

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château Gruaud Larose

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Lagrange

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Langoa Barton

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Léoville Barton

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

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

Château Saint-Pierre

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Talbot

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

PAUILLAC

Château Bellegrave

Pauillac

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

Château Bellevue de Cardon

Pauillac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Clerc Milon

Pauillac

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

Château Clos Petit

Pauillac

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

Château d'Armailhac

Pauillac

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Fonbadet

Pauillac

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Haut de la Bécade

Pauillac

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

Château Julia

Pauillac

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

Château La Fon du Berger

Pauillac

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Mouton Rothschild

Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

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

Château Pauillac

Pauillac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Petit Bocq

Pauillac

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Pibran

Pauillac

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

Domaine Les Sadons

Pauillac

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Echo de Lynch-Bages

Pauillac

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Fleurs de Pédesclaux

Pauillac

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

La Rose Pauillac

Pauillac

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

Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rothschild

Pauillac

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

Les Carruades de Lafite Rothschild

Pauillac

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

Les Forts de Latour

Pauillac

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Les Griffons de Pichon Baron

Pauillac

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

Les Tourelles de Pichon Baron

Pauillac

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Pastourelle de Clerc Milon

Pauillac

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

Pauillac de Latour

Pauillac

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

Pichon Comtesse – Réserve

Pauillac

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

Prélude à Grand Puy-Ducasse

Pauillac

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Verso Haut-Batailley

Pauillac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Plantey

Pauillac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Grand Vin de Château Latour

Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Croizet-Bages

Pauillac, Cru Classé

Score : 16.5 /20 (93/100)

Château Duhart-Milon

Pauillac, Cru Classé

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Haut-Batailley

Pauillac, Cru Classé

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

Château Lafite Rothschild

Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

Château Grand Puy-Ducasse

Pauillac, Cru Classé

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Haut-Bages Libéral

Pauillac, Cru Classé

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

Château Lynch-Bages

Pauillac, Cru Classé

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

Château Lynch-Moussas

Pauillac, Cru Classé

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

Château Pédesclaux

Pauillac, Cru Classé

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

Château Pichon Baron

Pauillac, Cru Classé

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Pontet-Canet

Pauillac, Cru Classé

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Grand Puy-Lacoste

Pauillac Cru Classé

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lacoste-Borie

Pauillac Cru Classé

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

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

Pauillac Cru Classé

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

SAINT-ESTÈPHE

Château La Haye

Saint-Estèphe

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

Château Clauzet

Saint-Estèphe

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Côme

Saint-Estèphe

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

Château de Pez

Saint-Estèphe

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Domeyne

Saint-Estèphe

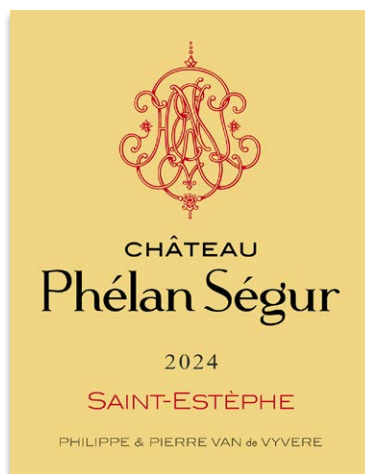
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Fleuron de Liot

Saint-Estèphe

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

Château Phélan Ségur
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)



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

Château Graves de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Haut-Marbuzet
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

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

Château La Croix de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Rose Brana
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Laffitte Carcasset
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

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

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

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

Château Meyney
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Ormes de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

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

Château Segur de Cabanac
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Tour de Pez
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

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

G d'Estournel
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Cos Labory
Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Le Crock
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)



Les Pélerins de Lafon Rochet
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Les Pagodes de Cos
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

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

Château Lafon Rochet
Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Tour des Termes
Saint-Estèphe
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cos d'Estournel
Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

HAUT-MÉDOC

Château Arnaud
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Barreyres
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Bel Air Gloria
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

Château Bertrand Braneyre
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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

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

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

Château Citran
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Bel Orme Tronquoy de Lalande
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Bellegrave du Poujeau
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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

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

Château Croix du Trale
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château d'Osmond
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château d'Arcins
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château de Cartujac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Cassana
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Lauga
Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château de Malleret
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château de Taillan
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château Doyac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château du Cartillon
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

Château du Moulin Rouge
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château du Retout
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Fon du Berger
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Lamothe Bergeron
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

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

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

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

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

Château Larrivaux
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lestage Simon
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Liversan
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

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

Château Maurac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Meyre
Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Moulin de Blanchon
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Muret
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Sociando-Mallet
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)



Château Océale
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Paloumey
Haut-Médoc
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Prieuré de Beyzac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

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

Château Ramage La Batisse
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Reysson
Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Saint Ahon
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Ségur
Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Sénéjac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Senilhac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

Château Tour du Goua
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

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

Château Vieux Gabarey
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

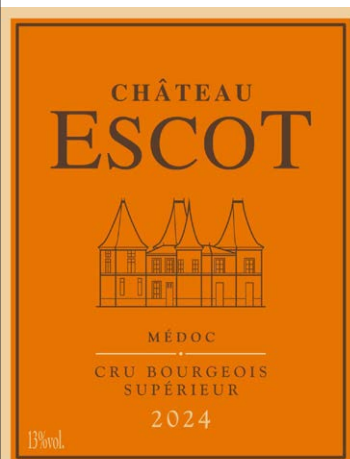
Clos La Bohème
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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

L'Orme de Rauzan-Gassies
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Le Haut-Médoc de Dauzac
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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



Les Brûlières de Beychevelle
Haut-Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Belgrave
Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Cantemerle
Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château La Lagune
Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Tour Carnet
Haut-Médoc, Cru Classé
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

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

Château Bellerive
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

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

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

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

Château Bessan Ségur
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

Château d'Esurac
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château d'Agassac
Médoc
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château de By
Médoc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château de la Croix
Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Fleur La Mothe
Médoc
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)



Château de Panigon
Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château du Monthil
Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

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

Château Greysac
Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)
Château Grivière
Médoc
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

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

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

Château Haut Maurac
Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Haut-Bana
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Branne
Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Cardonne
Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Chandellière
Médoc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château la France Delhomme
Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Clare
Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Roque de By
Médoc
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Tour de By
Médoc
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Valière
Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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

Château Les Anguilley
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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



Château Les Lattes
Médoc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Les Ormes Sorbet
Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Les Tourelles
Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Lestruelle
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Livran
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Loudenne
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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

Château Maison Blanche
Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Moulin de Canhaut
Médoc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Noailac
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Patache d'Aux
Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Tour Prignac Grande Réserve
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Tour de By - Cuvée Héritage Marc Pagès
Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Plagnac
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Les Anguilley
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Poitevin
Médoc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Pontet Barrail
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château L'Argenteyre
Médoc
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Château Pontey
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Potensac
Médoc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Vieux Château Landon
Médoc
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Rollan De By
Médoc
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Saint-Bonnet
Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Saint-Hilaire
Médoc
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Sigognac

Médoc

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

Château Taffard de Blaignan

Médoc

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Tour Prignac

Médoc

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

Château Villa Carmin

Médoc

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

Château Tour Séran

Médoc

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Vieux Robin

Médoc

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

Clos du Libet

Médoc

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Ramafort

Médoc

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

Château Saint-Christophe

Médoc

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

FRONSAC & CANON-FRONSAC

Château Beauséjour - Cuvée Prestige

Fronsac

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

Château Carlmagnus

Fronsac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Dalem

Fronsac

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Carles

Fronsac

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de la Dauphine

Fronsac

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

Château de La Huste

Fronsac

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

Haut Carles de Château de Carles

Fronsac

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Fontenil

Fronsac

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Vieille Cure

Fronsac

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

Château Les Trois Croix

Fronsac

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Plain Point

Fronsac

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

Château Richelieu

Fronsac

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

Clos du Roy

Fronsac

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Canon Pecresse

Canon-Fronsac

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

POMEROL

Blason de l'Evangile

Pomerol

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Beaugard

Pomerol

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Bel Air

Pomerol

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Bonalgue

Pomerol

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

Château Bourgneuf

Pomerol

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Rose Figeac

Pomerol

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



Château Ferrand

Pomerol

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Feytit Clinet

Pomerol

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château l'Enclos

Pomerol

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château l'Evangile

Pomerol

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

Château Certan, De May de Certan

Pomerol

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

Château La Cabanne

Pomerol

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Clémence

Pomerol

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

Château La Commanderie

Pomerol

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

Château La Conseillante

Pomerol

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Château La Fleur-Gazin

Pomerol

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

Château La Fleur-Pétrus

Pomerol

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château La Patache

Pomerol

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

Château La Pointe

Pomerol

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Renaissance

Pomerol

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

Château La Violette

Pomerol

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Lafleur

Pomerol

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

Château Latour à Pomerol

Pomerol

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

Château Le Bon Pasteur

Pomerol

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

Château Le Chemin

Pomerol

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

Château Le Gay

Pomerol

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Maillet

Pomerol

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

Château Tour Maillet Vignobles Lagardère

Pomerol

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Château de Valois

Pomerol

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

Château Fayat

Pomerol

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Mazeyres

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

Château Monregard La Croix

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

Château Montviel

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

Château Petit-Village

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

Château Pierhem

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

Château Plince

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

Château Porte Chic

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

Château Rouget

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

Château Saint-Pierre

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Taillefer

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

Château Trotanoy

Pomerol
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Vieux Maillet

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

Clos Beauregard

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

Clos de la Vieille Église

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

Clos du Clocher

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

Clos René

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos Roskam

Pomerol
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Enclos Tourmaline

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

L'Hospitalet de Gazin

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

La Clémence

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

Le Clos du Beau-Père

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

Les Pensées

Pomerol
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Pétrus

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

Promesse de Château Fayat

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

Vieux Château Certan

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

LALANDE-DE-POMEROL

Château de Chambrun

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

Château des Ormeaux

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

Château des Sabines

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

Château Fleur de Boüard

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

Le Plus de La Fleur de Boüard

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

Château Haut Surget

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

Château Haut-Chaigneau

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

Château Bertineau Saint-Vincent

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

Château La Croix Bellevue

Lalande-de-Pomerol
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château La Croix des Moines

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

Château Lurra

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

Château Moncets

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

Château Siaurac

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

Château Tournefeuille

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

Enclos de Viaud

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

L'Ambroisie

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

Château Garraud

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



FAMILLE ESNÉE.
**CHÂTEAU
GARRAUD**
Lalande de Pomerol

La Parenthèse

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

La Sergue

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

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

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

Aromes de Pavie

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

Chapelle de Labrie

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

Château Adaugusta

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

Château Angélus

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Château Bernateau

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

Château Cantenac

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

Château Cantin

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

Château Capet Guillier

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

Château Cardinal Villemaurine

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

Château Chante Alouette

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

Château Croix Cardinale

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

Château de Candale

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

Château de Fonbel

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

Château du Paradis

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

Château Fleur Cravignac

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Franc La Rose

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

Château Grand Barrail

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

Château Grand Destieu

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

Château Carteau Côtes Daugay
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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

**Château Haut Troquard
La Grâce Dieu**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

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

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

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

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

Château La Fleur d'Arthus
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

**Château La Fleur Perey -
Cuvée Prestige**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Château Pierre 1er
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

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

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

**Château La Grace Dieu
Les Menuts**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

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

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

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

Château Tertre Roteboeuf
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Tour de Capet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

La Closerie de Fourtet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Croix de Montlabert
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

**Croix de Haut-Bernat -
Cuvée Vieille Vigne**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

**Château Beynat - Terre
Amoureuse**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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

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

Relais de la Dominique
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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

Château Franc-Bigaroux
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

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

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

SAINT-ÉMILION
GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS

Château Berliquet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Ferrand
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château de Pressac
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Le Chatelet
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



Château Fombrauge
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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

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

Château Laroque
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

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

**Château Petit Faurie de
Soutard**
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Rol Valentin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Soutard
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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

Clos Badon-Thunevin
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Clos des Jacobins
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Clos l'Oratoire
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Badette

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

Château Balestard La Tonnelle

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

Château Bellefont-Belcier

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château Bellevue

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Boutisse

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

Château Cadet Bon

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Capdemourlin

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Chauvin

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

Château Corbin

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

Château Côte de Baleau

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

Château Croix de Labrie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Dassault

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

Château Destieux

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

Château Fleur Cardinale

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Fonplegade

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Franc Mayne

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Grand Corbin Despagne

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Grand Mayne

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

Château Guadet

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

Château Jean Faure

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

Château La Dominique

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Saint-George Côte Pavie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Château La Marzelle

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

Château La Serre

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

Château Laniote

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

Château Laroze

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Mangot

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Monbousquet

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

Château Montlisse

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

Château Moulin du Cadet

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

Château Pavie

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Sansonnet

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

Château Tour Saint-Christophe

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

Château Villemaurice

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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to grace and thus rediscover
the power of grace. »
Nicolas Thienpont,
winemaker



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Château Yon-Figeac
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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

Couvent des Jacobins
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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

Château Canon
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Canon La Gaffelière
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Valandraud
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

La Mondotte
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarosse
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Belair-Monange
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100)

Château Larcis Ducasse
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Pavie Macquin
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)

Clos Fourtet
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château-Figeac
Saint-Émilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé A
Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

SAINT-ÉMILION

Carillon d'Angélus
Saint-Émilion
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Chapelle d'Ausone
Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château d'Ausone
Saint-Émilion
Score : 18.5+/20 (97-98/100)

Château Cheval Blanc
Saint-Émilion
Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Le Petit Cheval de Cheval Blanc
Saint-Émilion
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château La Clotte
Saint-Émilion
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château La Gaffelière
Saint-Émilion
Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Château Quinault l'Enclos
Saint-Émilion
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Rolland-Maillet
Saint-Émilion
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

L'Archange
Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

N°3 d'Angélus
Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

SAINT-ÉMILION SATELLITES

Château Faizeau
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Franc Baudron
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Bastienne
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Montaguillon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Roudier
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Couronne - Reserve
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Roc de Calon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Tour Bayard
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Clos de Boüard
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Franc Baudron – Authentique
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Reclos de La Couronne
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Dame de Boüard
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Simon Blanchard - Guitard
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Heritage de Negrit
Montagne Saint-Émilion,
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vieux Château Palon
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Vieux Château Saint André
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Lestage
Montagne Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Bernon Becot
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Clarisse - Cuvée Vieilles Vignes
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Lafaurie
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Pontet Bayard
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Roc de Becot
Puisseguin Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Cap Saint-Georges
Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Croix de Rambeau
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Lussac
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Tour Perruchon
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

L'Exception 1600 de Tour Perruchon
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Bel-Air - Cuvée Jean & Gabriel
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château La Rose Perrière
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château du Courlat - Cuvée Jean-Baptiste
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Clos de L'Espérance
Lussac Saint-Émilion
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

CASTILLON CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château Alcée
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Ampélia
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Château Beynat
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Beynat - Cuvée Léonard
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Clarisse - Cuvée Allegria
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château d'Aiguilhe
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Lamartine, Cuvée 70 ares (Malbec)
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Claude-Bellevue
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Côte Montpezat
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château d'Anvichar
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Clotte
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Brande
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château La Clarière
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Croix Lartigue
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

**Château Le Rey -
Les Argileuses**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Château Le Rey -
Les Rocheuses**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

**Château Manoir du Gravoux
- Cuvée la Violette**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Picoron
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Puy Arnaud
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

**Château Roc De Montpezat
- Cuvée des 9**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Roquevieille
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Clos Lunelles
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

**Château Roc de Montpezat
- La Côte**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

**Cuvée Préstige des Armes
de Brandeau**
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine de l'Aurage
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine de l'A
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Maupepier
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

OTHER CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château La Prade
Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Puygueraud
Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Hostens Picant
Sainte-Foy Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Malagar
Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Croix Bouey de Malagar
Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Carat de Château Réaut
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château de Marsan
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Réaut
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Reynon
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Ricaud - Grand Vin
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Sainte-Catherine
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

**Château Hostens Picant -
Cuvée des Demoiselles**
Sainte-Foy Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Les Charmes-Godard
Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Puygueraud
Francs Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

CÔTES-DE-BOURG

Château Laroche
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château de Grissac
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Fougas - Maldoror
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Puybarbe
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Château Le Piat
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Domaine de Cambes
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Roc de Cambes
Côtes de Bourg
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

GRAVES DE VAYRES

Château Bel Air Eiffel
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Fage
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

**Héritage du Château
Goudichaud**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Fage
Graves de Vayres
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

**Château Goudichaud,
Héritage**
Graves de Vayres
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

BLAYE CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

**Château Mondésir-Gazin -
Bardon**
Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

**Château Mondésir-Gazin -
Chenu**
Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

BORDEAUX & BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR

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

**Château Brande Bergere
Cuvée O'Byrne**
Bordeaux
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

**Château d'Anglade - Grande
Réserve**
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Balthus de Reignac
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Brondeau

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

Château de Reignac

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Grand Village

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Lamothe-Vincent - Héritage

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Leroy-Beauval

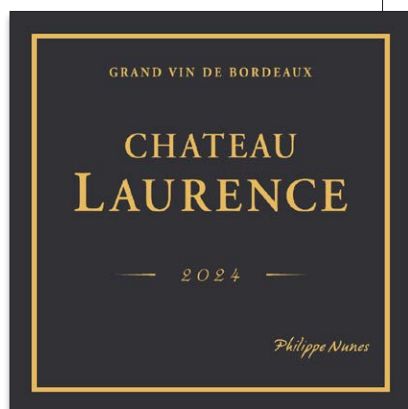
Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Penin Les Cailloux

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

Château Perrin d'Hoge

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)



Château Laurence

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Pin Beausoleil

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

Château Trocard Monrepos

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

Clos Bertineau

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

Domaine Virginie-Thunevin

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

Prestige du Château Bellevue Lançon

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Pey La Tour - Réserve

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

Les Perrières

Bordeaux Supérieur
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

BORDEAUX BLANC

Château de Rayne Vigneau

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

Château Dudon

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Lestage, La Mouette

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Malagar

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Sainte-Catherine

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château de Bellevue

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

Aile d'Argent

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

Alto de Cantenac Brown

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Blanc de Lynch-Bages

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Blanc du Beau-Père

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Caillou de Talbot

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Chardonnay de Laffitte Carcasset

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

Château de Rayne Vigneau - Le Grand Vin Blanc Sec

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

Château de Rayne Vigneau

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

Château d'Arche

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Malleret

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

Château Bellevue, Sauvignon Gris

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

Château Beynat - Moi j'ai un rêve

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

Château Climens - Lilium

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

Confidence de Bastor Lamontagne

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

Château Coutet - Cuvée Opalie

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

Château Doyac - Le Pélican

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Escot

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

Château Doisy-Daëne - Sémillon sur Calcaire

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Fonréaud - Le Cygne

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Fourcas Dupré

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

Château Fourcas Hosten

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Grand Village

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Fontenelle

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Le Blanc de Château Duhart-Milon

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château La Rose Perriere

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

Château Laurence - Petite Laurence

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

Château Laurence, Sauvignon Blanc

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

Château Lestage - La Mouette

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Plain Point

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

Château Poitevin

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Reignac

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Sigalas Rabaud - Semillon

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Corconnac Blanc

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

Cos d'Estournel

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

Château Suduiraut - Pur Semillon

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Suduiraut - Vieilles Vignes

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

Domaine Laurence - Chardonnay

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

Dourthe n°1

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Fleur Cardinale

Bordeaux Blanc
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Héritage de Monlot

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

La Demoiselle de Sigalas

Bordeaux Blanc

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

La Fleur de Bouïard - Chardonnay

Bordeaux Blanc

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

La Fleur de Bouïard - Sauvignon

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

La Sémillante de Sigalas

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Blanc d'Aiguilhe

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Les Champs Libres

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

Les Griffons de Pichon Baron

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Les Pagodes de Cos

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Linas - Château Dillon

Bordeaux Blanc

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

Lions de Suduiraut

Bordeaux Blanc

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

Loudeulle Le Château

Bordeaux Blanc

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

Lune D'or

Bordeaux Blanc

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

M Château de Malle

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Madame de Montespan,

Trianon

Bordeaux Blanc

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

Stella Solare

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Valandraud Blanc

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Virginie de Valandraud

Bordeaux Blanc

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

Pavillon Blanc de Margaux

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Moi j'ai un rêve

Bordeaux Blanc

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

OTHER BORDEAUX BLANC

Le Blanc de Fontenil - Michel Rolland

Vin de France

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

Château du Retout - Le Retout Blanc

Vin de France

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

Château du Tertre - Tertre Blanc

Vin de France

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château La Brande - Préface

Vin de France

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

BERGERAC

Château Fleur de Thénac

Bergerac

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

Château Thénac

Bergerac

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

Château Thénac

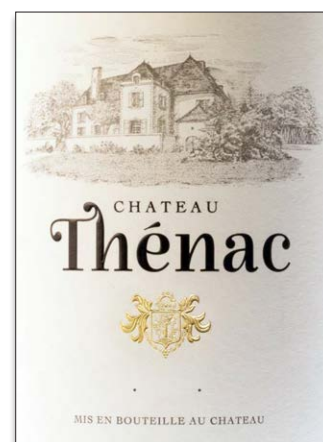
Bergerac Blanc

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Fleur de Thénac

Bergerac Blanc

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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OLIVE OIL

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Terre Stregate – Primo Fiore 2024, Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva

Campania, Italy

The nose is elegant, aromatic and brilliant on the aromatic (fruit, vegetables...). There are notes of pineapple tomato, zebra tomato, grilled zucchini and small notes of ripe yellow plum, associated with touches of Marmande tomato, a discreet hint of citrus and fine hints of ripe almond. The palate is elegant and offers a certain delicacy, fatness, unctuousity, texture, deepness as well as a subtle hint of elegant varietal in the background. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of green eggplant, zucchini and pineapple tomato, combined with touches of candied zucchini, small grilled vegetables, as well as a subtle hint of almost sage, medlar and a discreet hint of tomato leaf. Elegant, racy and unctuous.



Arnaldo Caprai – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva 2024

Umbria DOP, Italy

Superb aromatic nose, elegant, deep and offering brightness, delicacy and complexity. It reveals notes of bright pineapple tomato, green tomato and small notes of zebra tomato, associated with fine hints of fruity/fresh yellow fruit, almost sage, as well as a subtle hint of fresh citrus. The palate is beautifully elegant, gourmand, delicate and offers lovely substance, a fine vibrant side (in the background), a beautiful roundness, harmony as well as balance. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of bright yellow tomato, fleshy/crushed zebra tomato and small notes of fresh vegetables, combined with fine touches of fresh zucchini, a hint of candied artichoke, as well as fine hints of olive tree leaf, pine needles, candied vegetables and an imperceptible hint of pine nut (in the background). Good length.

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – I Tre Colli 2024, Olio Extra vergine di Oli

Campania, Italy

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of candied zucchini, roasted yellow bell pepper and small notes of zebra tomato, associated with fine touches of almost basil and crunchy yellow plum. The palate is aromatic, gourmand and offers fine airy creaminess, deepness, a certain tension as well as a good definition. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of pulpy yellow plum, grilled yellow zucchini, zebra tomato and small notes of fresh Marmande tomato, combined with hints of candied bell pepper, as well as a subtle hint of almost fresh sage (in the background).



Mevante – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva

Umbria, Italy

(2024/2025) A pretty, elegant, aromatic nose that offers energy as well as a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of candied zucchini and small candied purple artichokes, and small notes of zebra tomato, associated with fine hints of almost sage, tomato leaf and a hint of almost tangy yellow plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, a certain small creaminess, as well as good definition. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of candied purple artichoke, grilled vegetables and small notes of zebra tomato, combined with touches of fresh beef heart tomato, aromatic herbs (basil, sage) and a subtle hint of good bitterness. Good length. A subtle, almost floral hint and fresh green olive on the finish.



Tenuta Bellafonte – Olio Extra vergine di Oliva, Estratto a freddo

Umbria, Italy

(Harvest 2024-2025) A pretty, elegant and gourmand nose. We find aromas of fresh Marmande tomatoes, pineapple tomatoes and small notes of small yellow pearshaped tomatoes, citrus, associated with fine, almost rosemary-like hints and a discreet hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, well-balanced and offers roundness, a nice fatness, creaminess in finesse and fine straightness. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of fleshy pineapple tomato and small pear tomatoes (yellow pearshaped) combined with touches of basil, sage, a hint of citrus, fresh zucchini, as well as a subtle hint of olive tree leaf, sage and fresh rosemary (in the background). Good length.



Perticaia 2024 – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva

Umbria, Italy

The nose is elegant and racy. There are notes of small concentrated yellow pearshaped tomato, ripe pineapple tomato and small notes of candied eggplant, associated with fine hints of flowers, lemon blossom, as well as fine hints of grilled zucchini and discreet, almost mimosa-like hints. The palate offers a lovely fatness, creaminess, with a fine freshness (in the background) and a varietal character (as a guideline). On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of small, crushed yellow pearshaped tomatoes, fleshy cherry tomatoes (red) and small notes of zebra tomatoes, combined with touches of laurel leaf, fresh/varietal herbs, as well as a subtle hint of almost apricot. Well-built and defined.



La Fonte – Nostrum 2024-2025 Olio Extra Virgin

Umbria, Italy

(Organic, Leccino 40% , Frantoio 40%, Moraiolo 20%) Beautiful aromatic nose, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of bright pineapple tomato, zebra tomato and small notes of candied yellow tomato associated with fine hints of crushed mirabelle plum, herbaceous as well as a hint of candied zucchini and zucchini flowers. The palate is beautifully structured, elegant, finely acidulous, fresh and offers an airy side as well as fatty side. On the palate this olive oil reveals notes of fleshy pineapple tomato, fleshy green tomato and small notes of candied zucchini associated with a fine hint of candied eggplant, spices and a subtle varietal hint (in the background). Good length. A Beautiful and gourmand olive oil, round and with a certain fat (but airy/full of balance). A nice work (in the background) on the good bitterness.



Dievole – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva Chianti Classico, Italy

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of bright yellow tomato, fresh apricot and grilled zucchini, associated with touches of almond, almond blossom and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully-built, precise, frank, tracing and racy. Beautifully fine in its intensity and complexity. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of small, fleshy yellow cherry tomatoes and zebra tomatoes, combined with touches of fresh vegetables, black Crimean tomatoes, fresh almond, olive tree leaf, as well as a floral hint and sense of the place (local biotop). A gastronomic olive oil ! Beautifully-built.

Totò Navarra – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva

Sicily, Italy

(Organic AB) The nose is pretty, aromatic and offers substance, fatness and good definition. It reveals notes of roasted zucchini, zebra tomato and small notes of pineapple tomato, associated with fine touches of basil and an almost discreet hint of olive tree leaf. The palate is round, fat, it offers a lovely texture, unctuousity in finesse and balance. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of zebra tomato, roasted zucchini and small notes of roasted yellow bell pepper, combined with a touch of fresh beef heart tomato, basil and a hint of varietal. Beautiful balance, brilliance and fruit. Congratulations !



Aubocassa – Aceite de olivas arbequinas del Plà de Mallorca - Virgen Extra

Oli de Mallorca DOP, Spain

(Harvest 2024) The nose is fruity/aromatic. There are notes of black Crimean tomato and small notes of small yellow plum, associated with fine touches of candied zucchini, a hint of fleshy Marmande tomato, as well as fine/delicate hints of green tapenade and a hint of almost savory. The palate is fat (in balance), gourmand and offers breadth, gourmandise, a fine fresh frame, as well as a beautiful texture. A very discreet hint of varietal / fresh herbs. A lovely finesse in its fat. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of fresh black Crimean tomato, small crushed yellow tomato / yellow tomato purée, combined with touches of mirabelle plum, a subtle hint of apricot blossom, a discreet hint of tomato leaf, varietal, almost floral, and a hint of candied zucchini. Good length.



L'Olio, Principi di Butera – Olio Extra Vergine di Oliva

Butera, Sicily, Italy

(2024/2025 harvest) The nose is pretty, aromatic, elegant, deep and offers an elegant fat. It reveals notes of yellow tomato, zebra tomato, associated with touches of fresh marmande tomato, fine touches of pickled vegetables, vegetables preserved in oil as well as fine hints of roasted red bell pepper, delicate hints of almost fresh basil and candied lemon. The palate is well-built, unctuous (even creamy), gourmand, precise and offers roundness. On the palate, this olive oil expresses notes of yellow tomato, pineapple tomato and small notes of black tomato, combined with touches of roasted/marinated red bell pepper, as well as fine hints of sage. A subtle hint of toasted almond. Good length.



Moulin CastelaS, CastelineS Singulière Vierge Extra

Vallée des Baux de Provence AOP, France

(Harvest 2024/2025) The oil has a deep, bright golden color. The nose is dense and concentrated, with complexity and a beautiful vegetal and fresh vegetable freshness. We find notes of fresh zucchini, fresh eggplant, fresh crushed tomatoes (beefsteak tomato, pineapple tomato, a tangy touch of green zebra tomato). We also smell a bouquet of fresh herbs (thyme, rosemary, basil, a hint of sage and maquis), a sweet, almost floral touch, as well as fresh almond and ripe olive in the background. On the palate, the oil is savory, with a gourmet attack on toasted notes (toasted hazelnut), roasted bouquet garni, marinated artichoke and pan-fried vegetables (fried zucchini with herbs of Provence), pan-fried eggplant, roasted beefsteak tomato, as well as bay leaf and basil. The texture is supple, enveloping and rich, but not heavy. Very persistent on the palate, with notes of pan-fried vegetables and roasted hazelnut.

WINE & FOOD PAIRING

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RESTAURANT

EGGPLANT CONFIT ENRICHED WITH MISO, GEL VINEGAR, PICKLED SHIMEJI MUSHROOMS AND BONITO FISH BROTH **PAIRED WITH DOMAINE DE LA BÉGUDE 2023, BANDOL**

La Bégué 2023, located in the Provence region, is owned by the same group that manages Château Dauzac, a Cru Classé in Margaux. Here, the Mourvèdre grape reigns supreme, showcasing the influence of the terroir with its well-structured body and profound aromas.

This wine is mineral-driven, saline, and well-ripened, with a generous, round palate and a hint of spice on the finish. It calls for something fresh with a touch of umami. We recommend pairing it with eggplant confit enriched with miso. To complement the wine's saline character, we add a dash of gel vinegar, pickled shimeji mushrooms, and a bonito fish broth. Exquisite!

At Nama, we often serve a rosé in a black opaque wine glass because, quite often, a rosé can be as delicate and nuanced as a white wine.



LEEKS MARINATED WITH WASABI MAYONNAISE, YUZU-INFUSED EGG, BEURRE BLANC SAUCE WITH REDUCED CLAM JUS **PAIRED WITH LITORALE VERMENTINO 2024, VAL DELLE ROSE**

Litorale, from Val Delle Rose 2024 is a remarkable Vermentino wine! The Vermentino grape is typically a "late harvest" varietal, requiring more time to ripen compared to Sauvignon Blanc, but it offers a delightful acidity and a rich, rounded finish.

Due to its youth, this wine has a subtle vegetal and slightly bitter note on the finish, making it an excellent match for a modern twist on a classic poireau vinaigrette.

Think leeks marinated for 8 hours, paired with wasabi mayonnaise, yuzu-infused egg, and a beurre blanc sauce enhanced with reduced clam jus to amplify the umami. This pairing delivers lightness and sophisticated flavors, perfect for savoring the breeze of summer!

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Selected restaurant

AU FIL DU ZINC

The heartbeat of Chablis



Visiting Chablis without stopping at Au Fil du Zinc means missing out on a unique opportunity—not only for its elegant yet informal atmosphere but also for the chance to engage with a team as passionate about wine as you are. The true star here is the extensive wine list, naturally focused on the great wines of Burgundy, with an impressive depth of vintages, particularly from the local area of Chablis. The selection spans the entire Burgundy region, combining prestigious, well-known producers with small artisanal winemakers of the highest quality. And an important point: the real strength lies in the prices, which are fair and accessible.

From the stories told at the table, you can clearly feel the passion and dedication with which the stylistic characteristics of the producers and vintages are conveyed. If you love wine and talking about wine, this is the place for you.

The restaurant is housed in a former 12th-century mill in the historic heart of Chablis, featuring a charming dining room overlooking the river and a terrace with views of the Grands Crus vineyards.

The chef and owner, Mathieu Sagardoytho, originally from Lorraine, trained in Parisian bistros and semi-gastronomic restaurants, honing his technique under renowned French chefs such as Éric Briffard and Éric Fréchon, as well as gaining experience in the United States with Antoine Westermann. Arriving at Fil du Zinc around four years ago, Sagardoytho has made a name for himself with a personal style of cuisine that blends childhood memories, classical technique, and a deep respect for the local terroir.

Special attention is given to freshwater and seafood products: his cuisine is built on the use of top-quality local ingredients, carefully sourced from small producers. The menu is creative, seasonal, and ever-changing, with recipes frequently reinterpreted according to inspiration, harvests, and the availability of the territory.

The philosophy is one of refined simplicity, free from unnecessary embellishments, where technique serves to enhance the ingredients. Dishes are beautifully presented, colorful, and play with modern yet approachable and comprehensible flavor combinations.

Among his recent creations: mirin-marinated mackerel, lamb from Clavisy farm, trout and trout roe with horseradish and lemon, and omble de fontaine in a bread crust with miso vinaigrette.

Tasting menus are offered at prices ranging from €47 to €92 per person, excluding wines.

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LE CERCLE GUIRAUD

Gastronomic elegance in Sauternes

Château Guiraud, 1st Grand Cru Classé of Sauternes in 1855, is a property driven by a wind of dynamism. Located in Sauternes, the vineyard produces exceptional sweet wines as well as a range of high-quality dry white wines. In 2022, Sandrine Garbay, who was cellar master at Château d'Yquem for 24 years, became General Manager. This news delighted all Château Guiraud lovers ! The majority shareholder, Matthieu Gufflet, has very high ambitions and a clear vision of what he envisions for wine tourism in Sauternes. This is how the gastronomical restaurant Le Cercle Guiraud opened its doors in the summer of 2023. We visited for lunch and here is what we thought.

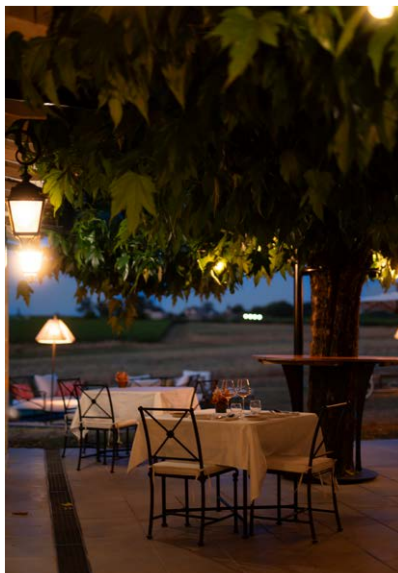
The restaurant is located in the village of Sauternes and offers remarkable views on the vineyards and Château Guiraud in the distance. On the beautiful terrace, mulberry trees provide refreshing shade for the tables up to 30 guests. A selection of garden furniture with soft cushions is another option for those wishing to enjoy an aperitif before or after dining. Currently, the restaurant proposes two Sauternes cocktails - Petit Pêché and Spritz des Vignes - created by Jérémy Lauilhé, Meilleur Ouvrier de France Barman 2023. For rainy or cold days, the restaurant also has a cosy dining room.

The director Frédéric Flament's welcome is warm and the menu so tempting. Chef Yoann Amado, who trained in Michelin-starred establishments, is in the kitchen with his team, waiting to please the guests with local and fresh ingredients. He offers a "Sauternais" menu for lunch on weekdays (49 euros) and a "Guiraud" menu on weekends with starter/main course/dessert (65 euros). Also, the "Grand Cercle" menu, with 4 or 6 courses (from 85 to 110 euros), allows guests to indulge in the chef's desires. The sommelier's team can also create food and wine pairings.

The presentation of the dishes is remarkable. The chef's precision and technique are evident. It makes you wonder when the (Michelin) star will shine at Cercle Guiraud! The pairings with the estate's wines are very well executed. There are also other wines from here and elsewhere, but always made in France, on the wine list. To round off this Lucullus lunch, pastry chef Juliette Bonnard's desserts brought freshness and delicacy.

Congratulations to all the team for the perfect service, pairings and cuisine, and thank you Chef Amado and Director Frédéric Flament for your time and passion.

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Selected restaurant

TRATTORIA DELLA POSTA

Tradition and Charme



One of the true certainties among the rolling hills of the Langhe, Trattoria della Posta is tucked away behind a curve on the road from Monforte to Alba. It's a warm and welcoming place of timeless charm, where the fireplace is always lit on winter days, and in summer, a beautiful terrace offers the perfect spot to watch the sun set gently behind the vineyards.

Here, you feel like a guest in a family home, where hospitality is genuine and the flavors are those of authentic, heartfelt Piedmontese cuisine. One of the most beloved touches is the oversized vertical menu, whose cover features an image of local boys playing pallapugno, a traditional sport symbolic of the Langhe region—a small but meaningful detail that reflects the deep connection to local culture.

Chef and owner Gianfranco Massolino has been at the helm of the trattoria since the 1980s, working alongside his mother Elvira and a close-knit team. He represents the third generation of the Massolino family, who have run this historic establishment for over 130 years. Drawing on extensive experience in both Italian and international fine dining, Gianfranco has breathed new life into the restaurant's cuisine while remaining faithful to its roots. The recipes, passed down through generations, are reinterpreted with great respect for seasonality and the quality of local ingredients.

Mushrooms and truffles are undisputed stars of the menu, alongside dishes inspired by classic international cuisine, including seafood and foie gras. It's a culinary approach that highlights local products and traditional flavors, presented with elegance but without excess.

Among the starters, you'll find traditional vitello tonnato, raw Fassona beef with Castelmagno cheese, onion stuffed with Roccaverano toma cheese, Bra sausage, and the exquisite torchon of foie gras. The pasta dishes include the iconic tajarin with 30 egg yolks, agnolotti del plin, goat cheese ravioli, and potato gnocchi with octopus. Main courses feature crispy Icelandic cod, stuffed quail, Fassona beef fillet with foie gras, and oven-roasted milk-fed lamb. A generous cheese trolley and a delicious selection of traditional desserts complete the experience.

The wine list is extensive and meticulously curated, with a special focus on the great wines of the Langhe while also showcasing outstanding selections from other Italian regions. The sommelier plays a central role, guiding guests with passion and attention to detail, carefully selecting the perfect glass to complement each dish.

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Photo Trattoria della Posta

An advertisement for Chateau Ascension wine. The top half of the ad features a large, ornate chandelier with many crystals. Below the chandelier, the text "CHATEAU ASCENSION" is written in large, white, serif capital letters, followed by "SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU" in smaller, white, serif capital letters. Below this text is a large, dark wine bottle. The bottle has a white label with "CHATEAU ASCENSION" and "2022 SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU" printed on it. The bottle is set against a black and white checkered floor that recedes into the distance. At the bottom of the ad, the website "www.chateau-ascension.com" is printed in white, followed by the French phrase "L'ABUS D'ALCOOL EST DANGEREUX POUR LA SANTÉ" in white, serif capital letters. On the far left, there is a small vertical text "© PONTON3".

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RED WINES

Bosco de' Medici – Agathos 2023

Pompeiano Rosso IGT

The nose is elegant, aromatic, complex, deep, precise and offers a lovely textured, relief and a creamy, elegant, airy texture. We find notes of creamy wild cassis, small bright black berries and small notes of small roasted-elegant fruits, associated with touches of thyme, oregano, small crushed fruits, as well as fine hints of tonka bean, black olive and a fine hint of tobacco. The palate is well-built, fruity, precise and offers juiciness, suppleness, gourmandise and a certain elegance. It also presents precision, a certain airy/juicy creaminess and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, brilliant black plum and small notes of graphene, combined with touches of small brilliant red fruits, hints of roasted-elegant redcurrant, as well as hints of small crushed fruits, balsamic, aromatic herbs, tobacco, black olive and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Montevetrano – Montevetrano 2022

Colli di Salerno IGT Rosso

A pretty, elegant nose that offers a certain intensity in accuracy, complexity, a fine multi-layered side and a pretty, stretched side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small ripe wild fruits, associated with touches of cubeb pepper, nutmeg, small blue fruits, a hint of crushed strawberry, as well as discreet hints of small blue fruits, Madagascar pepper, bourbon vanilla, smoke and a subtle hint of sense of the place. Beautiful personality and depth. The palate is fruity, juicy, precise, elegant and offers a lovely melodious side, textured, substance and tension, even a certain straightness. It also presents a controlled generosity, gourmandise and a nice fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed black plum and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of vanilla, tobacco, as well as fine hints of tobacco, toasted, crushed hazelnut and a subtle hint of almost warm chestnut in the background. Gourmandise and a certain elegant density. A wine offering energy and a crystalline side on the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Appio 2018

Irpinia Campi Taurasini DOC

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, depth and complexity. There are notes of violet, wild cassis and small notes of fairly ripe black plum, associated with touches of black pepper, small roasted-elegant red fruits, hints of flowers, sage, as well as a discreet, almost rosemary-like hint, nicely sense of the place (local biotop). Depth, accuracy and precision. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, balanced, elegant, brilliant and offers brightness and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of brilliant cassis, violet plum and small notes of small roasted-juicy red fruits, combined with touches of licorice stick, fine hints of cocoa nibs, small brilliant blue fruits, as well as fine hints of sweet blond tobacco and vanilla. Good length. Nicely textured and gourmandise. A nicely mineral wine, with a crystalline side, brilliance, silkiness, density in finesse and accuracy.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

La Fortezza – 2019

Aglianico del Taburno

Pretty, elegant nose, powerful and delicate at the same time. Beautiful intensity, beautiful power in elegance and good structure. There are notes of bright cassis, brilliant cherry and small notes of small blue berries, associated with touches of small brilliant red fruits, gray pepper, Punjabi pepper, as well as fine hints of colas, sage and spices. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced and offers a tangy frame, a certain tension, precision, suppleness, elegance, a certain elegant austerity and juiciness. A lovely textured wine, finely creamy and deep. A lovely harmony and melodious side to its racy power. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, brilliant bigarreau cherry and small notes of fresh/brilliant blueberry, combined with touches of bright/fresh raspberry, fine hints of fresh flowers, colas, sweet tobacco, as well as a subtle hint of black olive, chocolate/toasted, a hint of Bourbon vanilla, roasted-elegant fruit and lovely/discreet peppery hints. A subtle hint of rosemary in the background. The tannins are precise, elegant and gourmand. A wine of balance and elegance.

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

La Sibilla – Vigna Madre 2023

Piedirosso Campi Flegrei DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a certain depth, fine aromatic density and

a lovely complexity and breadth of palette. It reveals notes of bright violet plum, violet and small notes of bigarreau cherry, associated with touches of crushed Charlotte strawberry, fine floral hints, lilac, cornflower and almost cola. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame and good definition. It presents freshness, a lovely mineral side, chiseled, precise and elegant, a lovely floral side and aromatic depth. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright violet plum, bigarreau cherry and small notes of violet, combined with touches of lilac, nutmeg, as well as fine hints of small bright wild berries, a subtle hint of juniper berry, black olive and a delicate touch of licorice stick. Good length. Lovely finesse and a fine side in the chewiness. The tannins are finely mellow, elegant, iodized, very delicate and tasty.

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

Tenuta Fontana – Oro Re 2021, Pallagrello nero

IGP Terre del Volturno

A lovely, elegant nose offering concentration, a certain richness in accuracy, creaminess in finesse, as well as a fine, chiselled side. There are notes of creamy cassis, fleshy boysenberry and small notes of fleshy black plum, associated with touches of creamy strawberry, a hint of blueberry, fine hints of sweet spices, a hint of nutmeg, as well as a discreet hint of sweet tobacco and balsamic. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, racy and mineral, it presents precision, a certain accuracy, creaminess in elegance and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, creamy blueberry and small notes of fleshy cherry, combined with touches of fleshy/juicy raspberry, as well as hints of tonka bean, graphene, black olive, a subtle hint of almost bay, olive tree and a hint of sweet tobacco. Creaminess, volume, elegance and gourmandise. A certain depth and a nice roasting side. A wine offering a lovely textured, creaminess in elegance, finesse without heaviness.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – I Calaia Casavacchio 2020

Terre del Volturno

The nose is frank, fresh, elegant, deep and offers a voluptuous side, a certain elegant darkness and precision. There are notes of small black berries, crushed violet plum and small notes of small black fruits, mocha, associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, a hint of roasted-elegant fruit, hints of graphene, sweet spices, a discreet, almost vanilla-like hint, delicate roasted, flowers (cornflower, saffron on the floral side), menthol and sweet tobacco. An imperceptible hint of fresh leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a tangy, juicy frame, good definition, suppleness, elegance, a racy side, precision, as well as a stretched yet delicate side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of violet plum, small crushed blue fruits and small notes of roasted strawberry, combined with touches of Bourbon vanilla, toasted hazelnut, chocolatey, as well as fine hints of almost aromatic herbs, delicate spices, roasted, mocha and smoke. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cantine Antonio Mazzella – Nero 70 2022

Ischia DOC Piedirosso

The nose is elegant, velvety, delicate and offers a certain richness in delicacy, freshness in accuracy, depth, complexity, spices (a broad palette of spices) and an elegant, precise and intense grain. There are notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of delicate sweet spices, associated with touches of blond tobacco, smoke, as well as fine hints of brilliant violet plum, graphene and cocoa. Depth and lovely textured. The palate is well built, fruity, fresh, tangy, gourmand and offers good definition, a certain gourmandise, accuracy, energy and lovely precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, violet, juicy/fresh plum, combined with touches of small ripe/juicy/tangy fruits, touches of crushed strawberry, chocolate, toasted, tonka bean, star anise, toasted almond, as well as a hint of tobacco and discreet hints of flowers and fresh sage. Good length. Freshness, energy and good definition. The tannins are just right, supple, fresh and suave. A certain mellowness and gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Fattoria La Rivolta – Terra di Rivolta Bio 2018

Aglianico del Taburno DOCG Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers depth and a certain creaminess. There are notes of creamy cassis, creamy strawberry and small notes of small brilliant blue fruits, associated with touches of sweet blond tobacco, as well as a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a fresh frame, acidity, a certain tension and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of violet plum, combined with touches of cornflower, cardamom, as well as fine hints of sweet



Campania

Top 100 selection

tobacco, bourbon vanilla and a touch of small brilliant red berries. There's also a hint of salt/iodized in the background. The tannins are precise, elegant and gourmand. Good length. A wine offering freshness, minerality and gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

San Salvatore 1988 – Omaggio a Gillo Dorflès 2019

Paestum IGT Aglianico

A lovely, intense nose offering complexity, energy, depth and a certain power. There are notes of concentrated boysenberry, small dense black fruits and small notes of graphene, associated with a side of fruit maceration, cardamom, as well as a discreet hint of infusion and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple, mineral, gourmand and offers juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, violet and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, associated with touches of violet plum, as well as hints of cornflower, camphor, tobacco, subtle hints of cardamom, almost delicate undergrowth and crushed almond. There's also a hint of more fleshy/juicy fruit in the background. Gourmandise, complexity and a lovely gourmandise on the hint of vanilla in the background. Precise, juicy and elegant wine. Persistence with a hint of elegant black tobacco, bringing depth and a lovely fresh graphene grain. Cellar and decant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

San Salvatore – Ceraso 2022

Paestum Aglianico

The nose presents fruit, freshness, lovely definition, a certain concentration in elegance, depth and a fine, elegant darkness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, black cherry and small notes of small roasted-elegant red fruits, associated with touches of violet plum, fine hints of sweet tobacco, as well as a subtle hint of almost bourbon vanilla. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, juicy and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, precision, tension and suppleness, all with delicacy and velvet. It also presents a beautiful work on touch and mid-palate, with a saline/iodized side and an airy creaminess. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, pulpy violet plum and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of bright blueberry, small roasted-elegant red fruits, as well as a hint of almost balsamic, basil and cardamom. Lovely definition and gourmandise. A hint of good bitterness and roasted in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

San Salvatore – Pino di Stio 2021

Paestum Rosso

The nose is elegant, intense and offers a certain controlled power, precision and good maturity. It reveals notes of fairly ripe cherry, violet and small wild red fruits, associated with touches of tobacco, cherry blossom, a hint of plum, cornflower, creamy vanilla, as well as a hint of cubeb pepper. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, fresh and presents gourmandise, a tangy frame and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy blueberry and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry, combined with touches of sweet tobacco, bourbon vanilla, as well as a hint of crushed redcurrant, chocolate, toastiness and a subtle hint of almost caramelization. Good definition and elegance. A wine offering gourmandise, richness, maturity, freshness, creaminess and a certain power.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Luigi Maffini – Cenito Bio 2022

Cilento DOC Aglianico

The nose offers depth, a certain elegant austerity and substance. We find notes of crushed blackberry, graphene and small fleshy black fruits, associated with touches of blood orange, vanilla, fine toasted hints and a delicate hint of smoke and sense of the place (local biotop) / warm grove. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, tangy and offers precision, delicacy, energy, good definition and a melodious side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright strawberry and small notes of brilliant cherry, combined with touches of lilac, star anise, chocolate, as well as fine hints of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, delicate hints of bourbon vanilla, mandarin, rosemary, cocoa and sweet tobacco. Good length. A well-built wine. The tannins are tasty, precise and racy.

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

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – La Loggia del Cavaliere 2016

Taurasi Riserva

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, precise and offers a peppery side, precision, a certain tension, intensity, subtlety and fine power in accuracy. There are notes of juicy black plum, bright cassis and small notes of bright blueberry, associated with fine hints of almost fresh, roasted-elegant wood, as well as fine blueberry hints. The palate is well-

built, it offers suppleness, freshness, juiciness, elegance, lovely definition, precision and brilliance in precision and depth. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, blueberry and small notes of brilliant violet plum, combined with touches of brilliant raspberry, as well as fine hints of lilac, bright cherry, a subtle hint of cocoa, fresh sage and black tea. The tannins are mellow, gourmand and finely chalky.

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

Casa d'Ambra – Mille Anni 2021

Ischia DOC Per'e Palummo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers complexity as well as depth and a bright of fruit. There are notes of bright wild cassis, bright violet plum and small notes of rosemary and sage, associated with fine hints of cornflower, red pepper and a discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, it presents a mineral, tangy frame, good definition, precision and suppleness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, violet plum and small notes of violet, combined with touches of small bright red fruits, as well as fine hints of licorice stick, black olive and a subtle hint of balsamic. A subtle hint of graphene in the background. The tannins are precise, mellow and finely sappy. Beautiful sapid persistence, finely sappy and gourmand.

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

Colli di CastelFranci – Alta Valle 2019

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is powdery, spicy, peppery, frank, bewitching and offers intensity and an airy side at the same time. It reveals notes of Sichuan pepper, cubeb pepper and small notes of spices, associated with touches of dry soil, wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of small wild berries, a discreet floral and incense hint, as well as a subtle hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a certain pulpiness and brilliance of fruit, tension, a tangy frame, energy and bite. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of

pulpy/juicy cassis, violet plum and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, combined with touches of small crushed red fruits, as well as fine hints of spices, zan, local grove/dry local garrigue, Timut pepper and a subtle touch of almost mandarin/blood orange zest in the background. Discreet hints of black chocolate. A lovely silkiness of fruit. Silky, fresh and elegant tannins.

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

Terre Stregate – Arnaco 2018 – Sannio Aglianico Riserva DOP

The nose is fruity, fresh, intense and offers a certain concentration. There are notes of fairly ripe cassis, small roasted-elegant red fruits and small notes of crushed blueberry, associated with touches of violet, pulpy plum, as well as hints of chocolate, colas/ liquorice and fine hints of almost candied orange. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, racy and offers breed and depth. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, fairly ripe blueberry and small notes of chocolate/cocoa nibs, combined with floral touches, a hint of sage, as well

as fine hints of sweet spices, small crushed red fruits and a hint of almost thyme. Freshness and minerality.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Fortezza – 2022, Piedirosso

Annio DOC

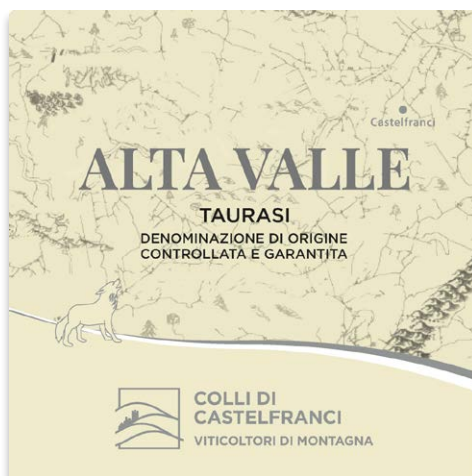
The nose is fruity, frank, fresh, deep and offers an aromatic intensity. There are notes of bright red cherry, small red berries and small notes of geranium and cherry blossom, associated with touches of pulpy red plum, violet, blond tobacco and a hint of zan. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers acidity, juiciness, a tangy frame, minerality, good definition, energy, purity, brightness and a crystalline side in the purity of its aromas. A lovely, gourmand fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, small juicy/pulpy red berries and small notes of geranium, combined with touches of violet, fine hints of plum blossom, as well as a hint of almost brilliant red plum. The tannins are precise, finely mellow and tangy. A subtle hint of almost verberna/camomile and toasted almond on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Masseria Piccirillo – Arausta 2022 Pallagrello Nero

Terre del Volturno

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, freshness and power in accuracy/mastery. There are notes of brilliant wild cassis, brilliant black cherry and small notes of small, finely roasted-elegant fruits, associated with fine touches of balsamic, crushed black plum, as well as fine hints of black pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of almost aromatic herbs. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, balanced, chiselled, precise, juicy and offers a fresh frame, acidity, energy and a crystalline side. On the palate, this



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wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fruity violet plum and small notes of violet, combined with touches of small brilliant red berries, fine hints of tonka bean, almond, as well as a hint of almost tobacco, a subtle hint of almost sense of the place (local biotop), discreetly black olive, cornflower, star anise and a discreet creamy hint. Beautiful, precise, racy and mellow tannins. A very discreet hint of sappy in the background. A lovely modern wine, on the fruit and precise.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Scaramuzza – Violabianca 2023

Casavecchia Terre del Volturno

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, aromatic and offers a fine, fresh balsamic side. There are notes of pulpy violet plum, crushed cassis and small notes of small fairly ripe (but fresh) red fruits, associated with fine floral touches, lilac, cubeb pepper, a discreet hint of fresh tobacco and pepper. The palate is nicely fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and offers straightness, freshness, a fine airy creaminess, density, a certain richness and a small, finely tight tannic frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, violet and small notes of fresh lily, small juicy/fresh fruits, combined with touches of sense of the place (local biotop), mocha, as well as fine hints of tobacco, toasted almond, fine hints of chocolate, discreet spices notes and a subtle hint of black olive. Lovely little chewiness and gourmandise. Delicacy and a bewitching side.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bosco de' Medici – Lavarubra 2024

Vesuvio DOC, Lacryma Christi Rosso

The nose is fruity and offers intensity and depth. There are notes of gray pepper, concentrated cassis and small notes of concentrated violet plum, associated with touches of violet, roasted red cherry, hints of small roasted-elegant fruits, as well as fine hints of licorice stick, racy/terroir minerality, almost a discreet hint of graphene and delicate sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers lovely fruit definition, depth and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of concentrated cassis and small notes of violet, combined with touches of small concentrated red berries, touches of brilliant violet plum, as well as hints of roast-elegant and lilac. Good length. In this wine, we also find a sense of the place side, a very discreet fresh local grove and a subtle hint of aniseed. The tannins are precise, sapid and gourmand. A well-built wine, gourmand, fresh, juicy and tangy.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Montevetrano – Core Rosso 2022

Campania IGT Aglianico

The nose is aromatic, elegant, precise, clean and offers energy, a certain complexity and an intense side in elegance. There are notes of wild blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of blood orange, associated with touches of cornflower, small elegant fruits, as well as fine, almost lemony, floral hints in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, it presents good definition, precision, suppleness, a certain elegance and gourmandise. It offers precision, energy and good purity of fruit, substance and richness, but with precision and balance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, raspberry and small notes of juicy/tangy plum, combined with touches of blood orange, as well as a subtle hint of delicate pepper, toasted, a hint of undergrowth, cardamom and bright hazelnut. Good length. Nicely juicy, fresh and elegant wine. Nice freshness. A subtle hint of cocoa nibs on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Opera Mia 2017

Taurasi

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain fruitiness. There are notes of Sichuan pepper and small notes of spices, associated with touches of small wild fruits, hints of violet plum, as well as fine hints of black pepper and a subtle hint of discreetly game (in the background) and thyme. The palate is nicely fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, accuracy, gourmandise, energy and a coating spherical side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fleshy/juicy blue plum and small notes of blueberry, combined with touches of fresh raspberry, as well as fine hints of cornflower, infusion, graphene and fine hints of chocolate. A hint of cocoa nibs. Good length. The tannins are precise, sapid and gourmand. A nice little fleshiness of tannin. Brilliance, a certain darkness in freshness and a nice little gourmand chew.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Guerritore – Cariti 2022

Colli di Salerno IGT Merlot

A pretty, elegant, aromatic nose offering a certain intensity, precision and depth. There are notes of small brilliant wild fruits, graphene, cornflower and small notes of star anise, associated with touches of crushed raspberry, as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint of star anise. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, it presents a fresh frame, suppleness, gourmandise and accuracy, and offers a lovely, fresh chiseled. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild cassis, violet plum and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of cornflower, little blue flowers, nutmeg, cardamom, chocolate, as well as hints of bourbon vanilla, toasted-fresh hazelnut and a hint of roasting. Gourmandise. A very discreet hint of almost fresh thyme in the background. Good length. Freshness, minerality and beautiful purity of fruit. Nice saline character.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Di Prisco – 2020

Irpinia Campi Taurasini

Lovely, elegant nose, precise, bewitching, offering aromatic purity and a little elegant austerity, even a discreet crystalline side. There are notes of black plum, infusion and small notes of concentrated blueberry, associated with fine touches of roasted-elegant Bigarreau cherry, as well as fine hints of zan and a discreet hint of roasted thyme (in the background). The palate is well-built, fresh, delicate and offers suppleness, a lovely silky in delicacy and precision and a lovely texture, finely creamy and airy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy/elegant cassis, violet plum and small notes of violet, combined with touches of roasted-elegant red cherry, as well as hints of blueberry, chocolatey, graphene, olive, mocha and a hint of roasted almond. Good length. The tannins are precise and finely mellow. Nicely fresh, delicate, airy and mineral wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

San Salvatore – Jungano 2021

Paestum Aglianico

The nose is elegant, it presents intensity, freshness and a lovely, frank, well-built grain. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry, associated with touches of crushed cranberry, as well as very discreet hints of violet plum, infusion and olive tree. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, juicy and offers a tangy frame and good definition. It also presents suppleness, accuracy, a mineral frame, freshness, a little unctuousity in freshness, lovely richness, elegance, juiciness and good balance. It expresses notes of juicy/pulpy violet plum, crushed raspberry and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry, combined with touches of blueberry, vanilla and a hint of toast and dark chocolate. A beautifully gourmand wine. Creamy, gourmand tannins.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Santo Stefano, 2019

Irpinia Campi Taurasini

Lovely aromatic and spicy nose. There are notes of black pepper, rosemary and small notes of violet, associated with touches of cassis, small black berries, as well as hints of gray pepper, fine hints of lilac and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is well-built, fruity, silky, fresh and presents suppleness, gourmandise, silkiness, a certain unctuousity in accuracy and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, violet plum and small notes of blueberry, combined with touches of roasted-elegant cherry, as well as hints of cocoa nibs, tobacco, graphene, black olive and a subtle hint of almost sage and spices. Good length. Precise, elegant tannins. A hint of coffee/roasting in the background and an imperceptible, almost sappy hint in the background.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Di Prisco – Tre Vigne 2017

Taurasi

The nose is elegant and offers a certain intensity/depth and beautiful definition. There are notes of concentrated blue plum, Madagascar pepper and small notes of saffron (on the floral side), associated with fine hints of creamy strawberry, small concentrated black berries, as well as a hint of lilac, sweet blond tobacco and a subtle hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, juicy and presents a tangy frame, precision, suppleness and a certain gourmandise. It also offers precision, a certain creaminess, elegance, a racy side and a fine, airy substance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, concentrated violet plum and small notes of fig, combined with touches of small creamy fruits, Madagascar pepper, roasting, a subtle hint of cocoa nibs and a note of black olive/dry local undergrowth. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



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La Fortezza – 2023

Sannio Barbera DOC

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a certain juiciness, intensity in the structure, a certain elegant austerity and a hint of pepper/spices. There are notes of wild cassis, juniper berries and small wild berries, associated with touches of red pepper, dry local grove, as well as a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, a good minerality, a tangy frame and a pretty floral side (in the background). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, crunchy wild cherry and small notes of small juicy/fresh black berries, combined with touches of juniper berry, maceron, as well as a fine hint of pepper and dry local grove. Lovely, subtly firm tannins, racy and tasty. Good length. Persistence with a subtle hint of sappy (in the background). Lovely acidulous on the finish. Freshness.

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

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii 2024

Pompeiano Rosso IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, power, intensity and precision. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis and morello cherry, associated with touches of red pepper, cubeb pepper, fine hints of licorice stick, as well as hints of small roasted-elegant wild berries and a discreet hint of sappy/local grove. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, a certain creaminess and a lovely finesse in its texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright wild cassis, morello cherry and small notes of small bright red fruits, combined with touches of lilac, wild flowers, a hint of pepper, fine sappy hints, oregano, as well as a lovely racy minerality. Good length and persistence. The tannins are precise, graphenous and racy. Good tangy persistence and gourmandise.

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

Astroni – Colle Rotondella 2023

Campi Flegrei DOC Piediroso

A lovely, fruity, precise, spicy nose that offers a certain depth as well as a fine, elegant austerity. There are notes of black cherry, pulpy red plum and small notes of balsamic, associated with fine touches of lilac, violet, a hint of Timut pepper, mandarin zest, as well as a subtle hint of smoke, tobacco and a discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotop). The palate is fruity, juicy, tangy and presents good definition, a tangy frame, precision, suppleness, energy and a deep, crystalline side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, juicy/tangy cherry and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of crunchy blue plum, as well as fine hints of fresh balsamic, racy local grove and a subtle touch of toasted and toasted almond. Good length. The tannins are precise, finely sappy and tasty.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – Arausta 2022

Terre del Volturno IGT Pallagrello Nero

A lovely nose of fairly ripe (but balanced) fruit and offers a certain purity of fruit, texture and a certain depth. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy violet plum and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry, associated with touches of cornflower, a hint of flowers, rosemary, as well as discreet, almost balsamic hints and pepper Madagascar. The palate is fruity, juicy and presents a tangy frame, with creaminess in elegance, energy and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, creamy cassis and small notes of raspberry, combined with fine touches of balsamic, a hint of bright/brilliant red fruits, as well as a hint of tonka bean, star anise and rosemary. Good length. A subtle touch of almost fresh pine needle in the background.

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

Caputo – Clanius 2023

Sannio DOC Aglianico

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain complexity, maturity and a bewitching and deep side at the same time. There are notes of dried fig, wild cassis and small notes of small roasted-elegant fruits, associated with fine hints of sweet tobacco and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, fresh and offers a lovely spherical side in its substance, delicacy and a certain bewitching side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild cassis and small notes of cherry and plum, combined with touches of flowers, balsamic, a hint of small crushed red fruits and cardamom. Good length. There's a toasted-suave side on the finish and a subtle hint of tobacco on the finish/persistence. A wine offering gourmandise, energy and a lovely acidity on the finish/persistence. Chewy on the persistence.

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

Cantina di Lisandro

Poderi Bosco 2020

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain depth and a velvety, airy side. A racy, fine grain. We find notes of wild blackberry, sweet spices and small notes of cloves, associated with touches of nutmeg, cardamom, as well as a discreet terracotta side. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral and offers a nice substance, a tangy frame, precision, suppleness and a certain gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy violet plum, fairly ripe cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry, combined with touches of blond tobacco, as well as fine clove hints and discreet, almost aromatic herbs touches. Good length. Gourmandise.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – I Calaia Casavacchio 2022

Terre del Volturno

The nose is racy, spicy, deep and offers a lovely broad, elegance palette of spices. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of tonka bean, associated with fine hints of pulpy red plum and discreet hints of mocha. The palate is well-built, fruity, sapid, elegant, racy, fresh, vibrant and offers tension, energy and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis and fresh plum, combined with pretty floral/wildflower touches, toasted almond, as well as fine hints of fresh balsamic and a hint of sense of the place (local biotop) in freshness. Good length. A wine that beautifully reveals its terroir, the landscapes of its estate...letting the spirit wander.

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

La Sibilla – Campi Flegrei Piediroso 2023

Campi Flegrei DOC Piediroso

The nose is spicy, sweet, velvety and offers a peppery side. There are notes of sweet pepper, blackberry and small notes of small pulpy fruits, associated with touches of violet, a hint of almost sense of the place (local biotop), even a discreet hint of aromatic

herbs (in the background). The palate is fruity, tangy, it offers energy, freshness, a vibrant, elegant side, precision, juiciness and an enveloping side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, cherry and small notes of pulpy violet plum, combined with floral touches, fresh balsamic, as well as a hint of fresh aromatic herbs/fresh local grove. Good length and definition. The tannins are precise and mellow. A wine offering energy and precision with a certain mellowness/chocolate in the background.

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

Donnachiara – Taurasi 2021

Taurasi DOCG

The nose offers fruit, brilliance, elegance, delicacy in its texture, fleshiness, precision, accuracy and a lovely mellow, precise grain. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, fleshy/ripe

wild strawberry and small notes of small concentrated fruits, associated with touches of tonka bean, cardamom, as well as a subtle hint of thyme blossom and mandarin. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a fresh, juicy, balanced, elegant and racy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, creamy/juicy violet plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry, combined with touches of small juicy/fresh red fruits, as well as fine hints of almost blood orange, sweet blond tobacco, toasted and a hint of cocoa and cardamom. Good length. Elegant, racy tannins. Gourmand persistence with a hint of good roasting and fine hints of iodized in the background.

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

La Guardiense – Cantari 2018

Sannio DOC Aglianico Riserva

The nose is peppery and offers intensity, with a fine, incisive, frank and spicy side. There are notes of cubeb pepper, clove and small notes of small wild fruits, associated with fine hints of juniper berries, tobacco and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is well-built, fruity, gourmand, fleshy and presents fine tension and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, raspberry and small notes of bright/brilliant blue plum, combined with touches of tobacco, nutmeg, as well as fine hints of cardamom, chocolate and sweet spices. A lovely mellowness and gourmandise on the finish. The barrel still needs time. A little chewiness, a certain gourmandise and a fine hint of dried almond on the finish.

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

Cantina di Lisandro – Terzarulo 2022

Terre del Volturno I.G.T.

The nose offers fruit, spices and a certain precision of grain. There are notes of violet,



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blueberry and cassis, associated with touches of Bigarreau cherry, fine hints of cubeb pepper, nutmeg, as well as a discreet hint of incense and a subtle hint of pepper and vegetation. The palate is beautifully fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, precision, silkiness, delicacy, gourmandise and a slight concentration of precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, violet plum and small notes of small fresh/crunchy fruits, combined with touches of tonka bean, toasted, a hint of vanilla, as well as a hint of infusion. A certain gourmandise and precision. We find a subtle hint of fresh flowers and fresh pine needles in the background. Good length. A certain chewiness and gourmandise. A precise, frank wine with a certain straightness. Finely strict tannins.

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

Colli di CastelFranci – Braudiano 2015

Taurasi DOCG, Riserva

The nose is spicy, frank, velvety, deep and offers a certain intensity in finesse and accuracy and plenitude. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small crushed fruits and sweet spices, associated with touches of smoke, local grove, a hint of black olive, cocoa nibs, as well as a hint of clove and an almost discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a mineral frame, tension, a certain straightness, structure and a discreet tight side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, violet and small notes of juicy/pulpy red cherry, combined with touches of small wild red berries, arthouse, as well as hints of black olive, a hint of almost mandarin, chocolate, toasted, a subtle touch of almost toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of almost fresh fig in the background. A wine offering juiciness, freshness, energy and a certain purity.

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

Cantina del Taburno – Delius 2020

Aglianico del Taburno

The nose offers fruit, a certain power, a sappy side, tension, precision, a certain elegant austerity, depth, spices and a lovely racy/local garrigue side. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small concentrated wild berries and black pepper, associated with touches of small juniper berries, rosemary, roasted thyme, as well as fine hints of black pepper, roasted and a subtle, almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, balanced, supple, fresh and offers a tangy frame, minerality, mellowness and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis and small wild black berries, combined with touches of black pepper, crushed red berries, a hint of black plum, as well as fine hints of roasting, a subtle, almost sappy hint (in the background) and tobacco. A fine hint of iodine in the background. Good length. The tannins are finely iodized and gourmand. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Masseria Piccirillo – Arausta 2019 Pallagrello Nero

Terre del Volturno

The nose is fruity, deep, delicate, bewitching, with depth and offers a delicate powderiness. It reveals notes of bright cassis, small brilliant blue fruits and small notes of roasted-elegant strawberry, associated with fine hints of tobacco, cubeb pepper, graphene, as well as discreet peppery hints, a hint of maceration and balsamic. A very discreet hint of earthiness in the background. The palate is fruity, balanced, tangy and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, minerality, a certain depth, unctuousity and accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, violet and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of small bright red fruits, as well as fine hints of balsamic, dried black olive and a discreet hint of rosemary. The tannins are precise, sapid and elegant. Subtle chewiness on the finish. Precision and accuracy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

De Falco Vini – Pietranera 2023

Vesuvio DOC Piediroso

Lovely fruity nose and offers intensity, power, a certain depth and good definition. We find notes of wild cassis, cubeb pepper and small notes of flowers, associated with touches of small ripe fruits, as well as fine hints of almost zest/mandarin. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and presents good definition, a certain accuracy, a little tension, suppleness and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, small ripe/tangy red fruits and small notes of racy minerality, combined with touches of graphene, small brilliant red berries, as well as fine hints of orange, mandarin, tobacco and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length and definition. Precise tannins. A wine offering energy and freshness. Good persistence with fine unctuousity and chewiness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Agnanum – Sabbia Vulcanica 2024

Campania IGT Piediroso

The nose offers spices, intensity and a certain power. There are notes of boysenberry, Timut pepper and small notes of toasted almond, associated with hints of crushed strawberry, as well as fine hints of fresh blond tobacco and a subtle hint of almost citrus/mandarin. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral and offers a tangy frame, energy, good definition, a certain gourmandise and precision. It also presents a lovely tannic structure, finely velvety, racy and structuring. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, tangy/fresh boysenberry and small notes of small fresh/tangy red fruits, combined with touches of fresh blond tobacco and nutmeg. Good length. A hint of tobacco in the background. Freshness, juiciness, acidity and energy. We find a certain brightness, purity and depth. Nice persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Agnanum – Agnanum 2023

Campi Flegrei DOC Piediroso

The nose is beautifully fruity, fresh, juicy and offers elegance, depth and a lovely aromatic palette. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and blood orange, associated with touches of small bright red fruits, as well as a floral hint. The palate is fruity, floral, fresh, elegant and dynamic. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, cassis and small notes of red plum, combined with beautiful, intense floral touches, a hint of blood orange, honeysuckle, as well as fine hints of almost warm pine needle and salinity. Good length. An atypical profile, but well-balanced and well-built. An assertive choice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Alois – Murella 2021

Terre del Volturno IGT Pallagrello Nero

The nose is spicy and offers a certain depth and a fine hint of volatility. The wine benefits from decanting. The palate is mineral, chiselled, fresh and offers a certain richness

in fruit freshness, a fine elegant austerity, roundness and a certain fatness in freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, violet plum and small notes of blue plum, combined with touches of crushed raspberry, as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom and a hint of maceron. Good length. The tannins are precise, finely mellow and marked. A hint of fresh hazelnut.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Nifo Sarrapochiello – Pontius Bio 2019

Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The wine benefits from decanting. There are notes of fresh balsamic, sage, olive tree and small notes of small fleshy fruits, associated with fine hints of sweet pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, unctuous, gourmand and offers good definition, a certain accuracy,

a little tension and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of small dense/concentrated fruits, combined with touches of black chocolate, tobacco, nutmeg, as well as a hint of cardamom, black olive and an imperceptible hint of almost thyme in the background. A lovely fleshiness on the palate. The tannins are tasty and fleshy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina di Lisandro – Cimmarino, Casavecchia 2021

Terre del Volturno I.G.T.

The nose is fruity, precise, finely tight and finely contained. There are notes of wild cassis and ripe violet plum, associated with touches of tonka bean, fine cocoa hints, as well as a hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, it presents a lovely fatness in finesse, precision, accuracy, suppleness, elegance and a melodious side and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, violet plum and small notes of bright cassis, combined with touches of small brilliant red fruits, as well as hints of sense of the place, licorice stick, cocoa, juicy/bright black plum and a touch of sappy in the background. There's a subtle hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence/needs time and decanting. Pulpiness and good definition, as well as a subtle hint of sappy, almost geranium in the background. Freshness and brilliance of fruit. Mellow, tannic mouthfeel. Good length. The tannins are mellow and well-built.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fontanavecchia – Sannio Piediroso 2024

Sannio DOC Piediroso

The nose is aromatic, velvety, airy and offers a velvety, precise, racy and airy grain. There are notes of bright boysenberry, small brilliant fruits and small notes of mocha,



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associated with touches of mocha, toasted hazelnut, sense of the place (local biotop) and a hint of balsamic. The palate is nicely mineral, juicy and offers good definition, a certain gourmandise, accuracy, fine suppleness and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy violet plum and small notes of small red fruits, combined with touches of rose, fresh flowers, as well as fine hints of sweet tobacco, toasted and a subtle, almost oceanic hint. Good length.

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

Alois – Trebulanum 2018

Casavecchia di Pontelatone DOC Riserva

The nose offers a certain darkness, precision and an elegant austerity. There are notes of boysenberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of violet, associated with touches of small concentrated red fruits, red pepper, maceron, as well as hints of almost incense and tobacco. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, tangy, fresh and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, a fine sappy/fresh pine-needle side in the background and a fine iodized/oceanic hint in the background. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, juicy/tangy violet plum and small notes of small bright/juicy fruits, combined with fine hints of crushed cherry, as well as fine touches of star anise, tobacco, sense of the place and a very discreet hint of vanilla. A subtle hint of barrel in the background. Mellow tannins. Persistence and gourmandise.

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

Aia Dei Colombi – Sannio Barbera 2024

Sannio DOC Barbera

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a certain intensity and power of fruit. There are notes of wild cassis, boysenberry, pulpy plum and small notes of small ripe wild red fruits, associated with fine hints of Cubèbe pepper, as well as a fine hint of sense of the place (local biotop). The palate is fruity, juicy, it presents a certain pulpiness, a fine creaminess in freshness and elegance and a lovely airy textured. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, violet plum and small notes of small wild red fruits, combined with touches of lilac, star anise, as well as fine hints of cornflower, tobacco and a discreet hint of Cubèbe pepper. Good length. Freshness, gourmandise and substance. Good persistence.

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

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La Fortezza – DonnaDaniela, 1 Vino Bianco

Lovely aromatic nose, velvety, fresh, racy and offers lovely energy, good definition, a fine crystalline side, intensity, as well as a fine aromatic hint of tannin. Beautifully built and structured. There are notes of small fresh/pulpy yellow fruits, juicy brugnion and small notes of fairly ripe yellow apple, associated with touches of fresh/ripe almond, fresh medlar, fine hints of fresh sweet spices, as well as a discreet hint of almost warm sage and pepper. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, racy, mineral and offers a little fatness, a certain depth, aromatic concentration, texture and a nice sapid/iodized fatness, almost a smoky side to the fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed/pulpy yellow apple, crushed/pulpy pineapple and small notes of bright medlar, combined with touches of butter/almost salt, as well as fine hints of fresh hazelnut. The finish is racy, delicate and taut. Subtle creaminess. Gourmandise and freshness. A fine tannic hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.25+ /20 (95/100)

Terre Stregate – Caracara 2019

Falghanhina IGP Benvenuto

The nose is fruity, elegant, deep, textured and offers a lovely fullness, depth and a gastronomic side. There are notes of juicy yellow peach, small crushed white fruits and fine, almost vinous hints, associated with touches of yellow flowers, fresh beeswax and discreet hints of toasted almond. The palate is well-built, fruity, finely sappy, elegant, racy, precise and offers a fine balance on the good bitters, gourmandise, elegance, structure, as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, bright medlar and small notes of small pulpy white fruits, combined with touches of beeswax, almond, as well as fine, almost vinous, buttery hints (even pastry-like). A lovely, delicate texture on the finish/persistence. A subtle hint of iodized (in the background) and a discreet tannic hint in both aroma and structure.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – Pallagrello Bianco 2024

Terre del Volturno IGP

The nose is fresh, mineral, airy, precise and offers a finely bewitching/delicate side. There are notes of lychee, crunchy peach and small notes of small crunchy fruits, associated with touches of white flowers, fine hints of fresh quince and a subtle hint of almost very fresh verberna. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, dynamic, precise, accuracy, mineral, delicate and offers juiciness, a tangy frame, gourmandise, energy, a nice texture and a nice unctuous side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy quenette, pulpy peach and small notes of pulpy apple, combined with touches of exotic fruit, quenette, as well as fine hints of lilac, verberna, peach blossom and a subtle, almost buttery/discreetly brioche-like hint. A subtle hint of toasted almond in the background. Gourmandise. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Sibilla – Cruna de Lago 2022

Falghanhina Campi Flegrei DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers depth, a certain aromatic density and a lovely deep, fine grain. There are notes of kumquat, physalis and small notes of ripe mandarine, associated with touches of small dried fruits, fine almost ripe pineapple hints, as well as fine almost beeswax/chestnut hints and a subtle hint of maceration. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, racy and offers precision, accuracy, suppleness, elegance, harmony, energy and a vibrant yet delicate side at the same time. A wine beautifully rooted in its terroir, beautifully racy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy medlar, bright kumquat and small notes of crushed brugnion, combined with fine hints of small crushed yellow peach, a subtle hint of verberna, passion fruit and a hint of racy minerality. Beautiful persistence and gourmandise. A subtle hint of almost toasted almond and fresh butter. Beautiful salinity.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Bosco de' Medici – 2023 Dressel 19.2

Pompeiano Bianco IGT

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic, complex and offers precision, accuracy, an airy side and a certain straightness. It reveals notes of yellow peach, small, fairly ripe yellow apples and small notes of kumquat, associated with fine hints of apricot, small yellow flowers, as well as discreet hints of almost jasmine and spices. A lovely maceration side all in finesse and elegance. The palate is well-built, fruity, supple and presents a certain fatness in elegance, depth, gourmandise and a lovely play on the good bitters and accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis, combined with touches of small dried mandarin peel, fine hints of almost beeswax, as well as gourmandise, a

subtle hint of maceration in finesse, depth and a hint of almost toasted hazelnut. Good length. A very discreet hint of sappy in the background. A wine offering a lovely side, good definition and many precision and accuracy.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Astroni – Cru Vigna Astroni 2020

Campi Flegrei DOC Falghanhina

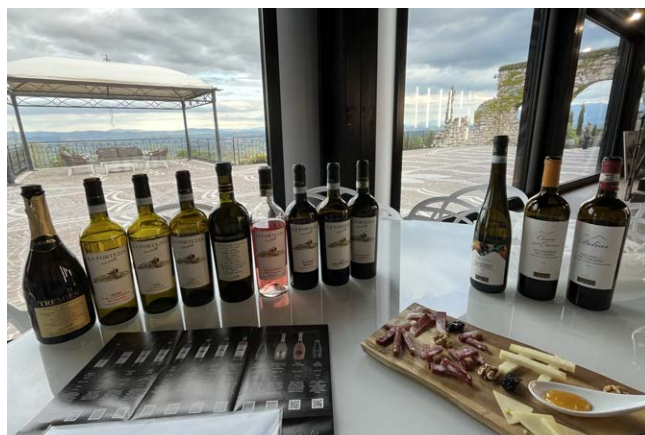
The nose is elegant, aromatic, gastronomic and offers depth and a velvety side. We find notes of yellow peach, nutmeg and small notes of butter, associated with touches of small yellow fruits, as well as discreet, almost beeswax-like hints. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, tangy, mineral and presents depth, good definition, precision, juiciness and an enveloping, multi-layered side all in precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, citron and small notes of toasted almonds, combined with fine touches of yellow flowers, as well as hints of butter, discreet chestnut, salinity, blond tobacco, medlar and dried mandarin. Good length. Roundness and gourmandise. A wine offering lovely textured, depth, a gastronomic and tannic side to the aromatic and structure, which drives the tasting, all in precision.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Cantina di Lisandro – Poderi Bosco

Pallagrello Bianco 2020

The nose is fruity, precise and offers intensity, a certain power in precision, good definition and a certain delicacy in its concentration. There are notes of quince, citron and small notes of small intense yellow fruits, associated with fine touches of orange zest, as well as discreet hints of almost acacia, sweet spice and almost curry. The palate is fruity, juicy, it presents a tangy frame, minerality and precision. It offers a beautifully



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delicate, elegant, airy, mineral, precise and just right side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy kumquat, juicy/pulpy yellow peach and small notes of juicy/ripe apricot, combined with a touch of quenette, acacia, as well as a subtle hint of lilac and nutmeg. Good length. The tannins are precise, sapid and well-built. There's a subtle hint of salt in the background and a lovely iodized minerality. Very good persistence.

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

San Salvatore – Pian di Stio 2024

Paestum fiano IGP

The nose is elegant, structured, racy and offers a lovely gastronomic side. It reveals notes of pulpy yellow peach, fresh apricot and small notes of toasted, associated with touches of toasted almond, a hint of small fresh passion fruit, as well as discreet hints of sweet flowers. The palate is well-built, supple, juicy, pulpy, fresh and presents good definition and beautiful structure all in control in accuracy. It also offers a certain straightness in elegance and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh vine peach, white flowers and small notes of fresh lemon, combined with touches of fresh kumquat, a hint of quince, a sense of the place, even discreet notes of rosemary and verbena. Good length. Precise, elegant tannins. A wine offering lovely definition, freshness, brightness and creaminess of fruit and lovely structure provided by the wood. Lovely grain and textured. Nice tangy persistence.

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

Di Meo – Campania Falanghina 2024

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The nose is fruity and offers a little concentration, as well as a certain intensity. There are notes of quince, almond and small notes of bright yellow peach, associated with touches of dried zest. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, tangy and presents energy, beautiful definition, precision and suppleness. It also offers elegance and a lovely coating and delicate side in its fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, crushed apple and small notes of small bright yellow fruits, combined with touches of butter, beeswax as well as fine hints of sweet/roasted pineapple. Good length. The tannins are precise, finely iodized and sappy. Freshness, juiciness and elegance. A lovely wine to decant, offering purity and a tangy, zesty persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Grancare 2023

Greco di Tufo DOCG Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain complexity and depth. There are notes of acacia blossom, small bright fruits, ripe apricot and small notes of small bright yellow fruits, associated with delicate hints of fresh tobacco and a discreet hint of sweet pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, mineral and offers a fresh frame, roundness, a little fat, a certain gourmandise and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy quenette, crushed brugnion and small notes of quince, combined with fine touches of kumquat, as well as fine hints of bright apricot. Good length. A subtle hint of sweet tobacco in the background. Lovely aromatic side of the tannins and a gastronomic side. A wine offering precision, brilliance, lovely textured in finesse and an almost spherical, delicate side in its fatness. Tangy persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Colli di CastelFranci – Vallicelli 2023

Greco di Tufo DOCG, Riserva

A lovely floral nose, frank, fresh, racy which offers a fine, almost chalky side. It reveals notes of kumquat, small pulpy/juicy yellow fruits and small notes of white flowers, associated with fine hints of almost acacia, fresh lychee, gunflint/chalky, as well as fine, almost toasted seed hints and saline/iodized character. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, juicy and offers a certain gourmandise, elegance, finesse, a lovely delicacy in its fat/unctuosity and a buttery side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lychee, vine peach and small notes of kumquat, combined with touches of creamy physalis, as well as fine hints of almost yuzu, zest, fine hints of citrus/lemon blossom and a subtle hint of almost fresh rosemary, and lovely chalky, iodized hints. A lovely wine ! Good sapid persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Colli di CastelFranci – Pendino 2024

Fiano di Avellino

The wine benefits from decanting. The nose is textured, precise and offers a fine grain and a gastronomic side. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, small crushed fruits and small notes of fleshy/juicy brugnion, associated with fine hints of citrus, Amalfi lemon, peach blossom, as well as a subtle hint of dried almond and an imperceptible hint

of orange blossom. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers good definition, lovely structure and textured on the palate, gourmandise and accuracy. It also presents a tangy frame, a coating/enveloping side, a certain chewiness and a lovely sapidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy vine peach, juicy quince and small notes of small fleshy/juicy fruits, combined with fine touches of fresh pineapple, as well as fine floral hints, acacia, peach blossom, verbena, small bright fruits and a subtle hint of almost almond. A subtle tannic hint in the structure on the finish bringing a gastronomic side, holding and gourmandise. We also perceive a hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Bosco de' Medici – Lavaflava 2024

Vesuvio DOC, Lacryma Christi Bianco

The nose is elegant, precise and offers suppleness, a melodious side, a certain aromatic depth and a pretty floral side. There are notes of yellow peach, kumquat and small notes of juicy/pulpy medlar, associated with touches of white flowers, almost a discreet hint of acacia, a delicate hint of crunchy green almond, a fine hint of toasted almond and a discreet jasmine side. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, round, gourmand and offers a certain fatness in finesse and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy nectarine, pulpy green apple and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of jasmine, acacia/acacia flowers, as well as a hint of passion fruit, a very discreet hint of almost green pineapple and fine hints of toasted almond. Good length. A nicely gourmand wine with a subtle iodized hint, finely sappy, in the background. There's also a fine chewiness and substance/texture on the finish, with a fine straightness.

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

Cantina di Lisandro – Lancella 2023 Pallagrello Bianco

Terre del Volturno IGT

The nose is fruity and offers aromatic depth, freshness, intensity and a certain aromatic richness. There are notes of quince and small ripe yellow fruits, associated with touches of almost acacia flowers, a subtle hint of yellow flowers, as well as a discreet hint of almost apricot and ripe/juicy mango. The palate is well-built, fruity, it presents a fat with finesse and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, pulpy kumquat and small notes of apricot, combined with touches of lilac, beeswax, almond, as well as fine, almost acacia hints and a subtle, almost lime-blossom touch in the background. Good length. Beautiful freshness and juiciness, minerality and a very discreet, almost pearl-like side. A well-built wine, elegant and with relief. Lovely grain and a subtle, almost tannic hint in the aromatic and structure in the background.

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

Antica Hirpinia – Falanghina 2024

Irpinia DOC Falanghina

The nose is floral, spicy, dynamic and offers fruit, depth, a subtle hint of the searched/desired (and mastered) oxidation and a fine, tight and stretched side. We find notes of cumin, saffron (on the floral side), sweet spices and small bright yellow fruits, associated with touches of yellow peach, as well as hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, fresh, mineral and presents a fresh frame, suppleness, good definition, a certain gourmandise, pulpiness, energy and a fine fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, bright lemon and small notes of sweet mandarin, combined with touches of lemon blossom, tangy/juicy apricot, as well as fine iodized hints and a subtle hint of verbena in the background. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in the background in the aromatic. A wine offering good freshness and juiciness, with an enveloping side in elegance. Iodized and saline.

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

La Guardiense – Senete 2024

Falanghina del Sannio DOC

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers breadth, good definition and a gastronomic side. It reveals notes of yellow apple, quince and small yellow fruits, associated with touches of bright pear, as well as fine hints of bright kumquat. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, racy and presents good definition, gourmandise and elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, ripe pineapple and small notes of yellow peach, combined with touches of juicy/bright apricot, as well as fine hints of passion fruit and flowers. Good length. A fine tannic and sapid hint on the finish/persistence. Gourmandise. A well-built, gourmand, energetic wine with a fine tannic chew in the background.

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



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Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Nestor 2013

Greco di Tufo

Lovely aromatic nose, fruity, precise, finely velvety and offering good aromatic definition and elegance. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, kumquat and small notes of small ripe yellow fruits, associated with touches of almost beeswax, as well as fine hints of almost sense of the place in the background (local biotop). The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, delicate, precise, juicy, gourmand and offers a certain suppleness, gourmandise and purity. It also presents a lovely, elegant, finely-driven, juicy fatness and a fine, enveloping side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, juicy/pulpy mirabelle plum and small notes of mandarin, almost orange, as well as fine hints of toasted, almond and a subtle hint of honey. Good length. A fine hint of almost mango and hazelnut. Nice freshness and minerality. A precise wine with a subtle hint of almost butter in the background.

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

San Salvatore – Calpazio 2024

IGP Paestum Greco

The nose is elegant, frank, racy and offers an elegant, delicate and assertive varietal side and a lovely crunchy side of fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy green apple, crunchy white peach and small notes of flowers, associated with touches of pineapple, a hint of verbena and a discreet hint of Amalfi lemon. The palate is fruity, suave, slightly round, gourmand and offers a mineral frame and good definition. It offers precision, suppleness, an iodized side and a fine varietal/floral hint in the background. There are also notes of quenette, crunchy green apple and small notes of lemon, combined with touches of mandarin, as well as hints of small pulpy/bright white fruits and honeysuckle, even lime blossom. Good definition, gourmandise and a little fatness in this wine.

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

La Sibilla – Domus Giulii 2022

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The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain depth in the aromatic and good definition. It reveals notes of juicy/bright medlar, bright kumquat and small notes of small crushed brugnion, associated with fine hints of fresh sage, passion fruit, as well as a discreet hint of almost mandarin leaf. The palate is nicely fruity, balanced and offers freshness, good definition, dynamism and a gastronomic side. A wine that unfolds gradually, opening up slowly. A lovely finesse in its fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright medlar, pulpy physalis and small notes of citron, combined with touches of crushed brugnion, as well as hints of passion fruit, small white flowers and fine, almost macerated hints. Good length. A very discreet/subtle tannic hint.

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

Di Prisco – Vigna Rotole 2023

Irpinia Fiano

The nose is elegant, racy, finely enveloping and offers a certain depth, a flinty, finely textured side. There are notes of pulpy yellow apple, bright brugnion and small notes of peach blossom, associated with fine hints of almost dried almond. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a certain depth, precision and suppleness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy mirabelle plum, juicy brugnion and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of bright vine peach, as well as fine hints of beeswax, almond and almost dried almond notes in the background. Lovely freshness and minerality. Elegant, pure wine with a beautiful brilliance of fruit. Nice tangy and sapid/discreetly saline persistence. Delicacy, precision, finesse and a melodious side.

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

Di Prisco –Pietrarosa 2020

Greco di Tufo

The nose offers a certain depth, a little concentration, accuracy, an aromatic side as well as a certain complexity. It reveals notes of yellow peach, small dried citrus fruits and small notes of ripe kumquat, associated with hints of verbena, a discreet hint of a sense of the place, racy minerality and a fine, almost petrol-like hint. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, precision and elegance. It also presents a delicate, aromatic, precise and deep side in the background, with a lovely delicacy and finesse in its fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, pulpy mirabelle plum and small notes of medlar, combined with fine hints of almost dried blood orange, as well as a subtle hint of pineapple, verbena and sweet spices. Good length. A wine offering juiciness, freshness, acidity and energy.

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

Colli di CastelFranci – Paladino 2023

Fiano di Avellino DOCG, Riserva

Lovely, fresh, frank, chiselled nose which offers minerality. It reveals notes of crunchy green peach, sense of the place and white flowers, associated with touches of fresh nutmeg, small fresh/juicy fruits, as well as discreet almost acacia and kumquat hints in the background and a discreet almost iodized-like hint. The palate is beautifully fruity, juicy and offers a tangy frame, freshness, a chiselled side, precision, tension, energy/a vibrant side and a fine straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, juicy flat peach and small notes of small juicy/fresh exotic fruits, combined with touches of fresh quince, ripe/sweet lemon, as well as discreet hints of fresh apricot and sense of the place in the background. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in the aromatic on the finish/persistence.

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

Terre Stregate – Calidonio

Falaghina

The nose is fruity, fresh, chiselled and offers minerality, precision, as well as a fine pulpiness. We find notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of fresh crunchy pear, associated with touches of crunchy mirabelle plum, as well as a floral hint. The palate is fruity, technical and frank. The effervescence is dynamic and precise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy green apple, brugnion and crunchy pineapple, combined with fine hints of lemon. Good length. Good persistence with acidity and crispness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Terre Stregate – Svelato 2024

Falaghina del Sannio DOP

The nose is frank, fruity and offers a certain aromatic depth/concentration. There are notes of small fresh yellow fruits, kumquat and small notes of bright white peach, associated with touches of small crushed fruits, as well as a discreet hint of almost maceration/sweet spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and offers minerality, energy, good definition, tension, aromatic depth, as well as a certain concentration/maceration of fruit. Elegance, gourmandise and a gastronomic side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, pulpy mirabelle plum and small notes of bright green apple, combined with touches of fairly ripe Amalfi lemon, as well as fine hints of crunchy pineapple and a subtle, almost beeswax-like hint. A fine coating side. A subtle, almost tannic hint (both in aroma and structure). Good length. Freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Scaramuzzo – Ventallegra 2024

Terre del Volturno IGP

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, nicely smoky/iodized, lively, racy and offers good definition, precision and a fine rocky, even volcanic side. It reveals notes of fresh lychee, associated with fine hints of quenette, pulpy brugnion and smoke. The palate is fruity, saline and offers volume, energy, a tangy frame, good definition, precision, minerality, purity, brightness and delicacy in its energy. A lovely velvety, airy side to the spices. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lychee, pulpy green peach and iodine/salinity, combined with a fine smoky touch, a subtle hint of fresh pineapple, spices and a sense of the place (local biotop).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pallagrello 2022

Terre del Volturno

The nose is chiseled, mineral and offers a flinty side, freshness and elegance. There are notes of quince, fresh yellow peach and small notes of small fleshy/fresh white fruits, associated with fine hints of almost discreetly maceration. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, chiselled, floral, elegant and offers precision, tension, a gunflint side, gourmandise, a tangy frame and a lovely textured. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, quenette and small notes of kumquat, combined with touches of sweet pineapple, as well as fine hints of peach blossom, verbena and a discreet hint of maceration (although no maceration was used on this wine) / fruit work on richness/depth.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii 2024

Pompeiano IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a certain juiciness, fine crispness, good definition, precision, accuracy and lovely fruit. We find notes of pulpy green apple, pulpy vine peach and small notes of fresh lychee, associated with fine hints of sweet/fresh grapefruit, as well as fine hints of verbena and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, pulpy,



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gourmand and offers a fine unctuousness, a certain gourmandise, precision and sapidity. It also presents beautifully textured, with a tangy frame and fine creaminess. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy green apple, pulpy vine peach and small notes of fresh/bright brugnion, combined with a fine hint of kumquat, pink grapefruit, fine touches of orange blossom and notes of passion fruit. Good length. There's a subtle, almost fat hint from the lees and a subtle touch that's discreetly powdery/chewy on the finish/persistence. A fine, almost tannic hint on the finish/persistence. A wine offering gourmandise and persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina di Lisandro – Lancella 2014 Pallagrello Bianco Terre del Volturno IGT

The nose is well-built, fruity, precise and offers a certain intensity and power to the aromatic. There are notes of quince, citron and small notes of fresh apricot, associated with touches of nutmeg, fine hints of mango, crushed brugnion, as well as fine, almost floral hints and a subtle hint of almost toasted almond. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, tangy and presents energy, a vibrant side, a tangy frame, precision, suppleness and good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of apricot, juicy/tangy quince and small notes of small juicy yellow fruits/medlar, as well as subtle hints of almost pineapple and racy minerality. Good length. A subtle tannic hint of nutmeg. A nicely balanced wine, full of finesse. A very different style from the previous one, but the vinification has changed.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Casa d'Ambra – Ischia Biancolella 2024 Ischia DOC Biancolella

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine pulpiness and intensity. There are notes of pulpy yellow peach, crushed pear and small notes of apricot, associated with fine touches of almost nutmeg and a discreet hint of pineapple. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a fresh frame, roundness and a nice fatness, elegant, precise, quite fine and rapid. There's also an airy side in its fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed quenette and small notes of lychee, combined with touches of crunchy apple, as well as fine hints of vine peach. Good length. A subtle hint of toasted almond and apricot blossom in the background. A certain power in the background and persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sammarco Ettore – Selva delle Monache 2024

Costa d'Amalfi DOC Ravello Bianco

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain complexity and depth. It reveals notes of kumquat and small crushed fruits, associated with touches of lychee, verbena, as well as a subtle hint of sage and crunchy vine peach. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, gourmandise, a certain accuracy and a stretched side in elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes of apricot, combined with touches of juicy mango, as well as fine hints of verbena. Good length. A hint of sweet citrus and toasted almond in the background. A little tannic side in the aromatic and structure on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Villa Matilde Avallone – Colle Castrese 2024 Falerno del Massico DOC Bianco

The nose is fruity and offers brightness and a certain gourmandise. There are notes of pulpy vine peach, quenette and small notes of peach blossom, associated with touches of sweet mandarin, nutmeg and a hint of blond tobacco. The palate is well-built, it presents freshness, minerality, a crystalline side, tension and good structure. It also offers energy and a gastronomic side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of sweet quince, lemon and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of bright vine peach, as well as fine hints of sweet grapefruit. Good length. A subtle tannic hint and acidity on the finish/persistence. A wine offering acidity, precision, gourmandise and freshness. Good freshness and persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Masseria Di Sessa – Crono Bio 2022 Falerno del Massico DOC Bianco

The nose is precise and offers a lovely red thread as well as a fine grain, finely velvety and stretched. It reveals notes of quince, small juicy yellow fruits and small notes of clove, associated with touches of almost marine and a fine, almost biscuity hint. The

palate is fruity, juicy and offers a certain fatness in energy, juiciness, a tangy frame and a beautiful energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/tangy yellow peach and small notes of small bright white fruits, combined with touches of pineapple, as well as fine hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of beeswax. Good length. Nice freshness and juiciness. Good persistence with a nice saline hint and a nice little electric acidity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Donnachiara – Esoterico Bio 2024 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose offers notes of passion fruit, verbena and peach blossom, associated with touches of crunchy white peach, fresh physalis, as well as discreet mineral hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and presents a fresh frame, acidity, harmony and a lovely, delicate and coating side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, kumquat and small notes of bright mandarin, combined with fine hints of bright nectarine, as well as fine hints of peach blossom and a hint of fresh almond. A fine tannic side in the aromatic on the finish/persistence. Freshness and minerality.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Brancato 2023 Fiano di Avellino DOCG Riserva

The nose is racy, elegant and offers good definition, a beautiful grain and a certain depth. It reveals notes of citron, fresh spices and small notes of small wild fruits, associated with a hint of nectarine, as well as a discreet, almost toasty hint. Some spice on the nose. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and discreetly tight, it offers a tangy frame, energy, good definition and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy peach, lychee and small notes of sweet citrus, combined with touches of fresh flowers/honeysuckle. Good length. A subtle hint of iodized in the background. Good definition and gourmandise. A fine spherical side in its fatness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Del Meriggio – Greco di Tufo 2023

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is elegant, precise, racy and offers a melodious side and a lovely textured. There are notes of pulpy yellow peach, crushed yellow apple and small notes of brioche/butter, associated with touches of small crushed fruits, a hint of sweet tobacco, as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place (local biotop). The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, fresh and presents lovely definition, a certain gourmandise, precision and suppleness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy apricot, crunchy yellow brugnion and small notes of bright physalis, combined with fine touches of pineapple, as well as a hint of apple blossom. Good length. The tannins are

precise, sapid and finely sappy. A tannic side on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenute Capaldo – Feudi Di San Gregorio – Goletto 2021 Greco di Tufo DOCG Riserva

The nose is precise, enveloping and offers a textured delicacy/finesse, a fine floral side, harmony and a certain depth. At present, the wine is relatively marked by the barrel, and needs time. The palate is delicate, mineral, airy, melodious and presents rich balance, roundness, fatness, some barrel work and a part of malolactic. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of small crushed fruits, vanilla, as well as fine hints of apricot, quenette and fine touches of toasted hazelnut. Good length. A tannic side on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Bianco di Bellona 2024 Irpinia Coda di Volpe

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise, a little creaminess and good definition. There are notes of quenette, pulpy brugnion and small notes of small fruits, almost pineapple, quince, even banana and a subtle hint of smoke. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, tangy and offers gourmandise, a mineral, tangy frame, a pretty floral/sappy fatness and a honeysuckle side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lime blossom, pulpy yellow peach and small notes of juicy mirabelle plum, combined with touches of honeysuckle, as well as fine floral hints and a subtle hint of citron.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Di Prisco – 2022

Greco di Tufo

The nose offers fruit, minerality, good definition, precision, fine gourmandise and a textured, stretched and precise grain. There are notes of crunchy yellow peach and small notes of wild yellow apple, associated with fine touches of verbena, peach blossom, as well as a discreet hint of zest, citron and a subtle hint of almost fresh beeswax. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, delicate, melodious and presents an elegant, airy, precise and well-balanced grain and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy quenette, lychee and small notes of pulpy vine peach, combined with touches of citron, as well as fine, almost quince-like hints, racy minerality and hints of almost beeswax-like in the background. A subtle touch of almost tannic in both aromatic and structure. Accuracy, gourmandise and a certain delicacy. Nice tangy persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

San Salvatore – Cecerale 2024

IGP Paestum Fiano

(Organic) The nose is elegant, racy, frank and offers fine intensity and depth. It reveals notes of crunchy nectarine, fresh apricot and small notes of carambol, associated with fine touches of small juicy/pulpy fruits, as well as a discreet, almost varietal hint. The palate is nicely juicy, pulpy, with brightness and offers gourmandise and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/tangy lychee, crunchy peach and small notes of pulpy green apple, combined with touches of white flowers, rose, as well as fine hints of peach blossom and a subtle hint of exotic fruit in the background. Good length. Roundness, gourmandise and breadth. Tangy persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Colli di CastelFranci – Iris 2024

Irpinia Falanghina DOC

The nose presents crispness, intensity of fruit, a certain depth and a vibrant side. It reveals notes of quenette, crunchy nectarine and small notes of elderflower, associated with touches of exotic fruit, as well as hints of apple blossom, a subtle hint of almost physalis, a discreet hint of almost beeswax and a sense of the place. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers good definition, precision, a tangy frame, a nice fatness and unctuousity in elegance, and presents precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, crushed apple and small notes of crushed vine peach, combined with a touch of stewed brugnon, fine hints of kumquat, mirabelle plum, as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices, a sap and almost sage in the background. Good length. A wine offering lovely freshness, volume, an airy side and good work on the good bitters.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Pietrafusa Di Villa Matilde Avallone – Daltavilla 2024

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is spicy, frank and offers a certain intensity. There are notes of wild peach, citron and small notes of small fleshy white fruits, associated with touches of nutmeg, as well as a discreet hint of tobacco in the background. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, fresh and offers good definition, gourmandise, energy and a certain brilliance in mouth. It expresses notes of pulpy yellow peach, small bright/brilliant fruits and small notes of bright apricot, combined with fine hints of apricot blossom, a hint of quenette, as well as fine hints of racy minerality. Good length. The tannins are finely mellow, precise and elegant. Beautiful freshness and brightness

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

Terre Stregate – Aurora 2024

Greco Sannio DOP

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine, pulpy side of fruit, as well as a discreet side of fresh nutmeg. There are notes of quenette, nutmeg and small notes of pulpy vine peach, associated with fine hints of white flowers, verbena, as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, energy, a tangy frame, a certain tension, precision, suppleness and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy peach, bright green apple and small notes of quince, combined with touches of crisp flat peach, as well as fine hints of verbena and a subtle hint of lemon blossom. Good length.

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

Masseria Piccirillo – Beati Colli 2024

Terre del Volturno IGT Pallagrello Bianco

The nose is spicy, marked by a hint of nutmeg and offers a fine intensity of grain, a certain slight depth and an airy side. The palate is delicate, elegant, harmonious and presents delicacy, subtly in its acidity and structure, and a fine airy side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, crunchy pear and small notes of small bright yellow fruits, combined with touches of almond, crushed passion fruit, as well as a hint of toasted almond, even discreetly chestnut/saline. Juiciness, minerality and good definition. A fine tannic side in the aromatic and structure on the finish.

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

Di Prisco – 2024

Irpinia Coda Volpe

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity, precision, accuracy, good definition, a little concentration of fruit and a precise grain. It reveals notes of quince, pulpy/juicy yellow peach and small notes of ripe mandarin, associated with fine, almost iodized hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers good definition, minerality and a clean, tangy and precise frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh quince and small notes of juicy/fresh mirabelle plum and citron, combined with fine hints of fresh pineapple, as well as a hint of crushed white fruit and gunflint. Good length. Lovely texture and aromatic depth. A mineral, juicy wine with a certain mineral purity. A hint of toasted almond on the finish/persistence and subtle chewiness.

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

Terre Stregate – Svelato 2023

Falanghina del Sannio DOP

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers straightness as well as a certain tension. There are notes of fresh quince, kumquat and small notes of apricot, associated with fine hints of almost ripe pineapple, yellow flowers and a subtle hint of almost beeswax. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fresh frame, acidity, energy, a coating/enveloping side, a tannic structure and elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh pear, fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of fresh pineapple, combined with touches of juicy/fresh yellow peach, as well as fine hints of nutmeg, fresh spices and discreet hints of small crunchy white fruit. Elegance.

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

La Fortezza – Sannio2023

Fiano DOC

The nose is fruity and offers brightness, minerality, a certain freshness, a finely velvety side, as well as a lovely, delicate, fresh and airy spiciness. We find notes of fresh mirabelle plum and fresh kumquat, associated with fine touches of sweet spices, a hint of medlar, as well as fine, almost floral hints. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, suavity, a certain gourmandise, lovely sapidity, as well as a fine hint of good bitterness. We find notes of quenette, lychee, pulpy vine peach and small notes of kumquat, combined with touches of lilac, as well as a hint of medlar. Good length. A subtle hint, finely sappy in the background. A certain delicacy and suppleness. Fine crystalline side in the background.

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

Cantina del Taburno – 2024 Falanghina del Sannio

Falanghina del Taburno Doc

Lovely fruity nose, textured and offers a little creaminess. A certain richness in freshness. We find notes of creamy mirabelle plum, creamy brugnon and small notes of iodine, associated with touches of small fresh fruits and fresh flowers. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity and offers suavity, a mineral frame, lovely acidulous, gourmandise, a little fat, energy and the bite. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy brugnon, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of bright kumquat, combined with touches of citron, hints of bright apple, as well as fine hints of iodine/saline, gunflint and a subtle hint of almost delicate sage / even discreetly fresh basil. The finish is iodized/saline.

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

La Sibilla – 2024 Falanghina Campi Flegrei

Lovely, fresh, fruity, elegant nose, offering a certain pulpiness, a lovely ripeness of fruit, a certain sapidity and a fine crunch (in the background). There are notes of fresh quenette, pulpy vine peach and small notes of bright apple, associated with touches of almost fresh mandarin. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers juiciness, acidity, good



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definition, a certain intensity, gourmandise, a tangy frame, good balance, lovely acidity, purity, harmony, lovely salinity and a lovely unctuous/pulpy substance. A spherical side on the palate. This wine expresses notes of quenette, bright white peach and small notes of sweet Amalfi lemon, combined with a fine touch of sweet citrus and a hint of small crushed white fruits. Good length. Nice finish.

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

Cantina del Vesuvio Winery Russo Family – Bio 2023

Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio DOC Bianco Superiore

The nose is aromatic and offers delicacy, a certain elegance and harmony. It reveals notes of bright yellow apple, physalis and small notes of dried mandarin, associated with fine hints of apricot and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and presents a tangy, juicy frame, suppleness, gourmandise and good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, citron and small notes of crunchy pineapple, combined with fine hints of apricot and crunchy apple. Good length. A finish offering a hint of toasted almond in the background. A wine with gourmandise. We also perceive a crystalline side on the finish, a saline/iodized side, fine chewiness, a subtle hint of fresh tobacco in the background and sapidity.

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

SPARKLING WINES

Masseria Piccirillo – PrimaGioia 2018

Brut Nature

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a lovely palette of aromas, a brioched side, texture, depth and good pallet width. There are notes of brioche, vinous and small notes of small fruits, associated with fine touches of beeswax, small ripe yellow fruits, almost chalky, fresh spices and a delicate hint of chestnut. The palate is well-built, fruity, balanced, racy and offers a tangy frame, good energy, an electric side and depth. Lovely structure and aroma. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, brioche and fresh butter, combined with touches of fresh hazelnut, as well as a subtle almost pastry-like hint and fine hints of bright yellow apple. Good persistence. A lovely vinous side on the palate. A gastronomic wine.

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

La Sibilla – Paloma

Brut nature

(Base 2022. Disgorgement: 01/2025) The nose is fruity and offers elegance, depth, lovely ripeness of fruit, gourmandise, a certain textured, precision and a fine creaminess in finesse/freshness. There are notes of quince, ripe citron and small notes of pulpy yellow peach, associated with touches of crunch white peach, as well as fine floral hints, sense of the place (local biotop) and a hint of almost Timut pepper (in the background). The palate is well-built, fruity, balanced, precise and offers a tangy frame, energy, dynamism, depth, tension, sapidity, texture as well as an airy side in its creaminess. The effervescence is fine, bright and pure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of citron, ripe Amalfi lemon and small notes of bright white peach, combined with touches of crunchy pear, fine hints of citrus, lemon cream, as well as fine hints of fresh almond. A subtle tannic hint in the aromatic on the finish/persistence. Gourmandise and a fine chewiness. A fine vinous side on the nose and palate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Masseria Piccirillo – PrimaGioia 2022

Brut Nature

(24 months on lees, disgorged April 2025) The nose is fruity, frank, racy, finely chiseled and offers a chalky, melodious and enveloping side. It reveals notes of pulpy apple, fresh yellow peach and small notes of fresh meringue, associated with subtle hints of almost sweet mandarin, fresh brioche, a discreet hint of fresh blond tobacco and spices.

A pearly side in the background. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers minerality, a lovely acidity in juiciness, a vibrant, chalky side, a tangy frame, depth and a fine bite. The effervescence is fine, elegant and offers a certain straightness and good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow peach, crisp yellow apple and small notes of crunchy/bright green apple, combined with touches of small crunchy fruits, fine hints of juicy lemon, as well as a subtle hint of yuzu, ripe almond, nutmeg, fresh brioche and salinity/chalkiness. A fine tannic hint in the structure on the finish.

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

ROSÉ WINES

Bosco de' Medici – Pompeii 2023

Pompeiano Rosato IGT

Lovely, elegant, fruity nose offering fleshiness, substance, a certain depth/richness and texture. It reveals notes of kumquat, blood orange and small notes of medlar, associated with touches of spices, a subtle hint of rosemary (in the background), fine hints of white flowers and a discreet hint of small wild berries. The palate is well-built, fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, suavity, suppleness and good definition. It also presents a certain elegance and straightness in accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, blood orange and small notes of medlar, combined with a touch of crushed brugnion, as well as fine hints of spices and an almost discreetly aniseed/liquoriced note and rosemary in the background. A subtle hint of salinity in the background. Nice freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina di Lisandro – Rosa del tempo 2024, Pallagrello Nero

IGP Terre del Volturno, Vino Rosato

A lovely fruity, elegant nose offering a nice little pulpiness and a certain gourmandise. There are notes of quenette, pulpy vine peach and small notes of passion fruit, associated with fine hints of fresh mandarin, a very discreet, delicately floral, lemony hint, as well as a subtle hint of toasted almond. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, precision, suppleness and lovely definition. It also presents a lovely airy, delicate side in its fatness, delicacy and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, pulpy vine peach and crushed/bright brugnion, combined with touches of pulpy mandarin, as well as a subtle hint of sweet pink grapefruit, a discreet hint of peach blossom and verben. A good length. A discreet hint of toasted almond. Subtle wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

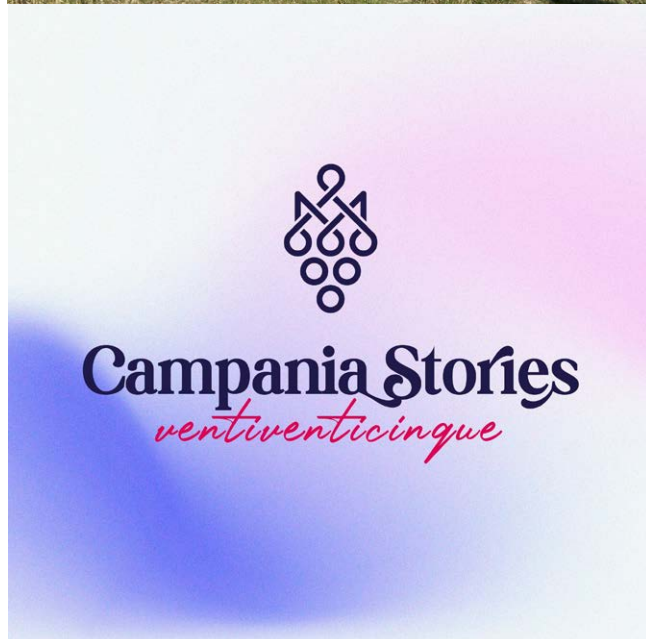
San Salvatore – Vetere 2024

IGP Paestum Rosato

The nose is delicate, frank and offers a certain light intensity and harmony. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh peach and small

notes of fresh cherry, associated with fine touches of rose, lilac, as well as fine hints of delicate spices. The palate is fruity, just right and offers a lovely structure, a tangy frame, tension, a lovely grain and delicacy in its straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, pulpy/juicy peach and small notes of lemony touches, all with subtlety. A wine offering roundness and a nice fatness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Veneto wines

MALANOTTE DEL PIAVE DOCG

Antonio Facchin 2012 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Medium-intensity ruby with garnet hues. The nose offers elegant oak nuances with notes of cherry liqueur, wild berries, and subtle spice hints. The palate is agile and fresh, with saline tension and vegetal accents. The finish is taut with balsamic undertones and excellent drinkability. A fine, complex, and dynamic Malanotte. **Score : 16.5+/20 (93+/100)**

Ornella Molon 2016 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Deep ruby with violet reflections. Intense aromas of blackberry, wild violet, balsamic hints, and blueberry. Gradual emergence of sweet spices and mineral notes. The palate is elegant and balanced, with vibrant acidity, silky tannins, and a long, harmonious almond finish. A Raboso of refined balance. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Bonotto delle Tezze 2019 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Dark violet ruby. Aromas of blackberry jam, forest floor, plum compote, and earthy nuances. The palate is juicy and broad, with density and lively acidity, leading to a long, mineral-spicy finish. A Malanotte of depth and sheer drinkability. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

De Stefani 2020 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Bright violet ruby. Refined aromas of ripe cherry, wild strawberries, blackberry, and herbal undertones. The palate is dynamic, juicy, with a well-built body and a long, harmonious finish on red fruits and subtle spice. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Bonotto 2018 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Luminous violet ruby. A delicate and austere bouquet of red berries, herbal hints, and soft spices. The palate is vibrant, taut, and tannic, with citrusy and spicy notes that lend dynamism. A wine of energy and vertical structure. **Score : 17+/20 (94+/100)**

Rechsteiner "Dominicale Rosso" 2019 Malanotte del Piave DOCG

Bright ruby with purple glints. Subtle aromas of red fruits, gentle spices, and sweet floral lift. The palate is lively and crisp with red berry crunch and a saline-driven finish. A slender, refined Malanotte. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Le Rive Malanotte del Piave DOCG 2018

Intense ruby with violet rim. Broad aromas of blackberry, cassia, dried plum, and sweet spice. The palate is warm and enveloping with balanced tension and a spicy touch on the finish. **Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

RABOSO DEL PIAVE

Bonotto delle Tezze "Potestà" 2021 Raboso del Piave

Deep dark ruby. Expressive aromas of ripe plum, blackberry, violet, and eucalyptus hints. The palate is sweet, juicy, and full-bodied with integrated tannins and broad return. Fresh and dynamic. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Bonotto delle Tezze 2019

Raboso del Piave
Dark ruby. Intense aromas of blackberry, black cherry, plum, and hints of underbrush. The palate is rich and silky with refined tannins and an elegant, fruity-spicy finish. Outstanding finesse. **Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

Ca' di Rajo "Sangue del Diavolo" 2020

Raboso del Piave
Dark violet ruby. Refined bouquet of crisp cherry, balsamic herbs, red citrus, and dried flowers. Energetic and taut palate with firm yet ripe tannins. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Le Rive 2020

Raboso Passito del Piave
Bright garnet ruby. Seductive aromas of plum compote, wild blackberry, morello cherry, warm spices, and cocoa. Sweet, enveloping palate balanced by fresh acidity and fine tannins. **Score : 16+/20 (92+/100)**

REFOSCO DAL PEDUNCOLO ROSSO

Ai Galli 2021

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Deep violet ruby. Precise aromas of wild blackberry, black cherry, pomegranate, and aromatic herbs. The palate is elegant, fleshy, and rich with good freshness and a long fruity finish. **Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

Mazzolada 2023

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Dark violet ruby. Notes of crisp cherry, sweet spice, and blackberry liqueur. Fresh, tense palate with light tannins and a crunchy finish. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Le Carline 2022

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Deep ruby. Aromas of ripe plum, blackberry liqueur, and ethereal notes. Full-bodied and concentrated with mineral closure. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Stajnbach 2022

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Bright ruby with violet glints. Floral bouquet of violet, rose, blackberry, and essential oils. Compact, fresh, and layered palate with great aging potential. **Score : 17+/20 (94+/100)**

Villa Bogdano 2017

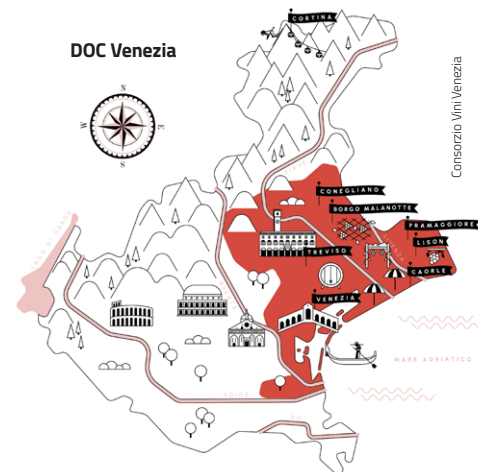
Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Luminous ruby. Red berry aromas, cherry, currant, and gentle spice. Lively and slender palate with refreshing minerality. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Ornella Bellia Lison Pramaggiore 2021

Refosco dal Peduncolo Riserva
Intense ruby. Aromas of black cherry, plum, oak spice. Dense, vibrant palate with imposing structure and long persistence. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Rizzetto Refosco dal Peduncolo

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso IGT
Dark ruby. Rich aromas of blackberry, ripe plum, sweet spices, and light toast. Full-bodied, layered palate with persistence and vibrancy. **Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**



LISON DOCG

Rizzetto 2023

Lison Classico DOCG
Brilliant straw yellow. Aromas of pink grapefruit, magnolia, lemon zest. Broad, textural, and saline palate with a persistent finish. **Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

Mazzolada 2023

Lison Classico DOCG
Luminous straw yellow. Citrusy notes of grapefruit, lime, and fresh ginger. Vibrant, taut, and saline palate. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Stajnbach "150" 2023

Lison Classico DOCG
Intense straw yellow. Grapefruit, sage, and candied ginger aromas. Rich, creamy, and saline palate with outstanding freshness. **Score : 17+/20 (94+/100)**

Ai Galli 2023

Lison Classico DOCG
Bright straw yellow. Aromas of ripe grapefruit, aromatic herbs, wildflowers. Vibrant, sapid palate with clean linearity. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Villa Bogdano 2022

Lison Classico DOCG
Crystalline straw yellow. Golden apple, citrus, linden blossom, lemon thyme. Delicate, lingering, saline palate. **Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

Le Carline 2022

Lison DOCG
Intense straw yellow. Aromas of white peach, acacia flowers, ripe citrus. Rounded, juicy, and mineral-driven palate. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Ornella Bellia 2022

Lison DOCG
Bright straw. Sage, Williams pear, aromatic herbs. Fresh, dynamic, and mineral palate. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

OTHER WHITE WINES

Ca' di Rajo "Mina" Manzoni 2022

Bianco Piave DOC
Golden straw yellow. Aromas of dried fruit, toasted almond, ripe citrus, and acacia honey hints. Warm, enveloping palate with long finish on pomelo and exotic fruit. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Antonio Facchin "41"

Piave DOC Bianco
Bright straw yellow. Aromas of ripe pear, white peach, and meadow flowers. Full, textured palate with balanced freshness and minerality. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Rechsteiner Manzoni Bianco 2023 Veneto IGT

Bright pale straw. Aromas of crisp pear, green apple, linden, magnolia. Rich, enveloping, and mineral-driven palate. **Score : 16+/20 (92+/100)**

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection



RED WINES

Feudo Montoni – Vrucara 2020 Sicilia DOC

The nose is elegant, racy, frank and offers a lovely intensity of grain, finesse, a stretch, fragrance and depth side, complexity, intensity and depth. It reveals notes of roasted-elegant red cherry, wild blueberry and small notes of small, concentrated and fairly ripe red berries, associated with touches of lily, fine hints of fairly ripe strawberry, as well as touches of cornflower, star anise, nutmeg, black olive, dark chocolate and beautiful, delicate spices. The palate is well-built, supple, fresh, mineral, elegant, racy and delicate. It offers a lovely suppleness, roundness, gourmandise, good definition, accuracy and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy black cherry, roasted-elegant strawberry and small notes of crushed blueberry and juicy blue plum, combined with touches of small roasted fruit, infusion, black olive, racy freshness/sense of the place, as well as hints of cornflower, infusion, black tea, bergamot, a subtle hint almost of fresh balsamic and fine touches of toasted hazelnut. Good length and definition. The frame is tangy and gourmand, with an elegant, just-right creaminess.

Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)

Caruso & Minini – Nino 2015 Sicilia DOC

The nose is beautifully elegant, racy, fresh and offers a lovely floral, velvety side. It reveals notes of violet, bright cassis, blackberry and small notes of crushed red plum, associated with touches of bright/juicy cherry, as well as hints of violet, nutmeg, roasted almond and a fine hint of chocolate. We find on the nose, a hint of blood orange/mandarin. The palate is well-built, fruity, juicy, suave and offers a lovely freshness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, creamy blackberry and small notes of brilliant cherry, combined with fine touches of small red fruits with kirsch, as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, blood orange, a hint of toasted almond, chocolate, discreet hints of sense of the place and toasted tobacco. Good length. Nice little chewiness. The tannins are precise, mellow and well-built. Nice persistence. Nice freshness.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Caruso & Minini – Delia Nivolelli 2019, Syrah Sicilia DOC

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers fine intensity and a little concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant, associated with a touch of roasted-elegant

cherry, as well as fine hints of red pepper, violet, spices and a subtle hint of green cardamom. The palate is beautifully built, fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a tangy frame. It also presents precision, tension, suppleness, lovely definition, a nice little mellowness and powderiness, and a lovely texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, raspberry and small notes of small crushed red berries/redcurrant, combined with a touch of jammy cranberry, as well as fine hints of tonka bean, a subtle hint of almond, toastiness and a hint of balsamic in the background. The tannins are beautifully elegant, fresh and tasty. Lovely mellowness on the finish/persistence.

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

Feudo Principi di Butera – Deliella 2017 Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, elegant, precise, frank and offers a lovely grain that is precise, frank, stretched and intense. It also presents depth and subtlety in its power. It reveals notes of kirsch cherry, small roasted-elegant red berries, as well as small brilliant black fruits, associated with touches of juniper berry, fine hints of thyme, balsamic, a discreet hint of sweet pepper, a hint of black olive, as well as an elegant darkness. The palate is well-built, delicate, supple and airy in its richness. It offers a sumptuously, gourmand, unctuous, delicate and perfectly balanced texture, with no heaviness despite its power/richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of roasted-elegant black cherry, violet plum, small roasted-elegant red fruits and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of thyme, small red fruits with kirsch, as well as hints of crushed strawberry, chocolate, tobacco, sage, roasted hazelnut and a subtle hint of vanilla. Richness and gourmandise, with a lovely graininess.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Caruso & Minini – Cutaja 2019 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, frank, elegant and offers a certain aromatic richness and an airy side. It reveals notes of pulpy raspberry, blackberry and small notes of small concentrated/fresh wild berries, associated with touches of chocolate, very discreet menthol, as well as a hint of nutmeg and fresh sweet spices. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, juicy and offers a lovely, finely powdered texture and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, violet and small notes of juicy/brilliant cherry, combined with touches of small bright red berries, as well as hints of chocolate, a fine hint of eucalyptus in the background and toasted almond.

Good length and definition. The tannins are

finely powdered, juicy and fresh.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Feudo Principi di Butera – Symposio 2017 Sicilia DOC

The nose is well-built, fruity, delicate, elegant, precise, frank, nicely deep and offers a very nice, precise and fine grain, a nice texture, depth, unctuousity and a silky



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touch. It reveals notes of wild cassis, black pepper and small notes of small dense black fruits, associated with touches of cocoa nibs, as well as fine hints of infusion and aromatic roasted herbs. The palate is juicy, fruity, mineral and offers a certain pulpiness and gourmandise. It also presents accuracy, suppleness, precision, a lovely darkness in elegance of fruit, depth and a lovely infusion side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of small dense black berries, roasted-elegant cherry and small notes of small black fruits, combined with delicate hints of sweet spices, black pepper, bergamot, as well as hints of balsamic, cocoa nibs and fine hints of blond tobacco. The tannins are precise, frank and finely mellow.

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

Cristo Di Campobello, Lusrà 2021 Sicilia DOC

The nose presents of fruit and good definition. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, violet plum and small notes of small juicy red fruits, as well as hints of camphor, smoke and sweet spices. The palate is well-built, creamy, juicy, unctuous and offers a lovely finesse in its creaminess. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, violet plum and small notes of small fleshy blue fruits, combined with touches of crushed raspberry, as well as hints of chocolate, toasted almond and a lovely texture and gourmandise. Lovely chewiness and persistence. A wine nicely marked by small creamy red fruits.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

DonnaFugata – Mille e una Notte 2021 (Special Edition The Leopard, Netflix) DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, velvety, elegant, delicate, deep and offers a multi-layered/three-dimensional and graphene side. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits, bright blueberry and bright cherry combined with subtle toasted hints, cashew, salinity, and subtle hints of balsamic and toasted hazelnut. The palate is beautifully suave, fruity, mineral, elegant and offers energy as well as a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blueberry, crushed strawberry, and small notes of crushed cassis combined with touches of dried plum and hints of chocolate/cocoa nibs, toasted almond, spices, and vanilla. A lovely chewiness on the finish. Tannins are elegant, racy, and suave. A discreet hint of undergrowth is present in the background.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

Donnafugata, Ben Ryé 2022

Passito di Pantelleria DOC

The nose is elegant, frank and offers concentration and a fine intensity/power. It reveals notes of date, tarte tatin and small notes of peach in syrup, associated with touches of apricot, beeswax, as well as a hint of spices, cumin, gingerbread and a subtle touch of small dried fruits. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a tangy frame, minerality, energy and good definition. It also presents a melodious, delicate, juicy and energetic side at the same time. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried fig, currant and small notes of dried apricot, combined with touches of saffron in its floral side, honey, dry cookie, as well as fine hints of tarte tatin. Good length. The tannins are precise and finely mellow.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Caruso & Minini – Sachia 2016, Pericone

Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is pretty and offers freshness, precision and a frank side. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, small fairly ripe red fruits and small notes of spices, balsamic, as well as a hint of almost eucalyptus, spices, cherry stone and almost a hint of dried blood orange. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, just right, it offers tension, lovely freshness, energy and a certain aromatic concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of concentrated red cherry, concentrated cassis and small notes of fresh blackberry, combined with touches of small red berries, discreet hints of grenadine, as well as a hint of chocolate, toasted almond, blood orange, a floral hint and eucalyptus. Good length. The tannins are finely sappy, elegant, sapid and gourmand. A nicely gourmand wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Feudo Montoni – Pericone 2022, Core

Sicilia DOC

The nose is elegant, precise, nicely frank and fresh. It presents good definition, precision and a lovely, elegant, airy, fresh grain. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, rosemary and small notes of violet, associated with touches of small roasted-elegant red fruits, crushed strawberry, as well as hints of blueberry, spices, cookie, a hint of bergamot, infusion and mocha. The palate is well-built, supple, precise and offers gourmandise, a little juiciness, suppleness and a beautiful minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, boysenberry and small notes of small roasted red fruits, combined with touches of crushed red plum, as well as hints of cornflower, pulpy violet plum, lilac, infusion and fine mocha hints. Lovely definition and gourmandise. A wine offering precision, elegance and mellowness, especially on the mid palate. A iodized/sapid side and volume, richness and airy, fresh creaminess.

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

Casa Grazia, Emiryam 2022

Sicilia DOC

The nose is fleshy, presents a certain little power and a stretched and smoked side. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of small crushed fruits, associated with touches of blond tobacco, nutmeg and a hint of spice, smoke and a subtle, almost incense-like hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple and offers lovely freshness, acidity, energy and good definition. It also presents a certain gourmandise, brilliance and fine creaminess. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, creamy redcurrant and small notes of pulpy cherry, combined with touches of violet, as well as hints of balsamic, fairly ripe cherry, as

well as hints of chocolate, toasted almond and a subtle hint of thyme blossom in the background. Good length and definition. A nice little chewiness and gourmandise.

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

Caruso & Minini – Perripo 2022

Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, aromatic, elegant, airy and offers velvety and a certain complexity in its velvety. It reveals notes of violet, brilliant boysenberry and small notes of jammy cherry, associated with touches of small brilliant red fruits, as well as a hint of blueberry, lilac and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, it offers a certain tension, juiciness and a lovely purity and brilliance of fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, cherry and small notes of small brilliant red fruits, combined with touches of cherry blossom, a hint of fresh balsamic, as well as an almost subtle touch of warm/roasted rosemary in the background. Beautifully defined and precise. Velvety, gourmand tannins. Some chewiness on the finish/persistence. Nice freshness and acidity.

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

Terrazze Dell'Etna, Carusu 2022

Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is spicy. It reveals hints of blueberry, star anise and small notes of wild raspberry, associated with touches of smoke, toasted and a hint of small red fruits. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a tangy

Feudo Montoni – Lagnusa 2022

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

The nose is beautifully fruity, elegant and offers brilliance and intensity. It reveals notes of concentrated black cherry, small bright red berries and small notes of small elegant blue berries, associated with hints of cornflower, infusion, as well as fine touches of blue plum and beautiful, elegant hints of roasted-elegant fruit. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, juicy and offers a tangy frame, gourmandise, precision and suppleness. It also presents good depth, a silky, delicate side and a lovely touch. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy-roasted cherry, small brilliant blue fruits, combined with fine touches of concentrated red fruits, cornflower, lilac, infusion, as well as a hint of tobacco, cardamom, a subtle hint almost of balsamic and stevia/small blue fruits. Good length. Nice mellowness and fine creaminess on the finish/persistence. Subtle hint of good bitterness. A wine offering freshness, harmony, gourmandise and a bright side. In this wine, we also find of fruit, ripeness, freshness/juiciness and an infusion side. Lovely finesse from the texture.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pietradolce, Barbagalli Bio 2020

Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain concentration, precision and good definition. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, pulpy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy cassis, associated with touches of cherry blossom, as well as hints of wild plum, discreet hints of almost blood orange and a touch of sense of the place. The palate presents of fruit, juiciness, brightness, a certain suppleness and a fine roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, brilliant cherry and small notes of small red berries flirting with jammy and hints of balsamic, combined with a touch of black olive and a subtle hint of almost local grove, volcanic rock. The tannins are precise, mellow, sapid and gourmand. A subtle hint of almost blueberry in the background.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Firriato, Ribeca 2019

Sicilia DOC

The nose is nicely gourmand, floral, fruity and offers good definition. It reveals notes of blueberry and small notes of cherry blossom, associated with touches of cassis, as well as fine hints of sweet spices and a touch of almost mandarin in the background. The palate is nicely fruity, gourmand, it offers a mineral frame, gourmandise, pulpiness and a certain brightness and texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, raspberry and small notes of blueberry, combined with touches of small, fleshy/juicy red berries, as well as fine hints of bourbon vanilla, chocolate and a hint of toastiness and sweet tobacco. Good length. The tannins are juicy, fresh, gourmand and tasty, with a creamy side.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tasca, La Monaca 2021

Monreale DOC

The nose presents of fruit, a certain intensity and depth of fruit and fine power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small concentrated red fruits, associated with touches of nutmeg, toasted and a hint of balsamic in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame and acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, cherry and small notes of blue plum, combined with touches of cherry blossom, a hint of balsamic and fine hints of chocolate. Good length. A wine offering precision, suppleness and acidity.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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frame, minerality, juiciness, a certain gourmandise and a lovely texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of blueberry, combined with touches of cornflower, chocolate, as well as a hint of blond tobacco, vanilla, toasted almond and chocolate. Good length and minerality. A precise wine with a racy side.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Feudo Principi di Butera – Amira 2022

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, delicate, fresh, frank, deep and offers a delicate side in its power. It reveals notes of small delicate wild black berries, notes of black plums and small notes of small black fruits, associated with fine, almost roasted-elegant hints, zan, a discreet hint of balsamic, as well as a subtle touch of sage in the background. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, racy, delicate, frank, intense and delicate all at once. It offers subtlety, a tangy frame, minerality and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/dense cassis, black plum, fine hints of cocoa nibs, as well as fine hints of tobacco, a subtle hint almost of tapenade in the background and a subtle hint of sense of the place. A nicely defined wine, with a lovely mellowness on the finish/persistence.

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

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

DonnaFugata – Tancredi 2021, Dolce & Gabbana limited edition IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose offers a multi-layered / 3-dimensional side, ripe black fruits as well as a graphene side. Full of balance. It reveals notes of elegant roasted cherry, elegant-roasted strawberry and small notes of small fruits with Mediterranean characters associated with touches of bright roasted small red fruits as well as fine hints of balsamic, blond tobacco, an almost nutmeg hint and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, clean, fine, fresh, precise, ample and offers a lovely suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tobacco, small ripe red berries and small notes of ripe cassis associated with touches of fleshy cherry as well as hints of sweet tobacco, sweet pepper, macaron and fine hints of roasting. Tannins are racy and frank. Beautiful persistence with a hint of cocoa. Brilliance!

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Feudo Montoni – Nerello Mascalese 2022, Terre di Elio Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant, frank, racy and offers good structure and definition. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe black cherry, almost roasted-juicy, violet and small notes of Sichuan pepper, associated with touches of juniper berry, fine hints of small wild red fruits, as well as delicate hints of cocoa nibs, smoke and tobacco. The palate is well-built, fresh, supple, it offers lovely energy, a tangy frame, good definition, accuracy and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, small black berries and small notes of small elegant red berries, combined with touches of violet, small local flowers, as well as hints of sense of the place, tonka bean, racy soil and small concentrated blue berries. Good length. The tannins are precise, mellow, racy, gourmand and nicely sapid. Beautiful freshness and juiciness. Good persistence of +8 caudales.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Caruso & Minini – Vualà 2022, Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, velvety, it offers fleshy fruit, a certain depth and brilliance of fruit and a lovely ripeness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of bright plum, associated with delicate hints of flowers, as well as a subtle, almost sage-like hint. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, it offers a tangy frame, energy, good definition, a certain rightness and fine tension. It also presents a nice definition, a floral and airy side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright violet plum and small notes of crunchy cherry, combined with touches of small yellow fruits, as well as a subtle hint of discreet sage/aromatic herbs, discreet touches of toastiness, chocolate in the background and a subtle hint of cherry pit. A subtle hint of almost balsamic and chocolate in the background.

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

Baglio Di Pianetto, Syrah 2023 Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, velvety and offers a certain gourmandise, fine depth, good definition and a certain spicy side. It reveals notes of nutmeg, small ripe wild red fruits and small notes of a sense of the place, associated with touches of lilac, crushed blackberry, as well as fine hints of smoke. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, supple, fresh and offers a certain melodious side, gourmandise and good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, small creamy red berries and small notes of fleshy cherry, combined with touches of

thyme blossom, olive tree/local grove, as well as a hint of volcanic rock. Good length. The tannins are mellow and tasty. A little chewiness on the finish/persistence.

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

Fazio – Luce d'Oriente 2022 – Syrah Erice DOC

The nose is fruity, racy and precise. It offers good definition, precision, depth and a spicy side. It reveals pretty notes of small, fairly ripe red berries, brilliant blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry, flirting with jammy notes. There are also notes of citron/cedar, a fine hint of almost dry aromatic herbs, pepper, as well as a subtle hint of almost dry garrigue and dry tobacco. The palate is well-built, it offers a melodious side, freshness, a lovely play on discreet bitters in the background, a certain fatness and roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, crushed blackberry and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of juicy violet plum, as well as floral, aromatic herbs hints, a subtle hint of almost rosemary/balsamic, a discreet note of blood orange/orange peel and a hint of china in the background. Good length. Delicate, velvety and racy tannins. A fine floral hint in the background(chinine). Beautiful minerality and freshness.

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

Zisola, Effe Emme 2021, Sicilia DOC



The nose is fruity and offers fine concentration and good definition. It reveals notes of ripe wild cherry, concentrated wild cassis and small notes of small dense red fruits, associated with fine hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of balsamic. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral, it offers a tangy frame, energy, a certain volume and a lovely texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fairly ripe red cherry, violet plum and small notes of small roasted-elegant fruits, combined with touches of tonka bean, a hint of balsamic and black olive. A nice little chewiness in the background.

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

Fazio – Torre di Venti 2022 – Nero d'Avola Erice DOC

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a certain richness, creaminess and delicate intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry and small notes of roasted-elegant cherry, associated with touches of cornflowers, a hint of small blue fruits, as well as fine hints of vanilla and toastiness. Some barrel impact. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame, good definition and a certain gourmandise and accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, bigarreau cherry and small notes of blueberry, combined with

touches of vanilla, chocolate as well as fine hints of toasted hazelnut. We find roundness, freshness and a certain texture. A fine hint of blood orange in the background. The nose also reveals a subtle note of oregano. On the palate, a fine tangy hint reminiscent of the soil on the persistence, with a Bordeaux spirit in the approach.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Totò Navarra – Battichié 2019 Nero d'Avola Riserva Sicilia DOC

The nose is spicy, velvety and offers a certain depth. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blueberry and small notes of small concentrated wild fruits, associated with fine touches of fresh pepper, as well as fine hints of sense of the place. The palate is nicely fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a certain roundness in delicacy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, creamy cherry and small notes of blueberry and chocolate, combined with fine touches of small creamy fruits, as well as discreet hints of small roasted fruits, liquorice and toasted hazelnut. Good length. The tannins are mellow and gourmand. Roundness, fine unctuousity in freshness, substance and texture.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Firriato, Cavanera Contrada Zucco-nero Sciarra del Tiglio 2021 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness and a racy fruit. It reveals notes of violet, pulpy violet plum and small notes of fairly ripe wild cherry, associated with touches of violet, fine hints of toasted almond and a subtle, almost smoky touch. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a fresh frame, suppleness and a certain gourmandise. It also presents a fine honeyed side, good definition and juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blackberry and small notes of small brilliant red berries, combined with a touch of plum blossom, chocolate/tonka bean, as well as fine hints of toasted almond and salinity. Chewiness and a certain gourmandise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Ferrata, Frevi 2020, Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is aromatic, velvety and offers good definition and a certain accuracy. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild red fruits, associated with touches of sense of the place, cornflower, as well as discreet hints of black olive. The palate is fruity, tangy, accuracy and offers a certain suppleness and a lovely freshness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, violet plum and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of wild strawberry, as well as fine hints of nutmeg, black olive and a hint of blond tobacco. Good length. Lovely fine unctuousity. Finely mellow tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

I Custodi, Aetnues 2020 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is spicy. It reveals notes of wild fruit, fine hints of fresh balsamic and a fine touch of dried violet plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a tangy frame, minerality, good definition and a fine fleshy, pulpy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, small red berries and small notes of fleshy cherry, combined with touches of undergrowth, a subtle hint of balsamic and a discreet touch of local grove. Good length. Precise, supple, just right and nicely tangy wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

Tenute Nicosia, Vulkà Etna Rosso 2022 Etna DOC

The nose reveals notes of small wild fruits, spices and a hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, it offers a slight mellowness, brilliance, gourmandise and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of bright blue plum, as well as hints of lilac, nutmeg and a subtle hint of toasted and chocolate. A well-built, juicy, energetic wine with a melodious side.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Feudo Maccari, Vigna Sultana 2022 Sicilia DOC

The nose reveals notes of dried flowers, dried mandarin and small notes of blackberry, associated with fine hints of fresh wild strawberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a tangy frame, tension, juiciness, fine brilliance and a spicy side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, redcurrant and small notes of wild cherry, combined with fine touches of balsamic, a hint of black olive, as well as a hint of volatile in the background/persistence. A beautifully velvety, energetic wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Planeta, Nocera 2023 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a floral side and lovely definition. It reveals notes of small, ripe wild red berries and small notes of violets, associated with fine touches of balsamic, a hint of nutmeg and a discreet hint of conflower. The palate is fruity, mineral, it offers a fresh frame, acidity and a certain gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cherry, small red berries and small notes of fresh balsamic, combined with floral and almost ferruginous touches. Good length. The tannins are precise, mellow and gourmand. A wine offering freshness, minerality and juiciness.

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

Tenuta Ferrata, Punta Drago 2022 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is spicy, airy and presents a fine grain. It reveals notes of nutmeg, sweet spices and small notes of local grove, associated with fine hints of small brilliant red fruits, as well as fine touches of lilac. The palate is fruity, mineral, tangy, juicy and offers lovely energy, freshness and a bewitching side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy/pulpy redcurrant and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis, combined with touches of lilac, fresh plum, as well as fine hints of chocolate. The tannins are sapid and mellow. Good length. A wine offering freshness and minerality.

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

Tornatore, Trimarchisa 2018 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is volatile. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits, as well as a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, tangy and offers gourmandise, fine mellowness and accuracy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of small wild red berries, combined with touches of racy minerality/volcanic side, fine hints of spice and a subtle floral touch. Good length. A hint of dried black olive.

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

Tenute Nicosia, Contrada Monte Gorna Bio 2021 Etna DOC

The nose presents notes of small fresh/juicy red fruits, small red berries and small notes of fresh balsamic, associated with beautiful touches of small wild berries and a hint of maceron. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity

and offers a fresh frame, suppleness, acidity and a certain energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, small bright wild red berries, as well as hints of juicy cassis, tonka bean and toastiness. The tannins are precise and finely mellow. Lovely freshness and minerality.

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

Zisola, Doppiozeta 2021 Noto DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness, precision and clarity. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, violet and small notes of fresh cherry, associated with touches of fresh blueberry, as well as a subtle hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, it offers a tangy frame, good definition and a certain brightness and pulpiness of fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, raspberry and small notes of bright cassis, combined with touches of lilac, cornflower, as well as fine hints of balsamic and a hint of fresh rosemary. Good length. Precise, finely mellow tannins. Gourmandise, juiciness and acidity.

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

Totò Navarra – Maribu 2023 Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG

The nose presents of fruit, a floral side, spices, a racy aromatics and a certain aromatic depth. It reveals notes of cherry, small wild red berries and small notes of crushed cassis, associated with fine touches of small creamy fruits, fine hints of almost fresh balsamic, warm olive tree and an imperceptible hint of almost juniper berries. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, it offers energy and vibrancy. It also presents a little coating fat, a fine spherical side and good work on the good bitters. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, small crushed red berries, combined with touches of fresh flowers, olive tree, a hint of juniper berry, cassis, as well as fine hints of maceron and local grove. A fine sappy side in the background. The tannins are clean, precise, finely marked, sappy and fresh, and need polishing. Freshness. An imperceptible hint of almost cocoa in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta Rapitalà, Gaëlle 2022 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy raspberry and small notes of blueberry, associated with touches of balsamic. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a little creaminess, gourmandise and mellowness. It's nicely mineral and gourmand and also presents a lovely juicy, creamy texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cherry and creamy blueberry, combined with touches of crushed redcurrant, as well as hints of chocolate. The tannins are tasty, juicy and gourmand.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Feudo Arancio, Quetò Nero d'Avola 2023

Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers fine complexity and good definition. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of blood orange, associated with fine touches of spices, nutmeg, as well as discreet hints of almost blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, it offers a mineral frame, good definition, suavity, fine suppleness and a certain gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of violet, blood orange, as well as fine hints of small pulpy fruits, discreet hints of tonka bean and toastiness. Good length. A wine offering freshness and a hint of blueberry in the background.

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

Mandarossa, Terre del Sommacco 2021 Sicilia DOC

The nose is spicy and offers fine complexity, good definition and a certain accuracy. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of lilac, as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is well-built, fresh, fruity, mineral and offers a fresh frame and good definition. It also presents a certain accuracy, a fine suppleness, gourmandise and a fine creaminess in freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, fleshy cherry and a hint of black chocolate in the background.

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

Santa Tresa, Rina Russa 2024 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose benefits from decanting, it offers good definition, spices and a certain depth. It reveals notes of crushed red berries, Cubèbe pepper and small notes of sweet spices, associated with fine floral hints and a touch of mandarin. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers energy, a certain suavity, good definition and a lovely pulpy/juicy side to the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, mandarin and small notes of small fresh/juicy red fruits, combined with touches of almost black olive in the background. Lovely persistence on blood orange.

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

Pietradolce, Feudo Di Mezzo Etna Rosso Bio 2021 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose presents of fruit, freshness and good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy raspberry, small fleshy/bright fruits and small notes of strawberry, associated with fine touches of violet and lilac. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers fine creaminess, precision and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy/juicy redcurrant, combined with touches of cornflower, fine hints of fresh balsamic, minerality, as well as fine chocolatey and toasted hints. Good definition and length. There are also notes of balsamic and fine toasted hints.

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

Planeta, Etna Rosso 2023 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a wild side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of fleshy cherry and fine, almost mandarin hints in the background. The palate is well-built, fruity, taut, mineral and offers a tangy frame, discreetly tight and benefits from decanting. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of brilliant red berries, combined with hints of balsamic and fine toasted hints. There are also notes of mandarin, as well as a subtle hint of small tangy berries. A well-built, gourmand and tangy wine.

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

Tornatore, Pietrarizzo Rosso 2021 Etna Rosso DOC

The nose reveals notes of tobacco, sweet almond and small notes of ripe raspberry, associated with touches of wild blackberry, as well as fine hints of spices and a discreet hint of almost roasted rosemary. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple and offers a certain energy and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe mandarin, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet plum, combined with touches of small juicy/fresh red fruits, as well as fine touches of a sense of the place. Good length. The tannins are precise, mellow and gourmand. A certain little mellowness and gourmandise in this wine.

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

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

I Custodi, Saeculare 2016

Etna Rosso DOC Riserva

The nose is spicy and offers a fine spicy side and a slight mellowness of fruit. It reveals notes of wild blueberry, small wild red berries, associated with fine hints of clove. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame and a certain tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of small red berries, fresh wild cherry and small notes of violet, combined with touches of wild cassis, as well as fine hints of small creamy fruits and a touch of toasted and chocolatey. Good length. We also find notes of clove.

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

Donnafugata, Fragore Contrada Montelaguardia 2021

Etna Rosso DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain light intensity and fine power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, concentrated strawberry and small notes of spices, associated with touches of violet and fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a juicy frame, suppleness, energy and a discreet tightness side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, violet and small notes of chocolate, as well as a hint of toasted almond. A certain textured and fine powdery on the palate. A wine offering minerality and freshness with a black chocolate persistence.

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

Pietradolce, Archineri Bio 2021

Etna Rosso DOC

The nose benefits from decanting. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of small wild fruits, associated with fine, discreet touches of undergrowth and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers energy, a tangy frame, an airy side and a fine spherical side in its substance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of tangy/juicy red berries, combined with touches of flowers, a hint of nutmeg and sweet spices/cloves. Good length.

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

Donnafugata, Mille e Una Notte 2021

Sicilia DOC

The nose is concentrated and offers a fine spicy side. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, spices and small notes of cornflower, associated with touches of spices, a hint of balsamic and a subtle hint of sweet spice. The palate is well-built, juicy, fruity, mineral and offers a tangy frame, a certain little tension, texture and a finely marked tannic frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, small pulpy red fruits and small notes of fleshy cassis, combined with touches of violet, lilac, as well as hints of chocolate and smoke. Good length. A subtle hint of black olive in the background.

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

Serra Ferdinanda 2021

Sicilia DOC

The nose is velvety, finely smoky and offers a fine, elegant austerity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, tobacco and small notes of smoke, associated with touches of fresh grove, fresh black olive, as well as a hint of sweet spices. The palate is well-built, fruity, gourmand, mineral and offers a tangy frame, a little creaminess, a certain gourmandise and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry, combined with touches

of fresh balsamic, chocolate and a hint of toasted. The tannins are precise, mellow, with a fine graphene side in the background. There's also a subtle hint of clove in the background.

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

Cristo di Campobello, Lu Patri 2022

Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, fruity, juicy and offers a certain freshness, a little concentration and a fine airy side. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, violet plum and small notes of cornflower, associated with fine touches of raspberry. The palate is fruity, juicy, it offers a tangy frame, minerality, energy and a lovely iodized side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of small, bright wild berries, as well as fine iodine hints and discreet, almost orange-peppery hints in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Feudo Arancio, Hedonis 2022

Sicilia DOC

The nose presents of fruit, minerality and a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of small brilliant red fruits, associated with fine touches of mandarin. The palate offers fruit, freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, suppleness, a fine saline/iodized side and fine fluidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy redcurrant, crushed



cherry and small notes of fleshy cassis, combined with touches of graphene, tonka bean, as well as fine hints of sweet spices. We also find a subtle hint of chocolate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Feudo Maccari, Vigna Guarnaschelli 2022

Sicilia DOC

The nose presents of fruity, with fine intensity and a fine airy side in its grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild cherry, associated with touches of spices and a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral and tangy frame, acidity and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet and small notes of tangy cassis, combined with touches of crushed redcurrant, as well as hints of tonka bean, black olive and toastiness. A hint of local grove in the background and a subtle, almost dried-orange hint.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

WHITE WINES

Feudo Principi di Butera – Diamanti 2024, Grillo

Sicilia DOC

The nose is mineral, fruity and offers good definition and a certain depth. It reveals notes of juicy yellow apple, juicy lychee and small notes of fresh mandarin, associated with delicate floral hints. The palate is fruity, it offers a lovely roundness with finesse, a nice fatness, finely bated and a beautiful freshness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of unctuous apple, vine peach and small notes of small fresh yellow fruits, combined with touches of quenette, lychee, as well as fine hints of crisp apple and floral notes. A well-built and elegant wine with a lovely, fine texture. There are also fine hints of brioche/buttery (the malolactic part and the finesse of the bâtonnage). Beautiful salinity and persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Pellegrino – Iresi 2019

Branco Pantelleria DOC

The nose is beautifully intense, frank, fresh and offers an incisive side. It reveals notes of salvia, sage, white flowers and small notes of jasmine, associated with touches of dried orange zest and aromatic herbs. The palate is well-built, floral and offers a perfumed side, a tangy frame and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of white flowers, orange blossom and small notes of salvia, combined with touches of almost acacia, medicinal herbs, as well as a hint of jasmine and fine hints of iodine. Good length. Nice freshness, suppleness, roundness and definition. A hint of eucalyptus in the background and a lovely saline side. Good persistence and elegant, delicate work on the good bitters.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Caruso & Minini – Catalù 2024, Catarratto

Sicilia DOC

(Bio) The nose is beautifully elegant, fruity, delicate, harmonious and offers elegance in depth. It reveals notes of quenette, crushed nectarine and small notes of kumquat, associated with touches of medlar, as well as delicate floral hints and a subtle touch of sense of the place. The palate is well-built, fruity,

gourmand, offering a certain elegance, purity and a melodious side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, kumquat and small notes of medlar, combined with touches of small yellow fruits, as well as fine tannic hints in the aromatics, toasted/hazelnut notes and a subtle, almost beeswax-like hint in the background. Good length. A subtle hint of iodine.

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

Feudo Principi di Butera – Carizza 2024, Insolia

Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, fruity and offers richness of fruit and a certain fleshiness. It reveals notes of quenette, crushed white peach and small notes of creamy pear, associated with fine touches of exotic fruit, quenette and a discreet hint of almost peach blossom and verberna. The palate is well-built, fresh, mineral, with length, precision and finesse and offers energy and purity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, fleshy/juicy peach and small notes of fleshy brugnon, combined with touches of fresh exotic fruit, as well as a hint of fresh apricot, salinity and iodine. Well-built. A subtle hint of almost tannic on the finish/persistence. Good length. A wine offering freshness and minerality.

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

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

Feudo Montoni – Grillo 2024, Timpa Sicilia DOC

The nose is beautifully elegant, frank, clean, precise and offers a certain intensity and fine concentration. It reveals notes of quenette, pulpy vine peach and small notes of lilac, associated with touches of spice, fresh quince, fresh apricot blossom (see grape variety), as well as a subtle hint almost of crushed mirabelle plum. The palate is well-built, supple, precise, juicy and offers a tangy frame, precision, tension and suppleness. It also presents good definition, gourmandise and acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, quenette and small notes of crushed vine peach, combined with touches of crushed brugnion, as well as a hint of unctuous fruit, a subtle touch of white flowers and a delicate, almost of lemon verbena hint. Good length. A subtle tannic hint in the structure and aromatic. Good acidity on the finish/persistence. A wine offering roundness, gourmandise and elegance.

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

DonnaFugata – Chiarandà 2022 Chardonnay

DOC Contessa Entellina

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, airy, finely chiseled, and offers a nice sharp edge. It reveals notes of crushed apple, bright nectarine, and small notes of kumquat/sweet citrus combined with fine hints of peach blossom, zest, racy minerality and a discreet hint of hazelnut and salted butter. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a certain richness, roundness, precision, sapidity as well as a certain pulpiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy nectarine, mandarin, and small notes of fleshy apple combined with touches of ripe orange and a subtle hint of zest, flowers, and fresh hazelnut.

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

Feudo Maccari – Animalucente (Animaetnea) 2024

DOC Etna Bianco

The nose is elegant, racy and offers deepness as well as a nice finesse and subtlety. It reveals notes of wild plum, blackberry, and small notes of wild strawberry combined with touches of lilac, racy grove, and a discreet hint of fresh pepper and rosemary. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a certain brightness, elegance, tension, precision as well as a tangy structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet plum, wild berries and small notes of cherry associated with touches of plum blossom as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate/cocoa nibs, maceron and racy minerality.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Caruso & Minini – Naturalmente, Catarratto 2020

Sicilia DOC

(Bio) The nose is beautifully aromatic, precise, frank and offers an airy, delicate side. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, sweet spices, as well as a hint of nutmeg and a certain aromatic intensity with finesse. The palate is mineral, fruity, it offers a mineral frame, freshness, balance and a finely velvety, iodized side. The palate is spicy. It expresses notes of quince, medlar and small notes of small dried yellow fruits, combined with touches racy minerality as well as a hint of nutmeg, tabacco, fine hints of curry, cumin and spices. Good length. Lovely aromatic persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Caruso & Minini – Naturalmente, Grillo 2022

Sicilia DOC

(Bio) The nose is nicely aromatic and elegant, offering multi-layered side, good definition and a lovely barrique aspect that complexifies and supports the fruit. It

reveals notes of small crushed white fruits, pulpy kumquat and small notes of ripe physalis, associated with delicate, almost buttery hints as well as a subtle touch of spice. The palate is mineral, juicy, fresh and beautifully racy. It presents a lovely iodized guideline side, fine fat, gourmandise and finesse in its fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of medlar, physalis and small notes of crushed yellow apple, combined with touches of small bright yellow fruits, medlar as well as a floral hint, a subtle hint of fresh butter and a very discreet note of fresh almond blossom. Good length. A pretty marine/oceanic side. A wine offering lovely freshness and minerality, a nice little fatness and a certain purity. Slight aromatic intensity on the persistence. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fazio – Calebianche 2024, Catarratto Erice DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and racy. It offers a certain aromatic depth, with a lovely broad palette of aromatic herbs. It reveals notes of sage, dried mirabelle plum and small notes of dried apricot, associated with fine hints of oregano/verbena as well as a discreet, almost fresh spicy touch. The palate is beautifully fruity, it offers a tangy frame, minerality, juiciness, acidity, energy and tension. It is precise, vibrant and finely coated at the same time. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of tangy peach, small crisp white fruits and small notes of small exotic fruits, combined with a touch of apricot as well as

Pellegrino – Il Salinaro 2024 Grillo DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a crispy side and a certain floral side. It reveals notes of carambol, white flowers and small notes of juicy/pulpy nectarine, brugnion, fresh pear, as well as a subtle, almost yuzu-like touch in the background. The palate is well-built, fruity, juicy, it offers a lovely iodine/sapidity, a tangy frame, accuracy, gourmandise and a lovely coating side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy vine peach, juicy/pulpy pear and small notes of carambol, combined with touches of fresh apricot, verbena and white flowers. A lovely little coating side, almost creamy. Gourmandise. Nicely textured and sapid wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello – Lafuci 2024, Grillo

Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain aromatic power and fine richness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, kumquat and small notes of small fleshy yellow fruits, associated with touches of yellow flowers, as well as fine hints of fleshy yellow apple and a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy and offers energy, freshness, a crystalline/racy side and a tangy frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of mirabelle plum, combined with fine touches of mandarin, kumquat, as well as fine hints of almost exotic fruit. Good length and acidity. A hint of saltiness and toasted almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Fina, Fiorente 2024

Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers good definition and elegance. It reveals notes of passion fruit, apricot and small notes of quenette, associated with touches of bright vine peach, as well as a subtle hint of mango. The palate is fruity, nicely mineral, fresh and offers a lovely suavity and fine fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy apple, crushed brugnion and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of sweet citrus. Good length. A hint of exotic fruit on the persistence. A precise, elegant and gourmand wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Casa Grazia, Zahara Grillo Riserva 2023

Sicilia DOC Superiore

The nose is fresh and offers a certain textured and a little gourmandise. It reveals notes of kumquat, mandarin and small notes of pulpy pear, associated with touches of nutmeg, as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers good definition, a certain fatness, roundness and a fine spherical side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, mirabelle plum and small notes of fresh pineapple, combined with fine touches of citrus and discreet white flowers. Good length. A hint of sense of the place in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Feudo Principi di Butera – Serò 2018, Insolia

Sicilia DOC

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a lovely limestone cutting side and a certain vibrant side. It reveals notes of crisp apple, fresh lychee and small notes of juicy/fresh lemon, associated with fine touches of lemon blossom, a discreet hint of verbena, jasmine, as well as discreet, almost Riesling-like touches in the background. The palate is well-built, fruity, well-balanced, it offers a tangy frame, juiciness, energy, purity, precision and an almost crystalline side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon,



an almost kumquat-like hint and a fine hint of toasted, beeswax and a discreet hint of verbena and orange blossom in the background. It also offers a fine saline character in the background, roundness and a little fat. Good length. Good structure, with a subtle, almost tannic hint, in both aroma and structure on the finish/good persistence. A hint of creamy, almost nutty aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pellegrino – Ilesi 2022

Branco Pantelleria DOC

The nose is pretty, elegant, round, fresh and offers a sustained side. It reveals notes of fresh lychee, white flowers and small notes of fresh mandarin, associated with fine touches of juicy medlar, as well as discreet hints of pear blossom. The palate is mineral, fruity, fresh, it offers a tangy frame, a pretty iodine/salt side and a nice play on good bitters and varietal. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh medlar, physalis and small notes of white flowers and flower pistils, as well as hints of fresh kumquat, fresh hazelnut, orange blossom, salvia and a hint of fresh sage. Good length. A tannic hint in the aromatics and structure. A touch of fresh honey on the nose and palate and a subtle hint of fresh basil and spices on the nose.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sicilia anteprima

Top 100 selection

quince and small notes of bright peach, combined with touches of bright brugnion, as well as hints of lemon blossom, a subtle, almost infusion-like hint and fine hints of juicy apricot. Good length. A subtle hint of lychee/fresh butter in the background. A subtle touch of tannins in the aromatics and structure on the finish. Notes of toasted almond.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Baglio Di Pianetto, Grillo 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose presents of fruit and fine pulpiness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed brugnion, associated with touches of acacia, hints of quenette and a subtle hint of rose. The palate is well-built, pulpy, gourmand, bright and offers lovely fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy vine peach, quenette and small notes of sweet citrus, combined with touches of pineapple, as well as fine hints of small exotic fruits. A lovely little textured. A subtle tannic hint in the aromatic on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pellegrino – Gazeotta, Senaria 2023 Grillo Superiore Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers depth, a lovely finesse of grain and fine velvety. It reveals notes of fleshy white peach, fleshy apple and small notes of small yellow fruit, associated with touches of racy soil, as well as discreet hints of quince and fine notes of apricot blossom. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, balanced and offers a mineral frame. It also presents tension, juiciness, brilliance and a delicate, fine, coating and saline fatness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed kumquat, physalis and small notes of pear, combined with touches of lilac, honeysuckle, as well as fine hints of toasted almond and a lovely marine character.

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

Fazio – Calebianche 2023, Catarratto Erice DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness, a lovely, fine marine/iodized side, white flower notes and racy. It reveals notes of quenette, white peach and small notes of fresh quince, associated with touches of white flowers as well as a subtle, almost sappy, almost beeswax-like hint and a discreet hint of iodine. The palate is fruity, juicy, sapid and gourmand. It offers a tangy frame, suppleness, gourmandise and a fine spicy side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh mirabelle plum, gourmand nectarine and small notes of exotic fruit, combined with touches of beeswax, fine, almost buttery hints, as well as discreet hints of fresh apricot and zest. Good length. A nice sapid/iodized touch. Good persistence. A wine offering a lovely floral character on the finish.

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

Caruso & Minini – Naturalmente, Grillo 2021 Sicilia DOC

(Bio) The nose is beautifully elegant, racy, precise, clean and offers an airy side. It reveals notes of medlar, apricot blossom and small notes of dried quince, associated with touches of physalis, as well as fine hints of sweet spices and a discreet hint of almond. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a fine, chiselled side, a fresh frame and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, medlar and small notes of mirabelle plum, combined with touches of fresh medlar as well as a subtle hint of almost small exotic fruits, discreet notes of toasted, iodized and a very discreet touch

of sweet spices. Beautiful freshness and minerality. A wine offering a lovely hint of dried zest, dried flowers and a fine iodized touch in the background. Beautiful minerality.

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

Caruso & Minini – Naturalmente, Catarratto 2022 Sicilia DOC

(Organic) The nose is beautifully fruity and offers a certain intensity and depth. It reveals notes of small fairly ripe fruits, kumquat and small notes of ripe apricot, associated with touches of fairly ripe pear, as well as hints of almond, butter and a subtle hint of small dried fruits, even almost beeswax. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral, fresh and offers an elegant straightness and a linear side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, small fairly ripe white fruits and a hint of medlar, combined with a touch of kumquat, beeswax and a subtle hint of spice, almost curry. Good length. We also find notes of dried almonds, freshness and evolution hints.

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

Donnafugata, Passiperduti 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, precise and offers fine mellowness. It reveals notes of pulpy brugnion, pear and small notes of clove, associated with a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a certain brightness and

associated with touches of cumin, a hint of apricot, mandarin, as well as a hint of dried orange peel. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a tangy frame, a lovely play and mastery of bitters, tension, a vibrant side and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy mandarin, dried zest, small fresh fruits, as well as a hint of cardamom and fine hints of sweet spices. Good length. A wine offering a nicely energy and acidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Feudo Montoni, Catarratto Masso 2023 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is floral and fresh. It reveals an exotic fruit side, associated with fine acacia hints and a touch of passion fruit. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a lovely floral, aromatic side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of kumquat, bright mandarin and small notes of passion fruit, combined with touches of bright yellow peach, as well as a subtle hint of sweet pink grapefruit. Good length. A subtle, almost tannic hint in the aroma. Nice freshness and juiciness.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Caruso & Minini – Lilo 2024, Grillo Sicilia DOC

(Bio) The nose is nicely fruity and offers a certain aromatic depth. It reveals notes of quince, small ripe/fresh yellow fruits and small notes of flowers, associated with touches of sense of the place, as well as fine hints of almost ripe pineapple, a hint of yellow flowers and a discreet touch of spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, fresh and offers good definition, fine fat and a certain gourmandise. It is also precise, supple and energetic. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of medlar, small juicy/pulpy yellow fruits and small notes of apricot, combined with touches of citrus, local grove, as well as a subtle, almost verbena-like hint. Good length. Salinity/sapidity on the finish. Freshness and minerality. A wine offering a certain fatness, roundness and an accuracy of fat. Good persistence.

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

Caruso & Minini, Catalu' 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fresh and offers pulpiness and fine crispness at the same time. It reveals notes of vine peach, peach blossom and small notes of quenette, as well as discreet hints of crisp apple. The palate is well-built, fresh, mineral, juicy and offers fine tension, suppleness, freshness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, juicy/fresh peach and small notes of peach blossom, combined with touches of small sweet/juicy citrus and a hint of carambola. Good length. A subtle hint of almost tannic in the background. Nice freshness.

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

Dimore Di Giurfo, Sulicenti 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of kumquat, small pulpy fruits and small notes of juicy quenette, as well as discreet hints of sense of the place and a subtle hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple, mineral and offers a fine crystalline side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy peach, pulpy/bright green apple and small notes of fresh pineapple, combined with a touch of fresh lychee, as well as a subtle hint of verbena. Good length. A subtle, almost olive tree-like touch in the background.

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



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Cantina Horus, Sole e Terra Grillo 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy yellow apple, nectarine and small notes of apricot, associated with fine touches of ripe pineapple. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers gourmandise, a tangy frame, roundness and a certain fatness et pulpiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of vine peach, quenette and lychee, combined with touches of sweet mandarin. Good length. A subtle hint of grove in the background.

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

Tasca, Mozia 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes of fresh apricot, associated with touches of beeswax. The palate is nicely juicy, fruity, mineral, fresh and offers good definition, a certain gourmandise, suppleness, a little fat and a certain textured. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, creamy apple and small notes of lemon, combined with touches of lilac and a hint of acacia. Good length. A subtle, almost beeswax-like hint in the background.

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

Fazio – Aegades 2024 Erice DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain minerality and fullness. It reveals notes of fresh apricot, small fresh yellow fruits, associated with a touch of kumquat, as well as a subtle hint of apple blossom in the background. The palate is fruity, vibrant, mineral, taut and offers energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh yellow nectarine, small pulpy white fruits and small notes of fresh anise, combined with fine hints of kumquat, as well as fine hints of iodine, local aromatic herbs and a subtle, almost oregano-like hint in the background. Good length. Freshness and minerality. Notes of apple blossom and a fine hint of creaminess return on the midpalate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Donnafugata, Sul Vulcano Bianco 2022

Etna DOC Bianco

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of white citrus, a hint of juicy white grapefruit and small notes of fresh/juicy pear, associated with fine hints of small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a crisp, chiselled hay side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crisp apple and white flowers/finely acacia, combined with touches of juicy kumquat, as well as fine hints of juicy mandarin and fresh verbena.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Casa Vinicola Fazio, Calebianche 2024 Erice DOC

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette and bright vine peach, associated with touches of peach blossom and a discreet hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, saline, mineral, juicy and offers a tangy frame, good length and fine roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of white flowers, combined with touches of crushed peach, as well as a subtle hint of almost exotic fruit.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Feudo Montoni, Grillo Timpa 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes of vine peach,

fresh exotic fruit and small notes of verbena, associated with touches of quenette, as well as a hint of ripe pineapple. The palate is fruity, mineral, it offers a fresh frame, suppleness, acidity and a certain juiciness and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes of crushed brugnion, combined with a touch of apple, sweet pink grapefruit and a hint of crushed kumquat. Good length. A subtle hint of nutmeg in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tenuta Rapitala', Viviri 2024 Sicilia DOC

The nose reveals notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow berries and small notes of fresh tobacco, as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fresh, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame, a certain gourmandise and a little juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy lemon, quenette and small notes of crunchy/tangy peach, combined with touches of sweet/tangy citrus, as well as a hint of small crunchy fruits. Good length. A subtle hint of almost oxidation, but under control.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

ROSÉ WINES

Feudo Principi di Butera – Amira Rosato 2024 Sicilia DOC



The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain richness in its aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, small ripe red berries and small notes of violet, associated with fine floral touches, discreet hints of sweet spices and delicate and a subtle, almost basil-like touch. The palate is well-built, fruity, elegant, silky, delicate and offers a fine acidity, tension and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, small bright red berries and small notes of mandarin, combined with touches of quince, as well as fine, almost basil-like hints in the background. Good length. We also find notes of cherry blossom, a subtle hint of almond, salinity and energy flirting delicately and discreetly with varietal. A subtle, almost tannic touch in the structure on the finish.

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

Caruso & Minini – Frappato Rosé, 2024 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is beautifully delicate, velvety and bewitching. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh quince and small notes of small fresh fruits, as well as discreet hints of flowers and a subtle touch of rose and apricot. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity, mineral, elegant, bewitching and finely enveloping. It offers a certain gourmandise, a tangy frame and energy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and

small notes of fresh raspberry, combined with a touch of small pulpy fruits, apricot, as well as a delicate floral hint. Good length. A well-built wine with a subtle hint of good bitterness in the background. Nice freshness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

SPARKLING WINES

Feudo Principi di Butera – Neroluce – Brut

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

(Sparkling white wine) The nose is fresh, frank and offers energy, a chalky side and good definition. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, crisp vine peach, as well as hints of crisp apple, fresh mandarin and a nice little salinity/minerality. The palate is fruity, it offers energy, a tangy frame, a fine, delicate and creamy effervescence, good delicacy, freshness and elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of creamy/fresh lemon, lime-basil sorbet and small notes of crisp apple, as well as fine hints of peach blossom and ripe almond. Good length. A nicely fresh, chalky, gourmand, chiseled and textured wine.

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

Feudo Principi di Butera – Metodo Classico Pas Dosé 2019

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty, fresh, frank, mineral, chiseled and precise. It reveals notes of pulpy/fresh green apple, jasmine and small notes of kumquat, associated with fine touches of almost fresh brioche/fresh almond. The palate is well-built, fruity, tangy, precise and offers energy and gourmandise. It also presents a frank, fine and dynamic effervescence and delicacy. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy green apple, tangy/juicy nectarine and small notes of citrus(lime, mandarin), as well as fine floral hints, salinity and almond notes. Good length. Freshness and juiciness. A lovely vibrant side on the finish/persistence. A wine with a nice roundness and delicacy in its fatness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Feudo Principi di Butera – Rosato 2019

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, fleshy, finely toasted and gourmand. It reveals notes of yellow apple, ripe apricot and small notes of almost roasted rosemary, associated with fine touches of brioche and small ripe yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, it offers good energy, acidity, tension, a vibrant side, a fine electric side and good length and definition. It also presents a nice effervescence with finesse and elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh pear/crunchy pear and small notes of chalky, associated with touches of small fresh fruits, as well as a hint of small yellow fruits. A fine, discreet hint of salt and toasted almond in the background. Good length. A wine offering freshness and delicacy. Beautiful vivacity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Caruso & Minini – Arya 2020 – Catarratto

Sicilia DOC, Metodo Classico

The nose is beautifully fruity, delicate and offers a certain controlled energy. It reveals notes of juicy yellow peach, quince and small notes of fleshy apple, associated with fine hints of flowers, mandarin tree, as well as fine hints of almost sweet lemon and discreet hints of toasted/toasted hazelnut. The palate is fresh, juicy, it offers a tangy frame, energy, good definition, delicacy, an airy side, effervescence, delicacy and fine creaminess. Subtlety. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, crisp

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apple and small notes of crunchy brugnon, combined with touches of lemon, lemon blossom, as well as a subtle hint of quince, toasted and a tannic hint on the finish, both in structure and aroma. Good length. A beautifully built wine, delicate, juicy and precise. Salinity on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Fazio – Blanc de Blancs – Brut Erice DOC

The nose is fruity, offering a fine creaminess, a certain energy and good definition. It reveals notes of creamy pear, small crushed white fruits and small notes of kumquat zest, associated with a subtle hint of apricot. The palate is fruity, energetic, effervescent, dynamic, round and offers a fine, creamy gasiness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of apricot, pulpy brugnon and small notes of crisp green apple, combined with fine, almost pineapple-like hints, as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruit. A hint of creamy, almost toasted almond in the background. Good length. A subtle hint of lime zest in the background and a fine chalky/tangy hint on the finish/persistence. A vibrant wine with a fine pearly side in the background.

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

SWEET WINES

Feudo Principi di Butera, Coriduci 2021 Moscato Giallo

Passito Sicilia

The nose is pretty, elegant, delicate, round and offers a richness in accuracy. It reveals notes of candied blood orange, crystallized mandarin and small notes of candied brugnon, associated with fine hints of dried apricot. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral, fresh, suave and offers sweetness/confituration and an elegant, unctuous texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied orange, pulpy brugnon and small notes of dried apricot, combined with touches of small fruits in syrup, a subtle hint of pineapple in syrup, white peach in syrup, as well as fine hints of orange blossom and verberna. Well-built and fruity.

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

Feudo Disisa, Krysos 2022 Sicilia DOC

The nose is pretty and fruity. It reveals notes of dried orange, dried apricot and small notes of candied yellow peach, associated with fine hints of rosemary sage, as well as a subtle spicy hint, notes of beeswax and saffron. The palate is well-built, fruity, gourmand and offers a little pulpiness and good definition. It also presents a certain gourmandise, precision, fine tension and a lovely little texture and mellowness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried orange, fig and small notes of pineapple in syrup, combined with touches of baked apple, as well as fine hints of tarte tatin and rosemary. Good length. A fine hint of toasted almond in the background.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Feudi Del Pisciotto, Passito Tachis 2018 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose presents a certain richness and a little textured. It reveals notes of toasted almond, tobacco and small notes of gingerbread and apple, associated with touches of small dried fruits, as well as fine hints of pastry. The palate is fruity, gourmand, round and offers a fine siriety side, gourmandise and a pastry side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried orange, crystallized citrus and small notes of dried yellow peach, combined with a touch of pineapple in syrup, ginger, as well as hints of beeswax/breadcrumbs, spices and toasted hazelnut. Good length. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pellegrino – Nes 2023

Passito di Pantelleria DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh, chiselled, frank and offers a certain complexity and a fine floral side in the background. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of small crunchy fruits, associated with touches of salvia, a hint of acacia, discreet hints almost of roasted apricot, as well as a very discreet hint of fresh pepper. The palate is well-built, fruity, gourmand, elegant, racy and offers tension, precision and a lovely finesse in its grain. It also presents a tangy frame and well-balanced. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, candied yellow peach and small notes of small candied fruits, combined with fine hints of acacia, white flowers, as well as fine hints of exotic fruit, a touch of fresh ginger, a subtle hint of salvia/verberna and walnut. Good length.

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

Firriato, L'Ecrù 2022

Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose benefits from decanting. It reveals notes of small candied fruits, crushed kumquat and small notes of candied orange, associated with touches of acacia, zest and a hint of verberna. The palate is sappy, syrupy, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, energy and a certain purity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied orange, candied mandarin and small notes of syrupy pineapple, combined with touches of white flowers, acacia and a hint of verberna. Good length.

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

Feudo Arancio, Hekate 2020

Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose benefits from decanting. It reveals notes of small candied fruits, crushed kumquat and small notes of candied orange, associated with touches of acacia, zest and a hint of verberna. The palate is sappy, syrupy, gourmand and offers a tangy frame, energy and a certain purity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied orange, candied mandarin and small notes of syrupy pineapple, combined with touches of white flowers, acacia and a hint of verberna. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

FORTIFIED WINES

Pellegrino – Old John 1998, semisecco Marsala Superiore Riserva Ambra DOC

The nose is aromatic, it offers good definition, aromatic depth and a pretty, finely tight, velvety and intense grain. It reveals notes of dried apricot, fresh date and small notes of currant, associated with touches of marmalade, crystallized melon, dried strawberries, as well as a hint of juicy walnut. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh, round, elegant, racy and nicely coating. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of marmalade, sweet/dried orange zest and small notes of dried peach, combined with touches of sweet strawberry, as well as hints of dried apricot, tobacco, star anise and a hint of chocolate in the background. A nicely gourmand, well-built wine.

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

Pellegrino – Riserva 2000

Marsala Virgine DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively discreet and needs some work in the glass to reveal itself. It reveals notes of dried kumquat, dried orange and small notes of mandarin, associated with touches of dried mirabelle plum, hints of flowers, orange blossom, as well as a discreet, almost acacia-like hint in the background, tobacco and a hint of fresh honey square. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral, it offers a fresh frame, acidity and good definition. It also presents a certain intensity and concentration, notably in the aromatics and a lovely tannic structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of mandarin, orange zest and small notes of flowers, combined with touches

of fresh/juicy date, dried apricot, small dried fruits, as well as a hint of fresh hazelnut, almost apple cider and notes of walnut. Good length. The tannins are precise, mellow, elegant and well-stretched. Nice work on the oxidation and a hint of cocoa nib in the background.

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

Pellegrino – Bip Benjamin 2014 – Oro Dolce

Marsala Superiore Riserva

The nose is precise and offers a fine coating side and a certain delicacy in its grain. It reveals notes of dried quince, kumquat and small notes of flowers, associated with fine touches of blood orange, as well as fine hints of almost kirschy cassis, sweet tobacco and honey. The palate is well-built, fruity, it offers a tangy frame, juiciness, acidity, gourmandise and delicacy. It also presents a fine, unctuous and airy side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied mandarin, kumquat and small notes of dried quince, combined with fine touches of candied apricot, as well as fine hints of sweet lemon, crushed currant and tobacco. Good length. Gourmandise, freshness and roundness. A hint of pastry in the background. A nicely gourmand wine, with a note of crème brûlée on the finish/persistence, a very discreet, almost iodized hint in the background and toasty/smoky touches that are almost subtly peaty.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Marsala

The nose is pretty, fruity, elegant and offers a certain intensity and fine alcoholic power. It reveals notes of currant, dried fig and small notes of apricot, as well as hints of dried flowers, peonies and cigar box. The palate is mineral, fruity and offers tension, energy and a linear side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, dried flowers, marmalade, as well as hints of dried mandarin peel, combined with a hint of toasted almond, sweet spices and tobacco. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Pellegrino – Single Barrel 2005

Marsala Vergine Riserva DOC

The nose is pretty and intense, it offers mellowness, a certain richness and depth. It reveals notes of dried fig, dried apricot and small notes of currant, associated with touches of marmalade, pretty touches of tobacco, as well as fine hints of quince, candied mandarin, hints of hazelnut, cedar and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and juicy, it offers a tangy frame, minerality, suppleness and elegance. It also presents good definition and a lovely floral side in guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied orange, dried zest and small notes of dried flowers, combined with touches of kumquat, dried apricot, as well as a hint of toasted/dried almond, orange blossom, sage and a hint of smoke and nutmeg. A nicely defined and precise wine. A hint of pepper on the finish/persistence.

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



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WHITE WINES

Domaine Soupé, Montée de Tonnerre 2023

AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is intense and fruity, with notes of ripe lemon, white peach, and a hint of salted butter. There is a rich, round, and buttery side. The second nose opens with more intensity, with notes of green fruits like plum and mirabelle plum. There are also floral touches of honeysuckle and yellow jasmine. The palate is fresh, fruity, intense, and delicate at the same time. There is a little dynamism on the attack. There is a nice acidity with a mineral salinity. There are fruits like yellow lemon and its juice, white peach, and always this buttery side. At the end of the tasting, the finish is long, saline, floral, and buttery, with a hint of bitterness on the green plum.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Soupé, Mont de Milieu 2023

AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale gold color. The nose is fresh with notes of fresh hazelnut, roasted lemon, and aromatic herbs. There is a hint of butter. The second nose opens with more intensity on notes of white fig, white pepper, juicy peach, and fresh licorice stick. There is a certain racy minerality in the freshness. The palate is fresh, tangy from the start with a hint of very ripe lemon, almost orange with touches of butter and baked apple. There is a certain directness, an austerity in the aromas. The finish is long, gastronomic, with a hint of banana and lovely bitters on the licorice.

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

Domaine Soupé, Vaillons 2023

AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is discreet with a fruity hint of lime and iodine. The second nose opens with a little more intensity and finesse. It is round with notes of ripe stone fruit and pineapple. There is a racy minerality with a certain sense of place on a light chalky touch. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice introduction of citrus fruits like lemon and lime. The acidity continues in the mid-palate with a more direct, fluid, almost stinging side. There are notes of stone fruit like juicy white peach and still lemon juice. There is a beautiful minerality with salinity on the salivating finish. Still juicy, precise and chiseled.

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

Domaine Soupé 2023

AOC Petit Chablis

The wine has a bright pale lemon color. The first nose is fresh with a racy minerality and discreet notes of lemon and peach. The second nose opens with more intensity but still discreet with hints of yellow peach, yellow lemon, and fresh mango. The palate is fresh, fruity, with a slight salinity on the attack. There are discreet notes of ripe yellow lemon and yellow peach. The finish is salivating with a slight tangy hint of lime.

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

Domaine Soupé 2023

AOC Chablis

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of peach, ripe lemon, and crisp apple. There is a slight hint of butter. The second nose opens with more intensity with some exotic fruits like mango and pineapple. There is also a hint of hazelnut. The palate is fresh, with good acidity on the attack and a salinity that gradually appears. The tasting is discreet with notes of crisp apple and juicy lemon. The acidity is salivating, mineral, and dynamic on the finish with a floral hint of honeysuckle.

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

Domaine Soupé 2023

AOC Chablis Vieilles Vignes

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is fresh with notes of green melon and lemon. There is a beautiful, almost mineral freshness. The second nose opens with more intensity with a hint of white pepper and stone fruits like juicy peach and nectarine. The palate is fresh with a certain velvety sweetness on the attack. There is a hint of salinity in the mid-palate that develops with fruits like juicy lemon, white peach, and green plum. The finish is saline, dynamic, and salivating with lemon blossom.

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

Domaine Mosnier 2023

AOC Chablis Vieilles Vignes

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of stone fruit and pineapple. There is a hint of butter and a certain sapidity. The second

nose opens with a little more intensity over the discreet. There are notes of ripe lemon, peach, and a hint of iodine. The palate is slightly sparkling on the attack, bringing dynamism. There is good acidity with notes of juicy yellow peach, juicy ripe lemon, as well as butter and a light toast. The finish is supple, saline with a hint of lemon zest.

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

Domaine Mosnier, Terre & Secret 2021

AOC Chablis Vieilles Vignes

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is delicate, fruity with notes of nectarine and yellow peach, as well as floral with a hint of lemon blossom. The second nose opens with touches of pear, fresh apple, and juicy lemon. It is relatively complex and saline. The palate is supple with a nice acidity on the attack. Fluid, we find juicy lemon and lemon blossom. There is a slight lactic touch. It is delicate, saline until the finish. It is discreet and delicate with a hint of yellow peach and juicy lemon on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Mosnier, Beauroy 2022

AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is mineral, almost smoky. The wine needs to breathe. There are hints of lemon and green pear. The second nose opens with a still racy minerality but also a beautiful buttery touch and notes of peach, mango, and orange blossom. There is still some reduction: decanting is necessary. The palate is fresh with good acidity. There are notes of apple, lemon, and green and red plum. There is a slight salinity at the end of the palate with a lovely note of quince on the length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Ropiteau 2023

AOC Auxey-Duresses

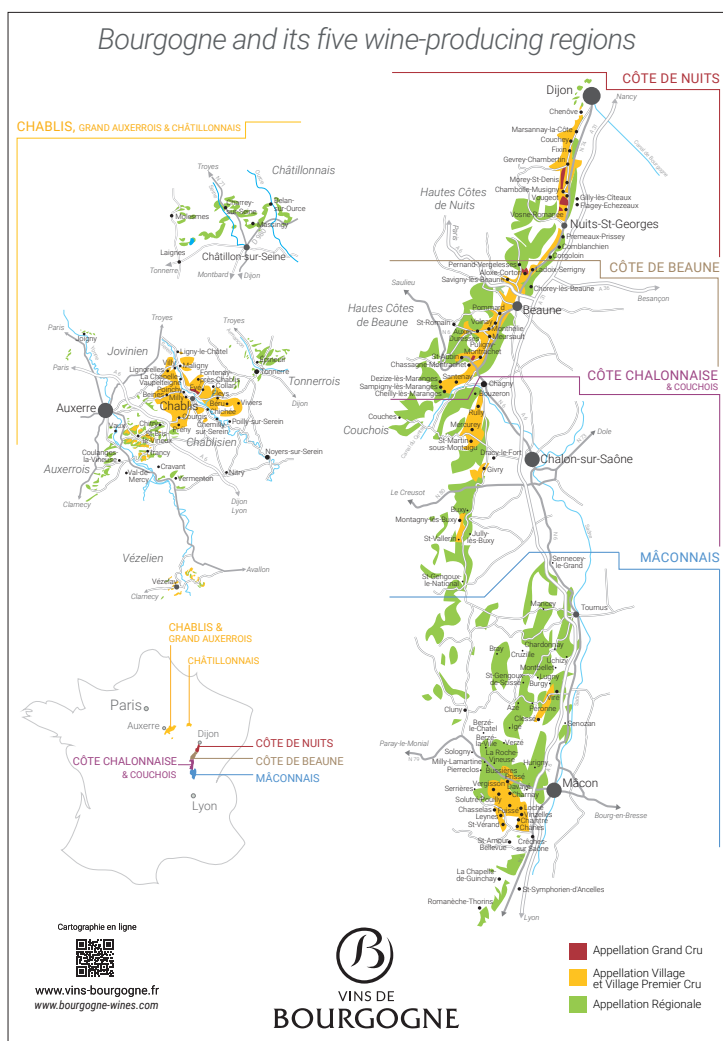
The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is fresh, slightly closed with mineral and fruit notes like lemon and banana. The second nose opens with more lightness. There is still banana but also a hint of white pepper. There are also notes of toast and smoke. The palate is fresh, fruity with good acidity from the start. There are notes of toast, juicy lemon, peach, and pine sap. The acidity continues in the finish with salinity and salivation. There is a long, delicate, buttery finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Ropiteau 2023

AOC Meursault

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is fresh, mineral, and intense with notes of toast and juicy lemon. There are aromatic herbs and a hint of white pep-



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per. The second nose opens with an interesting salinity and fresh fruits like nectarine and lemon. The palate is fresh and tangy from the start. There are hints of juicy lemon and white peach. There is a beautiful saline minerality with hints of toast. The finish is supple, mouthwatering, and saline with notes of yellow plum and roasted pineapple.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Ropiteau 2023 AOC Saint-Aubin

The wine has a pale, bright lemon color. The first nose is intense with toasted, buttery notes. It's round and captivating. The second nose opens with still very toasted, almost sooty notes. There's a lovely floral note with honeysuckle. We also perceive hints of fruit like roasted lemon and yellow peach. The palate is fresh, intense with notes of toast and almost zesty on the attack. There are also fine hints of pine sap. We find lemon and yellow peach. The tasting is very focused on the aging, which even brings a slight bitterness at the end. The wine is young, very taken by the wood: it needs time to find its balance. There is a beautiful salivating, almost saline acidity until the finish. The end of the tasting is long, on toast, pineapple, and browned butter.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Manuel Olivier 2023 AOC Meursault

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of lemon and fresh apple. There are also hints of toast and white pepper. The second nose opens with finesse and tension. We find ripe lemon and hints of green plum. The palate is fresh and fruity with a nice acidity from the start. The salinity in the mid-palate is interesting and dynamic. There are notes of lemon, plum, and peach with the presence of butter and toast. The finish is fine and fresh with a floral salivation.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Olivier Boussard 2023 AOC Petit Chablis

The wine has a bright pale lemon color. The first nose is intense and sunny, with fruit notes such as juicy yellow peach, ripe lemon, and a hint of fresh mango. The second nose opens with a little more intensity and a floral touch of honeysuckle and lemon blossom. The palate is fresh with a little dynamism on the attack. There is a beautiful, clear note of juicy ripe lemon, along with subtle hints of apple and yellow peach. There is good, mouth-watering acidity and a discreet hint of butter in the background. The finish is mouth-watering, almost saline, and clear with a hint of lemon blossom.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Olivier Boussard 2024 AOC Chablis

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is intense, aromatic with exotic fruits like passion fruit. There are also citrus fruits such as grapefruit and lime. It is a fragrant nose with an almost vegetal hint of green asparagus. The second nose opens with more finesse. We find lemon but yellow and ripe as well as a hint of juicy yellow peach. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of lemon, juicy grapefruit as well as yellow peach. There is a good salivating and saline acidity until the end of the mouth with a hint of cream. There is a little tension brought by this acidity until the finish.
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Jean Durup Père & Fils - L'Eglantière 2023 AOC Petit Chablis

The wine has a bright pale lemon color. The first nose is intense and fruity with notes of fresh apple and juicy yellow lemon. There is a lovely mineral freshness as well as subtle hints of stone fruit like yellow peach. The second nose opens with a hint of banana, light toast, and browned butter. There is good aromatic intensity. The palate is fresh, fruity, and tangy on the attack. There are discreet notes of apple, green plum, and juicy yellow peach. There is good acidity and a slight salinity until the finish. The palate is more discreet and the finish is sapid.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

La Chablisienne, Pas si petit 2023 AOC Petit Chablis

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is intense with a racy minerality and subtle notes of toast. Fruits like lemon and a hint of banana are perceived. The second nose opens with more intensity, a hint of flint, but also hints of lemon and fresh apple. The palate is fresh with more subtle notes of apple, juicy lemon, and butter. There is a measured, fluid acidity with an almond finish.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Domaine Roux Père & Fils 2022 AOC Saint-Aubin

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is intense with a lovely fresh minerality and notes of toast and butter. There are also hints of ripe lemon and juicy yellow peach. There is a slight salinity. The second nose opens with more finesse with hints of banana and white pepper. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with notes of ripe lemon, yellow peach, and banana. There is a beautiful salinity and salivation until the finish with a buttery, toasted side. There are some notes of quince and green plum.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine Roux Père & Fils, Les Grands Charrons 2022 AOC Meursault

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is fresh and intense with a certain minerality and notes of toast. We also perceive touches of almond and lemon zest. The second nose opens with a hint of lime, white pepper, and notes of juicy white peach. We still have a racy minerality. The palate is fresh, fruity with good acidity from the start with a slight salinity. We have notes of ripe yellow lemon, lime zest, white peach, green plum. We perceive touches of butter and toast. The tasting is fluid, relatively intense, and the finish is long on lemon zest, dried apricot, and orange blossom.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Roux Père & Fils, Le Ban 2022 AOC Saint-Aubin

The wine has a beautiful bright straw color. The first nose is fresh, mineral, and fruity with notes of lime and light butter. The second nose opens with slightly more intensity on white pepper and stone fruits like yellow peach and nectarine. There is also a slight salinity and a nice buttery finesse. The palate is fresh and saline from the start with good acidity. There is a little dynamism from the start. There are notes of yellow lemon as well as fresh apple, peach, and plum. There is a beautiful buttery note, round and delicious. The finish is on fresh apricot. It is a complex, balanced, dynamic wine with a long finish.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Roger Belland, Morgeot-Clos Pitois 1^{er} Cru - Monopole 2023 AOC Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful bright straw color. The first nose is intense, mineral, and fruity with notes of crisp apple, yellow peach, and pineapple. There are also subtle hints of butter, toast, and pine sap. There is also a floral touch of lemon blossom and green tea. The second nose opens with more intensity and a more present terroir side, more mineral, more sense of place with a very nice freshness. We find fruits and white pepper. The palate is round on the attack, fresh with good minerality. There is amplitude and fruit with notes of apple, ripe yellow and green lemon, roasted/fresh pineapple,

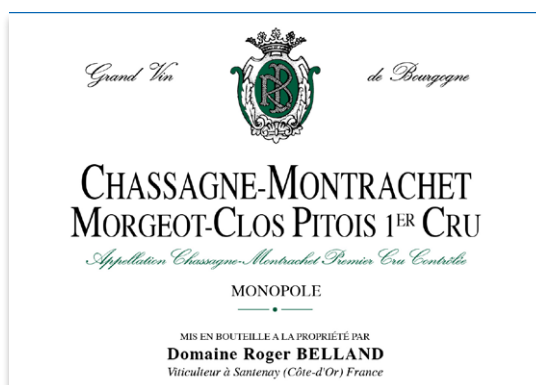
and a hint of banana. There is a certain directness, stretching with the salivating, almost saline acidity. The finish is long, delicate with notes of apricot kernel, biscuit, and butter.
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Roger Belland, Criots Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru 2023 AOC Criots Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is intense and fragrant with citrus notes such as mandarin, grapefruit, and juicy ripe lemon. There are also subtle hints of butter and toasted vanilla. The second nose opens with touches of almond, fresh apple, juicy yellow peach, and roasted hazelnut. The palate is fresh and the attack is lively, round, and aromatic with notes of juicy ripe lemon, apricot, yellow peach, pineapple, and fresh mango. There is a beautiful, salivating, saline acidity through to the finish. The finish is delicate with peach pit and lemon blossom. There is also a hint of butter and pine sap. Decanting could give the wine a chance to express itself better. This is a great wine with great finesse and structure.
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Roger Belland, Puligny-Montrachet Les Champs-Gains 1^{er} Cru 2023 AOC Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale straw color. The first nose is fresh and refined with notes of lime zest and juicy lemon. There is a certain roundness with fine touches of yellow peach. There are hints of toast, butter, and pine sap. The second nose opens with a mineral freshness and citrus notes. The palate is fresh, fruity, and rounded on the attack with an almost minty mineral freshness. There are notes of ripe lemon, juicy yellow peach, and fresh butter. There is a slight salivating salinity on the finish with a hint of lemon blossom. It is delicate and crystalline.
Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)



Bourgogne

Domaine Roger Belland, Meursault-Santenots 1^{er} Cru 2023 AOC Meursault Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale lemon color. The first nose is aromatic with notes of toast, butter, and pine sap. Fruits such as yellow peach and ripe lemon are perceived. The second nose opens with more intensity and hints of mandarin zest, fresh mango, and banana. The palate is fresh and fruity with a beautiful tangy and mineral attack. Stone fruits such as yellow peach and nectarine are found, as well as citrus fruits such as juicy ripe lemon and mandarin zest. There are subtle hints of apple, and a slight salinity appears in the mid-palate with butter and toast. The finish is aromatic and long, with apricot kernel, butter, and almond. Masterful.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Roger Belland, Santenay-Beauregard 1^{er} Cru 2023 AOC Santenay Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale lemon color. The first nose is fresh and discreet with notes of ripe lemon and pine sap. The second nose opens with a very minty note and green tea. We perceive discreet fruits like mandarin zest and apple. The palate is fresh, fruity on the attack, delicate with a tangy side. We find apple, juicy lemon as well as mandarin zest and a hint of juicy white grape. There is a slight note of butter and the finish, saline and salivating, ends on a floral touch of rose.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Roger Belland, Santenay Comme-Dessus 2023 AOC Santenay

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is fresh, fruity, and floral with notes of Tahitian tiare and fresh mango. There are hints of butter, mint, and juicy yellow peach. The second nose opens with a slight, racy minerality and hints of yellow lemon. The palate is fresh, almost minty at the attack with notes of apple, juicy ripe yellow lemon, and yellow peach. There is a beautiful salivating salinity until the finish. The acidity is refreshing. There are notes of almond, juicy lemon, and light toasted butter on the finish.

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

Domaine Fourrey, Chablis Premier Cru Les Fourneaux 2023 AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale straw color. The first nose is fresh and discreet with notes of apricot and yellow lemon. The second nose opens with more intensity on yellow peach, nectarine, apricot, and yellow lemon. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of apricot and juicy yellow peach. There is a beautiful mineral freshness and a salivating acidity with hints of fresh mint and sage flower. The finish is on quince and almond.

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

Domaine Fourrey, Chablis Premier Cru Côte de Lechet - Cuvée Héritage L'Ancestrale 2023 AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale straw color. The first nose is fresh and discreet with notes of peach and pineapple. The second nose opens with a little more intensity but still discreet with a touch of butter, ripe yellow lemon as well as peach and juicy nectarine. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of grapefruit, juicy nectarine, fresh yellow peach and lemon. There is a good salivating acidity with a salinity on the finish. The aromas are discreet, fine with a finish with a hint of lovely bitters on almond and quince.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine J. Moreau & Fils, Les Petits Dieux 2023 AOC Petit Chablis

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is intense and fresh with notes of fruits such as juicy white grapes, lemon, and stone fruits like white peach. A hint of banana is also perceived. The second nose opens with more intensity and directness with notes of fruits but also flowers like honeysuckle. A more exotic aspect also emerges with a hint of lychee. The palate is fresh with a slight salinity on the attack. It is fluid with notes of fruits such as peach, banana, lychee, and even guava. A slight hint of butter is perceived. There is a good salivating acidity until the finish.

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

Domaine J. Moreau & Fils, Vaulorent 2023 AOC Chablis Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful bright pale lemon color. The first nose is fresh, intense, and fragrant with notes of lime, verbena, ripe lemon, juicy white peach, and mirabelle plum. There are hints of toast, butter, and vanilla. The second nose opens with minty freshness and reveals fruit and a hint of white pepper. The palate is fresh and tangy on the attack with

finesse and a slight tension. There is a salinity that appears in the mid-palate with a racy minerality. We find lemon, juicy yellow peach, as well as butter and light toast. There is a beautiful fluidity and dynamism with the acidity. The finish is fine and floral.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine J. Moreau & Fils, Les Clos 2023 AOC Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a beautiful bright pale lemon color. The first nose is fresh, delicate with notes of ripe yellow lemon, crisp apple as well as toast, vanilla and butter. The second nose opens with more intensity on floral notes of lemon blossom as well as juicy yellow peach. The palate is fresh, soft on the attack with little by little the acidity which appears, refreshing. There are notes of roasted/fresh yellow peach, apricot, crisp fresh apple, pineapple and juicy mango. There is a slight salinity on the finish with butter and vanilla. The acidity is dynamic. The finish is salivating with a note of racy minerality.

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

Domaine Servin 2023 AOC Chablis

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is fresh, woody, buttery, and fruity with notes of ripe lemon and fresh apple. The second nose opens with more intensity and notes of stone fruits such as yellow peach and juicy ripe lemon. There are hints of mango, vanilla, and lemon blossom. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of vanilla, toast, fresh apple, and juicy lemon. There is good salinity on the mid-palate with mouthwatering acidity. The finish is saline with almond and quince.

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

Domaine Servin, Les Preuses 2022 AOC Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is aromatic with notes of lemon, apple, crushed banana, and flowers like honeysuckle. The second nose opens with more finesse, notes of butter and light toast, as well as lemon zest. The palate is fresh and tangy from the start, with notes of juicy pineapple, fresh apple, ripe lemon, and peach. There are subtle hints of lemon blossom and a mouth-watering mineral acidity in the mid-palate and through to the finish. There is a beautiful balance, fullness, and at the same time a certain directness brought by the acidity. The finish is almond-flavored.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Servin, Blanchot 2022 AOC Chablis Grand Cru

The wine has a beautiful bright straw color. The first nose is fresh, relatively intense with a nice minerality

and notes of slightly green fruits like lime and green pear. The second nose opens with hints of fresh butter, cream as well as roasted almond, white pepper and juicy pineapple. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a beautiful note of juicy white peach, apricot, crisp fresh apple and lemon. There is a mineral salinity in the mid-palate that continues to the finish. There is a nice balance between freshness and fruit. There is a certain fatness and a length on the finesse, butter, apricot kernel and green olive.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Maison Louis Latour, Château de Blagny 2023 AOC Meursault-Blagny Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale straw color. The first nose is aromatic, fresh, and fruity with notes of toast, butter, vanilla, and pine sap. Citrus fruits such as lemon and lime are perceived. There is a slight, racy minerality. The second nose opens with finesse. There are notes of white peach, pear, and white pepper. The palate is fresh and smooth on the attack with a pleasant butteriness. There are notes of fruit such as white peach and nectarine, but also green plum, lime, and juicy pear. Saltiness appears in the mid-palate. The finish is saline with a hint of brioche and lemon blossom, bringing a touch of lovely bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Meursault, Meursault du Château 2023 AOC Meursault

The wine has a beautiful bright straw color. The first nose is intense, woody, and fruity with notes of fresh apple, yellow peach, and nectarine. There are also subtle notes of clementine, vanilla, and butter. The second nose opens with more intensity, revealing minerality and the integration of the barrel with toast, vanilla, pine sap, and butter. The palate is fresh, with a nice acidity from the start. The wine has body and power with notes of toast, vanilla, and butter, but also touches of tangy fruit with juicy yellow peach, ripe lemon, clementine, fresh mango, and banana. There is a slight creaminess with lovely buttery notes. The finish is fresh and mouthwatering with notes of lemon blossom, butter, and quince.

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

Bourgogne

Château de Meursault, Les Charmes Dessus 2023

AOC Meursault Premier Cru

The wine has a bright straw color. The first nose is fresh with notes of toast and pine forest. There is a beautiful freshness, almost minty, with minerality and hints of aromatic herbs. There are subtle hints of pineapple and lime. The second nose opens with a little more amplitude with notes of stone fruit. The palate is fresh, fruity with notes of fresh apple, ripe yellow lemon as well as pineapple and apricot. There is a lovely oakiness with buttery and vanilla touches. There are hints of beautiful bitterness on the finish with a slight salivating salinity and notes of pine sap, freshly cut grass, biscuit and yellow peach. The wine has amplitude with a certain fatness and directness thanks to its acidity. The very end of the tasting lingers on jasmine. Pure beauty.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaune Tuvilains 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright straw color. The first nose is fragrant with notes of fruit and aging. On one side, there are hints of fresh pear, ripe lemon, and juicy peach. On the other, there are hints of toast, butter, and pine sap. There is a bright floral aspect of gardenia. The second nose opens more delicately with pear, nashi pear, vanilla, and orange blossom. The palate is fresh and juicy on the attack, with notes of toast, pine sap, nashi pear, pepper, and lemon or even clementine zest. The tasting is intense with a good, almost saline, salivating acidity on the finish. We find the juiciness of the lemon and pear, along with its beautiful floral notes.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaufougets 2023

AOC Beaune

The wine has a beautiful, bright lemon color. The first nose is fresh and aromatic with notes of yellow peach and grapefruit. There is also a slight mineral salinity as well as hints of yellow lemon and toast. The second nose opens with a still well-defined aromatic fruit. There are citrus fruits as well as stone fruits and a hint of butter. The palate is fresh, fruity, and aromatic from the start with notes of banana, juicy yellow peach, mirabelle plum, and ripe yellow lemon. There is a beautiful, refreshing and salivating mineral acidity with a salinity on the finish. It is delicious with a hint of tangy juicy pineapple. The finish is more on butter, pine sap, and lemon zest. There is a very nice length that focuses after several caudales on the toast.

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

RED WINES

Maison Louis Latour 2023

AOC Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a beautiful, bright cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with a racy minerality and fruits such as blackberry and juicy cherry. There is a slight, discreet darkness. The second nose opens with a slight reduction: some time for aeration is necessary. There are notes of blackberry as well as juicy black cherry and vanilla. The palate is fresh, fruity with a tangy attack. There is blackberry skin, juicy cherry, and grippy tannins until the finish. The end of the tasting has a slight bitterness and is juicy.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Maison Louis Latour, 2023

AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a beautiful, bright, pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with a hint of menthol. It features mainly black fruits like blackberry and juicy cherry. The second nose opens with a powerful roasted note like coffee. The wine is still very minty and fruity. The palate is fresh, smooth on the attack with good acidity. There are hints of juicy cherry and blueberry at the end of the tasting. There is a slight roundness and a finish with a hint of tobacco and sapidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Louis Latour, Domaine Latour 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with notes of fresh fig, crisp strawberry, vanilla, and white pepper. The second nose opens with a beautiful, racy minerality, minty freshness, and a hint of dried tomato. But above all, a hint of fresh strawberry coulis. The palate is fresh, fruity, and floral with fresh strawberry, morello cherry, and peony. The tannins are present, licorice-like until the finish. We then find more blue and black fruits like juicy black cherry and blackberry. There is a slight salinity and good length. This is a complex wine with a well-integrated toasted note and a pleasant, velvety texture.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes, En Vierville 2023

AOC Côte de Nuits Villages

The wine has a beautiful bright cherry color. The first nose is aromatic, powerful with a gourmandize of fresh black and red fruits. There are notes of juicy cherry, blackberry, and wild strawberry with hints of pepper. There is an imperceptible touch of toast in the background. The second nose opens with more finesse on fresh black cherry/juicy compote. There is also a slight racy minerality with a certain sense of place. The palate is fresh, tangy from the start with a beautiful juicy note of morello cherry and wild strawberry. The tannins are supple, saline with a gourmet touch of violet and vanilla on the finish. The finish is minty and long with cherry but also plum and juicy blueberry.

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

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes, Clos des Poulettes 2023

AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru

The wine has a beautiful, clear, bright cherry color. The initial nose is intense with notes of fruits such as blackberry and juicy black cherry. There are also subtle hints of wood, smoke, and vanilla. There is a lovely minty freshness. The second nose opens with finer notes, still with good intensity. There are fresh and stewed morello cherry, blueberry, juicy blue plum, and blackberry. There are still empyreumatic notes and a hint of fresh pepper. The palate is fresh and fruity with good acidity on the attack. There are notes of fresh, crisp fruits such as strawberry, morello cherry, and purple plum. The tannins are present, gripping until the finish. There is good mineral acidity with fine floral hints of rose and scented geranium. The acidity is mouth-watering, almost saline in the finish. The finish is on cranberries and juicy morello cherries with a hint of vanilla.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes, Les Vaucrains 2023

AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright, pale cherry color. The initial nose is discreet but aromatic with notes of vanilla, toast, and fruits such as morello cherry and blue plum. There is a nice minty freshness. The second nose opens with notes of fresh blueberry and a certain racy minerality. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with notes of juicy cherry, blackberry, blue plum, and crisp blueberry. There is still the minerality with a hint of salt that continues with the tannins present and gripping until the finish. The end of the tasting is fresh, peppery, and fruity with beautiful notes of blue plum, juicy morello cherry, and pulpy blueberry with a touch of vanilla and toast.

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

Manuel Olivier, Pinot Noir 2023

AOC Bourgogne

The wine has a beautiful bright pale cherry color. The first nose is intense, fresh, and fruity with notes of crunchy berries like wild strawberry, blackberry, and juicy cherry. There are also hints of aromatic herbs and vanilla. The second nose opens with more intensity, still with a swirl of crunchy red and black fruits. It's spicing! The palate is fresh and fruity with a little dynamism on the attack. There are notes of crunchy black and red fruits like blackberry, juicy cherry, wild strawberry, and pepper. There is a good mineral freshness and a slight sapidity on the mid-palate. The finish has a hint of licorice stick and flowers.

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

Manuel Olivier, 2023

AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh, delicate, and intense, with a lovely hint of juicy black cherry and rose. There is also a hint of wood with a hint of delicious vanilla. The second nose opens with a slight acidity and fruits such as cherry, blackberry, and blueberry. The palate is fresh with a hint of rose and pepper from the attack. There is good acidity and a slight licorice stick sapidity in the mid-palate. The tannins are present, a little grippy until the finish. The style is fresh and fruity, with depth. The finish is on flowers and juicy cherry.

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

Nicolas Fèvre 2023

AOC Auxey-Duresses

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with a hint of toast. There are black and red fruits like blackberry and juicy strawberry. There is a nice hint of mild, almost sweet spices. The second nose opens with black pepper and fresh notes of juicy cherry. The palate is fresh and fruity with notes of cherry, blackberry, juicy cassis, and luscious strawberry. There is a slight roundness to the fruit with silky, tangy tannins. On the finish, there is a slight, racy minerality with notes of blackberry skin and lemon zest.

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



Bourgogne

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2023

AOC Côte de Nuits Villages

The wine has a beautiful, bright, dark cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with delicate fruity notes of raspberry, juicy cherry, and wild strawberry. There is a hint of pepper, sweet spices, and a subtle touch of leather. The second nose opens with more intensity, revealing crisp black and red fruits, as well as a floral hint of rose. The palate is fresh with a slight dynamism on the attack. There is a certain roundness to the fruit with notes of blackberry, juicy cherry, and fresh strawberry. The tannins are supple with a hint of toast and pine sap, as well as sweet spices. The finish is consistent with lightly stewed black fruits.

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

Château de Meursault 2023

AOC Beaune

The wine has a beautiful, bright cherry color. The initial nose is slightly reduced: it needs air to open up. We perceive notes of fruit and a racy minerality. There are hints of cherry as well as blackberry. The second nose opens with a smoky, mineral aspect and always a reduction. We have notes of red and black fruits. The palate is fresh, fruity with touches of vanilla, toast on the attack, with a slight caramelization. We find the fruits with notes of juicy black cherry, blackberry, strawberry as well as plum. The tannins are present, gripping until the finish with a tasting finish on black cherry and tomato juice as well as a fine hint of raspberry and pepper.

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

Château de Meursault, Beaune-Teurons 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a beautiful, bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh and delicate, with notes of rose, white pepper, juicy cherry, and vanilla. The second nose opens with a touch of racy minerality and a slight reduction. Decanting is necessary. The palate is fresh, luscious, and fruity with good acidity on the attack. There are fresh fruits like morello cherry, blueberry, and juicy strawberry. The tannins are present all the way to the finish. There is a certain sweetness and roundness during the tasting with a silky touch. The finish is vanilla, with strawberry and juicy ripe morello cherry. There are also hints of pepper and peony.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaune-Grèves 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with a smoky, toasted empyreumatic note. It has fruit like cherry and a sweet, minty spice side. The second nose opens with a certain racy minerality. Decanting is necessary. There are notes of juicy strawberry, pulpy morello cherry, and fresh mint, almost savory tomato juice. The palate is fresh, fruity, and sweet on the attack. There are notes of red fruits like morello cherry, strawberry, and a hint of raspberry. The tannins are present until the finish, with a slight salinity. The end of the tasting is delicious with a hint of sweet spices, toast, vanilla, and cranberry. It is long and bright.

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

Château de Meursault, Beaune-Toussaints 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has a bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh, lightly toasted with a hint of pine sap. Fresh fruit such as cherry and white pepper are presented. The second nose opens with delicacy, toast, and fresh, juicy red fruit. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with power. There is good acidity and notes of juicy fruit such as cherry, blackberry, and plum. The mouthwatering acidity continues with soft, present tannins until the finish. The finish is juicy blue plum, vanilla, and a hint of white pepper, as well as flowers such as peony.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Meursault, Beaune Les Cent-Vignes 2023

AOC Beaune Premier Cru

The wine has an intense and bright pale cherry color. The initial nose is fresh with toast, pine sap, and sweet spices. Fruits such as morello cherry and fresh blackberry are perceived. The second nose opens with a slight reduction: decanting is necessary. There is white pepper and a hint of dried tomato. The palate is fresh and fruity with acidity at the start and, above all, a beautiful minty freshness that continues in the mid-palate. Lovely bitterness accompanies the fruit notes such as juicy black cherry, blackberry, luscious blue plum, and vanilla toast. The tannins are present until the finish, sapid and almost licorice-like. The finish is fruity with notes of crisp blackberry and cherry juice.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

French South-East Rosé

Château Pompilia, Via Aurea 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale, bright peach color. The initial nose is discreet with mineral and fruit notes such as yellow peach and discreet blackberry. The second nose opens with more intensity. There is a slight creaminess with notes of red and black fruits such as fresh strawberry and cassis. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a constant note of cream accompanied by fruits such as strawberry, vine peach and discreet cassis. There is a beautiful mineral freshness, almost minty. There is a slight hint of smoke on the nose and palate. This is a vinous rosé for the table with a slight sweetness on the palate and a finish with a hint of lovely bitters.

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

Château Pas du Cerf 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with a slight lactic note. It features fruits such as juicy yellow peach and lemon. The second nose opens with more intensity on the same aromatics. The palate is fresh, fruity with a hint of acidity on the attack. There are rounded notes of fruits such as peach and strawberry, but also small cherry and lemon juice. There is a hint of pomelo, green olive, and white pepper on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Pas du Cerf, Diane 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with a hint of smoke. There are also fruits like grapefruit zest and juicy, tangy peach. The second nose opens with a little more intensity. There is a green hint of lime and lemon leaf with a subtle hint of rose. The palate is fresh with a slight acidity on the attack. There is roundness and we find the fruits with peach, juicy red berries and apple. There is a slight touch of white pepper and a finish on plum pit.

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

Terre des Anges 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a beautiful, bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with notes of peach, lemon, and fresh fig. The second nose opens with a hint of cream and an unexpected note of freshly cut grass. The palate is fresh with a slight acidity on the attack. There are tangy notes of fruits such as pomelo, clementine zest, and apple. There is a certain minerality with a plum finish.

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

Les Maîtres Vignerons du Luc, Château Peirons 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a beautiful, bright melon color. The initial nose is subtle with notes of fresh fig and vine peach. The second nose opens with fine hints of cassis and a creamy vanilla. The palate is fresh and tangy on the attack with notes of grapefruit and juicy, tangy white peach. There is a hint of salt and good salivation at the end of the tasting. The dynamic acidity continues through to the finish with almond and plum.

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

Les Maîtres Vignerons du Luc, Domaine Saint Martin 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale, bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and tangy with a note of fresh hazelnut and crisp black fruits, such as cassis and a hint of greenery. The second nose opens with a hint of vanilla, crisp fresh black berries, and a hint of clementine leaf. The palate is fresh, with an attack on acidity. There are fine notes of lemon, almond, fresh hazelnut, and apple. There is a salinity on the finish that continues. There is a good, mouth-watering minerality and a finish of fresh hazelnut.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Val de Caire, Lou Cantaï 2024

AOC Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The wine has a pale, bright peach color. The initial nose is aromatic with notes of grapefruit, lemon blossom, and lemon zest. There is a hint of passion fruit. The second nose opens with more intensity and still has that very exotic, citrusy bouquet. The palate is fresh, with fruit notes such as juicy yellow peach, but also grapefruit, ripe, pulpy lemon, and subtle hints of lemon blossom. The finish is supple with a salivating saline touch. There is a slight fresh minerality and a finish with a touch of apricot.

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

Château La Mascaronne 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a very pale apricot color. The initial nose is aromatic, sweet, and rounded, with a delicious aroma. There are notes of fruit such as juicy lemon and vine peach. The second nose opens discreetly with sweet hints of fresh fruit. The palate is fresh with an

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almond attack. There is good acidity and notes of fresh white fig and lemon zest. There is a certain salinity with notes of plum on the finish

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

Château La Mascaronne, Grande Réserve

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is light and fruity with a hint of white pepper. There are notes of yellow peach and lemon zest. The second nose opens with more intensity and touches of fresh fig, apricot, a touch of racy minerality, and apple. The palate is fresh and tangy on the attack. There is a silky and dynamic texture with the acidity. There are notes of red fruits like strawberry and peach. There is a hint of lemon zest and a touch of saline on the finish.

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

Baleti, Lussi 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a bright pale melon color. The first nose is fresh and aromatic with citrus notes such as clementine zest and touches of crunchy red berries like strawberry and redcurrant. The second nose opens with more intensity. We find citrus fruits, notably pomelo, as well as fine hints of white peach. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a slight salinity. We find fresh crunchy red berries like strawberry and redcurrant, but also red apple and fresh juicy vine peach. The wine has a sweetness and roundness, which continues in the finish. There is a good salivating, almost mineral freshness. We find the pulpy and juicy crunchy berries. We finish the tasting on a note of juicy cherry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Baleti, Manifi 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence Notre-Dame des Anges

The wine has a very pale and bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and aromatic with lemon leaf and ripe lemon zest. There is also a more vegetal touch of discreet asparagus in the background. The second nose opens with more intensity and gourmet vanilla and fruity notes of peach and juicy apricot. The palate is fresh, tangy and fruity. There are notes of ripe lemon and lemon zest as well as touches of green apple, red berries and vine peach. There is a slight gourmet roundness with a salivating finish with a hint of violet.

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

Mathilde Chapoutier, Orsuro 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a bright melon color. The initial nose is fresh and intense, with notes of melon and juicy yellow peach. The second nose opens with a little more intensity. The aromas are still focused on stone fruits, as well as subtle strawberry. The palate is tangy on the attack, with fluid notes of peach and, above all, lemon juice. It's simple, with a finish of apricot kernel, strawberry compote, and a slight creaminess.

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

Mathilde Chapoutier, Aurisso 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The wine has a bright pale melon color. The initial nose is subtle with a subtle blackberry note. The second nose opens with more intensity and notes of stone fruit and fresh black fruit. The palate is tangy on the attack with good freshness. It is simple with a sensation of lemon juice and a slight sapidity on the finish of blackberry.

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

Château Val d'Arenç 2024

AOC Bandedol

The wine has a light melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with notes of ripe melon, juicy lemon (almost citron), juicy peach, and clementine. The second nose opens with more intensity on ripe lemon and stone fruit. The palate is fresh and tangy on the attack. We find the fruit with peach, orange blossom, ripe lemon juice, and clementine. The acidity continues in the finish, which has a hint of salinity. There is a slight creaminess with a hint of fresh fig at the end of the tasting. Lovely.

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

Château L'Escarelle, Les Deux Anges 2024

AOC Coteaux Varois en Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is subtle with a hint of orange blossom and juicy white peach. The second nose opens with notes of yellow lemon and

lightly crushed fresh blackberry. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a slight roundness. There is a slight bitter edge with notes of juicy lemon and peach with a touch of apple. The finish of the tasting presents a light salinity with still a slight bitterness and notes of jasmine.

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

Château des Annibals, Suivez-moi jeune homme 2024

AOC Coteaux Varois en Provence

The wine has a bright pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with notes of fresh black fruits and orange blossom with a hint of peach. The second nose opens with more intensity and finesse with notes of apple, fresh mango, and peach. The palate is tangy on the attack with notes of tea, juicy peach, and lemon zest with a slight bitterness. The salivating, slightly saline acidity continues on the finish. The wine is dynamic with refreshing acidity and a hint of fresh fig on the finish.

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

Château de Léoubé, Secret de Léoubé 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is subtle with a hint of iodine and apple. The second nose opens with more fruity notes such as peach, apricot, a hint of pear, and ripe lemon zest. The palate is fresh and tangy with subtle notes of peach and lemon. There is still a hint of iodine and saline, which continues on the finish with a touch of strawberry compote.

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

Château de Léoubé, Rosé de Léoubé 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is fresh with a hint of salt. The second nose opens with small black fruits and yellow peach, with a slight creaminess. The palate is fresh, with a slight roundness and a hint of bitterness. There is fresh lemon juice as well as touches of blackberry and vine peach. There is a slight salinity that continues on the finish. There is a hint of herbs.

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

Château Vignelaure 2024

AOC Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The wine has a beautiful pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh with notes of plum and rose. The second nose opens with a hint of mint, cream, and blackberry. There is also a touch of citrus and orange blossom. The palate is fresh, tangy, and there is a hint of cherry. There is good, mouth-watering acidity all the way to the finish. It is simple with a touch of fresh hazelnut.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Val de Caire 2024

AOC Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The wine has a very pale melon color. The first nose is aromatic with a slight racy minerality and notes of fruits such as peach and apricot. The second nose opens with more intensity and lovely fruity notes with a hint of clementine zest. The palate is pleasant on the attack with a salivating acidity. There is aromatic with notes of juicy yellow peach but also clementine zest and crunchy red berries. The finish is salivating with a hint of almond, peach and orange blossom.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with notes of fresh wild berries. The second nose opens with more intensity and touches of lemon zest as well as stone fruits like juicy vine peach. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a lovely note of red apple and lychee. The acidity is very present in the mid-palate like lemon juice. It is fresh and thirst-quenching with a rounder finish of crunchy berries like purple plum.

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

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, L'hommage 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is fresh and discreet with a hint of blackberry. The second nose opens with a touch of peach. The overall effect remains very discreet. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a certain sweetness. There is lemon juice as well as subtle hints of berries. It's easy on the tension and thirst-quenching. The finish has an imperceptible hint of plum.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)



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Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Les Pélites 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is discreetly aromatic with notes of peach and juicy strawberry. The second nose opens with more intensity and a slightly racy minerality. There is a hint of ripe pear and lemon zest. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a slight tension. We find lemon zest, juicy peach, and crunchy red berries. The finish is mouthwatering with a slight bitterness in the background. There is a vegetal hint of fresh grass.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Les Montauds 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh and discreet with a hint of floral notes. The second nose opens with a little more intensity on apricot, but the overall impression remains discreet. The palate is tangy on the attack, with acidity that continues with lemon juice, apricot, and peach. The aromas remain discreet. The finish ends on a saline note. It is simple and refreshing.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron, Les Schistes 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is light with a hint of iodine. The second nose opens with delicate hints of strawberries as well as that same iodine, almost mineral note. The palate is iodine-infused, fresh, and tangy on the attack. There are iodine-infused vegetal notes as well as lemon juice and a hint of purple plum. The aromas are discreet. It's juicy and refreshing.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Terres Ailées de Gonfaron 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence Notre-Dame des Anges

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is fresh, aromatic, slightly smoky, and mineral with notes of crunchy red berries. The second nose opens with a hint of smoke, but also orchard fruit. The palate is fresh, with a slight roundness on the attack and good acidity. There is fruit and chewiness with strawberry, lemon juice, juicy white peach, and blackberry. There is a slight salinity on the finish from the blackberry skin.

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

La Bégude Collection, JOVE 2024

AOC Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The wine has a pale, bright apricot color. The initial nose is discreet with hints of grapefruit and citron zest. A slight, racy minerality is perceived. The second nose opens with a mineral, slightly smoky note. There are also subtle notes of mandarin and yellow peach. The palate is fresh and round on the attack with a lovely floral note of wisteria. There is lemon juice, yellow peaches, and a hint of fresh fig. There is a slight, dynamic bitterness at the end of the tasting with a salinity. The wine is fresh and mouth-watering.

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

Domaine de la Bégude 2023

AOC Bandol

The wine has a beautiful pinkish, almost pale blood orange color. The initial nose is intense, mineral, and smoky, with notes of fruits such as strawberry, juicy cherry, and blackberry, as well as fresh pomegranate. The second nose opens with a slight intensity and a hint of iodine. We find berries with a vegetal touch of herbs. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with notes of fruits such as blackberry and dried blueberry. There is also a good mineral freshness, a little smoky. Depth and texture. The finish of the wine is on fresh pomegranate and a hint of bitterness from the blackberry skin.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Jas des Oliviers, Cuvée Auguste 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence Fréjus

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is discreet with a hint of mandarin in the background. The second nose opens with the same discretion and a slight, racy minerality. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with a note of blackberry and red apple. It is more about textures than aromas. The finish is with a hint of purple plum.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Jas des Oliviers, Sainte Brigitte 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh and discreet with notes of pineapple and yellow peach. The second nose opens with a little more intensity and hints of citrus fruits like clementine and orange zest. The attack is tangy with a hint of green orange, the palate is fresh, slightly iodized. The aromatics are still discreet. It is dynamic in the tangy texture. The finish is smooth with a touch of thyme.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château des Ferrages, Roumery 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is mineral, fresh, almost white mint. There are subtle hints of fruit. The second nose opens with more intensity and still an interesting freshness. There are notes of peach and fresh mango. The palate is tangy from the start with notes of mango, juicy yellow peach, and clementine zest. There is a slight bitterness on the finish, which is dynamic. The wine is mouth-watering and aromatic. The end of the tasting is discreetly apple-like.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château des Ferrages, Mon Plaisir 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The wine has a pale pink color. The initial nose is fresh, aromatic, and slightly intense. There are notes of pineapple and red fruits like morello cherry and strawberry. There is also a hint of vine peach. The second nose opens with more intensity and more orchard fruit. It is discreet. The palate is fresh, tangy on the attack with fine notes of red and black fruits like blackberry, small strawberry, and redcurrant. There is a hint of peach in the background. The tasting is salivating with a certain velvety texture. The finish is fresh with a salty and mentholated touch.

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

Figuère, Première 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale melon color. The initial nose is fresh and fruity with a slight minerality and citrus notes such as pink grapefruit and ripe lemon. The second nose opens with a powdery side with touches of apricot. The palate is fresh and tangy with notes of yellow peach and apricot, as well as ripe lemon juice. The acidity is mouthwatering. The finish has a slight salinity and a hint of plum.

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

Château d'Astros, Amour 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is light and iodized with a hint of peach in the background. The second nose opens with more intensity and fruity notes of peach, apricot, and vine peach. There is a hint of pomelo. The palate is fresh, round on the attack with fruit such as blackberry, cherry, and apple. There is a certain velvety texture with a touch of tartness. The finish is discreet.

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

Domaine Ray-Jane 2024

AOC Bandol

The wine has a pale yellow melon color. The initial nose is fresh and aromatic in its lightness with beautiful notes of ripe lemon and lime zest. There is a hint of tangy juicy peach. The second nose opens with more intensity, freshness, and dynamism on citrus fruits. The palate is round on the attack and aromatic with a floral note of jasmine. There are notes of peach, juicy apricot, and lemon juice. The finish is fresh, velvety with a salivating acidity. It is long on lemon blossom.

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

Caves d'Esclans, Whispering Angel 2024

AOC Côtes de Provence

The wine has a pale apricot color. The initial nose is discreet with notes of fresh red berries. The second nose opens with more intensity with notes of pear, juicy white peach, and vine peach. The palate is tangy on the attack with notes of peach, unripe pineapple, red apple, and small fruits like redcurrant. There is a good, mouth-watering, almost mineral acidity on the finish. The finish is tangy with almond notes.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château de Pibarnon 2023

AOC Bandol

The wine has a beautiful, clear, bright orange color. The initial nose is fresh and vinous. The second nose opens with more intensity and notes of clementine zest and yellow peach in syrup. The palate is fresh with a crisp attack and smoky, almost barbecue-like notes. There are fresh and cooked red and black berries like cherry, plum, and fig. The finish is intense with a certain depth and still a slightly smoky note. There is also a vegetal, grassy aspect. It is refreshing and gastronomic.

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



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Comte de Lauze 2023

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, a stretched side and a certain depth. It reveals notes of wild cassis, concentrated cherry and small notes of black pepper, associated with touches of small brilliant red fruits, as well as fine hints of zan, Sichuan pepper, dry olive tree and small dry grove. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame and a slight unctuousness of juiciness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cherry, bright raspberry and small notes of brilliant red berries, combined with touches of blueberry, as well as a hint of plum blossom, warm local garrigue, balsamic and a hint of black pepper. Fine chewiness and a hint of roasted hazelnut in the background. Tannins are precise and mellow. Good length. Tangy and nicely iodized finish.

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

Comte de Lauze – Réserve Comtesse 2023

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose offers fruit, a certain intensity, notably on the spices, pepperiness, fine grain and a certain depth/concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and black pepper, associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, hints of small roasted-elegant fruits, as well as fine hints of nutmeg, black olive and fine hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, fresh and offers a certain tension, a nice acidity as well as a floral side in the background. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, bright red berries and small notes of juicy/tangy cassis, combined with touches of cherry, as well as hints of sage, black olive, fresh licorice and toastiness. Tannins are finely velvety and sapid.

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

Domaine de Pignan 2023

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is elegant, aromatic, floral and offers complexity, plenitude and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of small black berries, juniper berries and fresh sage, associated with touches of fresh/ripe wild plum, as well as hints of arbutus, fresh thyme, discreet hints of small red fruits and cubeb pepper. An almost imperceptible hint of fresh zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, floral, nicely juicy and offers good energy, acidity and precision/finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, small wild red plums, combined with touches of fresh flowers, fresh sage, a subtle hint of almost eucalyptus, as well as fine hints of sense of the place, small bright wild red berries, toasted, tonka bean and toasted almond. Lovely toastiness and fine hints of saltiness. Floral persistence.

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

Domaine de Pignan – Coralie et Floriane 2023

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

A lovely, racy, elegant, intense yet delicate nose which offers powerful control, a certain velvety and a bewitching side. Beautiful finesse and delicacy of grain in its power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, brilliant charlotte strawberry and small notes of arbutus, associated with floral touches, fresh thyme, fresh rosemary, hints of almost bright plum, as well as fine hints of star anise, almost minty, sweet tobacco and a subtle, almost vanilla-like hint. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a fresh, tangy frame, juiciness, precision and energy. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/tangy cassis, minerality, small wild cherry and small notes of cornflower, combined with touches of black olive, fine hints of local garrigue/fresh thyme, as well as hints of brilliant wild red berries, a subtle hint of almost fresh sage, balsamic and nutmeg/clove in the background. Tannins are sapid, velvety, gourmand and discreetly sappy.

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

Château Fortia – Cuvée du Baron 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

A lovely, elegant, racy, concentrated, deep nose, all delicacy and subtlety in its definition. It reveals notes of brilliant wild cassis, crushed cherry and small notes of small concentrated/fleshy red fruits, associated with touches of lavender, a hint of local garrigue, fresh flowers, as well as fine hints of redcurrant jelly, violet and Sichuan pepper. On the palate, the wine is well-built, fruity, mineral, gourmand and offers beautiful definition, delicacy, suppleness as well as precision. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright violet plum and small notes of brilliant bigarreau cherry, combined with touches of little red berries, flowers, rosemary, lavender, as well as fine hints of olive tree,

dark chocolate and toastiness. Tannins are sapid, mellow and gourmand. A beautifully gourmand wine, with a rich texture, delicate, fresh and juicy. Very good persistence.

Score :17.5/20 (95/100)

Clos Saint Jean 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is beautifully intense, fruity, racy and offers power and fine minerality. It reveals notes of boysenberry, delicate pepper and small notes of brilliant red berries, associated with touches of small crunchy plums, violets as well as hints of nutmeg, smoke, toast and a discreet hint of local garrigue. The palate is well-built, fruity, suave, gourmand and offers a certain fullness and generosity on the palate, gourmandise, a

small fat and a lovely pulpiness and brightness of fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright violet plum, wild raspberry and small notes of crushed red berries, combined with floral/violet touches, as well as discreetly sappy hints, nutmeg, tonka bean, cardamom, black olive and a subtle hint of balsamic and lavender in the background. Good length and persistence. A beautifully gourmand, round, enveloping and juicy wine. Creamy tannins.

Score :16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de la Biscarelle 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

A lovely nose blending flowers and fruit, it offers concentration with finesse, harmony and a lovely delicacy in its intensity. It reveals notes of concentrated wild cassis, violet and small notes of pulpy wild red berries, associated with floral touches, fresh local garrigue, arbutus, as well as a hint of Timut pepper, sage and an almost imperceptible hint of orange /mandarin zest. The palate is well-built, fruity, supple, floral and offers delicacy, a tangy frame, precision and a fine sappy/floral side in guideline. In mouth this wine expresses notes of wild/pulpy cassis, juicy/brilliant red cherry and small notes of flowers, combined with fine touches of thyme/lavender, small crushed fruits, as well as a hint of balsamic, a discreet hint of mandarin zest and arbutus, toastiness and dried almond. Good length. Precise, finely mellow tannins. Discreet and good work on the good bitterness in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Mouriesse Vinum – Pierre d'Ambre 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and offers plenitude, a certain concentration, a stretched side and depth. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, concentrated cassis and small notes of Sichuan pepper, associated with touches of rosemary, cocoa nibs, wild berries, juniper berries, a hint of crushed redcurrant, black olive, zan and discreet vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a mineral frame, gourmandise of fruit, a certain fatness, roundness, fine straightness, a beautiful structure as well as juiciness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, cherry and small notes of crushed redcurrant, combined with touches of plum, fine hints of thyme, almost blood orange, chocolate, toasted hazelnut and black olive. Pretty hints of fresh-licorice on the nose and palate. A nice mineral hint on the persistence.

Score :16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de La Graveirette – Source 2020

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

A beautiful, intense, concentrated nose, it offers fruit, a good definition and a bewitching yet complex side at the same time. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed cherry and small notes of bright violet plum, associated with touches of wild red berries in jelly, as well as fine hints of tobacco, a hint of olive tree garrigue, discreet hints of spice and a subtle hint of clove. The palate is well-built, fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a mineral frame, acidity, energy, a beautiful definition as well as suppleness. On the palate,

this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright cherry and small notes of juicy/fresh quetsche plum, combined with touches of violet, wild red berries, as well as a fine hint of balsamic, local garrigue and a discreet hint of toasted, zan/badiane and a hint of black olive and cocoa nibs. Delicate toastiness and discreet roasted of the seed. Tannins are mellow and gourmand. A velvety wine.

Score :16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de La Graveirette – Levant 2018

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Lovely, gourmand nose, with fruit, substance, richness in balance, a certain deepness and a small creaminess. A fruit that is beginning to take on more evolved notes. It



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reveals notes of blueberry, quite ripe strawberry and small notes of small quite ripe red fruits associated with touches of violet, star anise, crème de cassis as well as fine hints of balsamic, nutmeg/spices and a hint of Madagascar pepper. The palate is well-built, fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a certain gourmandise, a tangy frame, a nice mellowness, airy grain, well-balanced matter and a certain richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet combined with touches of crushed red berries, as well as hints of coffee, cocoa/mocha, small roasted-elegant fruits, fine hints of garrigue/roasted thyme, a subtle hint of crushed arbutus, tobacco and zan. Good length. Tannins are sapid and mellow. An imperceptible hint of sappy (in the background) that gives length.

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

Mouriesse Vinum – Tour d'Ambre 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of camphor, concentrated violet/flowers, small wild red berries, associated with fine touches of saffron (its floral side), juniper berries, as well as a discreet hint of smoke, bay laurel and sweet tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a nice small fatness, a certain roundness, gourmandise, an airy side and a nice small fatness, coating but in finesse. It expresses notes of pulpy cassis, small brilliant red fruits and small notes of small bright red berries, combined with touches of laurel, laurel berries, concentrated flowers, as well as a hint of arbutus, crushed plum, toasted, roasted/roasted seed and a subtle hint of infusion and elegant darkness. Good length. Nice, discreet work on the good bitterness. A little richness, but well-balanced. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Mouriesse Vinum – Pierre d'Ambre 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is mineral and offers a certain freshness, a fine fatness and a fine pulpiness of fruit. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy/fresh apple, nectarine and small notes of fresh lychee associated with fine touches of quenette, a hint of fresh apricot, fresh flowers, as well as notes of crumpled peach leaves and a discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a good definition, precision, fine suppleness, gourmandise, suavity, a small fat and a nice saline/sapid character. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy flat peach, crushed apple and small notes of quenette, combined with touches of verbenne, fresh citrus, as well as fine hints of mesocarp, iodine and sense of the place (local biotope). Beautiful freshness and suppleness. A subtle hint of good bitterness on the persistence.

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

Domaine de Pignan 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Beautiful, elegant, fresh and complex nose that offers delicacy in its intensity. A wine that needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy peach, fresh apricot and small notes of fresh flowers (acacia, orange blossom, apricot blossom) associated with touches of pulpy/fresh pear, as well as hints of quenette, fresh physalis, a subtle hint of exotic fruit and a delicate hint of sage. The palate is beautifully fruity, gourmand, round, delicate and offers a rich, juicy, fresh and delicate touch. It also offers an incisive and enveloping side, with superb texture, energy and complexity. In mouth this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of bright vine peach, combined with touches of crunchy brugnion, peach blossom, verbenne as well as discreet hints of sweet white grapefruit and fine touches of small crushed exotic fruits. A subtle hint of mesocarp

and acacia and a subtle, almost buttery, salty hint in the background. Good length. Discreet and elegant work on the good bitterness. A beautifully elegant, delicate and well-built wine. Congratulations ! A great wine, complete, elegant, delicate and full of finesse.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

WHITE WINES

Château Fortia – Edmée le Roy 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fresh, it offers of fruit, crispness, a good definition and a slight varietal/floral character in the background. It reveals notes of zest, white peach and small juicy/fresh fruits, associated with touches of pink lychee, fresh rose, fine hints of zest, citrus, as well as discreet hints of fresh sage. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a mineral frame, freshness, a good definition, a certain precision, energy, a discreetly tight side as well as an electric side in its acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pink lychee, crunchy peach and small notes of juicy brugnion, combined with touches of zest, fresh quince, as well as a subtle hint of fresh kumquat and a discreet hint of exotic fruit. Good length. Fine hints of varietal and fresh sage on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine de La Graveirette – Font de Crau 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small work on the maceration (but all in control). It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, physalis and fresh mirabelle plum associated with touches of quince, verbenne, zest, as well as a subtle hint of lime blossom and discreet touches of fresh garrigue. The palate is well-built, fresh, mineral and offers a fine hint of oxidation/macération (controlled and certainly desired), a certain deepness and a nice work on the good bitterness, full of balance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, dried mandarin peel and small notes of yellow berries, combined with touches of hay, fresh tobacco, fine hints of ripe mirabelle plum, almond, local garrigue, an infusion side as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and nutmeg. Good length. A nicely made wine for food & wine pairing.

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

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RED WINES

Ktima Avantis - Agios Chronos Red Syrah/Viognier 2022 Evia

The wine has a beautiful pale cherry color. The first nose is intense and fruity, with notes of black and red fruits like juicy cherries and tomato juice. There is a sweet, rounded note with a hint of black licorice and toast. There are also mild spices and a touch of black pepper. The second nose opens with a slight sweetness but a minty freshness. There is black pepper, juicy black cherry, and a minty freshness almost like juniper berries with a touch of guarigue. The palate is fresh, bitter, and licorice. There are fine juicy hints of morello cherry, rose, and black pepper. There is also a hint of sage and strawberry tree. The tannins are present, gripping until the finish. There is good, mouth-watering acidity. The finish is on orange zest and juicy morello cherry.

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

Lyrarakis Winery - Liatiko Aggelis 2022 Crete

The wine has a very pale cherry color. The first nose is fresh with a lovely blackberry note. There are also hints of raisin and a certain gourmet roundness. There are hints of juicy purple plum as well as aromatic herbs. The second nose opens with more intensity and still a note of raisin and dried fig. We find the aromatic herbs with a beautiful minty freshness, savory and thyme. The palate is round on the attack with notes of small wild strawberries as well as blackberry. There is good acidity and present but grippy tannins. We find the juicy cherry and aromatic herbs with fresh fig. The finish is licorice and salivating. There is a beautiful work on the material.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Paterianakis - Melissokipos, Kotsifali/Mandilari 2023 Crete

The wine has a deep cherry color. The first nose is fresh with a slight caramelization and a hint of potpourri. There are notes of rose, juicy black cherry, and black pepper. There is a varietal touch in the background. The second nose opens with more intensity. We find the varietal notes with touches of dark fruits. The palate is rounded on the attack with vegetal notes accompanied by black fruits such as cherry and juicy blackberry. The tannins are soft and sappy. There is a hint of leather. There is a beautiful salivating acidity on the finish and powerful tannins that continue on the finish.

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

Sotiriou Winery - Stamna, Mavrodaphne 2024 Mainland Greece

The wine has a beautiful pale cherry color. The first nose is fresh and fruity with a slight reduction. It needs air to open up. There are fruity notes of morello cherry, juicy plum, tea, and rose. There is a hint of orange zest. The second nose opens with a lovely tangy citrus note, along with red and black fruits. There is a fresh touch of anise. The palate is round on the attack with a beautiful smoothness. There are notes of juicy red cherry and fresh mint. The acidity is mouth-watering. The tannins are supple with a hint of milk and Timut pepper. The texture is velvety and delicate. The finish is fresh with a hint of juicy black cherry. The wine needs decanting.

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

Vaptistis Winery - Mavrotragano 2023 Tinos

The wine has a beautiful pale cherry color. The first nose is intense with a lovely licorice note, sweet spices, blond tobacco, and buttered toast. There are also notes of cooked and fresh fruits like cherry. There is a lovely minty, almost eucalyptus-like freshness. The second nose is intense and powerful with notes of sweet spices, juicy purple plum, and blackberry. The palate is rounded on the attack with sweet spices, juicy morello cherry, and blond tobacco. There is good acidity and tannins that are present and grippy until the finish. There is a nice salivation and notes of plum, juniper berry, and black cherry. The finish is a little dry.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vouni Panayia - The Rebel Maratheftiko 2024 Paphos/ Cyprus

The wine has a beautiful deep cherry color. The first nose is a little closed and very herbal, like wild fennel. There is a slight reduction: the wine needs a little air. The second

nose is fresh and powerful with a slight note of alcohol present in the background. There is ripe, juicy black cherry. The palate is round on the attack with a slight sweetness. There are notes of juicy cherry and fresh blackberry. The tannins are powerful, present, and grippy, even if softer on the finish. There are notes of rose, juicy cherry, and vegetal hints. The finish has a hint of cumin.

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

WHITE WINES

Amargiotakis Winery - Vidiano 2023 Crete

The wine has a beautiful golden straw color, clear and bright. The first nose is fresh and fruity with a beautiful, racy minerality. There are fruits such as mashed banana, apple, and fresh, juicy white fig. There are touches of toast, fresh, browned butter. There is an imperceptible freshness of sap. The second nose opens with more intensity. It is balanced with a hint of salt and still notes of dried and fresh fruits. The palate is fresh, fruity, and mineral. There is good work on the lees with energy. There is a hint of pretty bitterness in the mid-palate and still a refreshing salinity. There are notes of fresh apricot, juicy peach, and apple. The finish is fresh with a sapidity and a very nice note of apricot, savory, olive, and dried rosemary. The finish is long. It is a gastronomic wine with a pleasant buttery note.

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

Argyros, Estate Cuvée Monsignori - Assyrtiko 2022 Santorini

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The first nose is fresh and mineral, almost flinty. There are also notes of tangy fresh fruit like green pineapple and fresh pear. The second nose opens with more intensity and still beautiful mineral notes, a certain sense of space and green fruits with a hint of white pepper. The palate is fresh with good acidity and minerality. There is tension with notes of fresh green apple, ripening pear, juicy lemon and almond. There is a certain directness and a fresh, almost minty finish. This is a very good, juicy and sensitive wine with a vibrant, almost electric side on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Charalaboglou Wines, Vitis in Anthesis Vidiano 2023 Macedonia

The wine has a beautiful golden straw color. The first nose is discreet and fresh with notes of baked apple and dried banana. It is pulpy. The second nose opens with more intensity and notes of baked banana, ripe apple, and fresh juicy yellow peach. The palate is fresh and discreet with a limpid liquidity. There is texture and a hint of bitterness in the mid-palate. The wine is airy in its lusciousness.

There are subtle notes of red fruits. The finish is fresh, with a slight astringency and a touch of verbenia. It is a delicate wine, refreshing in texture and discretion.

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

Makarounas Vineyards - Morokanella 2024 Paphos/ Cyprus

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The first nose is discreet and fresh with a lovely, understated note of peach and apricot accompanied by a hint of rose. The second nose is fresh, slightly more intense, almost muscat-like with a hint of sweet spice. The palate is fresh, with a slight intensity of ripe pineapple, rose, peach, and orange blossom. There is good acidity and a slight astringency at the end. There is finesse and a nice spicy balance. The finish is on lemon zest and orange blossom.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Ktima Matsa - Malagousia 2024 Attica

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The first nose is fresh, aromatic, and fruity with notes of orange blossom, yellow peach, and citron zest. There is good minerality. The second nose opens with more intensity and a mixture of pineapple with a hint of buttered toast. It is intense and fragrant. The palate is fresh, with a slight acidity on the attack. There is a nice finesse from the work of the lees with a captivating side. There is good intensity with notes of apricot, peach, and pineapple. There is a slight bitterness in the mid-palate and a certain sweetness in the texture on the finish which is more on citrus fruits like grapefruit and juicy peach. There is a buttery touch with still a good salivating freshness on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

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



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Greek wines

Moinoterra Winery Vilana 2023

Crete

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The first nose is fresh, with a very Riesling touch with a flint/petrol minerality. The wine is slightly closed and requires a little aeration. We have beautiful notes of aromatic herbs like fresh thyme as well as sage which appear. The second nose opens with more intensity and still on petrol touches with good freshness and hints of fresh green apple. The palate is fresh with good acidity. We have notes of apple, almond as well as green plum with a fresh powdery minerality. The finish has a slight sapidity with still a note of fresh almond or even fresh hazelnut. The salivating, almost saline acidity continues, reminiscent of a limestone terroir. This wine is to be decanted.

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

Ktima Orfanou Malagousia - The Wine Labourers 2023

Peloponnese

The wine has a beautiful golden, almost orange color. The first nose is intense with a distinct note of honey and orange blossom. It is powerful, delicious with notes of dried and candied fruits on the bitter orange compote, apricot, and yellow peach. There is a hint of sweet pepper, butter, and fresh tobacco. The second nose opens with more intensity and still on bitter orange marmalade and pineapple. Very beautiful. The palate is fresh, straight, and dry with a slight astringency and a sweet, peppery spice. The acidity is measured. We find bitter orange, pineapple, and juicy yellow peach. There is structure and a hint of tannin like tea on the finish.

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

Domaine Sigalas - Santorini Assyrtiko 2024

Santorini

The wine has a beautiful, clear straw color. The first nose is fresh and discreet with hints of lime zest and lemon juice. There is a slight fresh minerality. The second nose opens with a slight creaminess and a hint of flint. There is an imperceptible hint of guava and juicy lemon zest in the background. The palate is fresh with a slight roundness on the attack with a slight sensation of sweetness. The wine has a nice suppleness. There are notes of juicy lemon, apple as well as white grape. There is a bitter hint at the end of the tasting with a slight astringency on the olive pit. There is also a nice discreet floral touch of jasmine in the background. The finish is fresh, tangy.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94)

Apha Estate, Ecosystem Assyrtiko Single Vineyard Aghia Kiriaki 2023

Macedonia

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The first nose is fresh and fruity, subtle and delicious with notes of tropical fruits and citrus fruits such as passion fruit, mango, and grapefruit. There is a slight creaminess. It is a lovely basket of fruits with a nice mineral freshness. The second nose is mineral, petrol/flint. There are hints of pineapple and

a lovely vegetal note of mint. The palate is fresh, fruity with good acidity and a fine smoothness. There are touches of lemon juice as well as juicy white peach. There is a salinity at the end of the palate that accompanies a discreet hint of petrol. It is fine and has a nice tension that brings straightness and length. The finish is persistent, with apricot kernel notes and a hint of tannin.

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

Juliet and Romeo Wines - Moschofilero 2022

Peloponnese

The wine has a beautiful pale, bright melon color. The first nose is intense and fruity with a note of tea as well as candied melon, orange blossom, and peach. The second nose opens with a sweet delicacy of candied and juicy fruits such as yellow peach, orange juice, sage flower, and tea. The palate is fresh, dry with acidity from the start and a very slight sparkle. There are notes of peach, apricot with a slight creaminess. There is tension, substance, and fruit. We find the tea note with a slight astringency on the finish which is salivating, fresh, and tangy. It is a beautiful gastronomic wine for pairings.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Gikas Winery - Pine Forest 2023

Retsina, Attica

The wine has a straw color. The first nose is fresh and intense with a very precise pine note on the fresh sap side. It is powerful and straightforward with a touch of forest moss. The second nose opens with a slight caramelization and still the note of sap, fresh pine needles and pine nuts. The palate is fresh with a nice acidity on the attack. The pine sap, almost almond-like, envelops the mouth. It is straightforward, with tension.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

SPARKLING WINES

Amyntas Winery - Blanc De Noir Brut NV

Xinomavro, Macedonia

The wine has a beautiful straw color. The mousse is discreet. The first nose is fresh and fruity with discreet notes of fresh hazelnut and dried tomato. The second nose opens with more intensity with a racy minerality. There is tension and notes of lemon zest and almond. The palate is fresh with lively bubbles, energy and a vibrant side. There is a slight roundness on the attack with notes of fine morello cherry, discreet blackberry and juicy blueberry. There is a nice hint of violet. There is good invigorating acidity. The finish is clean, salivating with a note of juicy blueberry.

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

Scaperdas Frères - Hommage Rosé NV

Xinomavro, Macedonia

The wine has a beautiful orange color. The mousse is fine. The first nose is fresh and fruity with notes of blackberry and red cherry. There is a slight vegetal hint and a racy minerality. The second nose opens with hints of fresh tomato and blackberry. There is a hint of leather. The palate is fresh with good acidity. There are notes of fresh tomato, leather, and juicy blueberry. The finish is fruity and mouthwatering. The bubbles are dynamic and there is a slight buttery roundness at the very end of the tasting.

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

SWEET WINES

Château Nico Lazaridi - Perpetuus Semillon 2023

Macedonia

The wine has a pale straw color. The first nose is fresh and woody, toasted with a lovely hint of coconut. There is also a buttery note with fruits such as apple and white peach. The second nose opens with more intensity and notes of peach and pineapple. The palate is fresh, fruity with buttery and toasted notes. There are fine hints of peach, roasted pineapple, and apple. There is a nice, measured acidity that is mouthwatering until the finish with a hint of coconut. A wine for aging with structure, length, complexity, and volume.

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

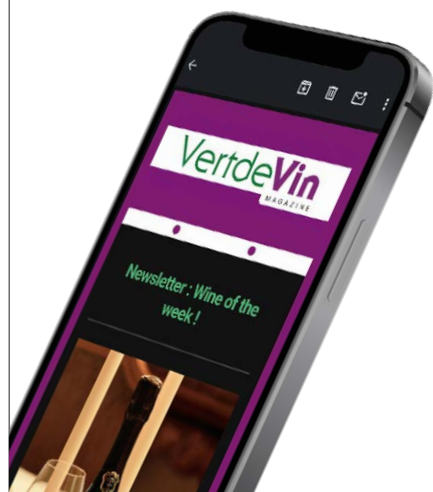
Ktima Biblia Chora - Ovilos White Semillon/Assyrtiko 2023

Pangao

The wine has a beautiful pale golden color. The first nose is fruity and intense, with notes of citrus fruits like mandarin and clementine. There are also notes of passion fruit and pineapple. The second nose opens with more intensity and a hint of mandarin leaf. The palate is fresh with a slight roundness on the attack. There is a lovely, mouth-watering acidity with notes of candied apple, mandarin, juicy peach, and pineapple. There is a slight creaminess and a fine lemon cream at the end of the tasting. It is long and refreshing.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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Armagnac

Domaine du Hour – 2025

Bas-Armagnac

(47%, bottled in March 2025) Lovely intense, frank, precise nose which offers a beautiful velvety side as well as an airy side in its power. It reveals notes of kumquat, dried apricot and small notes of dried mirabelle plum associated with lovely hints of spices, cumin and delicate pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, a lovely straightness, a certain power, a stretched side as well as a fruit which takes its place. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, dried apricot and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of dried lemon, a hint of dried citrus zest (lemon, grapefruit...) as well as fine hints of dried tobacco, dried almond and a light oak side. A subtle hint of caramelization in the background. Good length.

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

Château de Lacquy 2005

Bas-Armagnac

(48%, Cask No. 429, Colombard 60%, Folle Blanche 40%. Bottle No. 150/519)

The nose is elegant, racy, and offers precision, depth, a fine enveloping/captivating side, as well as a lovely, distinguished and frank texture. It reveals notes of cinnamon, dried orange peel, and small notes of bright kumquat combined with touches of candied lemon, currants, discreet hints of dried peach, as well as beautiful hints of fresh spices and an imperceptible hint of almost exotic spices. The palate is beautifully structured, juicy, elegant, captivating, and offers delicacy, a lovely racy minerality, precision, a subtle velvety edge, and complexity. It is airy and intense. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of kumquat, currant, and bright yellow apple combined with hints of bright yellow berries and a hint of peach, a subtle hint of exotic fruit, and discreet hints of sweet spices and tobacco. A tannic and dried almond note in the background. Good length. A very nice persistence with a hint of light oak and vanilla. A lovely Armagnac for reflection, for relaxing with a book..

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Delord – Récolte 1995

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, bottled in April 2025) The nose is elegant, racy, deep and offers a fine elegant austerity, a toasted side, complexity as well as a good definition. There are notes of marmalade, dried orange and small notes of dried plum associated with touches of pâtisseries, toasted almond as well as a hint of pepper and discreet hints of crème brûlée. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely-built and offers minerality, elegance, a certain juiciness, roundness, a good definition, a certain precision, a firm side as well as a certain small concentration. A discreetly tight grain. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of dried orange, mandarin marmalade, and small notes of crushed apple combined with a touch of candied pear, caramelization, toasted almonds, pâtisseries, rancio, and a hint of gray pepper, almost juniper berries, and spices. A subtle tannic hint on the finish/persistence. Beautiful peppery and gourmand persistence. A masterful Armagnac.

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

Château de Laubade 2005

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, barrel sample) The nose is elegant, airy, and offers pulpy fruit and a certain gourmandise. It reveals notes of quenette, dried orange and small notes of bright yellow peach associated with touches of crushed pear as well as fine hints of sweet kumquat, discreet hints of tobacco, gray pepper and a subtle hint of rancio. The palate is beautifully built, well-balanced and offers fruit, juiciness, a certain gourmandise, a tangy frame, accuracy, a nice fat as well as a certain creaminess. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy kumquat, fleshy/creamy nectarine and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of Zante currant, a hint of tobacco, rancio as well as fine hints of dried almond, hazelnut, crushed yellow plum and a subtle hint almost of sweet pepper. Good length.

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

Château de Laubade 1995

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, barrel sample) The nose is elegant, racy, frank, precise, taut, and clean. It reveals notes of sweet tobacco, rancio, and dried orange zest combined with hints of cubeb pepper and a hint of dried lemon, along with subtle hints of vine peach and small fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, frank and offers juiciness, a tangy structure, minerality, a fine richness, roundness, precision, suppleness, a certain delicacy, and a fine elegant austerity. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of dried kumquat, dried orange zest, crushed peach and small notes of dried apple combined with touches of vine peach, rancio, tobacco, an almost crème brûlée note, Zante currants and a fine hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length. A sweet/round/creamy side on the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château de Laubade 1985

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, barrel sample) The nose is aromatic and offers power, intensity, and a certain roundness. It reveals notes of quince, marmalade, and crushed apricot combined with touches of crushed nectarine, as well as fine hints of nutmeg, rancio, and a hint of orange blossom. The palate is fruity, vibrant and offers juiciness, suavity, tension, a mineral structure as well as a certain straightness and gourmandise. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of crushed yellow peach, crushed apple, and small notes of orange marmalade combined with touches of kumquat, fine hints of pâtisseries/caramelization, and a subtle, almost honeyed hint of tobacco tin (in the background). Good length. Powerful on the finish.

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

Château de Laubade 1975

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, barrel sample) The nose is elegant, delicate and offers fullness as well as a beautiful grain, a floral side and brightness. Beautifully elegant, precise, and delicate. It reveals notes of orange peel, jammy yellow plum and small notes of dried lemon associated with touches of Timut pepper, peach blossoms, rancio as well as a discreet hint of verbena and almost dried apricot. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, gourmandise, accuracy, precision, sharpness as well as a certain brilliance. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy/bright yellow peach, small bright yellow fruits and small notes of orange peel associated with a touch of dried pineapple, rancio, tobacco box as well as a hint of cardamom, pâtisseries/dry biscuit and a subtle hint of almost caramelization/toffee. Precision and relief on the finish.

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

Château de Laubade 1965

Bas-Armagnac

(40%, barrel sample) The nose is elegant, ample, and offers breadth and a velvety character. It reveals notes of dried mirabelle plum, Timut pepper, and dried citrus combined with subtle hints of dried peach, potpourri, and discreet hints of fresh blond tobacco, dried white grape, and a subtle hint of honey/spiced honey. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers a certain freshness, fruit, a pulpy side, a lovely gourmandise of the fruit, precision, a delicate roundness as well as an airy character. An elegant tannic structure. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of kumquat, dried mandarin and small notes of beeswax/spiced honey combined with touches of pâtisseries, orange marmalade, a hint of kumquat, cubeb pepper as well as a hint of potpourri/dried flowers, tobacco and dried almond. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



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