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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2020/2021 Winter edition of VERTDEVIN magazine that is my 16<sup>th</sup> edition. For this issue we chose to explore and taste some wines from France, Italy and Portugal... This magazine wasn't made as usual, the result of exhilarating trips because of Covid-19, but it is a result of a lot of amazing tastings! ! More than 1250 reviews are here to read in the following pages !



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Well, in the first part of the magazine, the interview session I chose to put a spotlight on great winemakers from Saint-Emilion, Sauternes, Pessac-Léognan, Jura and Armagnac.

After that Joanie Metivier, a talented Canadian sommelier and journalist well known thanks to her blog and Instagram will introduce you to Domaine de l'Aigle (Limoux, France) and Viña Carmen (Chile). In pages 148 and 149 you'll also be able to read her wine reviews about Greek wines and Washington red wines.

Erika Mantovan, a talented Italian journalist and sommelier will take you to Piedmont to discover ancient varietals (Monferrato & Grignolino) and to discover the Deditus and Gavi DOCG. Discover these articles on pages 18, 19 and 21.

For the first but not the last time Chloé Cazaux Grandpierre, a talented french Sake sommelier, only woman Saké Educator of France and Shochu Adviser will introduce you some Japanese Saké Rice Yamadanishiki, a great and fascinating asian spirits. She is also a Japanese Food Supporter of JETRO and participates every year to various international wine and Sakés competition. She promotes saké, shochu and awamori in France.

After that we also will suggest a selection of 24 selected Wines & Spirits (Buying Guide). Following that, in the last part, you will have your taste buds tickled while finding more than 1250 wine and spirits reviews about: Saint-Emilion, Fronsac, Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes, Bourgogne, Jura, Beaujolais, Champagne, Gascogne, Armagnac, Languedoc, Veneto, Campania, Porto, Alentejo & Tejo, Greece, Washington but also some spirits from Cognac, Calvados, Armagnac... as well as Saké!

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

*Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche*



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# CHÂTEAU Lafaurie-Peyraguey

A jewel nestled in the setting of Sauternes vines

**Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey is a 1er Grand Cru Classé of Sauternes whose origins date back to the 15th century. This vineyard, owned by Silvio Denz, a Swiss entrepreneur passionate about wine, covers 35 hectares, 32 of which are planted. 15 hectares are dedicated to the production of the first wine (Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey), 15 hectares to the second wine (Chapelle de Lafaurie) and 2 hectares to produce Bordeaux Blanc (dry). Each year the property produces between 20,000 and 40,000 bottles of Sauternes.**

**I suggest we go together to discover this property, enlightened by the explanations of David Bolzan (General Manager of Vignobles Silvio Denz).**



David Bolzan © Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey

**Where does the name of the property come from?**

*David Bolzan:* This is the name of the previous owners. It is a composite name that comes from the two families who have owned it in the past. First there was the Peyraguey family until 1618, then the Lafaurie family. When it was bought by the latter, they renamed the castle by placing their name first. However, it was only a wine property from 1618 with the planting of the first vines. In 2018, we celebrated the 400th anniversary. Before that, and according to the deeds found, it was a non-wine - agricultural property (cereals, orchard, various plantings...).

**Could you tell us about the philosophy and the spirit of the property?**

*D.B.:* We are in a region blessed by the gods, surrounded by very big names. We are in 1er cru Classé territory, on the third highest terrace of the appellation. In terms of region, we are therefore lucky to enjoy an extraordinary ecosystem, something special and rare.

When you arrive at Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey, you have a space made up of an interior courtyard surrounded by stone buildings, a large green space in the center, centuries-old trees and the castle

behind. It invites contemplation, the spaces are generous (like generous wine). It's not austere, it's not bourgeois, it's simple. It's natural and welcoming. We have a land that has been there for millennia, we have a superb castle with a majestic stone fortress. It is a place that marks people's minds. It is a place of hospitality. One cannot imagine that a castle like this ever receives anyone. It is a place of hospitality so it should be open and welcoming. I think what characterizes us is also our very open-mindedness and a certain creativity. We want to do things a little differently, reasonably shake up the norms.

**Could you tell us about Silvio Denz, how he came to the world of wine?**

*D.B.:* He has been a great wine lover for a long time, he had been already long before investing in the vineyard. In his family they have a wine culture. He has always been aware of the art of the table. His father had a very good cellar, so he had this culture. From 1982, he started buying Primeurs in Bordeaux to build up a very nice cellar and he still continues! He also has in his cellar some very nice bottles from all over the world.

He was so carried by this love of wine that he then began to invest in vineyards in Tuscany and Spain. It was in 2005 that he bought his first vineyard in France, Château Cap de Faugères, Château Faugères and Château Peby Faugères. In 2014 he fell in love with Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey. Above all, he loves places that make great wines, great wines with great terroirs, but also places that speak volumes, places to which he can bring his touch. He loves breathtaking places. We agree that even though the place is pretty, it doesn't add much to the wine. However, if it is pretty, people will come there more often and probably taste the wine and remember it. Behind a product there is a place, we have to bet on the places so that people understand the wine and above all experience emotional moments that will make them love and buy this wine. After all, shouldn't wine be emotions?

**What's your signature? What makes them recognizable in blind tasting?**

*D.B.:* They offer great finesse, elegance, good balance as well as richness. There is an aromatic regularity through the vintages. We think it comes from the blend of the three terroirs we have. It is a strength that we have, whatever the type of vintage, we always have a terroir that adapts to it better than others and which therefore makes it possible to overcome the vagaries of the year. The aromas I was telling you about revolve around citrus fruits, orange peel or even orange zest. Incidentally, this is where the idea for the SweetZ cocktail was born.

Our wines offer a lot of finesse, they are very precise, complex, long, fruity and very coated. We work on the suppleness and acidity of the wine. Consumers expect us on sugar but our project is acidity and therefore balance.

Another characteristic, we are part of the small club of Sauternes (and there are few, two or three) which have a high proportion of Sémillon. We have 93% Sémillon, 6% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle. Usually in Sauternes when we talk about 90% we talk more about Sauvignon Blanc.



Silvio Denz © Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey



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**Could you tell us about your terroirs and their characteristics?**

*D.B.:* We have three types of terroir. Those which were the first to be planted and which are also those classified in 1855 are located behind the castle. They represent about fifteen hectares. Originally there were only ten hectares, those located in our enclosure (walled vineyard) but an acquisition has brought this to around fifteen hectares. This, those which are behind the castle are made up of gravel and are quite sandy. The further down the coast, the more sandy it is. They bring a lot of finesse to our blend. To tell the truth, a large part of the finesse of Lafaurie-Peyraguey comes from these sands and gravels. It is a poor and fine soil.

We also have between 3 and 4 hectares which are located 250 meters from the Château, on the Yquem hill. This terroir is known for the high quality of its clays. We also have some gravel. This terroir brings great richness to the wine. Our third terroir is located more towards the village of Sauternes and offers more gravel and limestone. This is where the minerality in our wines mainly comes from. To sum up, I would say: finesse, richness and minerality thanks to the sand + clay + limestone triptych, this is what makes Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey so strong, which makes its identity.

**Do you have an anecdote about the property?**

*D.B.:* We have created an object that matches the

image of great wines and that is fantastical: we created the only Lalique crystal barrel in the world that contains Sauternes. A fabulous container was needed to contain this great wine. This is the result of a long R & D work... We very often receive offers to buy it but there is no question of selling it.

We also have a restaurant on site. Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey is a huge castle and we wanted to open it up to visitors as well as to the people living nearby. The people who built this castle necessarily wanted, given the architecture, to entertain at the property. There was therefore room to make the restaurant without altering the structure of the castle or building an extension.

We have so much to say about our wines... so this is a way of saying it, of showing all the beauty of the wine by pairing them with beautiful dishes. It also allows us to express our own style and creativity. We wanted a restaurant that was at the level of our 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Classé. I think this is the restaurant that most closely resembles the ranking. The restaurant is made to create known or unknown food / taste pairings. Pairing foie gras with Sauternes is just perfect with a very young Sauternes. We are therefore revisiting the great classics and making original, unexpected creations.

Thanks to David Bolzan and Tony Desallangre for their warm welcome - J.C.C.



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# CHÂTEAU Haut-Bailly

Meeting with one of the jewels of Pessac-Léognan

**C**hâteau Haut-Bailly is a family property located in the Pessac-Léognan appellation, and a Graves Classified Growth (Cru Classé) since 1953. "It's probably since the Middle Ages that we have been making wine in Haut-Bailly. Our terroir has always interested remarkable men who have known how to unseal its potential and have never ceased to reveal it. As early as 1461, local archives have recorded the excellence of these lands for growing vines. "As the vineyard grew by acquiring plots located around the château, plots still present today in the Haut-Bailly vineyard. From the middle of the 17th century, thanks in particular to Firmin Le Bailly, the plot of the property began to be well established, resembling the current plot. The property remained in the hands of the Le Bailly family until 1736, when the Irish merchant Thomas Barton acquired the estate. The estate would know many and different (and powerful) owners such as the Lafaurie family of Monbadon. It was not until 1872, under the direction of Alcide Bellot des Minières, that the stone house, as we know it today, would be built.

In 1955 the property was sold to Daniel Sanders, then to his son Jean Sanders who kept it until 1998, when it was acquired by Robert G. Wilmers, American billionaire at the head of M&T Bank. He entrusted the management to Véronique Sanders.

Today Château Haut-Bailly covers 30 hectares and produces an average of 160,000 bottles annually divided into four different labels: Château Haut-Bailly, Haut-Bailly-II, HB (Pessac-Léognan) and Rose de Haut-Bailly (Bordeaux). Château Le Pape (Pessac-Léognan), owned by the same family, was added to the range.

I invite you to set off together to discover this exceptional wine, in the company of Véronique Sanders (Managing Director).

**Why did you choose to make wine and not do something else? Has it always been obvious to you?**

*Véronique Sanders:* After studying literature, economics and communication at the Sorbonne, I worked for a few years as a consultant between Paris, Prague and Hamburg.

But since I was a child, wine has been part of my life and part of my family history. And it was after Haut-Bailly was sold to Robert G. Wilmers in 1998 that I got the management job.

For me, the profession of wine and vines is unique. We are incredibly lucky to be both connected to nature and to an exciting international world. The days go by and each one is different. The richness of our profession makes it a passion above all.



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**Where does the name of the property come from?**

*V.S.:* The name of the property and of our wine has its origins in one of the notable owners of the château, Firmin Le Bailly, who was a Parisian banker. To tell the truth and to be more precise, he did not buy the domain alone but in association with Nicolas de Leuvarde.

In the 17th century, he acquired the property and gave it its current limits (33 hectares), with the intuition that this terroir has great potential and the capacity to produce a very great wine.

From 1630, Firmin Le Bailly gathered substantial capital which allowed the property to expand



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to its commercial dimension. The name "Haut-Bailly" was then given to the property, "Haut" since it is positioned on one of the highest ridges on the left bank and "Bailly" in reference to its owner.

**What terroir do you have? what makes its specificity / its strength?**

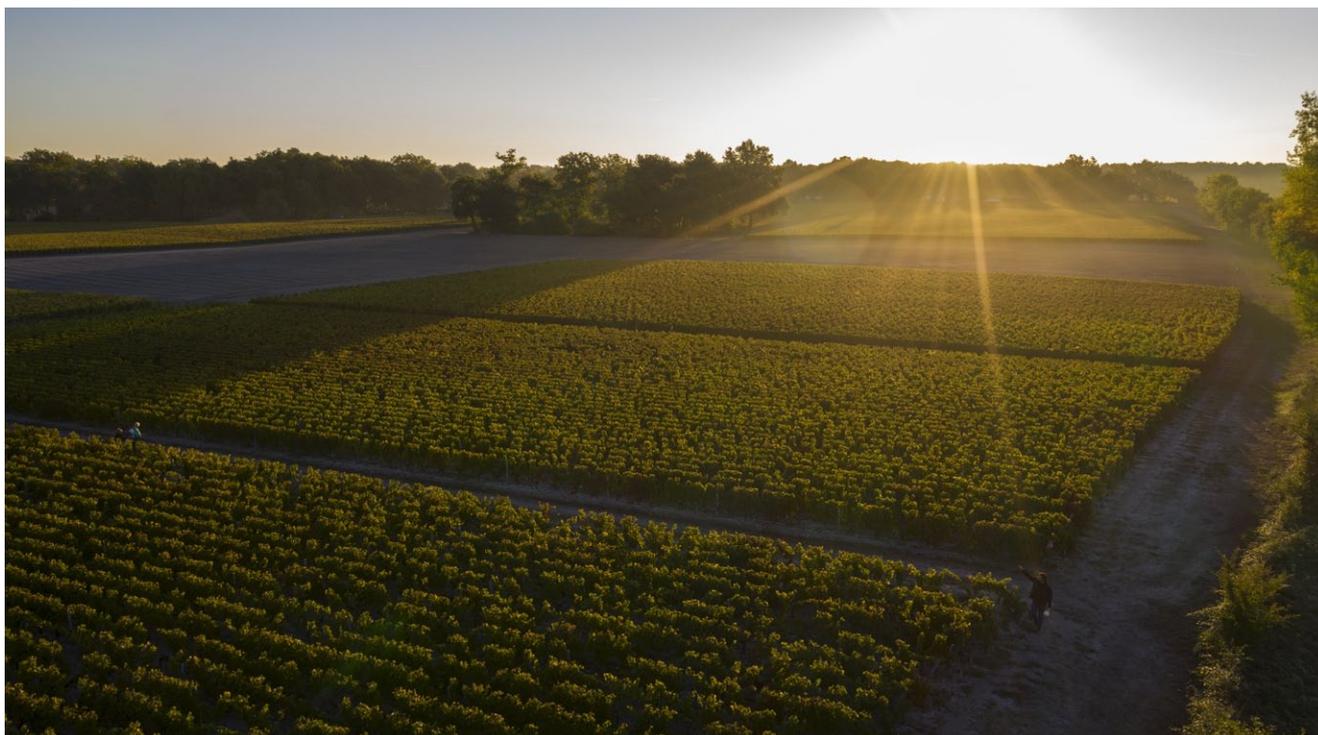
*V.S.:* Château Haut-Bailly has a unique terroir. Located in the heart of the Graves, the vineyard is established on one of the highest ridges of the left bank of the Garonne and particularly benefits from the topographical advantages of this region as the natural slope allows for efficient drainage. The oceanic climate is also ideal. But beyond the topography and the climate, it is the land which is the most subtle of the three components of the terroir. Rooted in a sandy soil mixed with gravel from a landslide in the tertiary era, the vineyard forms a mosaic of plots with complementary characteristics (drainage, retention of heat and, on the contrary, coolness and humidity). Each of the four grape varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot) finds its favored land there. The under layer is another specificity of Haut-Bailly: it is made of faluns or petrification of stones and fossilized shells, some specimens of which can be observed on the walls of the cellar. The vines draw from its minerals and nutritional trace elements, which -- guarantee - aromatic richness and freshness.

The strength of our terroir, of course, is also our old vines: a plot of 4 hectares of century-old vines where 6 different grape varieties are gathered: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Carménère. These old vines constitute around 20% of the final blend.

**What is the signature of the wines of Château Haut-Bailly? What allows you to recognize them in blind tasting?**

*V.S.:* The identity of its terroir gives Haut-Bailly a unique style, resulting from a subtle harmony between finesse and concentration, suppleness and structure, soft tannins and aromatic richness: the purity of elegance. Recently, a vertical tasting of 20 vintages was organized in honor of Robert Wilmers which demonstrated the incredible consistency of our wines year after year.

For the 'Haut-Bailly-II' wine; to explain it we must make a little historical reminder. Domaine de la Parde was born in 1967, then in 1979 became La Parde de Haut-Bailly. In 2018 La Parde Haut-Bailly was renamed after 50 years of existence. This "N ° II" is assumed to be the reflection of the grand vin. It comes from the same plots as Château Haut-Bailly and is vinified identically. Haut-Bailly-II is the result of strict selection and is distinguished by a marked,



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charming style, made of racy elegance coupled with finesse. On the palate, it reveals a velvety attack, silky grains, suppleness and pleasant aromas, being free of heaviness. Its freshness and its aromatic opening provide a pleasure that is quickly accessible even though the wine shows a significant aptitude for aging; at least fifteen years.

Regarding Château Le Pape, it produces fruity wines. They are characterized by the freshness and expressiveness of Merlot. These are supple wines, to be tasted 5 to 10 years after bottling. Thanks to the expertise of the Château Haut-Bailly team, Château Le Pape makes gains in precision and elegance. It retains its own style and distinguishes it from other wines in the Haut-Bailly range.

**Do you have plans for the property?**

*V.S.:* We are living in a period of unprecedented technological, scientific and climatic acceleration. Our duty is to adapt to these changes, which is why for several years now we have been preparing the Haut-Bailly of tomorrow. Since July 2018, a new cellar has been under construction: a technical, architectural and environmental feat that we look forward to sharing with you. It will allow us to go even further into detail.

**Do you have an anecdote about the property**

*V.S.:* There is a feeling of authenticity in Haut-Bailly that makes you feel good there. It is a property with a soul. Harmony reigns there. As at Château Le Pape, acquired in 2012 and where we have opened guest rooms, it is a haven of peace in the heart of a vineyard and at the gates of Bordeaux...

Thanks to the Château Haut-Bailly team for their warm welcome.. - J.C.C.



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# CHÂTEAU PAVIE

# Perse Family vineyards

The rebirth of Château Pavie, 1<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé A of Saint-Émilion

**T**he Perse Family Vineyards brings together five properties located on the right bank of Bordeaux, Château Bellevue Mondotte, Château Monbousquet, Château Pavie-Decesse, Château Pavie and Clos Lunelles. Even though Pavie, whose origins date back to the 4th century, was not the first property acquired, it is currently the flagship of the family vineyards. For a little anecdote until the end of the 19th century, the property was known as *Domaine Pimpinelle*. Over the past two centuries, three great families have marked the history of the property; the Bouffard family, the Valette family and today the Perse family.

Château Pavie is a 37-hectare (91.5 acres) property majestically set on the Pavie slope, thus dominating the Dordogne valley. In 1955, it obtained recognition as a "Premier Grand Cru Classé" for the undeniable quality of its terroir during the first classification of Saint-Émilion. In 2012, after very heavy work in the vineyards and cellars launched by the Perse family, it was elevated to the rank of "1<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé A" of Saint-Émilion. Château Monbousquet and Château Pavie-Decesse are also proud carriers of the Grand Crus Classés recognition.

We met with the commercial director of the Perse Vineyards, Olivier Gailly and we invite you to discover this family of entrepreneurs and enthusiasts, who in just over 20 years, have made their estates essential labels on the Place de Bordeaux.

**Could you explain us how the Perse family came into the world of wine?**

*Olivier Gailly:* It was not a childhood dream. Mr. Perse grew up in the Paris region where he started working very early. With his wife, they got into entrepreneurship by running a fruit and vegetable store first, in Boulogne Billancourt, which turned out to be a good business. Already at the time what worked well was their guarantee of quality. They got bigger when they had the opportunity to buy a supermarket in 1983 from the Promodès group. Subsequently, they had a second, then a third and a fourth, then a hyper... Their career within the mass distribution industry had Mr and Mrs Perse discover the world of wine. Mr. Perse quickly became a wine buyer for the Promodès group, which allowed him to visit all the wine regions of France. He is an autodidact who gra-



Famille Perse Da Costa © Deepix

dually formed himself, out of passion he sought to learn, to understand wine, devouring all the books on wine for that.

In the early 1990s, a merchant showed him around Saint-Émilion, and he immediately fell in love with this small village steeped in history. It was during his third visit, in 1993, that a merchant showed him the Château Monbousquet, which was then for sale. He returned to Paris with



Olivier Gailly © Château Pavie

a bottle from the estate to let his wife know what he had just bought: "This is what I just bought. Not only wine for Promodès but also the Château for us". This acquisition was followed by Château Pavie-Decesse in 1997 and then Château Pavie in 1998 for which they sold all of their 5 supermarkets and hypermarket. As a little anecdote: at the beginning when they only owned Château Monbousquet, they opened their bedroom windows every morning... with a view of Pavie! It had become a dream for them to be able to take over this beautiful property, back then owned by the Valette family since 1943.

The vineyard of Monbousquet was in good, healthy condition when it was purchased... whereas Château Pavie needed huge investments at the time of purchase. There was a titanic job to be done in particular in the vineyard which had more than 32,000 missing vines. Some plots also had to be pulled up to be replanted differently. When the Perse bought it, there was 70% Merlot,

20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Today we are at 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. The grape variety has therefore changed a lot. The clones were also adapted according to the soils and the exposure of the plots. A new cellar, more modern, more in line with the high quality standard of the estate had also been created.

Thanks to all this, we have wines that evolve towards a little more freshness, a little more tension and more central structure on the wine. We are talking about the backbone given by Cabernet Sauvignon. The work of the last 15-20 years is bearing fruit little by little.

Today Mr and Mrs Perse are present on a daily basis. They come to Château Pavie and walk in the vineyards. They know their plots by heart, and follow all the work in the vineyard and in the cellars with great dedication. During the harvest Mr Perse is involved in technical tastings, the cutting schedules and blends decisions... The couple has a real daily involvement for 28 years, since the first day they set foot in the vines of Monbousquet.

They also bought a property in Les Baux de Provence, and more precisely in Mourès, in the Alpilles. However, they do not produce wine there but only olive oil (10 hectares of olive trees) called *La Clusière*.

**Where does the name of Château Pavie come from?**

*O.G.:* This is explained by the fact that it is located on the Pavie slope which was famous for its



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fruit as early as the 4th century. For the record a small peach called the 'peach pavie' was planted on this hillside by the Romans, which gave the name to the hill and then to the château.

**What is the signature of Château Pavie, Château Pavie-Decesse and Château Monbousquet wines?**

*O.G.:* The first idea is to let our different terroirs speak for themselves. The three vineyards are less than 2km from each other, but they have their own terroir characteristics.

For the last 20 years, Château Monbousquet has been a wine that is quite generous and full in the mouth, which coat the mouth very well. When we think of this wine we think above all of balance and pleasure. We have a lot of substance as well as a nice silky texture. The latter is a signature of "Perse" wines. In terms of terroir, we are on more sandy soils, in particular to the south of the property. There is also the presence of fairly pronounced iron grime and then a gravelly part (where we planted Cabernets). There are also slightly poorer soils, but they are just

as important in bringing tension. At the level of the blends of Monbousquet, we average each year 40% Cabernets (30% Franc and 10% Sauvignon), the rest being Merlot.

For Château Pavie-Decesse, we are usually blending 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The property covers 3.5 hectares. The wines of Pavie-Decesse are truly marked by the terroir, 100% limestone. The vineyard is divided into two plots which are located in the continuity of Château Pavie. In this wine we will have a lot of tension. It is very much chiseled, very tight, very straight and with a certain salinity presence in the finish.

Let us come to the wine of Pavie. Château Pavie is above all depth and complexity, a reflection of its terroir. There are three types of terroir on the estate: the foothill (sandy clay), the Pavie slope (clays mixed with limestone and molasse). The latter is very conducive to Cabernet. Then we have the limestone plateau which represents 2/3 of our planted surface. We find the same characteristics as the Pavie-Decesse terroir but with older Merlots. These three terroirs bring a complexity that is found in the wine. It is a wine that is quite powerful due to its limestone terroir. It is also characterized by its lengthy finish and ageing potential. The Perse touch is working on textures, the approach in the mouth is always very silky. This is also true for our second wine, Arômes de Pavie.

**Do Perse vineyards have any plans?**

*O.G.:* Above all, the big project is to continue working on our vineyards, taking care of our vines and always seeking to go further in the search for precision.

In September 2020, we renamed our hotel and restaurant, the Hotel de Pavie and La Table de Pavie (which were formally called Hostellerie de Plaisance and La Table de Plaisance). To achieve the same high standards in our cuisine as we have for our wines, the kitchen has been entrusted to the famous 3-Michelin Star French Chef Yannick Alléno. We now have a project to extend the Hotel de Pavie, which is in the heart of the village of St Emilion and which will open next

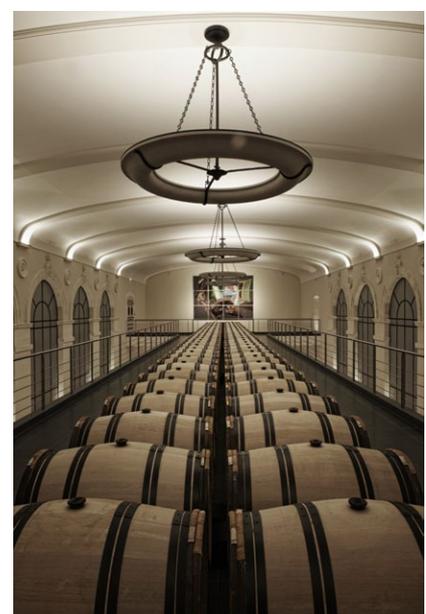
spring. Mr and Mrs Perse continue to invest and undertake, they want to move forward.

**Do you have an anecdote for us on the property?**

*O.G.:* There is, located at 90 meters high, below the limestone plateau, a natural spring that flows continuously and fills a lake that was once an old quarry. When you are in the vineyards just below the limestone plateau, you can see part of the lake, which then goes under the limestone slab. The water is very cold, which gives us permanent coolness under this limestone slab of Château Pavie. This explains why this terroir is so specific and why it keeps so much freshness. We do not know where this source originates.

Thanks to the Pavie team for the constant warm welcome - J.C.C.

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# DOMAINE Baud Génération 9

A vineyard where the words – family, history  
and know-how take on all their meaning

**D**omaine Baud Génération 9 is a family property in the Jura region whose origins date back to the middle of the 18th century. Even though the cellar is located on Le Vernois, the estate is the proud owner of 25 hectares spread over three large sectors: L'Etoile (3 hectares), Château-Chalon (3.5 hectares) and Côtes du Jura (18 hectares).

Today Domaine Baud Generation 9 is managed by Clémentine and Bastien Baud. Together they produce 25 different cuvées, or around 150,000 bottles per year. This includes crémants, whites, reds, rosés, Macvins and of course yellow wines. They also distill some fruit liqueurs (mirabelle plum, pear) and produce fruit juices (apple, grape). These allow children in particular, during visits, to do as the grown-ups while tasting. Let's go together to meet these united siblings, united and passionate about the same thing, the wines of the Jura!

#### Why did you choose to make wine?

*Clémentine & Bastien Baud :* I think there is a part of the conscious and a part of the unconscious. We were raised by our parents who were in this environment, raised up in the world of viticulture. However, we ourselves (with my brother) made the choice to be winegrowers. We have never been forced - to do anything. Initially I was not in this line of business. I studied business and foreign languages... I wanted to go abroad, work in export and learn different languages. I knew I wanted to be in the business but hadn't thought about working in the business yet. My brother has always been someone who enjoys being outdoors, working the soil, tinkering with things or working with the machinery. He never asked himself that question. He always wanted to be a winegrower... It was innate. He knew that someday he was going to come back to work on the estate.

For me it came a little later... When I did my studies I had a long vacation and I came to work in the vineyards and help my father with the business. It all started as a joke between my brother and me, I was nearing the end of my language degree. I was trying to find my way and I said to him: why not continue my studies but in wine? How about we study together? It was as part of a discussion and thinking about it that I said to myself: I love business. I have wine in my blood. I have always lived according to this rhythm. It seems to me in the end like a very natural progression. I told myself that I had a beautiful estate, a beautiful family business and that I could do my part by taking care of the business. As I started my studies in wine and oenology, I realized that I loved it! So I had found my favorite sector. I was fine. I had that feeling. I was at ease without realizing how much I already knew -. I was familiar with this area of work. My brother was in technology

and I in business (specialization in management-entrepreneurship), so we complement each other perfectly. On January 1, 2016, we officially set up as young farmers.

With my brother we are very complementary. That's what makes us strong. When my father and uncle retired there were 19 hectares of vines. We knew that one person could not manage 19hc of vines, trade and production. For years, my father had to ask himself the question of how my brother would do if he were the only one to take over. Today Bastien specializes in oenology and vines and I take care of trade, management, export. However, we are together during the vinification, we work the blends together... We do a lot of things together, which is also what is interesting in our work, it is this plurality of tasks and the fact of working as a family.

#### If you had to describe what wine means to you in just a few words, what would you say?

*C.&B.B.:* At the estate we are warm and familial. We are still among family, our cousins, aunts and uncles always participate and lend a hand. Despite our current 22 hectares of vines, we have kept this family aspect in the management, even with our employees they must feel like family.

#### What is the signature of Domaine Baud? What makes it recognizable in blind tasting?

*C.&B.B.:* I would say that the style of our wines (and despite the fact that they are vinified by men) can be characterized as feminine. On our Chardonnay and our Sauvignons we go for elegant things, quite round in the mouth. We are looking for finesse, a little fat, a good balance so that our wines are not too oxidative.

#### Where does the name of the property come from?

*C.&B.B.:* The name of the property has been passed down from generation to generation. In the family, we have been winegrowers since 1742, so with my brother we are the 9th generation. It is the municipal archives that have enabled us to go back to this date with Jean-François Baud, who at the time lived on polyculture. Before our family it was Domaine Baud Père et fils. It was classic, but at the time the oldest son usually took over the business. So for the first time a girl arrived on the farm. We therefore changed the name so that everyone could find their place, hence the name Domaine Baud Génération 9.

#### Could you tell us about your terroirs?

*C.&B.B.:* We have 3 different terroirs on the property. On our vines in the Etoile appellation, we are on limestone. During the vinification we will look for minerality, the flint side and a nice freshness. We are on 100% chardonnay wines. In order for the Chardonnay to reflect the expression of the terroir, they are aged in over 100 years old casks that we have on the estate. We don't want the wood to give tannins or a woody side. The idea is really to bring a little roundness to magnify the expression of the terroir. As for our vines located in Château-Chalon we are on the famous marlstone. These blue and white marls correspond to the oldest periods in history. The rest of the vineyard is in AOC Côte du Jura which is mainly composed of clay and limestone.

In the Jura, unlike in Burgundy, we work much less with the notion of climate because what makes Jura wines so strong is aging, especially on the oxidative side. On the other hand, we are



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going to make vintages that distinguish certain plots. For example the youngest plots will give a little more yields which will lead to a floral, fruity, gourmet Chardonnay. Plot selections are also made for the oldest vines on the estate, planted in the 1930s / 1940s with little yield. There we will no longer seek richness and concentration. When tasted, they will give the wine a very light nutty side as well as nice notes of apple (which is the expression of our old vines). But it is the growing that also sets us apart from other wine-growing regions.

Do you have plans for Domaine Baud Génération 9?  
"We have just reached level 3 of Terra Vitis. In the medium term, I would also like HVE certification. Level 3 Terra Viti corresponds to this

but this equivalency does not exist. Then, if all goes well, in ten years or so we - have plans to build a - level with a tasting cellar and a buried glass cellar to develop the wine tourism side. We would also like to try biodynamics on 3 or 4 hectares.

Also, but on a completely different subject starting this year, we have set up a small tasting club with loyal customers of the estate, those who are passionate about wine. One Friday per month, we present a region and a winegrower. It allows us to taste together the riches of the French terroir because in the end we realize that in each wine-growing region we consume local wines and therefore we don't know much about the products of other regions of our beautiful country. This club has been in place since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Could you recommend a food & wine pairing to us?**

*C.&B.B.:* There is so much to do, to imagine... With our Château-Chalon, we can suggest that you make small terrines of snails with cream flavored with yellow wine and some morels. More classically, a nice piece of foie gras with...

**Do you have an anecdote for us?**

*C.&B.B.:* My grandmother was from Haute Saône. Her parents worked for a bourgeois family. They were servants. One day my great-grandfather figured he was going to win the lottery. Back then it was the national lottery and there were one or two draws a month. At that time it was mostly the wealthy people who went to La Poste to buy tickets. They bought whole bundles; 100/150 tickets. The price of a ticket was a month's salary for my great-grandparents. One day when my great-grandfather had just received his pay, and of course without telling his wife, he left to buy a ticket.... It was the winning ticket! After this they came to settle in Le Vernois, buying a house and some vines. Then my Grandfather and Grandmother met. They were the 7<sup>th</sup> generation. Their children Alain and Jean Michel took over. They were the 8<sup>th</sup> generation.

Thanks to the Baud family for their warm welcome. - J.C.C.



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# CHÂTEAU Garreau

One of the most endearing family wine estates producing Armagnac

**C**hâteau Garreau is a property of the Landes, producer of Armagnac and Floc de Gascogne. The property covers 85 hectares of which 27 hectares of vines are planted in a terroir of tawny sands. The rest of the estate is occupied by forests and ponds. Each year Château Garreau distills around 150 hectoliters of pure alcohol (i.e. 300 hectoliters of Armagnac) and produces around 30,000 bottles of Floc de Gascogne (red and white). The production of Armagnac is divided into four main cuvées: VSOP, XO, Cuvée du Siècle Extra, Cuvée Royale then vintages. The estate also has a production of Blanche d'Armagnac.

The estate was built in several stages, but from the 17th century there has been a production of Armagnac combined with polycultural agriculture. The property specialized in the production of Armagnac only in the 19th century when it was bought by a Russian Prince. As an anecdote, he arrived here because he married a young lady from a family from Labastide-d'Armagnac, a village located less than 5 minutes from here. They had met in Paris in the fashionable salons of the time. After some research it was found that he was affiliated with the Russian Royal family at the time. It was he who launched the construction of the underground cellar, unique in Armagnac.

It was in 1919 that Château Garreau was bought by the Garreau family.

Today the Garreau family manages the property expertly. Mr. Caillaud mainly deals with distillation and Mrs. (Carole Garreau) with marketing and promotion. They are assisted on a daily basis by a cellar master, Mr Demoura. Let's go together to meet them



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## **Why make Armagnac ?**

*Garreau family:* We specialize in the production of Armagnac and Floc de Gascogne. Strictly speaking, we do not produce wines on the estate because

locality where we are. We do not know the origin of this name, nor its meaning. It was in the 1970s that my uncle got permission to rename the property with the word « Château ».



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we are not equipped in the cellar for wine making. Producing Armagnac is also a question of tradition. The estate has produced it for over 300 years and my family has distilled it for 100 years. We are well acquainted with the universe of spirits which in our view has a future. We prefer to confine ourselves to an area where we believe we know how to do well rather than to embark on an area that we do not know as well.

The property has long been managed by my father and my two uncles but in 2006 I made the choice, with my husband, to return to my land to take over the family estate.

Initially, I had no plans to take over the estate. I first studied at Sciences Po Bordeaux and then at the National Institute of Territorial Studies. This led me to start my active career as a senior manager as a local territorial authority.

So it was in 2006 that the question of taking over the estate arose, my uncle wanted to retire, and my father asked me if I was interested. The draw of the estate was stronger. We did not want to sell but to continue the adventure. So we started to take care of it in addition to our job. It was difficult at first to juggle the activities. I remember that during our vacations we would go to China or other countries to explore the markets. We have been living here for 5 years now, and full time!

## **Where does the name of the property come from?**

*G.F.:* This is the name of the family. Before, the domain was called Domaine de Gayrosse, like the

## **What type of terroir do you have?**

*G.F.:* We are in the best area of Armagnac, at the heart of the terroir of tawny sands and sandy loam also with iron oxides. We find these beautiful other colors in particular on our plots! Iron oxide brings a very special flavor to our Armagnacs. We consider that this is part of the great vintages, on condition of knowing how to work them of course!

In terms of terroir, we are particularly favored, lucky on the Château Garreau. Everything is fairly homogeneous even though there are some variations on the plots. However, the latter are more intended for the production of our Floc de Gascogne. Another of our particularities is that the vineyard is mainly planted with Baco. It is a grape variety that is fully expressed in our terroirs!

## **What is the signature of your production? What makes them recognizable by blind tasting?**

*G.F.:* We have several clients who tell us that they recognize our Armagnacs because they have a signature. I think it is aromatically linked to Baco (70-80% in our Armagnacs) with a little bit of Folle-Blanche and Ugni Blanc to increase complexity. Our Armagnacs offer a ripe fruit and candied fruit side that marries well with food, a smooth side with texture as well as a nice « fat ». Our Armagnacs are not dry in the mouth.

We distill at between 55 and 60 degrees, it depends on the year. There are no strict rules, we adapt the distillation to the characteristics of the



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distillation wine in order to obtain the best possible quality. Sometimes it's 55/56 degrees, and other years it's higher because the vintage lends itself to it. Our goal is to have consistent quality, to always get the best from our grapes. We have our own copper still which dates from 1919. My uncle perfected it by adding a few pipes at the outlets, heads and tails. It allows us to have more finesse in the settings. It's a gas still.

We are officially at the origins of the first Flocs de Gascogne. My uncle produced the first hectoliters in 1974. We produce a white and slightly sweet Floc. We are going to blend 3 grape varieties and some years 4: Ugni blanc, Colombar, Gros Manseng and Sauvignon Blanc. The small proportion of Gros Manseng will bring us a little sweetness but we limit that because we don't want to get too close to sweet or sweet wines. We want our Floc Blanc to be fruity but less sweet than the average Floc Blanc.

Regarding our production of Red Floc, we will use our traditional red grape varieties (Merlot, Cabernet Franc). In terms of tasting, we will find notes of blackcurrant and raspberry.

**Do you have any plans for Château Garreau?**

G.F.: Yes we have plenty but after all it is a question of timing and finance. Regarding the management of our vineyard, we are in HVE (High Environmental Value). Respect for our ecosystem, our land and those who work there are values that we want to continue to grow and support. We try to improve our equipment every day, whether it is working the soil or the vines. Regarding the winery, we would like to build a new one in the near future, more modern and with more room to work.

We have the Armagnac Ecomuseum on site, but we wanted to go further in our tourist offerings. This is why at the end of the year we are going to

inaugurate an Escape Game on the estate... and of course around the world of Armagnac!

In terms of products, we have a permanent range, but every year we try to bring out a special cuvée that will only be sold for one year. We really want it to be special. This year we called it "100 (plays on words in french : 100 sounds « without » in french Prohibition". It is a nod to the 100 year anniversary of prohibition. It offers woody, smoky and slightly peaty notes on tasting. It comes from a blend of eaux-de-vie that are between 7-12 years old. The idea behind it is to bring whiskey lovers back to Armagnac especially as an aperitif... Armagnac suffers, wrongly, from an image that sticks to its skin as a digestive but there are nevertheless so many other possible tasting moments. In 2021 we will certainly be making a « Brut de Fût » (original cask), plot-based and 100% folle blanche. It is not too usual for the house to produce a single varietal Armagnac, but it depends on our ideas, our tastings of the barrels.

**Do you have an anecdote?**

A.F.Q.: Yes, in particular on Château Rauzan Gas-sies, it goes back to its founder. On the property's wine label there is a pair of wings at the top of the coat of arms. They were added in the 18th century by the Chevalier de Rauzan because at that time the property suffered from a reputation for witchcraft. This is explained by the legend that the Margaux vines were destroyed several times by hail... except those of Rauzan! They would have been protected by raven wings.

Thanks to the Garreau family for the welcome. - J.C.C.

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# DOMAINE DE L'AIGLE

The irregularity in Limoux

**O**wner of 15 estates with exemplary profiles, Gérard Bertrand is the ambassador of fine wines of Languedoc-Roussillon around the world, tirelessly promoting the enchanting terroir located between the ancient Roman city of Narbonne and the Mediterranean Sea. Known for its success story, fame and most of all as one of the godfathers of biodynamics principles – for which he was one of the first to extend to a voluminous production – Gérard Bertrand is one exceptional character that has done so much for the region's image with his quest to bring out the best in terroirs from his region and promote them worldwide.

One of these estate – Domaine de l'Aigle has managed to actually push boundaries within the Limoux AOC. Acquired in 2006 from Burgundian producer Antonin Rodet, Domaine de l'Aigle stands at the foot of the Roquetaillade cliff, in the heart of the Cathar Country. In this Limousin part of France, one of the oldest vineyards, reputed for their famous sparkling specialty, an island of white in the Languedoc's sea of red, this odd estate focused solely on still, single-varietal, terroir-driven wines has been the talk of the town. Limoux's singularity is linked to its climate. The high altitude and rather cooler temperatures as well as high rainfall and clay-based with big blocks of limestone terroir



make of Limoux the perfect setting for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir to thrive. Gérard Bertrand's ambition is to reveal the outstanding potential of those world-famous varieties, within a terroir that is perfectly suited for them.

The issue here is while Chardonnay is allowed within the AOC Limoux Blanc as single-varietal. Pinot Noir in the region is exclusively destined for Crémant. The recent Limoux rouge AOC – officialized in 2004 – only allows blends of at least three grape varieties, including Merlot, Côt, Syrah, Grenache, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Increasingly, producers favor Pinot Noir for still red Limoux – even though it has to go to market as IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude.

The intrigue goes further than that. Besides the out of regulation production, Domaine de l'Aigle has also been exerting trials and experiments to see the boundaries of that special place, some of which has put them in a bit of trouble. First, they tried to plant a little block of Syrah, destined for a single-varietal. With very unsatisfying results, they quickly replanted beloved Pinot Noir instead. Then, Gewürztraminer and Riesling were planted with a great outburst of opposition from the administration. For now, only the Gewürztraminer has managed to make it to bottling.

The overall style of the estate is telling a unique and compelling story about this small, special, and under-appreciated corner of the Languedoc, not Burgundian nor Mediterranean, apart from everything else, with an elegance and surprising taste that can leave you speechless.

## *Domaine de l'Aigle Aigle Royal Pinot Noir 2011*

Aigle Royal is from the most qualitative Pinot Noir plot located mid-slopes and made of clay-limestone soils, all suited for this delicate varietal. This is the most concentrated, powerful, yet elegant wine of the estate. The 2011 vintage was Gérard Bertrand's favorite, which he described as: "The best vintage to date, it was like the holy Jesus came and took care of everything for us." The aromatic profile is defined by the richness of the taste, with profound blackberries, Cherries, Garrigue, earl grey tea, and aromatic spices. Smoothly structured with depth more than structured, it's a unique, personal style of Pinot Noir.

## *Domaine de l'Aigle Aigle Royal Chardonnay 2015*

From the highest Chardonnay parcel of the estate, all south-oriented, this Chardonnay really shows the mineral-driven, rich potential of the region. It's aged on fine lees and in new French oak barrels (100%) for 6 to 8 months. Selective Malolactic fermentation is also carried out on some barrels only, all of which serve to create the ample & creamy texture. Subtly fruity, with notes of peach pit, marzipan and almond, it's a tender but delicious Chardonnay.



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# VIÑA CARMEN

A new range of exciting Chilean wines

**A**s the oldest winery in Chile, founded in 1850, Viña Carmen's reputation is not to be made. With a gigantic production and incredibly affordable products, it's even easier to remember the name. However, as extended as it is, Viña Carmen has still managed to be considered as one of the most forward-thinking and contemporary in its wine style. They've made history multiple times, but most notably as the one winery to discover Carmenère in their vineyards, reinstating this varietal in the wine world to become an emblematic variety not only for Carmen but Chile ever since.

Emily Faulconer is chief Winemaker since 2017. Her youth, dynamism, and outstanding knowledge and passion for the terroir of Chile was the source for the new range of wines called Carmen DO, something never seen before. Carmen DO seeks to innovate with new strains and terroirs, vitalizing the vineyard in order to show the grape at its best, without further intervention in the winery. Dedicated about creating a more complex appellation system in Chile, Emily Faulconer has already done a lot for the region. Alongside the Carmen DO project, she's been actively working on picking dates, bringing harvest forward in order to produce fresher styles of wine. Working with special vineyards, you can only treat them as special. Old vineyards such as the Quijada in Apalta need delicate attention to bring out the best.

These are unique wines based on five pillars: A terroir identity and specific DO, original varieties, minimum intervention and sustainable approach, from grape growers based on long-term contracts, and Quality. These are wines limited in quantity but bursting with interest from amazing old vines vineyard they carefully selected for the terroir-driven potential.

While Cabernet Sauvignon is still the most planted variety in Chile, producers tend to get excited by



the resurgence of native grapes and any kind of experimentation, Carmen having a step in front of everyone. However, while looking to new trends, they also have an eye on tradition. Cabernet is believed to have been among the grapes shipped over during the mid-19th century after Chile was granted independence from Spain. A project is underway, to clean and evaluate the actual old massal selection of the first Cabernets to set foot on Chilean ground. It's all about creating a brand new image for the New World, based on history and heritage.

### *Carmen Do, Quijada 2017, Semillón D.O. Colchagua Valley*

A 100% Semillón with a tremendous texture and powerful phenolics. It's bright, it's vibrant, it's full-bodied and extremely complex with aromas of almonds, wet rocks, white flowers, citrus and everything fresh.

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

### *Carmen Do Cinsault 2018 Loma Seca*

Made from dry-farmed, bush-trained, old family-owned vineyards, this very juicy and expressive Cinsault has a majority of lovely floral aromas, plush cherries, rich prunes, strawberries and fresh raspberries. The acidity is outstanding making it, long, persistent in a very easy and pleasant way.

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

### *Carmen Do, Melozal El Bajo 2017, Portugais Bleu - Maule*

If you've never heard of the varietal Portugais Bleu, don't worry, it's normal. This grape variety can be found on a limited parcel of 4 hectares in the Maule DO and also as bulk wines in Germany, but that's about it. It's an intense yet very closed up wine with original character of soy sauce, minerals and blood sausage. It's an intriguing and unique wine, with a rustic character and somewhat of a heavy palate.

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

## ABOUT JOANIE METIVIER

"Sommelier, Wine writer, Whisky ambassador, my official title is a little vague and my path rather atypical. My studies are ongoing and will probably ever be. I may be the youngest Wine writer in Quebec, but my adventures are rich and esteemed. You may read my articles on [joaniemetivier.com](http://joaniemetivier.com), and follow me on Instagram: @joaniemetivier"



# MONFERRATO & GRIGNOLINO



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**B**eside Barolo now is time for Monferrato and Grignolino. If you are addicted to the red wines of Piedmont, you must try a peculiar and ancient variety called Grignolino produced in the south of Piedmont, in a portion of the region well known as "Basso Monferrato".

First of all, when we talk about this grapes, we must split out the productions: there are wines produced in Asti area and Alessandria. The area of "casalese" covers the area around the last village mentioned where the terroir is a sort magic environment kissed by a peculiar clime influenced by the Alps and the sea, essential conditions in which the hills are located between 120 and 350 metres. In the centre of the area, there is the village of Vignale Monferrato. Others important points of wines production are Ozzano, near the Po river, Osignano, Gabiano and Cella monte.

All the area, millions of years ago, was covered by the sea, the maritime sandstone today is a visual testimony of the evolution of the planet. Likewise, the Langhe region also Monferrato since 2014, has been declared part of UNESCO. A World Heritage Site where the wine has always been appreciated by Casa Savoia because of its elegant colour, red but so charming and clear that we can even see across it.

As a Pinot Noir, the power is showing up in the mouth where the tannins involve the palate, the endurance of the body is captive and gives back the voice of the soil rich of marls. The presence of rocks called "Pietra Cantone" helps to preserve the hills from the erosion. Among 17 and 14 million years ago, the Pietra da Cantoni sea deepened and its sediments became more clayey-marly. These layers, from which valuable cantons were extracted for construction or were excavated to obtain numerous infernots, testify that the more recent Pietra da Cantoni sea was rich in calcareous plankton and fish, the minerals of these rocks are seen on green clay. These features of the soil are seen in the natural cellar called, as said, infernot - where wines ageing. The result is a sip which texture is power sapid with impressive tannins in the young version.

Among Castles, hills and infernots, the Consorzio Colline del Monferrato Casalese gathers 73 wineries protecting the denominations of Grignolino del Monferrato Casalese Doc, Barbera del Monferrato Superiore Docg, Rubino di Cantavenna Doc e Gabiano Doc produced in 35 villages. Recently it set up a wine blind taste among wine critics and wine makers in order the raise the awareness of this terroir.

This institutional moment has been and authorita-

tive confrontation that seals an important starting point for the Monferrato Casalese territory which beliefs in the quality of Grignolino and above all in the ageing potential. More flavorful and rich in aromas expressions in young wines while more elegant and austere those aged in the wood. A meeting with the wines, rather than with the producers, that the consortium strongly wanted before starting with a program of events and projects aimed at promoting this part of Monferrato. The moment chosen is not accidental, "After a long wait, we finally managed to organize the first of a long series of tastings and useful initiatives to design an effective communication strategy for our territory and our grapes. Here they are not produced are Grignolino but also Barbera, but surely now it is up to focus on this noble and historic vine. The moment is difficult but we are sure that in the future interest in Grignolino will grow more and more and therefore today we have to study effective strategies." - stated the director of the consortium Franco Angelini.

Nowadays the production is around 400 thousand bottle but we firmly believe it is destined to rise over.

**Best wineries to try: Accornero, Angelini Paolo, Castello di Gabiano, Castello di Uviglie and Hic et Nunc.**

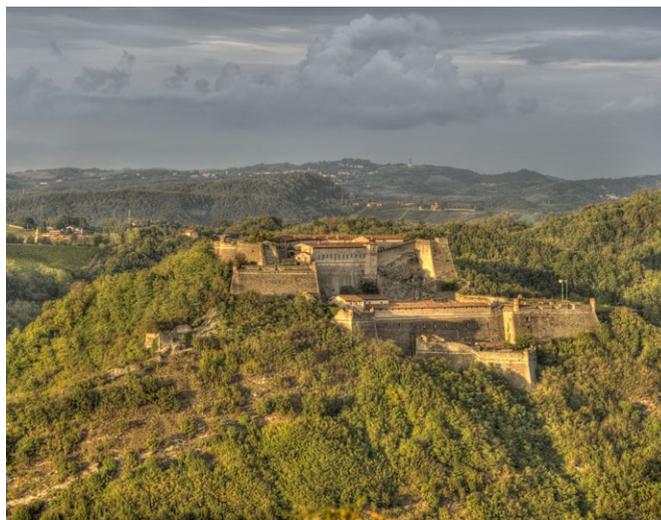
# GAVI DOCG

The elegant white wine of Piedmont

It is one of the most peculiar and flagship wine in Piedmont which production is based in the south-western part of the region, on the border with Liguria. The surface planted with Cortese grapes used for the production of Gavi wines, represents the biggest portion of white wine production of Piedmont. Indeed, the total hectares of cortese amount nearly at 1500 spread over 11 municipalities of the Alessandria province: Bosio, Capriata d'Orba, Carrosio, Castelletto d'Orba, Francavilla Bisio, Gavi, Novi Ligure, Parodi Ligure, San Cristoforo and Serravalle Scrivia. The types of Gavi wineries are allowed to produce are: still, fizzy, sparkling, reserve, and reserve sparkling classic method.

The main features we find in Gavi are delicate hints that range from grape-fruit to lime, white peach, dried fruit and bitter almond after some year of aging in the bottle. Its freshness and the savory become after some year more and more mineral, material and more over warm and rich.

The last harvest which has produced 13 million of bottles has been marked by a soft winter, a warm summer and a generous September. Generally, the acidity and the levels of sugars show a vintage balanced with an alcohol content not excessive.



Il forte di Gavi

## GAVI DOCG TOP LABELS :

### *La Raja - Gavi Docg 2019*

Impressive, vibrant, floral notes, officinal herbes gets along with citrus very well ripe. Graphite hint and lime in the after taste end a complex savor.

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

### *Villa Sparina - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019*

The iconic bottle of denomination is perfect even in the last vintage. Hints of sage and citrus. It is a very fresh sip, sensations of dew, verticality and great longevity.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

### *La Toledana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Vigne Rade Docg 2019*

From one single plot, it gives an explosive feeling of pineapple, wisteria, hawthorn. Intense and fibrous rich and material.

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

### *Brogli - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Bruno Brogli Docg 2019*

Intense velvety, perfumed with citrine, peach hints and hazelnut. Material and deep. Always one of the most elegant sip of the denomination.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

### *Bergaglio Nicola - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Minaia Docg 2019*

Round, concentrated in the pulp, freshness enlivened by more vegetable and herbaceous parts. The ability to last over time is its greatest virtue.

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

### *Cantine dei Produttori del Gavi - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Maddalena 2019*

A nice surprise, all the wines produced this year are emotional. Full bodied, racy, hints of ginger



melted with salty butter.

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

### *Morgassi Superiore - Gavi del Comune di Gavi il Tuffo 2019*

Balance, salty, softness in the centre of the mouth. It is always harmonious, with a long sip. A confirm of the denomination.

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

### *La Giustiniana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg Montessoro 2019*

Powerful, wide, structured but slender and projected to the future with a harmonic and persistent density.

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

### *La Mesma - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Etichetta Gialla 2019*

Tropical fruits, elegant and well balanced in its body, its always a nice daily sip, savory and fresh.

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

### *Castellari Bergaglio - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Fornaci 2019*

A massive presence of drier fruits, nuts, hide a powerful nose and palate drawn by a large and salty texture and freshness.

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

### *La Chiara - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019*

The intense bouquet drives you in a garden, helping to breath a rainbow of white dry flowers and mountain herbs. The minerality and the sulfur hints reminds a young riesling.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

### *Cinzia Bergaglio - Gavi del Comune di Tassarolo Docg La Fornace 2019*

Sweet, soft, rich in the palate for its mellow body

embraced by a lovely citrus after taste able to refresh the sip.

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

### *Magda Pedrimi - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2018*

A wonderful nose, open and kissed by ripe citrus; the sip is totally involved by a roundness creamy but sharp thank a nice acidity.

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

### *La Smilla - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019*

Full-bodied at the palate in contrast with white flowers with fresh apple juice. Acacia plant, almonds then for a fall in love with a salty and airy end.

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

### *La Caplana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019*

A true example of mineral and tropical electric and awesome balance among hints of salty and zesty feeling abilities in the after taste.

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

### *Marchese Luca Spinola - Gavi del Comune di Gavi 2019*

Clear, ripe, the floral bouquet is totally melted with those flavors gives by the yellow juices and an expansive texture.

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

### *Tenuta Raggio - Gavi Docg 2019*

Powerful at the nose rich of herbal hints, peach and almonds. Simple and plenty of saltiness in the after taste.

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

### *La Zerba - Gavi del comune di Tassarolo Primin Docg 2017*

Ideal for special fish pairing, there is a right complexity and roundness well balanced from the acidity.

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

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# DEDITUS

The voice of 9 of the biggest farmers of Barolo region



**This smart association recently has shown the harvest 2020 in the Langhe region behind the problems concerning the crisis due to coronavirus around the globe.**

DEDITUS, held by Gianni Gagliardi, is thrilled to share the proper ideas about the impact of the Covid-19 in the economy besides the future of the tourism in Piedmont, the new technologies in the farm, the economic contributions and the online wine sales.

Before to show the features of harvest 2020, the wineries confided they have received great feedback from the North Europe markets and other beside the continent. Indeed, this year were supposed to be one of the best, due to the launch of the vintage 2016 of Barolo. Luckily, Nebbiolo is one of the best grapes able to ageing very well so, since the fabulous results reach in the winter, the Barolo market has decelerated; to sum up, the denomination has held up notwithstanding the period.

## DEDITUS

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Emanuele Baldi, the marketing director of Prunotto says "Barbera and Dolcetto have suffered more" but other wineries have been performing very well since the begin of the year likewise Poderi Luigi Einaudi. In reverse, Pio Boffa owner of Pio Cesare winery shouts and asks how will be the harvest in 2021: "It is the results of what the market is living nowadays. There will be space in the cellar?".

Next year we will see the release of 2017, at that time will be necessary to see what would be the interest of the critics about it and the impact on the market. Here because we must think about what could be the best promotion of Barolo even in the Langhe region. "All the wine strategy must be reinvented" - said Emanuele Baldi.

**In this particular year, wine strategy must be reinvented.**

Talking about the harvest 2020 in Langhe, for Nebbiolo grapes has been a fabulous year, unexpectedly beautiful and rich harvest arrived.

Luigi Scavino's point of view of the Azelia company puts all the partners in agreement: "the cool nights recorded from late July to mid-August, and the temperature variations, favoured the Nebbiolo that we found with exceptional aromas. We dared to wait before harvesting despite some hesitation and fear due to the September rainfall. The harvest ended in mid-October with a complete phenolic ripeness, healthy grapes with good acidity and rather high sugar

content. We are satisfied despite the difficulty, due to the covid, in finding the manpower."

Luca Sandrone, on the other hand, underlined the importance of being a group of families of such size as to guarantee the control of the entire production process and as regards the harvest that has just ended, he states: "It was an early and fluctuating year but Nebbiolo once again has answered very well, confirming why it is perfectly acclimatized in the Langhe. The blow of the tail in those cooler nights when we saw the first snowfalls in the Alps gave us a rich harvest, in

quantity and quality. But also richness in colors and polyphenol content."

Emanuele Baldi also confirms the beauty of the grapes harvested, which has avoided not only any fermentation problems and returned "a perfume that can be felt in very few years. We are at the mercy of nature which, this year, has been generous with the grapes."

**Deditus wineries are: a Azelia, Cordero di Montezemolo, Michele Chiarlo, Pio Cesare, Poderi Gianni Gagliardi, Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Prunotto, Sandrone Luciano e Vietti.**



### ABOUT ERIKA MANTOVAN

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# WHAT DOES WINE.

## **Stephen Carrier** winemaker of Château Fieuzal (Pessac-Léognan)

Wine is all about sharing with friends or guests, people you want to make happy - That's my ultimate goal.

"Wines is like art as for me every bottle has its own character according to when and with whom you drink it."

Daily wine work is an intense and fantastic job starting from vine pruning and finishing with bottling. It is a long process to achieve a blend of many blocks from your vineyard where you have spent as much time as you have. Because I consider winemakers to have - strong vineyard skills as I need great fruits to make great wine. No argument there.

My first experience with wine is when I went down into my grand father's Champagne cellar where he makes red wine (coteau champenois). I was so young that I mixed it with lemonade to enjoy it! I like to say that winemaking for me is like having a new kid every year as every vintage is unique and you have to consider the qualities of each one as unique even after almost 30 harvests. I hope to keep this enthusiasm as long as I can as it makes my life - a dream.



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## **Mr. Giuseppe Pagano** owner of Azienda Agricola San Salvatore 1988 (Paestum, Cilento, Italy)

Wine is the past for me. A memory that begins in the mid-40s in Boscoreale, on the slopes of Vesuvius, where my father produced wine and where I was already stirring the must in vats before running to school at the age of 8. Looking back means giving value to distributed knowledge, to that collective agricultural memory that finds its strength in the organic interaction between people their physical environment and biological environment. In areas never touched by intensive cultivation, we do not cultivate the land; we take care of it, supporting its vocations, its traditions, its history.

"Wine is also the present for me. The actions we carry out every day, in the vineyard and in everything we do, testifies to this. With ethics and respect, an entire territory is enhanced."

Day by day we study the production processes integrating them with the characteristics of terroir and this allows us to give value to a unique microclimate. Our wines are ambassadors of Cilento in the world with great pride on my part. A journey that starts from the sea of Paestum, continues on the hills of Giungano, up to the mountains of Stio. Wine is the future for me. San Salvatore 1988 is an open-air laboratory, an agricultural development project in which we value conscious and eco-sustainable production: But most of all it is a positive idea capable of building a new vision of tomorrow.

# MEAN TO YOU ?



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## Gabriel de Vaucelles

director and co-owner of Château Filhot (Sauternes)

As a producer of Sauternes, I'm used to presenting about 20 different vintages to amateurs or professionals.

"When I was younger, all the vintages of the 80s and 90s highlighted the work of my father and the evolution of his vineyard, the technical choices and weather conditions. Wine was a second emotional memory of our family history."

Even if a first aspect of this tasting could be the pleasure of the senses and the pleasure of sharing brought by wine, I can also easily consider my wine as a second emotional memory. Now that I'm more experienced, these last 20 vintages after 2000 remind me of my own work and decisions. Since I'm personally involved, wine became a second emotional memory of my own life.

## Carlos Neves

Winemaker at Christie's Douro & Port wines (Portugal)

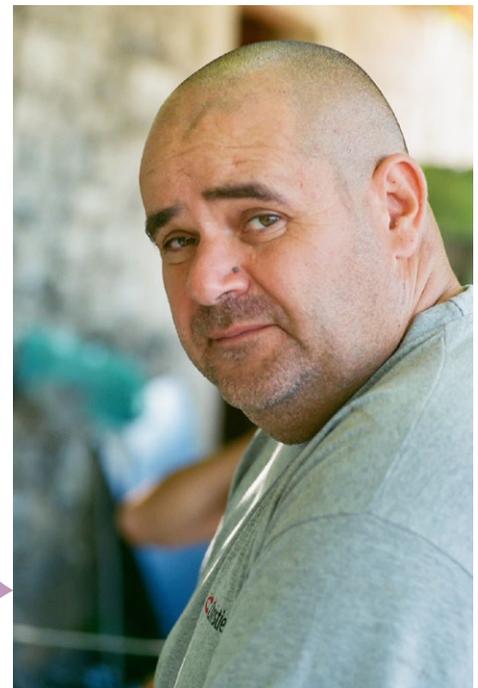
Questioned as to what wine means to me the first thing that goes through my mind is, still as a kid, the smell of a Port ageing cellar, where my family kept some century old wines, generation after generation.

"Wine is sensation, friendship, work, creativity, modesty, satisfaction, nature, family. Wine is like a kid growing up to whom you have to give the correct "education". Wine is part of my life !

Later on, the first time I started actually tasting what I was drinking and discovering different aromas that emerge from each variety, I was surprised by the evolution of the wines has with the passing of the years and the immense pleasure you can discover in opening a bottle to celebrate the perfect meal with family and friends.

Professionally I always say I have the best job in the world, everyday learning something new, the excitement of new wines being prepared and bottled, most of them loved and cherished like my own sons, trying to create wines people will remember and love aiming to reach perfection.

At Quinta Dona Mafalda I was encouraged to think outside the box, producing grapes in a sustainable manor and design the wines with minimal intervention, safeguarding the natural richness of the fruit.



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# X-MAS

## selection

### Château d'Aiguilhe 2018 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17**  
94-100

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers fleshiness, a certain aromatic purity, a very fine richness, a very beautiful quality of the fruit as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of bright cassis, bright black plum and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of cornflowers, small blue fruits as well as fine hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality, juiciness, a beautiful gourmandize, a great definition of the fruit as well as suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blueberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a touch of bright blue plum, very fine hints of liquorice, lilac, racy minerality, a subtle hint of tobacco leaves as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and caramelization (in the background). Tannins are very slightly firm. A beautiful wine! One of the greatest vintages for Château d'Aiguilhe.  
Price: €€



### Château Couhins 2018 Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.5**  
93-100

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely tight and offers minerality. It reveals notes of juicy peach, fleshy/juicy apple, small notes of juicy peach, fleshy/juicy apple, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of juicy lychee, juicy pear as well as a very discreet hint of lemon flowers and passion fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, tension, roundness as well as a small aerial side, a fine unctuousness, generosity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, crushed nectarine, small notes of fleshy/juicy pear associated with touches of lemon, zests, very fine hints of juicy kumquat, passion fruit as well as a very discreet hint of zests (in the background). An imperceptible hint of toasted in the finish/persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17.5**  
95-100

### Domaine Raoul Gautherin & Fils Les Clos 2018 Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power. It reveals notes of quince, zests, small notes of lemon flowers, apple flowers, yellow apple associated with small touches of small wild fruits as well as hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a beautiful structure, richness as well as precision, suavity and a beautiful silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy quince, yellow apple, small notes of Mirabelle associated with small touches of William pear, a racy minerality as well as fine hints of almond, an imperceptible hint of apple flowers and sense of the place. Good length. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17.25**  
94-95-100

### Y d'Yquem 2019 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, precision and a fine carved side. It reveals notes of fresh/fleshy peach, lemon, small notes of a subtle hint of acacia flowers and an imperceptible hint of dry almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine crunchy/fleshy side, a very fine fat, a very discreet concentration as well as sapidity, precision/finesse, a good freshness, a fine gravity minerality (in the background) and a fine salinity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crunchy pear, crunchy apple, small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of juicy white grape, juicy lemon as well as a very discreet hint of quenette, an imperceptible hint of lemon flowers, vanilla and a very discreet hint of acacia flowers (in the background). Good length. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€€

### Champagne Dauby Mère & filles Blanc de Blancs – Brut

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

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-built and offers creaminess. It reveals notes of ripe apple and small notes of lime associated with fine touches of zests, hints of pineapple as well as discreet hints of quenette and white flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, fleshy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful gourmandize as well as delicacy. The effervescence is very fine, elegant and well-built. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe green apple and small notes of crunchy/juicy green peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits (in the background). (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€



### Château de Beaulieu 2011 Côtes du Marmandais

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**15.5+**  
91-100

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a juicy/bright fruit and a fine salinity. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, crushed black plum, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, smoke, pepper, very fine hints of nutmeg and salinity. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a fine gourmandize, a fine tension as well as a very fine straightness, a pulpy/bright/juicy fruit and a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, pulpy wild cassis, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of dry plum, blueberry, pepper as well as fine hints of smoke, a discreet hint of dry copse and salinity. Very discreet hints of caramelization and toasted almond on the finish/persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €



# X-MAS

## selection

### Mouriesse Vinum Pierre d'Ambre 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is elegant, racy and offers concentration, a fine intensity as well as a fine complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy Mirabelle, small notes of kumquat associated with touches of dry lemon, William pear as well as honeysuckle, fresh local copse, laurel, very discreet hints of exotic fruits, spices, an imperceptible hint of bee wax and pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, gourmand and offers a beautiful pulpy/juicy fruit, finely acidulous, a good aromatic purity, a small fat, a fine freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as finesse of grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy Mirabelle plum, quince, small notes of apple associated with touches of kumquat, crushed apricot as well as hints of dried citrus, fresh local copse and a subtle hint of fresh thyme/saffron. Good length and persistence. Very fine toasted and bee wax hints, sweet spices, bee wax/brioche, discreet toasted hazelnut/chestnut hints on the finish/persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€



Vertde Vin  
Score  
17.25  
94-95/100

### Joanin Bécot 2018 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fresh and offers a small intensity, complexity and gourmandize. It reveals notes of violet, lily, fresh cassis, small notes of iris associated with small touches of small crunchy red berries associated with a discreet hint of sense of the place, vanilla and sweet spices. The palate is racy, harmonious and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, precision as well as juiciness, a beautiful bright/fresh/juicy fruit, tension as well as a beautiful suavity, silkiness, gourmandize and a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/Crunchy blackberry, fleshy/ripe cassis, small notes of violet, iris, lilac associated with touches of raspberry/crunchy/fresh red berries, fleshy/pulpy blueberry as well as hints of liquorice, toasted, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Very discreet hints of toasted almond and salinity in the finish/persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €



Vertde Vin  
Score  
17  
94-100



Vertde Vin  
Score  
17  
94-100

### El Ixsir 2014 Liban

(Red Cuvée : Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)  
The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers intensity (full of finesse) as well as a well-balanced concentration. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, crushed strawberry, small notes of pulpy wild blueberry associated with touches of almond, toasted hazelnut, violet as well as fine hints of hot black olive, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of oriental spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, a beautiful definition, finesse of the grain, juiciness as well as construction and a very fine freshness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blueberry, fleshy/crunchy strawberry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of small crushed red berries, violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of thyme flowers, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices and toasted. Tannins are fine, elegant and gourmand. A very fine chew as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate and olive tree (in the background) on the persistence. A beautiful wine! (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€



Vertde Vin  
Score  
17  
94-100

### Annonce de Bélair 2015 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness, a fine grain, a small freshness as well as gourmandize and a small complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed cassis, small notes of crushed plum associated with a touch of small pulpy red berries as well as very fine hints of violet, lily and subtle hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful gourmandize, a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as a small tension, finesse of the grain and an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, creamy blackberry, small notes of acidulous wild raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry as well as hints of chocolate, green cardamom, a subtle hint of lily, cornflower, fine hints of sweet spices, a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of clove. Good length. Very discreet hints of roasted hazelnut, cocoa, sapidity and appetite in the finish/persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€

### L'extravagant de Doisy-Daëne 2016 Barsac

The nose is elegant, racy, beautifully built and offers a carved side and deepness. It reveals notes of peach flower, verbena, lychee, small notes of kumquat associated with touches of zests, a discreet hint of fresh pineapple, almond, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful definition as well as precision, tension and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, zests, small notes of verbena, lemon flowers associated with fine touches of lime, crunchy peach as well as very fine hints of lychee, a subtle hint of roasted pineapple, almond and a very discreet hint of spices. Good length. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€€



Vertde Vin  
Score  
18  
96/100

### Cantina Gorgo Custoza Superiore 2018 Biologico D.O.C. Summa

From the best and eventually the peak alike its name suggest, "Summa" means for the winery, the synthesis. It is a great and peaceful blend of Garganega (40%), Bianca Fernanda (30%), Riesling and others indigenous varieties; the sip is generous, rich of ripe tropical and Mediterranean fruits well balanced by florals one like rose and jasmine. Huge, round and soft, perfect with the first dish. (E.M.)  
Price: €



Vertde Vin  
Score  
14.75+  
89-100

# X-MAS

## selection

### Domaine L'Abbé Dîne 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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

The nose is elegant, beautifully built, finely tight and offers power (full of delicacy), intensity, complexity and a small deepness. It reveals notes of small crunchy/juicy berries, wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue fruits, lilac, crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of garrigue, mild tobacco, a subtle hint of saffron and cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a small aerial side, a very fine creaminess as well as a fine straightness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed strawberry, crushed raspberry, small candied blue fruits as well as fine hints of lilac, black olive, toasted, caramelized oak, a subtle hint of saffron (in the background) and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are elegant and racy. A subtle hint of vanilla, toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of bitterness on the persistence. (J.C.C.)

Price: €€



### Domaine de la Mordoré La reine des bois 2018 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17.25**  
94-95/100

The nose is beautiful built, intense, powerful (full of elegance) and offers subtlety, small concentration (full of control), deepness and complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries, small notes of local cope (sense of the place), cuben pepper associated with touches of crushed/candied raspberry, crushed violet plum as well as hints of liquorice stick, violet, black tea, a subtle hint of cardamom, a very discreet hint of black olive, pink laurel and an imperceptible hint of saffron. The palate is elegant, racy, full of balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/ripe/pulpy fruit, concentration, deepness, a beautiful definition, a purity aromatic, a fine acidulous frame, freshness as well as a fine tension, a beautiful finesse of the structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright Boysen berry, small notes of small wild black berries associated with small touches of bright raspberry, pulpy red cherry, violet as well as fine touches of pink laurel, fine hints of black tea, liquorice stick, fresh mild tobacco and discreet hints of black olive/garrigue (in the background). A beautiful wine. (J.C.C.)

Price: €€€



Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16**  
92/100

### Torre San Martino Vigna 1922, annata 2017

#### Romagna Sangiovese Modigliana

A nice and young project in Modigliana able to take its place briefly. This red from an ancient vine plays always with the fruits, gorgeous and crispy, the tannins pushing up the acidity and a soft salty body pattern. All way long is balanced and enjoyable. (E.M.)

Price: €€



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

### Lucien Muzard & Fils Les Meix Chavaux 2018 Meursault

The nose is elegant, intense, beautifully racy, small notes of zests associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a fine tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, kumquat, small notes of zests associated with touches of small crunchy wild yellow fruits as well as fine hints of spices, an imperceptible hint of honeysuckle and rose/pink lychee. Good length. A beautiful persistence, a very fine power on the finish. (J.C.C.)

Price: €€

### Monchiero Carbone Cecu D'la Biunda - 2019 Roero Arneis

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**16.5**  
93/100

One the best performer in the sandy soil of Roero, on the left side of Tanaro river, in Langhe. Minerals always in evidence, over an involving powerful palate opens a romantic evolution of the fruit with peculiar notes of almonds and vanilla. Be patient and open a bottle within ten years. You will enjoy it, even more than now. (E.M.)

Price: €



### Champagne J. De Telmont Grand Couronnement 2006 Blanc de Blancs – Brut

Vertde  
Vin  
Score  
**17.25**  
94-95/100

The nose is fruity and offers a ripe/fresh fruit as well as a very discreet concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy yellow apple, pear, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of zest, a fine hint of kumquat and very discreet hints of butter/beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a little sweetness, fatness, roundness and a certain dynamism. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow apple, small notes of crushed yellow plum associated with a fine touch of mandarine marmalade, lemon as well as very discreet hints of bee wax and toasted. A well-conducted effervescence. Good length. (J.C.C.)

Price: €€€€€



# X-MAS

## selection

### Peyre – La Gazette 2018 Ventoux

(Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre) The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a fine intensity, a small aromatic power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy wild blackberry, purple plum and small notes of dry local grove, pepper associated with fine touches of fleshy raspberry, cherry as well as hints of olive, black olive, nutmeg and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a small minerality, a beautiful definition, a bright / juicy / fresh fruit (retains the crunchiness) as well as a fine complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small bright red berries, cassis and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with touches of cassis leaf, dry local grove, fresh rosemary as well as hints of cherry blossoms, crushed raspberry, discreet hints of olive tree, an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate and bitterness as well as an imperceptible hint of thyme on the persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€

Vertde Vin  
Score  
**16.25**  
92-93/100



### Paul Giraud - Millésime 1999 Cognac Grande Champagne, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a beautiful nese as well as power. It reveals notes of dried orange zest, mandarin flowers, dried lemon zest and small notes of dry green apple associated with discreet hints of rancio, cigar as well as a hint of white pepper, peach blossom and saffron. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, suavity as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currants, crystallized mandarin orange and small notes of dried orange zest, dried lemon associated with slight hints of flowers as well as very slight hints of coffee and grilled oak. Very beautiful persistence. There are very discreet hints of pâtisseries and toasted almond on the finish. A very beautiful Cognac! (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€

Vertde Vin  
Score  
**18.25**  
96-97/100



Vertde Vin  
Score  
**17.5**  
95/100

### Château de Lacquy, Baco 100% 2007, Brut de fût Bas-Armagnac

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small intensity as well as gourmandize and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarine, candied orange, small notes of crème brûlée associated with small touches of dry lemon zests, apple flowers as well as discreet hints of dry wheat, cedar, nutmeg and a discreet hint of rose/dry oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small suavity, a beautiful definition, a finesse of the grain as well as a good structure, a very fine freshness, gourmandize. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy/fleshy apple, juicy lychee, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of crystallized quince, quenette, candied vine peach as well as fine hints of dry oak. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€



Vertde Vin  
Score  
**18**  
96/100

### The Debate - Cabernet- franc 2017, Stagecoach vineyard

Napa valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild cassis and small notes of violet, fresh blueberry as well as very discreet hints of mild tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful juicy frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, blackberry and small notes of rip raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry as well as a subtle hint of fresh cornflower, arbutus fruit and caramelization. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built. Good length and persistence. (J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€€

### Kijoshu, vieilli 2 mois en fût de Cognac - 2020 Saké au riz de Camargue (IGP)

This saké has got a gold color, it is not filtered so it can have a little deposit. The nose is powerful with some roasted rice and peanut notes. But also candied fruits like orange and kaki. Honey appears little by little with aeration. The mouth has a velvet texture. We have an interesting mix of sweetness, umami and saltiness. The attack is slightly toasted like waffle and then fruits are coming like raisin, fig, kaki. The finish is quite long with honey and a spirit-like touch. It an unconventional saké which is complex and which can be fun to pair with food. (C.C.C.)  
Price: €

Vertde Vin  
Score  
**16.5**  
93/100



### Joseph Mellot L'Original 2016 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, gourmand, precise and well-built. It reveals notes of quince, lemon, green peach associated with touches of pink lychee, apricot, mandarine zests, silex as well as discreet hints of lime. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince, small notes of crunchy vine peach, apricot associated with touches of pink lychee, lemon flowers/jasmine as well as hints of crunchy pear, passion fruit and mandarine. Good length.(J.C.C.)  
Price: €€€€€

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Score  
**17.25**  
94-95/100



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## Château de Chénas - Cœur de Granit 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, racy, well-defined and offers a quite precise fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy violet plum, juicy blackberry, small notes of juicy blueberry associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of spices, vanilla and a discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, precise/squared, very discreet tight, well-built, racy and offers a small racy minerality (granit). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of small crunchy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of juicy/fresh/ripe cherry as well as fine hints of racy minerality, violet and very fine hints of chocolate/toasted. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A beautiful wine on the fruit.

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

## Château du Moulin à Vent - Champ de Cour 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, aromatic and beautifully built. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of chocolate associated with touches of fleshy/pulpy violet plum, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of rose, cornflower, liquorice and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers a beautiful definition, precision, juiciness as well as minerality, a beautiful construction, a beautiful precise/finely unctuous matter and a bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of bright/juicy Quetsche plum, lilac, crushed raspberry as well as hints of vanilla, toasted, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of salinity (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built, racy and fine. A beautiful ageing potential.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Cave du Château de Chénas Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers concentration, power as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of violet plum, cassis cream, crushed strawberry, small notes of liquorice associated with fine touches of violet, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a racy minerality, a well-defined fruit as well as a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy violet plum, cassis cream, small notes of acidulous Boysen berry associated with small touches of strawberry, acidulous cherry as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, spices, a very discreet hint of hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Gourmandize in the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Bourdon 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration/intensity. It reveals notes of small ripe wild blue berries, fleshy/ripe bigarreau cherry, small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with small touches of small black fruits, cornflower, a racy minerality (terroir). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, a small gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small blue berries, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry blossom, pulpy bigarreau cherry as well as a hint of small wild berries, laurel, sense of the place and an imperceptible hint of liquorice (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very fine straightness on the finish. An imperceptible hint of chocolate in the persistence.

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

## Couvent des Thorins 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, structured and offers concentration, a very fine richness and gourmandize. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of black cherry, wild blackberry, small notes of small crunchy blue berries associated with touches of granite, spices, pepper as well as a very discreet hint of sense of the place and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a focus on the fruit, a juicy/fresh fruit and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild blue berries, small wild red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, sense of the place and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Labruyère – Le Carquelin 2018, sélection parcellaire

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine complexity, a good definition. It reveals notes of cherry, rose, spices, small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with blackberry, fresh violet as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and toasted. The palate is fruity, racy, slightly tight and offers a small tension, an acidulous frame, freshness as well as juiciness, a certain aromatic purity and a good precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy/Acidulous cherry and small notes of small juicy/pulpy red berries associated with touches of violet, rose, toasted/chocolate as well as subtle hints of toasted hazelnut, sugared mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). A finely powdered finish. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, definition as well as a certain power, harmony and a fine melodious side. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, violet, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of pink laurel, incense, small berries as well as fine hints of spices, green cardamom, cinnamon, a subtle hint of timut pepper/mandarine zests. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully defined, beautifully precise, beautifully balanced and offers a certain power (full of control), an aerial side and a discreet unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy bigarreau cherry, acidulous raspberry, small notes of juicy cassis associated with a touch of juicy/acidulous blue plum, lilac, lily as well as very fine hints of cinnamon, sweet spices, discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization.

Tannins are elegant, fine, racy and very discreetly firm. Good length. A subtle chew on the finish. A wine full of finesse, justness and balance.

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

## Château du Chatelard - Cuvée Terre de Lumière 2017

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers intensity, concentration as well as a fine richness. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, bigarreau cherry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, pepper, violet as well as hints of redcurrant jam, very fine hints of cardamom and an imperceptible saline hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, very discreetly tight and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, a small concentration, a very fine freshness and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe bigarreau cherry, small ripe/juicy black fruits, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of laurel berries, liquorice, chocolate, a very discreet hint of vanilla and granit. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Bourdon 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers power, richness/complexity as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, fleshy blueberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of vanilla, violet, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of fleshy cherry, cherry blossom, chocolate, sense of the place/dry local vegetation, dry almond, pepper and an imperceptible saline hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced, mineral, finely tight and offers juiciness as well as a very fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild blackberry, ripe bigarreau cherry, small notes dry violet associated with small touches of cassis, liquorice, small dry blue fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, white pepper, an imperceptible hint of granit and laurel berries. Salinity on the finish. A wine to keep with a beautiful potential.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with fine touches of strawberry, violet/cornflower as well as very fine hints of liquorice, laurel berries, sense of the place (terroir, granit), very discreet hints of toasted hazelnut and timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, minerality, a small gourmandize, a fine concentration and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy black-



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berry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of lily/fresh cornflower, sense of the place/laurel berries and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. A fine salinity in the finish/persistence. A very discreet hint of hazelnut/toasted almond and vanilla on the persistence.

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

## Jean-Etienne Chermette - Rochegrès 2019

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is finely on the hold and offers an aromatic purity, freshness. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, small pulpy black fruits, small notes of violet, rose associated with touches of liquorice, violet plum as well as a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a fine straightness as well as juiciness, a small fleshiness, a fine acidulous frame, volume and a beautiful fleshy/juicy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright plum, small notes of redcurrant associated with touches of violet, iris, lily as well as fine hints of liquorice, a racy minerality and a very fine hint of fresh mild tobacco. Good length.

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

## Maison Jambon, Domaine des Maisons Neuves - Les Bois Combes 2018

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, a fine richness, gourmandize as well as a certain pulpiness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy raspberry, small notes of pulpy plum associated with touches of fresh lilac, fresh cornflower as well as hints of vanilla and a discreet hint of hazelnut. The palate is fresh, juicy, well-balanced, slightly on the hold and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a certain gourmandize and a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy cherry, small notes of redcurrant associated with touches of fresh lily, fresh cornflower as well as hints of pink laurel, crushed plum as well as fine hints of vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are finely marked. This wine needs time.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Domaine Labruyère - Champ de Cour 2018, sélection parcellaire

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is racy, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, violet, small notes of rose associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, crushed blackberry as well as very fine hints of liquorice, tobacco leaf and very discreet hints of camphor, grey pepper and granit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, all in length and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension, suavity as well as a beautiful definition, finesse of the suavity, a beautiful silky touch, a very fine unctuousity and delicacy (despite structure/power). On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysen berry, juicy/ripe cherry, small notes of violet, rose, pink laurel associated with touches of raspberry, small acidulous berries as well as fine hints of dry mild tobacco, nutmeg, granit and very fine hints of dry leaf. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence/aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Bertrand - Les Petits Bois 2018

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is racy, fruity and offers a fine/finely tight grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small fleshy black fruits, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with touches of redcurrant/crushed raspberry as well as very fine hints of violet, pink laurel, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine fleshiness as well as a beautiful fleshy/juicy/pulpy fruit, a fine straightness, a certain complexity, precision, a fine grain, a beautiful finesse of the suavity, a beautiful finely unctuous matter and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, violet plum, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of cornflower, lilac as well as fine hints of racy minerality, sense of the place, a very discreet hint of vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Bonnet – Vieilles Vignes 2018

### Moulin-à-Vent

This wine is racy and offers a fine complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of small black fruits, cornflower, lily, small notes of violet plum associa-

ted with touches of crushed cherry, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of rose, fresh liquorice stick and a very discreet varietal hint (positive). The palate is delicate, silky, fresh, finely tight/on the hold and offers a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the tension, a certain structure as well as delicacy and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy questch plum, rose, violet, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of small bright red berries, bright cherry as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, dry local cope/sense of the place. Tannins are well-built. A delicate wine, a bright and gourmand fruit.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Mee Godard – Au Michelin 2019

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, a beautiful fruit and precision. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, raspberry, small notes of juicy plum associated with touches of small red berries, cherry blossom as well as fine hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition of the fruit/purity of the fruit, elegance as well as precision and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, acidulous red berries, small notes of acidulous violet plum associated with touches of crunchy blackberry as well as fine flowery hints, liquorice, very discreet hints of green cardamom and an imperceptible hint of verbena/tea (in the background). Good length. Tannins are fine and precise. A beautiful wine full of delicacy.

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

## Piron & Lameloise 2019

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers a small power, a fine freshness and fruitiness. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe cherry, plum, small notes of small pulpy blue fruits associated with touches of violet, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of lilac, liquorice, a racy minerality/granit and very discreet hints of green cardamom/Sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as tension, a certain straightness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/crushed redcurrant, small notes of juicy/acidulous violet plum associated with touches of blackberry as well as hints of lilac, fresh violet, terroir/granit and very fine hints of sweet spices. A very discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence. A wine which needs time.

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

## Louis Boillot – Vieilles Vignes 2018

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, intensity as well as a certain dynamism. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, ripe red berries, small notes of fresh flowers associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, plum as well as very fine hints of violet, camphor, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful juiciness, gourmandize, a fine unctuousity as well as finesse of the grain, roundness and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, raspberry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, lilac as well as fine hints of chocolate, liquorice stick and discreet hints of vanilla pod. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very finely chewy. A subtle chew on the

finish/persistence. A persistence on notes of hazelnut and vanilla.

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

## Le Nid – Rochegrès 2018

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, elegant, complete, beautifully built and offers a fine power, a finesse of the grain and a small length side. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, fleshy/bright black plum, small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of orange/mandarine, violet and very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, finesse of the grain as well as delicacy, elegance, freshness, gourmandize, complexity and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cherry, raspberry, small notes of acidulous violet plum associated with touches of small fleshy/finely acidulous red berries, violet/lily as well as very fine hints of liquorice, fat, toasted/toasted hazelnut, chocolate and a discreet hint of grey pepper (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A wine full of precision.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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## Louis Boillot – Les Rouchaux 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers a certain power, a fine grain and concentration. It reveals notes of small wild red berries, cherry, small notes of rose associated with touches of racy minerality, a subtle hint of timut pepper and an imperceptible hint of orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, juiciness, tension and verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, juicy cassis, small notes of acidulous plum associated with touches of rose, violet as well as hints of crushed strawberry, chocolate, liquorice stick and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background). Good length. Tannins are very discreetly tight.

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

## Château de Bel Air, La Comtesse Noire 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition of the fruit as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of ripe black cherry, small black berries, small notes of wild blackberry associated with a touch of violet, lily, incense, very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place/dry local forest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, freshness, minerality, a beautiful bright fruit (juicy, fresh, acidulous but ripe), suavity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright violet plum, small notes of crunchy/juicy blackberry associated with touches of juicy/bright red cherry as well as hints of violet, fresh lily, discreet hints of incense and black chocolate.

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

## Pierre-Marie Chermette – Les Trois Roches 2019 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers power (full of finesse), a fine grain, a certain intensity and a certain aerial side. It reveals notes of fresh wild blackberry, lily, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine varietal hints (dry local copse), small crushed blue fruits, very fine hints of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, silky and offers juiciness, a small suavity, a fine grain as well as a fine gourmandize and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of cherry as well as hints of liquorice, fresh cornflower, lily, a very discreet hint of cuben pepper, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of dry local copse. Tannins are well-built and silky.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Le Nid – Tradition 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers generosity (full of finesse and control) and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of candied redcurrant, bigarreau cherry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of liquorice stick, acidulous cassis candy as well as fine hints of cuben pepper, tea, a very discreet hint of orange and sense of the place. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful roundness/suavity, gourmandize as well as tension and a good finesse of the structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/candied cherry, candied redcurrant, small notes of acidulous/fleshy plum associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of violet, brioche, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise and elegant. A very discreet chew on the persistence with notes of dark chocolate and black tea. A wine full of length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Maison Jambon - Les Bois Combes 2019 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers generosity/gourmandize, a small freshness, a certain power (in the background) and a fine grain. It reveals notes of pulpy/bright bigarreau cherry, pulpy blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of crushed cassis as well as fine hints of violet, liquorice, chocolate, a very discreet hint of nutmeg and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, tension (in finesse) as well as a fine suavity and a beautiful bright/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of cherry, raspberry as well as a hint of fresh violet, chocolate and toasted. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Albert Bichot, Domaine de Rochegrès 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, precise, finely on the hold and offers generosity, a certain tension (but full of finesse and on the hold) and a small intensity. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, bright cassis, fleshy/ripe bigarreau cherry associated with touches of violet, cornflower, lily as well as fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of timut pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, finely tight and offers fleshiness, creaminess, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of creamy strawberry associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, chocolate, vanilla and fine hints of toasted. Tannins are well-built, racy and offers a beautiful grain.

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

## Château Bonnet – Vin de Garde 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant and offers freshness, a certain intensity, a fine grain and complexity. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, small wild fruits, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of lily, pink laurel flowers, dry local copse as well as a fine hint of violet and cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as precision, a certain gourmandize and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small acidulous/bright red berries associated with touches of small wild fruits, sense of the place/dry local copse, violet as well as a discreet hint of grey pepper. Good length. Tannins are structuring. Acidulous side on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine du Clos du Fief – Les Deschanes 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed plum, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of lily, lilac, small notes of cherry blossom, cuben pepper as well as fine touches of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully defined and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as delicacy, richness (in subtlety) and a beautiful finesse of the roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, pulpy violet plum, small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of lilac, fresh violet, small red berries as well as hints of chocolate, bourbon vanilla, green cardamom and an imperceptible hint of black tea (in the background). Good length. A beautiful wine full of control and gourmandize.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château de Bel-Air – Les Bois Maréchaux 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, a very fine intensity as well as a fine melodious side. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of bright Boyesen berry, small bright blue fruits, bigarreau cherry associated with touches of violet plum, liquorice as well as fine hints of pink laurel, a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of timut pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a fine fleshiness, a fine firmness as well as gourmandize, tension, dynamism and a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy violet plum as well as a hint of crushed cherry, chocolate, caramelization and a discreet hint of vanilla pod. Tannins are precise.

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

## Domaine Bertrand – Infini 2018 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fresh, tight and offers crunchiness, precision and power. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, small crunchy red berries, small notes of rose associated with touches of fresh violet as well as fine hints of fresh iris, crunchy cherry, discreet varietal hints and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, slightly tight and offers an acidulous frame, straightness, a beautiful tension, a fine juiciness/pulpiness as well as crunchiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry, juicy raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of small creamy red berries, rose, fresh lily as well as very fine hints of liquorice/toasted. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

# Beaujolais

## Albert Bichot, Domaine de Rochegrès Rochegrès 2018

Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, beautifully built and offers richness (in finesse) as well as elegance. It reveals notes of creamy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of pulpy/juicy strawberry associated with touches of violet, nutmeg as well as very fine hints of crushed redcurrant, terroir/dry local copse, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of timut pepper. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, gourmandize, tension as well as a beautiful juiciness/freshness, an acidulous frame, a very beautiful balance and an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright blackberry, bright cassis, small notes violet associated with touches of juicy/fresh redcurrant, nutmeg, iris as well as fine hints of racy minerality, acidulous/juicy plum, sweet spices, toasted, a very discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of dry local copse.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine du Penlois, Maxence et Sebastien Besson Sous l'aile du Moulin 2018

Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, violet, small notes of crunchy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of small fleshy berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, cherry blossom, very fine hints of spices, laurel berries, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as precision, a fine fat and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy black cherry, small black berries, small notes of crunchy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of small fleshy/juicy red berries as well as hints of violet, cherry blossom, a racy minerality, very fine hints of sense of the place/laurel berries and very discreet hints of chocolate (in the background).

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

# Jura

## Domaine Grand - En Beaumont 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of juicy yellow nectarine, quince and small notes of pear associated with touches of fresh hazelnut, crushed almond, a slight hint of cooked apple, slight hints of racy minerality, white flowers as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, oriental spices and apple blossoms / verbena. The mouth is mineral, racy, elegant, well-balanced, beautifully conducted and offers a small freshness, harmony, a small melodious side, a slightly acidulous frame, precision, a very fine straightness, finesse as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy nectarine, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of curry associated with touches of dried citrus fruits, small hints of quince, fresh hazelnut, crushed almond as well as slight hints of racy minerality, fresh flowers and a very discreet almost buttery hint (in the background). Good length. Beautiful acidulous persistence. A slight sapidity and salinity on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Baud Génération 9 2013 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity, racy and offers deepness, elegance, a small power, freshness as well as a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy / juicy nectarine associated with small touches of fleshy yellow apple, fine hints of mandarin blossoms, dried zest of mandarin, racy minerality, pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of curry and nutmeg. The palate is elegant, mineral, beautifully defined, slightly silky and offers a small crystalline side, gourmandize, a small suavity, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous lemon, acidulous quince and small notes of fleshy / juicy / acidulous apple associated with small touches of pineapple, racy minerality, with fine hints of tangerine zest, flowers of lemon tree as well as very slight hints of fresh hazelnut, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of fresh straw / hay on the finish. Gourmandize on the finish. A fine sapidity on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

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# Jura

## Maison du Vigneron 2013 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, dried lemon and small notes of dry straw associated with fine touches of baked apple / old cider as well as a discreet hint of dried small fruits. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension, a fine straightness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, dried small yellow fruits and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of dried straw, flowers as well as subtle hints almost tangerine and a very discreet hint of spices. Good length.

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

## Jean-Luc Mouillard 2013 Château-Chalon

The nose is finely tight, racy and offers a small richness, elegance as well as a small density. There are notes of kumquat, mirabelle plum and small notes of dried citrus zest associated with small touches of mesocarp, hints of yellow apple as well as fine hints of dried almond, dried yellow berries and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small fat, a small unctuousity, a certain gourmandize, a small tension, roundness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon, dried citrus zest and small notes of crushed yellow peach associated with a touch of Williams pear, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of pineapple, dried almond, curry and hazelnut. Good length. Beautiful acidulous persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Durand Perron - Vin Jaune 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is precise and offers delicacy as well as intensity (well controlled). It reveals notes of dried kumquat, quince and small notes of orange mesocarp associated with small touches of racy minerality, lychee, dried apple as well as a hint of cider and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers precision, a fine straightness, a small fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh plum, juicy / fresh apple and small notes of juicy quince associated with touches of cider, lemon as well as fine hints of yellow flowers, sweet spices and an imperceptible almost buttery tip (in the background).

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

## Jean-Luc Mouillard 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize, a small sensation of unctuousity as well as harmony. It reveals notes of fleshy pear, lychee and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of dried mandarin, crushed kumquat, very slight hints of vanilla / vanilla flowers as well as a very discreet hint of rose fresh and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, precision, freshness, finesse, justness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous lemon, acidulous green apple and small notes of cider associated with touches of dried lemon, crushed kumquat as well as fine hints of white flowers, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of brioche / butter. Presence of a hint of hazelnut / almond / nougatine on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine de Savagny 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power, a small freshness as well as a fine intensity. There are notes of mirabelle plum, fleshy yellow apple and small notes of crushed yellow peach associated with fine touches of cider, fresh pineapple as well as small hints of lemon blossom, dried fruits, very discreet hints of beeswax, spices and an imperceptible hint of butter brioche. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame, tension, dynamism, a small aerial side as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous lemon, juicy / acidulous yellow peach and small notes of cider associated with small touches of juicy pineapple, racy spices, fine hints of lemon blossom, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of almond and buttered brioche / biscuit. Good length. A fine saline / sapide hint on the finish / persistence.

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

## Jacques Tissot 2012 Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, a fine gourmandize as well as a fine freshness. There are notes of crushed kumquat, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of cooked apple associated with small touches of quince as well as a fine hint of cooked yellow peach and very discreet hints of cider (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small gourmandize, freshness, a very fine richness as well as a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy plum, fleshy / juicy

quince and small notes of juicy mandarin associated with a touch of cooked apple as well as very discreet hints of beeswax, curry and a subtle hint of almond. Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of biscuit (in the background).

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

## Domaine Dugois 2013 Arbois

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a small richness, a certain gourmandize as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy Williams pear, cooked apple and small notes of lychee associated with small touches of lemon, quenette, fine hints of dried mandarin, flowers, toasted as well as a discreet hint of vanilla, fresh hazelnut, green curry and an imperceptible hint of iodine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fruit focused and offers a fresh / juicy frame, gourmandize, a good definition, a fine tension as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy / acidulous Williams pear associated with touches of yellow peach, hints of old cider, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of small yellow flowers, nutmeg, curry and a very discreet hint of brioche. Good length. Good and acidulous persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Rolet Père et Fils 2012 Arbois

The nose is elegant, delicate and offers power (in control), harmony as well as deepness. It reveals notes of quince, fleshy yellow apple and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of white fruits, baked apple, baked yellow grape as well as hints of fresh hazelnut, wildflowers / white flowers, flint and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is elegant, fruity, beautifully built, delicate, racy and offers harmony, a beautiful sense of detail, a small racy minerality, a fine crystalline side, an acidulous frame, a beautifully delicate touch as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous lemon, acidulous kumquat and small notes of dried quince associated with a touch of dried orange, fresh hazelnut, fresh flowers as well as hints of cider, green curry, cardamom and a subtle hint of toasted almond. Nice length and persistence.

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

## Domaine de Savagny 2012 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, gourmandize as well as good definition. There are notes of quince, small fleshy yellow fruits, cider and small notes of spices / dried fruits associated with small touches of dried mandarin as well as a very discreet hint of pineapple and an imperceptible hint of dried lemon. The palate is mineral, well-balanced, fat and offers suavity, silkiness, a small delicacy, freshness, a small aerial side, a very fine straightness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, dried citrus fruits and small notes of dried quince associated with small touches of Williams pear, pineapple, fine hints of lemon blossom as well as a very discreet hint of racy minerality, almond and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries / brioche (in the background). Brings roundness as well as gourmandize). Good length. Good persistence.

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

## Domaine Durand Perron - Vin Jaune 2012 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity, a certain aromatic purity, minerality as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of dried lemon, dried white apple and small notes of wine peach associated with a touch of pineapple, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of white flowers, almond, curry and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries. The palate is mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a fine roundness, a good definition, finesse, freshness as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous quince, dried lemon and small notes of fresh pineapple associated with fine touches of dried green apple, a hint of white flowers, apple blossoms as well as very discreet hints of beeswax and almond. Good length and persistence. Small gourmandize on the finish / persistence.

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

## Marcel Cabelier 2011 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, dried mirabelle plum and small notes of fleshy peach associated with a touch of dried mandarin as well as discreet hints of Timut pepper and yellow flowers / tangerine blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, a small fat, a fine suavity, a certain precision as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, fleshy / juicy yellow peach and small notes of dried apple associated with fine touches of dried mandarin, mesocarp as well as fine hints of beeswax, mirabelle plum and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries (in the background). Good length.

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

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# Côte de Nuits

## Domaine des Beaumont 2017 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a fine richness as well as a fine unctuous sensation. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of bright cherry associated with small touches of bright blueberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice, bourbon vanilla pod, hazelnut, a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the fat, a fine aerial side, deepness as well as a racy minerality, definition and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cassis, bright plum, small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of Boysen berry, cornflower as well as fine hints of lilac, liquorice, tonka bean, a very discreet hint of bourbon vanilla and a subtle hint of grey pepper. Good length. Tannins are elegant and supple. A finely powdered finish. What a delicacy!  
**Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)**

## Domaine Collotte 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, wild strawberry, small notes of rose associated with touches of raspberry, violet, very fine hints of grey pepper, cherry blossom, green cardamom as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality and graphite. The palate is fruity, elegant, elegant and offers a small suavity, a small fat, gourmandize, juiciness as well as a small fleshiness, roundness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of rose, fresh lily, juicy blackberry as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick, sweet spices, a very fine hint of cocoa, cherry blossom, a discreet hint of green cardamom, tea and an imperceptible hint of toasted/caramelization. Tannins are precise and well-built.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Camille Giroud - Les Crais 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful deepness, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a small dense side. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, grilled hazelnut, small notes of grilled bread, nutmeg, a discreet hint of saffron, camphor, a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers sweetness/delicacy, a small suavity, tension, finesse, straightness as well as freshness, a certain complexity and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, violet, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of grilled bread, saffron, hazelnut as well as fine hints of pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate (in the background). Tannins are precise, slightly firm and elegant. Good length.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Domaine Cluny - Champeaux 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers intensity (full of finesse), deepness and a beautiful straightness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, toasted, small notes of coffee, pulpy blueberry associated with touches of cherry, bright violet plum as well as fine hints of rose, violet, black tea, mocha and grey pepper. The palate is fresh, elegant, beautifully built, mineral, racy and offers tension, dynamism as well as deepness and a fine density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh violet plum, small juicy/fresh blue berries, rose, small notes of fresh violet as well as subtle hints of camphor, fresh tobacco leaf, fine hints of fresh nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and fine.  
**Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)**

## Domaine des Beaumont - Les Cherbaudes 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers finesse, a beautiful precision, minerality as well as power (justly fleshy). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of cornflower, liquorice, fleshy blueberry as well as fine hints of dark chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness as well as a small tension, finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition, deepness and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blueberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant associated with small touches of strawberry, liquorice as well as hints of cornflower, lily, chocolate, very fine hints of black tea, dark chocolate/mocha and a discreet hint of toasted almond. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Domaine de Beaumont - Vieilles Vignes 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a small power as well as finesse. It reveals notes of cherry, violet, bright redcurrant associated with small touches of blackberry as well as very fine hints of fresh mild tobacco, laurel berries, very discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, suppleness as well as suavity and silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with touches of cherry, rose as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, almond, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of laurel berries as well as subtle hints of toasted/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

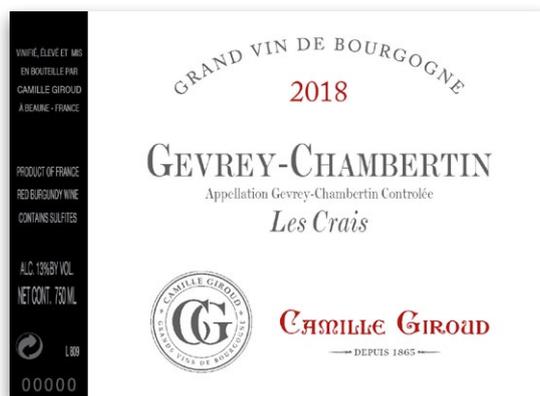
## Domaine de Beaumont -- Aux Combottes 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a small power. It reveals notes of juicy plum, blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches rose, violet, small ripe fruits as well as fine hints of pepper and spices. The palate is elegant, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, harmony, fat, gourmandize as well as a fine aerial side and a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, lily, rose, violet as well as small hints of chocolate, caramelization, a discreet hint of bourbon vanilla pod and a subtle hint of crushed cardamom. Good length. A subtle saline hint, toasted and dark chocolate on the finish.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Château de Laborde - En Derée 2017

### Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, fresh raspberry, small notes of juicy/fresh plum associated with fine touches of rose/fresh flowers as well as fine hints of liquorice, cherry blossom, spices, a very discreet hint of camphor, cardamom, vanilla, an imperceptible hint of pepper and balsamic (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, precision as well as a good structure, a small concentration, a certain straightness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, strawberry, small notes of juicy/fresh plum associated with touches of violet, rose, laurel berries, nutmeg as well as very fine hints of fresh tobacco, graphite and a discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are precise. Good length.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**



# Côte de Nuits

## Château de Laborde - Aux Ételois 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a fine gourmandize as well as a beautiful juicy/fresh/well-built fruit. It reveals notes of juicy strawberry, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of grey pepper, small berries, lily, rose petal, a hint of spices and a very discreet hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful racy minerality, a small gourmandize, a juicy/acidulous frame and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, acidulous/juicy strawberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of rose as well as a hint of acidulous plum, rose wood as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and an imperceptible hint of laurel berries/varietal (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

## Château de Laborde - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small richness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy cherry, small notes of bright raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry as well as hints of small crushed red berries, discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers an aerial side, delicacy, elegance as well as a beautiful definition of the fruit, an acidulous frame, gourmandize, precision and a beautiful fleshy/juicy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry cream, crushed redcurrant, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous blackberry, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, lily and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Goulots 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine deepness, a very beautiful grain as well as freshness. It reveals notes of bright violet plum, bright cherry, small notes of small fleshy blue fruits associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, lily, sweet spices as well as a fine hint of cornflower, vanilla pod and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, supple and offers a fine aerial side, a beautiful harmony, an acidulous frame as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy violet plum, pulpy blackberry, small notes of pulpy strawberry associated with small touches of lily, fleshy cherry, nutmeg as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, sense of the place (terroir), very fine hints of toasted/ripe almond and an imperceptible saline hint (brings sapidity). Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and well-built. A subtle hint of cocoa on the persistence. A beautiful wine full of delicacy, racy and offers a delicious melodious side.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine freshness, a fine intensity, a small power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain and precision. It reveals notes of black plum, bright blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of lily, small bright red berries, liquorice, a discreet hint of rose and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful bright fruit, purity of the fruit, a beautiful guideline, roundness as well as harmony, an aerial side and finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright violet plum, blackberry, small notes of bright black cherry associated with touches of violet, crushed raspberry as well as small hints of lily, nutmeg, hazelnut, toasted, very fine hints of chocolate (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of saffron. Tannins are fine, elegant and delicate.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Lippe Boileau 2019 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity and offers a bright fruit as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of bright cherry, small black berries, small notes of violet plum associated with small touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of nutmeg, zan and a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco. The palate is elegant, gourmand and offers suavity, a small roundness as well as an acidulous frame, a small freshness, precision and a very fine richness (in control). On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright black cherry, violet plum, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of crushed redcurrant, violet, fresh mild tobacco as well as a subtle hint of cornflower, sweet spices, a discreet hint of vanilla pod (in the background). Good length and persistence. Tannins are precise, fine and supple.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Clavier 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of small wild berries, redcurrant, small notes of fresh/crunchy cherry associated with fine touches of blackberry, nutmeg, sweet spices and fine hints of pepper. The palate is fruity and juicy, an acidulous frame, a small fat, a very fine straightness as well as dynamism and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous redcurrant, juicy/crunchy cherry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of zan, very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of laurel. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length. A subtle hint of toasted/caramelized almond on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Domaine Faiveley - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is racy, elegant and offers a certain richness (full of elegance), deepness and finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, black blackberry, small notes of bright wild raspberry associated with touches of small blue berries, tobacco leaf as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, lily, sense of the place, an imperceptible hint of cinnamon and tonka bean (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, delicate, perfectly squared, gourmand and offers a fine acidulous frame, a fleshy/juicy fruit as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of bright cherry, small blue berries as well as hints of cornflower, lily, tobacco leaf, tonka bean, a subtle hint of sense of the place, an imperceptible hint of pepper and badiane. Tannins are elegant and well-built.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Domaine Faiveley - Les Caze-tiers 2018

### Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, beautifully racy and offers a certain intensity, a small power and a beautiful aromatic purity of the fruit. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of pulpy blackberry, toasted oak associated with small touches of cuben pepper, lilac/lily as well as a subtle hint of strawberry flowers/strawberry, dry almond, spices, a discreet hint of cinnamon and an imperceptible hint of brioche (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully precise/square and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness as well as tension (full of elegance), straightness, roundness and concentration (full of control). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy wild cassis, violet plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of toasted bread, toasted oak, nutmeg, almond as well as discreet hints of vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, precise and straight. A wine full of straightness, elegance and finesse.  
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)



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## Pierre Bourée Fils 2007 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (full of delicacy), deepness and a good definition. It reveals notes of dry cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of strawberry flowers, dry violet as well as fine hints of grey pepper, cigar box, dark chocolate, a discreet hint of cedar and almond. The palate is delicate and offers suavity, gourmandize, a small unctuousity, a small fat as well as a fine acidulous frame, tension and a beautiful finesse of the definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry cassis, dry flowers, small notes of raspberry associated with hints of juicy plum, dry flowers, small notes of raspberry associated with hints of juicy plum, tonka bean, cigar as well as discreet hints of spices, dry almond and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Pierre Bourée Fils 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is racy, well-built and offers elegance, deepness as well as intensity and an aromatic purity. It reveals notes of rose, fresh wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with a touch of fresh lily, fresh/juicy cherry as well as small touches of clay minerality, sweet spices and a very fine hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, tension and straightness, a beautiful juicy/ripe fruit, a fine freshness and a beautiful fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, violet, small notes of rose associated with touches of small red fruits as well as hints of fresh liquorice, chocolate, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices, an imperceptible hint of tea and pink pepper. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A beautiful racy wine.

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

## Domaine des Beaumont - Les Chardannes 2018 Chambolle-Musigny

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, a small freshness, complexity as well as a multi-layer side. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of cornflower, raspberry as well as a very discreet hint of graphite/racy minerality, nutmeg, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of bergamot (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant, delicate, precise, aerial and offers a certain purity of the fruit, complexity, a melodious side, a certain richness (full of justness) and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, crushed blueberry, violet as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean, liquorice stick, vanilla pod and a discreet hint of rose wood. Very fine hints of dark chocolate, caramelization/toasted and hazelnut on the persistence/aftertaste. A very beautiful persistence. Tannins are elegant, precise and racy. A wine full of gourmandize and delicacy. (+16 caudalies)

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

## Domaine Collotte - Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2018 Chambolle-Musigny

The nose is fresh, elegant and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness as well as a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, small wild black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry, bright black plum as well as hints of violet, grey pepper, fine hints of rose wood, incense and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, pure and offers a beautiful finesse of the fat, a very beautiful bright fruit, suavity as well as gourmandize, a fine aerial side, a small stretchy side, finesse, a fine acidulous frame and a

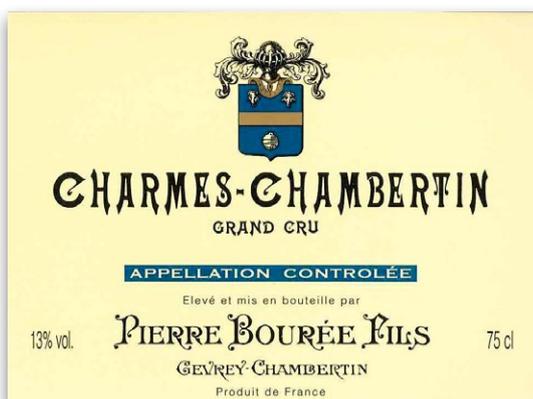
fine fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/acidulous blackberry, cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of pulpy/acidulous strawberry as well as hints of juicy plum, lily, rose as well as a discreet hint of cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of liquorice. Tannins are elegant and precise.

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

## Domaine Cluny - Les Charmes 2018 Chambolle-Musigny Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, finely tight and offers a fine concentration full of length and elegance. It reveals notes of small wild blue berries, cornflower, wild strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of cassis leaf/variety hints, a subtle hint of black tea and a racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, elegant, beautifully defined and offers precision, elegance as well as straightness (full of elegance) and a beautiful unctuous/delicate touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, small bright wild blue berries, small notes of cassis leaf associated with touches of bright cherry as well as a subtle hint of graphite/racy minerality, discreet hints of zan and fresh tobacco leaf. Good length.

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



## Albert Bichot - Les Sorbets 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic, beautifully power and offers a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy cherry, small red fruits, violet, small notes of rose associated with small touches of acidulous plum, lily as well as fine hints of racy minerality, very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a silky touch, freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as suavity, a fine tension and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous wild redcurrant, raspberry, small notes of crunchy cherry associated with small touches of bright Boysen berry as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg and discreet hints of nutmeg.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Millandes 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a small racy minerality as well as a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of lily, a racy minerality, cardamom as well as fine hints of camphor, zan and a very discreet hint of cuben pepper. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers power (full of control), a small fleshiness, a fine intensity as well as an acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, tension and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/bright black plum, small notes of blackberry associated

with touches of crunchy red cherry, small berries as well as a subtle hint of liquorice stick, camphor, a racy minerality, a subtle hint of incense, zan and spices. Good length. Tannins are fine and finely firm. A hint of caramelization/mocha and coffee on the persistence. A fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



## Dupasquier et Fils 2017 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose offers a fine power and a certain richness. It reveals notes of vanilla, cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of small crushed red berries, blackberry as well as toasted hints and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers suavity, roundness, a fine straightness, fat, delicacy, an acidulous fruit as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, cherry, small notes of small juicy/fleshy red

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berries associated with small touches of violet, vanilla, toasted oak, very discreet hints of racy minerality and a subtle hint of pepper. A wine full of roundness and gourmandize with, for the moment, wood taking over fruits. (2024+)

Score : 15.25/20 ( 90 /100)

## Morgan Truchetet - Les Topons 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, a small concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, bright strawberry, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy plum as well as fine hints of lilac, violet, zan, discreet hints of cardamom and pepper. The palate is fruity, finely tight, stretched/full of length and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, precision as well as tension and a fine/elegant grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy wild plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, small wild red berries as well as hints of pepper, lily/varietal and very fine hints of toasted/sweet spices. A finish with power, getting tighter. Tannins are structuring and well-built.

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

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Aux Saint-Julien

### 2018

#### Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness, a beautiful definition/purity of the fruit, intensity as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of pulpy/bright questch plum, pulpy raspberry, small notes of bright blueberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, cherry, small white flowers as well as fine hints of flowers, pencil lead and a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, gourmandize as well as a beautiful delicacy, suavity, an aerial side and amplexness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright plum, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small red berries, bright blueberry as well as fine hints of rose wood, liquorice, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and toasted/chocolate. Tannins are supple and elegance. A fine salinity in the background/on the finish. A wine offers a very beautiful matter.

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

## R. Dubois & Fils 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize as well as a fleshy/pulpy fruit. It reveals notes of juicy blueberry, juicy cherry, small notes of blackberry associated with a small touch of redcurrant, discreet hints of sweet spices, cornflower and a subtle hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as suavity, a precise fruit and a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy redcurrant, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of juicy blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of juicy blackberry as well as hints of cornflower, lily, liquorice, a subtle hint of vanilla and a very discreet hint of tonka bean. Good length. Tannins are well-built and precise.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Truchetet - Vieilles Vignes 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a beautiful bright fruit and an aromatic purity. It reveals notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, zan as well as fine hints of sweet spices, a hint of racy minerality, cherry blossom and a very discreet hint of black tea. The palate is elegant, beautifully gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, a beautiful aromatic purity as well as an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, freshness, a beautiful purity of the fruit and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, blackberry, small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of strawberry as well as hints of zan, toasted and a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco. Good length. A beautiful juicy, fresh and precise wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Butterfield 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose offers a small intensity as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of small ripe wild black berries, cherry, small notes of cassis bud associated with small touches of violet, raspberry as well as fine hints of rose and a discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, tension, an acidu-

lous/juicy frame as well as tension, straightness, a beautiful fat and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy redcurrant, juicy cherry, small notes of violet associated with touches of rose wood, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of rose wood, liquorice, sweet spices and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Faiveley - Aux Chaignots 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fine, subtle and offers richness and finesse of the grain (just like a square of silk). It reveals notes of bright violet plum, small blue fruits, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with small touches of crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of violet, lilac, liquorice stick, a discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco and black tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, beautifully fresh and offers a beautiful precision of the grain, delicacy, construction/structure as well as straightness (full of elegance) and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, bright violet plum, small notes of cherry associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of violet, lilac, graphite, black tea and a subtle hint of fresh mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant and delicate. A very discreet saline hint of the finish. A discreet hint of ripe almond and a small firmness on the persistence. A wine full of delicacy, precision/justness, gourmandize... just like a square of silk.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils - Les Chaboeufs

### Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The palate is fruity, racy, elegant and offers a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe cherry, small ripe/juicy red fruits, small notes of cassis associated with touches of cherry blossom, a racy minerality as well as fine hints of fresh nutmeg, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco leaf. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity, a small tension as well as a fine straightness, a racy minerality, a good definition and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small red berries, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of acidulous/juicy blackberry as well as hints of crushed plum, violet, lily as well as a hint of nutmeg, spices, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. Good length. Discreet hints of liquorice stick and vanilla pod on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Albert Bichot - Château-Gris 2018, Monopole

### Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful precision as well as intensity (justly controlled) and subtlety. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry, small notes of rose associated with touches of cherry, lily as well as fine hints of pistil, fleshy plum, a racy minerality, discreet hints of bergamot, toasted and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as tension (full of finesse), subtlety and a good/delicate structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cherry, juicy/acidulous redcurrant, small notes of acidulous strawberry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous violet plum as well as hints of violet, lily, rose, a subtle hint of zan, bergamot, sugared mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are precise, ripe. A very discreet hint of toasted/hazelnut which brings appetite. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Butterfield - Aux Murgers 2016

### Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a small concentration, gourmandize, a fine freshness as well as a small creamy side. It reveals notes of cassis cream, fleshy blackberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of violet, cherry as well as fine hints of lily, graphite, sweet spices, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small tension, a small straightness, precision, a fine suavity, a fine fat as well as juiciness and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, fleshy plum, small notes of small juicy/fleshy red berries associated with small touches of cherry, violet as well as fine hints of graphite, rose wood, fine hints of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of bergamot. Good length. Tannins are finely firm.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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## Domaine du Clos des Poulettes - Les Vaucrains 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, flowery, elegant, racy and offers complexity. It reveals notes of violet, lily/pistil, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry, crushed cassis as well as fine hints of cardamom, tonka bean, discreet hints of mild tobacco and a subtle hint of Badiane. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, precision as well as gourmandize, a small fleshiness, suavity, a beautiful definition and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of cherry, liquorice, fine touches of caramelization as well as hints of cherry blossom, a racy minerality and a discreet hint of camphor/mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are precise, straight and well-built. Sapidly and gourmandize on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine du Clos des Poulettes - Clos des Poulettes 2018

### Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers generosity, a certain richness (full of balance/control) and complexity. It reveals notes of cherry blossom, plum, small notes of Boysen berry associated with touches of cassis, cassis bud as well as fine hint of pistil/flowers, liquorice stick, discreet hints of mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a juicy/mineral frame, a beautiful bright fruit, a stretchy side and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, violet, small notes of plum associated with touches of small bright red berries, Boysen berry, cherry blossom as well as small hints of caramelization, rose wood and toasted. Very fine hints of toasted hazelnut on the finish. Good length. Tannins are precise.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Clos des Perrières 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges, Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful fruit, a small fleshiness and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy violet plum, pulpy cherry, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cornflower, lilac, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, very finely tight and offers juiciness, generosity, suavity, an acidulous frame as well as gourmandize, freshness, tension, an aromatic purity, deepness and a beautiful fleshy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/fleshy cherry, pulpy/acidulous raspberry, small notes of juicy blackberry associated with small touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of lily, liquorice stick and toasted. A discreet hint of tonka bean on the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine with a beautiful quality of the fruit.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Chevalier 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages

The nose is fruity, slightly smoked and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe small wild blue berries, blackberry, small notes of rose, violet associated with a small touch of raspberry, nutmeg, spices and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fresh, minerality, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acidulous frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, crunchy/juicy redcurrant, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of small juicy/bright blue berries as well as fine hints of cornflower, violet, toasted, chocolate and a very discreet hint of cardamom (in the background).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine du Clos des Poulettes 2018 Côte-de-Nuits-Villages

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry, rose associated with touches of violet, cherry blossom as well as hints of small wild fruits, fresh nutmeg, rose wood and a hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, roundness, a certain deepness as well as a small suavity, a certain precision and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cherry, cherry blossom, fresh violet, small notes

of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of fresh blackberry, juicy/Fresh cassis as well as discreet hints of laurel, sweet spices, nutmeg, a subtle hint of racy minerality and liquorice. Tannins are very finely firm.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Lippe Boileau 2019 Côte-de-Nuits-Villages

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cherry, raspberry, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of bright questch plum as well as very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a small crunchiness, freshness and a juicy/crunchy beautiful fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cherry, raspberry, small notes of bright redcurrant associated with small touches of bright plum, violet as well as a subtle hint of lily, an imperceptible hint of liquorice (in the background) and cherry blossom. Good length. A wine on the fruit and gourmandize.

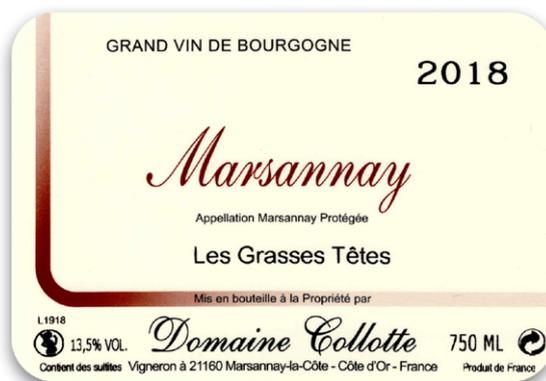
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Domaine Collotte - Les Grasses têtes 2018 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of pulpy redcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, lilac, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of spices, pepper and an imperceptible hint of laurel (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, a juicy/acidulous fruit as well as a small fat, suavity and a fine straightness. On the palate

this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, acidulous/juicy blackberry, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of juicy redcurrant as well as hints of violet, lilac, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of laurel and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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



## Domaine Ghislain Kohut - En Champs Perdrix 2015

### Marsannay

The nose is aromatic and offers a small complexity as well as a fine power/intensity. It reveals notes of bright cassis, fresh/juicy blueberry associated with small touches of lily, nut-

meg and very fine hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful precise as well as a certain purity of the fruit, a small fat and a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cherry, juicy blueberry, small notes of fleshy redcurrant associated with small touches of strawberry, fresh flowers as well as fine hints of toasted, caramelization, a very discreet hint of racy minerality and cardamom. Tannins are precise and fine. Good length and an aromatic persistence.

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

## Domaine Ghislain Kohut - Les Genelières 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a certain fleshiness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of strawberry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of lilac/fresh rose associated with touches of fleshy blackberry, a hint of blueberry as well as very fine hints of cardamom, sweet spices and a hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, beautifully gourmand, beautifully built and offers elegance, amplexness, a certain fleshiness, an acidulous frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with touches of small pulpy red fruits as well as hints of violet, rose, tonka bean/chocolate, very fine hints of caramelization and cardamom. Tannins are precise and finely firm. Good length.

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

## Aegerter - Reserve Personnelle 2018 Marsannay

The nose is fresh and offers a fine grain, power (full of finesse), a good definition and a certain silkiness. It reveals notes of black cherry, bright black plum, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of violet plum, a racy mine-

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rality as well as hints of mild tobacco, nutmeg, pepper, camphor, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of orange zests. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity (full of finesse) and concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, bright cherry, small notes of crunchy acidulous raspberry associated with touches of violet, rose, crushed red berries as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted, hazelnut, an imperceptible hint of camphor and timut pepper. Tannins are elegant, precise, structuring. A wine full of finesse and control of the fruit/maturity of the fruit.

**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils - La Mazière 2019

### Fixin

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of small ripe wild red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant), violet, small notes of iris associated with small touches of blackberry as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality, cassis bud and a discreet hint of fresh spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers juiciness, suavity, a small tension as well as a small fat and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, pulpy/juicy redcurrant, small notes of fresh violet associated with a touch of fresh iris, nutmeg as well as hints of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of sweet spices.

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

## Domaine Faiveley 2018

### Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, finely on the hold. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackberry leaf, small notes of cassis, small plum associated with touches of violet, sense of the place as well as fine hints of zan, black tea, nutmeg, very discreet hints of pepper, chocolate, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of laurel. The palate is fresh, elegant, beautifully delicate, finely on the hold and offers power/richness (justly control), precision, gourmandize as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy violet plum, cassis, small notes of blackberry, blackberry leaf associated with touches of violet, lilac, sense of the place, raspberry as well as hints of tobacco leaf, clove, almond, very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of laurel. Tannins are elegant, delicate and structuring. Good length. Discreet hints of tonka bean on the persistence.

**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

### Clos-de-Vougeot Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a controlled power, intensity, a beautiful finesse of the grain and deepness. It reveals notes of violet, violet plum, small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, small blue fruits as well as small hints of bergamot, lilac, cornflower, cloves, sweet spices, discreet hints of grey pepper and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a beautiful definition, minerality (full of finesse/balance), generosity, an acidulous/juicy frame, roundness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy/juicy blueberry, small notes of fleshy cassis associated with touches of strawberry cream as well as hints of violet, lilac, sweet spices, discreet hints of nutmeg, vanilla, laurel berries, a subtle hint of tea, caramelization and caramelized hazelnut. Tannins are well-built, precise, structuring and elegant. Good length. A subtle saline hint, caramelization and vanilla on the persistence.

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

## Domaine Ghislain Kohut 2017

### Echezeaux Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers deepness, an aromatic purity as well as subtlety in its power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, ripe violet plum, small notes of camphor associated with small touches of blackberry, violet as well as hints of zan, pencil lead/graphite, cooked black cherry as well as hints of sweet spices, sugared mild tobacco and toasted hazelnut. The palate is elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers precision/acidulous/a beautiful acidulous frame, power/structure (but full of elegance and control) and a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, crushed cherry, small notes of fleshy violet plum associated with small touches of raspberry, violet, graphite as well as a subtle hint of zan, a racy minerality, a discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Good length.

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

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## Agnès Paquet 2018

### Auxey-Duresses

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a certain straightness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, lily, small notes of violet associated with small touches of violet plum, nutmeg as well as fine touches of sense of the place/terroir, a discreet hint of grey pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, a mineral frame and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, small juicy/fresh/ripe black berries, small notes of lily, rose associated with small touches of violet, plum, liquorice stick as well as hints of racy minerality, laurel and a discreet hint of spices. Very discreet hints of chocolate on the persistence. Tannins are precise and very discreetly firm.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Edmond Cornu & Fils - Les Valozières 2018

### Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru

The nose is gourmand, well-built and offers richness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy plum, fleshy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of violet, camphor, grey pepper, very discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully aerial, elegant and offers juiciness, a lot of gourmandize, minerality, a small freshness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy plum, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, liquorice, cardamom as well as fine hints of racy minerality, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of coffee and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very finely chewy.

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

## Dupasquier et Fils 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is well-built and offers a control power, a certain well-built concentration, a small richness as well as a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild cassis, small notes of racy minerality/terroir associated with touches of cherry/ripe strawberry as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, pepper, a very discreet hint of cardamom, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, finely tight, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a small tension as well as a certain well-control richness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/crushed cassis, bright cherry, small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of small bright red berries as well as touches of small bright red berries, hints of racy minerality/terroir, tonka bean, toasted, a subtle hint of rose and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Domaine du Château de Meursault

### Les Maréchaudes 2018

#### Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers complexity, power as well as intensity (full of control). This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry, small notes of rose associated with touches of violet, fleshy plum as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, crushed strawberry, racy minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a beautiful definition, freshness as a beautiful finesse of the tension, a beautiful unctuous touch, dynamism and a small grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright plum, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of fresh/juicy cherry, small red berries as well as hints of fresh violet, a racy minerality, a subtle hint of liquorice stick and black tea. Tannins are elegant and beautifully built.

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

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity and offers a small complexity, a small richness, gourmandize as well as a small fleshiness and a good definition. It reveals notes of crushed plum, crushed strawberry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with fine touches of crushed red berries, small crushed black fruits as well as a hint of violet/lily, a discreet hint of fig, tonka bean, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a small freshness as well as precision, a fine straightness and a beautiful roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy violet plum, small notes of raspberry asso-

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ciated with a touch of small crushed black fruits, pulpy/juicy cherry as well as fine hints of toasted, chocolate, nutmeg and a discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of flint and tonka bean on the finish. Good length.

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

## Ravaut Pierre - Les Vercots 2018

### Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy, precise and offers a certain intensity, a small carved side as well as a very finely tight grain and deepness. It reveals notes of juicy Boysen berry, bright plum, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of crushed cherry as well as fine hints of cornflower, cherry blossom, nutmeg, a discreet hint of racy minerality/terroir and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers a small richness (full of control/balance), a fine tension, an acidulous frame as well as a certain deepness, a beautiful racy minerality, harmony and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/fleshy cherry, juicy/fresh violet plum, small notes of flower (violet, lily, lilac) associated with touches of creamy blueberry, crunchy strawberry, a racy minerality as well as discreet hints of camphor, cocoa/mocha and a subtle hint of toasted. An imperceptible hint of vanilla pod and powdered on the finish/persistence. A beautiful, fruity, juicy, mineral and full of control wine.

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

## Ravaut Pierre - Vieilles Vignes 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a beautiful finesse of the grain, definition, intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crunchy strawberry, small notes of small ripe red fruits associated with touches of sweet spices, violet, juicy/crunchy violet plum associated with touches of small fresh flowers, zan, very fine hints of black tea and a racy minerality/terroir. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined, beautifully airy and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a beautifully delicacy/melody and a fine/finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/creamy cassis, creamy blackberry, small notes of small juicy/ripe red fruits associated with a hint of blueberry, cornflower, lily, tonka bean as well as subtle hints of fresh mild tobacco. Subtle hints of chocolate on the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine and supple. A beautiful length and persistence. A beautiful wine full of finesse, harmony and delicacy.

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

## Domaine Chevalier 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is powerful, elegant, full of control and offers a certain small density very discreetly tight. It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, creamy plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of crunchy blueberry, lilac, pencil lead, pepper, fine hints of chocolate and roasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a certain tension as well as suavity, gourmandize as well as richness, fat, a pulpy/fleshy/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, bright blackberry, bright raspberry, small notes of plum, cornflower associated with touches of violet, rose, tonka bean as well as subtle hints of caramelization, roasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of green cardamom. Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and structuring. A beautiful persistence (12 caudalies).

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Edmond Cornu & Fils - Vieille Vigne 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is racy, elegant and offers a small power as well as complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of cherry blossom associated with small touches of Boysen berry, juicy cassis as well as a hint of violet, camphor, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of tobacco and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, precision, suppleness as well

as gourmandize, a beautiful juicy fruit, suavity, silkiness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe strawberry, raspberry, small notes of bright Boysen berry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, juicy cassis as well as hints of rose, lilac, nutmeg, very discreet hints of sense of the place, a subtle hint of pepper and chocolate. Tannins are elegant, well-built and precise.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Patrick Javillier 2018

### Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fresh, elegant, racy and offers deepness. It reveals notes of cherry, rose, small fresh red fruits associated with touches of violet, a racy minerality as well as hints of toasted, nutmeg, a discreet hint of camphor and black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers juiciness, gourmandize, suavity as well as a small fat, a beautiful racy minerality and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh wild cassis, crushed raspberry, small notes of rose petal associated with touches of fresh cherry, small fresh wild red fruits, lilac as well as a discreet hint of rose wood, fresh nutmeg, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco. Tannins are very finely firm.

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

## Agnès Paquet 2018

### Auxey-Duresses

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a certain straightness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, lily, small notes of violet associated with small touches of violet plum, nutmeg as well as fine touches of sense of the place/terroir, a discreet hint of grey pepper and tobacco. The palate is juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, a mineral frame and a

small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, small juicy/fresh/ripe black berries, small notes of lily, rose associated with small touches of violet, plum, liquorice stick as well as hints of racy minerality, laurel and a discreet hint of spices. Very discreet hints of chocolate on the persistence. Tannins are precise and very discreetly firm.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Clavelier 2019

### Monthélie

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of lily, plum and a discreet balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous redcurrant, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of fresh lily as well as subtle hints of liquorice and a discreet hint of balsamic (in the background). Tannins are finely marked. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. Good length.

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

## Domaine Changarnier - Pierrefitte 2018

### Monthélie

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small blue fruits, small notes of cornflower, violet associated with touches of small ripe red berries, rose wood as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, caramelization, subtle hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of pink pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, freshness, small fat as well as gourmandize/generosity, a certain straightness and a small franc side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of cornflower, rose as well as subtle hints of liquorice, caramelization and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. A hint of toasted almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Changarnier - Champs Fulliot 2018

### Monthélie Premier Cru

The nose offers a fine grain, a small power, a fine straightness as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, pulpy wild strawberry, small notes of



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blueberry associated with touches of lily, rose, fleshy red berries as well as small hints of sweet spices, liquorice stick, a very fine hint of vanilla/toasted and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, dynamism as well as a beautiful definition, a beautiful precise/generous fruit, suavity, a very fine unctuousity and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry, crushed red berries, small notes of plum/bright plum associated with touches of crushed blackberry, lily, violet as well as a subtle hint of rose, racy minerality, camphor, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are structuring and well-built. Appetence on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine Changarnier - Les Clous 2018 Monthelie Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a small complexity, a fine grain as well as harmony and a sensation of tension. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy black plum, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of cherry, violet as well as hints of toasted, caramelization, sugared mild tobacco, a very discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of saffron. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, gourmand and offers generosity, a juicy/acidulous frame, harmony and a pulpy/bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright raspberry, cherry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with a touch of crushed blueberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of caramelization, rose wood, a discreet hint of saffron and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are well-built, elegant, precise and very finely firm.

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

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils Les Prévoles 2018 Beaune

The nose is fruity, racy and offers intensity, a fine concentration as well as an aromatic precision. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy plum, small notes of chocolate associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, fine hints of vanilla, a very discreet hint of fresh rose and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a beautiful definition, precision as well as gourmandize, a fine tension and a small fleshy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy/juicy violet plum, small notes of juicy raspberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, chocolate, vanilla/toasted as well as a subtle hint of hazelnut, violet and an imperceptible hint of camphor (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine du Château de Meursault 2018 Beaune-Toussaints Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers a small intensity, a certain richness (full of control), a beautiful definition and finesse. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, raspberry, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with touches of violet, lily, fleshy cassis as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cuben pepper and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, roundness as well as a fine richness, gourmandize, a fine freshness, a certain aromatic purity and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of small juicy/fresh wild red fruits, lilac, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, tonka bean, cocoa, a discreet hint of green cardamom and mild tobacco. An imperceptible hint of caramelization/brioche on the persistence. Tannins are elegant, well-built and very discreetly chewy.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien Les Bons Feuvres 2018 Beaune

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful definition, deepness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, bright wild strawberry, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of bright redcurrant as well as hints of liquorice, very discreet hints of sweet spices, tonka bean and

an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, juiciness as well as minerality, a beautiful precision and power (full of delicacy). On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright/finely acidulous violet plum, small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with touches of lily, rose as well as small hints of liquorice, camphor, a very discreet hint of tobacco, an imperceptible hint of underwood and chocolate. Tannins are well-built, precise. Good length. Sapidty on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine du Château de Meursault Les Trois Journaux 2018 Beaune-Grèves

The nose is racy, very discreetly tight, all in length and offers a racy minerality, power and a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis leaf and small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of griotte cherry, small blue berries as well as hints of racy minerality/terroir, spices, a subtle saline hint and a very discreet hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful bright fruit (juicy/fresh/ripe/very finely acidulous), a beautiful delicate touch as well as a fine grain, tension, a fine acidulous frame, deepness and a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed cherry, bright strawberry as well as small hints of nutmeg, spices, hazelnut, a subtle hint of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. An imperceptible hint of cola on the persistence. A wine full of finesse!

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

## Domaine Faiveley Clos de l'Écu 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, structuring and offers power, finesse (but full of delicacy) as well as a melodious side. It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, toasted/grilled bread, bright violet plum, small notes of raspberry, crushed redcurrant associated with fine touches of rose, violet, toasted oak, cuben pepper and a discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully defined, full of straightness (but full of elegance/juiciness) and offers juiciness, precision as well as freshness, a fine grain, a fine acidulous frame, power (but full of elegance) and a more than seducing fruit!

On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, bright violet plum, small notes of small bright berries associated with touches of violet, cherry, crushed redcurrant as well as hints of racy minerality, sweet spices, nutmeg and grilled bread.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Maison Champy - Aux Cras 2017 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of crushed/fleshy cherry, violet, crushed blueberry associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, flowers, an imperceptible hint of camphor, pepper and cacao. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, gourmandize as well as a beautiful fleshy/ripe/bright fruit, generosity, an acidulous frame, a good definition, roundness, a very fine unctuousity and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh/pulpy cassis, fresh blueberry, small notes of pulpy violet plum associated with small touches of pulpy/juicy raspberry as well as hints of cornflower, fresh lily, crushed cherry, fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien Les Aigrots 2019 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, bright blue plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of crushed blueberry, cornflower, chocolate as well as fine hints of racy minerality/terroir and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and



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offers juiciness, a good definition, gourmandize as well as precision and a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright plum, bright redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with touches of blueberry, chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of mild tobacco leaf and an imperceptible hint of cardamom (in the background). Good length.

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

## Domaine Chanson Clos des Fèves 2017, Monopole Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a good definition, elegance. It reveals notes of pulpy blue plum, cornflower, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of iris, raspberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, an imperceptible hint of tobacco, bergamot and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fine grain, precision, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy/Bright violet plum, small notes of bright redcurrant associated with small touches of raspberry, rose, violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of caramelization/pâtisseries. Tannins are elegant, well-built and finely firm.

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

## Château de la Charrière Clos des Vignes Franches 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a small power, deepness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, Boysen berry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of lily, liquorice, ripe cassis as well as small hints of tobacco, very fine hints of pepper (in the background) and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small suavity as well as gourmandize and a fine/finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of lily, lilac, violet, strawberry as well as fine hints of sugared mild tobacco and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Good length.

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

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils Clos du Roi 2019 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers power, a certain intensity and a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, small ripe black berries, small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality, liquorice as well as fine hints of rose wood, nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, flowery and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition of the fruit, harmony as well as a beautiful delicate touch and a pulpy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright plum, redcurrant, small notes of acidulous wild strawberry associated with touches of rose, lily as well as hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco and an imperceptible varietal hint. Good length. A subtle hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils - Les Marconnets 2019 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is well-built, aromatic and offers power as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, small notes of rose associated with touches of small wild fruits, pink pepper as well as fine hints of chocolate, liquorice stick, very discreet hints of spices, cardamom and toasted. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful structure, a small creaminess, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant cream, juicy/acidulous cassis, small notes of acidulous plum associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of iris, rose, rose wood, fine hints of racy minerality, chocolate and toasted. A subtle hint of rose petal on the persistence.

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

## Aegerter – Béliassand 2018, Réserve Personnelle Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, crushed cherry, small notes of rose associated with touches of rose wood, violet, blackberry as well as a discreet hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small tension as well as suavity, elegance and a beautiful pulpy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous redcurrant, pulpy/acidulous raspberry, small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of crunchy/acidulous plum as well as hints of lily, rose, lilac, very fine hints of fresh mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of liquorice. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils Les Cent Vignes 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and pulpiness. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, violet plum, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with hints of pistil/lily as well as fine hints of spices, a very discreet hint of zan and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, roundness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, crushed raspberry, small notes of juicy/fleshy plum associated with touches of juicy blueberry, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and chocolate.

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

## Albert Morot - Marconnets 2018

### Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose is elegant and offers a justly built richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain and harmony. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy plum, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with small touches of cherry blossom, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a hint of tonka bean and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small gourmandize, tension (full of finesse), juiciness, meticulousness in this wine as well as a beautiful finesse of the roundness/fat, dynamism and a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, plum, small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with small touches of chocolate, cardamom, tonka bean, bergamot as well as a subtle hint of

toasted hazelnut. Tannins are precise and elegant. A beautiful persistence and a subtle chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Albert Morot - Cent-Vignes 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, violet, small notes of lily associated with touches of small ripe wild red berries as well as discreet hints of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a small tension, suavity and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, rose, juicy/pulpy blueberry, small notes of lilac associated with touches of small red berries, wild raspberry as well as fine hints of sense of the place, fresh tobacco leaf, a discreet hint of racy minerality and nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are precise and finely firm. A discreet hint of chocolate/tonka bean on the persistence.

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

## Albert Morot - Toussaints 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small power, intensity and harmony. It reveals notes of wild cassis, violet, small notes of cassis bud associated with touches of violet plum as well as fine hints of liquorice, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small fat, suavity and a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of crunchy/acidu-



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ious plum as well as small hints of lily, lilac, a racy minerality, a subtle hint of fresh tobacco and a discreet hint of cloves. Good length. Tannins are precise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Albert Morot - Aigrots 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, small notes of balsamic associated with touches of wild strawberry, small wild red berries as well as fine hints of lilac, sense of the place, a discreet hint of racy minerality, laurel and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful precision, an acidulous frame as well as roundness, finesse of the grain and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, redcurrant, small notes of pistil/lily associated with touches of wild strawberry, cherry as well as fine hints of rose, laurel, a very discreet hint of balsamic and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are well-built, precise and firm.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Albert Morot - Bressandes 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers power and tension. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild cherry, wild blackberry, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet flowers as well as a fine hint of plum, zan, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of cardamom and a subtle hint of racy minerality/graphite. The palate is fruity, harmonious, elegant and offers juiciness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a racy minerality, an aromatic purity, roundness and a certain delicacy in its power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/creamy cassis, pulpy/juicy blackberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant associated with touches of fleshy/juicy plum, violet as well as fine hints of chocolate, zan, nutmeg, tonka bean and green cardamom. Good length. A hint of toasted hazelnut/appetence on the finish. Tannins are well-built, elegant, precise and structuring.

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

## Butterfield – Les Teurons 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose offers a small intensity as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, rose, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with small touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of grey pepper and a very discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, juiciness, small fat and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blackberry, small notes of fleshy cherry associated with touches of small crushed berries, violet, rose, lily as well as fine hints of tobacco leaf and a very discreet hint of cocoa/sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Butterfield - Les Bressandes 2017 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is flowery, racy and offers a fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy cherry, cherry blossom, cassis bud, small notes of fresh blackberry associated a fine touch of crunchy strawberry, sweet spices, a discreet hint of laurel and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a good freshness as well as a small minerality, a beautiful roundness and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant, crunchy cherry, small notes of cassis bud associated with small touches of pulpy blackberry as well as hints of violet, rose wood, very fine hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of laurel. A subtle hint of caramelization/pâtisseries on the persistence/aftertaste.

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

## Butterfield - Clos des Avaux 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers gourmandize, intensity as well as finesse, a small freshness and delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy wild cassis, Boysen berry, small notes

of strawberry associated with touches of violet, plum as well as hints of spices, nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, juiciness, minerality as well as freshness, delicacy, a good definition, a beautiful fat and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of red berries associated with touches of pulpy strawberry, liquorice, chocolat, mild tobacco as well as fine hints of violet, rose and very fine hints of toasted (in the background). Tannins are well-built, elegant, precise and justly firm. Good length. Subtle hints of caramelization, toasted almond and chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien - Clos de la Perrière 2018 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a fine concentration, a certain complexity/power. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, cherry, small notes of small berries associated with touches of zan, small crunchy blue fruits, violet as well as very discreet hints of spices, rose wood and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, finesse as well as a certain intensity, a fine richness, precision, gourmandize, a small racy minerality and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, violet plum, small notes of small juicy blue fruits as well as hints of racy minerality, tonka bean and toasted. A very discreet hint of cardamom and salinity on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A saline, toasted/grilled hint on the persistence.

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

## Edmond Cornu & Fils – Les Bons Ores 2018

### Chorey-Les-Beaune

The nose is elegant, fine and offers a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, juicy/pulpy cassis, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine hints of lily, a racy minerality as well as a hint of rose, grey pepper and an imperceptible hint of laurel (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, an acidulous frame and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous red berries, raspberry, small notes of plum associated with a touch of lily, juicy/bright blackberry as well as hints of racy minerality, lilac, nutmeg and discreet hints of sweet spices. A beautiful wine, full of delicacy and juiciness. An acidulous persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Maison Champy 2017 Chorey-Les-Beaune

The nose is fruity, racy and offers freshness, a fine concentration as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, boysen berry, small notes of fresh violet associated with a touch of crunchy plum as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, nutmeg and a very discreet powdered hint/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension, finesse as well as a beautiful silky/delicate touch, a fine suavity, a good finesse of the fat, a fine flattery side and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, violet plum, small notes of fleshy/crushed cherry associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of violet, chocolate, toasted, a very discreet hint of vanilla and sugared mild tobacco.

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

## Pierre Bourrée Fils 2018 Chorey-Les-Beaune

The nose is fruity, very discreetly on the hold and offers a small gourmandize, elegance, a very fine richness and a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of violet, rose associated with small touches of cherry as well as fine hints of small crushed blue fruits, liquorice, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, very finely tight and offers a juiciness, a fine freshness, a small pulpy/gourmand side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cherry, pulpy cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy plum, crushed raspberry as well as hints of cornflower, violet, chocolate, very fine hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of cardamom (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A beautiful fleshy wine, on the fruit and full of gourmandize.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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## Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils - Les Beaumonts 2018 Chorey-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, wild cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of sweet spices, chocolate, cuben pepper and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a fine freshness as well as a small density, an acidulous frame, precision, gourmandize, a fine unctuousity, gourmandize and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, cherry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous wild raspberry as well as hints of crushed redcurrant, chocolate, cherry blossom, toasted, vanilla, a subtle hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (in the background).  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Besancenot - Clos du Roi 2017 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality, precision and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant, cherry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of blackberry, a racy minerality/graphite, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of spices, a subtle hint of bergamot, caramelization and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, freshness as well as suavity, a fine unctuousity, a small gourmandize and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy raspberry, small notes of fleshy/crushed redcurrant associated with touches of violet, rose as well as hints of chocolate/tonka bean, caramelization, a subtle hint of sugared mild tobacco, an imperceptible hint of hazelnut and graphite. Good length. Tannins are finely firm. A persistence on hints of dark chocolate.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils 2018 Chorey-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power, a small complexity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild violet plum, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine hints of cassis, liquorice, spices as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, violet/dry flowers and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small fat, roundness (full of finesse), a beautiful finesse of the tension and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, black cherry, small notes of crunchy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of wild blackberry, violet, dry flowers as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of toasted. Tannins are well-built and fine. A very fine hint of chocolate on the persistence. A gourmand persistence.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Aegerter – Les Baumonts 2019 Chorey-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a small intensity as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet, small notes of juicy/ripe blue fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, graphite, a racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of black pepper, lilac and an imperceptible hint of toasted. The palate is elegant and offers a beautiful juicy/ripe/acidulous fruit, a beautiful acidulous frame, a small freshness, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a beautiful delicate touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy blue plum, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of cherry, cornflower, lilac as well as fine hints of racy minerality, graphite, toasted and a discreet hint of chocolate. A persistence on notes of cherry/acidulous redcurrant. Good length and persistence. An imperceptible hint of vanilla on the aftertaste.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils - Les Pimentiers 2018 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, juicy/crunchy violet plum, small notes of rose, lily associated with touches of

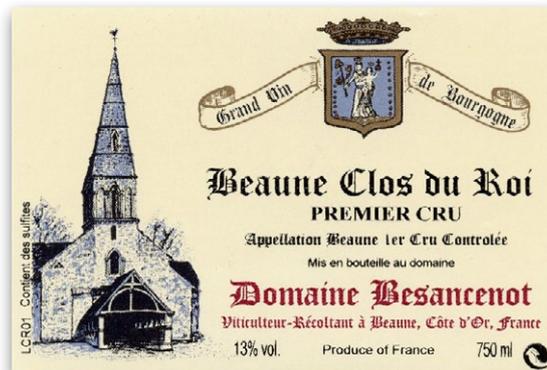
small ripe berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a fine suavity, dynamism and peps. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with hints of rose, lily and spices. A very discreet hint of liquorice stick a good bitterness, spices, saffron and tonka bean on the finish/persistence. Tannins are well-built.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Patrick Javillier - Les Grands Liards 2018 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, a small deepness as well as a beautiful silky touch. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of cardamom, sweet spices, mild tobacco as well as very fine hints of violet, cornflower and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully balance, delicate, precise and offers a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, plum, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of blackberry, violet, lilac as well as delicate notes of sweet spices, mild tobacco and a subtle hint of toasted/toasted almond (in the background). Good length. Tannins are fine and elegant.  
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## R. Dubois & Fils 2018 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose offers power, a small concentration as well as intensity. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, crushed wild cassis, small notes of spices associated with small touches of rose wood, lily, blackberry as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a fresh/mineral frame and a fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, fresh raspberry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of juicy/crunchy questch plum, lily as well as hints of toasted, chocolate, nutmeg, discreet hints of tonka bean and fresh mild tobacco. Good length. A gourmand persistence on notes of sweet spices and caramelization.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)



## Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon Les Grands Picotins 2018 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine richness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy plum, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry, violet as well as fine hints of camphor, cuben pepper, very discreet hints of sense of the place, spices and an imperceptible hint of laurel. The palate is fruity and offers generosity, gourmandize, a good finesse of the grain, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as minerality, dynamism and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy redcurrant, juicy raspberry and small notes of crunchy plum associated with small touches of acidulous/juicy blackberry, violet, a racy minerality as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and zan. Good length.  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Maison Champy 2017 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose is mineral, very discreetly tight and offers a small power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cherry, Boysen berry, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of cherry blossom as well as fine hints of cardamom, tea, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of cloves. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a certain tension as well as dynamism, a racy minerality and a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fleshy wild cassis, small notes of crunchy cherry associated with touches of small juicy/crunchy berries as well as hints of fresh flowers, chocolate and zan. Tannins are well-built and discreetly tight.  
Score : 15.5/20 (89-90/100)

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## Clavelier et Fils 2018

### Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is fresh and offers a fine power as well as a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, crunchy strawberry, small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of racy minerality, spices and a discreet hint of laurel (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a fine gourmandize, a very fine creaminess and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, juicy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of juicy violet plum associated with hints of strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate/cocoa and a racy minerality. Good length.

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

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Les Gollardes 2018

### Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is well-built, aromatic and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, pulpy plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of rose, nutmeg, spices, a very discreet hint of cherry blossom, toasted and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a racy minerality, silkiness as well as a beautiful definition, dynamism and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of bright violet plum, crushed strawberry as well as subtle hints of cherry blossom, violet, nutmeg, toasted and chocolate. Tannins are well-built, elegant and supple. Good length. Sapidité on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Aegerter – Les Hauts Jarrons 2018, Réserve personnelle

### Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is flowery and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of rose, raspberry, small notes of fresh violet associated with small touches of pistil, cassis as well as fine hints of spices and a discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, roundness, a small fat as well as fine hints of spices and a discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, roundness, a small fat as well as a good definition and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of juicy blueberry, cornflower, rose, pistil as well as fine hints of racy minerality, chocolate and almond/toasted hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Patrick Javillier - Les Serpentières 2018

### Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, melodious, a beautiful silky touch and offers a beautiful grain, a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness and a fine richness (full of control). It reveals notes of violet plum, violet, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, pulpy cherry as well as hints of violet, lily, fine hints of racy minerality, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of grey pepper and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, elegant, harmonious and offers a well-built/full of finesse structure, a very beautiful delicate/aerial touch, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame, juiciness and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright plum, juicy Boysen berry, small notes of small bright/ripe red berries associated with small touches of violet, lily, sugared mild tobacco, sweet spices as well as fine hints of crunchy strawberry and a discreet hint of saffron (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

## Albert Morot - La Bataillère 2018, Monopole

### Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru

(Organic) The nose offers intensity, power, a racy minerality as well as elegance, justness and precision. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small notes of fresh cherry associated with touches of rose, pistil as well as small hints of cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers harmony, finesse, roundness as well as a beautiful aromatic purity, a beautiful definition, freshness and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of pulpy plum associated with touches of crunchy/juicy strawberry as well as hints of pistil, rose petal, lilac, a racy minerality, fine hints of chocolate and liquorice stick. Good length. Tannins are precise. A very discreet hint of mocha and espresso on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Jean Féry & Fils – Les Vergelesses

### Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fresh and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh strawberry, berries, small notes of fresh flowers associated with small touches of fresh cassis, lily as well as hints of fresh liquorice stick, sweet spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-built and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, amplexness, fat as well as gourmandize and a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy strawberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of violet, liquorice as well as fine hints of toasted, chocolate, rose, a racy minerality, cardamom and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland - Morgeot-Clos Pitois 2018

### Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy, complex, harmonious and offers a certain power (full of control). This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe wild cassis, fleshy black plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of fleshy cherry, violet, lily as well as hints of tonka bean, sugared mild tobacco, a discreet hint of saffron, a racy minerality, graphite and an imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, beautifully precise, finely tight, elegant and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, complexity, a beautiful fine grain, delicacy as well as an acidulous frame and a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of cherry, bright redcurrant as well as fine hints of cornflower, violet, liquorice, chocolate, mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of green cardamom. A subtle hint of almond on the persistence. A very discreet firmness on the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Duchesse de Magenta - Abbaye de Morgeot 2015

### Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers power (full of delicacy), harmony and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, bright violet plum, bright cherry associated with touches of strawberry, cherry blossom, small pulpy/crushed red berries, lily as well as hints of liquorice, fine hints of racy minerality, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a small fat, suppleness, roundness as well as freshness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, crushed cassis, small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with touches of violet, fleshy/crushed small black berries, camphor as well as small hints of graphite, toasted/caramelized wood, a very fine sapid/iodine hint (in the background) and a discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length. Tannins are precise.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Edmond Cornu & Fils 2018

### Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully defined and offers complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet plum, strawberry associated with touches of violet as well as fine hints of blueberry, cuben pepper, spices, a subtle hint of vanilla flowers and sugared mild tobacco. The palate is beautifully defined, gourmand, delicate, precise, aerial and offers an acidulous frame, precision, a very beautiful finesse of the grain as well as delicacy and a small racy power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, bright plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of raspberry, cherry blossom, violet as well as small hints of liquorice, cornflower, mild tobacco, sweet spices, a discreet hint of vanilla (in the background) and graphite. Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and very discreetly firm. Very fine hints of chocolate and caramelization on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine Faiveley

### Clos des Cortons Faiveley 2018, Monopole

#### Corton Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, beautifully precise, fine and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness, density (full of finesse/control). It reveals notes of violet, wild blackberry, small notes of cornflower, wild strawberry associated with touches of wild redcurrant, bright questch plum, timut pepper, nutmeg, spices as well as very discreet hints of dry tobacco leaf, coffee, smoke and an imperceptible hint of orange zests. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy, silky, perfectly built, beautifully fresh, precise, full of control, racy and offers a fine suavity, complexity and delicacy. On the palate this wine

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expresses notes of bright cassis, bright plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower, cherry, raspberry as well as small touches of lilac, lily, small fleshy/juicy fruits, a racy minerality, fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg, roasted hazelnut, cardamom and mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are elegant, racy, structuring and precise. A subtle hint of toasted and coffee on the persistence. (12 caudalies).  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## Domaine du Château de Meursault Les Maréchaudes 2018

### Corton Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, full of power and offers a beautiful definition as well as deepness. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe questch plum, small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of blueberry, rose as well as fine hints of dry tobacco, liquorice stick, sense of the place/terroir and a subtle hint of cardamom. The palate is beautifully delicate, silky, harmonious and offers finesse, a small aerial side as well as a beautiful juiciness/freshness of the fruit, intensity, power and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cassis, plum, small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of raspberry, bright cherry as well as subtle hints of rose, tobacco, black tea, racy minerality/terroir, very discreet hints of sweet spices and almond. Freshness as well as a discreet hint of fresh hazelnut, an imperceptible hint of juicy green apple on the finish/persistence. A superb wine full of elegance and gourmandize.

**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils 2019

### Meursault

The nose is aromatic and offers a small intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted/grilled oak, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of lily, violet as well as fine hints of spices, a discreet hint of incense and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small creaminess, gourmandize, a fine grain, a beautiful definition, a justly built richness and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed cassis, small notes of juicy blueberry associated with touches of fleshy/crushed strawberry as well as hints of violet, chocolate, toasted, a very fine hints of grilled oak and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

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

## Bouchard Aîné & Fils - Les Charmots 2019

### Pommard Premier Cru

The nose offers power, gourmandize. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of grilled associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, crushed raspberry as well as hints of toasted, nutmeg, cardamom, a very discreet hint of rose and an imperceptible hint of dry tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a fine intensity, gourmandize, elegance and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy plum, crushed strawberry as well as hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco, a very discreet hint of racy minerality and camphor. Good length. Tannins are well-built. Appetence and a fine sapidity on the finish/persistence.

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

## Maison Champi - Les Vergelesses 2017

### Pernand-Vergelesses, Premier Cru

The nose offers a controlled power, harmony as well as a fine/finely tight grain, a fine deepness and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of small wild fruits, violet, sweet spices, small notes of juicy/Fresh wild cassis, violet plum associated with fine touches of cloves, grey pepper and zan. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a fine suavity, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, dynamism, a fine freshness, a racy minerality and a small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy violet plum, small notes of violet associated with small touches of crunchy raspberry, lilac, a racy minerality as well as subtle hints of dry tobacco leaf, spices, camphor and an imperceptible hint of zan. A beautiful acidulous aftertaste.

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

## Maison Patrick Giroulot - Les Fichots 2019

### Pernand-Vergelesse Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, complex, racy and offers richness (full of finesse) and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis cream, small notes

of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of cornflower, violet, lily, cuben pepper, wax as well as fine hints of green cardamom, sweet spices, a hint of clove and vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy, gourmand, delicate, stretchy/full of length and offers a beautiful guideline, a small aerial side, richness, suavity, a beautiful finesse as well as a small freshness and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, creamy blueberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of cherry, violet, cornflower/lilac as well as fine hints of caramelization, chocolate, toasted hazelnut, a discreet hint of camphor, a racy minerality and an imperceptible iodine hint (brings sapidity on the finish).

**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## Domaine du Château de Meursault Clos des Epenots 2018

### Pommard, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers power as well as intensity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, wild raspberry, small notes of violet/lily associated with touches of small bright red berries, rose, black cherry as well as hints of liquorice, grey pepper, a discreet hint of sweet spices and chocolate. The palate is elegant, fruity, beautifully built, racy and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as a beautiful suavity, straightness, a fine freshness and a fine silky side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of bright violet plum associated with touches of small crushed red berries, rose, cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of almond and brioche (in the background). Tannins are elegant and structuring. A structured, racy and full of control wine.

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

## Aegerter – Les Rugiens 2018, Réserve Personnelle

### Pommard Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers gourmandize, a small richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a small complexity. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, blueberry, small notes of cornflower associated with small touches of lily, small pulpy fruits, wild raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, spices and a very discreet hint of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a juicy/mineral frame, a small richness as well as harmony and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cherry, juicy/acidulous raspberry, small notes of bright violet plum associated with small touches of juicy/fresh blueberry, lilac, violet as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and very discreet hints of liquorice. Tannins are well-built, elegant and very finely firm. Good length.

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

## Aegerter – 2018, Réserve Personnelle

### Pommard

The nose is fruity, aromatic, finely on the hold and offers a small concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, small notes of cassis bud associated with touches of blackberry plum as well as hints of violet, dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a certain generosity, elegance, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of black plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, dark chocolate and very fine hints of toasted almond/caramelization. Tannins are supple.

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

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Les Vaumuriens 2018

### Pommard

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain controlled power as well as deepness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of violet, fleshy violet plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of lily, crushed cassis as well as very fine hints of liquorice, black tea, spices and a discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is elegant, well-balanced, delicate and offers a small stretchy side, an aerial side as well as deepness, a fine unctuous side, a fine richness and power (full of subtlety). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy violet plum, juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of crushed cherry, crushed blueberry as well as fine hints of zan, black tea, incense, cherry blossom, graphite, chocolate, a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant. A lot of delicacy and subtlety in this wine.

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

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## Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon Clos des Ursulines 2018

Pommard

The nose is elegant, racy and offers complexity, a certain power, a good finesse of the grain and a fine richness. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, questch plum, small notes of raspberry/strawberry as well as hints of cassis leaf, lily, cuben pepper, a subtle hint of white flowers/cherry blossom, liquorice, an imperceptible hint of camphor and nutmeg. The palate is elegant, beautifully built and offers gourmandize, finesse as well as power, suppleness, straightness (full of finesse) as well as power, suppleness, straightness (full of finesse) and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, small blue fruits, small notes of bright blue plum associated with touches of raspberry as well as small hints of liquorice, chocolate, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of dry almond. Tannins are elegant and supple.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Maison Champy 2017

Pommard

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize, a very fine richness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy/crushed violet plum, fleshy strawberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of bright blueberry, chocolate, toasted as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous plum, blue berries, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of crushed cassis, fresh lily, a racy minerality as well as very fine hints of tea and chocolate. Tannins are finely powdered. Good length. A persistence on notes of cocoa and caramelization.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien - Les Petits Noizons 2018

Pommard

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers precision as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of small fleshy/juicy berries associated with touches of violet, plum as well as very fine hints of liquorice, cornflower and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight, stretched and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a fine grain, a small tension as well as a beautiful definition, a small freshness and a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of creamy plum as well as hints of cornflower, violet, very fine hints of graphite, a racy minerality, camphor, a subtle hint of pepper and a very fine varietal hint. Tannins are well-built. A fine sapidity on the finish. Good length.

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

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien - Les Perrières 2018

Pommard

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize, a beautiful definition of the fruit as well as an aromatic purity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, bright plum, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small wild berries, violet, lily as well as discreet hints of graphite, liquorice and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers an aromatic purity, a very beautiful fleshy/juicy/finely acidulous fruit, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright plum, juicy/fresh blackberry, small notes of fresh/juicy strawberry associated with touches of small crushed berries, rose, violet as well as hints of graphite, nutmeg, sweet spices and chocolate. A beautiful wine, gourmandize which offers an aromatic purity.

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

## Camille Giroud 2018

Pommard

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse in its power, intensity, a beautiful finesse of the grain and complexity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, juicy/fleshy questch plum, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of cherry, rose, lily, hints of pepper and a discreet hint of cinnamon. The palate is elegant, full of gourmandize and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, freshness as well as a racy minerality, tension, a finely tight grain and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy/fleshy cassis, small notes of pulpy/juicy small red berries associated with touches of lily, rose, blackberry as well as fine hints of zan, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of rose wood. A beautiful gourmand, full and dynamic wine. A persistence on hints of chocolate.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland - Les Cras 2018

Pommard

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful ripe/fleshy fruit, an aromatic purity, a beautiful finesse of the intensity as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small black fruits, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of small crushed red berries, zan, nutmeg, violet as well as fine hints of lilac, cardamom and sweet spices/hazelnut. The palate is beautifully defined, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, precision as well as a small tension, richness, roundness and a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, creamy raspberry, small notes of creamy plum associated with touches of violet, lilac as well as hints of nutmeg, green cardamom, mild tobacco and discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A subtle varietal hint on the finish (brings peeps).

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa - Les Vaumuriens 2016

Pommard

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine grain as well as a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe wild cherry, blackberry, small notes of small berries associated with touches of racy minerality, spices, pencil lead, a discreet hint of pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, tight and offers dynamism, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, a small straightness and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, cherry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small berries, pencil lead, a racy minerality, rose petal as well as a subtle hint of camphor, pepper and mild tobacco. Tannins are precise and very discreetly firm.

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

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa - Les Vaumuriens 2017

Pommard

The nose is racy, finely tight and offers a fine grain, a small intensity as well as a small power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild strawberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of violet, camphor as well as fine hints of pepper, dry mild tobacco, a subtle hint of liquorice and rose wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine tension and a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, cherry as well as hints of cherry blossom, liquorice, mild tobacco, a discreet hint of camphor and an imperceptible hint of saffron (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château de la Charrière - Les Vignots 2018

Pommard

The nose is well-built and offers a small intensity, a small richness as well as a certain density. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet, small notes of small wild red berries associated with small touches of grey pepper, nutmeg, chocolate, toasted and sweet spices. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small freshness, juiciness as well as gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, generosity, a small fat and a small fleshiness/a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, fleshy wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small creamy red berries as well as fine hints of rose, nutmeg, chocolate and mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Lucien Muzard & Fils - Clos Faubard 2018

Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain aromatic purity, deepness and a beautiful power (full of control/finesse). It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, pulpy/crushed blackberry, small notes of small fleshy black plum associated with small touches of graphite, a racy minerality, pepper, spices, very fine hints of crushed cherry, lilac and a discreet hint of tea. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers a beautiful minerality, a small freshness, delicacy, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, an aromatic purity, precision and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright Boysen berry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of strawberry, cardamom, lilac as well as very fine hints of graphite, fresh mild tobacco, a discreet hint of vanilla and spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and beautifully defined. A beautiful wine!

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

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## Château de la Charrière - Les Gravières 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and racy. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, fresh blueberry, small notes of rose associated with touches of small fresh/crunchy berries as well as very fine hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as a beautiful crunchy/acidulous fruit, a finely tight minerality, roundness and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/acidulous raspberry, juicy/crunchy strawberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of juicy/crunchy blackberry associated with hints of toasted, rose/fresh violet and very fine hints of chocolate (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (90/100)

## Lucien Muzard & Fils - Clos de Tavannes 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, deepness and offers delicacy as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, fleshy blueberry, small notes of cornflower associated with small touches of crushed strawberry, delicate hints of rose as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted/caramelization, a discreet hint of vanilla and a subtle hint of white flowers. The palate is gourmand, elegant, aerial and offers a fine grain, a fine acidulous frame, subtlety, a fine acidulous frame, harmony and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy plum, juicy strawberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of violet, rose as well as fine touches of blackberry, green cardamom, tonka bean, very fine hints of rose, vanilla and sweet spices. A lot of gourmandize and delicacy in the beautiful wine ! Congratulations!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Lucien Muzard & Fils - Clos des Mouches 2018

### Santenay, Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy, slightly tight and offers a certain power, a fine grain, deepness as well as a racy minerality. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy wild cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of rose, cornflower, lily, pencil lead, nutmeg, discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers a beautiful freshness, a very beautiful precision, matter, a fine unctuousity, a small aerial side, tension (full of finesse), suavity and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis, small notes of bright plum associated with small touches of cherry, small bright red berries as well as fine hints of violet, lily, zan and sweet spices. A very discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence. Good length. Tannins are elegant and supple. A beautiful wine synonym of elegance and gourmandize.

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

## Prosper Maufoux - Les Gavrières 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration, deepness, a beautiful fruit and intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe black fruits, small ripe wild red fruits, small notes of lily associated with touches of crushed wild blackberry, cornflower, graphite as well as very fine hints of cherry blossom/small fruits, cuben pepper, very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of fresh leaf and tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality as well as fat, amplexness, a fine unctuousity, a beautiful fine/finely tight grain, a small aerial side, suppleness and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry, fleshy/fresh blackberry, small notes of bright plum associated with touches of cornflower, blueberry, lily as well as hints of liquorice/zan, almond, nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland - Gravières 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a small richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a certain density. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of bright wild strawberry associated with touches of cherry, plum, lily as well as hints of timut pepper, graphite, discreet hints of spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of bergamot. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully built and offers juiciness, a beautiful bright/precise fruit, a certain purity of the fruit, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as definition, a good finesse of the fat and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright cherry, small notes

of violet associated with touches of creamy questch plum as well as hints of fresh lilac, lily, a racy minerality, graphite as well as hints of chocolate, cuben pepper and green cardamom. Fine hints of caramelization, mild tobacco, mocha on the persistence. Tannins are elegant, precise and supple. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Lucien Muzard & Fils - Gravières 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers matter/fleshiness, a fine intensity and a good definition. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small black fruits, small notes of cherry blossom associated with touches of lilac, crushed cassis, cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, very discreet hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy cherry, small notes of small fleshy/juicy fruits associated with fine touches of violet, rose, crushed/almost too ripe raspberry as well as hints of sweet spices, nutmeg, zan, very discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Camille Giroud - Clos Rousseau 2018

### Santenay Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers definition and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, violet plum, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of pulpy blueberry, raspberry as well as discreet hints of camphor, cuben pepper and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, freshness, a fine tension as well as a small minerality, finesse and a beautiful pure/bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, juicy/acidulous redcurrant, small notes of lily, lilac associated with touches of acidulous/juicy plum as well as hints of blackberry, nutmeg, very fine hints of chocolate and toasted. A very discreet hint of tonka bean and graphite on the finish/persistence. A very discreet chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Clos Genets 2018

### Santenay

The nose is precise and offers intensity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a certain power and a good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy wild cassis, ripe wild strawberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed red fruits, a racy/saline minerality, very fine hints of spices, cuben pepper and mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful juicy/fresh/finely acidulous fruit and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fleshy/fresh raspberry, small notes of fresh/juicy blackberry associated with touches of cherry as well as hints of chocolate, mild tobacco and sweet spices/toasted. Good length. A fine salinity and a very discreet firmness on the finish.

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

## Lucien Muzard & Fils Champs Claude 2018, Vieilles Vignes – 2018

### Santenay

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers deepness, a fine intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy cherry, small notes of rose associated with touches of blueberry, lily, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, pencil lead, spices and very fine hints of zan/toasted. The palate is fruity and offers roundness, amplexness, freshness as well as a beautiful definition of the fruit, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a certain justly controlled finesse, a fine acidulous frame, a fine tension and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy cherry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, rose, bright plum as well as fine hints of zan, black tea and pencil lead. Tannins are elegant, supple and fine. A hint of toasted/caramelization/chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils 2018

### Volnay

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a fine power, a good definition as well as elegance and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of small pulpy blue fruits associated with fine touches of fleshy/crushed strawberry as well as hints of minerality, camphor, liquorice and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as suavity, roundness, straightness, a beautiful racy minerality, a fine freshness,

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a certain deepness and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, violet plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry, violet as well as hints of liquorice, a racy minerality, an imperceptible hint of cardamom and black tea. Good length. A very fine chew on the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant and fine. An harmonious wine.

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

## Maison Champy 2017

### Volnay

(Organic) The nose is elegant and offers richness (full of control), a small creaminess and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of creamy violet plum, crushed strawberry, small notes of small creamy blue fruits, violet as well as very fine hints of grey pepper, a subtle hint of mild tobacco and chocolate. The palate is fruity, beautifully racy and offers juiciness, minerality, elegance, gourmandize as well as a certain aromatic purity, tension, a small aerial side and a beautiful creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy violet plum, juicy/fleshy cassis, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of creamy blueberry, rose, cornflower as well as fine touches of graphite, toasted, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco and cloves. Good length.

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

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa - Les Pasquiers 2017

### Volnay

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, precision as well as an aromatic purity, a fine richness and a small deepness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, fleshy Boysen berry, small notes of toasted/chocolate associated with touches of raspberry, rose petal as well as fine hints of cuben pepper, spices and a discreet saline hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers juiciness, a fine tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, definition, richness (full of control/balance), suppleness as well as a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of cherry, creamy plum as well as fine hints of zan, saffron, chocolate and tobacco leaf. Tannins are elegant and supple. Good length.

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

## Domaine Sébastien Magnien - Les Echards 2018

### Volnay

The nose is fresh, finely tight, beautifully racy and structured. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with touches of rose, small blue fruits as well as a fine hint of lilac, liquorice and a discreet hint of bergamot (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully defined, precise and offers freshness, minerality, a small tension, a small deepness as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of violet, chocolate, rose, a racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of bergamot and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla pod. Tannins are precise. A very fine powdered sensation on the finish/persistence. A sapid and appetite finish.

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

## Domaine du Château de Meursault Clos des Chênes 2018

### Volnay, Premier Cru

The nose is elegant and offers richness, a certain power, an unctuous sensation, a fine grain and a fine tension. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, strawberry, small notes of plum associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry, zan as well as very fine hints of graphite, a racy minerality, cardamom, toasted hazelnut, a discreet caramelized hint and chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, juiciness as well as a beautiful precision, tension, a certain aromatic purity, suavity, a fine sapidity and a beautiful generous definition on the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy plum, small notes of redcurrant associated with touches of bright cherry as well as fine hints of blueberry, zan, mild tobacco, cornflower and fine hints of chocolate. Tannins are elegant, precise and structuring.

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

# Other Bourgogne appellations

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - En Vaut 2018 Volnay

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a very beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of bright cassis, wild strawberry, small notes of bright blackberry associated with a touch of small bright blue berries, lily, violet as well as very fine hints of zan, incense, cardamom and very fine hints of toasted oak/cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, beautifully defined and offers minerality, juiciness, precision, straightness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of small fleshy/crushed red fruits as well as small hints of cardamom, incense, vanilla flowers, a very discreet hint of toasted and cocoa. Tannins are elegant, precise and very discreetly firm. Good length.

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

## MERCUREY

## Maison Chanzy - Clos du Roy 2018 Mercurey Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, grilled/toasted oak, small notes of pulpy questch associated with small touches of raspberry, strawberry as well as fine hints of crushed cherry, plum flowers, green cardamom, a very discreet hint of spices, toasted and a subtle hint of incense. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, finesse as well as a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful pulpy/juicy/acidulous fruit, a fine suavity and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous plum, juicy/pulpy cherry,

small notes of juicy blackberry associated with touches of pulpy/juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of small bright red berries, cherry blossom, strawberry flowers as well as subtle hints of racy minerality, green cardamom, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of camphor (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate in the finish/persistence.

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

## Camille Giroud 2018 Mercurey

The nose is elegant, delicate, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse in its generosity. It reveals notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed questch plum, small bright red berries

as well as fine hints of rose and an imperceptible hint of bergamot. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a small aerial side, a beautiful definition as well as freshness, tension and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, juicy raspberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of rose, fresh lily as well as hints of crushed plum, zan, chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted. A beautiful gourmand, on the fruit and well-balanced wine.

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

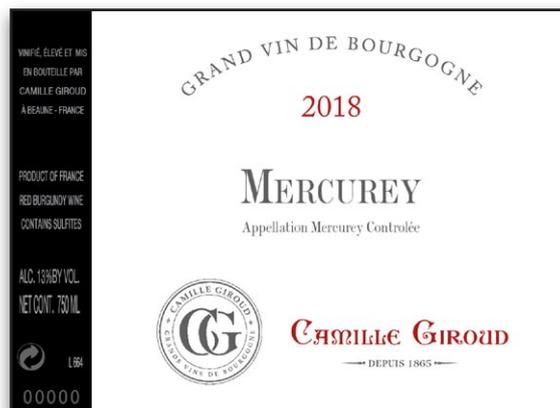
## Château D'Étroyes - Le Clos L'Évêque 2018 Mercurey Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, richness as well as delicacy, a certain deepness and density. It reveals notes of crushed Boysen berry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of plum, violet as well as fine hints of chocolate, vanilla pod and a fine hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate is beautifully gourmand, silky, racy and offers a small fat, a pulpy/generous side on the fruit as well as a fine acidulous frame, a fine minerality and a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy questch plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of chocolate, fine touches of pulpy/bright blueberry as well as fine hints of vanilla pod, toasted hazelnut and a very discreet hint of graphite. An imperceptible saline/sapid hint on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. A wine that combines gourmandize, generosity full of elegance and precision.

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

## Château D'Étroyes - Les Velley 2018 Mercurey Premier Cru

The nose is gourmand and offers power, deepness as well as dynamism and a



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certain intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, pulpy questch plum, small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of bright wild strawberry as well as hints of small blue fruits, cornflower, rose, graphite, a very discreet hint of lilac, pepper and bourbon vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as pulpiness, straightness, a discreetly tight tension, a beautiful finesse of the fat, a beautiful matter and unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, pulpy/juicy blackberry, raspberry associated with touches of plum, small fleshy/crushed red fruits as well as hints of cornflower, violet, chocolate, a subtle hint of vanilla and crushed almond. Good length. A beautiful gourmand wine, precise, full of tension.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## Albert Bichot, Domaine Adéline - Champs Martin 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a certain power (full of control), intensity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry, small notes of pepper associated with touches of small berries, racy/iodine minerality, spices as well as fine hints of cherry, fleshy/juicy violet plum and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, finely tight, racy and offers freshness, gourmandize, tension as well as a small richness/density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis, small notes of creamy cherry associated with touches of iodine/saline minerality, plum as well as hints of violet, zan, camphor as well as very fine hints of tasted and discreet hints of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## Domaine de Suremain - En Sazenay 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a fine power as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of small wild red berries, rose and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, small crushed black fruits as well as hints of camphor, liquorice, graphite and a discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers roundness, amplexness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, silkiness and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, creamy raspberry, small notes crushed cassis associated with touches of rose, violet, liquorice, tonka bean, a subtle hint of dry tobacco and an imperceptible hint of rose. Tannins are finely firm. Good length.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Domaine de Suremain - Clos L'Évêque 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers gourmandize, a fine intensity, a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine touches of violet, cuben pepper, a racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, very finely tight and offers juiciness, minerality, intensity as well as a beautiful fruit, suavity, tension, dynamism and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, acidulous/juicy cherry, small notes of acidulous/juicy plum associated with touches of small ripe red berries, lily, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cardamom, graphite and an imperceptible hint of black tea. A very discreet hint of toasted/chocolate and a very fine powdered sensation on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Domaine de Suremain - La Bondue 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits, crunchy blackberry, small notes of grey pepper associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as hints of liquorice stick, nutmeg and fresh flowers. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, roundness as well as a fine aerial side and a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, bright plum, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, lily, lilac, nutmeg, a racy minerality as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of fresh vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant, fine and very finely firm. A subtle hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Domaine de Suremain - Les Croichots 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a small gourmandize, a certaine flehsiness and a fine firmness. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy/ripe violet plum,

small notes of small crushed blue fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, lilac/lily, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of cuben pepper and mild tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame, a fine concentration, a small density and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/bright cherry, violet plum, small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, lilac as well as fine hints of liquorice, mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). A very discreet hint of toasted/chocolate on the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant and well-built.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Domaine de Suremain - Les Crêts 2018 Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, power as well as a certain tension. It reveals notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry, crushed wild strawberry, small notes of wild blackberry associated with small touches of cassis, violet as well as fine hints of zan, pepper, nutmeg, very discreet hints of graphite and lilac. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a small concentration, an acidulous/juicy frame, a small fat and a beautiful juicy/finely firm fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy cherry, small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, liquorice stick, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of mild tobacco, violet and an imperceptible hint of camphor. Good length. Sapidty on the finish. A discreet hint of chocolate/caramelization on the persistence.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Maison Chanzy - Les Bussières 2018 Mercury

The nose is fruity, racy, very finely in the hold and offers a fine grain as well as precision. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small crunchy berries, small notes of juicy violet plum associated with fine touches of fresh cornflower, fresh violet as well as a hint of fresh liquorice, discreet hints of tonka bean and a very discreet hint of fresh leather. The palate is fruity, juicy, racy and offers freshness, a small gourmandize, a mineral frame, a fine tension, precision, roundness and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of small crunchy red fruits associated with a touch of fresh cherry, juicy/fresh violet plum as well as discreet hints of a racy minerality, fresh cornflower/fresh lily, very fine hints of chocolate and toasted. Tannins are structuring.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Maison Chanzy - Les Bois Cassien 2018 Mercury

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry, small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of violet plum, violet, pepper as well as very fine hints of mud and spices. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a good definition, a certain precision as well as a small minerality and a small franc side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe cassis, small notes of fleshy/juicy violet plum associated with small touches of juicy wild red berries, crunchy cherry as well as hints of spices, nutmeg, fresh leather, a discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A discreet hint of cocoa in the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Château D'Étroyes - Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2018 Mercury

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, small wild fruits associated with touches of lily, lilac as well as hints of wild strawberry and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as suavity, finesse and a very fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cherry, pulpy cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small berries, crushed strawberry, liquorice as well as fine hints of blueberry, chocolate, a subtle hint of sugared mild tobacco and cocoa. Good length and persistence.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Les Héritiers Saint-Genys - Clos Marcilly 2018, Monopole Mercury Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, harmonious, fine and offers delicacy, a fine power (but full of control), an aromatic purity, a beautiful definition as well as a very fine richness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of bright cherry, bright quitch plum, small notes of

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bright strawberry associated with small touches of fresh violet, cherry blossom as well as hints of pulpy cassis, pulpy redcurrant as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of rose wood. The palate is elegant, delicate, beautifully fresh, harmonious and offers a small richness, a fine fat (but full of control, not heaviness), gourmandize, a beautiful aromatic purity, a melodious side as well as a beautiful freshness of the frame (just like a red line leading the tasting), a beautiful definition and a beautiful purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, juicy blackberry, small notes of plum associated with small touches of violet, juicy blueberry, bright/fresh strawberry as well as a subtle hint of cherry blossom, redcurrant, discreet hints of liquorice stick, tonka bean, mild tobacco and fresh vanilla. Tannins are precise and well-built. A very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut, dry almond, tonka bean on the finish/persistence (bring appetite). Good length.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

## **Aegerter - Les Cerisères 2018** Mercurey

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of rose, violet, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as hints of racy minerality, dry lily and an imperceptible hint of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a small minerality, dynamism as well as a very fine richness on the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cherry, wild strawberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of rose, lilac, blackberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, a racy minerality and a very discreet hint of spices. An imperceptible hint of tonka bean, chocolate and vanilla pod on the persistence. Tannins are well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## BOURGOGNE-COULANGES-LA-VINEUSE

### **Clos du roi - L'Intemporelle N°3** Bourgogne Coulanges-La-Vineuse

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of crushed cherry, juicy blackberry, small notes of fleshy plum associated with a touch of small red fruits, violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a fine gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy cherry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of small juicy black fruits, violet as well as a discreet hint of rose, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length. A gourmand and on the fruit wine.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

### **Domaine Maltoff 2015** Bourgogne Coulanges-La-Vineuse

The nose offers power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of spices as well as fine hints of fresh leather and a very fine hint of toasted/toasted oak. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers juiciness, fat, a pulpy/juicy fruit as well as a fine acidulous frame and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy plum, pulpy/juicy cherry, small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as small hints of red berries/crushed redcurrant, cornflower, a very discreet hint of liquorice and a racy minerality.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

### **Domaine Maltoff - D nue D de Chloé 2019** Bourgogne Coulanges-La-Vineuse

(No sulfites wine) The nose is fruity, racy and offers a well-defined fruit as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/crunchy black cherry, blackberry, small notes of fresh cornflower associated with touches of fresh lily, racy minerality as well as fine hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, silkiness as well as a precise/generous/juicy fruit, a fine acidulous frame, tension (full of finesse) and a certain deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cherry, Boysen berry, small notes of violet plum associated with a fine touch of juicy/fleshy blueberry, crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of fresh lily, liquorice stick and very discreet hints of toasted. A hint of cocoa on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

### **Domaine Maltoff - Le Classic 2019** Bourgogne Coulanges-La-Vineuse

The nose is fresh and slightly on the hold. It reveals notes of crunchy plum, fresh violet,

small notes of small crunchy blue berries associated with fine touches of fleshy blackberry, hints of cuben pepper, spices and a discreet hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, silky and offers juiciness, a lineal side as well as a finely acidulous frame, a fine grain, tension and a juicy/acidulous/crunchy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, violet, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of small fleshy/pulpy blue berries, chocolate, a subtle hint of liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of black tea (in the background). Good length.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

### **Domaine Clos Du Roi - Coline 2015** Bourgogne Coulanges-La-Vineuse

The nose is right and offers intensity, power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet, small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of iris, rose as well as a hint of pepper and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, a fine straightness as well as a small fat and a fine roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of small red fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick, rose, iris, very fine hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Tannins are slightly dry.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## BOURGOGNE EPINEUIL

### **Domaine Marsoif - La Croix des Templiers 2019** Bourgogne Epineuil

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis bud, blackberry, small notes of small berries associated with small touches of iris, crunchy strawberry as well as a discreet hint of zan and lilac. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a beautiful freshness, a finely tight fine tension and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, fresh iris, fresh cornflower, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of cassis bud as well as a discreet varietal hint and toasted/tonka bean. Good length.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

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### **Domaine Marsoif - Fût de Chêne 2019** Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of fleshy/creamy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of violet, crushed plum as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, fresh mild tobacco and very fine hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers elegance, gourmandize, precision as well as a good definition of the fruit, suavity/roundness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of bright questch plum as well as hints of vanilla, violet, liquorice, fresh flowers and very fine hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built and smooth. A wine on the fruit, gourmand, pulpy and well-built.  
**Score : 15.5/20 ((90-91/100))**

### **Domaine Lippe Boileau 2018** Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits, juicy/fresh cherry, small notes of lily associated with a touch of blackberry, rose and a discreet hint of liquorice (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a fine fleshiness, gourmandize, a flattery fruit and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, juicy cherry, small notes of lily associated with small touches of rose petal, crushed strawberry as well as a subtle hint of zan. Good length. Tannins are very discreetly firm and finely tight. A very discreet hint of almond on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.5+/20 ((88/100))**

### **Domaine Lippe Boileau 2019** Bourgogne Côte d'Or

The nose is flowery. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, rose, lilac, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry as well as a discreet hint of white flowers and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame and a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, pulpy/acidulous raspberry, small notes of lilac, rose petal associated with touches of cornflower, blackberry as well as fine hints of acidulous/juicy blackberry, a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of bergamot. Good length.  
**Score : 14.75/20 ((88-89/100))**

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## FRONSAC 2018

### Château Magondeau - Beau Site 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fresh, finely tight and offers power. It reveals notes of small blue fruits, wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as a fine hint of rose, liquorice and spices. The palate offers a mineral frame, a racy minerality, a small fat as well as freshness, a fine tension and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small fresh blue berries associated with touches of cornflower, violet, a racy minerality as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, a hint of caramelization and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Toumalin 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of violet as well as fine hints of spices, pepper and a discreet hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine gourmandize as well as suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy strawberry and small notes of pulpy cherry associated with touches of fleshy wild blackberry as well as small touches of violet, zan, a discreet hint of tobacco (in the background) and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built, precise and very finely firm. Good length.

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

### Château Carlagnus 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is elegant and offers a certain delicacy, a beautiful fine grain as well as a small power. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe Boysen berry, juicy cassis, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed blueberry, lily as well as hints of nutmeg, Badiane, a discreet hint of pepper and black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a juicy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, acidulous/juicy cassis, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of cornflower, bright blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, camphor, black tea, a discreet hint of chocolate, an imperceptible hint of pepper and bergamot. Good length. Tannins are precise and finely firm.

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

### Château Vrai Canon Bouche 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a small flowery side, a fine complexity and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, crushed strawberry, small notes of fresh flowers associated with small touches of small pulpy fruits, bright blueberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, toasted, tonka bean, a very discreet hint of spices, cuben pepper and an imperceptible varietal hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, fullness as well as suppleness and a certain density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of fresh flowers (lilac, cornflower...), chocolate, fresh/juicy blueberry as well as hints of toasted, toasted hazelnut and a subtle hint of green cardamom (in the background). Good length. A marked minerality on the finish.

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

### Château Fontenil 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration (full of justness/control), a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small intensity and a certain power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of iris, violet associated with touches of sichuan pepper, small fruits as well as fine hints of raspberry, fresh nutmeg and a discreet hint of dry forest (biotope). The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful juiciness, generosity, gourmandize, a beautiful precision, straightness as

well as concentration (full of justness/precision). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small pulpy/juicy blue fruits associated with touches of cornflower, small fleshy/juicy red berries as well as discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization, toasted, nutmeg, an imperceptible hint of local biotope/sense of the place, salinity, grey pepper and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are precise and very finely firm. Good length.

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

### Château de la Huste 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a certain freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small juicy black berries as well as fine hints of spices, a discreet toasted hint, coffee/grilled and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a racy minerality and a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of small crunchy/juicy red berries, small blue fruits as well as very fine hints of lilac, lily, tonka bean and toasted. Good length. Tannins are finely chewy. A fine chew and a very discreet hint of caramelization on the finish.

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

### Château Les Trois Croix 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, a small power as well as a certain small density and deepness. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberry, small crushed black fruits, small notes of small wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, fleshy blueberry as well as very fine hints of cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as a certain richness, a small density and a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cassis, pulpy wild blackberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, chocolate, oak, toasted/vanilla, discreet hints of cardamom and cuben pepper. A beautiful grain on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château La Vieille Cure 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers gourmandize, freshness and a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of juicy Boysen berry, bright strawberry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of bright raspberry, fresh lily as well as hints of zan and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a stretchy side, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright strawberry, small notes of pulpy/juicy cassis associated with small touches of pulpy violet plum, lily, fresh cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, spices, sense of the place, a very discreet hint of mocha and grilled (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A discreet hint of bitterness of the cocoa on the finish/persistence.

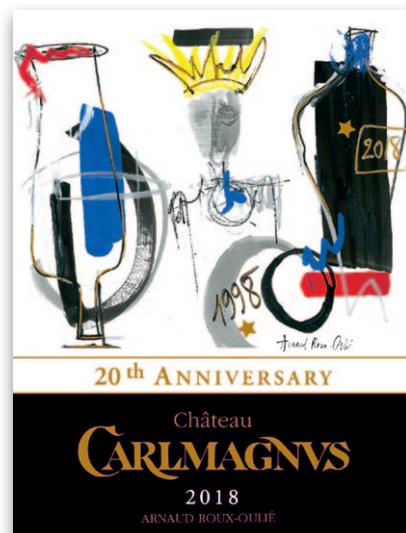
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

### Château de La Rivière – Les Sources 2018

#### Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine salinity, freshness and dynamism. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, pulpy strawberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of saline minerality as well as hints of violet, lilac and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity and offers a fine controlled power, a good definition, a juicy/fresh fruit as well as gourmandize and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of juicy/fresh plum associated with touches of fresh raspberry as well as hints of violet, lilac, toasted, chocolate, a subtle hint of caramelization and coffee (in the background). A fine firmness of the tannins.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



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## Château La Croix de Roche 2018

Fronsac

(organic) The nose is fruity and offers intensity. It reveals notes of bright cassis, lily, rose essence, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as fine hints of crushed raspberry, discreet hints of spices, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine richness, fullness as well as a racy grain, a racy minerality and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, blueberry, small notes of redcurrant associated with small touches of rose petal, iris as well as hints of racy minerality as well as fine hints of liquorice and a discreet hint of chocolate. Good length. Tannins are slightly marked.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Clos du Roy – Arabesque 2018

Fronsac

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a small power, a fine concentration and a small freshness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small fresh wild black fruits, small notes of small blue fruits, grey pepper associated with fine touches of cocoa and dry oak. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers suavity, fullness, a fine grain, elegance as well as a beautiful balance, a beautiful freshness, a good structure power, an acidulous frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy wild cassis, fresh wild blackberry, small notes of fresh plum associated with a touch of fresh raspberry as well as small hints of fresh violet, fresh lily, cardamom, discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotop) and toasted oak. Good length.

Tannins offer a certain power and firmness.

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

## Château La Valade – L'Intime 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, beautifully fresh and offers concentration as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small fresh/juicy black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of violet plum, lily, very fine hints of camphor, cocoa, spices and a subtle hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers minerality, juiciness, tension as well as a beautiful grain, a certain delicacy, harmony, a small silkiness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blueberry, small notes of small bright black berries associated with touches of lily, nutmeg, camphor, hints of cardamom as well as discreet hints of cocoa, caramelization as well as discreet hints of cocoa, caramelization and a discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are precise, structuring and well-built.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Passion de Château l'Escarderie 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fresh, mineral, fruity and offers a well-defined fruit. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy plum, small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of black cherry violet, very fine hints of tonka bean, sweet spices as well as a hint of black pepper and black tea. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, tension, dynamism as well as a flowery side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy wild cassis, fresh lilac, small notes of pulpy/juicy cherry associated with touches of juicy/acidulous plum as well as hints of rose, fresh violet and discreet hints of spices. Good length. A very finely tight finish. Tannins are very finely firm.

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

## Château Lambert 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine richness, a fine pulpy side and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with a touch of Boysen berry as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, sweet spices, cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a certain straightness/verticality as well as a mineral/fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of fresh strawberry associated with a touch of fresh violet, fresh lily, fresh violet plum as well as very fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of green cardamom and toasted. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Lambert – Cuvée Spéciale Barrique 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a small concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, lilac, fleshy blueberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of caramelization, toasted, a hint of nutmeg, cuben pepper and a subtle hint of orange (in the background). The palate is beautifully fresh and offers minerality, a small fat, suavity, dynamism as well as tension, verticality and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed strawberry, fleshy/crushed blackberry, small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of caramelization and toasted. A subtle saline hint on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château La Vieille Croix 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a certain gourmandize as well as a well-built fruit. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of small fresh fruits as well as very fine hints of mild tobacco, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, suavity, a small fullness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed/fresh blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry/strawberry candy associated with small touches of

toasted, nutmeg and a fine hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Château La Dauphine 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful fresh/juicy fruit, power, a fine intensity as well as a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, violet, small notes of small wild blue fruits associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, spices, fine hints of pencil lead, spices and an imperceptible hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a racy minerality as well as a good definition, freshness, a small concentration and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/fresh wild blackberry, a hint of juicy/fresh blueberry as well as hints of cornflower, lily, pencil lead, cocoa and a very discreet hint of toasted, a subtle hint of Badiane and an imperceptible hint of bergamot (in the background). Good length. Tannins

are elegant. A very discreet chew and acidulous on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Clos du Roy 2018

Fronsac

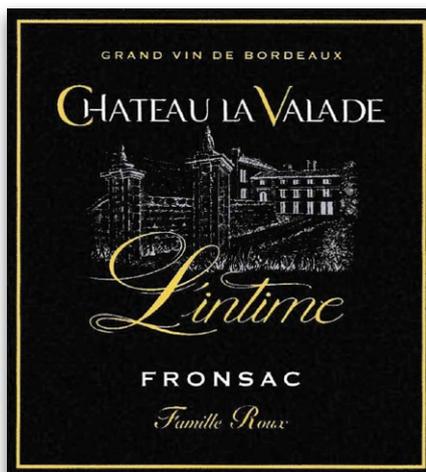
The nose is elegant, fruity, beautifully built, racy, beautifully concentrated and offers a small intensity, a fine grain, a small power and a small complexity. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, small berries, small notes of violet, fresh cornflower associated with touches of pepper, small fresh blue berries as well as fine hints of sense of the place, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of saffron (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers minerality, a certain tension, finesse of the grain, a very fine aerial side and a beautiful acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of fresh cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of small fresh black fruits, lily as well as hints of green cardamom and an imperceptible hint of fresh oak (in the background). Good length. An acidulous persistence.

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

## Château Richelieu 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine concentration and freshness. It reveals notes of fresh liquorice stick, fresh cassis, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of fleshy/crushed cherry as well as fine hints of lilac, rose, a subtle hint of spices and a very discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful juicy/fresh fruit, a certain tension as well as structure. On the palate this wine



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expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy blueberry, small notes of cherry associates with small touches of crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of lily, fresh violet, a discreet varietal hint, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco. Good length. A very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château George 7, 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a fine grain and a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild fruits, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of fleshy cherry, fleshy strawberry as well as hints of grey pepper, spices, saffron and a subtle hint of dry oak. The palate is beautifully fresh, juicy, precise, well-built and offers a small straightness, a good construction/structure, an acidulous frame and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy wild blackberry, pulpy/juicy cherry, small notes of wild cassis associated with a touch of small acidulous/juicy red berries as well as hints of lily, fresh iris, liquorice, dry mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of dry oak/sense of the place. Good length. Tannins are structuring. A discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Plain-Point 2018 Fronsac

The nose is racy and offers a controlled power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis, small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of violet plum as well as fine hints of black tea, grey pepper, a racy minerality, fresh liquorice and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a fine suavity, an acidulous frame as well as a small gourmandize and a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry, small notes of small juicy/ Fresh berries associated with a touch of violet, a very fine touch of cassis bud as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and spices. Tannins are precise, well-built and fine. A very discreet hint of good bitterness on the finish. Good length.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Château de Carles 2018 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of bright cassis, ripe raspberry, small notes of small bright blue fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice, nutmeg, violet, a very discreet hint of black tea and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is elegant, gourmand, beautifully fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, precision as well as a good definition of the fruit, suavity, a fine straightness and density/concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed wild cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, violet acidulous candy as well as a subtle hint of liquorice, Sichuan pepper, spices and discreet hints of toasted oak (in the background). Good length. Tannins are very discreetly firm. A wine offering a beautiful freshness and precision.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Barrabaque 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers elegance, a fine richness as well as a small controlled power. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with a touch of cherry blossom, violet, a racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of cornflower, acidulous candy and liquorice. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, acidulous, a good definition as well as a fine straightness, a beautiful racy minerality and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, acidulous cassis, small notes of raspberry acidulous candy associated with a touch of cherry, cherry blossom, cornflower as well as discreet hints of liquorice and cardamom. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A discreet hint of mocha on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Château de Carles – Haut-Carles 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small concentration, power as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, pulpy/fleshy plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of small creamy wild black berries associated with fine touches of tonka bean/cocoa as well as fine hints of cuben pepper, caramelization and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a small richness as well as a fine unctuousity, freshness, a small minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of small juicy/acidulous red berries associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of cornflower, fresh lily, very fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, tonka bean a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built and structuring.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Château Fontaine-Saint-Cric 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, a small intensity, a certain generosity as well as a small density. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, crushed violet plum, small notes of small bright wild red fruits associated with a touch of cornflower, small blue fruits, liquorice, a hint of camphor, pepper and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful grain, juiciness, a small gourmandize, apleness as well as structure and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, fine touches of fleshy/juicy strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, tonka bean, oak/toasted and a discreet hint of toasted hazelnut/ mild tobacco.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Beau Site de la Tour 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small red berries, small notes of pepper associated with fine hints of rose, iris, discreet hints of spices and a subtle balsamic hint. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, dynamism, a small fleshiness, a small fat as well as a small concentration and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe redcurrant, wild strawberry, small

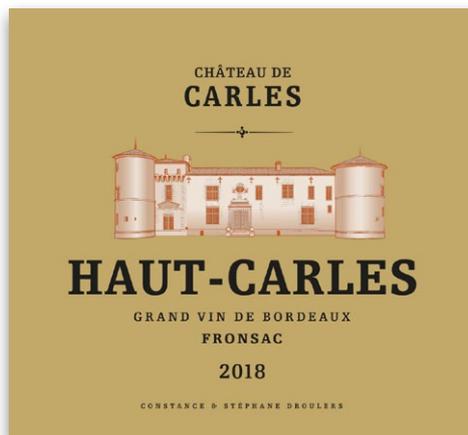
notes of fresh violet, blackberry associated with a touch of rose, spices, a very discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of clove.  
**Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)**

## Clos Lagüe 2018 Fronsac

The nose offers a small power, a fine concentration and a small sensation of tension. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, small red berries, small notes of pepper associated with fine touches of violet, a hint of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity and offers a fine fullness, a small fat, minerality as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy red berries, small notes of lilac, rose associated with a touch of juicy cassis as well as a subtle hint of zan, sweet spices and a discreet hint of tobacco. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)**

## Château L'Escarderie – Amphora 2018 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers power, concentration, deepness as well as a sensation of tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, dark chocolate, small notes of cooked blueberry associated with a touch of cooked strawberry as well as hints of graphite, liquorice stick and a hint of lily. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as concentration, a certain power, fullness and density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cooked cassis, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of dark chocolate/cocoa, fresh liquorice stick as well as fine hints of caramelization and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod. Good length. Power on the finish.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**



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## Château Tessendey 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine grain, a certain intensity, a sensation of tension and a small power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of camphor, wild cassis, small notes of small black berries associated with a touch of cornflower, a hint of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral/fresh frame, a small tension, a fine grain, a certain density and "blackness". On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, small wild black berries, small notes of small wild blue fruits associated with touches of strawberry, liquorice stick, black pepper, a subtle hint of liquorice stick, camphor and a discreet hint of violet (in the background). A hint of bitterness of the cocoa on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Beauséjour – Cuvée Prestige 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine grain and a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of small ripe blue fruits associated with a touch of violet, graphite as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, a fresh frame, a fruit offering pulpiness, suavity as well as sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with touches of strawberry, lily, violet as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and subtle hints of toasted/grilled. A fine hint of saline minerality in the finish/persistence. Tannins are slightly marked. A bitter hint and a very discreet hint of crushed almond in the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château La Brande – Cabernet Franc 2018

Fronsac

(Organic) The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small intensity, freshness as well as power. It reveals notes of cornflower/fresh lily, small fresh/crunchy blue fruits, small notes of cassis associated with a touch of strawberry, fresh flowers as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of pistil. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, elegant, gourmandize, a bright fruit, a fine grain and a very finely creamy sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blueberry, pulpy blue plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, violet, crushed blackberry as well as very fine hints of liquorice, chocolate and a very discreet hint of vanilla.

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

## Château Villars 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine richness, freshness, a certain elegance, a small intensity and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cream, crushed strawberry, small notes of cassis cream associated with touches of violet, bourbon vanilla pod, a very discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of bright/fresh raspberry as well as hints of vanilla, nutmeg, discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background) Good length. Tannins are very finely firm.

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

## Château Moulin Haut-Laroque 2018

Fronsac

The nose is elegant, racy, justly built, full of precision and offers concentration. It reveals notes of ripe black fruits, violet ripe/fleshy cassis, small notes of small ripe violet plum associated with fine touches of camphor, very fine hints of cuben pepper, cardamom, almond/hazelnut and a discreet hint of lime/graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful freshness as well as juiciness, minerality, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful silky touch and a beautiful fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/pulpy/fresh violet plum, small notes

of small black fruits associated with touches of small blue fruits, raspberry, cornflower, as well as hints of graphite, camphor, liquorice, caramelization, a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of black tea (in the background). Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length. A small appetent side on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château La Brande 2018

Fronsac

(Organic) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers an aromatic purity (full of control), deepness as well as harmony. It reveals notes of wild cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of bright blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, camphor, toasted hazelnut, a subtle hint of tonka bean, very discreet hints of tea and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers harmony, a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, a fine fat as well as minerality and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blueberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a touch of bright redcurrant, cornflower, violet as well as subtle hints of cardamom, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of dry oak/local biotope. Tannins are firm.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Lormenat 2018

Fronsac

The nose is slightly on the hold and offers a small concentration as well as a fine power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small ripe wild red fruits, small notes of violet associated with a touch of plum as

well as very fine hints of fresh nutmeg and a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a fresh frame, a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy raspberry, small notes of crunchy violet plum associated with a touch of fresh cherry, violet, lily as well as fine hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length. Tannins are slightly marked.

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

## Château Jeandeman – La Chêneraie 2018

Fronsac

The nose is elegant, gourmand, fresh and offers concentration as well as a creamy sensation. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, fleshy blue plum, small notes of bourbon vanilla associated with touches of violet, creamy strawberry, as well as hints of caramelization, camphor, toasted, ripe hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of coconut (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, aerial and offers a small acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a creamy sensation and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry, small notes of juicy/fresh blue plum associated with a touch of juicy cherry as well as hints of violet, chocolate, toasted, caramelization, a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut and dry almond. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

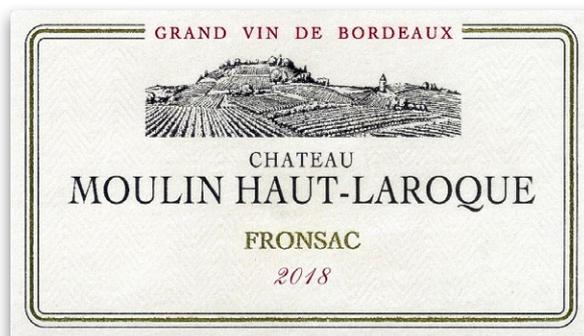
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Château La Rose Garnier 2018

Fronsac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small power as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, cornflower, small notes of small juicy/fresh blue fruits associated with small touches of cherry, crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of lily and a hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, sapidity (a fine iodine hint in the background), gourmandize as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, pulpy blueberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of violet as well as a hint of caramelization and a hint of chocolate. Good length. Tannins are precise.

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



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## Château Hervé-Laroque 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of small wild fruits associated with very fine touches of rose, lilac, small red berries, a racy minerality as well as very fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension, a small concentration as well as a juicy/ripe/gourmand/friand fruit, appetite and a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright wild blackberry, juicy wild cassis, small notes of juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of small berries, spices, lily/fresh flowers as well as a subtle hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are precise and well-built. Good length. A hint of salinity and a discreet almost varietal hint in the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Château Mayne-Vieil 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers notes of wild blackberry, small fruits, small notes of pepper associated with small touches of fresh leather, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers tension, a mineral frame as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry, small notes of small fruity associated with a touch of violet, rose wood as well as small hints of nutmeg and a fine hint of fresh leather.  
**Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)**

## Château Les Roches de Ferrand 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a certain intensity, power, a grain as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small fleshy wild fruits associated with a touch of crushed cassis, violet as well as fine hints of vanilla pod, Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, a good definition, a certain amplexness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/Fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a touch of crushed plum as well as fine hints of lily, cherry blossom, liquorice, fine hints of toasted and a discreet hint of vanilla. A very fine hint of chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Passion de Magondeau 2018

Fronsac

The nose is gourmand, aromatic, elegant and offers a small creamy sensation. It reveals notes of creamy blueberry, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate, vanilla and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers creaminess, an acidulous frame, minerality, a fine grain, a mineral frame and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry cream, crushed strawberry, small notes of creamy blackberry associated with a touch of raspberry, lily, rose, chocolate and very fine hints of caramelization. Tannins are slightly marked. A very fine hint of coffee and dark chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/00)**

## Château Castagnac 2018

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of fresh vanilla pod, ripe/fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh hazelnut associated with touches of crushed strawberry, crushed blueberry as well as fine hints of green cardamom, a discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of fresh lily, rose as well as small hints of fresh liquorice stick and a subtle hint of vanilla pod. Good length. Tannins are structuring. A very discreet hint of toasted almond and bergamot on the persistence/finish.  
**Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)**

## Château La Valade 2018

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, nutmeg, liquo-

rice stick and an imperceptible hint of black tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, bright plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice and a hint of almond/vanilla. Tannins are finely marked.

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

## Château Dalem 2018

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of fleshy/ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed violet plum as well as very fine hints of lily, tonka bean, toasted, a discreet hint of chocolate and a subtle hint of orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a juicy/acidulous fruit and a fine crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blueberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as very fine hints of juicy violet fig, cardamom, a very discreet hint of liquorice, graphite and an imperceptible hint of salinity (in the background). Good length. Tannins are structuring and offer a fine straight side. A very discreet firmness and a hint of crushed almond on the finish/persistence (bring gourmandize).

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

## Château La Grave 2018

Fronsac

(Organic) The nose reveals notes of pistil, blackberry, small notes of small red fruits associated with fine hints of iris. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small fat and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, small juicy red berries, small notes of iris, pistil associated with a touch of rose and a very discreet hint of underwood. Tannins are slightly marked.

**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## Château Saint Rémy 2018

Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small red fruits, small notes of cassis cream associated with a touch of pepper, fine hints of balsamic and violet. The palate is fruity and offers fat, juiciness, a small minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame, a fine richness and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated

with a touch of balsamic, chocolate as well as subtle hints of mild tobacco and vanilla. Good length.

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

## Château La Rousselle 2018

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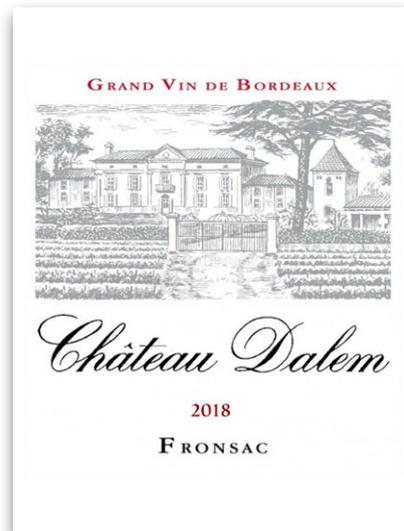
The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a small justly built richness as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, bright cassis, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of bright blueberry, cornflower, lilac as well as fine hints of small blue fruits, caramelization, pencil lead, bourbon vanilla pod, discreet hints of sweet spices, brioche and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, beautifully built, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, grain, a small unctuousity, a fine acidulous frame as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, fleshy/crushed blackberry, small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of wild strawberry as well as small hints of cornflower, lilac, tonka bean, bourbon vanilla pod, a very fine hint of vanilla, graphite/pencil lead and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). Tannins are elegant and racy. A fine power on the persistence.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Château Labory 2018

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The nose offers a small intensity, a certain power as well as a fine/tight grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of small wild black fruits, a hint of raspberry as well as fine hints of toasted oak, nutmeg and a discreet hint of pepper



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(in the background). The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cream blackberry, creamy strawberry, small notes of creamy blueberry associated with small touches of acidulous cherry, cornflower, violet as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate, a subtle hint of pencil lead and black tea. Good length. Very fine hints of toasted almond on the persistence.

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

## Château de La Rivière 2018

Fronsac

The nose is elegant and offers power (full of control), deepness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, deepness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small blue fruits, bright wild strawberry, lilac as well as fine hints of cardamom, black tea and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a fine/finely tight grain, an aerial side, a small concentration, a fine acidulous/full of length frame as well as a melodious side and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh cornflower, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of small bright blue fruits, small wild black berries as well as fine hints of graphite, cocoa, sugared mild tobacco and pepper (in the background). Tannins are precise, finely firm and very discreetly marked. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Puy Guilhem 2018

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The nose offers a fine richness, gourmandize as well as a small power. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, crushed blueberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of sugared mild tobacco, Sichuan pepper, tonka bean, a discreet hint of tea and a subtle hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, tension, a small power as well as a fine straightness and creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed blueberry, small notes of creamy cassis associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of cornflower, chocolate, a subtle hint of caramelization and toasted hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Magondeau 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe cassis, violet, small notes of lily associated with touches of fresh/ripe red fruits as well as fine hints of tea, rose, nutmeg, very discreet hints of pepper and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, very finely tight and offers a mineral frame, minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry, small notes of fresh violet associated with small touches of rose, small juicy/fresh red fruits as well as fine hints of fresh mild tobacco and a discreet hint of chocolate. A hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Mayne-Viel – Cuvée Aliénor 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate, vanilla, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of cuben pepper and a subtle hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a racy minerality, a small fat, juiciness, a small suavity as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of violet, crushed raspberry, hazelnut, a discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background).

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

## Château Renard Mondésir 2018

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a small creaminess, a fine freshness as well as intensity. It reveals notes of cassis cream, crushed blackberry, small

notes of strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate, liquorice stick as well as a hint of green cardamom, a very fine hint of black tea, an imperceptible hint of pepper and Badiane. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry cream, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of bergamot (in the background).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Le Defi de Fontenil 2018

Fronsac

The nose is elegant and offers richness (full of elegance), power, tension as well as a small aerial/very well-balanced side. It reveals notes of creamy cassis, fleshy Boysen berry, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of fleshy/crushed blueberry, hints of graphite, tonka bean, cuben pepper, a subtle hint of fig, a fine hint of grilled/expresso and an imperceptible hint of crushed cardamom. The palate is juicy, fresh and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, richness (full of balance), a certain density, structure and a certain power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of violet, creamy violet plum as well as fine hints of flowers, caramelization, mild tobacco, a very discreet hint of timut pepper and an imperceptible hint of orange. Good length. Tannins are elegant, racy and structuring. A beautiful wine! A beautiful/good persistence on notes of toasted hazelnut, dark chocolate and tonka bean. A beautiful wine on the fruit, power and perfectly balance.

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

## Ad Vitam Aeternam 2018

Bordeaux

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers complexity, an aromatic purity and precision. It reveals notes of bright cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of bright blueberry, cherry as well as cherry blossom, lilac as well as subtle hints of bourbon vanilla, a discreet hints of cuben pepper, sense of the place (local biotope) and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). The palate is beautifully fresh, gourmand, melodious and offers juiciness, complexity, an acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness as well as an aromatic purity, a very beautiful finesse of the grain and an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses

notes of bright cherry, bright blueberry, small notes of fleshy cassis associated with a touch of wild strawberry, cornflower, lily as well as fine hints of liquorice, tonka bean/cocoa, cardamom, an imperceptible hint of black olive and saffron. Tannins are elegant, precise and offer a certain suppleness. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## CANON-FRONSAC 2018

### Un oiseau dans les vignes 2018

Cuvée Spéciale, Château Mazeris Bellevue  
Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, liquorice as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick, lily/flowers and very fine hints of black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness, minerality as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, creamy cassis, small notes of redcurrant associated with a touch of strawberry as well as fine hints of lily/pistil, liquorice, black tea and a very discreet hint of toasted/caramelization.

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

### Château La Valade 2018

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a racy minerality as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of small ripe wild fruits, cassis and small notes of cuben pepper associated with touches of sense of the place (local biotope) as well as very fine



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hints of pepper and a hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers suavity, a beautiful fat, fullness, a fine acidulous frame and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, mild tobacco, an imperceptible hint of oak (in the background) and toasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise and finely firm. A very finely powdered finish. Gourmandize and appetite on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Château du Gazin 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers a small power, concentration, a slightly tight grain as well as a fine flowery side. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, fresh cornflower, small notes of fresh lily associated with fine touches of small ripe/fresh red fruits (cherry, raspberry) as well as hints of rose, a discreet hint of fresh spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a small tension and a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cassis, small notes of violet/fresh rose associated with touches of small fresh red berries as well as fine hints of tonka bean, a subtle sappy hint and cocoa bitterness. Good length.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## T de Tasta 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, intensity, a small power as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of bright cassis, bright black plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, lily as well as a hint of incense, pencil lead and fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness, a certain generosity as well as a small power, concentration and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small bright wild fruits, small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with a touch of acidulous/crunchy blue plum as well as hints of fresh lily, fresh violet, fine hints of camphor and a hint of chocolate/toasted. Good length. A very discreet hint of pepper on the persistence.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## Château Barrabaque – Prestige 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of bright cassis, bright plum and small notes of small juicy blue fruits associated with touches of lily, incense as well as small hints of pepper and a very discreet hint of cloves. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, a small tension as well as an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy cassis, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of small acidulous/fresh blue plum associated with a touch of small red berries, lily as well as fine hints of nutmeg, toasted almond and toasted oak.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Le Tertre de Canon, Château Vrai Canon Bouché 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, small juicy black fruits and small notes of small bright blue berries associated with fine touches of spices, a hint of smoke as well as very fine hints of cornflower, cardamom and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy and offers generosity, a beautiful focus of the fruit, a very fine tension and a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrant, bright blueberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with a touch of violet as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Château Lafond 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of ripe redcurrant associated with a touch of small ripe red fruits as well as fine hints of cuben pepper and a discreet varietal hint. The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a fine grain, a fine racy minerality and a fine pulpiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous raspberry, bright redcurrant and small notes of cassis associated with a touch of violet, cocoa, almond, a subtle hint of acidulous candy and a hint of crushed almond. Tannins are structuring and finely marked.  
**Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)**

## Château Mazeris 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is spicy. It reveals notes of blackberry, small notes of fleshy cassis associated with touches of spices, lily as well as fine hints of pepper, fresh leather and a discreet hint of cloves. The palate is stretchy and offers freshness, minerality, a fine fat as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with a touch of violet, lily, chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted. Tannins are slightly marked. A very discreet sappy hint on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## Château Canon 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers a fine power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, humus, small notes of mushroom associated with fine hints of almond (in the background). The palate is fresh and offers a fine richness, fat, minerality as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of mushroom associated with touches of toasted hazelnut, caramelization and fine hints of humus.  
**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

## Château Capet Bégaud 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, iris, fresh cornflower, small notes of cassis associated with touches of small red berries, rose and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine concentration, a mineral frame, a fine fat, freshness and a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy wild cassis, small notes of iris, rose associated with a touch of fresh violet, crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, cherry and a hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and offer a small power.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Château Coustolle 2018

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The nose offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with small touches of violet and very discreet hints of fresh tobacco. The palate offers minerality, a fine freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, rose, small notes of dry violet associated with small touches of fresh blackberry as well as a subtle hint of plum, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of clove.  
**Score : 14.25+/20 (87-88/100)**

## Château Mazeris Bellevue 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with a touch of strawberry associated with fine touches of lily, sweet spices and a hint of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity and offers a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh cassis, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with a touch of fresh violet, fresh lily as well as small fine hints of fresh liquorice stick and a hint of cloves. Tannins are slightly dry.  
**Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)**

## Château Puy Guilhem 2018 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is racy and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh violet, lilac, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of strawberry as well as a hint of fresh cassis, bergamot, a racy mine-



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rality, very discreet hints of toasted/almond and tonka bean. The palate is fruity and offers a fine power, a mineral frame, freshness as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, pulpy/fresh blackberry, small notes of juicy/fresh redcurrant associated with touches of violet, lily as well as very fine hints of fresh mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are finely firm. A hint of dark chocolate/coffee on the persistence.

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

## Château Lamarche Canon 2018

### Canon-Fronsac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, a small gourmand side and intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, blueberry, cornflower associated with touches of crushed strawberry, lilac, green cardamon as well as fine hints of bourbon vanilla pod and a very discreet hint of dry mild tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as concentration and a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy Boysen berry, crushed cassis, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of bright blueberry, bourbon vanilla pod and a discreet hint of toasted/cardamom. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very fine iodine hint (brings sapidity) on the finish/persistence. An imperceptible hint of mild tobacco on the persistence.

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

## WHITE WINES FROM FRONSAC

### Château Fontenil 2019

#### Vin de France

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful juicy/fresh/fleshy fruit, a fine iodine hint (in the background), a beautiful aromatic finesse and gourmandize. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quenette, pink lychee, small notes of juicy peach associated with small touches of juicy pink grapefruit, juicy lemon, fine hints of lemon flowers, mandarine flowers, a discreet hint of fresh pineapple as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and chestnut / butter. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, fullness, a very beautiful finesse of the fat, pulpiness and a beautiful quality of the fruit. On the palate this wine

expresses notes of pink lychee, quenette, small notes of fleshy/juicy pink grapefruit associated with touches of vine peach, juicy/fleshy mandarine, crushed pear as well as fine hints of exotic fruits, an imperceptible hint of white flowers, almond flowers and acacia. Good length and persistence. Sapidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Blanc de Grand Renouil 2019

#### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, fresh. It reveals notes of lemon, lemon flowers, juicy lychee, small notes of juicy vine peach as well as a subtle hint of Mirabelle and peach flowers. The palate is fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, fresh lychee, small notes of quenette associated with a touch of crunchy vine peach, very discreet hints of flowers and a subtle hint of toasted almond (in the background). Good length. A very fine saline hint of the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Roc Meynard 2019

#### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small minerality as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of ripe apple, crunchy pear, small notes of white flowers associated with fine varietal hints, lemon/juicy quince and an imperceptible hint of toasted (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, carved and offers an acidulous frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, lemon zests, small notes of juicy/white apple associated with touches of crunchy white peach, crunchy peach flowers, very fine hints of flint as well as an imperceptible varietal hint and toasted (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Château Buisson-Redon 2019

#### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a small complexity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of lemon, pink grapefruit, small notes of peach flowers associated with touches of rose as well as very fine hints of crunchy pineapple (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers fullness, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as suavity, a small fat and a discreet straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, crushed peach, small notes of quenette associated with small touches of pink grapefruit, zests, lemon flowers as well as a subtle hint of rose and flint.

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

### M de Magondeau 2019

#### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is very discreetly tight and offers a small intensity, a fine concentration. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette, small notes of green apple associated with small touches of quince, acacia and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers a small fat, a small fresh frame as well as minerality and a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, crushed pear, small notes of crushed quenette associated with a touch of lemon/kumquat, discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of crushed almond.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Barraaque – Le Caprice de Caroline 2019

#### Vin de France

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers freshness as well as a certain generosity. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh kumquat, small notes of fresh lychee associated with small touches of pear, discreet hints of white flowers/honeysuckle and a subtle hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fresh (beautiful freshness), fruity and offers tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine grain as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, ripe/juicy white grapefruit, small notes of honeysuckle associated with touches of peach flowers, fleshy pear, juicy lychee as well as a subtle hint of lemon flowers, an imperceptible hint of passion fruit and flint. Good length. A discreet tannic sensation and a hint of crushed almond on the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Plain-Point 2019

#### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh Mirabelle, fresh pear, small notes of crushed nectarine associated with touches of lemon mesocarp, zests as well as fine hints of fresh white flowers and a very discreet hint of flint. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small carved side, dynamism, precision and a juicy side (which is very gourmand). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, mesocarp, small notes of juicy/acidulous mandarine associated with touches of peach flowers, crunchy/juicy white peach as well as fine hints of fresh green apple and a hint of flint.

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

### Volcelest 2019

#### Vin de France

(Organic) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain intensity, a fine grain as well as a certain small power. It reveals notes of quince, juicy/fresh Mirabelle, small notes of bright apple associated with small touches of lemon, lemon flowers as well as hints of lemon verbena, crystallized kumquat, discreet hints of spices, an imperceptible hint of bee wax and pink pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, freshness, a beautiful salinity (in the background), a beautiful guideline as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous lemon, bright apple, small notes of bright Mirabelle associated with small touches of crystallized kumquat, mandarine, salinity as well as a subtle hint of lemon verbena, cedar, a very discreet hint of linden and an imperceptible hint of bee wax. Good length.

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



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## Château de La Dauphine 2019

### Bordeaux Blanc

(Organic) The nose is fresh, fruity. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat, small notes of fleshy/juicy nectarine associated with fine touches of lemon as well as a hint of mandarine flowers and a discreet hint of verbena (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, tension, a beautiful fine grain as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, fleshy/juicy nectarine, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of dry mandarine zests, rose petal as well as discreet hints of small crunchy/fresh yellow fruits, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of acacia (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Le Blanc de La Rivière 2019

### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh and offers minerality, a fine stretchy sensation. It reveals notes of fresh mesocarp, fresh zests, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of juicy peach as well as fine hints of pear flowers, fresh grapefruit and a racy minerality. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fresh frame, fullness, a good definition and a beautiful finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, mesocarp, small notes of juicy/fresh nectarine associated with a touch of crunchy pear, fresh quenette as well as a subtle hint of mandarine flowers, rose and racy minerality. Good length. A beautiful persistence on acidulous fruits but quite ripe.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## Château Roc Meynard – Grande Cuvée 2019

### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of mandarine, grapefruit flowers, small notes of ripe/fresh lemon associated with fine touches of apple, peach flowers and a discreet hint of linden. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-ba-

lanced and offers a mineral frame, a beautiful finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, fleshy/juicy nectarine, small notes of juicy lychee associated with a touch of fresh grapefruit as well as a very discreet hint of crushed apple, an imperceptible hint of salinity and almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Coustolle – Surprise Blanche 2018

### Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe quince, small fresh/juicy yellow fruits, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of mandarine zests as well as discreet hints of fresh verbena, iode and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers freshness, a good definition, precision, a beautiful suavity as well as a fine acidulous frame and sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy quince, small yellow fruits, small notes of fleshy/juicy yellow peach associated with touches of lemon, zests as well as a subtle hint of lychee, a discreet hint of pear flowers and an imperceptible hint of toasted/almond (in the background). Good length.

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

## L'Or de Richelieu 2019

### Atlantique IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, lychee, small notes of pear associated with fine touches of citron and a hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a discreet sapidity, a fine tension, fullness as well as minerality, freshness, an acidulous frame and a very fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe nectarine, small notes of apple associated with small touches of fresh lychee, hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of acacia flowers and a very discreet hint of fresh almond.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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# Pessac-Léognan

## 2018 RED PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

### Château Nouchet 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a fine racy power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe plum, small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of pepper, violet as well as discreet hints of cuben pepper, toasted, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, freshness, juiciness as well as a fine tension, density and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, crushed/fresh cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, nutmeg as well as fine hints of small fleshy/juicy red fruits, very fine hints of sweet spices and toasted.

Score : 15.5/20 (89-90/100)

### Château Couhins 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is precise and offers a small power, a fine grain as well as a certain intensity full of finesse. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, grey pepper, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy wild strawberry as well as very discreet hints of camphor/pencil lead and discreet hints of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, suavity, fullness as well as juiciness, a fine tension and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed red fruits, lilac as well as hints of chocolate, tonka bean, tobacco and discreet hints of vanilla pod (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château de France 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine racy power, a fine straightness as well as precision and gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, violet, crushed raspberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine touches of cassis, lily, liquorice, racy gravels (terroir) as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a very fine salinity, gourmandize as well as a beautiful juicy/bright fruit, pulpiness, precision and a beautiful mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/juicy blackberry, cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of crushed red berries, violet, lily, racy gravels as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization, liquorice stick, juicy blue berries and an imperceptible touch of vanilla (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Domaine de la Solitude 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a certain intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe black cherry, juicy/quite ripe cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality small black fruits, liquorice as well as a very discreet flowery hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as fullness, freshness and a focus of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy cherry/black cherry, small notes of small juicy black fruits associated with small touches of cornflower, small juicy blue berries as well as very fine hints of caramelization, chocolate and a very discreet hint of vanilla.

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

### Château Lespault-Martillac 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, racy, well-squared and offers intensity of the fruit as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, small crushed black fruits and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as hints of vanilla, chocolate and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as gourmandize, fat, a small density, a small fleshiness and a quite fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of juicy black cherry as well as hints of chocolate and cocoa. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

### L'Esprit de Chevalier 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine complexity, elegant and a certain deepness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of black cherry, crushed redcurrant as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and a very discreet hint of cedar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as juiciness and a juicy/fresh/finely acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, black cherry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of fresh raspberry, fresh redcurrant as well as fine hints of fresh cornflower, very fine hints of toasted almond (in the background) and a discreet hint of fresh liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

### Domaine de Chevalier 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, carved and offers a certain richness of the fruit and a small concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of finely acidulous violet plum associated with fine touches of crunchy/juicy strawberry, a racy minerality as well as fine hints of camphor, chocolate, discreet hints of caramelization and sense of the place. The palate is beautifully fresh/juicy, precise, straight and offers gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the fat, richness (full of finesse), a good structure (full of elegance) as well as a small carved side, a beautiful matter and an acidulous/fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of juicy/finely acidulous cherry associated with small touches of juicy/finely acidulous cherry associated with small touches of juicy/acidulous plum as well as fine hints of juicy/bright redcurrant as well as fine hints of sense of the place, an imperceptible hint of sap, chocolate and toasted. A very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut in the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant, well-built and racy.

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

### Château Cantelys 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild berries, small notes of small wild red fruits, crunchy strawberry associated with fine touches of fresh liquorice stick, rose/rose wood, fresh lily as well as a very discreet hint of gravy minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fresh, very discreetly tight, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness and a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild cassis, small crunchy red berries, small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy plum as well as fine hints of fresh lily and rose. Good length. Tannins are very finely chewy and firm. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. A very fine bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Château Le Thyl Comte Clary 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers freshness, a fine complexity, an aromatic purity and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cherry, small notes of violet associated with touches of pulpy cassis as well as fine hints of rose, liquorice stick, very fine hints of graphite and a subtle hint of incense. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, squared and offers a good definition, precision, juiciness and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy raspberry as well as small hints of cherry, cherry blossom, very fine hints of chocolate/cocoa, fine hints of caramelization and graphite/racy. A persistence on notes of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of toasted/brioche.

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

### Les Hauts de Smith 2018

#### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition of the fruit, a certain generosity and precision of the fruit. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, pulpy plum, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of raspberry as well as small hints of toasted, nutmeg, a discreet hint of cocoa, camphor and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers

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an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, freshness, suavity, a small aerial side and a flattery/gourmand side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of plum associated with touches of small red berries, cherry as well as hints of violet, rose, very fine hints of nutmeg, toasted almond, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are elegant. A fine bitterness and cocoa on the persistence.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Le Petit Haut Lafitte 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers a beautiful elegance, a beautiful finesse of the grain, definition as well as pulpy/juicy fruit and a certain power (full of finesse). It reveals notes of fleshy blackcurrant, fleshy/crushed cassis, small notes of plum associated with touches of strawberry, cornflower, terroir, a discreet hint of lilac, caramelization and Badiane. The palate is fruity/well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as suavity as well as a beautiful matter and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fresh/fruity cassis, small notes of small juicy/flattery red berries, violet, fresh lilac associated with touches of racy minerality, graphite, toasted/sweet spices, a very discreet hint of mild tobacco and Badiane. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant. A very discreet chew on bitterness on the persistence.

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

## Château le Pape 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of small black fruits associated with small touches of violet, violet plum as well as fine hints of liquorice, gravels, a very discreet hint of toasted, pepper and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers a fine power, a fine deepness, a beautiful freshness, definition as well as silkiness and a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, small wild berries, small juicy/crunchy black berries, small notes of violet plum associated with a touch of small crushed fruits as well as fine hints of crushed raspberry, cherry blossom, gravels, camphor, a discreet hint of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Haut-Bailly. II 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, well-built, finely tight and offers a fine concentration as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small wild berries, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of raspberry, crushed redcurrant as well as subtle hints of cherry, a very discreet hint of incense and spices/camphor. The palate is beautifully juicy, well-built and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a certain tension as well as an acidulous frame, juiciness and a fine finely tight gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of small pulpy black berries, lily, lilac as well as hints of toasted, tonka bean, graphite and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Good length. A persistence on notes of cocoa/bitterness of the cocoa, chocolate, caramelization an sugared mild tobacco.

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

## Château Haut-Bailly 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers complexity, deepness, a small density as well as a beautiful definition, finesse of the richness and freshness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, ripe cassis, small notes of fleshy violet plum associated with small touches of creamy strawberry, crushed blueberry as well as fine hints of violet, a very discreet hint of rose, small crushed red berries, discreet hints of liquorice, caramelization and fig. The palate is fruity, gourmand, very finely tight and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as definition, precision, a fine acidulous frame, tension, a very fine richness, a fine fat and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of creamy violet plum, violet, a racy minerality, gravels as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, toasted almond, an imperceptible hint of dry fig and brioche. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A good persistence.

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

## Château de Fieuzal 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a pulpy/fleshy fruit, a beautiful juiciness and freshness. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy raspberry, small notes of violet plum associated with small touches of small juicy/fresh yellow fruits, lilac, gravels/terroir as well as very fine hints of rose wood, spices, a very discreet hint of fresh sap and a very discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, structure, suavity as well as a certain racy minerality and a small appetite. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet plum, liquorice, toasted as well as a subtle hint of crushed chocolate/cocoa powder, fleshy/crushed cherry, very fine hints of lilac, graphite/pencil lead and sweet spices. Tannins are structuring, well-built and finely chewy. A very fine chew on the finish/persistence.

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

## Les Carmes Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a controlled power, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as intensity, deepness and a beautiful raciness. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of small ripe wild fruits associated with small touches of small fresh/crunchy blue fruits as well as fine hints of small crunchy red berries, fine hints of graphite, rose, very fine hints of sweet spices, cocoa and a very discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity (full of finesse), straightness (full of finesse/elegance), a beautiful finesse of the structure (despite the power), a "franc" side as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of small wild black berries associated with touches of grey pepper, camphor juicy/crunchy plum as well as small hints of chocolate, very fine hints of caramelization, toasted, nutmeg, a beautiful salinity, a square of silk, very fine hints of peach flowers, fresh lilac very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of toasted. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A beautiful stretched, "multi-layered" and well-balanced wine.

**Score : 20/20 (100/100)**

## Château Brown 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a well-defined fruit. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry, small black fruits as well as hints of racy minerality/flint, violet, fresh liquorice and discreet hints of cardamom/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful tension, a small straightness, a small density as well as richness, a fine/finely tight grain and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blackberry, small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of violet, camphor, black cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice, a racy minerality, very fine hints of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of graphite/cocoa. Tannins are structuring and precise. A hint of good bitterness on the persistence.

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

## Château Couhins-Lurton 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The wine offers a beautiful dense, deep, delicate wine dress. The nose is elegant and offers a small power, a certain delicacy, an aromatic precision and density. It reveals notes of pulpy/generous black cherry, pulpy blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of violet, graphite, small fleshy/juicy black fruits as well as a hint of cornflower, camphor, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, beautifully racy and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful suavity, deepness, density, silkiness and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy/generous black cherry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry, cornflower, lily, graphite as well as small hints of caramelization, bourbon vanilla, toasted, a discreet hint of cuben pepper, mild tobacco and an imperceptible iodine hint (in the background). Tannins are elegant, well-built and silky. A discreet bitter hint of cocoa in the finish. The finish/persistence that becomes tighter and tighter. A beautiful precise, elegant, fleshy but full of finesse wine.

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

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## Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful grain as well as power (full of finesse and delicacy). It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of pulpy/juicy plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of small toasted berries, cardamom, vanilla pod, a very discreet hint of pepper, mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of incense. The palate is elegant, full of finesse, well-balanced, aerial and offers juiciness, gourmandize (full of subtlety), delicacy and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, pulpy/bright redcurrant as well as fine hints of toasted, sugared mild tobacco, cardamom, a very discreet hint of caramelized hazelnut, lilac, cornflower and an imperceptible hint of badiane (in the background). A superb length/persistence. A beautiful wine.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

## Château de Cruzeau 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of small berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, violet, gravels and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a fine tension, a racy minerality and a certain fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, crunchy blackberry, small notes of violet, fresh flowers associated with touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of racy minerality/gravels, discreet hints of cocoa and liquorice. Good length.

Score : 14.75+20 (89/100)

## Château Luchey-Halde 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power/richness, a certain gourmandize as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, cornflower, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, cherry blossom as well as fine hints of vanilla, graphite, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers freshness, juiciness, tension as well as a fine fat, a small suavity, a certain gourmandize, a good structure, a small straightness and concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/crushed cassis, pulpy, blackberry, small notes of small blue berries associated with touches of fleshy/crushed raspberry, cornflower as well as hints of toasted, liquorice, chocolate and a very discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco (in the background). Tannins are well-built, very finely chewy. A fine chew in the finish. Fine hints of crushed almond on the persistence (bring gourmandize).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château de Rochemorin 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers a small intensity as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of lilac, lily, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with fine touches of fleshy blueberry, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, gravels, a discreet hint of camphor, almond, Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers juiciness, tension as well as a certain gourmandize, a small straightness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of lilac, violet associated with small touches of crushed cassis as well as fine hints of liquorice, toasted oak, almond (in the background) and a discreet hint of vanilla. A gourmand wine which offers gourmandize, richness/pulpiness as well as a good tension. Tannins are very discreetly marked. Good length.

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

## Château D'Eyrac 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine intensity and a very fine flowery side. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of lilac,

lily associated with touches of racy minerality/gravels, strawberry as well as a subtle hint of camphor, violet, a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, very finely tight, silky, fat and offers freshness, minerality as well as a small gourmandize, a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy cassis, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of lily, small crushed blue fruits, lilac as well as hints of graphite, chocolate, a subtle hint of hazelnut and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Bardins 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic, finely tight and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed/concentrated cassis, crushed/concentrated cherry, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of rose, graphite, liquorice, balsamic and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a juicy/fine acidulous frame, gourmandize, concentration as well as minerality and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis/concentrated cassis, crushed cassis, small notes of cornflower, lily associated with touches of crushed wild strawberry, fresh blackberry as well as hints of rose, graphite/racy minerality, very fine hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are slightly firm. A very fine hint of almond/chocolate on the persistence.

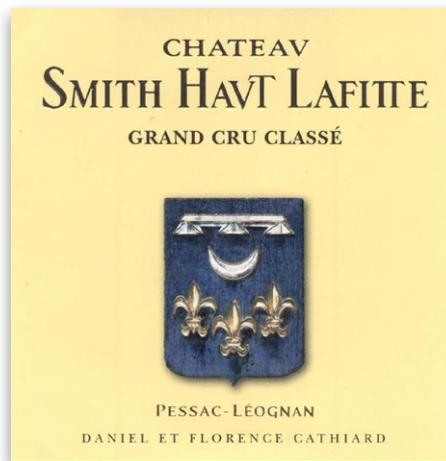
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Le Calice de Léognan 2018

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The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize, complexity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a certain density and concentration. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, crushed raspberry, small notes of pulpy/juicy cassis associated with touches of cherry, violet as well as small hints of camphor, grey pepper and an imperceptible sappy hint/fresh pine needle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, harmony, tension as well as a certain finesse/fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, pulpy/fleshy blackberry, small notes of fleshy/pulpy red berries associated with touches of fleshy/pulpy cherry as well as hints of violet, gravels, cardamom, discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible sappy hint. Good length. Tannins are fine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



## Château La Louvière 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers power, a small concentration, a fine intensity as well as a certain tension. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy blueberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of crushed red berries, hints of liquorice, violet, a very fine hint of spices and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a small suavity, minerality as well as a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh raspberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small juicy/fleshy red berries, fresh liquorice, graphite/fresh gravels as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick and a subtle saline hint (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of toasted, cocoa and a good bitterness on the persistence. A juicy, fresh, straight and on the fruit wine.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers intensity, a small concentration/power, complexity as well as harmony and power (in finesse and control). It reveals notes of violet, small wild berries, small notes of crushed wild raspberry associated with touches of crushed cassis as well as fine hints of white flowers, sweet spices, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of chocolate/toasted/caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension (in finesse), elegance as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful finesse of the suavity, a small aerial side despite a small density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, small crushed black berries, small notes

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of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, lilac, liquorice stick, chocolate as well as a very fine sapy hint, discreet hints of cardamom, graphite and sugared tobacco. Tannins are well-built, elegant and fine. Good length. A very fine hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Olivier 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a small concentration as well as a fine grain and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of crushed Boysen berry, cassis, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, bourbon vanilla, incense and a very fine hint of orange zests (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, squared and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as tension, a certain straightness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, lily, liquorice stick as well as small hints of small crushed red berries, camphor and bourbon vanilla. Tannins are well-built, precise and elegant. A certain gourmandize on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a certain power as well as a small intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of juicy wild cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of small juicy wild red fruits associated with hints of racy minerality (gravels), lily, violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice (in the background) and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined and offers a beautifully juiciness, finesse, a silky touch, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful fat, delicacy, a fine acidulous frame and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small red fruits, a racy minerality/graphite, zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco leaf and iris (in the background). Very fine hints of caramelization and a fine sapidity in the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, precise, harmonious and offers a controlled power, intensity as well as a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of small bright black fruits, graphite, violet/cornflower as well as very fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, zan, toasted almond, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of gravels/iodine minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully precise, gourmand, acidulous, stretched and offers delicacy, a beautiful fleshy/juicy/pulpy/fresh fruit, suppleness, fat and a certain well-built richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy/crushed blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of pepper, a racy minerality/graphite, small red fruits as well as small hints of sugared mild tobacco, chocolate, very fine hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of caramelization (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and supple. Sapidity and a very fine chew on the finish. A beautiful persistence on notes of minerality, flowers/varietal and caramelization.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Le Clarence de Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant and offers delicacy, a certain aromatic purity, a fine/precise grain as well as a fine sensation of richness, complexity, a beautiful finesse of the grain and deepness. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, strawberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry, violet associated with touches of bright violet plum associated with fine touches of racy/saline minerality (terroir), spices, lily, pepper as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, an imperceptible hint of camphor and

saffron. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers freshness, delicacy, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, an aerial/subtle side as well as precision and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous Boysen berry, juicy cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small red berries, crunchy/acidulous plum, saline minerality (saline) as well as hint of fresh nutmeg, toasted and a discreet hint of tonka bean/cocoa.

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

## Château Saint Eugène 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh small fruits, raspberry, small notes of fresh violet associated with small touches of racy minerality (gravels) as well as a hint of pulpy blackberry and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame, a small suavity, a fine tension/straightness and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh raspberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of fresh rose, fresh cornflower as well as fine hints of a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh liquorice stick.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château D'Eck 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, pulpy wild blackberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small black berries, liquorice stock, violet as well as a subtle hint of camphor and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, suave and offers freshness, a small gourmandize, a racy minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful roundness and a silky touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy/juicy black plum, cornflower/violet, graphite as well as hints of toasted, a subtle hint of caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate in the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Haut-L'Évêque 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers gourmandize as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy blue fruits, small notes of raspberry

associated with fine touches of cherry, violet as well as hints of liquorice, a very discreet hint of toasted almond/hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a mineral frame as well as a small suavity and a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small bright red berries, blueberry as well as fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, toasted hazelnut and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château Lamothe-Bouscaut 2018

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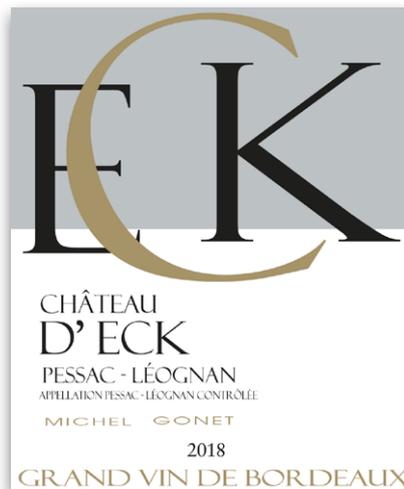
The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small intensity as well as a fine sensation and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black blackberry, graphite, small notes of small fleshy berries associated with touches of violet, griotte cherry as well as fine hints of camphor and nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a small tension, a racy minerality and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of graphite associated with small touches of griotte, crushed blue berries as well as fine hints of cornflower, chocolate, a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length.

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

## Château Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, a fine grain, delicacy, deepness as



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well as intensity and a small bewitching side. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe strawberry, small notes of raspberry, violet associated with touches of small acidulous fruits, lily as well as hints of pulpy plum, nutmeg, sweet spices, very fine hints of mild tobacco (in the background) and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is precise, beautifully delicate, beautifully built, beautifully harmonious/melodious and offers a small aerial side, a very beautiful balance, tension (in finesse and control), subtlety and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of crushed wild raspberry associated with touches of small acidulous red fruits, pulpy violet plum as well as hints of cornflower, peony, nutmeg, zan as well as fine hints of cuben pepper, cardamom, very discreet hints of caramelization and vanilla. Good length and persistence. Tannins are elegant, precise and beautifully built. A subtle bitter hint (nice) on the finish/persistence.

**Score : 20/20 (100/100)**

## Château La Garde 2018

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The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a fine gourmandize, a small racy minerality as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy wild blackberry, violet, liquorice, small notes of crushed cassis associated with a touch of small crushed berries, nutmeg, zan, a very discreet hint of green cardamom and an imperceptible hint of bourbon vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension and concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, juicy griotte cherry, small notes small acidulous/juicy red berries associated with touches of crushed plum, liquorice, violet, lily as well as a fine hint of graphite, a racy minerality, zan, an imperceptible hint of grey pepper and mild tobacco. A very discreet iodine hint in the finish/persistence. Good length.

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

## Château Bouscaut 2018

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a fine juiciness as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of pulpy/bright cassis, small black berries, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of liquorice stick, black cherry as well as fine hints of pencil lead, sweet spices, black tea, very discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of saffron. The palate is elegant, beautifully built and offers a racy minerality, power (well-controlled), a certain purity of the fruit as well as suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine acidulous frame, tension and a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of small acidulous blue berries associated with fine touches of crunchy/acidulous raspberry, cornflower, violet, pencil lead as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh vanilla pod, fine hints of zan, toasted and fresh tobacco. Tannins are fine, precise and elegant. A hint of mocha on the finish. Sapidity and gourmandize on the finish.

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

## Clos Marsalette 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a small racy minerality, a fine power as well as a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of iris as well as very fine hints of blackberry, tonka bean and a subtle hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, small juicy/fresh red berries, small notes of iris associated with a touch of juicy cassis as well as fine hints of caramelization and liquorice. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château de Rouillac 2018

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The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a racy minerality, freshness as well as a good definition of the fruit. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, black cherry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small bright black fruits, graphite/

racy minerality as well as fine hints of violet, nutmeg and a discreet hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, an aromatic purity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, a controlled power and a small stretchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of juicy/fresh violet plum associated with touches of acidulous/juicy cassis as well as fine hints of violet/fresh lilac, a racy minerality as well as small hints of cocoa, toasted, a subtle hint of fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of black tea (in the background). Tannins are elegant, precise and structuring. A persistence on a fine hint of cocoa.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Château Léognan 2018

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The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers finesse of the grain as well as harmony. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of cassis, small pulpy black berries, violet as well as fine hints of sap/hot pine needle, nutmeg, camphor, sweet spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine concentration, suavity and a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, violet, small notes of small juicy berries, cornflower associated with touches of raspberry, pulpy/juicy redcurrant as well as hints of graphite, liquorice, nutmeg, very fine hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of grilled (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm.

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## 2010 RED PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

### Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers power, deepness as well as harmony and a small intensity (full of precision). It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, quite ripe blackberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of quite ripe small black berries, pencil lead, lily, pulpy plum, pepper cuben, nutmeg as well as fine hints of tonka bean, a very discreet hint of tea (in the background), cardamom, an imperceptible hint of dry oak leaf and underwood. The palate is elegant, delicate, gourmand, beautifully built and offers precision, suppleness, delicacy as well as gourmandize, richness, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, ripe cassis, small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of quite ripe small red berries, raspberry, lily, violet, a racy minerality as well as hints of tonka bean, mild tobacco, cardamom and a very discreet hint of spices. Very fine hints of cocoa and bourbon vanilla pod on the persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine, racy and supple. Sapidity on the finish.

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

### Château Haut-Brion 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, deep, beautifully defined, precise, complex and offers deepness, freshness as well as precision and purity. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, small wild black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of cuben pepper, cornflower, wild strawberry, camphor as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, incense, very discreet hints of grey pepper, badiane and underwood. The palate is delicate, gourmand, beautifully fresh, racy and offers a racy minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame (full of delicacy/justness), dynamism as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a very beautiful finesse of the suavity, deepness, a beautiful purity of the aromatic and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe raspberry, small notes of juicy/ripe cassis associated with touches of small red berries, ripe/fleshy violet plum as well as hints of cornflower, graphite, camphor, tonka bean, very fine hints of mild tobacco, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices and badiane. Tannins are elegant, precise and supple. A good length. Very discreet hints of cocoa, almond/toasted hazelnut, a hint of grilled and salinity in the persistence. A wine full of finesse (despite power), delicacy... a true square of silk. (+17 caudalies)

**Score : 20/20 (100/100)**



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## Domaine de Chevalier 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, fine, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a certain density, power (full of delicacy). It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry, small notes of small fleshy wild black fruits associated with fine touches of small wild red fruits as well as fine hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco, a discreet hint of camphor, smoke, a racy minerality, an imperceptible hot hint and truffle. The palate is fruity, elegant gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a very beautiful freshness as well as an acidulous frame, harmony, a beautiful definition, straightness (full of balance), a racy minerality, a good finesse of the grain, a delicate structure, a racy minerality, a good finesse of the grain and a delicate structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, fresh/acidulous blackberry, small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with touches of small ripe fruits, dry red berries as well as fine hints of hot sap, toasted, chocolate, almond, sense of the place, a very discreet hint of camphor and truffle. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A very discreet chew on the finish. A beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, powerful, racy and offers complexity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild black berries, small notes of small ripe blue fruits associated with touches of blueberry, cornflower, violet as well as hints of liquorice, cardamom, chocolate, discreet hints of mushroom/truffle and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, tension as well as a beautiful freshness, tension, concentration (but without opulence), suavity, fullness, a beautiful juiciness, minerality, finesse of the grain, density, a beautiful flesh and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of cornflower, small pulpy blue fruits associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of violet plum, lilac, chocolate, caramelization and a very discreet hint of fresh truffle (in the background).

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

## Château Haut-Bailly 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (in finesse), richness/a small franc side (full of elegance) and deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysen berry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed berries, crushed blueberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of fig and an imperceptible almost balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, beautifully squared and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain freshness as well as a beautiful tension and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh blackberry, small notes of dry cassis associated with touches of juicy/fresh blueberry, fresh raspberry as well as hints of violet, lilac, very fine hints of mushroom/peps, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Good length. Tannins are structuring and well-built. A fine bitterness on the persistence. A very beautiful wine!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château de Fieuzal 2010

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, tense, very finely tight and offers a fine freshness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of plum, crushed/almost dry strawberry as well as a hint of rose, fresh violet, a racy minerality, a very discreet hint of fig, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of underwood, pepper and an imperceptible hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, a fine tension, a fine suavity, a small fat, a good structure and concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry, small

notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of liquorice pulpy/juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of sweet spices, racy minerality/fresh gravels, graphite, toasted oak, a very discreet truffle and a subtle saline hint. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length. Sapidité and a very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Les Carmes Haut-Brion 2010

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (full of finesse), freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of very ripe wild cassis, cooked blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, underwood, mushroom, camphor and discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, slightly on the hold and offers tension, a beautiful definition, a beautiful matter as well as freshness, a flattery side, minerality, a beautiful fat/suavity and a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of pulpy plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of chocolate, small crushed blue fruits, caramelization, toasted, fine hints of pepper, cocoa/grilled, crushed blueberry and violet. Tannins are well-built and structure. A persistence on a grilled hint.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Haut-Bacalan 2010

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful fruit as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, quite ripe raspberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of cooked blueberry, spices, a very discreet hint of pepper, almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers precision, tension as well as a small finely tight density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe wild cassis, ripe wild blackberry, small notes of very ripe raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, lily, cooked blueberry as well as hints of caramelization, nutmeg, graphite, a very discreet hint of underwood and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant and supple. A hint of sapidity in the finish/persistence.

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

## WHITE PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

### Château La Garde 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine richness as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, quenette, small notes of lychee associated with touches of crushed apple, lemon and very discreet hints of acacia/flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as a certain precision, a small fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, juicy/fleshy nectarine, small notes of lychee associated with touches of citrus (lemon, mandarine) as well as a hint of grapefruit flowers, a discreet hint of acacia and an imperceptible hint of toasted/hazelnut (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### La Clarté de Haut-Brion 2018

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, fine, fruity and offers a small aerial/delicate side. It reveals notes of ripe apple, juicy/ripe lemon, small notes of pear associated with fine touches of racy minerality, mandarine zests, very fine hints of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of toasted (in the background) and fresh almond. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers fat, suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a small crystalline hint, a fine tension, roundness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy vine peach, small notes of fleshy/juicy green apple associated with touches of mandarine, zests as well as a subtle hint of lychee, flowers and discreet hints of fresh hazelnut. Good length.

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



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## Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a small power (full of control) as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fleshy apple, fleshy/fresh William pear, small notes of small crunchy white fruits associated with touches of ripe lemon, lemon flowers as well as hints of mesocarp, fleshy Mirabelle, very fine hints of flowers and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully defined and offers purity of the fruit, gourmandize, a fine richness (full of control, balance), suavity as well as a small fat and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, apple, small notes of fleshy/juicy vine peach associated with small touches of kumquat, juicy/fleshy Mirabelle as well as fine hints of quenette and a discreet hint of lemon flowers. Good length. A fine bitter (a good one), very fine hints of toasted and grilled hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château Haut-Brion 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant and offers an aromatic power, freshness (full of control), finesse and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy vine peach, fleshy/fresh apple, small notes of small fruits associated with fine touches of fresh/crunchy quince, lemon as well as lemon flowers, peach flowers, a racy minerality/fresh gravels, very discreet hints of citrus, fresh oak, fresh almond, flint and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, beautifully dynamic and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful delicate/finely unctuous matter, delicacy, harmony, tension as well as suavity and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh vine peach, juicy/fresh apple, small notes of fresh pear associated with touches of lychee, lemon, small fresh citrus as well as hints of toasted oak, Mirabelle, ripe grapefruit, sweet spices and a racy minerality. Good length and persistence. A subtle hint of acacia as well as a good bitter/varietal hint in the finish/persistence.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

## Château Lamothe-Bouscaut 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh peach, small notes of pear associated with small touches of flint/racy minerality and an imperceptible iodine hint. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers a small fat, a fine acidulous frame, minerality, a fine straightness as well as a small fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white peach, fleshy pear, small notes of apple associated with a touch of lychee as well as very fine hints of flowers/rose, racy minerality and toasted oak (bring fullness). A very fine saline hint on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Bouscaut 2018

### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of juicy peach, lemon, small notes of lemon flowers associated with fine touches of fresh kumquat, fresh lemon zests as well as very fine hints of racy minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat as well as sapidity/a small iodine hint and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/crunchy vine peach, small notes of William pear associated with a touch of quince as well as very fine hints of lemon flowers, a subtle hint of fresh quenette, an imperceptible hint of vanilla, honeysuckle and fresh almond (in the background). Good length.

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

## Château Couhins 2018

### Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely tight and offers minerality. It reveals notes of juicy peach, fleshy/juicy apple, small notes of juicy lychee, juicy pear as well as a very discreet hint of lemon flowers and passion fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, tension, roundness as well as a small aerial side, a fine unctuousity, generosity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, crushed nectarine, small notes of fleshy/juicy pear associated with touches of lemon, zests, very fine hints of juicy kumquat, passion fruit as well as a very discreet hint of zests (in the background). An imperceptible hint of toasted in the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château D'Eyran 2019

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon, juicy/fleshy apple, small notes of juicy pear associated with fine hints of lychee, zests and very fine hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, acidulous and offers roundness, gourmandize, a small carved side and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy pear, small notes of juicy/fleshy peach associated with touches of lychee, hints of passion fruits, a discreet hint of mandarine zests, toasted (in the background) and a subtle hint of white flowers. Good length. Minerality and persistence.

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

## Château d'Eck 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, finely tight. It reveals notes of lychee, crunchy pear, small notes of varietal associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, crunchy apple, a fine hint of fresh lily of the valley and citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a mineral/Fresh frame as well as fullness, fat and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, white flowers, small notes of crunchy peach associated with small varietal touches as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Clos Marsalette 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh and offers minerality. It reveals notes of fresh linden, fresh apple, small notes of fresh citron associated with very fine hints of white flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, beautifully acidulous, very discreetly tight and offers gourmandize, a fine fleshiness, a beautiful fresh frame, a beautiful fat and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, juicy/crunchy pear, small notes of lemon associated with touches of grapefruit, linden, very fine hints of small fresh yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of bee wax.

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

## Château Haut-Nouchet 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a small minerality as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, pear, small notes of kumquat associated with a very discreet hint of zests, a subtle hint of Mirabelle, flowers and very discreet hints of toasted (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful freshness, minerality as well as an acidulous frame, fat and a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy nectarine, juicy/fresh quince, small notes of juicy/fresh Mirabelle associated with a touch of crunchy peach, lemon and an imperceptible hint of dry orange zests. Good length. A beautiful aromatic persistence.

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

## Château Luchey-Halde 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose reveals notes of lychee, apple, small notes of honeysuckle associated with small touches of fresh quince, a subtle hint of lemon, lemon zests and crunchy nectarine/peach flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good guideline and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, fresh/juicy apple, small notes of juicy/fresh kumquat associated with a touch of lychee, crunchy/acidulous nectarine as well as discreet hints of honeysuckle. Good length. A persistence on notes of citrus.

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

## Domaine de la Solitude 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a fine tension. It reveals notes of quenette, ripe/crushed green apple, small notes of lemon associated with very fine hints of peach and an imperceptible hint of mandarine zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine tension, fullness, fat, a small flattery side, a certain straightness and tension (well-built). On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, nectarine, small notes of juicy/fleshy pear associated with small touches of lemon, mandarine flowers as well as very fine hints of mandarine and a racy minerality. A good acidulous and suave persistence.

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

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## Château Lespault-Martillac 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and very finely on the hold. It reveals notes of quenette, fleshy peach, small notes of crunchy pear associated with fine touches of exotic fruits and a very discreet lemon hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, franc and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as straightness, a small fat, tension and fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy nectarine, crunchy pear, small notes of exotic fruits associated with small touches of lemon as well as hints of quenette, minerality and a very discreet hint of mandarine. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## L'Esprit de Chevalier 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality, a fine freshness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, mandarine, small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of lychee and small white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a small fat, a good definition, gourmandize, a fine grain and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, fleshy/pulpy nectarine, small notes of lychee associated with touches of citron (mandarine, lemon) as well as hints of crushed white fruits, a subtle hint of passion fruit, salinity, a very fine hint of mandarine flowers and an imperceptible hint of toasted/hazelnut (in the background). Good length. A good sapidity and gourmandize on the finish. A beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine De Chevalier 2018

### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully defined, full of precision and offers straightness. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of lychee, nectarine, small notes of apple associated with small touches of quenette, citrus as well as fine hints of mandarine flowers, a racy minerality/flint, an imperceptible hint of grapefruit, fresh oak and fresh sap. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness/definition, suavity, deepness and sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quenette, juicy/fresh nectarine, small notes of fresh pear associated with small touches of lemon, fresh pink lychee, fresh rose, flint as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality, fresh/toasted almond, fresh sap/fresh pine needle and an imperceptible hint of fresh/toasted oak. Good length. Appetence and sapidity on the persistence.

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

## Château Cantelys 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine aromatic intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy/fresh peach, fresh green apple, small notes of lemon associated with touches of mandarine zests, graves and a very discreet hint of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as sapidity, a fine salinity, freshness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy lemon, vine peach, small notes of apple associated with small touches of crunchy/juicy pear as well as fine hints of grapefruit and lemon flowers. Good length. A very fine hint of toasted hazelnut and toasted on the finish/persistence. A rapid persistence with a very discreet iodine hint.

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

## Les Hauts de Smith 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers tension as well as a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy nectarine, fresh lemon, small notes of fresh kumquat associated with small fine touches of lychee, a subtle hint of quenette and a very almost saline/varietal hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, squared and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, tension, suavity, fat as well as a small pulpy/flattery side and density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy kumquat, small notes of crushed nectarine associated with touches of lychee, quenette, crushed apple as well as a subtle hint of apple flowers and a discreet hint of grapefruit. Good length. A discreet bitter hint on the finish/persistence. A discreet saline hint on the finish.

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

## Le Petit Haut Lafitte 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely tight and offers a certain intensity as well as straightness. It reveals notes of lemon, kumquat, small notes of mandarine associated with touches of apricot flowers, flowers, a racy minerality and very fine hints of passion fruit. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, racy, precise, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, sapidity and a fine salinity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, nectarine/crunchy vine peach, small notes of juicy mandarine associated with touches of juicy lemon, lychee as well as a subtle hint of apple flowers and a very discreet hint of fresh apricot. Good length. Very fine hints of toasted, toasted almond, bitterness and gourmandize on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain complexity, freshness as well as power. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh nectarine, fresh lychee, small notes of small fresh white fruits associated with touches of zests, lemon flowers, very fine hints of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible varietal hint, very discreet hints of almond and fresh hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful juiciness, definition of the fruit as well as gourmandize, a small fat (finesse), suavity, appetence, a beautiful suavity, harmony, generosity, a certain richness and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quenette, juicy/ripe lemon, small notes of juicy/ripe kumquat associated with small touches of juicy mandarine, lemon as well as hints of papaya, lemon flowers, apple flowers, a racy minerality and a discreet hint of exotic fruits (in the background). Good length. A very discreet tannic sensation on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château de Fieuzal 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance, a good definition, a beautiful definition of the fruit (precise). It reveals notes of ripe/juicy kumquat, juicy/fresh Mirabelle, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of peach, a discreet hint of crunchy green apple, fresh nutmeg as well as discreet hints of bee wax. The palate is fruity, aery and offers finesse, elegant, a small aerial side, a very beautiful balance as well as a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline, a pulpy/juicy/acidulous fruit and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy Mirabelle, small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of juicy/pulpy yellow peach, a saline minerality as well as a subtle saline hint and bee wax. Good length.

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

## Château de Cruzeau 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers minerality. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, small fleshy white fruits, small notes of zests associated with fine hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight/tense and offers roundness, juiciness as well as a small suavity, a small freshness, a fine acidulous frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy apple, small notes of fleshy/crushed nectarine associated with a touch of juicy/fresh pear, lemon as well as fine hints of zests. Good length.

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

## Château de Rochemorin 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a small crystalline side. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh peach, small notes of lemon flowers associated with touches of small fleshy fruits, pink lychee and an imperceptible hint of mandarine. The palate is fruity and offers fullness, fatness, dynamism as well as a gravy minerality and a fine acidulous/zesty frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy/fleshy lychee, small notes of juicy apple associated with touches of quenette as well as hints of mandarine and a subtle hint of zests. Good length. A persistence on notes of zests/mesocarp and minerality/flint. Appetence, gourmandize as well as an imperceptible hint of toasted and a good bitterness on the aftertaste.

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

# Pessac-Léognan

## Château de France 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small freshness, a certain deepness and a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy Mirabelle, lemon, small notes of juicy/fresh quince associated with touches of white fruits as well as fine hints of dry almond, gravy minerality, very fine hints of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of bee wax. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, minerality, tension, roundness and a fine unctuous. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy Mirabelle, juicy lemon, small notes of vine peach associated with small touches of juicy quince as well as fine hints of small yellow fruits, almond/almond flowers, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of honey. Good length.

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

## Château Brown 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a small intensity/power, a certain generosity/gourmandize and straightness. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, juicy quince, small notes of small juicy/crunchy yellow fruits associated with touches of crunchy green apple, apple flowers, gravy minerality as well as fine hints of toasted and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a certain richness/power (but full of balance), juiciness as well as roundness, gourmandize, a fine tension, richness, a fine grain and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, quince, small notes of lychee associated with touches of crushed Mirabelle as well as fine hints of mandarine zests, exotic fruits, a gravy minerality, toasted oak/bee wax and a subtle hint of butter. Good length. A very fine hint of good bitterness on the finish.

Score : 15.75+/20 (92/100)

## Château La Louvière 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, mineral. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, crunchy nectarine, small notes of crunchy pear associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, gravels/flint and small crunchy yellow peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a small suavity, a certain tension, fullness, a fine freshness, a certain straightness and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy/crunchy nectarine, small notes of juicy pear associated with touches of mandarine, mandarine zests, small juicy/fleshy yellow fruits as well as fine hints of racy minerality, a very discreet hint of mesocarp and discreet hints of toasted oak/sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, beautifully racy and offers intensity, elegance as well as deepness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of kumquat, yellow peach and small notes of fresh flowers/fresh iris associated with touches of crushed brugnon, quince as well as fine lemon hints, flint, lychee, spices (fresh ginger), discreet hints of almond, salinity and a buttery hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the fat/fullness, a certain subtlety, a beautiful fine grain, gourmandize as well as a beautiful unctuous matter (full of finesse and straightness). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, crushed/fleshy brugnon and small notes of fleshy/juicy pear associated with touches of kumquat, crushed Mirabelle as well as fine hints of toasted hazelnut and a very discreet saline hint. Good length. A good persistence with a subtle hint of hazelnut/brioche and salinity on the 5th caudalie.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Couhins-Lurton 2018

### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, well-built and offers a small straightness. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh zests, small notes of fleshy/juicy nectarine associated with touches of juicy pear as well as fine hints of racy minerality, lemon/mandarine flowers and very fine hints of gravy/racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-squared and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the fat, tension, a certain dynamism, a small freshness, a good juiciness and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, juicy mandarine, small notes of fles-

hy/juicy nectarine associated with touches of quenette/juicy lychee, fine touches of mandarine zests, passion fruits as well as very discreet hints of toasted oak/vanilla. Good length. A subtle hint of toasted hazelnut and a discreet hint of brioche on the persistence/aftertaste.

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

## Château D'Eyrac 2018

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh and offers a franc/direct side. It reveals notes of fresh quince, lemon, small notes of crunchy white peach associated with touches of small crunchy fruits as well as fine hints of white flowers and discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, juiciness as well as freshness, a soothing frame, a certain purity and a juicy/fresh fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh quenette, juicy/fresh apple, small notes of juicy/fresh lemon associated with touches of fresh nectarine as well as a subtle hint of lychee and very fine hints of racy minerality. A very discreet varietal hint and discreet hints of toasted oak in the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Olivier 2018

### Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity, juicy and offers a good definition as well as elegance. It reveals notes of fresh quenette, lemon, small notes of ripe/juicy kumquat associated with small touches of juicy yellow nectarine as well as fine hints of mandarine flowers, acacia and a very discreet hint of toasted oak/hazelnut butter. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers freshness, precision, a good definition as well as balance, a certain deepness, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, elegant and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy quenette, small notes of fleshy/juicy vine peach associated with small touches of juicy kumquat as well as fine hints of white flowers, rose, lychee, very fine hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. Good length. An imperceptible tannic hint of the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2010

### Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, harmonious and offers a certain richness, freshness as well as a fine power (in the background). It reveals notes of Mirabelle, kumquat, small notes of fresh peach associated with touches of small yellow fruits as well as hints of hazelnut, salinity, a discreet hint of honey and very discreet hints of dry fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, fullness, fat, straightness (full of elegance) and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe Mirabelle, small notes of small ripe/fleshy yellow fruits associated with small touches of yellow peach/Tatin tart as well as small hints of spices, honey/bee wax, hazelnut/brioche. A fine salinity and an imperceptible bitter hint and a discreet tannic hint on the finish. A very beautiful persistence.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

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# Saint-Émilion Grands Crus Classés

## SAINT-ÉMILION PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ 2010

### La Mondotte 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful controlled power, deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry, small notes of incense associated with small touches of black pepper, blueberry, ripe wild strawberry as well as fine hints of tobacco, tonka bean, cloves, dry mild tobacco and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, acidity, deepness, suavity, precision, a beautiful dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of acidulous Boysen berry, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of acidulous blueberry as well as fine hints of lily, fresh violet, a discreet hint of chocolate, mushroom, caramelization, iodine and acidulous plum. A discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

### Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain controlled power as well as complexity. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild black berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, blueberry, dry leaf, underwood as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, a discreet hint of Badiane and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, juiciness, a fine grain as well as density/deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, quite ripe blueberry and quite ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of juicy violet plum, tonka bean, iris, lily as well as very fine hints of underwood, tonka bean and toasted almond/chocolate. An imperceptible hint of truffle/hazelnut on the persistence.

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

### Château Pavie 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful dimension, freshness as well as a beautiful deepness and a fine carved side. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, violet, small ripe fruits and small notes of nutmeg associated with fine touches of blueberry, lily as well as very fine hint of Cuben/Sichuan pepper, spices, very fine hints of sense of the place/biotope and an imperceptible menthol hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, elegant, complete and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality as well as an acidulous frame, deepness, a beautiful freshness (brings brightness), amplexness (full of finesse), deepness, a beautiful precision of the grain and a beautiful fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of small juicy/fresh wild black berries, tonka bean, almond, toasted, camphor/graphite, discreet hints of sweet spices, cloves and an imperceptible sappy hint (brings a little brightness). Tannins are precise, structuring and elegant. A good length. A fine salinity on the finish/persistence (+ than 16 caudalies).

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

### Château Ausone 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, harmonious, precise, racy and offers power (full of delicacy), a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness as well as a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of quite ripe cassis associated with touches of fresh/ripe violet plum as well as hints of lily, graphite, grey pepper, fine hints of mild tobacco and a discreet hint of camphor, spices, saline/iodine hints (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful harmony, a superb finesse, suavity, a beautifully precise definition as well as delicacy/subtlety in its power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, quite ripe/fleshy cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, quite ripe blueberry as well as hints of fresh raspberry, fresh lily, cornflower, very fine hints of tonka bean, nutmeg, underwood (in the background) and a subtle iodine hint and Badiane (in the background). A discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

### Château Bélair Monage 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant and offers a certain intensity, power (but always full of elegance) as well as a small aerial side and freshness. It reveals notes of dry blackberry, small quite ripe wild black fruits, quite ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of underwood, tobacco box, cloves, very discreet hints of almond, hazelnut, mushroom and a hint of Badiane (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful matter as well as unctuousity, a fine aerial side, a beautiful silky/gourmand/full of delicacy matter and a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe wild cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of wild raspberry violet, lily as well as hints of underwood, dry leaf, fine hints of tobacco box, a discreet hint of camphor, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Good length. A very fine saline hint on the finish/persistence. A very beautiful wine.

Score : 19.75/20 (99-100/100)

### Château Figeac 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fresh, elegant, finely tight, racy and offers a very beautiful definition, a small racy richness and a beautiful aromatic. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, pulpy/crushed blackberry, small notes of violet, small ripe wild blue fruits associated with fine touches of black plum, small wild black berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, Cuben pepper, cornflower, underwood, a very discreet hint of cardamom and camphor. The palate is elegant, racy, very discreetly tight/on the hold and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, suavity as well as a beautiful acidulous/saline fraise, a beautiful finesse/precision of the grain and a racy deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed small black fruits, small notes of small juicy/ripe blue fruits, juicy violet plum associated with small touches of melted chocolate, liquorice stick as well as hints of cardamom, nutmeg, camphor, saline (bring appetite/gourmandize) and a hint of underwood. Tannins are elegant, racy, precise and a fine straightness. Good length.

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

### Château Cheval Blanc 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, racy, well-built and offers a beautiful precision, definition, deepness and intensity (in finesse). This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis, small notes of grey pepper associated with small touches of graphite, ripe plum as well as very fine hints of fig, dry raspberry, liquorice a very discreet hint of camphor, pencil lead, an imperceptible hint of green cardamom and black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful gourmandize/definition, a beautiful creamy/fresh touch as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain, an aromatic purity and matter/density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/quite ripe cassis, fleshy/pulpy Quetsche plum, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with hints of liquorice, caramelization, fig, cocoa, toasted hazelnut, sweet spices and a subtle hint of black olive. Tannins are elegant, silky and well-built. Good length. A very fine salinity and power on the finish/persistence. A beautiful marriage of extremes: concentration, matter and freshness. Tannins are full of finesse.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

### Château Beau-Séjour Bécot 2010

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is racy and offers concentration as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of very ripe blackberry, cooked cassis, small notes of quite ripe small wild fruits associated with touches of very ripe raspberry, small very ripe blue berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, sugared mild tobacco, camphor, very fine hints of graphite, a subtle hint of vanilla, grey pepper and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is elegant, gourmand, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful purity of the fruit and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, very ripe wild blackberry, small notes of cornflower, small bright blue fruits associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice, toasted, tobacco, a hint of underwood and a saline hint. Tannins are precise, elegant, racy and very discreetly firm. Good length. A subtle hint of salinity and tonka bean on the persistence.

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

# Saint-Émilion Grands Crus Classés

## Château La Gaffelière 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, finely tight and offers a fine concentration, a certain intensity and finesse. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quite ripe small fruits, ripe cassis, small notes of black violet associated with fine hints of ripe strawberry, lily as well as a very discreet hint of dry cherry, clove, spices and an imperceptible hint of humus. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness, a certain generosity, a beautiful juicy/ripe fruit and a finely tight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, small ripe black fruits, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of dry strawberry, violet, rose as well as fine hints of humus, spices, a very discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of truffle. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very finely tight.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Clos Fourtet 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is aromatic, finely tight and offers precision, power, deepness as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small ripe wild berries, small notes of violet/lily associated with fine touches of spices, Cuben pepper, small violet fruits as well as very discreet smoky hints, an imperceptible hint of tonka bean and underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good juiciness, gourmandize, fat, a small suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain (finely tight), tension as well as a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/pulpy cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy blueberry, juicy/fleshy plum as well as fine hints of caramelization and toasted almond. A hint of cocoa on the finish/persistence. A very fine iodine hint on the finish.

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

## SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU CLASSÉ 2010

## Château Bellefont-Belcier 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of very ripe blackberry, very ripe cassis, small notes of plum associated with touches of truffle essence, pepper as well as a very discreet hint of salt and tobacco. The palate is fresh, mineral, slightly tight and offers concentration, freshness and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of prune, very ripe/cooked cassis, small notes of violet, dry plum associated with touches of chocolate, truffle essence as well as very fine hints of pepper, underwood, dark chocolate, a very discreet hint of pepper and vanilla. Tannins are structured.

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

## Château Monbousquet 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power, finesse, a certain tension as well as a fine grain and precision. It reveals notes of quite ripe blackberry, small red fruits, small notes of plum, violet, Sichuan pepper as well as very discreet hints of spices, nutmeg, an imperceptible hint of cloves and incense. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful freshness as well as gourmandize, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a beautiful tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/quite ripe cassis, small quite ripe black fruits, cornflower associated with touches of plum, crushed raspberry, dry blueberry, liquorice, tobacco, cigar box as well as fine hints of nutmeg and almond. Tannins are well-built, elegant and offer a certain straightness as well as firmness.

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

## Château Pavie Decesse 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is powerful, aromatic, racy and offers complexity, deepness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, small quite ripe black berries, small notes of violet associated with touches of violet plum, camphor as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, spices, cardamom, cocoa/cocoa bog and an imperceptible hint of cypress. The palate is fruity, beautifully racy/fresh and offers tension, a fine carved side, a beautiful bright fruit as well as deepness, a beautiful power and a beautiful juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of bright raspberry associated with touches of plum,

graphite, dark chocolate/tonka bean, sweet spices, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate truffle and crushed hazelnut. Tannins are elegant, racy and silky. Sapidity, gourmandize on the finish/persistence. A beautiful persistence.

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

## Château Côte de Baleau 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a small gourmandize as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of dry plum/prune associated with a hint of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, pepper, discreet hints of caramelization and mushroom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, a fine straightness as well as freshness, a beautiful grain, tension as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of prune associated with small touches of dry wild strawberry, truffle/mushroom as well as a subtle hint of dry blueberry, violet, caramelization, very discreet hints of toasted and toasted almond. A subtle saline hint on the finish. Tannins are very discreetly marked. A fine powdered side in the finish/persistence.

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

## Couvent des Jacobins 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully balance and offers power, a beautiful fine grain, a certain deepness as well as a good definition and complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy/very ripe cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of crushed plum, fleshy cherry as well as fine hints of lilac/cornflower, small candied fruit, grey pepper, an imperceptible hint of sweet spices, incense and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine unctuousity, a beautiful freshness as well as tension, a small fat and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, ripe cassis, small notes of fleshy raspberry, ripe cassis, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of violet, lily as well as a hint of candied small berries/fig, fine hints of hazelnut, almond, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of black truffle/chocolate truffle (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant, finely chewy and precise. A fine chew on the finish.

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

## Château Angélu 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is very elegant and offers a beautiful freshness/definition, deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, quite ripe wild strawberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of camphor, Sichuan pepper, small red fruits as well as very fine hints of vanilla pod, a subtle hint of nutmeg, cloves, a very discreet hint of Badiane and underwood. The palate is fresh, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, tension as well as subtlety/justness, a very beautiful balance, a very beautiful freshness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh Boysen, small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry associated with small fine touches of violet plum, tonka bean, cardamom, cloves as well as hints of tobacco, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of vanilla pod, underwood/fresh mushroom and a subtle hint of Badiane. Good length. Tannins are well-built, elegant and precise. A very fine chew on the finish/persistence. A very fine acidulous sensation on the finish/persistence which brings a lot of length and gourmandize.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

## Clos de L'Oratoire 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a small intensity, a small concentration, deepness as well as a very finely tight beautiful grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of dry strawberry associated with fine touches of mushroom, nutmeg, cardamom, a hint of humus as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, tobacco (in the background) and violet/dry cornflower. The palate is fruity, racy, elegant and offers minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, a small density, a certain concentration, a small controlled power as well as a fine tight side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, crushed blueberry, small notes of quite ripe wild strawberry associated with small touches of lily, violet as well as fine hints of tonka bean, liquorice, toasted, very fine hints of green cardamom, cloves, a subtle hint of toasted/caramelized hazelnut and discreet hints of mushroom/humus. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

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

# Saint-Émilion Grands Crus Classés

## Château Saint-Georges Côtes Pavie 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers precision as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, dry strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of liquorice, sugared tobacco as well as very fine hints of underwood/humus and a very discreet iodine hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a certain dynamism, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension, deepness as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe wild cassis, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of humus, small red fruits, tonka bean, toasted as well as hints of toasted almond, tobacco (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). A fine powdery side in the finish. A good persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Cadet-Bon 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, very finely tight and offers precision, a fine tension as well as a certain richness on the hold. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe Boysen berry, raspberry, small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of pulpy/ripe strawberry as well as hints of small crushed red berries, violet, fresh lily, truffle, fine hints of graphite, sweet spices, toasted and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good structure, freshness, juiciness, gourmandize, a good definition as well as precision, power, suavity, a fine acidulous frame, a small tension and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed wild blackberry, crushed/dry cassis, small notes of dry strawberry associated with touches of small crushed red berries, lily, tonka bean/mocha, toasted as well as fine hints of cardamom, clove, truffle, a very discreet hint of vanilla and dry leaf. A very fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château La Couspaude 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers power, a certain density, richness as well as a small freshness (in the background) and a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of creamy plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, violet, caramelization and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a small freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline, power and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, crushed wild blackberry and small notes of small creamy black fruits associated with touches of fresh raspberry, small juicy/finely acidulous blue berries as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, cardamom, sweet spices and mild tobacco. Tannins are fine, slightly tight and straight.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Grand-Pontet 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers concentration, a racy power (terroir), richness (in control), a beautiful finesse of the grain and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed violet plum and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of lily, lilac as well as fine hints of vanilla pod, green cardamom, a discreet hint of black tea, pepper, tonka bean, a discreet hint of mild tobacco and an imperceptible balsamic hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, beautifully racy, slightly tight and offers a well-built maturity, a fine acidulous frame, tension, elegance, purity as well as a good structure, a beautiful finesse and a very beautiful fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, concentrated cassis and small notes of plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of cornflower, lily, green cardamom, small hints of chocolate, tobacco, bourbon vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of underwood (in the background). Tannins are fine racy and well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Destieux 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a certain minerality, juiciness and a fine power. It reveals notes of dry cassis, plum and small notes of small black berries associated with small touches of lily, graphite, pepper as well as fine hints of cardamom and espresso. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, a good acidulous frame as well as a fine su-

vity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry cassis, juicy/ripe black cassis, juicy/ripe plum and small notes of small juicy/ripe black berries associated with fine touches of raspberry, espresso, graphite, grey pepper, iris as well as a subtle hint of cardamom, mild tobacco (in the background) and underwood. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Château Haut-Sarpe 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a very fine concentration and a quite ripe fruit. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, small dry black berries and small notes of crushed/quite ripe strawberry associated with touches of dry leaf/underwood, tobacco, dry violet as well as very fine hints of clay, sweet spices, a subtle hint of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, straight, mineral, slightly tight and offers a good freshness, an iodine touch as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, quite ripe black plum and small notes of small dry black berries associated with touches of tobacco, liquorice stick, iodine, camphor as well as hints of underwood/prey and a subtle hint of coffee. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Dassault 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a finely tight fine power. It reveals notes of ripe Boysen berry, strawberry and small notes of lily associated with touches of crushed raspberry, small berries as well as fine hints of zan, black tea, small crushed blue berries and a very discreet hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, racy and offers a good definition, a beautiful precision, finesse as well as elegance, a certain small richness and power (full of control). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, dry Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, lilac, small notes of bright blue berries as well as small hints of tobacco, liquorice, nutmeg, fine hints of underwood and a discreet hint of toasted/vanilla/pepper. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Yon-Figeac 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers concentration, a certain power and a small freshness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, small blue berries, small notes of grey pepper associated with small touches of violet, camphor as well as small hints of green cardamom, spices and an imperceptible hint of cypress. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers tension, silkiness, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame, a good definition and a certain roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, cornflower, lilac as well as hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of underwood/pepper. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant. A very discreet firmness on the finish.

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

## Château Fonplegade 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain straightness, a small deepness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of small black berries, strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of ripe/juicy cassis as well as hints of sweet spices, nutmeg, fresh tobacco, a subtle hint of lily, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, finesse, justness as well as a beautiful finesse of the fat and an almost aery sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry wild cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of quite ripe berries associated with touches of quite ripe raspberry, nutmeg, cardamom, spices as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco, an imperceptible hint of camphor (in the background) and pepper. Tannins are fine, precise and well-built. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Jean Faure 2010

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a certain delicacy and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild blueberry, cassis and small notes of

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violet associated with a touch of crunchy/acidulous violet plum small red fruits as well as hints of cassis leaf, zan, sweet spices and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, tension, a good definition, finesse of the precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blueberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of fresh raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, vanilla pod, cedar and fresh mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Very discreet hints of hazelnut and vanilla on the persistence.

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

## Château Grand Corbin 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a small power and a fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of dry blackberry, dry strawberry and small notes of quite ripe cassis associated with small touches of blueberry, hints of cornflower, tobacco leaf and underwood. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a certain concentration as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of dry strawberry associated with small touches of quite ripe violet plum, liquorice stick, tobacco leaf, camphor, graphite and fine hints of underwood/mushroom. Good length. Tannins are supple.

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

## Château Chauvin 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers power (full of finesse), concentration (full of finesse) as well as a good definition, a fine grain and a racy power. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, quite ripe cassis and small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of violet plum, Cuben pepper, violet as well as hints of tobacco/tobacco box, graphit, cedar, spices, a subtle hint of cocoa and rosewood (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, power/richness, tension as well as a fine/finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild cassis, juicy/wild blackberry, small notes of black plum associated with touches of ripe wild strawberry and small notes of black plum associated with touches of ripe wild strawberry, violet, graphite, tonka bean as well as hints of tobacco box, incense and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Good length.

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

## Château La Marzelle 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is tense and offers a certain richness, a fine intensity as well as a small polished side. It reveals notes of pulpy/quite ripe blackberry, blue plum and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of graphit, violet, dry mild tobacco, very fine hints of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of underwood. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, tension as well as power, a small silkiness, an acidulous frame, a small fat and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, quite ripe blackberry and small notes of blue plum associated with touches of cornflower, graphite, tobacco/tobacco leaf as well as small touches of fleshy/crushed strawberry, tonka bean and toasted. Good length. Tannins are precise. A fine firmness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château La Tour Figeac 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain intensity as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small pulpy blue fruits, a hint of grey pepper, incense as well as fine hints of nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of mushroom. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as sapidity/small salinity and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blueberry and small notes of small acidulous red berries associated with touches of lily, violet as well as small hints of

liquorice, nutmeg, toasted, a discreet hint of grilled, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of mushroom. Good length. An acidulous persistence on a hint of grilled and salinity.

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

## Château de Ferrand 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful intensity of the fruit, deepness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fresh wild cassis, small juicy/fresh black fruits, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of lilac, violet as fine hints of black plum, tobacco, a subtle hint of cedar, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful silky definition, a beautiful touch, a beautiful finesse of the fat, elegance and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild blackberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild berries, black plum as well as hints of tobacco, black tea, camphor and an imperceptible hint of lilac (in the background). A persistence on notes of ripe but acidulous fruits, toasted and hazelnut. A beautiful wine on the fruit.

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

## Château Fonroque 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers subtility, a beautiful fine grain and complexity. It reveals notes of dry blackberry, small ripe black fruits, small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of crushed black plum, crushed/very ripe strawberry as well as varietal hints, flowers and a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fresh, fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful quite ripe fruit, precision as well as a fine grain and an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis, small notes of quite ripe small black fruits associated with small touches of cornflower, violet, small fleshy/juicy blue fruits as well as hints of mild tobacco, liquorice stick, spices/cloves and an imperceptible hint of underwood. Good length. Sapidity in the finish.

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

## Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a good definition, a fine intensity, a fine richness and harmony. It reveals notes of crushed/fleshy Boysen berry, strawberry and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of zan, fresh nutmeg, tobacco box as well as a discreet hint of clove and a very discreet hint of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as minerality and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe black plum and small notes of small acidulous/crushed red berries associated with touches of strawberry, violet/lily as well as hints of tobacco, camphor, cloves as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla pod and underwood. Good length. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built. A small sapidity/a saline hint in the finish/persistence.

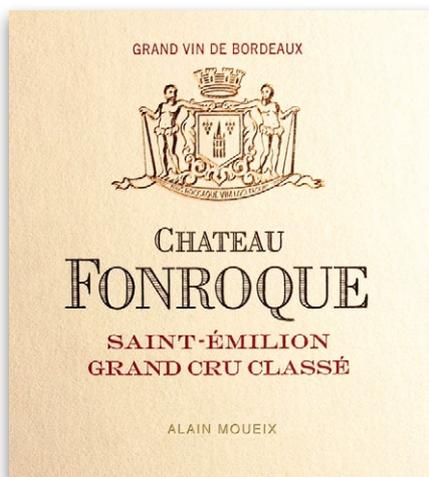
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

## Château Bellevue 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, harmony and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, griotte, small notes of small ripe fruits associated with small touches of small blue fruits, zan, black tea and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, tension, justness of the construction as well as a fine suavity, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain, an almost aerial side and a certain power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe cassis, blackberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of small quite ripe blue fruits, liquorice, tobacco, incense as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, almond and an imperceptible hint of underwood (in the background). Tannins are well-built and elegant. Appertence on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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## Château Laniote 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a small tension as well as harmony. It reveals notes of black cherry/griotte, cassis, small notes of quite ripe raspberry associated with touches of violet, incense, spices, a very discreet hint of pepper and underwood. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a finely acidulous frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/quite ripe griotte, quite ripe cassis, small notes of juicy strawberry associated with touches of small ripe berries as well as hints of incense/camphor, tobacco and a subtle hint of underwood. Good length.

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

## Château de Pressac 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain racy power and maturity. It reveals notes of quite ripe blackberry, small black fruits, small notes of quite ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of violet plum as well as hints of grey pepper, spices, a subtle hint of underwood. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness as well as a racy minerality, straightness, power, a good structure and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, small juicy/quite ripe black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild berries, griotte, plum as well as hints of chocolate, zan/liquorice, a subtle hint of mild tobacco, cloves and vanilla. Good length.

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

## Château Villemaurine 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers power, a fine grain and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, small notes of racy minerality, crushed red berries associated with touches of cornflower, violet and a subtle hint of lily, chocolate, a discreet hint of toasted, camphor and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality as well as a certain purity of the fruit, a fine salinity, a very fine tension as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, ripe blackberry, fresh wild raspberry, small notes of small juicy/fresh black fruits associated with a touch of small fresh/juicy blue fruits as well as hints of violet, zan, toasted hazelnut, cardamom and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A subtle hint of tobacco in the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Corbin 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers richness (full of control), a racy power and density. It reveals notes of wild black blackberry, black plum, small notes of small crushed fruits associated with touches of cigar, lily and iris/cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful tension (in finesse), elegance, straightness as well as precision, a beautiful juiciness, freshness, a good definition and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild blackberry, small juicy/quite ripe black fruits, small notes of ripe wild blackberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of lily/iris, small fresh/ripe blue fruits, quite ripe black plum as well as hints of tobacco, camphor, cardamom and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). A wine offering a seducing straightness giving a lot of elegance/classe.

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

## Château Laroze 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a certain power, a fine freshness, a fine intensity as well as a good definition and a fine tension. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of quite ripe small fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, small crushed blue fruits as well as hints of vanilla, sweet spices, mild tobacco, underwood and hazelnut. The palate offers a good freshness, juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as juiciness, a fine tension and a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, crushed/dry cassis, small notes of crushed rasp-

berry associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, cornflower as well as hints of cardamom, underwood, a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut/mild tobacco (in the background). Tannins are precise. Good length. Sapidité and appetite on the finish.

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

## Château La Commanderie 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a racy power (in finesse), intensity and a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, very ripe strawberry, small notes of dry violet associated with fine touches of black plum, camphor as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted, cornflower, very fine hints of truffle and pepper. The palate is finely tight, racy and offers a very fine straightness, a certain tension, juiciness as well as freshness, a good definition and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of very ripe wild strawberry associated with small touches of black plum, violet, lily as well as a subtle hint of small crushed black fruits, truffle, liquorice, a subtle hint of camphor and graphite. Good length. Tannins are well-built and racy. A very discreet saline hint on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Larmande 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful freshness, power as well as an almost strict side. It reveals notes of slightly candied cassis, very ripe blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed black fruits, crushed Gariguet strawberry as well as very fine hints of liquorice, cardamom, salinity and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a very fine unctuousity as well as a small concentration, freshness and salinity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/candied wild cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with small touches of liquorice, cardamom as well as discreet hints of underwood and spices/cedar.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Soutard 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a fine concentration, harmony, a small soothing side as well as a small deepness, concentration and precision. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of black plum associated with small touches of fresh raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, Cuben pepper, an imperceptible hint of cornflower and Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, precision as well as a fine salinity, a small aerial side and a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of juicy/fresh violet plum, fresh/juicy raspberry, hints of salinity, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of underwood and vanilla. A very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut, caramelization and underwood on the persistence. Tannins are structuring.

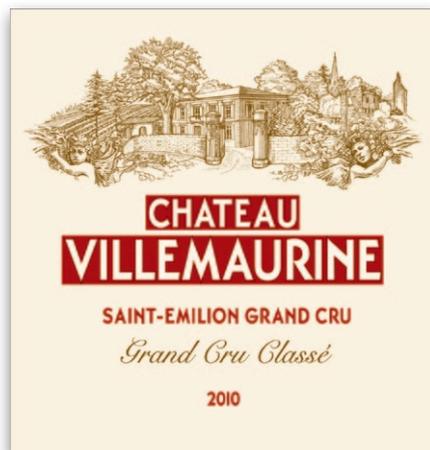
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

## Château Les Grandes Murailles 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers elegance, deepness as well as a slightly tight fine grain and a small tension. It reveals notes of quite ripe Boysen berry, very ripe cassis, small notes of violet, fleshy strawberry associated with touches of small fleshy blue fruits, cornflower as well as fine hints of nutmeg, liquorice stick and a very fine hint of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous fine frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine franc side, a certain density, suavity and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, crushed Boysen berry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate/tonka bean, caramelization as well as fine hints of toasted, hazelnut and very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. A very finely tight finish. Tannins are finely dry. An imperceptible hint of cocoa/grilled on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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## Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2010 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of small pulpy blue fruits associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a fine suavity, freshness as well as salinity, a small concentration and a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild cassis, pulpy/juicy Boysen berry, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of blueberry, cornflower, a racy minerality/graphite as well as very fine hints of hazelnut/roasted almond, toasted and sweet spices. Tannins are very finely marked/firm.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Clos des Jacobins 2010 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is powerful, racy, aromatic, complex, dense and offers a melodious side. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, small wild black fruits, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of crunchy wild strawberry, lily, crushed violet plum as well as fine hints of nutmeg, toasted/roasted hazelnut, chocolate and a very discreet hint of caramelization/almost brioche, graphite and a very discreet hint of underwood/mushroom. The palate is beautifully racy, fruity and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, freshness as well as a beautiful minerality and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, crushed violet plum, small notes of small crushed/creamy black fruits associated with touches of raspberry, violet, black cherry as well as hints of liquorice stick, caramelization, chocolate, vanilla, camphor/graphite, a very discreet hint of saffron and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant, powerful and racy. Good length with power. An imperceptible hint of underwood/truffle in the finish/persistence. A very discreet powdered hint on the persistence. A very beautiful wine!  
**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

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## Château de Bélair Monange 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is beautifully elegant, power with matter/justness, deepness, a beautiful definition as well as subtlety and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, small wild black fruits and small notes of incense associated with small touches of ripe black plum, bright raspberry as well as fine hints of lily, lilac, very fine hints of cardamom, cocoa, a very discreet hint of caramelization, an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod and pepper/bergamot. The palate is juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, a beautiful fleshy/juicy/pulpy/fresh fruit, a small onctuousness, gourmandize, power with matter/justness, deepness, subtlety as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black blackberry, black plum, small notes of fleshy/juicy wild raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, cocoa, violet, lilas as well as a subtle hint of incense and toasted almond. Good length. A hint of cocoa on the persistence.  
**Score : 19/20 (98/100)**

## Château Angélu 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, gourmand, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful finesse of the definition, deepness, gourmandize as well as harmony. This wine takes time to open. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, small blue plums, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of wild strawberry, violet, crushed blueberry, raspberry, green cardamom as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, a very discreet hint of toasted and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy beautiful frame, gourmandize, justness, a very beautiful finesse as well as a silky touch, a beautiful freshness, deepness, a controlled power, a small fat, gourmandize, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, concentration and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, bright blue plum, small notes of cornflower

associated with touches of crushed blueberry, wild strawberry as well as a subtle hint of iris, small ripe red berries, green cardamom, mild tobacco, discreet hints of tonka bean and sweet spices. A very beautiful persistence which brings gourmandize on notes of crushed almond. Tannins are elegant, racy and very finely chewy. A hint of roasted almond and bitterness of the cocoa on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 19.25/20 (98-99/100)**

## Château La Gaffelière 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant and offers power (full of finesse), richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry, cornflower and small notes of small bright blue fruits associated with small hints of violet, mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of sichaun pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful freshness, definition, full of length as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/bright cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh strawberry associated with touches of small juicy/fresh red berries, bright blueberry as well as subtle hints of lily, a racy minerality/terroir, very fine hints of toasted, nutmeg, mild tobacco. An imperceptible hint of chocolate on the persistence. Good length. Tannins are fine and elegant. An imperceptible varietal hint (nice) on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, beautifully built and offers power, a beautiful power as well as complexity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, lily, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, blueberry as well as very fine hints of zan, incense, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, a subtle hint of nut, Badiane, nutmeg and spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a small freshness, suavity, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a beautiful definition, precision, elegance, a very fine crunchiness, a very beautiful/juicy fruit, deepness, a melodious side, silkiness, sweetness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry, crunchy/juicy cassis, small notes of lily associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, fresh nutmeg as well as fine hints of juicy violet plum as well as very fine hints of Badiane, iris/varietal (brings peps and brightness), cocoa and a discreet hint of toasted/oak. Good length. Tannins are well-built, supple and elegant. A very fine hint of caramelized almond on the finish/persistence.

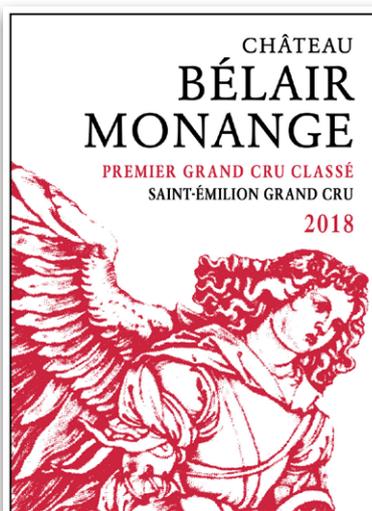
A beautiful gourmand persistence.  
**Score : 18.5+/20 (97-98/100)**

## La Mondotte 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fresh, very elegant and offers a very beautiful fine grain, subtlety and a beautiful precision just like a square of silk. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, raspberry, small notes of ripe wild plum associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of camphor, very fine hints of pepper, a very discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant and offers gourmandize, deepness, a small aerial side, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, a very beautifully pulpy/acidulous/juicy fruit and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright violet plum, small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with small touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of fresh violet, chocolate, liquorice, a discreet hint of rose, toasted hazelnut, sense of the place, a subtle hint of sweet mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Badiane (in the background). Good length. A very beautiful acidulous persistence (racy).  
**Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)**

## Château Figeac 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is racy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful complexity, precision, a beautiful purity of the fruit, a beautiful concentration (in finesse), a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as concentration (full of elegance and complexity). It reveals notes of bright blackberry, small blue berries and small notes



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of graphite, bright cassis associated with small hints of ripe black plum, toasted, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of flowers, pepper and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful definition, purity of the fruit, deepness, elegance, fleshiness/pulpiness, power, a beautiful touch, a certain straightness (in finesse) as well as a beautiful sense of detail. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy/ripe cassis, blueberry, small notes of small bright/Fresh black fruits associated with touches of small red fruits (cherry, raspberry) as well as a small hint of toasted, chocolate, bright redcurrant, graphite, caramelization, toasted hazelnut, discreet hints of vanilla, cornflower, lily, a racy minerality, very discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built, elegant, very fine firmness and racy. A beautiful persistence and length. A subtle chew and a hint of crushed almond on the persistence.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

## Château Beau-Séjour Bécot 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers power, a certain tension and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe/bright cassis, small black fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of small blue fruits, Cuban pepper, lily, lilac, bright raspberry as well as fine hints of toasted almond. The palate is beautifully fruity, beautifully fresh, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a superb bright/acidulous fruit (as well as a fine crunchiness), a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, a beautiful aerial side as well as a beautiful finesse of the tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of raspberry, lily/lilac as well as fine hints of fresh violet fig, sweet spices, tonka bean, cardamom and a very discreet hint of white flowers. Subtle hints of toasted, toasted hazelnut on the persistence. Tannins are racy.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

## Château Ausone 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a small power (full of control), a small richness beautifully racy and a small concentration (controlled). It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy violet plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of small ripe black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of small ripe black fruits as well as fine hints of lily, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of spices, mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, beautifully precise, elegant, racy and offers freshness, gourmandize, delicacy, deepness, fat, a beautiful freshness/minerality, structure (full of precision) as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy cassis, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of lily, fresh lilac, a touch of fresh/juicy blueberry as well as hints of small juicy/fresh red fruits, hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, very fine hints of tonka bean and mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)

## Château Larcis Ducasse 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision as well as a fine concentration, a beautiful elegance and richness (full of finesse). It reveals notes of fleshy/crushed blueberry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of lily/iris, crushed raspberry, crushed plum as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, chocolate, vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of fresh mild tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a small concentration, a beautiful definition, fullness as well as a precise fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, violet plum as well as small hints of liquorice, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco leaf. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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

## Château Pavie Macquin 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful elegance as well as subtlety and a small power. It reveals notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry and small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed redcurrant, fresh cornflower, a hint of lilac, black tea, liquorice and very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and

offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, elegance, deepness, precision and finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright raspberry and juicy/bright violet plum associated with touches of juicy/bright currant on the tongue, lilac, cornflower, small bright berries as well as hints of nutmeg, toasted, chocolate and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and offer a very discreet chew. A very discreet saline/sapid hint on the persistence.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

## Château Beauséjour héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is racy and offers a certain power as well as deepness and intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright blackberry and bright raspberry associated with touches of Quetsche plum, a discreet hint of dry cassis, violet, zan, a discreet hint of camphor and toasted/caramelization. The palate is well-balanced, beautifully racy and precision, a beautiful freshness, density, minerality, a beautiful definition, tension, deepness, a fine/racy grain as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis juicy/ripe violet plum and small notes of red berries associated with touches of cherry, violet, blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, mild tobacco and discreet hints of chocolate/caramelization. Tannins are fine and elegant. A very discreet hint of bitterness of cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Château Valandraud 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, beautifully built and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine silky side. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, blackberry, violet and small notes of small fleshy fruits associated with touches of raspberry, cherry blossom, nutmeg as well as small hints of tonka bean, pepper, mild tobacco, a very discreet hint of saffron (in the background) and grilled bread. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, structure, definition, power as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet, juicy/fresh blueberry, juicy raspberry associated with touches of juicy/fresh redcurrant, lilac, lily as well as hints of chocolate/tonka bean, toasted, nutmeg, cardamom, mild tobacco, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, an imperceptible hint of saffron, coffee and bourbon vanilla pod. Tannins are beautifully fine and supple. A wine full of delicacy and sensibility! Congrats!

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

## Château Cheval Blanc 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (in finesse), delicacy as well as a beautiful fleshy/juicy/well-built fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis and small notes of violet plum associated with touches of violet, toasted, fleshy wild blueberry, nutmeg, toasted almond, a subtle hint of black cherry, racy minerality and graphite. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a good freshness, subtlety, a beautiful dimension, deepness tension, complexity, finesse, harmony, a very beautiful finesse of the grain as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet, chocolate, tonka bean/cocoa, caramelization as well as very fine hints of pencil lead, fig and toasted. A wine just like a square of silk.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

## Clos Fourtet 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful racy power (terroir), a beautiful finesse of the grain and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, crushed Quetsche plum, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of small black fruits, fine hints of nutmeg, spices and a very discreet hint of fresh cardamom/cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, deepness, a beautiful delicacy, subtlety, gourmandize, a beautiful precise/bright fruit and a certain purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small blue berries associated with touches of raspberry, violet, rose, small juicy/bright red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, cocoa/chocolate and very discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Delicacy, subtlety and a very fine chalky hint/graphite on the persistence.

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

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### Château Villemaurine 2018

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The nose is fruity, fresh, very discreetly tight and offers a small concentration, a good finesse of the grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, fleshy/crushed cassis, small notes of small crushed blue fruits associated with small touches of cornflower, violet liquorice stick, fresh mild tobacco as well as subtle hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of Badiane. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of an almost iodine hint, bright blackberry, cassis, small notes of pulpy/bright violet plum associated with small touches of juicy/bright raspberry, small blue fruits as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice and very discreet hints of bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of grilled, coffee and dark chocolate in the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Cadet-Bon 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, finely tight and offers a fine grain as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of pulpy wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of violet, lily, small crushed fruits as well as hints of grey pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers tension, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, fresh lily as well as hints of graphite, caramelization, chocolate, a subtle hint of cardamom, cinnamon and almond. Tannins are well-built, straight and finely firm.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château Destieux 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration and a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small juicy wild berries as well as fine hints of nutmeg, toasted and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, precise, finely tight and offers a fine grain, tension, a small minerality as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, raspberry, small notes of fresh strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, small crushed berries as well as hints of toasted, fresh lily, a discreet hint of grilled and an imperceptible hint of saffron (in the background). A persistence on notes of toasted almond and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very finely firm.

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

### Château Laniote 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a crunchy/fresh fruit as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy plum, small notes of pulpy cherry, small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, iris, graphite, cardamom and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a fine tension, a fine suavity as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, raspberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of lily/fresh iris as well as fine hints of nutmeg, graphite and a discreet hint of spices.

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

### Château La Marzelle 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic, racy and offers a certain complexity. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, small fleshy blueberries, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, pulpy blue plum as well as very fine hints of

hazelnut, mild tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a good definition as well as dynamism and a very fine salinity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis, small notes of juicy/fresh plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, toasted, liquorice as well as discreet hints of caramelization, graphite, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of vanilla and grey pepper. Good length. Appetence and gourmandize in the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Château Yon-Figeac 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant, well-built and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of bright blueberry associated with small touches of crushed strawberry, crushed plum as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, graphite, liquorice and a discreet hint of grilled. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/flint acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as fat, a good structure, freshness and a good racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of fresh/bright blueberry, bright strawberry, hints of graphite, camphor, tobacco, tonka bean, cardamom and a subtle hint of nutmeg/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of good bitterness and salinity on the finish. A subtle hint of cocoa and grilled on the persistence/aftertaste. Good length.

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

### Château Faurie de Souchard 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a certain deepness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of bright cassis, violet plum, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, redcurrant as well as very fine hints of fresh flowers, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, an aerial side, an acidulous frame as well as tension (in finesse) and a small stretchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of acidulous/juicy violet plum associated with small touches of raspberry, cherry blossom/white flowers as well as very fine hints of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château de Ferrand 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

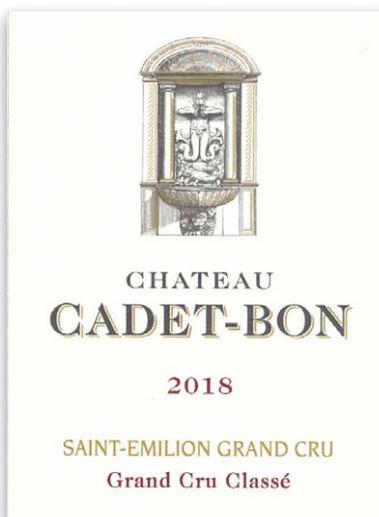
The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers deepness as well as a fleshy/ripe fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe blackberry, plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of bright blueberry, small black berries, cornflower as well as fine hints of pencil lead, incense, nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, freshness as well as precision, juiciness, a beautiful finesse of the tension as well as straightness (in finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of small blue fruits, zan as well as a subtle hint of mild tobacco and sweet spices. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and racy. Very discreet hints of good bitterness (cocoa) and a discreet hint of grilled on the persistence.

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

### Château Grand-Pontet 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy, well-built, finely tight and offers density, a small concentration as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, blueberry, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of small crushed red fruits, lily, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of rose/vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy and offers gourmandize, a racy minerality, a fine acidulous frame, precision and a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small wild black berries, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of blueberry, lily as well as



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fine hints of rose/rose petals, zan, graphite, chocolate, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of cedar. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Fonroque 2018

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The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers intensity, a small power, a fine grain as well as a good definition and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, small fleshy/ripe black berries and small notes of plum associated with touches of candied raspberry, violet, camphor as well as fine hints of dark chocolate, bourbon vanilla and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a finely acidulous frame, a fine melodious side, tension, a beautiful racy minerality, a fine grain as well as an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy black berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of black plum, chocolate, toasted, cardamom, violet as well as hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Gourmandize/appetence on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Sansonnet 2018

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The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy and offers power (full of control/finesse), deepness and a beautiful racy grain. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of plum associated with touches of bright strawberry as well as small touches of small juicy/fresh fruits, cornflower, discreet hints of liquorice, green cardamom, tea, toasted and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers energy, deepness, a good definition, a beautiful minerality/freshness as well as an acidulous frame and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, fresh/juicy blackberry, small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry associated with touches of fresh plum, fresh cornflower as well as small touches of fresh/juicy redcurrant, a hint of bright blueberry, fine hints of toasted, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant. A subtle hint of fresh almond and vanilla pod on the persistence. Appetence and sapidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château Haut-Sarpe 2018

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The nose offers a small gourmandize, a fine concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of small crushed black berries, violet, lily as well as a hint of camphor, cardamom and very fine hints of toasted/chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a stretchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of concentrated black plum associated with touches of juicy/fresh raspberry, lily, cornflower as well as small touches of liquorice, nutmeg, a discreet hint of cardamom, toasted and black tea. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

(organic) The nose is elegant, racy, beautifully built and offers subtlety and a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, bright violet plum, small notes of cornflower associated with small touches of pulpy cassis, a hint of raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco and very discreet hints of toasted/chocolate. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, delicacy, a racy minerality as well as a small fat and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, blueberry, small notes of plum associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of violet, rose, chocolate, fine hints of liquorice stick, black tea and a subtle hint of tonka bean. Good length. A very discreet hint of bitterness of dark chocolate and caramelization in the finish/persistence. A very discreet firmness on the finish. A wine full of delicacy and subtlety that invites you to take the time to taste it.

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

## Château Saint-Georges Côtes Pavie 2018

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The nose is aromatic, racy and offers deepness, a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of small fruits associated with touches of raspberry, cornflower, small crushed blue fruits as well as a discreet hint of sense of the place, lily, tonka bean and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fleshy and offers a beautiful silkiness, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as elegance, suavity, density and an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, small bright blue fruits as well as hints of tonka bean. Cocoa bitterness in the finish.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château La Couspaude 2018

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The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers concentration as well as power (in controle) and deepness. It reveals notes of small ripe black fruits, blackberry, violet associated with touches of lily, crushed raspberry as well as hints of bright blueberry, Cuban pepper, subtle hints of nutmeg, chocolate and sweet spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced, beautifully squared and offers juiciness, a beautiful precision/definition, a good finesse of the grain, a fine richness, a beautiful balance and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, bright redcurrant, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of juicy/fleshy blackberry as well as hints of violet, lily, nutmeg, bright blueberry, very discreet hints of liquorice, bourbon vanilla pod, salinity and toasted/nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Appetence in the finish/persistence. A beautiful gourmand, precise, squared and on the fruit wine.

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

## Château Côte de Baleau 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers power as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, ripe/fleshy blueberry, small notes of violet plum associated with small touches of wild strawberry, violet, liquorice, small juicy black fruits as well as a very fine hints of camphor and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as suavity, sapidity as well as a small fat and a very fine

straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/crunchy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of crunchy/juicy blueberry associated with touches of lily, fresh violet, small juicy black fruits as well as a subtle hint of iris, liquorice and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of bitterness of the cocoa and almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Bellefont-Belcier 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, power, racy and offers a certain deepness/density. It reveals notes of fresh violet, fresh raspberry, small notes of fresh blackberry associated with touches of fresh lily as well as a hint of rose, small pulpy fruit and a very discreet hint of fresh orange zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition, tension, a beautiful texture as well as a fine straightness and a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy blueberry, small notes of violet fresh associated with touches of lily/fresh cornflower, pulpy raspberry as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, toasted, a very discreet hint of fresh vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of caramelization/pâtisseries. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A hint of chocolate and salt on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Corbin 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, concentration, finely tight and offers intensity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, cornflower, blueberry and small notes of



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violet associated with touches of toasted, caramelization, crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of iris, fine hints of sweet spices, vanilla pod and a very discreet salinity. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers silkiness, concentration (full of control), a fine grain, power, a beautiful precision, finesse as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy wild cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/pulpy Quetsche plum, cornflower, lily as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, nutmeg, vanilla pods and a subtle hint of black tea. Tannins are well-built, racy and precise. Good length and persistence. There is a nice auster hint which adds charm to this beautiful (and gourmand) wine!  
**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## Château Chauvin 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of concentrated plum associated with touches of cassis, timut pepper, graphite as well as hints of spices, a very discreet hint of violet and vanilla. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, precision as well as gourmandize, deepness, a very finely tight grain and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, concentrated plum, small notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of cornflower, lily, tonka bean/mocha, fine hints of mild tobacco, graphite and cardamom. Good length. Tannins are well-built and precise. A subtle hint of good bitterness in the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Fonplegade 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, finely tight, racy and offers a fine grain, a small intensity, a certain power as well as concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry, Sichuan pepper, lily, sweet spices and a very fine hint of dry oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a racy minerality, precision as well as a certain aromatic purity, gourmandize, a small concentration and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, blackberry, small notes of small crushed black berries associated with touches of blueberry, griotte cherry as well as small hints of cocoa, Cuben pepper, spices, graphite and lily. A subtle hint of cardamom and black tea in the finish/persistence.

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

## Clos de L'Oratoire 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The notes is elegant and offers power, a fine grain, intensity and a certain density/deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, small black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of incense, lily as well as hints of small crunchy blue berries, fine hints of iris, grey pepper and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, a beautiful suavity, dynamism, deepness, a beautiful acidulous frame and an aromatic purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright blueberry, small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with small touches of fresh lily, iris, nutmeg, fine hints of chocolate/cocoa and a discreet hint of toasted, fresh mild tobacco and sweet spices. Good length. Appetite, gourmandize and a very fine chew on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château La Clotte 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a certain intensity, elegant, a fine grain as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of juicy wild blackberry, fresh blueberry and small notes of fleshy blue plum associated with a touch of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of toasted, vanilla and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pep-

per. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality/freshness, a good definition, a small fat, suavity, a fine controlled richness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous blueberry associated with a touch of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and a discreet toasted hint. Good length. Tannins are well-built, precise and finely chewy. A persistence on notes of roasted almond, tonka bean and a hint of green cardamom.

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

## Château Jean Faure 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, powerful, well-built and offers a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of grey pepper, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of lily, camphor, juicy/fresh plum as well as very fine hints of spices, grilled, an imperceptible hint of cedar and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine suavity, tension, a fine firmness, a good freshness as well as a fine crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, small crunchy red berries and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with a touch of plum, lily, violet as well as very fine hints of spices, cedar, fresh liquorice stick, a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of chocolate/vanilla flowers. Good length and persistence. Tannins are well-built, precise and racy.

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

## Château Grand Corbin 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a fine grain as well as a fine power and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of small black berries, blackberry, Sichuan pepper associated with touches of crushed cassis, fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as small hints of spices, nutmeg and a discreet saline hint. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, a small fat, tension as well as a mineral frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy cassis, small crunchy/juicy black berries, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of violet, iris, camphor, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of fresh tobacco, fresh nutmeg, toasted and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of bitterness of the cocoa in the finish.

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

## Château Dassault 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

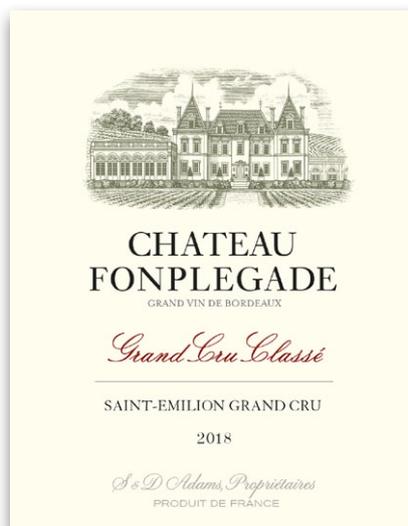
The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers concentration (full of elegance), a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition and power (full of finesse). It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, violet, cassis, small notes of lilac associated with touches of juicy violet plum, raspberry as well as fine hints of graphite/incense, chocolate, nutmeg, cardamom, a very discreet hint of tobacco and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a beautiful bright/precise fruit, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the structure as well as density (in finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/fresh purple plum, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of lilac, fresh cornflower as well as hints of bright blueberry, cherry, a hint of liquorice, mocha, camphor, chocolate, a subtle hint of crushed cardamom, hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Good length. Tannins are elegant, fine and precise. A hint of caramelized hint on the persistence. A beautiful powerful, balanced, on the fruit and full of finesse wine.

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

## Château Bellevue 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers power, a small freshness, a beautiful racy grain as well as intensity and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, small ripe wild berries, small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of blackberry, cornflower/violet as well as fine hints of spices and a subtle hint of



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cinnamon (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, a small tension, precision as well as good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of cornflower, camphor, small wild berries, crunchy raspberry as well as hints of chocolate, juicy/crunchy violet plum, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Château Laroque 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (in control), deepness, a racy grain/limestone as well as a beautiful freshness, a certain power with a vertical side. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of violet plum, fleshy/bright cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice, cornflower, a discreet hint of lily, grey pepper and very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a small tension, a racy grain, elegant as well as a beautiful acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, juicy cassis and small notes of fresh violet plum associated with small touches of fresh liquorice, chocolate/cocoa powder/grain as well as subtle hints of sugared mild tobacco, an imperceptible hint of fresh hazelnut, sense of the place, biotope and liquorice. Tannins are racy and elegant.

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

## Château de Pressac 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers power, intensity (full of control), a fine grain and a certain concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild blue fruits and small notes of pepper associated with touches of spices, small crushed red berries as well as small hints of sense of the place/cypress, vanilla, cocoa and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, tension as well as power (full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of liquorice stick, graphite, pepper, vanilla hint and toasted almond. Tannins are well-built. A persistence on notes of chocolate and very fine hints of caramelization.

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

## Château Franc Mayne 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, complex and offers a small controlled power, freshness and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy blackberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of griotte cherry, juicy violet plum, liquorice as well as fine hints of nutmeg, iris, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of saffron. The palate is fresh, fruity, beautifully squared/defined and offers a beautiful minerality, precision, a small tension and vertically. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, pulpy/fresh blackberry, small notes of fresh violet associated with touches of small crushed red berries, iris, rose as well as small hints of fresh/juicy plum, liquorice stick, a discreet hint of cardamom, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of mocha/sappy. Good length. Tannins are fine, precise and well-built.

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

## Château La Commanderie 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a fine grain, a racy power and a certain density. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysen berries, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy/juicy plum, small crushed blue fruits as well as very fine hints of caramelization, liquorice, a very discreet hint of camphor, violet and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, gourmandize, a fine juicy/fresh frame as well as a fleshy/juicy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy

blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of fresh/bright quetsch plum as well as hints of cornflower, liquorice, toasted, very discreet hints of caramelization and dark chocolate. Tannins are precise, racy and very discreetly firm. A persistence on notes of chocolate and caramelization. A very discreet hint of bitterness/salinity on the persistence.

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

## Château Fleur Cardinale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fresh and offers a beautiful definition, a small bewitching side, deepness (full of finesse) as well as finesse of the grain and harmony of the structure. It reveals notes of bright Boysen berry, small black fruits, small notes of violet associated with small touches of small wild blue fruits, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of gray pepper, Cuben pepper, very fine hints of sense of the place and lily/iris. The palate is fruity, delicate, powerful, precise, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a beautiful definition, a very fine bright fruit, a beautiful salinity as well as freshness, a beautiful guideline/tension and purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, juicy/pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of graphite, Cuben pepper, small bright berries, cherry, sense of the place/green oak leaf, fresh lily as well as discreet hints of tobacco, sweet spices and very fine hints of caramelization. Very beautiful tannins' grains. A subtle hint of grill on the persistence.

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

## Château Laroze 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, stretch and offers a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit, a fine richness as well as gourmandize and a fine grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, bright raspberry, small notes of blue fruits associated with fine touches of violet, crushed strawberry, cornflower as well as very fine hints of toasted, chocolate, very discreet hints of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, freshness as well as gourmandize, tension, a fine suavity, a fine power and a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy

cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of small juicy blue fruits, fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of small pulpy plum as well as hint of liquorice, chocolate, violet, lilac and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/toasted hazelnut. Tannins are fine, well-built and precise. A subtle hint of toasted/hazelnut/caramelization on the persistence. Tannins are present but well-built. (2024+)

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Clos des Jacobins 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a racy power, intensity, deepness and concentration. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of small berries associated with touches of fleshy/bright Quetsch plum, violet/lily, wild cassis, small wild black fruits as well as fine hints of caramelization, toasted, a very discreet hint of tobacco, hazelnut and vanilla. The palate is beautifully defined, fresh, racy, harmonious, gourmand, precise and offers a fine straightness, a beautiful power, amplexness as well as a fleshy/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, pulpy/juicy plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of small crushed red berries, lily, violet, bright black plum as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and a very discreet hint of hazelnut/toasted. Good length and good persistence. Tannins are well-built, racy and structuring. A very discreet saline hint in the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Les Grandes Murailles 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a small concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe small black berries, blackberry, small notes of camphor associated with fine touches of strawberry,



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violet as well as fine hints of toasted, nutmeg, iris, discreet hints of caramelization and cocoa. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a good definition of the fruit and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, acidulous Boysen berry, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of small crunchy/juicy black berries as well as hints of hazelnut, nutmeg, fine hints of caramelization, a very discreet hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco (in the background). Very fine hints of toasted almond, chocolate and a very discreet hint of salinity in the persistence/finish. Tannins are well-built.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Château Larmande 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy and offers elegance as well as a racy power and a fine deepness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, pulpy plum, small notes of liquorice, pulpy/gourmand strawberry, very fine hints of grey pepper, small crushed blue fruits, spices as well as a subtle hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a small unctuous side, a beautiful gourmandize, pulpiness, fleshiness and a small density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed/fresh plum, small notes of pulpy/gourmand strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate, Cuben pepper, mild tobacco, cornflower as well as subtle saline hint, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Badiane. Tannins are finely chewy and well-built. Good length.

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

## Château Soutard 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a small power, a fine grain, a small well-controlled density as well as a beautiful maturity and complexity. It reveals notes of pulpy/generous Boysen berry, pulpy cassis, small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with fine touches of small crushed blue fruits as well as hints of liquorice, caramelization, toasted, a very discreet saline hint, sugared mild tobacco and discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is gourmand, generous and offers a beautiful pulpy/bright fruit, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of small crushed berries, pulpy/bright violet plum as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate, toasted hazelnut, a subtle hint of toasted almond and green cardamom. Tannins are well-built, elegant and racy. Good length. Very fine hints of sugared mild tobacco on the persistence. A beautiful wine, congrats!

**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## Château la Tour Figeac 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, lilac, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, a very discreet hint of spices, a subtle hint of tea and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a small finely tight concentration, fat as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blackberry and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with touches of crushed blueberry, crushed raspberry as well as hints of lilac, violet, liquorice, very fine hints of chocolate and a very discreet hints of tobacco. A very discreet hint of good bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Petit Faurie Soutard 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, wild strawberry, small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of flowers, spices as well as very fine hints of caramelization/toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, racy and offers a small freshness, a beautiful definition, a fine suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small fat and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, juicy cassis, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of juicy Gariguettes strawberry, lilas, lily as well as small touches of sweet spices, toasted, vanilla, a subtle hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of Badiane (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château Petit Soutard 2018

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a beautiful gourmand/flattery fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, pulpy/juicy blueberry, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of fleshy cherry, lily as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers gourmandize, a pulpy side, a beautiful fresh/finely acidulous frame and a fine salinity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy/fresh blueberry, pulpy/juicy cassis, small notes of lily associated with touches of crushed strawberry, crushed red-currant, pulpy/gourmand quetsche plum as well as hints of liquorice stick, vanilla pod, discreet hints of lilac, toasted and toasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise and racy. Persistence and length.

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



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## SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2018

### Anna 2018 - Clos Dubreuil

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The nose is fruity, elegant, fresh and offers a beautiful definition of the fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy/bright blueberry, ripe wild blackberry associated with cornflower, lily, griotte, strawberry as well as hints of green cardamom, toasted, very fine hints of vanilla, tonka bean and a discreet hint of almond. The palate offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, unctuousity, a beautiful freshness, acidity, a fine tension, fullness and a pulpy/bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright plum, blackberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of vanilla, chocolate, toasted/brioche and fine hints of toasted hazelnut. A fine sapidity/salinity on the finish/persistence. Good length. Tannins are elegant and finely chewy.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Château Quinault 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, density, precision as well as a good maturity. It reveals notes of fleshy/almost creamy blackberry, wild raspberry, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with small touches of chocolate, toasted, very fine hints of vanilla and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the tension, a fine freshness, a small concentration as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/Fresh blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and very fine saline/sapide hints. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

### Clos Badon 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is precise, complet and offers a certain intensity as well as a finely tight grain. It reveals notes of grilled bread, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy wild cassis, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of lily, incense, fresh nutmeg, a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background), discreet hints of tonka bean and spices (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced, beautifully precise and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, tension, a beautiful structure, gourmandize as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fleshy wild blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as hints of small juicy/fresh fruits, toasted, graphite, chocolate and a subtle hint of grilled bread. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Château Croix de Labrie 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, freshness, power as well as a small deepness, complexity, elegance and intensity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild cassis, violet, fresh wild blackberry associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry as well as hints of graphite, toasted hazelnut, discreet hints of green cardamom, tea, lily, an imperceptible hint of orange and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, fine, carved and offers a beautiful texture/delicate matter, subtilty, a beautiful delicacy, a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a small melodious side and a stretchy sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Boysen berry, pulpy/bright plum, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of wild raspberry, small crushed red berries, hints of juicy/Fresh blueberry as well as hints of cornflower, lilac, fine hints of tonka bean, nutmeg, very fine hints of toasted almond, an imperceptible hint of lavender, crushed hazelnut and graphite. An imperceptible hint of tobacco and chocolate on the persistence. A very beautiful persistence (+19

caudalies !). Sapidity, freshness bringing appetite and gourmandize on the finish. A very beautiful success with a superb juiciness, a beautiful shine of the fruit.  
Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100)

### D de Dassault 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as intensity (in finesse). It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of small crushed wild fruits, violette as well as fine hints of grey pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as a fine straightness.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh/juicy blackberry and small notes of small black berries associated with touches of juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, rose, nutmeg and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Very fine hints of chocolate, coffee and vanilla in the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château La Croix Meunier – Cuvée Georges Meunier 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is quite aromatic and offers a fine richness as well as a fine flowery side. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small crushed black berries, small notes of small crushed blue fruits associated with a touch of cornflower, raspberry as well as very fine hints of nutmeg and a subtle hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a bright fruit, a mineral fruit, a fine tension as well as freshness and a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of fresh cornflower as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and nutmeg. Tannins are racy. A wine full of fruit, juicy and mineral.

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

### Chapelle de Labrie 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good finesse of the grain as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy wild blackberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of small wild fruits, fleshy blueberry, fine touches of small berries, sense of the place/terroir as well as hints of sweet spices, nutmeg, very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of iris. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful minerality, tension, a beautiful definition, a beautiful grain as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, pulpy/fresh cassis, small notes of fresh strawberry associated with touches of fresh plum as well as hints of violet/fresh cornflower, fine touches of toasted, nutmeg, hazelnut, cardamom and a very discreet hint of tea. Tannins are well-built, elegant and precise. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

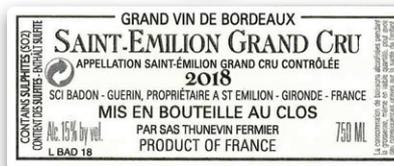
### Château Monlot 2018

#### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a fine concentration/power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, liquorice, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of

violet as well as a hint of candied cherry/griotte and very fine hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful freshness, minerality, suavity, dynamism, a fine grain as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of concentration cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of small concentrated black berries, violet as well as subtle hints of cornflower, cherry, crushed raspberry, discreet hints of spices, an imperceptible hint of vanilla/toasted and an imperceptible hint of cardamom/cocoa (in the background). Good length. A small power on the finish/persistence. Tannins are well-built.

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



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## Château Mangot 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, elegant, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, precision of the grain as well as deepness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, pulpy/juicy cassis, small notes of crunchy/juicy strawberry associated with touches of violet, lilac, small pulpy fruits as well as discreet hints of white pepper spices, very discreet hints of mild tobacco and a iodine hint/sense of the place. The palate is fresh, mineral, elegant, beautifully stretch and offers straightness, a very beautiful precision, a fine suavity, structure (full of finesse) and a beautiful balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of small bright red berries, violet, iris as well as fine hints of chocolate, sugared mild tobacco, caramelized almond, a subtle hint of orange/citrus and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built, elegant, precise and straight. Good length.  
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

## Château Trapaud 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, a certain tension as well as concentration, a certain deepness and a fine flowery side. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, crushed/fleshy cassis, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of fresh violet, cornflower, small fleshy/ripe red berries as well as fine hints of caramelization, toasted, a subtle hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of iris/green pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a fine freshness, a racy minerality, a small fat as well as a small richness, a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, small pulpy black fruits, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with a touch of cherry, violet, lily as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and fine. An imperceptible hint of tonka bean and iris on the finish/persistence. A wine full of length and balance. A very fine salinity on the finish.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Mangot - Frères Todeschini 2018, Distique 11 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, beautifully built and offers power (full of justness and control), intensity as well as a beautiful grain and a straight side. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small ripe black fruits, small notes of bright blueberry associated with touches of bright/fleshy plum, strawberry as well as fine hints of fresh lilac, iris, timut pepper, discreet hints of sense of the place, fresh nutmeg and a discreet hint of sugared orange. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful finesse/elegance, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as suavity (in finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fresh/juicy cassis, small notes of bright/fresh small fruits associated with touches of bright blueberry as well as hints of iris, fresh lilac, fresh liquorice, a discreet hint of tonka bean, toasted, dry almond, an imperceptible hint of sense of the place and a very discreet hint of spices. A very fine firmness and sapidity on the finish. Tannins are elegant, fine, precise and offer finesse as well as a certain straightness.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Château Cardinal-Villemaurine 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cornflower, lilac, ripe/juicy Boysen berry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of small juicy/acidulous blue fruits as well as hints of liquorice stick, cardamom, iris and discreet hints of black tea (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers a flowery balance, a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as a small suavity and a good aromatic precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lilac, fresh cornflower, small notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy strawberry as well as hints of violet plum as well as discreet hints of iris, camphor, nutmeg and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of crushed almond on the persistence.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Guillemin La Gaffelière 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers concentration as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, Boysen berry, small wild black berries associated with fine touches of plum, lily as well as hints of grey pepper, camphor, spices and fine hints of toasted. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers a small fat, freshness as well as a fine tension, a mineral frame and a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, pulpy black plum, small notes of small juicy/pulpy berries associated with touches of fleshy raspberry as well as hints of cocoa, camphor, grey pepper and a very fine hint of toasted/vanilla. Tannins are finely marked.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## L'Eminence de Cardinal-Villemaurine 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power as well as a small franc side. It reveals notes of bright cassis, bright plum, small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of fresh lily, fresh iris as well as hints of small red berries, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of black tea. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a small gourmandize as well as a fine straightness/tension and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy/juicy plum, crushed/candied violet plum, small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, fresh lily as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are finely chewy. A persistence on notes of cocoa, toasted almond and a discreet hint of liquorice/coffee.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Pavillon Daugay 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

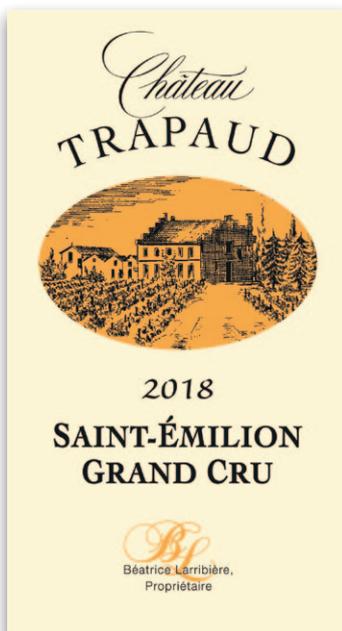
The nose offers intensity and a certain power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild fruits/small berries, small notes of violet associated with a touch of strawberry as well as hints of spices and a subtle hint of fresh leather. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a small fat/suavity, a certain gourmandize, a fine tension, a mineral frame as well as a fine freshness and a juicy/ripe fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, bright blackberry, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of small wild berries, cardamom, sweet spices, crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of fresh tobacco/fresh leather. A beautiful wine on the fruit!  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Château Daugay 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy, well-built and offers a small complexity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, violet, cornflower, small notes of small pulpy/juicy blue berries associated with small touches of graphite, small fleshy fruits as well as hints of caramelization, toasted, nutmeg and very fine hints of timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as straightness, a small tension, a pulpy/juicy fruit and a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, an acidulous plum and small notes of small juicy/acidulous blue fruits associated with touches of violet, graphite/a racy minerality, crushed strawberry as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, a subtle hint of toasted almond (in the background) and a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco. Tannins are racy and structuring. Good length.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## La Bienfaisance de Château Sanctus 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of quite ripe cassis, liquorice stick, small notes of plum associated with small touches of tobacco, very discreet hints of tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, a certain straightness, tension, a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe cassis, quite ripe plum, small notes of cherry, quite ripe small red berries associated with fine hints of tobacco, tonka bean, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of truffle. Good length. Tannins are well-built.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



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## Clos Dubreuil 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers concentration (full of control), a fine grain as well as power (full of finesse) and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, violet plum, small notes of small wild fruits associated with fine touches of crushed redcurrant as well as hints of pepper, violet, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of rose and an imperceptible hint of Badiane. The palate is beautifully juicy/fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful racy minerality, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance, a very beautiful precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the racy power, a square of silk and a small creamy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh blackberry, creamy/fresh cassis, small notes of juicy/Fresh raspberry associated with touches of plum, violet, lily as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of Badiane (in the background)/mentholed liquorice. Good length. A very beautiful persistence. A beautiful finish full of length. Congrats, a wine full of gourmandize, complexity, power (full of finesse) and subtlety.  
**Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)**

## Clos des Menus 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, fresh violet, small notes of small fresh/fleshy red berries associated with touches of racy minerality/terroir as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet varietal hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of lily/fresh violet, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean/cocoa and crushed almond.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## Petit Corbin-Despaigne 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a good definition and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, small pulpy blue berries, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, fresh lily as well as fine hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small freshness, a small straightness and a stretch side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of small pulpy/juicy red berries as well as hints of chocolate/tonka bean, violet, vanilla and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are precise, well-built and very finely chewy. A precise, stretch, on the fruit and well-built fruit.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Château La Voûte 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers elegance, a good definition, precision as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, ripe wild strawberry, small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of small berries, violet, lily, limestone/terroir as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, lilac, a discreet hint of nutmeg and pencil lead. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as gourmandize, a beautiful pulpy/juicy/acidulous fruit, minerality, freshness, a fine power and a fine/racy grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, fresh/juicy blackberry, small notes of cornflower, small blue berries/juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of fresh liquorice stick, fresh mild tobacco, an imperceptible hint of grey pepper and almond. Tannins are precise, fine and finely firm. Good length. A small appearance on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Château Capet-Guillier 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, a fine grain as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy wild cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of griotte, crushed strawberry as well as subtle hints of small blue fruits, lilac, chocolate and a very discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, suavity as well as a fine fullness and a fine density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of cornflower, lilac as well as hints of tonka bean, toasted, cardamom and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. Tannins are finely tight.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Sanctus 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, finely tight, aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice, very fine hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers jutosity, a small freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as juiciness, a small fleshiness/density, a small roudness, precision and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with small touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of small berries, violet, a very discreet hint of rose, nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and finely firm.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Cantin 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a certain gourmandize. It reveals notes of pulpy strawberry, pulpy blueberry, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, redcurrant as well as very fine hints of fresh lily, a subtle hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of fresh orange zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, salinity as well as fat and a fine density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, small ripe black berries, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of small blue fruits, cornflower, lilac, zan as well as discreet hints of chocolate, grilled (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of caramelization.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

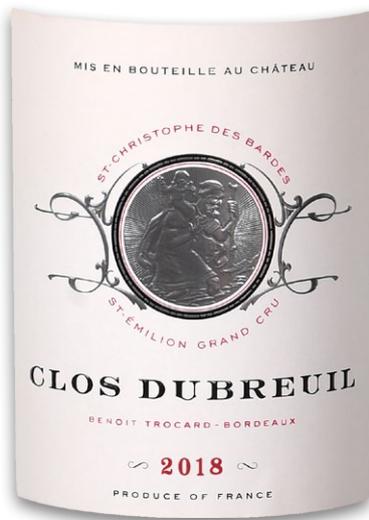
## Château Haut Gravet 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine concentration as well as a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry, small notes of raspberry/small crushed red wild fruits associated with a touch of racy minerality, liquorice, a discreet hint of grey pepper and a subtle hint of caramelization. The palate

is fruity, precise and offers a silky touch, a fine acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as a fine straightness, fleshiness, a small concentration and gourmandize/generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, crushed cassis, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of violet, juicy violet plum, zan, chocolate, a subtle hint of caramelization and a hint of hazelnut (in the background). Tannins are precise, structuring and very finely marked.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château Moulin Saint-Georges 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers elegance as well as freshness. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh violet plum, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fresh lily as well as very fine hints of fresh mild tobacco and a discreet sappy hint/Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an



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acidulous frame, juiciness, elegance, a small fat as well as a beautiful freshness, a beautiful suavity and a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, blackberry, small notes of juicy/crunchy violet plum associated with small touches of violet, lily, crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sugared mild tobacco and a hint of liquorice. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A subtle hint of mocha on the persistence.

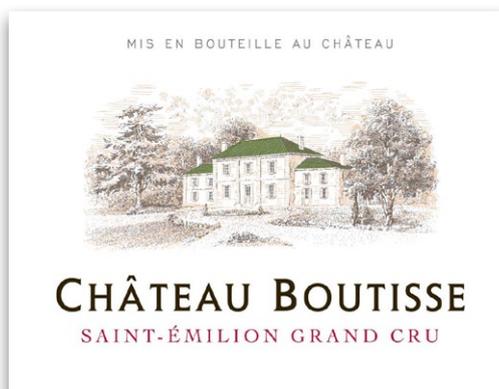
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Boutisse 2018

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The nose is elegant, fresh, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, intensity, a certain deepness, silkiness, power (full of delicacy) as well as complexity. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, fleshy/crushed blueberry and violet associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, small bright black fruits, iris as well green cardamom. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, beautifully gourmand, precise and offers silkiness, power (full of control), minerality as well as delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, violet plum and small notes of small ripe black fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, grey pepper as well as very discreet hints of crushed cherry, toasted, chocolate and almond. Tannins are well-built, elegant, racy and powdered. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



## Château Lalande de Gravet 2018

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The nose is fruity and offers elegance, power as well as a beautiful grain and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy wild strawberry, small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of spices, tonka bean, toasted, violet and a hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, tension as well as a small stretchy side, a small acidulous frame, matter, a certain density and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy cassis, crushed raspberry, small notes of small crushed/fleshy red berries associated with a touch of violet, crunchy violet plum, vanilla pod and a very fine hint of sugared mild tobacco. Good length. Fine hints of tonka bean/cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Château Abelyce 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is racy and offers power, concentration (full of control) and a good definition. It reveals notes of iris, blackberry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of red fruits, lilac as well as fine hints of grey pepper and fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers fat, suavity, a fine straightness, a good structure as well as a fine racy minerality and a small power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy wild raspberry, wild strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of lilac, violet as well as fine hints of fresh mild tobacco, a subtle hint of fresh nutmeg and almond. Good length. Tannins are structuring and well-built. A very fine hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Carillon d'Angélu 2018

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The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, a small concentration (in control), elegance as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, tonka bean, toasted oak and a discreet of green cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize as well as concentration, a small tension, structure, elegance, minerality, freshness and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of plum, cornflower, fine hints of chocolate, liquorice as well as very

discreet varietal hints (not vegetal), toasted hazelnut and green cardamom. Good length. Tannins are fine and elegant. A good gourmand persistence with notes of hazelnut/toasted almond, flowers and bitterness of the cocoa.

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

## Château Simard 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, wild raspberry, small notes of fresh lily associated with fine varietal touches, wild cassis as well as very fine hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of violet associated with a touch of blueberry, small crunchy red berries as well as very fine hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of tonka bean.

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

## Château de Fonbel 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, a fine concentration. It reveals notes of juicy/crunchy Boysen berry, ripe cassis, small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of cherry blossom, violet as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and toasted.

The palate is fruity, fresh and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a small suavity as well as gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/Fresh strawberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with small touches of crunchy blueberry, lilas as well as fine hints of fresh mild tobacco and a hint of cardamom. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A discreet hint of grilled on the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Ascension 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers richness, power as well as a certain generosity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of small ripe wild berries, lily as well as fine hints of toasted almond, nutmeg, very fine hints of caramelization, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of green cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegance, beautifully defined and offers creaminess, volume and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of wild strawberry, lily, liquorice stick as well as hints of bourbon vanilla pods, cardamom and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. A very fine chew on the finish/persistence.

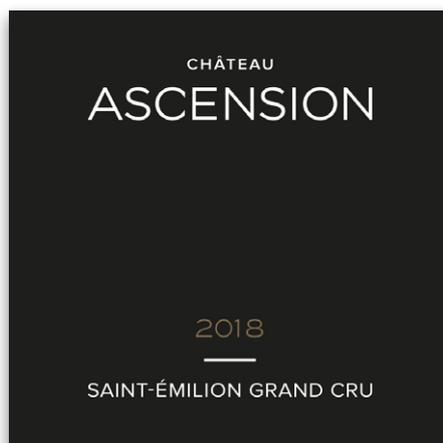
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Chapelle d'Ausone 2018

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The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small richness, freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful precision. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/juicy Boysen berry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with fine touches of violet, juicy/fresh plum as well as hints of racy minerality, camphor, fine hints of caramelization, nutmeg and toasted. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, freshness, gourmandize as well as a certain generosity, suavity and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, crushed blueberry, small notes of fresh flowers (cornflower, violet) associated with touches of crushed red berries as well as small hints of sugared mild tobacco, toasted, a subtle hint of vanilla and fresh hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are finely chewy. A discreet saline hint and chocolate on the finish/persistence.

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



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## Virginie de Valandraud 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers power, a certain intensity (but full of finesse), density and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, toasted oak, small notes of wild blackberry associated with touches of strawberry, small fleshy blue fruits, grilled bread, lily as well as fine hints of pepper, spices, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of saffron. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a small suavity, freshness, dynamism, a fine suavity, a good guideline, straightness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry, associated with touches of violet/bright plum as well as hints of strawberry, chocolate, liquorice stick, very fine hints of violet, lily, chocolate and a subtle hint of tobacco/spices. Tannins are well-built, elegant, racy and structuring. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château La Fleur 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity/power, a fine freshness as well as density (in finesse). It reveals notes of fleshy/pulpy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of liquorice, fine hints of camphor, black pepper and a discreet hint of grilled. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as definition, dynamism, elegance, a certain small straightness, density and a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of small juicy/acidulous black berries associated with touches of juicy violet plum as well as a hint of grilled, liquorice, camphor, cocoa/mocha, a very discreet hint of lilac/lily and grilled. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and straight.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Grangey 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy (clay-limon) and offers a fine concentration and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fresh iris, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of crunchy cassis as well as fine hints of grey pepper, a discreet varietal hint, sweet spices and a discreet hint of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a fine gourmandize, a small straightness as well as a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful touch, suavity and a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with touches of small red berries violet, iris as well as very fine hints of racy minerality, camphor, varietal and a hint of cocoa. Good length. Tannins are very finely marked. A hint of mocha and crushed almond on the finish/persistence.

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

## Clos des Menuts – L'Excellence 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, a fine tension as well as a small power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, quite ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe/fleshy violet plum associated with fine touches of violet, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of pepper and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers freshness, a certain small density/richness as well as a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cassis, raspberry and small notes of crushed plum associated with touches of violet, small fresh/juicy fruits as well as hints of Cuben pepper and sweet spices (in the background). A very discreet firmness in the finish/persistence.

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

## Château Edmus 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a fine freshness and a small power. It reveals notes of small wild berries, lily as well as very fine hints of grey pepper, a discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, well-squared, discreetly tight in the construction/structure and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fleshy blackberry, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with small touches of fresh violet, gravels, nutmeg, tobacco

and an imperceptible hint of mushroom/clove (in the background). Tannins are precise and well-built.

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

## Château Grand Faurie La Rose 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and freshness. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of small fresh black fruits associated with fine touches of toasted and varietal touches. The palate is fruity, on the fruit and offers gourmandize, suavity, fullness as well as a fine pulpy/flattery side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy violet plum and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of concentration blackberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, salinity and toasted oak/vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Intuition de Fleur Cardinale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize, a certain purity of the fruit. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh/gourmand blackberry, fresh cassis, small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of graphite, a touch of small red berries associated with fine touches of graphite, a touch of small red berries as well as fine hints of exotic pepper and a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, friand and offers a beautiful gourmandize, a very discreet iodine hint (bring appetite), suavity as well as sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blue plum, juicy/fresh blackberry, small notes of blueberry, cassis associated with touches of lilac, graphite, very discreet hints of toasted, chocolate and coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built and elegant.

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

## Château Croix Cardinale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

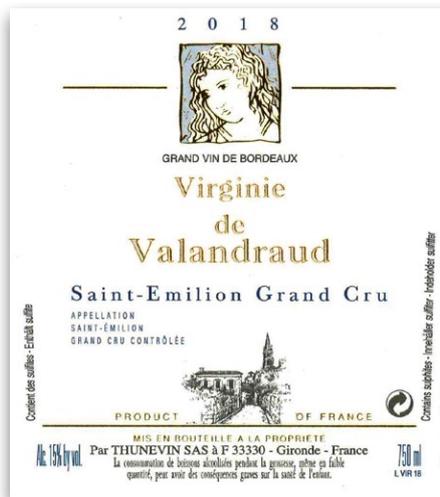
The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small deepness as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, small bright blue fruits and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with small touches of lily, violet, very discreet hints of dry leaf/sense of the place, a very discreet hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/fresh/bright fruit, structure, a small power as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis and small bright/fresh blue berries, fresh Boysen berries associated with small

touches of fresh violet plum, lily as well as discreet hints of sense of the place/dry oak leaf. Tannins are well-built and structuring. A discreet hint of salinity on the finish which bring appetite. A very discreet hint of liquorice stick in the persistence.

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

## Château Cantenac – Selection Madame 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine tension and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small fleshy black fruits and small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with small touches of raspberry, strawberry flowers as well as hints of violet, liquorice, very discreet hints of pepper and iris. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness as well as a good minerality, a small concentration, a fine acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity.



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vity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of blueberry, raspberry as well as hints of small red berries, fine hints of iris, lily, tonka bean/cocoa and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are very discreetly chewy. Good length.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

## Château Cantenac 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is slightly tight and offers intensity, power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small wild black fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crunchy blue berries, iris, fresh lily as well as very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a fine concentration and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with small touches of crushed red berries, small blue berries as well as hints of liquorice, cardamom and a subtle hint of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Château La Fleur Penin 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine complexity and a small power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry, small notes of small ripe wild black fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, small crushed berries, liquorice, violet/lily as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a very fine tension, roundness as well as freshness and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry, small crunchy violet plum as well as very fine hints of zan, a subtle varietal hint and very discreet hints of toasted/hazelnut. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A hint and discreet hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

## S by Candale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a well-built power and a certain richness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small crushed fruits as well as very fine hints of violet, blueberry, a discreet hint of chocolate and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a good definition as well as a juicy/fleshy fruit, a fine grain, a fine concentration and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, tonka bean, chocolate and very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Château Pollen de Corbin Michotte 2014 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine concentration as well as a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of wild cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of ripe wild blackberry associated with touches of lily / blue flowers, quite small ripe fruits as well as fine hints of bulbs, spices and a discreet hint of underwood/cedar/liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a fine juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a very fine suavity as well as a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, quite ripe small black fruits, small notes of cornflower/violet associated with small touches of raspberry, dry blueberry as well as very fine hints of sweet spices, toasted and a very discreet hint of underwood. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château Roc de Candale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is racy and offers power, a fine grain as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as subtle hints of small berries and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and a

bright fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, blueberry, small notes violet associated with touches of juicy/Fresh raspberry, violet as well as a subtle hint of toasted, liquorice and sense of the place. Good length.

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

## Château de Candale 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, well-built, racy and offers a fine grain as well as a beautiful power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis, small ripe wild berries, small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of Cuben pepper/grey pepper, nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of dry zests. The palate is fruity, beautifully racy and offers

juiciness, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, suavity, roundness and a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as fine hints of pulpy/juicy cherry, plum, discreet hints of chocolate, toasted, vanilla, cardamom and a subtle hint of flowers (in the background). A beautiful racy, gourmand and on the fruit wine... a beautiful ambassador of its terroir!

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

## Couvent des Jacobins 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit, a fine richness as well as a small density. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small bright black berries, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of bright

violet plum, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of graphite, tonka bean, discreet hints of fresh lilac (in the background), primrose, a very discreet hint of pepper and fresh mild tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, freshness as well as a beautiful purity of the fruit, a good precision of the fruit, an acidulous frame, minerality, a sense of complementarity, deepness and a racy grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fleshy/pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of chocolate/tonka bean, fleshy/almost candied fruit cherry, discreet hints of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of bourbon vanilla pod (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built, racy and precise.

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

## Le Petit Cheval 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

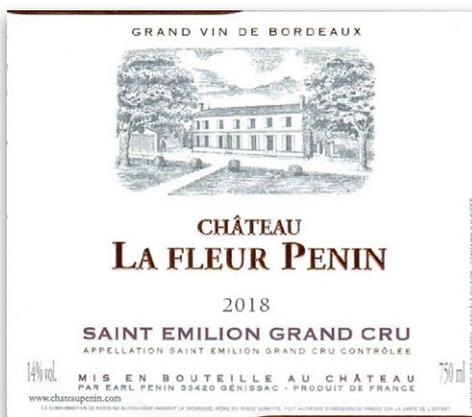
The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of bright wild cassis, small crushed black fruits and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of cornflower as well as fine hints of crushed redcurrant and very discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a good definition, tension and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of juicy/crunchy violet plum, liquorice, cassis cassis/fig as well as subtle hints of hazelnut, toasted, very fine hints of caramelization and a very discreet hint of cardamom.

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

## Château Soutard-Cadet 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity/aromatic, elegant, bright and offers a beautiful definition, freshness as well as a racy/finely tight grain. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy Boysen berry, pulpy blue plum, small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with small touches of cassis, a hint of cherry, cornflower as well as discreet hints of pepper, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral and offers tension, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, suavity as well as grain, a beautiful dynamism and a small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh Boysen berry, juicy/slightly crunchy cassis, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with small touches of fresh cornflower, rose as well as fine hints of bright cherry, nutmeg, toasted oak, a very discreet hint of hazelnut and cardamom (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and structuring. A very discreet hint of mocha and grilled on the persistence.

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



# Saint-Émilion Grands Crus

## Château Haut-Brisson 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, pulpy/juicy cassis, small notes of fresh black berries associated with small touches of ripe redcurrant as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, fresh flowers, discreet varietal hints, a subtle hint of black cherry skin and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, round, supple and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize and fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of an acidulous/crunchy redcurrant as well as hints of violet/fresh lily, a subtle hint of liquorice, a racy minerality (terroir) and black cherry. A fine salinity and appetite in the finish/persistence.

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

## 3 de Valandraud 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small power, a fine richness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of violet, toasted pepper, cardamom as well as a very fine varietal hint, chocolate and black tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, a small freshness, a beautiful juicy/finely a frame, generosity, tension, a fine straightness as well as precision and a good guideline/full of length. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small pulpy/crushed fruits, juicy/Fresh raspberry as well as fine hints of toasted, chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. An imperceptible hint of bitterness of the cocoa on the persistence. A very discreet hint of vanilla on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Tour Saint Christophe 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, precise, beautifully racy and offers deepness, power, a beautiful fruit and purity. It reveals notes of pulpy/fleshy wild cassis, small pulpy fruits, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of pulpy blueberry as well as fine hints of fresh/juicy violet plum, very fine hints of liquorice stick, lily/fresh flowers, an imperceptible hint of sense of the place and toasted almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, a beautiful sapidity, a very beautiful juicy/fresh fruit as well as generosity, precision, a small tension, a certain purity of the fruit and deepness of the terroir. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of pulpy/bright violet plum as well as fine hints of cornflower, sense of the place, chocolate, liquorice stick and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Very fine saline/sapid hint in the finish/persistence. A fine power of the tannins.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château Terre Roteboeuf 2018

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a beautiful power (in subtlety), finesse, deepness as well as delicacy, power and a beautiful ripe/fleshy/almost candied fruit (but full of control and keeping the acidity). It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small fleshy/crushed black fruits, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, almond/almond pod as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, nutmeg, very discreet hints of violet fig, fine hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition, a beautiful gourmandize (in finesse), tension as well as a fine acidity, a fine richness and a beautiful raciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of toasted, crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of warm/cooked black berries as well as hints of biscuits, toasted, almond/almond bog, a subtle hint of incense and chocolate. A beautiful persistence on hint of coffee and toasted hazelnut.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

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## Château Jacques Noir 2018

### Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration as well as a very fine tense side. It reveals notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of small acidulous red berries, violet, strawberry flowers as well as a subtle hint of liquorice and very discreet hints of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality and a small bitterness of the guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of tonka bean and a very discreet hint of grilled. A hint of cocoa in the finish/persistence. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Jacques Noir – Réserve de Famille 2018

### Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, griotte, small notes of small crushed blue fruits associated with touches of cornflower, violet, liquorice, a subtle hint of pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a fine suavity, a fine minerality and a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blueberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, violet as well as fine hints of small blue berries, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of black tea/spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Clos Castelot 2018

### Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, crushed plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of chocolate, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of small blue fruits, vanilla, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, tension and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, fresh/juicy blackberry, small notes of pulpy/fresh raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, toasted and a very fine hint of carameli-

zation. Tannins are well-built.

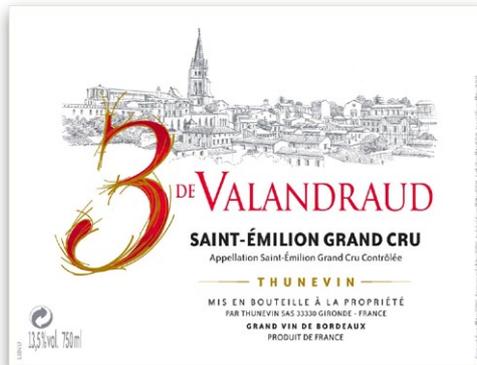
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## La Clef de Voûte 2018

### Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a fine grain, power as well as a certain intensity and a small concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, small ripe berries, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small berrues, violet, pepper as well as very fine racy hints/terroir, a subtle hint of tobacco and an imperceptible saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, fleshiness/pulphiness as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of griotte associated with touches of violet, grey pepper as well as hints of tobacco, almond, a subtle hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of humus (in the background). Good length.

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



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## MONTAGNE SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Clos de Boüard 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is elegant, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness, gourmand, a fine tension sensation as well as minerality. It reveals notes of cassis, fleshy/juicy plum, small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of lilac, fresh violet as well as hints of small crunchy fruits, very fine hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, deepness and offers tension, fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with touches of crunchy/fresh plum as well as discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Dame de Boüard 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a certain richness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, crushed blackberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of bright violet as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate, a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, minerality as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of redcurrant, lilac as well as subtle hints of liquorice, toasted, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background) and a fine salinity/iodide (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and finely firm. A beautiful salinity in the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Plaisance – Réserve de Famille 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight and offers power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, small juicy black berries, small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, lilac/cornflower and an imperceptible hint of fresh mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, suavity as well as a fine fat, precision and a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of juicy blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, lilac as well as hints of liquorice, cocoa, grey pepper and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are structuring. A very discreet hint of cocoa, flowers, grilled and bitterness on the finish.

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

### Château Plaisance 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers generosity, a fine power and a good definition. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, bright blueberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small bright red berries, juicy quetsch plum, lilac as well as hints of a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine tension, a fine richness and a certain generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of bright blueberry, small red berries as well as a hint of cherry blossom, lilac, cornflower and a very fine hint of liquorice/spices. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

### Château Grand Barail 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of small crunchy/juicy berries as well as fine hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of fresh lilac. The palate is fresh, juicy and offers minerality, a linear/stretch side and a small mineral frame. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crunchy/juicy red berries, fresh lilac as well as subtle hints of nutmeg, a racy minerality and a very discreet hint of caramelized almond. Tannins are well-built.

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

### Château Flaunys 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, ripe Boysen berry, small notes of fleshy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of strawberry as well as hints of fresh lily, fine hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, a fine tension as well as a pulpy/juicy/very discreetly tight fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy red berries associated with fine hints of juicy violet plum as well as hints of lily/lilac and very discreet hints of toasted almond. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A small tension on the finish. A iodine hint and cocoa on the finish/persistence.

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

### Château Calon 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a small freshness, a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of violet, small crunchy red berries associated with fine touches of fresh rose as well as a subtle varietal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension and a fine straightness.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, crunchy/juicy blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of iris/fresh rose as well as subtle hints of sweet spices/toasted and very discreet hints of sweet almond (in the background). Tannins are structuring.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Château Franc-Baudron 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic) The nose is gourmand, well-built and offers a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of bourbon vanilla associated with touches of small bright red fruits, small fruits as well as fine hints

of cornflower, liquorice, a discreet hint of black tea and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition of the fruit, fullness as well as gourmandize, suavity and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of juicy/bright blueberry, lilac as well as hints of liquorice, black tea and discreet hints of bourbon vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

### Château Jura-Plaisance 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

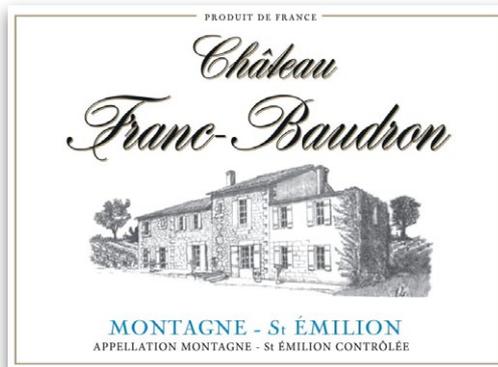
The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine grain as well as a fine sensation of tension. It reveals notes of juicy wild cassis, crunchy blackberry, small notes of fleshy pear associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of leather and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a well-built fruit and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry, small notes of small acidulous red berries associated with touches of crunchy plum as well as a subtle hint of violet, discreet hints of toasted, leather and nutmeg. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. A wine on the fruit and well-built.

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

### Château de Montalbret – Renaissance 2018

#### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of strawberry as well as discreet hints of cherry blossom, zan and a discreet hint



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of vanilla. The palate is mineral and offers freshness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, raspberry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, cherry as well as small hints of tea, zan and a discreet hint of sweet spices/cinammon. Good length.

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

## Château La Picherie 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and finely tight. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of small berries, rose, rose wood as well as very discreet hints of spices, nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a good definition, suavity and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright raspberry, small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of crunchy/juicy blueberry, rose/lilac as well as fine hints of vanilla and toasted. Good length. Tannins are well built and structuring. A juicy, fresh, on the fruit and gourmand wine. (2022+)

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Héritage de Négrit 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed plum, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of conflower, lily, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of vanilla pods. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a mineral/fresh frame, juiciness, tension, fat and a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, fresh/fleshy violet plum, small notes of fleshy/fresh raspberry associated with a touch of small pulpy red berries, violet, discreet hints of liquorice and vanilla.

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

## Château Carlina 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of wild blackberry, lily, small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of bramble, cuben pepper, a subtle hint of cherry and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, freshness as well as a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy raspberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of rose, cherry as well as hints of liquorice, black. Tea and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Moulin Blanc La Chapelle 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of cherry, violet, zan and a discreet hint of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness as well as a good definition, a small gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of crushed cassis, liquorice/zan and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are finely marked.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Gachon 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers fleshiness as well as a well-defined fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, raspberry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of violet, camphor, grey pepper as well as a discreet hint of iris and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a juicy/fresh/pulpy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, rasperru, small notes of crushed cassis associated with a touch of crushed plum as well as fine hints of zan, black tea, chocolate and a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are structuring.

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

## Château La Bastienne 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry, small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of small pulpy berries, violet/lily, a very discreet hint of liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a beautiful suavity, a small fat, roundness as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed berries, pulpy/bright cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of violet, lilac, Boysen berry as well as a subtle hint of liquorice and chocolate/toasted. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Franc Baudron – Authentique 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small crunchiness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy strawberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy violet plum associated with touches of rose, iris/variatal as well as fine hints of fresh liquorice stick and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, freshness as well as gourmandize, a beautiful suavity/fullness and an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, fleshy/bright redcurrant, small notes of wild blackberry associated with touches of violet, iris as well as hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château d'Arvouet 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely on the hold and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, small crushed fruits as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick and black tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful fine grain and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cherry, fleshy Boysen berry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of plum, liquorice, chocolate as well as fine hints of toasted and a discreet hint of vanilla.

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

## Château Arbo 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a certain elegance as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed/fleshy plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of lily, vanilla, fine hints of zan and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy/juicy plum as well as hints of liquorice stick, vanilla flowers, toasted and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background). A beautiful wine on the fruit and aromatic purity.

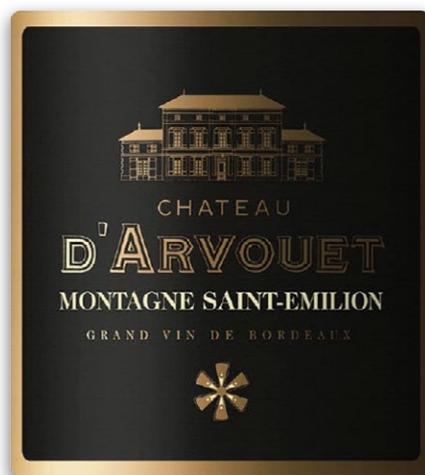
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Château Roudier 2018

### Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, wild cassis, small notes of small crushed berries associated with touches of violet, iris/variatal and very fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, a small straightness/verticality and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fresh wild raspberry, fresh cassis, small notes of rose associated with touches of iris, small wild berries as well as hints of liquorice, nutmeg and vanilla. Tannins are well-built.

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



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## Peraclos 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed raspberry, vanilla, toasted, a very discreet varietal hint and almond. The palate is fresh, fruity, finely tight, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, tension and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, juicy/fleshy cassis, small notes of small juicy/fresh red berries associated with touches of liquorice, vanilla as well as fine hints of rose and mild tobacco. Good length. A persistence on notes of chocolate and liquorice.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## L'Audacieux de Franc-Baudron 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize, a small intensity, complexity as well as a small power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed raspberry, cassis associated with small touches of violet, lily, crushed plum as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, grey pepper, a subtle hint of saffron, nutmeg and vanilla. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as precision, a fine grain, a beautiful definition/purity of the fruit and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of plum, small red berries as well as hints of violet, lily, liquorice stick, vanilla and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background). Tannins are precise and well-built.

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

## Château La Courolle 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight/on the hold and fruity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small berries, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of nutmeg, toasted, very fine hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as gourmandize, silkiness, a small richness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry, small notes of small fleshy red berries associated with touches of violet, plum as well as fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, vanilla and a subtle hint of almond. Good length. Tannins are precise and structuring. A gourmand wine!

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

## Clos du Pontet 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy wild blackberry, cassis, small notes of small red berries associated with small touches of iris, varietal as well as fine hints of zan and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers suavity, juiciness, a fine fat as well as roundness, a certain dynamism and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/Crunchy cassis, small red berries, small notes of cherry associated with a touch of crunchy blackberry, fresh lily as well as a discreet hint of rose and sweet spices/toasted. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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

## Château Coucy 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of toasted, almond, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of small red fruits and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers juiciness, tension as well as a mineral/fresh frame, freshness, a certain power, minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes

of fleshy/pulpy raspberry, blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of vanilla, toasted, nutmeg as well as a hint of cherry blossom, lily and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Saint-Benoit 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, plum, small notes of fleshy/crushed strawberry associated with touches of violet, fresh vanilla and a discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fluidity, a fine acidulous frame, fullness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy raspberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy/acidulous plum as well as fine hints of lily, fresh vanilla and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Berdière 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of small wild berries, small notes of bramble, violet associated with a touch of reduction, a discreet hint of clove and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). This wine should be decanted. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, a fine suavity, a certain fullness/richness as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/crunchy cassis, juicy/fleshy red berries, small notes of rose associated with fine hints of bramble, reduction, a discreet hint of fresh leather/tobacco, vanilla and toasted.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88-89/100)

## Château Haut-Goujon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight, finely on the hold and offers fruit as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small crushed black berries, small notes of liquorice associated with touches of cornflower, small blue fruits, vanilla and fine hints of toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine freshness, a fine tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, strawberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of fleshy/juicy plum as well as hints of violet, vanilla, liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco (in the background).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Roc de Calon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize, a fine grain and a certain density. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of lily, cornflower associated with small touches of grey pepper, crushed blueberry as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, a fine concentration as well as a certain tension, precision and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed raspberry as well as a hint of crushed plum, flowers as well as very fine hints of vanilla, tonka bean and toasted. Good length.

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

## Vieux Château Bayard – L'Intégrale 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis cream, crushed strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with touches of lily, violet, liquorice as well as fine hints of graphite,



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nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, very finely tight/on the hold and offers a mineral frame, fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with a touch of fleshy plum, cornflower as well as very fine hints of vanilla, toasted, chocolate and a discreet hint of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Négrit 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fresh and offers a fine power as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberry, cassis bud, small notes of small wild red berries associated with fine touches of fresh flowers, hints of cardamom, fresh mild tobacco and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, slightly tight/on the hold and offers minerality, a fine richness as well as a fine concentration and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis, cassis bud, small notes of fresh flowers associated with small touches of red fruits as well as fine hints of fresh mild tobacco, nutmeg, cardamom and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Good length.

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

## Vieux Château Goujon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fresh and offers a fresh/ripe fruit. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, raspberry, small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of violet, nutmeg and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a certain dynamism, a very finely tight structure, fullness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry, small notes of small crushed berries associated with small touches of pulpy cherry as well as fine hints of violet, lily, fresh mild tobacco, very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background).

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

## Château Tour Calon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

(Organic) The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy blackberry, small berries, small notes of fresh violet associated with fine touches of crunchy raspberry, bramble/variety as well as fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, acidulous/crunchy red berries, small notes of juicy cassis associated with small touches of violet, fresh lily as well as hints of fresh nutmeg and toasted. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château La Croix Bonneau – Cuvée Prestige 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of violet, Sichuan pepper and very fine hints of cardamom/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, very finely tight and offers minerality, a fine freshness, a certain dynamism as well as a fine fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small red berries as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate and a very discreet hint of cardamom. A well-built and very discreetly tight tannic structure. Good length. A very fine chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Haut-Bonneau – Vieilles Vignes 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small deepness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of crushed wild cassis, ripe wild blackberry, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with a touch of fleshy/crushed violet plum as well as hints of violet, chocolate and very fine hints of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a certain gourmandize, a fine richness, concentration and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cas-

sis cream, fleshy/crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of chocolate, violet, cornflower as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom and crushed almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Montaguillon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness/density. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with a touch of crushed blueberry, cornflower, chocolate and a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a small richness justly built. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of cornflower, violet, chocolate as well as fine hints of liquorice and vanilla. Good length and persistence. Tannins are well-built and finely chewy. A generous and gourmand wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Domaine Simon Blanchard – Village 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a very fine concentration and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of pepper, nutmeg, vio-

let and a very discreet hint of toasted oak. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a small minerality, freshness, an aromatic purity as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of lilac, violet, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of camphor, toasted, chocolate and a fine saline hint (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Simon Blanchard Au Champ de la Fenêtre 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fleshy/juicy/appetizing fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, fleshy Boysen berry, small notes of fleshy/fresh violet plum associated with fine touches of cherry/strawberry as well as hints of zan, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of green cardamom and vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful juicy/acidulous/fleshy fruit, a fine tension and a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy/acidulous blackberry, plum, small

notes of strawberry associated with small touches of crushed cassis as well as hints of lilac, cornflower. A discreet hint of toasted hazelnut/dark chocolate on the persistence. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

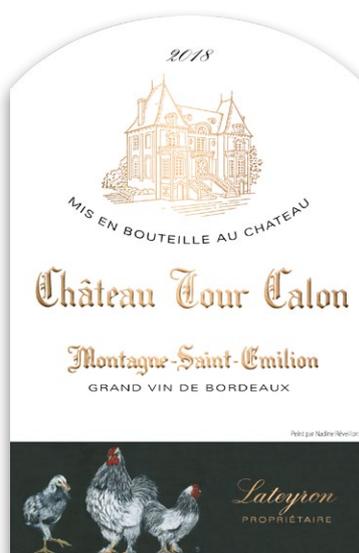
## Château Indépendance 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small fleshy/juicy berries, small notes of cassis associated with touches of small wild fruits as well as hints of fresh flowers, grey pepper and a very fine varietal hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, generosity, a beautiful roundness as well as ampleness, a small fleshiness, a very finely tight grain and a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, juicy cherry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of crushed cassis, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of fresh tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91)

## Domaine Simon Blanchard – Guitard 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight and offers a fine grain as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy wild cassis, bright wild blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of griotte, cornflower, spices, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of green cardamom, pepper, sweet spices/truffle and Badiane. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension and a certain



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density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis, small notes of bright wild raspberry associated with small touches of violet, fresh lily as well as small touches of crunchy/fresh violet plum, fine hints of fresh cornflower, fresh lily, nutmeg, toasted and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A subtle salinity/sapidity and gourmandize in the finish.

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

## Château Treytins 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is gourmand, well-built and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, candied cassis, small notes of small fleshy/juicy plum associated with small touches of violet, tonka bean, vanilla pod as well as an imperceptible hint of timut pepper and zests (in the background). The palate is unctuous and offers freshness, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of crushed violet plum associated with touches of violet, candied small red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, chocolate, crushed hazelnut, vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco (in the background).

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

## Château de Beaulieu 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose offers a fine richness and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small crushed black fruits, small notes of lilac, lily associated with touches of chocolate, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of green cardamom. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers a beautiful minerality, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small gourmandize and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/fresh cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, small notes of violet associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, chocolate as well as subtle hints of vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

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

## Les Caillottes 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, bourbon vanilla, small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of cherry, crushed plum as well as hints of vanilla, fine hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, supple, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse and purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, pulpy raspberry, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of vanilla, nutmeg, toasted as well as a hint of crushed plum and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. A beautiful wine full of roundness and finesse.

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

## Vieux Château Palon 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose offers gourmandize, a small power/concentration and a certain richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed strawberry, small notes of fleshy violet plum associated with a touch of blackberry cream, liquorice, violet, chocolate as well as a hint of sugared mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a finely acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, precision as well as elegance, density, gourmandize and a small richness (justly controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of crushed violet plum associated with touches of chocolate, vanilla, hazelnut as well as subtle hints of lilac, violet, sugared mild tobacco and toasted. Good length.

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

## Vieux Château Labatut 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of suave/fresh blackberry, raspberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of fresh cassis as well as very fine hints of nutmeg, spices and a discreet hint of cloves (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy wild strawberry, chocolate, toasted, dry almond as well as subtle hints of cloves. Good length.

Tannins are finely tight.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Château La Croix de Nault 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of pulpy cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as a hint of fresh violet, very fine hints of cloves and cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine grain as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of crunchy violet plum, violet as well as a subtle hint of mild tobacco, zan and an imperceptible hint of clove. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Montalbret – Chloé 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose reveals notes of fresh/crunchy blackberry, cassis bud, cassis, small notes of rose associated with touches of small wild fruits, violet as well as fine hints of cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, a fine acidulous frame, a small fluidity as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, cassis bud, small notes of crunchy/fresh blackberry associated with touches of violet, chocolat, bourbon vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château La Duchesse 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy raspberry, small red berries, small notes of fresh violet associated with a hint of cassis, a discreet hint of rose, plum as well as a very fine hint of spices and an imperceptible varietal hint. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers fluidity, a fine acidulous frame, a fine suavity as well as a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant, fleshy raspberry, small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with small touches of lily, lilac as well as a subtle hint of rose and discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are slightly dry.

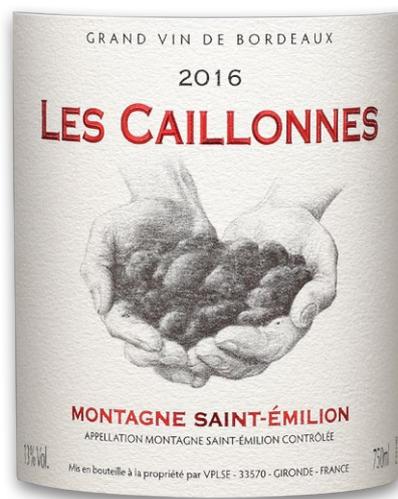
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Tour Bayard 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition as well as a small power. It reveals notes of liquorice associated with touches of crushed wild strawberry, violet, toasted, Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of camphor. The palate

is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, suavity as well as a certain concentration and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright wild cassis, bright wild blackberry, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of wild strawberry, black cherry, liquorice as well as hints of camphor, spices and a subtle hint of black pepper. Tannins are well-built and finely chewy. A subtle hint of toasted/caramelization on the finish/persistence. A very discreet hint of cocoa on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



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## Château Tour Bayard – L'Angelot 2018 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, pistil and small notes of violet associated with touches of cassis, cassis bud as well as hints of small crushed red fruits, liquorice stick, a hint of almond, grey pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a certain aromatic purity, a small concentration, a fine tension, minerality as well as juiciness and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, small wild black berries and small notes of pistil, flowers (lily, violet) associated with touches of liquorice, crushed black cherry, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of racy minerality, small crushed blue fruits, fine hints of camphor, almond and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are structuring and very finely chewy. Good length. A hint of dry/crushed hazelnut on the aftertaste.

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

## LUSSAC SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Moulin de Grenet 2018 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight and offers intensity as well as power and a fine freshness. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy black berries, small notes iris, lily associated with fine touches of bulbs as well as small blue fruits and pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of iris, rose, lily associated with touches of blueberry as well as very fine hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of cocoa.

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

### Château La Haute Claymore 2018 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is finely tight and offers a small concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of cassis, crunchy blackberry, small notes of iris associated with touches of crushed red berries as well as a hint of griotte cherry, liquorice, a very discreet hint of spices and a subtle hint of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with touches of iris, fresh violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, toasted and very fine hints of sweet spices. A subtle varietal hint on the finish (very finely tight). Tannins are very discreetly marked.

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

### Château La Tour de Ségur 2018 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright wild strawberry, small notes of Boysen berry associated with fine touches of liquorice, small bright blue berries as well as fine touches of liquorice, small bright blue berries, a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of black tea. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with small touches of small red berries, violet, lilac as well as subtle hints of liquorice, a very discreet mineral/Saline hint and an imperceptible hint of toasted/caramelization.

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

### Château La Claymore 2018 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers a certain power. It reveals notes of fleshy/crushed blackberry, raspberry, small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of small fresh red fruits, crushed plum as well as hints of violet, rose and very fine hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness as well as gourmandize, a mineral/juicy frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of small juicy/acidulous red berries, cherry as well as hints of cornflower, fresh lilac, fine hints of chocolate, toasted almond and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Fine hints of toasted/vanilla on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

# Barsac & Sauternes

## GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS 2018

### Château Doisy-Daëne 2018 Barsac, Second Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers concentration (full of finesse), power (well-built/dosed) and a very beautiful deepness (full of finesse). It reveals notes of kumquat, clementine fresh zests, small notes of small fruits associated with fine touches of zests, lychee, sugared pear, a very discreet hint of sweet spices and grey pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension, harmony, suavity and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, fresh lychee, white fruits/ripe apple, small notes of juicy pear associated with small touches of quenette, a very discreet hint of papaya as well as an imperceptible hint of lime, a discreet hint of verbena and flowers.

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

### Château D'Arche 2018 Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers deepness, elegance, a fine concentration and freshness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of candied pear, candied mandarine, small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a touch of quince, crushed apple as well as fine hints of honey, fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful balance, a beautiful definition, suavity, elegance, roundness as well as a certain aromatic purity, complexity, gourmandize and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, candied kumquat, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with a touch of dry/crushed apricot as well as hints of pineapple in syrup, lychee as well as discreet hints of sugar rose petal, lemon flower, almond and an imperceptible hint of brioche (in the background). An imperceptible hint of verbena, honey and brioche in the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Château Rabaud-Promis 2018 Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small/very fine richness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied pear, small notes of zests associated with touches of kumquat as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize, fat as well as a small concentration, a good balance, roundness, a fine grain and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarine, small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, orange jam, very fine hints of racy minerality, candied pineapple as well as very discreet hints of almond, vanilla and white flowers. Good length. A good persistence with a subtle hint of candied mandarine zests. A beautiful wine with gourmandize.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Château Filhot 2018 Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers freshness, elegance, a small syrupy side and precision. It reveals notes of candied yellow peach, candied brugnon, small notes of candied apple associated with fine touches of candied lemon, a hint of fresh Mirabelle as well as discreet hints of vanilla and toasted. The palate is fruity and offers a racy minerality, freshness, a fresh/finely acidulous frame, elegance as well as a beautiful balance, a fine incisive side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lime, small notes of candied vine peach associated with touches of pear in syrup, lychee, quenette as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, discreet hints of acacia, toasted and fresh vanilla pod. Good length.

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

### Château de Rayne Vigneau 2018 Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers power, intensity as well as finesse. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of crystallized quince, crystallized lemon zests, small notes of crushed kumquat associated with touches of candied brugnon, fresh mango as well as fine hints of dry apricot, honey, a discreet hint of patisseries and dry almond. The palate is beautifully built, elegant, mineral, full of balance and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized vine peach, small notes of fresh quince associated with small touches of pear, pear flowers, lychee as well as fine hints of small candied fruits, discreet hints of racy minerality, dry almond, cardamom and a discreet hint of patisseries.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

# Barsac & Sauternes

## Château d'Yquem 2018

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is beautiful, racy and offers a small minerality, a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, small ripe citrus, small notes of fresh William pear associated with fine touches of crunchy apple, flowers, very fine almond notes, toasted and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain, complexity as well as sugariness, a beautiful aerial side, a beautiful matter (full of finesse just like silk), richness (full of finesse and control), elegance and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarine, small notes of fleshy vine peach associated with touches of candied citrus, roasted/ripe pineapple as well as small discreet touches of apricot/apricot flowers, lemon flowers, almond and a discreet hint of toasted. Good length. Very fine hints of toasted almond/toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 19.25+/20 (99/100)

## Château Doisy-Védrines 2018

### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers gourmandize as well as a good definition of the fruit. It reveals notes of lychee, candied kumquat, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with small touches of crystallized lemon as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, mandarine flowers, a hint of green apple, fine hints of candied apricot and an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is gourmand, candied and offers roundness, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine hint of racy minerality and a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied pear, small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of roasted pineapple, crystallized quince, candied apricot as well as fine hints of patisseries/honey, a very discreet hint of almond, an imperceptible hint of almond flower and verberna (in the background). Good length. A very discreet hint of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Myrat 2018

### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, freshness and a fine syrupy side. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, small notes of fleshy apple associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, peach flower as well as a hint of candied quince, discreet hints of candied ginger, spices, a very discreet hint of candied lime and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame, tension, fat, freshness, minerality, richness, a small syrupy hint as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied pear, candied peach, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of candied mandarine zests, crushed green apple, white flowers as well as subtle hints of racy minerality, verberna and a discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). A very discreet hint of brioche in the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2018

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a very fine incisive/franc side, gourmandize and a beautiful silky/delicate touch. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, lemon zests associated with small touches of crushed Mirabelle, honey, small fruity, quenette as well as very discreet hints of almond, a subtitle hint of lime zests and a very discreet hint of almond pod. The palate is elegant, racy, gourmand, precise and offers a beautiful definition/precision, nervousity, an unctuous side, an aerial side, a beautiful freshness, a very beautiful purity and elegance of the fruit/grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon associated with small touches of fleshy/crushed Mirabelle, hints of roasted apricot as well as very fine hints of fresh almond, almond pod and a very discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background).

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Château La Tour Blanche 2018

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers minerality as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of quince, candied pear, small notes of small candied peach, candied brugnion associated with touches of yuzu zests, crystallized lemon, quenette as well as fine hints of

racy minerality/flint, lemon flowers, very discreet hints of spices, an imperceptible hint of fresh verberna and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, energy, gourmandize, a fine power as well as a fine syrupy side, a good definition, a good balance, elegance and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied white peach, brugnion in syrup, small notes of crystallized mandarine as well as a hint of roasted pineapple, dry apricot, discreet hints of racy minerality (terroir), fresh verberna and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS 2010

## Château Rabaud-Promis 2010

### Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers a fine richness, a beautiful definition and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of candied lemon, quince, small notes of almond associated with small touches of fruit pastes, dry orange zests as well as very discreet hints of honey and spices. The palate is fruity, racy, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a small fat, a fine unctuousity, justness as well as gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fleshy Mirabelle, small notes of candied lemon associated with small touches of almond, bee was, yellow flowers, small yellow fruits, sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of roasted pineapple, verberna and honey.

Good length. A beautiful wine.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château Doisy-Védrine 2010

### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity, precise/well-built and offers a fine racy minerality as well as a small stretched/full of length side. It reveals notes of candied pear, crystallized vine peach, small notes of lychee associated with touches of racy minerality, apple flowers, candied quince as well as discreet hints of fresh kumquat and verberna. The palate is fruity and offers a good freshness, fat, a candied fruit as well as a racy minerality and a very fine carved side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied pear, candied apple, small notes of candied vine peach associated with touches of crystallized lemon, quince as well as subtle hints of candied mandarine zests, a discreet hint of roasted pineapple, nutmeg, lychee and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/coconut. A certain tension in the finish.

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

## Château de Rayne Vigneau 2010

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully aromatic (the wine embalms the room as soon as it is opened), elegant, fresh, beautifully built, precise, racy and offers a small crystallized side. It reveals notes of candied yellow peach, crystallized quince, small notes of dry apricot associated with small touches of lychee, crystallized mandarine as well as fine hints of candied vine peach, mango, delicate hints of spices, a racy minerality, honey and patisseries. The palate is mineral, elegant, syrupy, well-built and offers a small tension, gourmandize as well as unctuousity, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach, pineapple in syrup, small notes of dry apricot associated with touches of crystallized lemon, candied yellow peach as well as fine hints of crystallized yuzu, honey, hazelnut/dry fruits, brioche, a racy minerality, an imperceptible hint of yellow flowers and patisseries.

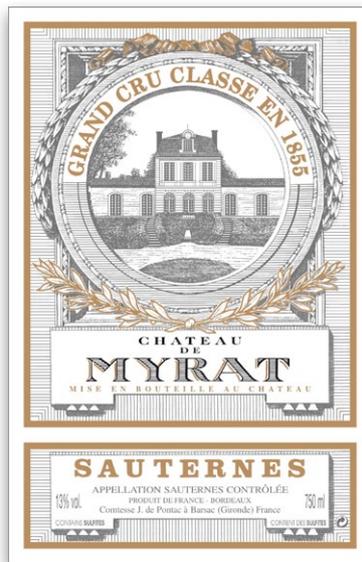
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château D'Arche 2010

### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers power, a certain intensity as well as freshness. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle, small notes of honey associated with touches of candied lemon, almond as well as fine hints of yellow apple, spices, discreet hints of toasted patisseries, a very discreet hint of verberna/linden and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers juiciness, a fine aerial side as well as a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful silky/fat touch (full of balance). On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Mirabelle, candied quince, small notes of pear in syrup associated with touches of pineapple in syrup as well as fine hints of crystallized lemon as well as a hint of apricot flowers, almond, a discreet hint of patisseries and honey. Good length.

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



# Barsac & Sauternes

## Château Guiraud 2010

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, beautifully fresh and offers a certain intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of candied peach, crystallized lemon, small notes of candied pear associated with touches of small yellow fruits, quince, verbena as well as fine hints of yellow flowers, honey, very fine hints of patisseries/caramelization and a racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize richness as well as matter, tension, dynamism, a beautiful freshness, precision, definition and a beautiful acidulous. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, small notes of candied pear associated with touches of roasted pineapple, quince, crushed Mirabelle as well as hints of patisseries/caramelization, brioche, hazelnut, a subtle hint of nutmeg, a very discreet hint of verbena/bergamot and an imperceptible hint of peach flowers. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château La Tour Blanche 2010

### Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, elegant, beautifully built and offers a good balance and delicacy. It reveals notes of candied vine peach, crushed pear, small notes of candied apple associated with touches of lemon flowers, quenette, crystallized lemon as well as a hint of kumquat, apple flowers, fine hints of honey, a discreet hint of brioche, fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, racy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a small aerial side and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied vine peach, small notes of fresh quenette, fresh lychee associated with touches of fresh brugnion, crystallized apple, lemon flowers as well as hints of racy minerality, candied small fruits, verbena/acacia and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Coutet 2010

### Barsac, Premier Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is elegant, beautifully fresh and offers a racy power, a beautiful balance, control as well as deepness, a small carved side, a beautiful balance, finesse and length. It reveals notes of quince, ripe Mirabelle, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of breadfruit, crystallized orange, small notes of roasted pineapple as well as fine hints of verbena, yellow peach, spices, discreet hints of brioche and honey. The palate is elegant, beautifully racy/delicate, perfectly balanced, precise, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain and control/balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sugared quince, candied lemon, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of roasted pineapple, candied yellow peach as well as fine hints of crushed pear, honey, brioche, discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of sugared acacia flowers. Good length. A wine on candied fruits.

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

## Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2010

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful aromatic power (full of freshness and balance). It reveals notes of candied lemon, quince, small notes of zests associated with fine touches of crystallized lemon, zests as well as fine hints of mango, apricot and almond. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, richness, roundness, precision as well as a small suavity, a fine acidulous frame, a good freshness, tension and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, candied lemon, small notes of lime zests, a racy minerality associated with very fine hints of exotic fruits, almond as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices, vanilla and chocolate. A good toasted persistence in the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Climens 2010

### Premier Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes à Barsac

The nose is elegant, well-built, precise and offers deepness, a syrupy side/richness (but full of balance/control). It reveals notes of candied quince, apple in syrup, small notes of candied vine peach associated with touches of kumquat in syrup, crystallized mandarine as well as hints of small yellow fruits, pineapple, fine hints of ginger, spices, verbena/acacia and fresh honey. The palate is fruity, elegant, syrupy and offers a very beautiful balance, an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, unctuousity, a small sapidity

as well as a beautiful precise/square mouth (full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, candied apple, small notes of candied pear associated with touches of pineapple in syrup, crystallized lemon as well as hints of small crushed yellow fruits, patisseries, honey, ginger, discreet hints of spices, verbena and apple flowers. Good length. A very discreet hint of patisseries/biscuit on the persistence.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

## Château Doisy-Daëne 2010

### Barsac, Second Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful finesse of elegance, intensity and a very beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, kumquat, small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of fresh orange, fresh lychee as well as very fine hints of almond, acacia flowers, nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of lemon flowers (in the background). The palate is beautifully racy, well-balanced, aery and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, richness (full of subtlety) and a beautiful delicate/subtlety soft touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, mandarine, small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of juicy vine peach as well as fine hints of quenette/juicy lychee, almond, nutmeg, very fine hints of fresh hazelnut and white flowers/acacia flowers. Good length. A beautiful persistence on notes of toasted almond.

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

## Château de Myrat 2010

### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers minerality, elegance as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of candied yellow peach, candied pear and small notes of candied kumquat associated with small touches of crushed apple, roasted pineapple, beeswax as well as slight hints of brioche, candied ginger and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral, racy and offers a mineral structure, energy, roundness, fat as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied peach and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with touches of roasted pineapple, dried apricot, honey as well as fine hints of acacia, sweet spices, with discreet hints of patisseries, nutmeg and fresh vanilla. Good length. A beautiful persistence with notes of dried apricot and candied berries.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



## SAUTERNES & BARSAC 2018

### La Chapelle de Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2018

#### Sauternes

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, lime, small notes of fresh peach/peach flowers associated with fine touches of verbena as well as a discreet hint of almond and a subtle hint of caviar lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful finesse of the gourmandize as well as unctuousity, a fine silky touch, a small suavity and a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, zests, small notes of caviar lemon associated with fine hints of mango and a very discreet hint of candied/roasted apricot. Good length. A very discreet hint of zests and lime on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château Bastor-Lamontagne 2018

#### Sauternes

(Organic) The nose is fruity, candied and offers elegance. It reveals notes of candied pear, candied kumquat, small notes of lychee associated with a touch of quince, mango, a fine hint of dry apricot, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of dry almond, honey and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, tension as well as a fine grain, finesse and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied vine peach, small notes of mango associated with a touch of roasted pineapple, crystallized lemon as well as a hint of dry apricot, apricot flowers, honey and discreet hints of almond (in the background). Good length.

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

# Barsac & Sauternes

## Château Liot 2018

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine syrupy side. It reveals notes of lychee, candied apple, small notes of crushed vine peach associated with small touches of lemon flowers, fine hints of crystallized mandarine, a discreet hint of racy minerality, almond and spices. The palate is fruity, syrupy and offers a good freshness as well as minerality and a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied pear, small notes of lychee in syrup associated with small touches of peach in syrup as well as hints of roasted pineapple, a subtle hint of almond, lemon flowers, a very discreet hint of crystallized lemon, a racy minerality and vanilla. Good length.

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

## Château Haut-Bergeron 2018

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a small richness, a fine intensity and a small aerial side. It reveals notes of candied quince, vine peach in syrup, small notes of pear associated with touches of apricot in syrup, a racy minerality as well as hints of pineapple, nutmeg, lemon flowers, a discreet hint of spices, mango and very discreet hints of toasted. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a small unctuousity as well as a fine syrupy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, crushed pear, small notes of candied quince associated with small touches of pineapple in syrup, dry apricot as well as a subtle hint of mango, discreet hints of vanilla, almond, a racy minerality and toasted. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château La Bouade – Cuvée Coccinelle 2018

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine richness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of candied kumquat, crushed Mirabelle, small notes of apple in syrup as well as a subtle hint of toasted almond, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, syrupy, well-balanced, squared and offers an acidulous frame, a good freshness and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied pear, small notes of lychee associated with touches of kumquat in syrup, pineapple in syrup as well as hints of lychee in syrup, sugar rose petal as well as small hints of vanilla and a very discreet hints of coconut. Good length.

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

## Soleil d'Arche 2018

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small syrupy hint. It reveals notes of candied peach, candied quince, small notes of pineapple associated with touches of candied lychee, crystallized green apple as well as a hint of crystallized zests of lemon, mesocarp of orange, honey and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a small mineral frame and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied kumquat, small notes of candied peach associated with a touch of dry apricot as well as hints of roasted pineapple, fine hints of honey and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

## SAUTERNES & BARSAC 2010

## Château Liot 2010

### Sauternes

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, a certain power and concentration. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarine zests, small notes of quince associated with small touches of candied kumquat, candied apple as well as fine hints of mandarine flowers, pineapple, fine hints of spices and honey/patisseries. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied mandarine, crystallized quince, small notes of candied kumquat associated with touches of candied pear, honey, roasted pineapple, a hint of patisseries and an imperceptible hint of chamomile (in the background). Good length.

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

## L'Extravagant de Doisy-Daëne 2010

### Barsac

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers deepness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of dry mandarine, lychee, candied lychee, small notes of candied lemon associated with small touches of cooked peach as well as very discreet hints of almond, small dry fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a small unctuousity, gourmandize, suavity, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful precision and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, crushed peach, candied kumquat, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with fine touches of zests/caviar lemon as well as fine hints of almond, toasted, vanilla and a very discreet hint of brioche. Good length and persistence.

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

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# Gascogne

## WHITE WINES

### Chemin des Persenades 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of quenette, crunchy/juicy green apple, small notes of pear associated with fine touches of pear flowers, a hint of lemon and discreet hints of dry almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a fine tension and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, juicy lychee, small notes of crystallized vine peach associated with a touch of apricot, crystallized mandarine as well as a subtle hint of lemon flowers. Good length.

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

### Naturellement Joÿ - Gros Manseng & Petit Manseng 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of pineapple, kumquat, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with small touches of juicy apple and a very fine hint of lemon flowers/acacia flowers. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small minerality as well as freshness and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pineapple, lychee, small notes of juicy/ripe kumquat associated with a touch of juicy/fleshy vine peach as well as very fine hints of crystallized lemon and an imperceptible hint of lemon flowers. A very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.

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

### Domaine Malartic - Moelleux 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of pineapple, fleshy apple, small notes of crushed peach associated with a small touch of quenette, exotic fruits and a discreet hint of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, b and offers a fine suavity as well as a fine acidulous frame and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, pineapple, small notes of juicy peach associated with small touches of crystallized lemon and a hint of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### La Demoiselle de Laballe - Gros Manseng 2019

Côtes de Gascogne

The nose reveals notes of juicy white peach, fleshy/juicy apple, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of lemon flowers and a very discreet hint of kumquat (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine suavity and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous lemon, fleshy/juicy white peach, small notes of crushed apple associated with fine touches of fresh quenette/fresh exotic fruits as well as very fine hints of lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh acacia flowers. Good length.

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

### Domaine Laffitte - Colombard & Ugni Blanc 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine suavity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, ripe vine peach, small notes of fresh apple associated with very fine hints of flowers and a discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy mandarine and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with fine hints of apple flowers. Good length. A good persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Laffitte - Sauvignon & Gros Manseng 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, flowery and offers a small tension sensation. It reveals notes of vine peach, pink lychee and small notes of white flowers, rose, passion fruits associated with fine hints of zests and an imperceptible hint of crunchy pear / ripe seed. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine acidulous frame, freshness as well as a fine racy minerality. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, vine peach, small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of passion fruit and lemon flowers.

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

## SWEET WINES

### Domaine Laffitte - Gros Manseng & Petit Manseng 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, lychee, small notes of quenette associated with discreet hints of candied quince as well as a very discreet hint of lemon flowers, honeysuckle and an imperceptible hint of crystallized mandarine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a fine minerality, residual sugar and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, mandarine, small notes of passion fruit associated with very discreet hints of lemon flowers as well as a very discreet hint of vine peach (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89 /100)

### Domaine Chiroulet - Soleil d'Automne 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, green apple, small notes of lily of the valley associated with small touches of peach flowers, crunchy peach as well as a hint of fresh quince and an imperceptible hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, fresh,

gourmand and offers fullness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized vine peach, small notes of juicy green apple associated with small touches of fresh pineapple as well as fine hints of fresh quince, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of mandarine (In the background). Good length.

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

### Domaine de Joÿ - St André 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, lychee, small notes of white flowers/lily of the valley associated with small touches of crushed peach as well as fine varietal hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a small amplexness, an acidulous frame as well

as dynamism, a fine freshness and a very fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, lychee, small notes of acidulous/fleshy green apple associated with small touches of small crystallized fruits as well as fine hints of white flowers (honeysuckle, lily of the valley) and a very discreet honey hint. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Maouries - Les Fruits 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose reveals notes of crystallized peach, crystallized apple, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of pineapple in syrup and a discreet hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a certain dynamism as well as a small fat and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, roasted pineapple, small notes of juicy yellow peach associated with small touches of lychee as well as fine hints of juicy kumquat. Good length.

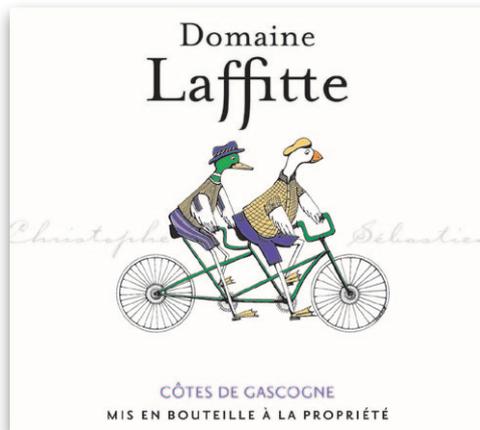
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Happy Time - Gros & Petit Manseng 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of white fresh fruits, white flowers/honeysuckle associated with small touches of crystallized lemon as well as fine varietal hints and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a small minerality as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, juicy/fleshy lychee, small notes of fleshy white peach associated with small touches of small crystallized hint, a hint of pineapple as well as fine hints of honeysuckle and a discreet hint of racy minerality. Good length. Good persistence.

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



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## Laxé - Elixir 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity and offers freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of kumquat, crystallized quince, small notes of Mirabelle associated with fine touches of roasted pineapple, a discreet hint of dry apricot and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, finely tight and offers minerality, a small gourmandize, a very fine acidulous frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fleshy Mirabelle, small notes of roasted pineapple associated with a touch of candied lemon as well as very fine hints of bee wax/brioche. Good length.

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

## Domaine Laguille - Petit Manseng 2017

### Côtes de Gascogne

(Moelleux) The nose reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits, small notes of crushed pear associated with a touch of dry pineapple, hints of small yellow flowers, a discreet hint of acacia and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, freshness, dynamism, juiciness as well as a small minerality and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/juicy Mirabelle, small notes of small crystallized yellow fruits associated with a touch of crystallized lemon, small yellow flowers, acacia flowers and a very discreet hint of brioche. Good length. Good persistence.

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

## Haut Marin, 7 Vénus 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as a certain gourmandize. It reveals notes of pear, crystallized vine peach, small notes of Mirabelle associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, a hint of lemon flowers, apricot and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a very fine acidulous frame as well as freshness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee, small notes of crystallized vine peach associated with a fine touch of apricot flowers, candied lemon and an imperceptible hint of acacia flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Domaine de Laxé - Mansengs 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of Mirabelle, candied kumquat, small notes of bee wax associated with small touches of roasted pineapple, small yellow fruits and a hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a fine straightness as well as a small juiciness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied kumquat, dry apricot, small notes of roasted pineapple associated with small touches of lemon as well as discreet hints of acacia flowers and mandarin zests. A very discreet hint of almond on the persistence/aftertaste. Good length.

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

## Haut Marin - 8 Grand Pavois 2018

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, lychee, small notes of candied peach associated with a touch of mango, rose, very fine hints of candied kumquat and honey. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a fine juiciness, a mineral frame, an aerial side as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied kumquat, quince, small notes of apricot associated with a touch of mango, rose, a discreet hint of acacia flowers and honey.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Domaine de Pellehaut - L'Été Gascon 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity and offers precision, a good definition and freshness. It reveals notes of mango, almond, small note of lychee associated with touches of crushed pear as well as fine hints of candied kumquat, discreet hints of acacia flowers and verbena. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a good definition, precision as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, lychee, small notes of juicy vine peach associated with touches of candied pear as well as very fine hints of pineapple and a discreet hint of lemon flowers. Good acidulous persistence.

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

## Hauts de Mont Rouge - Petit Manseng 2018

### Côtes de Gascogne

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits, small notes of pineapple associated with fine touches of lemon, kumquat as well as fine hints of apple and a very discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame as well as a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, lychee, small notes of juicy/ripe pineapple associated with fine touches of apple, a hint of kumquat and honey. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Domaine Laguille - Gros Manseng 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration/intensity. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette, small notes of quince associated with a touch of mango as well as very fine hints of crystallized vine peach and a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, minerality and a small fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy mango, juicy/acidulous quince, small notes of apricot associated with a touch of crystallized pineapple, crystallized lychee and discreet hints of candied lemon zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Les Parcelles de l'Herré - Gros Manseng Doux 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose reveals notes of fleshy/crushed apple, pear, small notes of mango associated with fine touches of lychee, rose, discreet hints of acacia and an imperceptible hint of white lilac. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a small suavity, fullness and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crushed apple, small notes of lychee associated with touches of juicy/crunchy mango, pineapple, an imperceptible hint of almond and a very discreet hint of white lilac (in the background).

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

## Villa Dria - Lune de Miel 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built. It reveals notes of yellow apple, small yellow fruits, small notes of quince associated with fine touches of lychee, bee wax, discreet hints of crystallized lemon and varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a very discreet pearling side, a small gourmandize, a small acidulous frame and a discreet crunchiness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, crystallized kumquat, small notes of small candied apple associated with small touches of acacia flowers, crystallized lemon, fine hint of honey, varietal and a discreet hint of dry apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Horgelus - Le Bal des Papillons 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fresh green apple, lemon, small notes of pear associated with a touch of mango, a very discreet hint of minerality/iodine side. The palate is fruity and offers a small dynamism, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, juicy/Fresh pineapple, small notes of pear associated with a touch of mango, discreet hints of green apple skin and a subtle hint of apple flowers.

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

## Domaine Laffitte - Petit Manseng 2017

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy brugnion, crunchy pear, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with a touch of mango as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized vine peach, small notes of zests associated with fine touches of pineapple, crystallized mandarine as well as a subtle hint of quenette and an imperceptible hint of orange (in the background) and hazelnut.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Domaine Laffitte - Petit Manseng 2019

### Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of passion fruits, lychee associated with very fine hints of zests, spices as well as a subtle hint of white flower and an imperceptible hint of fresh mango. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers

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freshness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee, small notes of passion fruits associated with very discreet hints of pineapple, fresh lemon as well as a subtle hint of crystallized lemon and an imperceptible hint of lemon flowers.  
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89 /100)

## Domaine Chiroulet - Vent d'Hiver 2017 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Liquoreux) The nose is elegant, relatively aromatic and offers a fin grain, a small power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of crystallized Mirabelle, candied quince, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of candied vine peach as well as fine hints of lychee, mango and a very discreet hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, gourmandize as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fresh frame and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized quince, crushed Mirabelle, small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of candied peach as well as hints of mango, a subtle hint of honey, sweet spices and fresh hazelnut. Good length.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

## Bellevue Seillan 2014 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

This wine should be decanted. The nose reveals notes of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry, small notes of quite ripe cassis associated with small touches of underwood, sweet spices, nutmeg and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, tight, finely tight and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, freshness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, quite ripe wild blackberry, small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy cherry, violet, hints of underwood as well as fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of mushroom (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built. A saline hint on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Domaine de Pellehaut L'escoubasso 2018, Family Réserve Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Liquoreux) The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of quince, mango, small notes of candied apple associated with small touches of lychee, pear flowers and discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, elegance and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied lemon, small notes of juicy vine peach associated with touches of mango, candied quenette as well as a subtle hint of crystallized mandarine, a very discreet hint of dry apricot, almond and toasted. Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Villa Dria - Jardin Secret 2019, Gros Manseng Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Moelleux) The nose is fresh and offers a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fleshy yellow apple, fresh/juicy Williams pear, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of quince, very discreet hints of spices and small juicy yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a very discreet pearl side (in attack) and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy green apple, juicy/crunchy pear, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of peach flowers, pineapple, a discreet hint of verbena and a racy minerality. Good length. An acidulous persistence.  
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Domaine d'Embidoure - Clin D'œil 2017 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(Liquoreux) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of candied quince, linden and small notes of candied pear associated with touches of candied nectarine, dry apricot, very discreet hints of fresh mango and spices. The palate is fruity and offers precision, a very fine straightness, a fine freshness as well as a fine tension, an acidulous frame and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied quince, crystallized Mirabelle, small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a touch of dry apricot, candied apple, a very discreet hint of verbena and linden. Good length. A very dis-

creet hint of pâtisseries and an imperceptible saline hint of on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

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### Domaine Laffitte - Rosé 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh strawberry, vine peach, crunchy brugnon and small notes of acidulous candy associated with very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, a fresh frame as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/crunchy raspberry, acidulous candy, small notes of acidulous redcurrant candy associated with very fine hints of fresh flowers, crunchy vine peach and discreet hints of minerality (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Domaine Laffitte - Malbec & Cabernet Franc 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of small wild berries, cassis, blueberry associated with very fine hints of cornflower, violet as well as a very discreet hint of ceylan tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis, small notes of violet associated with very fine hints of zan as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length.  
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Famille Gessler, Naturellement Joy 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry, small notes of small bright red berries associated with a touch of cassis, fine hints of spices and very discreet flowery hints. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a small suavity/fat and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/bright raspberry, small notes of small red berries associated with small touches of violet, a racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of liquorice stick, an imperceptible hint of red pepper and chocolate.  
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Le Petit Gascoûn - Marselan 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

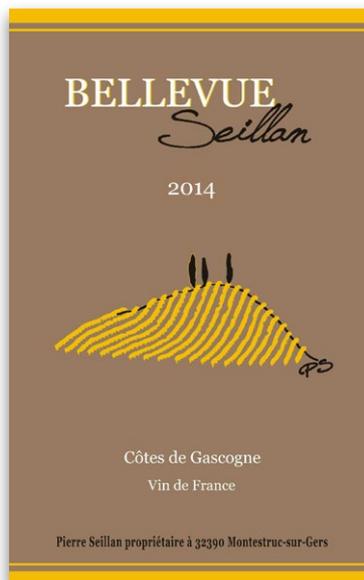
The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, cassis bud, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of blackberry, varietal as well as a subtle hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of ripe red pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a fine fat, minerality, a fine freshness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy redcurrant, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of fresh violet, lily as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco leaf. Tannins are very finely chewy.  
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

### Happy Time by Château du Pouey 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is structured and offers a small power as well as a small density. It reveals notes of black blackberry, small wild black fruits, small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of incense, crunchy strawberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a fine silkiness as well as juiciness and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, crunchy cassis, small notes of small juicy/acidulous berries associated with a touch of redcurrant, lily as well as discreet hints of incense. Tannins are structuring. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence/aftertaste.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Domaine Malartic 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, concentrated, slightly tight and offers power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, cassis bud and small notes of



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crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of small crunchy red berries as well as discreet varietal hints and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers sweetness, suavity, a small silkiness as well as a small aerial side and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, fresh raspberry, small notes of juicy/fresh redcurrant associated with small touches of juicy plum as well as very fine hints of violet and a discreet varietal hint. Tannins are frank and slightly firm. Good length. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine Laffitte - Malbec & Cabernet Franc 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of small juicy/fresh blue fruits, cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine suavity, minerality, a good definition, a small fat as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry, small notes of violet/fresh flowers associated with a touch of small juicy/fresh berries as well as very discreet hints of blue fruits and a subtle hint of liquorice. A gourmand and fruit focused wine.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Réserve Les Esquirots 2018 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers elegance, a small intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, small crushed bleu fruits and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, small wild fruits as well as hints of liquorice, cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, a small freshness as well as a certain tension, small fat and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of small juicy/fresh blue fruits, cornflowers, lilac as well as hints of liquorice stick. Tannins are fine and very finely marked. Good length. A subtle hint of chocolate/caramelization on the finish/persistence.

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

## Haut Marin - 4 Triton 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a certain generosity. It reveals notes of Gariquette strawberry, redcurrant acidulous candy, small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, juicy blueberry as well as hints of liquorice, white pepper and fresh flowers. The palate offers gourmandize, generosity as well as fat, a fine acidulous frame, fullness and a very discreet saline minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis acidulous candy, redcurrant acidulous candy, cherry, small notes of cherry blossom associated with touches of violet, crushed blackberry as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod/spices (in the background). A wine on fullness and on the fruit.

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

## Domaine Chiroulet - Grande Réserve 2016 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, crushed strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, violet plum as well as fine hints of liquorice stick/zan, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful definition, suavity as well as delicacy, silkiness, a small power (controlled) and a small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild cassis, pulpy blackberry, small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with touches of small crushed black berries, plum, cornflower, strawberry as well as hints of violet, cherry blossom, liquorice, nutmeg, a discreet hint of toasted, an imperceptible hint of hazelnut and grey pepper (in the background). Tannins are elegant, precise and justly firm. Good length. Very fine hints of tonka bean/dark chocolate on the persistence.

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

## Cuvée des Filles d'Embidoure 2018 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small wild red berries, small notes of blackberry associated with fine

touches of racy minerality, a discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible iodine hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain amplexness as well as a good balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy boysen berry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of fresh violet, small juicy red berries as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sweet spices.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Villa Dria - Ronde des Fruits 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a certain generosity, a small intensity as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of bright red berries, bright strawberry, small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of juicy/crunchy cherry, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, liquorice, a discreet hint of cornflower and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small tension, suavity as well as a fine fullness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy strawberry as well as hints of juicy boysen berry, a discreet hint of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of racy minerality. Good length.

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

## Domaine Chiroulet - Terroir Gascon 2018 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is elegant, racy and offers deepness, a beautiful definition, a fine power as well as a certain intensity and harmony. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, bright wild black berries, small notes of cherry associated with touches of violet plum, chocolate as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, nutmeg, very discreet hints of chocolate and a subtle hint of hazelnut/pâtisserie. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, precision as well as a small well-built richness, precision, gourmandize and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of bright violet plum, crushed blackberry as well as small hints of violet, toasted, mild tobacco and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, precise and finely firm. Good length. A very discreet firmness on the finish/persistence.

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

## Domaine Chiroulet - Grande Réserve 2017 Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmand and offers generosity, a very fine creamy sensation, a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry cream, crushed cassis, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of fleshy blueberry, lily as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom, a very discreet hint of toasted/caramelization and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as gourmandize, a small creaminess, a beautiful matter, a good guideline and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry cream, crushed cassis, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy violet plum, cornflower/lily, toasted, chocolate and discreet hints of sweet spices. An imperceptible hint of green cardamom and caramelization on the finish/persistence. Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise and well-built.

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

## Domaine de Laxé - Tradition 2019 Côtes de Gascogne IGT

The nose is aromatic, precise and offers a small elegance, a fine justly built richness and an aromatic purity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy quitch plum, small notes of bright redcurrant associated with a touch of Gariquette strawberry, rose, lilac as well as fine hints of pepper, spices, sense of the place and a very discreet hint of cypress. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small justly built/finely tight power, a small concentration as well as a very beautiful finesse of the fat, tension and a fine aerial side (despite its power/structure). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous blueberry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of bright redcurrant as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of vanilla and sense of the place. Good length. Tannins are well-built and precise. Sapidité on the finish.

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

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## Bellevue Seillan 2015

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose offers a small intensity, a fine concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small red berries as well as small hints of violet, white pepper and fine iodine hints. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers freshness, a very fine creaminess, a fine concentration as well as gourmandize, tension, juiciness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small crushed wild fruit as well as hints of nutmeg, underwood, cardamom, a very discreet hint of underwood (in the background), an imperceptible hint of toasted/toasted almond, camphor and white pepper. Good length. A very discreet hint of dry leaf and tonka bean on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Terra Nostra, Famille Fezas 2016

Côtes de Gascogne IGT

The nose is gourmand, elegant, racy and offers power, deepness, finesse as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of cassis cream, crushed redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with touches of Gariguettes strawberry, a fine hint of juicy/acidulous blue plum as well as hints of Timut pepper, iris/pistil, bourbon vanilla and discreet hints of spices. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, freshness as well as gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a small tension and richness (justly controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy redcurrant, acidulous/juicy plum, small notes of juicy/fresh blackberry associated with touches of crunchy gariguettes strawberry, violet, lily, tonka bean, cocoa as well as fine hints of cardamom, vanilla pod, toasted hazelnut, almond and a very discreet hint of brioche. Good length. Tannins are precise, slightly firm and offer a certain power. A finely powdered finish.

Score : 16.75+20 (94/100)

## Domaine des Maouries - Les Jus 2017

Côtes de Gascogne IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as tension. It reveals notes of small juicy/crunchy berries, crunchy raspberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as a very discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity and offers fullness, juiciness as well as a small fat, fullness, a fine acidulous frame, tension and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant, bright cherry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of fresh lily, crushed blackberry as well as hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of cherry blossom. Good length. A wine on the fruit and gourmandize.

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

## Soleil d'Oranie by Laxé 2016

Côtes de Gascogne IGT

The nose offers richness, a fine grain, elegant and a certain power. It reveals notes of dry wild strawberry, dry redcurrant, small notes of dry blackberry as-

sociated with a touch of cassis, humus, tobacco, a discreet hint of pepper and underwood. The palate is elegant and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, fullness, freshness as well as minerality, a small tension, richness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe wild cassis, quite ripe strawberry, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of Zante Corinth, tonka bean as well as a hint of mild tobacco and humus/underwood. A discreet hint of smoke and chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

## Laballe, Terres Basses 2019

Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful juicy/fresh fruit. It reveals notes of bright strawberry, cassis, small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of small pulpy blue berries, liquorice as well as cherry associated with fine touches of small pulpy blue berries, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of grey pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small suavity as well as gourmandize and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry, bright raspberry, small notes of bright cassis associated with small touches of violet, lily as well as hints of liquorice, very fine hints of chocolate (in the background) and a subtle hint of cornflower. Good length. Tannins are finely chewy.

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

## Domaine de Pellehaut - Les Marcottes 2018

Côtes de Gascogne IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild red berries, wild strawberry, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, iris as well as fine hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, a small minerality as well as dynamism and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy wild redcurrant, juicy wild strawberry, small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with small touches of racy minerality, sweet spices as well as fine hints of nutmeg, pepper, discreet hints of toasted and a subtle hint of cocoa. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A persistence on notes of cocoa.

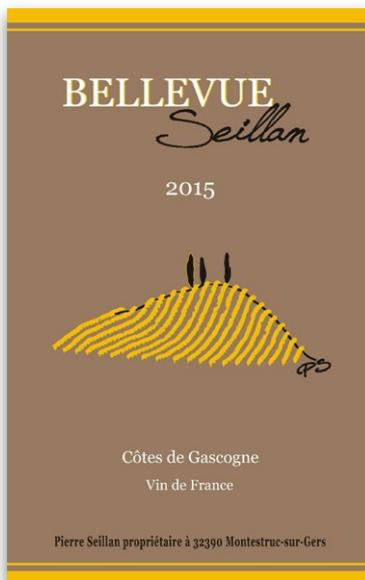
Score : 15+20 (89-90/100)

## Domaine Horgelus, Phi Ling - Cabernet Sauvignon & Tannat 2017

Côtes de Gascogne

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, bramble, small notes of wood associated with a touch of grey pepper, coffee, a discreet hint of violet and rose. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small stretchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of bramble, violet, hints of grey pepper, coffee and a subtle hint of grilled.

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



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### Campredon par Alain Chabanon 2018 Languedoc

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine straightness. It reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry, small notes of small crunchy red fruits associated with discreet hints of crunchy cherry, cherry blossom, fresh violet as well as discreet hints of spices and sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers freshness, gourmandize, a finely creamy touch, fat as well as suavity, dynamism and a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small creamy red berries, juicy cassis, small notes of creamy/juicy cherry associated with touches of small red berries, lily, rose as well as very fine hints of zan, spices and an imperceptible hint of cardamom (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant. A beautiful suavity and appetite on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

### L'esprit de Font Caude, Alain Chabanon 2015 Coteaux du Languedoc (Montpeyroux)

The nose offers intensity, elegance as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small wild red berries, small notes of crunchy plum associated with small touches of rose wood, dry olive tree as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers suavity, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a very fine unctuousness, a small fat, a fine density, a certain straightness, a beautiful precision of the fruits, a small freshness and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy redcurrant, juicy cassis, small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touches of cherry, fresh lily/fresh flowers as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, olive tree, discreet hints of liquorice and spices. Tannins are precise and well-built.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

### Hecht & Bannier 2018 Languedoc

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of small crushed wild red berries, fleshy wild raspberry, small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet, fine hints of dry local copse/garrigue, a discreet hint of olive tree and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers suavity, a small fat, dynamism, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame and a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small crushed wild red berries, small notes of juicy cassis associated with touches of lily, violet, hints of garrigue, a discreet hint of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of mild tobacco/black olive. Good length. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

### Les Vignes Oubliées – Autour du Cinsault 2019 Languedoc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine racy minerality, a small chiseled side, power, intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of violet, blueberry, small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small wild red fruits as well as hints of fresh liquorice stick, discreet hints of black olive, spices and an imperceptible hint of pink laurel (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an aerial side, richness (full of balance), a very beautiful delicate/unctuous touch, a beautiful fine grain and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, pulpy/fleshy blueberry, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with small touches of small fleshy wild red fruits, violet, lilac as well as fine hints of spices, sugared mild tobacco, discreet hints of hazelnut and a subtle hint of chocolate. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. An unctuous wine, full of delicacy, finesse and balance.  
**Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)**

### Domaine de la Prose – Embruns 2018 Languedoc

(Organic) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, deepness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain (very discreetly tight). This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of bright cassis, small black fruits, small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of lily, blueberry as well as a hint of pistil, fine hints of sweet spices, a very discreet hint of clove and biotope (garrigue, pink laurel). The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral and offers freshness, tension, a good structure as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful balance, gourmandize, a certain generosity and a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, juicy/fresh Boysen berry, small notes of bright raspberry associated with a touch of violet plum as well as hints of zan, fresh

mild tobacco, cardamom, discreet hints of almond, black olive and pink laurel. Good length. Tannins are precise, finely firm.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

### Mas Granier – Les Grès 2018 Sommières, Languedoc

The nose is aromatic and offers power, a beautiful fine grain, elegance as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry, raspberry, lily as well as hints of pink laurel, nutmeg, very fine hints of sense of the place (local biotope), black tea, black olive, an imperceptible saline hint and caramelization. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, minerality as well as tension and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, creamy cassis, small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with a touch of acidulous violet plum as well as fine hints of lily, bramble, toasted, hazelnut and a subtle hint of caramelization. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Gourmandize and appetite on the finish/persistence.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

### Domaine d'Aigues Belles - Le Grand Classique 2017 Languedoc

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power, intensity (full of control), a small flattery side and a certain gourmandize. It reveals notes of black cherry/bright bigarreau cherry, bright Boysen berry, small notes of small crushed red berries associated with small touches of violet, Cuben pepper, olive tree as well as fine hints of tonka bean, sense of the place, very discreet hints of thyme, spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, finesse, a fine grain, elegance, tension as well as a small power (full of justness). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous bigarreau cherry, juicy raspberry, small notes of Boysen berry associated with a touch of acidulous plum as well as fine hints of violet, lily, pink laurel, a very discreet hint of tobacco, cardamom and sweet spices. Tannins are precise and very finely firm. A very discreet hint of mocha and toasted almond on the persistence. Good length.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### Mas Lasta 2019 Languedoc

The nose is racy and offers a small power as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small crunchy wild red fruits, small notes of cherry stem associated with small touches of raspberry, plum as well as discreet hints of local copse and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a fine tension, dynamism and a small silky side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, small juicy/acidulous red berries, small notes of crunchy cherry associated with a touch of acidulous plum as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, garrigue, a hint of dry mild tobacco, a very discreet hint of racy minerality and nutmeg. Tannins are finely firm. An acidulous finish. A very discreet hint of crushed almond on the persistence.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

### Domaine Les Aurelles – Aurel 2014 Pezenas, Languedoc

The nose is well-built and offers power, a fine grain as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of ripe wild red berries, cassis bud, small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with small touches of cherry seed, spices, very fine hints of local copse, tobacco and liquorice stick. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, gourmandize, a small spheric side, a fine acidulous frame, freshness and a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, cherry seed, small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of cassis bud, liquorice, cornflower as well as fine hint of fresh local copse, juicy/fresh violet plum and sweet spices. A very discreet hint of cocoa and toasted hazelnut on the persistence.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### Domaine Les Aurelles – Sole, 2013 Pezenas, Languedoc

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain and intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, crushed red berries, small notes of acidulous blackberry candy associated with touches of pepper, sense of the place (local biotope), cherry blossom, discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible iodine/saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, dynamism

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mism as well as fullness and a spheric side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, acidulous raspberry candy, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of raspberry leaf, cassis bud, liquorice as well as a hint of black olive, sense of the place and very discreet hints of dry mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. Tannins are precise, elegant and relatively supple.  
**Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)**

## Mas Granier – Camp de L'Oste 2017 Sommières, Languedoc

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful bright fruit and gourmandize. It reveals notes of bright cherry, lilac, cherry blossom small bright red berries, small notes of cassis associated with a touch of bright wild strawberry, lilac as well as fine hints of fresh olive leaf, a discreet hint of tobacco, minerality and an imperceptible almost iodine/saline hint (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful balance, a mineral/fresh frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful gourmandize, fat as well as fullness, suavity and a fine chiseled side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright blackberry, small notes of cherry blossom, plum flowers associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as small hints of liquorice, fresh olive leaf, black olive, local copse, discreet hints of spices, a subtle iodine hint and caramelization (in the background). A very discreet hint of chocolate and toasted hazelnut on the persistence. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)**

## Mas Combarèla - Des Si et des Mi 2019 Languedoc

(Organic) The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cherry, pulpy raspberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of pulpy/crushed cassis as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, fresh tobacco, fine hints of local copse, hazelnut, a hint of cardamom and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension, suavity, finesse as well as gourmandize and a melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cherry, blackberry, small notes of juicy cassis associated with small touches of violet, blueberry as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, local copse, tobacco, discreet hints of caramelization, toasted and hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise, well-built and finely chewy.  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## HÉRAULT

## Mas des Quernes - Les Petits Travers 2019 Hérault IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a good definition as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, fleshy/juicy violet plum, small notes of Boysen berry associated with touches of small crushed red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick and very fine hints of sense of the place (terroir/biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a certain aromatic purity, a small fat, suavity as well as a fine juiciness and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy bigarreau cherry, juicy blueberry, small notes of small bright red fruits associated with small touches of lily, lilac as well as hints of tonka bean, toasted, a racy minerality, a subtle hint of sense of the place and an imperceptible hint of black tea. Tannins are precise and finely powdered.  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## Mas des Quernes - Le Blaireau 2019 Hérault IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small power/intensity and a small franc side. It reveals notes of pulpy black cherry, small wild black berries, small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of violet, pink laurel and fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension, suavity as well as a small fat, gourmandize, a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy bigarreau cherry, violet plum, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of strawberry, chocolate as well as fine hints of pink laurel, pink berries, chocolate and a very fine hint of toasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Mas des Quernes - Les Petits Travers 2019 Hérault IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of lychee, apple, small notes of white flowers associated with fine touches of iode. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, fullness, a good finesse of the fat, a fine tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, white nectarine, small notes of white flowers, peach flowers associated with a fine touch of passion fruit, a very discreet hint of rose, iode and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond. Good length.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

## PIC SAINT LOUP

## Domaine d'Aigues Belles - L'Épique 2018 Pic Saint-Loup

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a certain intensity, a fine grain and gourmandize. It reveals notes of cassis, small fresh red berries, small notes of cherry, cherry seed associated with small touches of Timut pepper, fresh garrigue as well as small hints of cherry blossom and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, elegant and offers harmony, a certain concentration (full of control), a fine creaminess, a fine grain as well as a small melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, pulpy/juicy cherry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry seed, small unctuous black fruits as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice, black olive, discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope) and an imperceptible hint of pepper. Good length. Tannins are elegant, well-built. A persistence on notes of cocoa. A wine full of finesse.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Domaine Les Grandes Costes 2017 Pic Saint-Loup

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small intensity, a fine freshness, harmony, a beautiful definition as well as an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, small wild blackberry, small notes of wild redcurrant associated with touches of cherry, cherry blossom, sense of the place (local biotope), discreet hints of racy minerality, spices, cardamom and olive tree. The palate is fruity, beautifully precise and offers a fine grain, a small aerial side, an acidulous frame, delicacy as well as a silky touch, tension (full of finesse), gourmandize, a beautiful definition and a beautiful finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cherry, blackberry, small notes of small juicy/crunchy red fruits associated with a touch of violet plum, a racy minerality, sweet spices and sense of the place. A very discreet hint of chocolate/toasted on the finish/persistence. Tannins are supple, fine and elegant. A beautifully built, elegant, fine, aerial and full of delicacy wine.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Le Chemin Des Rêves - Gueule de Loup 2018 Pic Saint-Loup

(Organic) The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a fine power, a small intensity as well as a certain density/blackness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, black cherry, small notes of small black plum associated with fine touches of violet, zan, discreet hints of pepper, small wild red berries and a hint of laurel berries/spices. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, minerality, an aerial side, tension as well as a beautiful balance, concentration/blackness and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, small black plum, small notes of small black berries associated with a touch of cherry/cherry steam as well as small hints of spices, tobacco, zan, a hint of black olive, camphor and cocoa. Tannins are structuring and quite fine. Good length.  
**Score : 15+20 (89-90/100)**

## Domaine Les Grandes Costes - Les Sept Rangées 2017 Pic Saint-Loup

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness, a small intensity as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, fleshy strawberry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of cornflower, pulpy blueberry, lilac as well as fine hints of sweet spices, chocolate, toasted/caramelization, mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of local copse. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small intensity, a fine tension, a fine mineral frame, precision and



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gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, fleshy wild strawberry, small notes of juicy/fresh violet plum associated with small touches of cherry, crushed blueberry, nutmeg as well as hints of racy minerality, toasted/caramelization, fine hints of camphor, chocolate, a very fine hints of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of laurel berries. Good length. Tannins are well-built.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Château de Lascaux - Carra 2019 Pic Saint-Loup

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy red cherry, pulpy blackberry, small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of liquorice, small bright red berries as well as discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope) and an imperceptible hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness of the fruit, a beautiful definition, juiciness as well as a fine crunchiness and a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, small red berries, small notes of fresh/crunchy plum associated with fine touches of small red berries, lilac as well as discreet hints of sense the place, tobacco and a subtle hint of cocoa. Tannins are very finely firm.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Château de Lascaux - Les Nobles Pierres 2017 Pic Saint-Loup

(Organic) The nose is fruity, racy and offers a certain concentration as well as a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of fresh bigarreau cherry, bright blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of bright wild strawberry, hints of liquorice, cherry seed, discreet hints of spices, a subtle hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small fat, fullness, gourmandize, dynamism as well as a good acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of crunchy violet plum associated with small touches of juicy/fresh raspberry, violet, small fresh flowers as well as hints of cocoa, toasted, a subtle hint of olive tree/black olive and tea. Good length. Tannins are very finely marked.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## TERRASSES DU LARZAC

### Domaine de La Réserve d'O Hissez O 2018 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is elegant, flowery, complex and offers a small richness (full of control), an aromatic purity as well as a beautiful precision. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe violet plum, violet, small notes of bramble, blackberry associated with touches of cherry blossom, hints of sense of the place (local biotope) as well as fine hints of tobacco, liquorice stick, a very discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, mineral, gourmand and offers a certain richness (full of justness), a beautiful finesse of the guideline and a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cherry, ripe blackberry, small notes of small ripe wild red berries associated with a touch of plum, violet as well as fine hints of sense of the place, very discreet hints of cardamom, tobacco, an imperceptible hint of black olive and nutmeg (in the background). Tannins are elegant, precise, straight and finely powdered. Good length. Very discreet hints of caramelization on the persistence which bright gourmandize/appetence. A wine full of control and precision.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

### Domaine de La Réserve d'O - La Côte d'Arboras 2018 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small power, intensity as well as a beautiful control and harmony. It reveals notes of pulpy wild cassis, pulpy cherry, small

notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of violet, small wild blue berries as well as a hint of lily, discreet hints of garrigue, Cuben pepper, spices, an imperceptible hint of tobacco and citrus zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a silky touch as well as a small richness, a very finely tight/very fine grain, gourmandize, a racy minerality, a certain deepness and a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, wild pulpy/juicy violet plum, small notes of cornflower associated with touches of lily, small pulpy blue fruits as well as fine hints of vanilla, tonka bean, cardamom, a very discreet hint of fresh mild tobacco and garriguettes. Tannins are precise, structuring and well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**



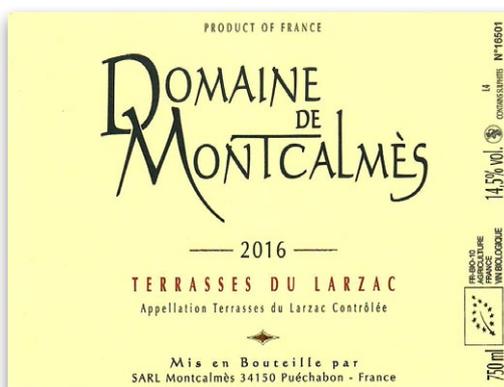
### Domaine de La Réserve d'O - La Réserve d'O 2018 Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is elegant, precise, structuring and offers deepness, intensity, a delicate power and a fine grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, ripe blackberry, firm/ripe cassis, small notes of small firm/ripe wild red fruits associated with small touches of cherry blossom, violet as well as delicate notes of olive tree/garrigue, a racy minerality and discreet hints of nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, aerial, delicate, racy and offers freshness, minerality, deepness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, complexity in its power, a mineral frame, a certain straightness and a certain richness (full of control/justness). On the

palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy bigarreau cherry, juicy/ripe blackberry, small notes of ripe/firm cassis associated with touches of small ripe red berries as well as hints of violet, garrigue, discreet hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of spices, toasted and an imperceptible hint of clove. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### Domaine de Montcalmès 2016 Terrasse du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is elegant, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a certain delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain and complexity. It reveals notes of bright bigarreau cherry, liquorice, blackberry, small notes of bright plum associated with small touches of liquorice, a racy/iodine minerality, sense of the place (local biotope), very fine hints of sweet spices, fresh mild tobacco, a subtle hint of black olive, an imperceptible hint of Timut pepper, rosemary and zests. The palate is elegant, precise, delicate, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful finesse of the guideline, a small aerial side, delicacy and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry, small notes of liquorice, juicy/bright blueberry as well as fine hints of lilac, a racy/saline minerality, sense of the place (local biotope), very fine hints of liquorice, vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of black olive.  
**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**



### Mas des Brousses - Mataro 2018 Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is elegant and offers intensity, concentration (full of control/justness), a beautiful fine grain as well as a certain richness (full of finesse). It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild black fruits,

small notes of black plum associated with a touch of small red fruits, incense, black pepper, fine hints of sense of the place, black olive, cardamom, a discreet hint of dry tobacco and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful suavity, freshness, finesse, a beautiful guideline as well as a beautiful finely acidulous frame and a ripe/pulpy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/acidulous cherry, Boysen berry, small notes of fleshy wild raspberry associated with small touches of fresh/juicy violet plum, violet, lily as well as fine hints of sense of the place, a racy minerality, graphite, a subtle hint of toasted/grilled oak, a very discreet hint of roasted and an imperceptible hint of laurel (in the background). A very fine hint of liquorice on the persistence. Good length.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

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## Terre des 2 Sources - Caprices 2017

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small concentration as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, redcurrant in syrup, small notes of concentration cassis associated with small touches of crushed strawberry, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, pink laurel and an imperceptible hint of pepper/spices. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a fine unctuousity, concentration as well as intensity, dynamism and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, crushed raspberry, small notes of redcurrant in syrup associated with touches of pulpy cassis as well as very fine hints of liquorice, pink laurel/varietaal, very discreet hints of liquorice and caramelization (in the background). Tannins are structuring.

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

## Mas des Quernes - La Villa Romaine 2017

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity, racy, well-built and offers a small power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of juicy black cherry, juicy plum, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of small pulpy fruits, black olive, flowers as well as fine hints of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, fat, a beautiful grain as well as a fine tension and a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, pulpy/bright plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of bright cherry, black olive, liquorice as well as fine hints of laurel, sense of the place, very fine hints of mocha and sugared mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. A very fine hint of dark chocolate on the persistence

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

## Mas des Quernes - Les Ruches 2019

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy black cherry, small berries, small notes of violet associated with small touches of blackberry, spices, discreet hints of dry local copse, cocoa and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as minerality and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous black cherry, juicy blackberry, small notes of juicy plum associated with touches of small berries as well as hints dark chocolate power, black olive and fine hints of sweet spices. Good length. A finely powdered finish. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Mas des Brousses 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is racy and offers a beautiful definition, an aromatic purity, intensity, elegance and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of bright cherry, small bright red berries, small notes of violet plum associated with a touch of violet, small wild blue fruits, lily as well as fine hints of rose, sense of the place (local biotope), very discreet hints of racy minerality and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a finely acidulous/beautifully precise frame, a certain aromatic purity, dynamism/energy, fullness and a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrant, bright cherry, small notes of acidulous/bright violet plum associated with touches of small juicy/acidulous black berries as well as hints of violet, lilac, sense of the place, a discreet hint of spices, a racy minerality and hazelnut. Tannins are elegant, supple and precise. Good length.

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

## Mas Cal Demoura - Terre de Jonquières 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic, very finely tight. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry, small notes of small ripe/fresh red fruits associated with small touches of toasted, nutmeg as well as fine hints of racy minerality (terroir), pink laurel, a very discreet hint of olive leaf and pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, precise, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the fat, suavity, suppleness, fullness as well as a fine acidulous frame and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/bright cherry, pulpy raspberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small

red fruits, pink laurel, rose as well as a hint of bright blueberry, black olive, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of caramelization/toasted hazelnut and sugared mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Mas D'Agamas - Nòstre Mescladis 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers harmony as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of bright redcurrant, small wild red berries, small notes of bright wild blueberry associated with small touches of lily, cherry, Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of garrigue, liquorice and a very discreet hint of pink laurel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality, dynamism and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed ripe redcurrant, pulpy strawberry, small notes of small bright red berries associated with touches of violet, pulpy blackberry, bright cherry as well as hints of lily, sense of the place (local biotope), Cuben pepper, zan and a discreet hint of spices (in the background). Tannins are elegant and supple.

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

## Mas Cal Demoura - Les Combariolles 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration, a racy minerality as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of bright bigarreau cherry, ripe violet plum, small notes of violet, Boysen berry, small ripe black fruits as well as very discreet hints of liquorice (in the background), sense of the place, tea and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers concentration, a small acidulous frame, a small power and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of redcurrant associated with touches of bright violet plum as well as small hints of spices, tonka bean/mocha, toasted, cardamom, discreet hints of black olive, olive tree, roasted and caramelization (in the background). Good length. Tannins are precise and structuring.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Mas Combarèla - Ode Aux Ignorants 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is racy, finely tight and offers a fine grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy cassis, cassis bud, small notes of raspberry leaf associated with touches of cherry, small wild fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, olive tree, chocolate, very discreet hints of pepper and an imperceptible earthy hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful finely unctuous matter, precision, a good structure, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small almost aerial side and richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of cherry, cherry seed, blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, tobacco, camphor, very discreet hints of local copse, an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background) and earth/mushroom. Good length. Tannins are precise and slightly firm. A dense, deep wine offering richness full of finesse/control.

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

## Mas Conscience - L'Eveil 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a small richness as well as a good bright fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy raspberry, crushed strawberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of plum flowers, juicy violet plum as well as small hints of local copse, incense, a hint of Timut pepper and an imperceptible hint of citrus/orange (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers minerality, suavity, a beautiful racy minerality as well as suavity, dynamism, energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, bright raspberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of plum flowers, cherry blossom, juicy/fresh violet plum as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, local copse, black olive and a discreet hint of spices (in the background).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Mas Conscience - Mahatma 2016

Terrasse du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers gourmandize, a good definition and a certain richness (full of control). It reveals notes of pulpy/bright raspberry,



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blackberry, small notes of bright strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry as well as fine hints of green cardamom, pink laurel, local copse, a hint of spices and very fine hints of vanilla pod. The palate is elegant, gourmandize, beautifully defined and offers silkiness, dynamism, energy as well as a racy minerality, a small acidulous frame and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, bright raspberry, small notes of raspberry leaf associated with small touches of cassis bud, blueberry as well as hints of pink laurel, a racy minerality, a subtle hint of spices and fresh black olive. Good length. Very discreet hints of vanilla pod, liquorice and a subtle iodine/saline hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Le Clos Rivierial - Les Maros 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

(Organic) The nose is mineral, racy, beautifully defined, harmonious and offers intensity (full of elegance), a certain richness (full of finesse) and an aerial side. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of cherry seed associated with small touches of crushed strawberry, raspberry leaf as well as fine hints of sweet spices, toasted/Caramelization, a discreet hint of racy minerality, liquorice, Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain tension as well as precision, a small straightness and an aerial/slightly tight side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy raspberry, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, fresh violet, discreet hints of black olive, liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Tannins are precise and finely firm. Good length.

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

## Mas D'Agamas - Baies Choiesies 2018

Terrasse du Larzac

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and offers a beautiful definition, intensity, a certain purity of the fruit and a small power. It reveals notes of bright cassis, small blue berries, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of bright blue plum, lilac, pink laurel, sense of the place (local biotope) as well as fine hints of liquorice stick fresh/juicy violet fig, plum flowers as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is elegant, aromatic, gourmand and offers freshness, a melodious side, a beautiful juiciness/freshness as well as finesse, fat and a certain well-controlled richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, bright raspberry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a touch of acidulous cassis candy, violet as well as hints of pink laurel, sense of the place, plum flowers, liquorice stick, a subtle hint of tobacco, black olive, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of clove (in the background). Good length. A beautiful gourmand, sapid and appetent persistence. Tannins are well-built, supple and elegant.

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

## Les Vignes Oubliées 2018

Terrasses du Larzac

The nose is fruity and offers harmony, a fine crunchiness, a small power as well as a certain intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, wild strawberry, small notes of wild blackberry associated with touches of small fruits/small fleshy berries as well as liquorice stick, violet, nutmeg, sweet spices and discreet hints of black olive (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, silky, gourmandize, harmonious and offers a beautiful bright fruit, a fine acidulous frame, concentration, a fine grain and a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright black cherry, bright wild strawberry, small notes of ripe wild cassis associated with touches of cornflower, lily, small bright black berries as well as hints of mocha, toasted, nutmeg, fine hints of toasted oak, black olive, an imperceptible hint of coffee and sense of the place (local biotope). Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A finely powdered finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - Combarels 2018

Terrasse du Larzac

The nose is elegant, precise, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe redcurrant, cherry, small notes of bright cassis associated with small touches of lily, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, sense of the place/garrigue, a very discreet hint of pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, a beautiful mineral frame, gourmandize, tension as well as freshness and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/fresh cassis, juicy/bright blackberry, small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of bright redcurrant, fresh flowers as well as fine hints of garrigue, discreet hints of fresh mild tobacco, liquorice stick and spices. Tannins are well-built. A small sapidity and a very discreet iodine hint on the finish. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Maison Cassagne et Vitailles - Clas Mani 2016

Terrasse du Larzac

The nose is elegant and offers an aromatic power, a beautiful complexity, intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, plum, small notes of cassis associated with small touches of small wild red fruits, raspberry flowers as well as fine hints of camphor, subtle hints of sugared mild tobacco and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful tension, a beautiful fruit, a certain aromatic purity and a preserved fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, bright

blackberry, small notes of bright blue plum associated with a touch of liquorice, sense of the place, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). Good length. Tannins are precise and elegant.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DESERT

### Mas des Quernes - Mourvèdre Armand 2018

Saint-Guilhem-Le-Desert IGP

(Organic) The nose offers a small power as well as a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, spices, fresh leather associated with fine hints of small berries, laurel/laurel berries and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, a small fat, juiciness as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, juicy blackberry, small notes of dark chocolate/cocoa associated with touches of leather as well as fine hints of sweet spices and liquorice.

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

## SAINT-CHINIAN

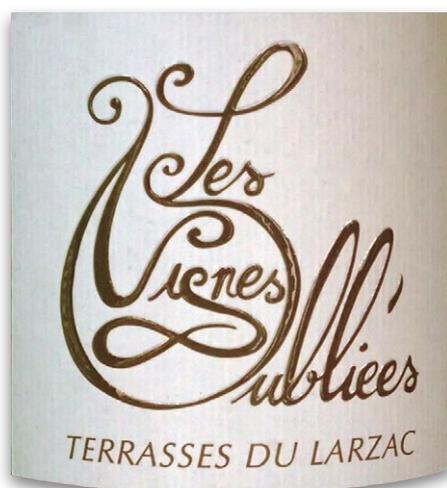
### Les Païssels - Le Banel 2019

Saint-Chinian

The nose is racy, fruity and offers a small power as well as a good definition and harmony. It reveals notes of cassis, wild plum, small notes of ripe wild red fruits associated with fine touches of blueberry, lily, nutmeg, very discreet hint of pepper, a subtle hint of sense of the place (local biotope) and an imperceptible hint of rose-

mary. The palate is elegant, suave, racy, gourmand, silky and offers a good definition, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful balance and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright violet plum, small notes of raspberry, bright wild red berries associated with small touches of cornflower, blueberry as well as hints of lilac, nutmeg, sense of the place, very discreet hints of black olive, chocolate, dry mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. Tannins are precise, fine. Good length. A very discreet sensation of powder on the finish/sensation. A gourmand, harmonious and full of delicacy wine. A beautiful persistence/aftertaste on fine hints of chocolate and caramelized hazelnut.

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



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## Les Païssels 2018

Saint-Chinian

The nose is fruity, gourmand, well-built, aromatic and offers a small power as well as an aromatic purity, precision, a beautiful well-defined fruit, a fine acidulous frame, a fine grain and harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, black plum, small notes of small wild red berries associated with touches of crunchy wild raspberry as well as small touches of cherry blossom, plum flowers, sense of the place and discreet hints of grey pepper. The palate is elegant, gourmand, suave, beautifully defined and offers a fine acidulous frame, a fine grain and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright black cherry, bright plum, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of pulpy strawberry as well as hints of lily, plum flowers, nutmeg, fine hints of vanilla flowers, sugared mild tobacco, very discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope) and grey pepper. Tannins are structuring, finely chewy and gourmand. Good length. A discreet hint of mocha, incense, roasted and hazelnut/toasted almond on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Mas Champart - Causse du Bousquet 2017

Saint-Chinian

The nose offers a fine grain, a racy intensity and a small power. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, juicy wild plum, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with touches of pepper, spices as well as small hints of laurel berries, garrigue and dry tobacco. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers juiciness, a small suavity, a fine gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy wild cassis, juicy wild plum, small notes of cherry associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as small hints of laurel berries, spices, Cuben pepper, a racy minerality, small hints of garrigue and a very discreet hint of olive tree. Good length. Very fine hints of mild tobacco and caramelization on the finish/persistence. Tannins are structuring and fine. A subtle saline/sapid hint on the persistence.

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

## Château La Dournie – Elise 2017

Saint-Chinian

(Organic) The nose is elegant, fruity and offers freshness as well as a beautifully-mastered intensity. It reveals notes of ripe / fresh strawberries, small wild red fruits and small notes of cassis associated with touches of small blue berries, cornflowers, small flowers, fine hints of cardamom, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope) and spices. The palate is fruity, sapid, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine salinity, a small freshness, a small aerial side as well as a good aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cassis, wild strawberries and small notes of crushed wild red berries associated with touches of small blue fruits, blue plum, violet, cardamom, slight hints of tonka bean / chocolate, a sense of place (local biotope) as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and black olive. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. Sapidly on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Clos Bagatelle - La terre de mon Père 2016

Saint-Chinian

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a controlled richness, density as well as concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small crushed red fruits, small fleshy blue fruits associated with small touches of crushed blueberry, a touch of iris as well as fine hints of reduction, sweet spices, olive tree, zan and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine grain, a beautiful racy minerality, a certain dynamism as well as suavity, harmony and a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of fresh blueberry associated with small touches of raspberry, lilac, cherry blossom as well as small hints of olive tree, a racy minerality, discreet hints of dark chocolate, caramelization and toasted. A beautifully fresh and balanced wine.

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

## Clos Bagatelle - Au fil de Soi 2017

Saint-Chinian

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a small gourmandize, a small concentration as well as a fine density and a small controlled power. It reveals notes of small ripe/fleshy black berries, violet, small notes of laurel berries associated with small touches of black pepper, camphor, small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers harmony, a beautiful definition, a juicy/acidulous frame, a small gourmandize as well as a racy minerality, precision, a small chiseled side, a beautiful juicy/precise/finely acidulous fruit and a fine fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy cassis, small black berries, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of lily, laurel berries as well as hints of small bright red berries, blueberry, liquorice, black olive, incense, subtle hints of dark chocolate and caramelization. Good persistence on notes of chocolate.

Score : 16+/20 92-93/100

## Château La Dournie – Etienne 2017

Saint-Chinian

(Organic) The nose is elegant, racy and offers concentration (full of control / balance), a beautiful finesse of the grain, power (full of control) as well as a beautiful aromatic purity. It reveals notes of crushed Boysen blackberry, small blue fruits and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of saline, strawberry, cornflowers, crushed blueberry, slight hints of olive tree / sense of the place (local biotope), a hint of gray pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and fresh tobacco. The palate is elegant, delicate, well-balanced, racy, full of finesse and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, concentration (full of finesse), a fine richness, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, tension as well as a beautiful quality of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cassis, pulpy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of wild small blue fruits associated with touches of wild raspberry, redcurrants as well as hints of lilac, fresh cornflowers, garrigue, discreet hints of chocolate, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. A beautiful, elegant, complete, stretched and full of control wine!

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



## FAUGÈRES

### Hecht & Bannier 2019

Faugères

(Organic) The nose is aromatic and offers deepness, density as well as a slightly tight grain and power. It reveals notes of small wild black fruits, violet plum, small notes of small wild red berries associated with touches of camphor, black olive, toasted/grilled oak as well as a hint of incense, black pepper, flowers, an imperceptible hint of Badiane and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers minerality, freshness, tension, straightness as well as a small suavity and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, black

blackberry, small notes of black olive associated with touches of small wild red berries as well as hints of incense, graphite, spices, very fine hints of tobacco and cocoa. Good length. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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

### Domaine de Cébène - Les Bancèls 2017

Faugères

(Organic) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain deepness and a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild blueberry, small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of violet, sense of the place (local biotope), thyme flowers as well as fine hints of wild strawberry, clove/spices and very fine hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers precision, a fine straightness, a certain aromatic purity as well as suavity and a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, crunchy/juicy blueberry, small notes of small wild black berries associated with small touches of violet, dry garrigue/sense of the place, sweet spices, a discreet hint of sugared mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of chocolate/caramelization. Good length. A finish slightly powdered. Very fine hints of dry almond/almond butter on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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## Domaine de Cébène - Felgaria 2016 Faugères

(Organic) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain deepness, intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of black pepper, black olive as well as small hints of local biotope (garrigue, eucalyptus, dry olive tree), a discreet hint of nutmeg and incense. The palate is fruity, slightly tight, racy and offers juiciness, a small minerality, straightness, a small concentration as well as precision and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy cassis, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of small black berries, dry garrigue, spices, a discreet hint of red berries, toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of rosemary and black pepper (in the background). Good length. Tannins are structuring and finely chewy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## CORBIÈRES

### Château Ollieux Romanis - Alba 2017 Corbières

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers intensity, power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small ripe wild black berries, small notes of crushed black plum associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, zan, black olive, sense of the place (terroir, biotope) as well as fine hints of vanilla pod and a very discreet hint of Timut pepper. The palate is elegant, gourmand, full of precision and offers suavity, gourmandize, a fine richness, a small concentration, juiciness as well as sincerity, gourmandize, a beautiful balance and a small stretchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, small fleshy wild black fruits, small notes of crushed bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of small fleshy blue fruits, liquorice stick, black olive, laurel berries, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of rosemary (in the background). Good length. A very fine hint of camphor/mocha on the persistence. Very fine hints of mild tobacco on the finish.

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

### Château Ollieux Romanis - Cuvée Prestige 2018 Corbières Boutenac

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely on the hold and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis cream, small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of violet, lily, black cherry as well as fine hints of fresh olive tree, lavender, chocolate, nutmeg and pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a certain generosity, fat as well as suavity, a fine unctuousity and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis cream, small notes of crushed violet plum associated with touches of lilac, lavender, chocolate as well as fine hints of small crushed red fruits, toasted, vanilla and a discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## LA CLAPE

### Château Pech Redon - La Centaurée 2015 La Clape

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration, power (full of control) and a certain gourmandize. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild cassis, violet, wild raspberry, small notes of crushed wild blueberry associated with small touches of garrigue, laurel berries as well as fine hints of cardamom, chocolate and a very discreet hint of fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers and acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a small freshness, a small gourmandize, a certain harmony/aromatic purity, tension and a beautiful fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild cassis, small wild black fruits, small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with a touch of cooked blueberry as well as hints of garrigue/sense of the place (local biotope), laurel berries, mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. Fine hints of caramelization, cocoa, toasted almond and a small power on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Château Laquirou - Ausines 2017 La Clape

(Organic) The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power, a fine freshness, a fine grain as well as a fine sensation of tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh wild cassis, small wild black berries, crunchy wild strawberry,

small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry, crunchy wild strawberry as well as small touches of local copse, liquorice, fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, bramble and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, a beautiful suavity, dynamism, a fine unctuousity as well as gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild red berries, bramble, tobacco, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope), a racy minerality and a very discreet hint of toasted.

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

### Château Rouquette sur Mer - Cuvée Amarante 2018 La Clape

The nose reveals notes of small pulpy wild black berries, dry violet plum, small notes of black olive associated with small touches of camphor, crushed strawberry, small wild blue fruits as well as fine hints of grey pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers suavity, a certain delicacy, fat, a beautiful matter as well as a fine freshness and a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy cassis, pulpy/crushed blackberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of small wild blue fruits, crushed redcurrant, black olive, liquorice stick, chocolate as well as a hint of camphor, cardamom and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. Tannins are fine and supple. Very fine hints of caramelization on the persistence.

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

### Château Rouquette sur Mer - Le Clos de La Tour 2017 La Clape

The nose is fruity and offers deepness, a certain concentration as well as elegance and a fine/very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of crushed wild cassis, small wild blackberry fruits, small notes of black plum associated with touches of racy/saline minerality, fresh local copse, crushed blueberry as well as a hint of strawberry, chocolate, nutmeg and very fine hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful unctuous matter (full of control), juiciness, a fine straightness, a beautiful definition as well as a certain aromatic purity, a fine grain, harmony, an acidulous frame and amplexness/volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, small crushed wild blackberry berries, small notes of black plum associated with touches of raspberry, bright/fleshy blueberry as well as small hints of mocha, dry local copse, iode, toasted and very fine hints of sweet spices/caramelization. Good length. Tannins are precise, fine and supple.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Château Laquirou - Champs rouge 2018 La Clape

(Organic) The nose is racy, slightly tight and offers a fine power as well as a sensation of tension. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries, redcurrant, small notes of fresh/fresh raspberry associated with small touches of cherry, cherry blossom as well as fine hints of cornflower, garrigue, a very discreet hint of tobacco and black olive. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers minerality, a mineral frame as well as juiciness and a juicy/fresh fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, juicy cherry, small notes of cherry stem associated with small touches of blackberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of garrigue, bramble, discreet hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of nutmeg (in the background). Tannins are supple. Good length.

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

### Château Pech Redon - L'Epervier 2017 La Clape

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a fine intensity and a small sensation of tension. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild fruits, small notes of bramble, violet associated with touches of crushed cherry, laurel berries, pink laurel as well as discreet hints of crushed strawberry, pepper and a subtle hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a small concentration, a spheric side (brings gourmandize), fullness, juiciness, concentration, a fine acidulous frame as well as a certain aromatic purity and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of small pulpy/bright black berries, cherry stem as well as small hints of liquorice, tobacco, fine hints of chocolate (in the background), caramelization, discreet hints of olive tree, laurel berries, local garrigue and mild tobacco. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

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

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### San Salvatore – Falanghina 2019

#### IGP Campania Falanghina

The nose is fruity, fresh, gourmand and offers a beautiful nose as well as generosity. It reveals notes of ripe lychee, quenette, small notes of fleshy vine peach associated with small touches of exotic fruits, kumquat as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, a discreet hint of elderflower and an imperceptible hint of local copse/sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, a small racy minerality, an aromatic purity and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quenette, pulpy/juicy vine peach, small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of juicy kumquat as well as hints of exotic fruits, a subtle hint of lemon, lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of mandarine. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### San Salvatore 1988 – Ceraso 2019

#### IGP Campania Aglianico

The nose is aromatic and offers an aromatic purity, a certain complexity and a controlled power. It reveals notes of small black berries, cassis, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet plum, sense of the place, liquorice, discreet hints of toasted and a subtle hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, freshness, a good aromatic purity as well as a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of crunchy blueberry associated with a touch of black plum, a fine hint of small crushed red berries as well as hints of sense of the place (local biotope), cocoa and discreet hints of crushed roasted almond. Tannins are very finely chewy and well-built. Good length and persistence.

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

## PAESTUM

### San Salvatore 1988 - Omaggio a Gillo Dorfles 2016, Aglianico

#### IGP Paestum

The nose is beautifully built, elegant and offers richness (in control/delicacy), deepness, concentration (in control) as well as intensity and an unctuous sensation. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed raspberry, small cassis cream associated with a touch of bright Quetsche plum, chocolate, caramelization, bourbon vanilla pod, tobacco, a discreet hint of rosemary/thyme flowers and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, charming, suavity and offers sapidity, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension (full of control, justness) as well as unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, blackberry cream, crushed wild strawberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches bright violet plum, liquorice stick, nutmeg as well as fine hints of incense, black olive, mild tobacco and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are elegant and finely powdered. Good length. A persistence on notes of crushed hazelnut, chocolate and caramelization/patisserie.

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

### Il Colle Del Corsicano - Patrinus 2018, Aglianico

#### Paestum IGT

The nose is aromatic, finely tight and offers a fine concentration as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of cornflower, violet, small notes of small bright blue fruits associated with small touches of thyme, rosemary, pistil, crushed blackberry as well as hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, fullness as well as a fine acidulous frame and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, small bright blue berries, small notes of flowers (violet, cornflower, flowers pistil) associated with touches of small juicy wild red berries as well as hints of sense of the place (local biotope), rosemary as well as discreet hints of camphor, mild tobacco and cocoa.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### San Salvatore 1988 - Greco 2019

#### Paestum IGP

(Organic)The nose is fruity, racy and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of quince, brugnion, small notes of fresh/crunchy white fruits associated with fine touches of honeysuckle, fine hints of local copse and a discreet hint of lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity, a small gourmandize, a certain fullness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh brugnion, fresh nectarine, small notes of small white fruits associated with touches of quince, lemon and a subtle hint of fresh local copse. Good length. A persistence on notes of lemon and an imperceptible hint of crushed lemon.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/00)

### San Salvatore 1988 - Fiano 2019

#### Paestum IGP

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy lemon, lemon flowers, small notes of bright vine peach associated with small touches of quenette, mandarine flowers as well as a hint of brugnion, kumquat and an imperceptible hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers suavity, gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as sapidity, a fine unctuousity, a good finesse of the grain and an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy lemon, bright vine peach, small notes of bright green apple associated with touches of quenette as well as hints of kumquat, a discreet hint of fresh mango, subtle hints of orange flower, lychee and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### San Salvatore 1988 - Aglianico 2018

#### Paestum IGP

The nose offers a fine grain, a small intensity as well as a fine power/concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, small wild/fresh black fruits, small notes of cocoa associated with small touches of sense of the place (local biotope) as well as fine hints of black tea, white pepper and very discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, acidulous and offers juiciness, a fine minerality as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, acidulous blackberry, small notes of small acidulous/juicy black berries associated with fine touches of strawberry, local copse, nutmeg and a discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length.

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

### San Salvatore 1988 - Jungano 2018, Aglianico

#### IGP Paestum

The nose is aromatic, beautifully power and offers deepness as well as an aromatic purity and control. It reveals notes of blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of strawberry, bigarreau cherry as well as hints of liquorice, caramelization, fine hints of tonka bean, discreet hints of rosemary/fresh local garrigue, black olive and discreet hints of toasted. The palate is elegant, delicate, fruity, beautifully build and offers power (in control), deepness, an aromatic purity, an acidulous frame and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry/bigarreau cherry, bright cassis, small notes of small bright black berries associated with a touch of small red wild berries, flowers, sense of the place (local biotope) as well as a discreet hint of olive tree, black olive, mild tobacco, a subtle hint of liquorice, chocolate and vanilla (in the background). A beautiful gourmand wine.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Bacioilcielo - Fiano 2019

#### Paestum IGP

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a certain deepness. It reveals notes of orange flowers, lemon flowers, small notes of kumquat associated with touches of peach flowers, lily pistil as well as fine hints of apple and a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, tension as well as concentration. On the



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palate this wine expresses notes of orange flowers, peach flowers, small notes of fresh olive tree associated with touches of lychee, crushed brugnong as well as small hints of rose, pear and a discreet hint of verbena. A beautiful flowery wine reminding a beautiful bouquet of flowers essential oil.

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

## Donna Clara - Parmenide 2013 Paestum IGT

The nose offers a small power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of small wild black berries, wild cassis, small notes of small blue fruits associated with small touches of tobacco, smoke, a racy minerality, spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, black plum, small notes of small creamy black fruits associated with a touch of pulpy red fruits (cherry, raspberry...), nutmeg, tobacco, chocolate, caramelization and a discreet hint of garrigue (in the background).

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

## Albamarina - MariCinè 2019 IGP Paestum Rosato

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, fresh cherry, small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of lemon, crunchy/acidulous green apple as well as very discreet hints of sense of the place/local copse. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize and a very fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, fresh raspberry, small notes of juicy kumquat, juicy lemon as well as fine hints of fleshy/juicy green apple and discreet hints of cherry blossom. Good length.

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

## Albamarina, Futos - Aglianico 2016 IGP Paestum

The nose is finely tight and offers a fine power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, small ripe wild black fruits, small notes of cocoa associated with small touches of tobacco, camphor, nutmeg as well as a hint of small acidulous blue fruits, a discreet hint of smoke and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, a small acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a fine sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy Boysen berry, acidulous/juicy plum, small notes of small black fruits associated with a touch of racy minerality, an acidulous raspberry as well as fine hints of cherry seed, tobacco, black tea, a discreet hint of caramelization and local copse. A fine hint of cocoa and caramelized almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Albamarina, Primula – Fiano 2019 IGP Paestum

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of quenette, lychee, lemon flowers associated with fine touches of crunchy nectarine and a subtle hint of fresh pineapple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, a small varietal bitterness, minerality as well as fat and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy quenette, fleshy/pulpy vine peach, small notes of mandarine zests associated with touches of lemon, lychee and very fine hints of olive tree leaf. Good length.

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

## Viticoltori de Conciliis Bacioilcielo 2018, Aglianico Paestum IGP

The nose is fruity, fresh and well-built. It reveals notes of small black berries, cassis, small notes of camphor associated with small touches of dry mud, cocoa, bright blue plum as well as fine hints of spices, garrigue and a discreet hint of Cuban pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, suavity as well as a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small juicy/acidulous black berries, cassis,

small notes of wild strawberry, cassis, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of bright blueberry as well as fine hints of redcurrant, lily, garrigue, discreet hints of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of rosemary (in the background). Good length. Tannins are finely powdered.

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

## San Salvatore – Gioí – Metodo Classico 2016 Rosé Spumante

(Organic) The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine creaminess as well as elegance. It reveals notes of raspberry, fleshy green apple, small notes of peach associated with fine touches of crushed redcurrant, sugared rose pear as well as a subtle hint of lemon zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the tension, a beautiful finesse of the effervescence, a small aerial side and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, fresh/acidulous raspberry, small notes of crushed peach associated with small touches of pear/crushed apple as well as subtle hints of lime, an imperceptible varietal hint/lemon flowers and orange. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## San Salvatore – Elea 2018 IGP Paestum Greco

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition and precision. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, small fleshy white fruits, small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple, a subtle hint of mirabelle and a discreet hint of lemon zests/lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, racy, gourmand and offers a beautiful juicy/pulpy fruit and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy yellow peach, juicy mandarine, small notes of crunchy/fresh pineapple associated with small touches of quenette, lemon flowers as well as a subtle hint of lychee (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible saline hint and toasted/milky hint on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Vetere 2019 IGP Paestum Rosato

The nose is fresh and offers a small minerality as well as a very fine iodine hint. It reveals notes of fresh yuzu, fresh mandarine, small notes of small fresh berries associated with a subtle hint of crunchy/fresh cherry, rose and an imperceptible hint of rosemary (in the background). The palate is fruity, round and offers gourmandize, suavity, a good definition, an aromatic purity as well as a beautiful finesse of the fat, gourmandize and appetite. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy nectarine, juicy/fleshy kumquat, small notes of mandarine associated with small touches of yuzu, crushed Mirabelle, fresh cherry as well as a subtle hint of cherry blossom. Good length.

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

## San Salvatore – Palinure 2019 IGP Paestum Greco

(Organic) The nose is fruity, racy and offers freshness. It reveals notes of white flowers, quenette, small notes of lychee, kumquat associated with a subtle hint of dry apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers precision, a good definition, gourmandize, a small fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy quenette, juicy apple, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of pineapple, crunchy pear, lychee as well as a discreet iodine hint, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. Good length. A rapid persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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## Pian du Stio 2019

### IGP Paestum Fiano

(Organic) The nose reveals notes of yuzu zests, lemon, small notes of fresh mandarine associated with fine touches of crunchy apple, crunchy Mirabelle, an imperceptible hint of lime flowers and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful definition, elegance, purity of the fruit as well as gourmandize and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lime/ripe/pulpy yuzu, juicy/pulpy mandarine, small notes of fresh/ripe sanguine orange associated with small touches of crushed Mirabelle, crushed pear as well as a subtle hint of crunchy peach, peach flowers, lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of linden (in the background). Good length. A subtle bitter hint on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## TAURASI

### Il Cortiglio – Vendemmia 2015

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is finely tight and offers a small power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small fruits, small notes of violet associated with small touches of small blue fruits, chamomile as well as fine hints of dry tobacco, a discreet hint of liquorice stick, hay, nutmeg, dark chocolate powder and a subtle hint of caramelization. The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine suavity as well as a certain tension, energy and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, juicy/acidulous violet plum, small notes of small black fruits associated with a touch of candied raspberry, violet flowers as well as hints of tobacco/cigar box, chamomile, black tea, discreet hints of dry herbs, dark chocolate and caramelization. Good length. Tannins are structuring and slightly tight.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Aziensa Agricola Fiorentino 2015

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is aromatic, racy, spicy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of dark chocolate powder, nutmeg, small notes of dry cassis associated with small touches of blueberry, small black berries as well as hints of cardamom, a subtle hint of toasted and an imperceptible hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, full of length and offers juiciness, minerality, an acidulous frame, gourmandize and a small bitterness (cocoa). On the palate this wine expresses notes of small wild black berries, dry cassis, small notes of crushed cherry associated with touches of spices, nutmeg, camphor, cacao as well as small hints of dry herbs/local copse, tanned leather, a subtle hint of black tea and incense (in the background). Bitterness of the cocoa on the persistence.

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

### D'Antiche Terre, Il Vicario 2012

#### Taurasi Riserva DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis, violet/cornflower, small notes of small blue fruits associated with a touch of tonka bean, chamomile, toasted, sweet spices, nutmeg and a discreet hint of grilled hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small juiciness as well as a fine freshness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of dry blueberry, violet, rosemary as well as fine hints of chamomile, dry tobacco and a very discreet hint of cocoa. Tannins are finely marked. Good length. A subtle varietal bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

### Cantine De Palma 2014

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose offers a fine finely tight complexity and a fine concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of nutmeg, blueberry, crushed strawberry

associated with small touches of cassis cream associated with fine touches of cardamom, black tea as well as very fine hints of rosemary, thyme flowers, discreet hints of fresh tobacco and almond. The palate is fruity and offers a small juiciness, a fine freshness, minerality, a certain tension as well as a fine gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, nutmeg, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of small black berries as well as a hint of small crushed red fruits, tonka bean, cardamom, tobacco box, a discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotope) and hay. Good length. Tannins are very finely dry.

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

### Cantina Dei Monaci – Monaco Rosso 2015

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is aromatic, toasted and offers gourmandize. It reveals notes of caramelization, vanilla pod, small notes of small pulpy/juicy black fruits associated with a touch of camphor, nutmeg, discreet hints of hazelnut and black tea. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small bright black berries, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of cassis, camphor, lily as well as hints of thyme flowers, cocoa, tobacco, a subtle hint of black tea, caramelization and liquorice. Good length.

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

### La Molara – Santa Vara 2013

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, camphor, small notes of violet, thyme flowers associated with small touches of tobacco, small fleshy red fruits as well as fine hints of chamomile, discreet hints of tanned leather and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a small racy minerality, a bright/acidulous fruit, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright/acidulous cassis, small berries, small notes of violet, lily, thyme flowers associated with small touches of small acidulous red fruits as well as a hint of acidulous plum, local copse/olive tree, camphor, dry tobacco and a discreet hint of hay. Good length.

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

### Borgodangelo 2013

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers elegance as well as harmony. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small pulpy black berries, small notes of violet, lily associated with a touch of crushed cherry, candied redcurrant as well as a hint of cherry blossom, thyme flowers, a racy minerality, a discreet hint of cocoa, toasted, nutmeg, almond and an imperceptible hint of orange. The palate is fruity, minerality, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension, a discreet aerial side as well as a beautiful precision, harmony, a certain richness and a

beautiful fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of small bright blue fruits associated with touches of violet, cornflower, thyme flowers as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, bourbon vanilla pod, very discreet hints of sense of the place (local biotope), toasted and a subtle hint of chamomile. Good length. A beautiful persistence on notes of caramelization. A wine full of finesse, balance and freshness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Tenuta del Meriggio 2014

#### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, flowery and offers complexity as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, crushed blue fruits, small notes of small black berries associated with small touches of candied strawberry, cornflower, fresh lily as well as hints of cocoa, caramelization, toasted almond, a discreet hint of thyme flowers and mild tobacco. The palate is mineral and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a certain harmony, elegance, energy and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small acidulous/juicy blue fruits, bright blackberry, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with a touch of raspberry jam, cherry blossom,



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mild tobacco as well as fine hints of cardamom, hazelnut, thyme flowers/sense of the place and a very discreet hint of black tea. Good length. An imperceptible hint of hot black olive and caramelization on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Colli Di Castelfranci – Alta Valle 2013

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine pulpiness and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, plum, small notes of camphor associated with small touches of acidulous plum, smoke, fine hints of strawberry as well as a discreet hint of black tea and an imperceptible hint of local copse. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as a good freshness, gourmandize, tension and a beautiful ripe/juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy blackberry, blue plum, small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of redcurrant, small black berries, violet, thyme flowers as well as a subtle hint of olive tree, nutmeg, smoke, a very discreet hint of mild tobacco and racy minerality. Good length. A persistence on a hint of cocoa. Tannins are finely powdered.

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

## Cantina Mito – Amato 2016

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a generous fruit. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, acidulous/ripe plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of dry wild strawberry, camphor, small acidulous blue fruits, tobacco, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright violet plum, small notes of strawberry associated with touches of lily, small acidulous blue fruits, tobacco, cardamom, discreet hints of camphor, spices, a subtle hint of rosemary and toasted hazelnut. Good length.

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

## Enoaelta, I Nobili 2016

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis, small notes of chocolate associated with touches of crushed bigarreau cherry, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, liquorice, a very discreet hint of dry local copse and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of juicy/acidulous violet plum associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh bigarreau cherry, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of local copse, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of rosemary (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Tenuta Cavalier Pepe - La Loggia del Cavaliere 2013

Taurasi DOCG Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity, a fine/finely powdered grain, elegance as well as richness. It reveals notes of blueberry, small crushed black fruits, small notes of candied cassis associated with small touches of camphor, strawberry as well as hints of cocoa and a hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, a fine juiciness as well as gourmandize and a small powdered side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/ripe blueberry, small notes of small crushed black fruits associated with touches of raspberry, cocoa, mild tobacco, a subtle hint of cardamom, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper. Good length. Tannins are structuring. A powdered finish.

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

## Mastroberardino – Radici 2015

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a fine intensity, a certain freshness and concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small black berries, small notes of black plum associated with touches of camphor, cocoa as well as hints

of rosemary and a hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers juiciness as well as a certain freshness and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh wild cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of small fresh black berries associated with touches of raspberry, lily, local garrigue as well as fine hints of tobacco, a discreet hint of rosemary. A subtle hint of cocoa on the finish. Tannins are finely marked.

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

## Adelina Molettieri 2013

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a bright fruit. It reveals notes of small black berries, bigarreau cherry, small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of violet, small black berries, hot black olive as well as fine hints of incense and tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers a bright fruit, a fine pulpiness, juiciness as well as a beautiful acidulous frame, a small suavity and a fine sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, Boysen berry, small notes of violet plum associated with touches of small wild black berries, cocoa, camphor as well as a hint of grilled/toasted and a very discreet hint of black olive (in the background). A slightly tight finish. Tannins are slightly dry.

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

## Cantina Sanpaolo – 2013

Taurasi DOCG Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize as well as a suave sensation. It reveals notes of small pulpy blue fruits, crushed Boysen berry, small notes of small wild black berries associated with small touches of raspberry as well as hints of toasted, tonka bean, cardamom, an imperceptible hint of thyme flowers and Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, full of length/stretchy and offers a beautiful freshness, precision, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, a good guideline and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright Boysen berry, bigarreau cherry, small notes of cassis associated with touches of crushed plum, crushed raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean, cocoa, nutmeg, tobacco, a discreet hint of thyme flowers and pepper. Good length.

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

## Filadoro 2013

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is elegant, fine, precise, aerial and offers complexity, power as well as finesse. It reveals notes of cornflower, bright cassis, small bright blue fruits, small notes of small wild black berries associated with touches of Cuben pepper, sense of the place (local biotope), tonka bean/cocoa, a discreet hint of thyme flowers and an imperceptible saline hint. The palate is elegant, delicate, fine and offers finesse, a beautiful harmony as well as gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a good structure and an aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of small wild red berries associated with a touch of cherry seed, lily as well as fine hints of local garrigue/thyme flowers, cocoa, a discreet hint of pepper and grilled. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and precise.

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

## Quintodecimo – Vigna Grande Cerzito 2015

Taurasi DOCG Riserva

The nose is elegant, powerful (full of control), justness as well as precision and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, raspberry leaf, small notes of cassis associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits as well as hints of caramelization, liquorice stick, tobacco and a subtle hint of sense of the place. The palate is elegant, gourmand, very discreetly tight and offers a small straightness, a juicy/acidulous frame, a good structure as well as a beautiful justness/precision, a good structure and power (full of control). On the palate this wine expresses notes of small bright wild blue fruits, bright cassis, small notes of raspberry leaf associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, liquorice stick, tobacco as well as hints of sense of the place (local biotope), discreet hints of cardamom, mocha, an imperceptible hint of black olive and caramelization (in the background). Tannins are precise and well-built.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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## Vigne Guadagno 2015

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, power. It reveals notes of small black berries, small blue fruits (blueberry), small notes of cornflower associated with a touch of raspberry/crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, thyme and pepper. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers tension, minerality, a small freshness as well as concentration and a good acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh small black berries, juicy violet plum, small notes of small juicy/fresh black berries, juicy violet plum, small notes of fresh cornflower associated with touches of cocoa, local copse as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, a racy minerality and a discreet saline hint. Tannins are slightly marked/firm.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## I Capitani – Bosco Faiano 2014

Taurasi DOCG

The nose reveals notes of bright blackberry, small fresh blue fruits, small notes of leather associated with small touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of toasted, cornflower, nutmeg and a discreet hint of rosemary (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a small tension and fullness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/Fresh cassis, fresh blackberry, small notes of fresh raspberry associated with a touch of fresh blueberry, cornflower as well as hints of dry local copse/rosemary, a discreet hint of curry and cocoa. Tannins are marked and relatively dry. A hint of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod on the aftertaste.

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

## Le Masciare – Pescopu 2013

Taurasi DOCG

The nose offers power as well as intensity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of small fresh black fruits, small wild berries, small notes of rosemary/dry garrigue associated with small touches of small crushed red fruits, pepper, a discreet hint of fresh leather, cocoa and nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers energy, an acidulous frame, a small suavity as well as juiciness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, small fresh black berries, small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with small touches of cocoa, nutmeg and a subtle hint of toasted/caramelized oak. Tannins are slightly marked. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Case D'Alto 2012

Taurasi DOCG

The nose offers power, gourmandize as well as a certain intensity and a certain richness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small bright black berries, small notes of cardamom, a discreet hint of local copse and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a certain freshness, a mineral frame/minerality and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe cassis, very ripe violet plum, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of violet fig, violet, cocoa, incense as well as hints of spices and a subtle hint of black pepper. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length. A subtle hint of caramelization on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Torricino – Cevotiempo 2016

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is very discreetly tight and offers a fine grain as well as freshness and a good definition. It reveals notes of cassis, cornflower, small notes of small bright blue berries associated with small touches of mocha, tobacco, cardamom as well as fine hints of caramelization, black olive, thyme flowers, toasted and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as a fine grain, suavity, harmony and a beautiful silky touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, violet plum and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of cornflower, violet, cocoa as well as fine hints of toasted, cardamom, a discreet hint of caramelization and hazelnut. Good length. Good persistence.

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

## Nativ – Rue 333, 2016

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small intensity as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of bright violet plum, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with a touch of strawberry, violet, a touch of cocoa as well as hints of violet, mild tobacco, a discreet hint of hazelnut, an impercep-

tible hint of hot local copse and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as precision, tension and a small stretchy side/full of length. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright black cherry, violet plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of cocoa, nutmeg, sugared mild tobacco, crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, caramelization and hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Opera Mia 2014

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a certain gourmandize as well as deepness. It reveals notes of bright cassis, black cherry, small notes of black plum associated with small touches of violet, cornflower, camphor as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, black tea, discreet hints of vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully gourmand, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful pulpy/juicy fruit, precision, a good structure as well as a certain straightness and amplexness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, quite ripe Boysen berry, small notes of pulpy violet plum, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of pulpy violet plum, crushed wild strawberry associated with a touch of fresh raspberry, cocoa, tonka bean as well as hints of black tea, caramelization, a discreet hint of black olive, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Tannins are precise and structuring.

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

## Crypta Castagnara Cantina 2012

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance as well as dynamism. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild black berries, small notes of cocoa associated with touches of black plum, toasted, discreet hints of camphor, cardamom, black olive, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of local copse/oleander. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, intensity as well as a small intensity as well as a small sapidity and a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright black berries, crushed cassis, small notes of violet associated with touches of black plum, lily, camphor as well as a subtle hint of cherry blossom, mocha, cardamom, discreet hints of caramelization, a subtle hint of pepper and an imperceptible almost saline/iodine hint. Good length. Tannins are well-built, precise and very finely chewy. An imperceptible hint of coffee on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## DonnaChiara 2016

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic, racy and offers intensity, a certain concentration as well as a small silky sensation. It reveals notes of bright black plum, small pulpy black berries, small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of raspberry, juicy/fresh cassis as well as hints of camphor, cocoa, toasted, nutmeg and a hint of vanilla/dry almond. The palate is fruity, finely tight and offers gourmandize, suavity as well as a fine richness, a small tension, a fine acidulous frame, a certain harmony, a small racy minerality, a fine grain and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, violet plum, small notes of violet, camphor associated with touches of black cherry, thyme flowers as well as fine hints of raspberry, cornflower, cocoa, toasted, cardamom, a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are precise and very finely firm. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Terredora Dipaolo, Fatica Contadina 2013

Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small dusty/powdered side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild black fruits, small notes of chocolate associated with a touch of candied raspberry as well as fine dry hints, cloves, spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine suavity, a very fine tension as well as a small fullness and a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of small black berries associated with touches of mocha, cigar box, cherry stem, fine hints of local copse, cloves and discreet hints of toasted. Good length. Tannins are very finely firm. A powdered persistence on notes of dark chocolate.

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

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## Nardone 2013

### Taurasi DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small deepness, a certain power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of bright wild blackberry, crushed black plum, small notes of small pulpy fruits (blueberry) associated with a fine touch of candied strawberry, violet flowers, sense of the place (local biotope), discreet hints of dry tobacco, tonka bean, an imperceptible hint of pepper, chamomile and rosemary (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine intensity, harmony, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, a small freshness, juiciness, a fine suavity and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright wild blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of pulpy/juicy black plum associated with a fine touch of black cherry, strawberry jam as well as fine hints of toasted, chocolate, patisseries, a discreet hint of tobacco and zan. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

## AGLIANICO DEL TABURNO

### Fattoria La Rivolta – Terra di Rivolta 2015 Riserva

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers gourmandize, a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, blueberry, small notes of smoke associated with small touches of cocoa, dry mud, nutmeg, redcurrant as well as fine hints of cherry seed, spices, rosemary and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine incisive side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous cassis, acidulous/juicy blackberry, small notes of acidulous violet plum associated with touches of bright blueberry, lily/lilac, rosemary, mild tobacco as well as a hint of dry mud and cocoa. Tannins are well-built.

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

### La Fortezza 2016

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose offers a small intensity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of small black berries, smoke, small notes of small wild fruits associated with a touch of cassis leaf, leather as well as very fine hints of local copse and a subtle hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful pulpy/juicy fruit, a fine acidulous frame as well as a certain gourmandize and a very fine sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/acidulous cassis, acidulous blueberry, small notes of cherry associated with fine hints of smoke, a hint of incense and a discreet hint of pepper. An imperceptible hint of vanilla/hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+20 (91/100)

### La Fortezza – 2012 Riserva

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers intensity as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of plum associated with a touch of small blue fruits, tobacco, black tea, toasted hazelnut, discreet hints of cocoa and an imperceptible saline/iodine hint. The palate is suave, gourmand, precise and offers juiciness, generosity as well as a good definition and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright violet plum, bright cassis, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of bright blueberry, mild tobacco, black tea, fresh nutmeg as well as fine hints of hazelnut, a very discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotope), chocolate and an imperceptible hint of orange. Tannins are precise and structuring. A discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

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

### Fontan Vecchia – Vigna Cataratte 2010, Riserva

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers concentration, a fine grain as well as elegance and a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, bright cassis, small notes of bright strawberry associated with a touch of crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of acidulous/pulpy plum, sweet spices, cardamom, sense of the place, toasted, discreet hints of cocoa, almond and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain delicacy, purity of the fruit as well as minerality and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of

bright blueberry, bright cassis, small notes of acidulous/crunchy blackberry associated with a touch of crushed redcurrant, thyme flowers, toasted, tonka bean, cardamom as well as a hint of tobacco, black tea, an imperceptible hint of rosemary and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are precise and structuring. A beautiful acidulous in the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine full of balance, control and marvelously combining power and delicacy.

Score : 17.25+20 (95/100)

### Torre del Pagus – Maiardi 2010 Riserva

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is aromatic, full of finesse and offers a certain power, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a small aerial side. It reveals notes of dry blackberry, quite ripe cassis, small notes of dry blueberry associated with small touches of chocolate, toasted, toasted almond as well as fine hints of strawberry, violet, very discreet hints of incense, black tea and sense of the place/thyme flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, minerality, a beautiful definition, a small aerial side despite its power as well as a fine grain and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, dry violet, small notes of dry blueberry associated with a fine touch of pulpy raspberry, tonka bean, cocoa as well as hints of toasted, almond, nutmeg, a subtle hint of black olive, an almost earthy hint and an imperceptible hint of thyme flowers. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16.75+20 (94/100)

### Elena Catalano – Monte Pino 2016

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers concentration, a fine/finely tight grain as well as deepness. It reveals notes of small black berries, bright black plum, small notes of lily/small flowers associated with touches of black cherry, juicy/acidulous cassis as well as hints of sense of the place (local biotope), cardamom, tonka bean, a subtle hint of mild tobacco, caramelization, toasted, black olive and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, stretchy and offers an acidulous frame, a fine juiciness, freshness, tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, bright black plum, small notes of juicy/fresh small black berries associated with touches of fresh raspberry, cherry blossom, cherry seed as well as fine hints of rosemary, garrigue, a very discreet hint of cocoa, smoke and almond. A subtle hint of hot black olive, cocoa and a discreet sapide hint of the finish/persistence.

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

### Lauranti 2014

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine grain, elegance as well as a small richness (full of control) and a certain aromatic purity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, bright Boysen berry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of wild strawberry, aromatic herbs/fresh thyme as well as small hints of fresh tobacco, sense of the place (local biotope) and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small fat, gourmandize, a fine unctuousity as well as elegance, a fine grain, gourmandize, a fine fleshiness, a beautiful matter and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy blackberry, crushed wild strawberry, small notes of small bright black fruits associated with a touch of black plum cocoa, caramelization, toasted, fine hints of hot black olive, nutmeg, discreet hints of sense of the place and vanilla pod (in the background). Tannins are precise. A beautiful wine full of balance, elegance and generosity.

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

### Cantine Iannella 1920, 2017

#### Aglianico del Taburno DOCG

The nose is aromatic, precise and offers a certain intensity as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of boysen berry, small bright blue fruits, small notes of bright cassis associated with small touches of cornflower, thyme flowers as well as hints of cocoa, black tea, Cuban pepper, discreet hints of local copse and an imperceptible almost saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, stretchy/full of length and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality, tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small acidulous/juicy blue berries, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of bright cassis as well as small hints of chocolate, hazelnut, sugared mild tobacco, a discreet hint of thyme flowers and vanilla.

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

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## NIFO 2015

### Aglianico del Taburno

(Organic) The nose offers a small aromatic power, a certain intensity and a fine grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of leather, spices, small notes of small fresh black berries associated with a touch of violet plum, liquorice stick, discreet hints of Cuben pepper, dry garrigue, tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of black tea. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, suavity, fullness as well as a good acidulous frame and a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small juicy/fresh black berries, bright blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of pistil, Cuben pepper, spices, a subtle hint of small red berries as well as discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco and caramelization.

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

## GRECO DI TUFO

### Cantine de Palma 2018

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of acidulous lemon, juicy/acidulous vine peach, small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of juicy brugnon, apple and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous lemon, acidulous/juicy apple, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of quenette, kumquat, fresh/juicy brugnon and a discreet hint of zests.

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

### Tenuta del Meriggio 2017

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of lemon mesocarp, nectarine, small notes of apple associated with a fine touch of fresh lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy/crunchy peach, small notes of apple associated with a touch of peach flowers, a very discreet hint of lychee and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background, brings fullness).

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

### Passo Delle Tortore – Le Arcaie 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers minerality, a good definition as well as precision. It reveals notes of lemon, peach flowers, small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of pear flowers, a discreet hint of exotic hint and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers minerality, dynamism, a mineral frame as well as gourmandize, a good definition and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy/pulpy apple, small notes of vine peach associated with a touch of juicy lychee as well as a hint of mandarine flowers and lemon flowers. Good length. A beautiful persistence.

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

### I Capitani – Serum 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is spicy and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dry almond, spices and small notes of small juicy white fruits associated with fine touches of kumquat and small juicy yellow fruits. The palate is fruity and offers tension, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy Mirabelle, small notes of crunchy apple associated with touches of crunchy brugnon and an imperceptible hint of flowers/variatal (in the background).

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Le Otto Terre – Petranera 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is quite aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of apple, crushed nectarine, small notes of white flowers associated with a touch of white asparagus, a discreet hint of vine peach and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a mineral frame as well as fullness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, juicy/crushed white peach, small notes of fresh kumquat associated with a hint of verbena, a very discreet hint of small fresh yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of bee wax and almond (in the background).

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

### Cantine Di Marzo 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small fleshiness as well as precision. It reveals notes of green apple, peach flowers, small notes of green peach associated with small touches of verbena and a fine hint of lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a small suavity as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy Mirabelle, small notes of juicy/fleshy green peach associated with a touch of verbena, fresh mango and a hint of peach flowers. Good length.

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

### Cantine de Marzo – Vigna Laure 2018

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a pulpy/juicy fruit, freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy/bright apple, fleshy pear, small notes of vine peach associated with subtle touches of lemon, a racy minerality, hints of sense of the place (biotope local) and a very discreet hint of yuzu. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine sapidity, an acidulous frame as well as energy, a racy minerality and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, bright vine peach, small notes of acidulous green apple associated with small touches of lemon zests, yuzu and very fine hints of apple flowers. Good length.

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

### Tenuta Cavalie Pepe – Grancare 2017

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small complexity as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine, crushed pear, small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of apple, fine buttered hint and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine suavity, a fine unctuousity as well as a small fat, a fine acidulous frame, elegance, a certain complexity and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy quince, pulpy/juicy peach, small notes of pear associated with small touches of apple, a subtle hint of kumquat, very fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, butter and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Donnachiara 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, fleshy/juicy green apple, small notes of apple associated with small touches of flowers, honeysuckle, lemon and a very discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a mineral/fresh frame, fullness as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy green apple, green peach, small notes of fresh/juicy pear associated with small touches of quince, citrus as well as fine hints of peach flowers, verbena and an imperceptible hint of fresh local copse.

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

### Vigne Guadagno 2018

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy white nectarine, small notes of brugnon associated with small touches of white asparagus, fresh local copse and discreet hints of lemon/citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/fresh frame, a small juiciness as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, fresh lychee, small notes of fresh white nectarine associated with discreet hints of crunchy/white apple, white asparagus and a hint of lemon.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Colli Di CastelFranci – Grotte 2019

#### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose offers freshness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of crunchy brugnon, fresh lychee, small notes of green peach, peach flowers associated with fine hints of mandarine mesocarp and a very discreet hint of lemon mesocarp. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat, a fine richness as well as a good guideline, dynamism and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crushed quenette, small notes of lychee associated with touches of crushed brugnon, a hint of green apple, discreet hints of almond (in the background). An acidulous and suave persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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## Claudio Quarta 2018

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh pear, crunchy apple, small notes of lychee associated with a discreet flowery hint, olive tree and subtle hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small suavity as well as a fine gourmandize, fullness and sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, crushed peach, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of pulpy/juicy green apple and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. Good length.

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

## Anima Ribelle 2018

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers crunchiness as well as a certain fruitiness. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh pear, crunchy apple, small notes of racy minerality associated with small touches of lemon mesocarp as well as a hint of kumquat zests and very discreet hints of local copse. The palate is fruity and offers fat, a fine unctuousness, energy as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy pear, fresh lychee, small notes of juicy/fresh brugnion associated with a touch of small crunchy white fruits, fine hints of mesocarp as well as a subtle hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh local copse.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Crypta Castagnara 2016

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is quite aromatic and offers richness as well as a fine unctuous sensation. It reveals notes of crushed apple, crushed peach, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of lemon flowers, fresh verbena and a very discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, fullness, fat as well as a beautiful freshness (in the background) and a small unctuousness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, crushed pear, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of quenette as well as hints of quenette, fine hints of sweet spices/almond (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of butter.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Decimo Sesto 2018

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a small incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, fine hints of spices, fresh leather associated with small touches of small white fruits, nutmeg and a discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine unctuousness, a small gourmandize, a very fine tension as well as a good finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/pulpy pear, crushed peach, small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of nutmeg, almond and discreet hints of brioche/butter. Good length.

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

## Mastroberardino – Nova Serra 2019

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose offers freshness, slightly tight and offers a small minerality as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of nutmeg, sweet spices, brugnion, small notes of pear associated with fine touches of pear flowers, green apple and fine hints of local copse. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine juicy/acidulous frame, a small gourmandize, a small minerality as well as a bright fruit, energy and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright quince, bright brugnion, small notes of green apple associated with touches of apple flowers, fine hints of kumquat, discreet hints of bee wax/butter and a discreet hint of spices. Good length.

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

## Tenuta Cavalier pepe – Nestor 2019

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers a small crunchiness, a good definition as well as a small sensation of straightness. It reveals notes of green apple green peach,

small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of kumquat and fine hints of local copse. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, juiciness, a small acidulous frame as well as suavity, structure, a certain small straightness, fat and amplexness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, lychee, small notes of crushed nectarine associated with a touch of apple tree, very fine hints of kumquat/lemon and an imperceptible hint of local copse. Good length. A very fine tannic sensation on the aftertaste.

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

## Le Vigne di Rosa 2018

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers richness, a certain complexity and a fine oxidative hint. It reveals notes of yellow peach, small juicy/quite ripe yellow fruits, small notes of quite ripe kumquat associated with touches of mandarine zests, crushed yellow apple as well as fine hints of pear flowers, nutmeg, spices, a very discreet honey hint, terra cotta and pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as dynamism and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small quite ripe yellow fruits, small yellow plum, small notes of quite ripe kumquat associated with small touches of yellow apple, terra cotta as well as fine hints of dry mandarine, nutmeg, spices, a subtle hint of bee wax and fresh hazelnut.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## D'AnticheTerre 2019

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is racy, aromatic and offers a small richness, a fine grain as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, quince, small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of pear flowers, discreet hints of lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, a certain purity, a small crystallized side as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good definition and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous quince, kumquat, small notes of crunchy/juicy vine peach associated with a touch of juicy apple as well as fine hints of nutmeg, lychee, dry almond, an imperceptible hint of sense of the place and butter (in the background).

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

## Tenuta Del Meriggio – Colle Dei Lauri 2018

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh quince, juicy/pulpy yellow peach, small notes of lemon, mesocarp associated with fine touches of mandarine zests, discreet hints of quenette, peach flowers, exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as suavity, a beautiful sapidity, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as suavity, a beautiful sapidity, harmony and a certain amplexness (full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, vine peach, small

notes of fresh mango associated with small touches of pink lychee, lemon flowers, small fresh white fruits as well as discreet hints of quenette, an imperceptible hint of sense of the place and laurel. Good length.

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

## La Molaria 2017

### Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of lychee, fresh apple, small notes of racy minerality associated with small touches of fresh/crunchy kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine fullness, minerality as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lychee, juicy/fresh vine peach, small notes of fresh apple associated with a touch of fresh brugnion, juicy citrus as well as a subtle hint of almond flowers. Good length.

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



# Campania Region

## QuintoDecimo – Giallo D'Arles 2018

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh, very finely tight and offers a sensation of tension as well as a small power and a fine grain. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of yellow apple, juicy white peach, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of lychee, white flowers as well as discreet hints of acacia and lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, fullness as well as gourmandize, tension, a fine grain and a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, fleshy vine peach, small notes of lemon associated with a touch of crushed nectarine as well as a subtle hint of apricot flowers, pineapple and very discreet hints of sense of the place. Good length.

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

## Terredora Dipaolo – Loggia Della Serra 2019

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is mineral and offers freshness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of pear, lychee, small notes of fresh nectarine associated with a touch of crunchy brugnon, a hint of mandarine and lemon mesocarp. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, suavity, a certain energy as well as a fine acidulous frame and a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, crunchy brugnon, small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of pear as well as an imperceptible hint of apple flowers and fenouil. Good length.

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

## Torricino 2019

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, freshness as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of lychee, peach flowers, juicy/fresh vine peach, small notes of apple associated with a touch of crunchy brugnon, discreet hints of citrus and local copse. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a fine juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/crunchy brugnon, fresh lychee, small notes of quenette associated with a touch of pear flowers, fresh apple as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers/fresh lemon. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Nativ, Vico Storto 2019

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh, slightly on the hold and offers elegance as well as a good definition. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh apple flowers, fresh apple, small notes of crunchy white apple associated with fine touches of lemon zests, mesocarp, pear flowers and a very discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, mineral, beautifully built and offers a fine acidulous frame, energy, harmony and a small richness/deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon flowers, crunchy vine peach, juicy brugnon, small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of fresh apricot, quenette and a subtle hint of kumquat. Good length.

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

## Cutizzi 2018

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers concentration as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of zests, fresh/crunchy quince, small notes of crunchy apple, discreet hints of quenette and a subtle hint of local copse/flowers. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, finesse, a certain elegance, energy as well as an acidulous frame and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, brugnon, small notes of juicy nectarine associate with touches of quenette, lemon flowers, lemon as well as fine hints of verbena, discreet hint of local copse/flowers, toasted almond (in the background) and a subtle hint of crunchy quince. Good length.

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

## Torricino – Raone 2018

Greco di Tufo DOCG

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of lychee, nectarine, small notes of fresh mango associated with a touch of mandarine mesocarp, very fine hints of pear flowers and a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, dynamism and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh peach, crunchy/juicy green apple, small notes of juicy/fresh pear associated with touches of kumquat, lemon flowers as well as a hint of yuzu and an imperceptible hint of dry local copse.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## FIANO DI AVELLINO

### Le Otto Terre – Saliceto 2019

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a certain power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of lychee, green apple, small notes of apple flowers associated with fine touches of sense of the place (local biotope), a hint of kumquat and a discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, finely unctuous and offers fullness, a small fat, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame, a good finely unctuous matter and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, lychee, small notes of apple flowers associated with a touch of verbena, crushed pear as well as very discreet hints of citrus/zests. Good length. An imperceptible hint of fenouil and almond on the persistence.

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

### Filadoro 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain intensity, energy, a very fine richness and a seducing side. It reveals notes of lychee, kumquat, small notes of crushed pear associated with small touches of pear flowers, Mirabelle as well as discreet hints of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, suavity as well as gourmandize/generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crushed pear, small notes of small pulpy/bright yellow fruits associated with touches of apple flowers, almond, flint, quenette and discreet hints of mandarine mesocarp.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Cantine Di Marzo 2019

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers an incisive side. It reveals notes of apple flowers, zests of quince, dry kumquat, small notes of apple associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and a discreet varietal/flowery hint. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small straightness and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, juicy quince, small notes of small fresh white fruits associated with a touch of brugnon and a discreet varietal/flowery hint. Good length.

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

### Vigne Guadagno 2017

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose reveals notes of lychee, apple, small notes of varietal associated with fine touches of fresh leather and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers tension, a small straightness, dynamism as well as a fine acidulous frame and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, lychee, small notes of apple associated with fine varietal touches, fresh spices and an imperceptible hint of green tea. Good length.

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

### Case D'Alto 2016

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose offers power, a fine grain as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of sweet spices, fresh leather, small notes of apple associated with small touches of apple flowers, fine hints of small fresh yellow fruits, a discreet hint of local copse and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine tension, dynamism, fullness and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince, small notes of spices associated with fine touches of apple, fresh leather, a very discreet hint of fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Terre de Guerriero – Torrecone 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small fleshiness as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of lychee, crushed brugnon, small notes of pulpy green apple associated with small touches of peach flowers, fresh verbenas and a hint of kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as sapidity, suavity and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, fresh quenette, small notes of fresh/juicy apple associated with touches of white peach as well as fine hints of kumquat, a discreet hint of nutmeg, an imperceptible hint of honey and acacia. Good length.

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

# Campania Region

## Passo Delle Tortore – Bacio Delle Tortore 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity, squared and offers a fine concentration, a fine power as well as a fine grain and a fine richness. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy small yellow fruits, juicy apple, small notes of quince associated with small touches of apple flowers, a discreet hint of verbena and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, gourmandize as well as a good definition, precision and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy kumquat, small notes of bright vine peach associated with a touch of bright brugnion as well as a hint of green apple, apple flowers and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

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

## Guido Marsella 2018 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits, small notes of kumquat associated with touches of crunchy brugnion, pear as well as a discreet hint of fresh mango, local copse, acacia and a very discreet hint of sweet spices/fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality and a fine deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy green apple, small notes of vine peach associated with small touches of peach flowers, hints of local copse, quince as well as discreet hints of small yellow fruits, sweet spices, very discreet hints of almond, acacia (in the background) and an imperceptible honey hint (in the background). Good length.

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

## Nativ, Fontana Del Sambuco 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is elegant and offers gourmandize, a fine richness as well as a certain delicacy. It reveals notes of quenette, green apple, small notes of peach flowers associated with fine touches of olive tree/sense of the place (local biotope), kumquat zests, dry zests as well as a discreet hint of verbena and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is elegant, suave, beautifully defined and offers gourmandize, a small fat, dynamism and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, juicy green apple, small notes of bright vine peach associated with a touch of quince, lychee, kumquat as well as a very discreet hint of verbena, rose and an imperceptible hint of crushed peach. Good length. Sapidly and gourmandize on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Cantine De Palma 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is aromatic, slightly on the hold and offers a small power/concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of quenette, bright green apple, small notes of juicy brugnion associated with small touches of lychee, peach flowers and a discreet hint of fresh verbena. The palate is fruity, suave and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a good definition and sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quenette, juicy/fresh kumquat, small notes of crushed vine peach associated with a touch of pear as well as hints of verbena, white flowers and a very discreet hint of almond. Good length.

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

## Colli di Lapio – Romano Clelia 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of lychee, eucalyptus, small notes of white flowers associated with touches of crushed Mirabelle, pear as well as a hint of pear flowers, lemon zests, a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand and offers fat, a beautiful fullness, definition as well as an acidulous frame and appetite. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy lemon, juicy vine peach, small notes of pear associated with touches of green apple as well as hints of exotic fruits, a discreet hint of linden/acacia, an imperceptible hint of fresh verbena (in the background) and almond. A wine offering a beautiful work on the matter and the grain.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Colli Di CastelFranci – Pendino 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers generosity, a fine freshness as well as a certain richness (controlled). It reveals notes of quenette, pink lychee, small notes of peach flowers associated with touches of small crushed wild fruits, lemon flowers as well as a fine

hint of zests and green apple skin. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a good definition, a certain richness, sapidity and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy vine peach, small notes of quenette associated with touches of lychee, bright pear as well as a subtle hint of juicy/acidulous mandarine, lemon mesocarp and a discreet hint of mandarine flowers. Good length.

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

## Donnachiara 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers a small concentration as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed pear, quince, small notes of crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of mandarine mesocarp, a very discreet hint of fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of fresh local copse. The palate is fruity, fat, suave and offers a small tension, energy, fullness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, fleshy/bright apple, small notes of nectarine associated with a touch of kumquat, small hints of small crushed yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of mango and a very discreet hint of local copse. A subtle hint of dry almond on the finish.

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

## Le Masciare 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

(Organic) The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a small concentration, a fine intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of crushed Mirabelle, crushed pear, small notes of fresh brugnion associated with fine touches of lychee as well as a hint of lemon and fine varietal hints. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity and offers a beautiful balance, a fine incisive side, a good definition as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, fresh/juicy brugnion, small notes of juicy/fresh peach associated with small touches of peach flowers, fresh quenette as well as a subtle hint of quince, kumquat, discreet hints of sweet spices, almond and an imperceptible hint of bee wax (in the background).

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

## Mastroberardino – Radici 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers a certain power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of quince, dry zests, small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with small varietal touches, pear as well as fine hints of fresh olive tree, pear flowers and a discreet hint of fresh local copse. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small suavity and energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous brugnion, lychee, small notes of juicy/fresh quince associated with small touches of dry zests, fresh local copse and a subtle hint of fresh apple/lemon flowers. Good length. A very discreet hint of toasted almond on the persistence.

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

## Crypta Castagnara 2018 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pear, quince, small notes of small white fruits associated with touches of mesocarp and a hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers juiciness, a fine suavity and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, mesocarp, small notes of juicy/crunchy brugnion associated with a touch of nectarine as well as a hint of apple and zests. Good length. A good acidulous persistence.

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

## Contrada, Selvecorte 2015 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose offers a good definition, a fine grain as well as a certain richness (in control), deepness and a certain delicacy. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of spices, pear, small notes of quince associated with a touch of yellow peach, fresh nutmeg, a hint of tobacco and a very discreet hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers minerality, elegance as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness and a small crystallized side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, pear, pear flowers, small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of nutmeg, spices as well as a hint of fresh tobacco, an imperceptible hint of bee wax and local copse. Good length. A very discreet hint of fresh rosemary on the persistence.

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

# Campania Region

## Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Refiano 2019

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity and a small richness. It reveals notes of quince, spices, pulpy pear associated with small touches of crushed yellow apple as well as fine hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy kumquat, juicy lychee, small notes of pear associated with touches of pear flowers as well as a subtle hint of citrus/mesocarp and discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

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

## Anima Ribelle 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is quite aromatic and offers a certain intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of pear, brugnon, small notes of fresh quince associated with touches of white nectarine, peach flowers as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as small fat, fullness and a fine spherical side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, brugnon, small notes lychee associated with small touches of juicy/pulpy peach as well as fine hints of lemon, lemon mesocarp and an imperceptible hint of fresh local copse.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta Del Meriggio 2017

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a fine gourmandize as well as freshness. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat, small notes of crushed brugnon associated with touches of apple as well as fine hints of pear flowers and a discreet hint of lemon mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, crushed pear, small notes of lychee associated with touches of lemon as well as fine hints of mandarine, very discreet hints of pear flowers and an imperceptible hint of verbena. Good length.

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

## Contrada 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of pear, crushed brugnon, small notes of apple flowers associated with touches of crushed lychee, subtle hints of mesocarp and fresh local copse. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, dynamism as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, juicy/fleshy nectarine, small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of mesocarp, rose, peach flowers as well as a discreet hint of local copse. Good length.

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

## Le Vigne di Rosa 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh and offers intensity, a certain power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of apple, white nectarine, small notes of fresh local copse associated with fine hints of flowers and a very discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity and offers fullness, a certain amplexness, a mineral frame as well as a certain intensity, fat, suavity and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of rose, lychee, small notes of peach flowers associated with touches of fresh local copse, peach as well as a hint of crushed brugnon. Good length.

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

## Case D'Alto – Ecolissi 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity as well as a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of lemon, quenette, small notes of lychee associated with small touches of apple and very fine hints of apple flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, sapidity, a beautiful fat as well as gourmandize and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, pulpy Mirabelle, small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of quenette as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, butter and nutmeg. Good length. A very discreet almost toasted hint and an imperceptible saline hint on the finish/persistence. A beautiful work on the matter/texture.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Borgodangelo 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality as well as a small crystallized side. It reveals notes of quince, yellow apple, small notes of pear associated with small touches of lemon flowers, fresh verbena, a very discreet hint of lychee and sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful minerality, an acidulous frame, a good finesse of the fat, a good definition and a very fine crystallized side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed brugnon, small notes of pear associated with small touches of lemon/lemon zests, mandarine flowers, pink lychee as well as hints of racy minerality, an imperceptible hint of sense of the place and butter. Good length.

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

## Quinto Decimo – Exultet 2018

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power (in finesse) as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain and deepness. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy William pear, small notes of yellow apple associated with touches of small fruits, nutmeg, dry almond as well as fine hints of spices and apple flowers. The palate is fruity, finely perling in the attack, beautifully built/defined and offers tension (in finesse), power (in finesse) as well as a small aerial/stretchy/full of length side, gourmandize and a justly dosed small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/pulpy pear, small notes of crushed nectarine associated with touches of kumquat, quenette as well as fine hints of peach flowers, yuzu, sweet spices, almond, butter/brioche and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. A beautiful persistence.

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

## Torricino 2019

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh, fruity and very discreetly tight. It reveals notes of quince, pear, small notes of pear flowers associated with small touches of brugnon and fine hints of lemon mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, suavity as well as a small juiciness, a small fat, a good minerality and a very finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fresh Mirabelle, small notes of crunchy pear associated with touches of crunchy apple as well as fine hints of apple flowers and an imperceptible hint of linden (in the background). Good length. A very discreet iodine hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta Cavalier Pepe – Brancato 2017

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness as well as a certain very finely tight concentration. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of kumquat, quince, small notes of dry zests associated with touches of white fruits as well as fine hints of lychee and discreet hints of mesocarp. The palate is fresh, mineral, suave and offers a fine richness as well as energy and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy nectarine, crushed brugnon, small notes of quince associated with small touches of lemon mesocarp as well as discreet hints of fresh flowers and an imperceptible hint of verbena/linden (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible sapid/almost iodine hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Tenuta Del Meriggio – Colle Delle Ginestre 2019

Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity, fresh, slightly on the hold and offers a very fine intensity as well as a certain harmony. It reveals notes of fleshy apple, crushed peach, small notes of pear associated with fine touches of fresh lychee, small fresh blue fruits as well as a discreet hint of lemon flowers, an imperceptible hint of fresh rosemary and garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame as well as juiciness, harmony, fullness, a fine grain and a soothing side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy white nectarine, crushed brugnon, small notes of quince associated with touches of lychee, small white fruits as well as a subtle hint of rosemary/fresh local copse. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

# Campania Region

## Colli di Lapio, Romano Clelia – Alèxandros 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers a small minerality. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow berries, small notes of crunchy/fresh William pear associated with fine touches of green apple and discreet hints of fresh verbena (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers elegance, a fine tension, suavity and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy quince, small notes of vine peach associated with touches of William pear as well as fine hints of green apple, a very discreet hint of green apple flowers and an imperceptible hint of local garrigue. Good length.

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

## Torricino – Serrapiano 2018 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of brugnon, white nectarine, small notes of lychee associated with discreet hints of lemon, lemon flowers as well as a subtle mineral hint and pear tree. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, a good freshness, a small suavity as well as a fine sapidity, energy and a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/freshy brugnon, fresh nectarine, small notes of fresh apple associated with touches of lychee, pear flower and an imperceptible hint of fenouil. Good length. A very discreet acidulous hint and hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Enoaelta – I Nobili 2019 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is fresh, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of white nectarine, small notes of lemon mesocarp associated with small touches of peach flowers and a hint of lychee. The palate is fruity, suave and offers a fine grain, a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon mesocarp, juicy white nectarine, small notes of apple associated with small touches of peach flowers, a subtle hint of lychee, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh local copse (in the background).

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

## Nardone 2018 Fiano di Avellino DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, a certain intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe pear, juicy/fresh peach, small notes of quenette associated with small touches of white flowers, rose, ripe almond and very discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a good definition, fullness, a small fat, a just richness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fresh apricot, juicy/fresh peach, small notes of pear associated with small touches of almond, lychee, rose, toasted and nutmeg. Very fine hints of beeswax and hazelnut on the persistence. Good length.

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



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## BARDOLINO

### Bigagnoli di Bigagnoli Alessio 2019 Bardolino Classico

(Organic) The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of redcurrant, raspberry, small notes of cassis leaf associated with fine touches of pepper, garrigue/olive tree, fine hints of rose and tulip. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small gourmandize, a small fat, a fine acidulous frame as well as juiciness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy redcurrant, pulpy/juicy cassis, small notes of small crunchy red fruits associated with touches of garrigue, lily, iris, olive tree and very discreet hints of acidulous raspberry candy.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Corte Gardoni – Le Fontane 2019 Bardolino

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, pulpy raspberry, small notes of cherry associated with touches of wild blackberry, iris, fine hints of crunchy violet plum and a discreet hint of olive tree/garrigue. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine freshness, a small gourmandize, a fine suavity and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of bright cherry associated with small touches of fleshy blackberry, violet, lily as well as fine hints of black olive, lilac and an imperceptible hint of dry local copse/tonka bean (in the background).

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

### Zenato 2019 Bardolino

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, crushed cherry, small notes of fleshy cassis associated with small touches of cherry blossom as well as fine hints of chocolate/crushed almond. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine suavity, a small minerality, a fine freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of juicy wild strawberry as well as very fine hints of chocolate and laurel.

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

### Valerio Zenato – Le Morette 2019 Bardolino Classico

The nose is finely tight and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy strawberry, small notes of crushed violet plum associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry, laurel, cornflower and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a small gourmandize as well as a very fine unctuousness, suavity and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of small pulpy/crushed red berries associated with touches of bright violet plum, lilac, violet as well as fine hints of local copse, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible hint of liquorice on the persistence.

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

### Gorgo 2019 Bardolino

(Organic) The nose is aromatic, franc and offers power, a small intensity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of fleshy cherry as well as fine hints of crushed red berries, very fine hints of olive tree, laurel berries/dry local copse. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, a certain purity as well as a beautiful juicy/fleshy/finely acidulous fruit and a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small crunchy/juicy red berries, small notes of juicy/crunchy cassis associated with fine small touches of blackberry, cherry blossom, rosemary as well as a very discreet hint of fresh flowers. Good length.

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

### Marchesini Marcello 2018 Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity and slightly toasted / chocolated. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, ripe / fresh Boysenberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of chocolate, toasted, roasted almond as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper in the

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background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a small fat, suavity, a fine juiciness as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cassis, juicy Boysen blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of cherry, violet as well as very discreet hints of roasted almond and an imperceptible toasted hint. Tannins are supple. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Le Fraghe 2019

### Bardolino Classico

(Organic) The nose is fruity, precise, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful fine grain as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy wild red berries, juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy purple plum associated with touches of fresh flowers as well as a hint of spices, pepper and a very fine hint of local grove / laurel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a beautiful precision, finesse as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, small juicy red berries and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of fresh flowers, a fine varietal hint, very discreet hints of gray pepper (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate and toasted almonds on the finish / persistence. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Menegotti 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is well-built, very discreetly tight and offers a small richness, a fine concentration as well as a small stretched side. It reveals notes of crushed Bigarreau cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy plum associated with a hint of cassis, blueberry as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, a subtle varietal hint / laurel and an imperceptible hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a beautiful suavity, a stretched side, a good finesse of the grain, a small freshness, a small fat as well as a discreet almost aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, pulpy / juicy cassis and small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with touches of cherry blossoms, fresh flowers, juicy plum, very discreet hints of laurel as well as an imperceptible toasted hint and tonka bean. Tannins are precise. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Le Fraghe – Brol Grande 2016

### Bardolino Classico

(Organic) The nose offers elegance as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of quite ripe wild strawberries, dried cherries and small notes of dry purple plum associated with touches of violet, nutmeg, tonka bean, warm local grove as well as a discreet hint of black olive, toasted and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, beautifully framed, all in length and offers freshness, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, precision, a small suavity, a small fat as well as a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quite ripe raspberry, quite ripe cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of tonka bean, hazelnut, roasted almond as well as discreet hints of black olive, local grove and a very discreet hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are precise and slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. Presence of a subtle saline hint and toasted / caramelization on the finish (brings sapidity and gourmandize).

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

## Poggio delle Grazie 2018

### Bardolino

The nose is a bit tight, spicy and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. There are notes of wild blackberry, chocolate and small notes of sweet spices (green cardamom...) associated with small touches of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) as well as toasted hints, toasted hazelnut, a hint of caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension, a beautiful suavity, dynamism as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / bright cherry, juicy / bright red berries and small notes of fresh wild blackberry associated with a touch of fresh flowers, tonka bean, sweet spices as well as a very fine hint of local grove / sense of place and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Zeni, Fef collection – i Filari del Nino 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a certain richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of plum, violet and small notes of Boysenberry associated

with small varietal touches, ripe wild red berries, olive leaf, dry local grove as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, beautifully juicy and offers a small freshness, gourmandize, a good definition, concentration as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy cherry and small notes of violet, fresh local grove associated with touches of small fleshy / crushed red berries, pulpy Boysenberry as well as slight hints of black tea, olive leaf, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of fresh almond (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

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

## Raval 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity, well defined and offers a small concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of ripe wild red berries, blackberry and small notes of bramble / local grove associated with fine touches of fleshy Bigarreau cherry, laurel as well as very fine hints of spices, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a fine freshness, volume, a certain fat, a good definition, a small minerality as well as a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of strawberry, violet, hints of local grove, zan, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of toasted almonds, tea and chocolate. Tannins are a bit mellow. Good length.

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

## Villa Medici 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a certain width of the aromatic palette. It reveals notes of crunchy raspberry, red berries and small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of laurel, spices as well as a discreet hint of pepper (in the background), zan, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension, suavity as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cherry, juicy / fresh raspberry and small notes of juicy / acidulous blackberry associated with touches of wild red berries, a hint of lilac, nutmeg, spices as well as a very fine hint of tobacco (in the base) and an imperceptible hint of cocoa (in the base). Good length. Small power on the finish.

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

## Danese 2018

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, a certain intensity, a bit tight grain as well as a stretched side. It reveals notes of small wild fruits, violet and small notes of pepper associated with a touch of blackberry, rosewood and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a small tight and offers a small juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, a small richness, a small fat, structure, a small minerality / freshness as well as a fine stretched side / all in length. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed blackberry, crushed plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of violet / lilac, zan as well as subtle hints of green cardamom and chocolate.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Azienda Pigno 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is a bit restrained and offers a small intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and wild small black fruits associated with a touch of cherry, red berries, violet, a hint of local grove as well as fine hints of gray pepper, green cardamom and a very discreet hint of mocha (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine freshness, dynamism, a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as control. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cherry, juicy / acidulous red berries and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy cassis, juicy / acidulous plum as well as fine hints of local grove, very discreet hints of toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of black olive (in the background).

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

## Gentili 2018

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a small complexity. It reveals notes of cherry and juicy wild raspberry associated with a touch of lily, juicy / acidulous plum, fine

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hints of sense of the place (local biotop, lilac, laurel...) as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and tea. The palate is fruity, well framed / structured and offers juiciness, beautiful juicy / ripe fruits, precision, a certain aromatic purity, freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous / juicy raspberry, juicy / acidulous cherry and small notes of violet, rose associated with a touch of acidulous / juicy / fresh plum, with very fine hints of sense of place, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of tea and black olive. Good length.  
**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Casetto 2018 Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity and offers a certain generosity, a fine power as well as a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of crushed Bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with small touches of strawberry, hints of cherry blossoms, violet, zan as well as a very discreet hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a fine straightness, a certain generosity, suavity, a small gourmandize as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrants, fleshy / crushed cherry and small notes of violet, cherry blossoms associated with small touches of juicy / fresh blueberry, small hints of racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and a subtle hint of black olive. Good length. A discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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

## Tenuta San Leone – Seiterre 2018 Bardolino Superiore

The nose offers a small concentration, a certain power, elegance, a fine intensity, a small complexity as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, candied raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrants, violets, lilies, fine hints of small blue fruits, zan, black olive as well as discreet hints of lilac, a very discreet hint of thyme flowers, subtle hints of sweet blond tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful definition, a small tension, precision, a certain generosity, suavity, a fine roundness as well as a fine aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of pulpy / juicy purple plum associated with small touches of small jammy red berries, violets, lilies, thyme flowers as well as discrete hints of sweet spices, fresh blond tobacco, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotop).

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Le Tende 2019 Bardolino Classico

(Organic) The nose is fruity, a small tight and offers a fine power. There are notes of cherry, small crushed red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of blackberry, lily, fine hints of spices, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of laurel berries and of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a fine suavity, a fine straightness, a fine freshness, a good definition as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cherry, fresh red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of fresh violet, cherry blossoms as well as a subtle hint of laurel berries, flowers thyme and nutmeg. Good length and persistence. Small sapidity on the finish / persistence.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Valetti 2019 Bardolino Classico

The nose offers notes of bright wild redcurrants, crunchy cherry and small notes of cherry blossoms associated with touches of crunchy blackberry, small hints of fresh flowers / dry local grove as well as discreet hints of zan and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a very discreet beading / gas side (on the attack). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants, crushed cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with a small touch of crunchy cassis, fresh flowers as well as a discreet hint of dry local grove / laurel and a very discreet hint of spices.

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

## Cesari 2018 Bardolino Classico

The nose offers notes of berries, local grove and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a touch of nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine

suavity, a small fat as well as a very fine freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild berries, crunchy cassis and fresh local grove combined with a touch of racy minerality, fresh flowers as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and olive.

**Score : 14+/20 (87/100)**

## LeNotti – Vigna le Giare 2018 Bardolino Classico

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine toasted side. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, crushed raspberry and small toasted notes associated with a small touch of violet, pulpy cassis as well as very fine hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright wild cherry, cherry blossoms and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of crunchy wild cassis as well as fine hints of laurel berries and a discreet hint of zan. There is a very discreet hint of dark chocolate and vanilla stick on the persistence.

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

## Zeni – VigneAlte 2019 Bardolino Classico

The nose is racy and offers a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of fleshy purple plum associated with small touches of fleshy wild berries, strawberry, fine hints of tonka bean, sweet spices, local grove, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of toasted almond and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small freshness, minerality as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cassis, pulpy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of bright blueberry, local grove, blond tobacco as well as a discreet hint of spices and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Gentili – San Verolo 2018 Bardolino

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fresh / pulpy raspberry, juicy cassis and small notes of Boysenberry associated with touches of quite ripe plum as well as small hints of zan, black olive and an imperceptible hint of thyme flowers. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a small freshness, minerality, a fine acidulous frame, precision, a good finesse of the straightness as well as a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cherry, bright redcurrants and small notes of juicy cassis associated with a touch of juicy purple plum as well as fine hints of zan / liquorice and a very discreet hint of oleander (in the background). Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

## Domini Veneti - Erbamora 2019 Bardolino Classico

The nose is well-rounded and offers elegance, a small deepness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and small notes of cassis bud associated with touches of blueberry, lily, fine hints of black olive, a sense of place as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of cocoa (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a beautiful finesse of the suavity, an acidulous frame, a good finesse of the fat as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous raspberry, juicy / acidulous cherry and small notes of juicy / fresh Quetsche plum associated with a hint of juicy / fresh cassis, nutmeg, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of black olive as well as an imperceptible hint of laurel berries (in the background), liquorice and vanilla bean (in the background).

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

## Azienda Agricola La Rocca 2019 Bardolino Classico

The nose is aromatic. There are beautiful notes of jammy redcurrants, bright cherry and small notes of blackberry, blackberry leaf associated with subtle hints of crushed cassis and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrants, bright cherry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with a touch of bright purple plum, fine hints of lilac, lily, discreet hints of spice as well as with a very discreet hint of laurel berries and an imperceptible hint of cocoa (in the background).

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

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## Cantina di Custoza – Val Dei Molini 2019

### Bardolino

The nose offers gourmandize, a certain gourmandize, a small richness as well as a fine concentration. There are notes of Bigarreau cherry, bright blueberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine hints of bud, lily, very fine hints of liquorice, a discreet hint of laurel berries, sweet blond tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices and rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine gourmandize, juiciness, generosity, an acidulous frame as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied redcurrants, fleshy / bright cherry and small notes of acidulous purple plum associated with a touch of crunchy blackberry, fine hints of fresh flowers, liquorice, black tea, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotop). Tannins are well developed and slightly extracted.

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

## Aldo Adami 2019

### Bardolino

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and offers freshness as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of fresh Gariguetta strawberry and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with small lilacs, rose petal as well as fine hints of dry local grove and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small minerality as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / bright raspberry, juicy / bright Gariguetta strawberry and small notes of cherry blossoms associated with a small touch of juicy / fresh cassis, cassis bud as well as a very discreet hint of local dry grove and stick of fresh licorice. Good length.

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

## Corte Fornello 2019

### Bardolino

The nose offers notes of pulpy small red fruits and small notes of cherry, cherry blossoms associated with a touch of local grove, a hint of blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of licorice, bay laurel and black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful definition, a small gourmandize, suavity as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, juicy / fresh redcurrants and small notes of juicy / fresh plum associated with a touch of raspberry leaf as well as very discreet hints of licorice stick. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Bolla – La Doria 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits and small notes of cherry associated with touches of cassis, pepper and fine hints of cherry blossoms. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity, a pulpy / gourmand fruit, dynamism, a small acid frame, a small roundness as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright / juicy redcurrants, juicy cassis and small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with small touches of laurel, lilac as well as a discreet hint of dry local grove. A discreet hint of cocoa and toasted on the persistence.

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

## Massimo Ronca – Vignaiolo 'In Sommacampagna 2019

### Bardolino

(Organic) The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of wild cherry, wild strawberry and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with touches of ripe / fresh cassis, lilac as well as a very discreet hint of laurel and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small fat, a beautiful definition, a certain aromatic purity, a beautiful finesse of the fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of Boysenberry, very fine hints of lilac, oleander, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and green cardamom. Good length. A beautiful, gourmand, generous and beautifully juicy wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Roccolo del Lago 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose offers a fine power. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of crushed wild blackberry, fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, black olive, gray pepper and a subtle hint of saffron (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a slightly tight grain, a beautiful juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine fat as well as a certain aromatic purity. In the mouth, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / pulpy cherry, pulpy / fleshy red berries and small notes of cassis bud associated with a fine touch of cherry blossoms, a sense of place as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of dark chocolate / mocha and an imperceptible hint of laurel berries (in the background). Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length.

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

## Il Pignetto 2018

### Bardolino

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize as well as good definition. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, chocolate, juicy plum as well as very fine hints of saffron and spices. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, a small minerality, an acidulous frame as well as a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh redcurrants, crunchy raspberries and small notes of juicy / fresh plum associated with small touches of fresh licorice stick, violet, saffron as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco blond (in the background). Tannins are very discreetly mellow. Good length. A wine that offers a beautiful juicy / fresh and well-defined fruit.

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

## Monte del Frà 2019

### Bardolino

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of raspberry leaf associated with very fine hints of licorice stick as well as discreet hints of bay leaf and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers generosity, bright fruits, a small tension as well as a fresh / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / bright redcurrants,

pulpy / bright raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of raspberry leaf as well as very fine hints of laurel berries, spices and Tonka bean.

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

## Santi – Ca' Bordenis 2019

### Bardolino Classico

The nose offers a small gourmandize, a fine power as well as a discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis leaf, pulpy small red fruits and small notes of strawberries associated with small touches of cassis as well as fine hints of dry local grove / laurel and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension, a small minerality as well as a discreet unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cherry, crushed red berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine hints of cherry blossoms, cassis leaf, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of laurel berries and cocoa on the finish. Good length.

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

## Le Muraglie 2019

### Bardolino

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small intensity. There are notes of pulpy / candied cherry, strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of cherry blossoms, very fine hints of the sense of the place (local biotop) as well as an imperceptible hint of tea black and thyme flowers. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, suavity as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of pulpy cherry associated with small touches of cherry blossoms as well as a discreet hint of sense of place and a very discreet hint of liquorice.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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## AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA

### Cesari – Il Bosco 2015

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a racy/controlled power as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of cooked cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of berries, violet/flowers as well as fine hints of sweet spices, griotte and dry tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, precision, tension as well as freshness, concentration (in elegance), justness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, dry blackberry, small notes of small cooked black fruits associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, strawberry, liquorice as well as hints of violet, black olive, tobacco, crushed almond, fine hints of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Good length. Tannins are beautifully built and elegant.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Cà Dei Maghi – Canova 2013

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva

The nose is intense, elegant, beautifully aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain (very discreetly tight), precision, a captivating side, small notes of cherry associated with touches of small violet plum, wild strawberry, small crushed blue fruits as well as hints of lily, cornflower, pepper, tobacco, very fine hints of camphor, sense of the place (terroir/ecosystem), rosemary and cocoa. The palate is beautifully elegant, gourmand, elegant, delicate, precise and offers a beautiful richness (in control) as well as finesse and a beautiful fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, cherry/crushed griotte, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of crushed blueberry, small violet plum, zan, tobacco as well as fine hints of cardamom, black tea, cocoa, cornflower and an imperceptible hint of aromatic herbs. Tannins are elegant, well-built and supple. Good length.

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

### San Rustico 2013

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is fruity, finely on the hold and offers a controlled power. It reveals notes of cooked cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of pulpy raspberry associated with small touches of flowers, crushed redcurrant as well as subtle hints of camphor, chocolate, vanilla pod and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, elegance, a good definition, a fine straightness, a small tension as well as a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cooked cassis, cooked cherry, small notes of violet, cooked blueberry associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of aromatic herbs (rosemary), zan, tobacco and toasted. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Pietro Clementi 2005

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is racy, elegant and offers power (full of finesse/control), intensity (full of elegance). It reveals notes of cooked griotte, cherry, small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of violet plum, violet, rose petal as well as fine hints of liquorice, tobacco, a discreet muddy hint, very discreet hints of pepper and an imperceptible hint of mushroom. The palate is fruity, racy, elegant, delicate, beautifully defined and offers gourmandize, a beautiful acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as beautiful control of the fruit, power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cooked cherry, pulpy/acidulous cassis, small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of cocoa/chocolate, a subtle hint of balsamic, very discreet hints of pepper, rose petal, liquorice, caramelized hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of cigar/underwood. A beautiful persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Buglioni – Il Narcisista 2016

#### Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize, a fine sucrosity and fruitiness. It reveals notes of candied cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of fleshy blue plum, lily as well as hints of red berries jam, fine hints of cedar, chocolate, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of dry local grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity, roundness and a small sucrosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, crushed violet plum, small notes of wild strawberry, fig associated with touches of red berries/redcurrant jam, pulpy blueberry as well as discreet hints of laurel, dry local grove, liquorice, candied and hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are very discreetly dry on the finish.

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

### Santa Sofia 2015

#### Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is elegant and offers a fine incisive side, a fine richness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cornflower, crushed blue plum associated with touches of crushed cassis, tonka bean, hints of caramelization, black olive, crushed strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice, vanilla pod and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a fresh frame, a beautiful pulpy/fresh/juicy fruit, gourmandize, pulpiness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, juicy/fresh violet plum, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of crushed blackberry, crushed wild strawberry as well as fine hints of fig, cedar, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

### San Rustico – Gaso 2012

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is gourmand, powerful and offers a fine grain, a small richness and deepness. It reveals notes of crushed violet plum, violet, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small blue berries, crushed cassis, grey pepper, tobacco as well as hints of spices, grey pepper and a subtle hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a small unctuousity, richness and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy griotte, violet plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of candied cassis as well as hints of rose petal, crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of tobacco, liquorice stick, cocoa, discreet hints of camphor, zests orange and rosemary. Good length. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Cesari – Bosan 2011

#### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva

The nose is elegant, racy, beautifully built, well-balanced and offers power (in finesse), a small straightness, a beautiful freshness and an aerial side. It reveals notes of liquorice, dry blueberry, cooked cassis, small notes of dry wild strawberry associated with fine touches of dry violet, sense of the place/terroir as well as very fine hints of sugared mild tobacco and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined, precise and offers juiciness, a fine freshness, a small acidulous frame, richness (in elegance), suavity, complexity and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/ripe wild cassis, pulpy/ripe Boysen berry, small notes of cooked blueberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, crushed redcurrant as well as hints of camphor, toasted/caramelization, dry almond, tonka bean and a subtle hint of aromatic herbs/mushroom (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant, well-built and very finely marked.

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

### Zyme 2015

#### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, well-built, racy and offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of griotte, dry cherry, small notes of dry blueberry associated with small touches of fleshy/pulpy cassis, hints of redcurrant jam as well as hints of cocoa, grey pepper; grilled and grilled almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight, racy and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a small deepness as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of griotte, dry blueberry, small notes of candied cassis associated with small touches of crushed/juicy raspberry, juicy Boysen berry as well as fine hints of cocoa, eucalyptus, toasted and nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are well-built and fine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Tommasi 2016

#### Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of wild blue fruits, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of spices, laurel, local grove, a discreet hint of flowers, a very fine hint of nutmeg, cardamom and black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, straightness/structure, a fleshy/dense fruit and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe fleshy cassis, crushed wild blackberry, small notes of small fleshy/juicy fruit associated with touches of crushed cherry, fig, violet plum, wild raspberry as well as very fine hints of zan, dry tobacco, cardamom, tonka bean, spices, a discreet hint of black tea and a subtle hint of underwood (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built, supple.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

# Veneto

## Speri – Sant’Urbano 2016

### Amarone Della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers power (controlled) and small intensity. This wine needs to be decanted. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed strawberry, small notes of black cherry/griotte associated with small touches of cornflower, small juicy blue fruits, lilac/lily as well as hints of liquorice stick, a subtle hint of sense of the place/rosemary, spices and an imperceptible hint of dry tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, suavity, silkiness, richness (in control) and a very fine freshness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed griotte associated with touches of crushed strawberry, pulpy violet plum as well as fine hints of lilac/lily, liquorice stick, spices, toasted/chocolate, mild tobacco and a discreet hint of pepper/rosemary. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Farina 2015

### Amarone Della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, a very fine richness as well as deepness, power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry, cornflower associated with touches of crunchy/juicy wild strawberry as well as fine hints of pepper, sweet spices, grilled hazelnut, nutmeg, a subtle almost orange hint, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a very beautiful definition, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine freshness, minerality, delicacy, subtlety, suavity and sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/fleshy blackberry, pulpy/bright violet plum, small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with small touches of fig, cornflower, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, discreet hints of dry local grove as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible almost orange hint.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Pietro Clementi 2011

### Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is gourmand, beautiful, racy, powerful (full of elegance) and offers a small richness, elegance, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as deepness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, dry Boysen berry, small notes of dry wild strawberry associated with touches of crushed black plum as well as small hints of local grove, fig, liquorice stick, vanilla, toasted, a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper, orange and thyme. The palate is fruity, elegant, complex and offers gourmandize, richness (full of elegance/balance), a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition as well as a certain aromatic purity and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Boysen berry, dry wild cassis, small notes of dry raspberry associated with touches of violet plum, fig as well as hints of orange/orange zests, dry local grove/garrigue, fine hints of liquorice, black olive, dark chocolate, vanilla, very discreet hints of sweet spices, green cardamom and hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence. A beautiful suave and gourmand persistence.

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

## Cà Dei Maghi – Annata 2015

### Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is elegant, concentrated, fruity and offers power but in elegance. It reveals notes of dry cassis, violet plum, small notes of fig associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of crushed redcurrant, camphor, liquorice and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully precise and offers gourmandize, a juicy/beautifully acidulous frame as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe violet fig, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of cherry jam, black olive, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of chocolate, orange, sense of the place, an imperceptible hint of lavender and spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautiful persistence on notes of chocolate and vanilla.

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

## Remo Farina – Montefante 2013, Riserva

### Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is fruity and offers power, a small incisive side as well as a certain intensity and deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of griotte cherry, camphor, dry black plum, small notes of concentrated cassis associated with fine touches of fig, dry local grove, pepper, graphite, very discreet hints of spices and black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous

frame, tension, dynamism and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, ripe black plum, small notes fig associated with touches of dry small blackberry berries, dry strawberry, violet, camphor as well as hints of grilled hazelnut (in the background). Tannins are well-built. A good length. A very discreet hint of bitterness on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Tezza – Valpantena 2013

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small concentration, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a finesse of the intensity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed violet plum, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of crushed strawberry as well as a hint of candied red berries, prune, very discreet hints of caramelization, chocolate and toasted/nutmeg. The palate is beautifully built and offers freshness, juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small tension, suavity, a good definition and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with small touches of juicy/pulpy quenette, crushed/pulpy red berries as well as subtle hints of violet, rose, sense of the place, a discreet hint of grilled, nutmeg and toasted. An imperceptible hint of crushed black olive (in the background) and coffee on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Tenuta Ca ‘Botta – Cajo’ 2016

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small concentrated black fruits as well as fine hints of violet, caramelization, dark chocolate, a subtle hint of brioche, a discreet hint of thyme and an imperceptible hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small tension and density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed wild cassis, concentrated blackberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of black plum, violet, pulpy strawberry as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate, liquorice, a discreet hint of thyme and balsamic. Good length. Power and fine hints of cigar/toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

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

## Buglioni – Il Lussurioso 2016

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy, beautifully defined and offers power (full of control), a certain delicacy in its construction (despite its power). It reveals notes of dry cassis, dry black plum, small notes of strawberry cream associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry, small flowers, thyme as well as fine hints of dry local grove, a hint of black tea, caramelization, crème brûlée, bourbon vanilla pod and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful suavity as well as deepness, a certain complexity, a small melodious side and a fine aerial side in the approach. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy Boysen berry, crushed cassis, small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, nutmeg, sweet spices, cardamom as well as very fine hints of toasted, tonka bean, black tea, black olive and sense of the (local biotope). Tannins are precise, elegant and offer a fine firmness.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Fattori – 2015 Riserva

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose offers elegance as well as deepness and a beautiful gourmand/definition. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of pulpy blue plum, cornflower, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry as well as small hints of lilac, toasted/caramelization, discreet hints of toasted hazelnut, brioche, a very discreet hint of vanilla flower and an imperceptible hint of Badiane. The palate is elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, delicacy, a beautiful precision, a very beautiful balance as well as suavity, fullness and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blueberry, small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with small touches of cherry jam, liquorice stick, vanilla pod as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, Badiane, lilac and caramelization. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

# Veneto

## Farina 2017

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, intensity as well as a beautiful ripe/juicy fruit. It reveals notes of cassis cream, bright blackberry, small notes of bright black plum associated with touches of crushed black cherry, Badiane, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of black tea and caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, bright blueberry, small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with touches of fresh/juicy raspberry as well as hints of violet, chocolate, zan, black tea, a subtle hint of liquorice, green cardamom and an imperceptible hint of cornflower/fresh hazelnut. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Corte Majoli 2016

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a small richness, a fine freshness as well as a small stretchy side. It reveals notes of crushed Boysen berry, strawberry, small notes of juicy/ripe violet plum, fresh raspberry associated with very fine hints of raspberry leaf, sweet spices, cocoa, a discreet hint of cornflower, black tea and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, juicy/ripe small black berries, small notes of camphor associated with touches of crushed black plum, liquorice, zan, dry wild strawberry as well as very fine hints of toasted, cocoa, a discreet hint of pepper, underwood. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly powdered. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Tessa, Brolo delle Giare 2013 Riserva

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a small concentration as well as deepness. It reveals notes of small black berries, cooked cassis, small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of spices, cooked blueberry as well as hints of fresh local grove, crushed strawberry as well as very hints of tobacco (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as minerality, a fine suavity and a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, cooked cassis, small notes of fresh strawberry associated with touches of violet as well as hints of cooked black plum, a racy minerality, cedar wood, mild tobacco as well as discreet hints of spices, sense of the place, laurel and a very discreet hint of vanilla pod. Good length. A persistence on notes of cocoa and dark chocolate.

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

## Villa San Carlo 2015

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, elegance as well as a good definition and a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, lily, small notes of bright plum associated with touches of bright strawberry, juicy/ripe fig as well as hints of tonka bean, sweet spices, cardamom, a discreet hint of sense of the place (local biotope), black olive and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a fine aerial side, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful freshness, a small suavity and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, bright violet plum, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with a small touch of juicy/pulpy cassis, lily, violet as well as hints of nutmeg, toasted, tonka bean, discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Pietro Zardini, Leone Zardini 2013 Riserva

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, a certain intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of dry blueberry, cassis, small notes of cooked plum associated with small touches of pulpy strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, violet, nutmeg, discreet hint of incense, a subtle hint of olive tree/black olive, mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, freshness, gourmandize as well as dynamism and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, bright blackberry, small notes of dry blueberry associated with a touch of dry fig as well as small hints of spics, dry wild strawberry, cocoa, incense, discreet hints of laurel and an imperceptible hint of olive tree (in the background). Good length.

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

## Pietro Zardini, Pietro Junior 2016

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, a slightly tight grain, a certain deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild black berries, small notes of black plum associated with small touches of violet plum, wild raspberry, nutmeg as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cherry blossom, bergamot, sweet spices, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, minerality, a small freshness as well as suavity, a very fine straightness, a certain intensity, a small gourmandize, dynamism and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, fleshy/juicy black plum, small notes of small black berries associated with hints of tonka bean, toasted/grilled oak, a discreet hint of caramelization, sweet spices and sugared mild tobacco (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and offer a certain suppleness.

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

## Cesari 2016

### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose offers a fine intensity, a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small pulpy/bright black berries, small notes of black plum associated with touches of chocolate, caramelization, cedar wood as well as fine hints of cherry blossom, violet, sweet spices and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a small freshness, dynamism, a certain verticality as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, small crushed wild black berries, small notes of bright raspberry associated with a touch of cherry, fresh/juicy fig, toasted, chocolate, a discreet hint of toasted almond and toasted hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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

## Rubinelli Vajol 2013

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a certain deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, lilac, lily, small notes of small acidulous blue berries associated with a touch of juicy/acidulous cherry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, tea, laurel berries, a racy minerality, a very discreet hint of spices and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers minerality, a mineral frame (good minerality), acidulous and a certain juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright redcurrant, juicy/acidulous blueberry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with a touch of violet plum as well as hints of violet, nutmeg, toasted and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Good length.

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

## Torre del Falasco 2015

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers concentration as well as a certain power, a fine grain, intensity and a good definition. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of crushed touches, rosemary, sense of the place (local biotope) as well as hints of dry fig, sweet spices, a very fine hint of mild tobacco, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cedar (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small fat, dynamism, juiciness as well as tension, gourmandize, fullness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of violet plum, dry fig as well as hints of mild tobacco, nutmeg, very discreet hints of toasted almond and nutmeg. Good length. A beautiful persistence and finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Tommasi – Ca' Florian 2012

### Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a certain intensity, power as well as a fine grain and deepness. It reveals notes of dry cassis, dry strawberry, small notes of rose, lily associated with small touches of fresh nutmeg, small fresh wild berries as well as small hints of cardamom, sense of the place, a very discreet hint of laurel berries, tobacco and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, minerality, a small freshness, a mineral frame as well as tension and a small verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrant, small notes of pulpy cassis associated with touches of violet, small fresh fruits as well as hints of rose, lilac, mocha, toasted and very fine hints of toasted/caramelized hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are precise.

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

# Veneto

## Tenuta Ca' Botta – Pian di Mezzo 2013, Riserva Amarone della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers intensity (full of control) and a good definition. It reveals notes of cassis, cornflower, lilac, small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of sense of the place (fresh local biotope), liquorice, a discreet hint of Badiane and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a pulpy/juicy fruit, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy/juicy blackberry, small notes of cooked cassis associated with touches of crushed strawberry, blueberry, black olive as well as hints of tobacco, fine hints of sense of the place, a discreet hint of caramelized hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of fresh vanilla pod. A persistence on notes of cocoa.

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

## Valentina Cubi – Morar 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is elegant, well-built, harmonious and offers a certain delicacy, a fine grain as well as a certain complexity. It reveals notes of quite ripe wild cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of violet, cornflower associated with touches of tonka bean, underwood, quite ripe blueberry as well as a hint of cigar box, truffle and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity, elegance as well as harmony, a beautiful touch, a fine creaminess and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of creamy cassis, pulpy Boysen berry, small notes of pulpy/fresh blueberry associated with a touch of crushed strawberry as well as hints of cigar box, chocolate, brioche, patisseries, fine hints of incense, graphite, discreet hints of truffle and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place/pink laurel. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## RECIOTO DELLA VALPOLICELLA

### Gaso 2018 Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is beautifully powered, gourmand, very discreetly tight and offers a certain aromatic purity, intensity, a certain deepness as well as a fine unctuous sensation. It reveals notes of candied cassis, candied cherry, fig, spices, liquorice stick, violet as well as fine hints of laurel berries, vanilla pod and a subtle hint of local grove. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension as well as sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied cassis, candied cherry, small notes of candied redcurrant associated with a touch of raspberry, violet, fig as well as small hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of acidulous candy.

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

### Tezza, Brolo delle Giare 2017 Recioto Della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity and offers intensity. It reveals notes of bright redcurrant, crushed blackberry, small notes of candied cassis associated with a touch of strawberry, balsamic as well as a subtle hint of dry zests and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity as well as gourmandize, tension and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied redcurrant, crushed raspberry, small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of bright Boysen berry as well as small touches of liquorice, balsamic, flowers and a subtle hint of candied kumquat. A fine hint of caramelization and chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Cà Dei Maghi 2011 Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is elegant, slightly tight and offers power, intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of red cherry, candied redcurrant, small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of cherry seed, small blue fruits as well as touches of violet, lily, pepper, black tea, discreet hints of laurel berries and sense of the place. The palate is beautifully fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers minerality, an acidulous frame and a juicy/acidulous beautiful fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, bright cassis, small notes of candied blackberry associated with touches of acidulous red cherry, juicy/acidulous violet plum as well as hints of liquorice stick, hazelnut, sweet spices, fine hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of dry local grove (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and precise. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate and black tea on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Santa Sofia 2015 Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers complexity, a beautiful definition and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of bright black cherry, plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry jam, crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of iris, pepper, discreet hints of laurel berries and local grove. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension as well as finesse, suavity, a good definition and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, crushed raspberry, small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of bright cherry as well as hints of acidulous/pulpy violet plum, liquorice stick, iris, liquorice, black tea, discreet hints of laurel berries, an imperceptible hint of dry local grove and balsamic. Good length. Tannins are precise and finely chewy.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Vignaiolo Pietro Zardini 2018 Recioto Della Valpolicella

The nose is gourmand and offers intensity, a certain power, richness as well as a fine incive side and a fine grain. It reveals notes of candied cherry, redcurrant jam, small notes of bright blackberry associated with touches of black plum as well as hints of liquorice, tobacco, Cuben pepper, fine hints of toasted, hazelnut and a very discreet hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a certain freshness as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cherry, candied strawberry, small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of candied plum as well as hints of liquorice, fresh hazelnut, grilled almond, fine hints of coffee, bergamot and subtle hints of sense of the place (local biotope). A sugared persistence. A beautiful wine full of balance.

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

### Cantina Valpantena – Tesoro 2015 Recioto Della Valpolicella

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a certain harmony as well as elegance. It reveals notes of candied cassis, black cherry, small notes of candied black plum associated with small touches of crushed wild strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, camphor, laurel berries, discreet hints of tobacco and hazelnut. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied black cherry, crushed blackberry, small notes of bright cassis associated with touches of pulpy/acidulous black plum, small black berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, laurel berries, camphor, a discreet hint of black pepper, toasted almond, grilled hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). Tannins are very finely marked. Good length.

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

### Valentina Cubi – Meliloto 2015 Recioto Della Valpolicella

(Organic) The nose offers a certain power. This wine benefits from being worked in the glass. It reveals notes of spices, nutmeg, small notes of old oak associated with touches of crushed raspberry, candied blackberry, hints of candied cassis, liquorice as well as dusty hints, oxidation and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, slightly tight and offers tension, a small fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe raspberry, strawberry, small notes of candied cassis associated with small touches of candied blackberry, tobacco, spices, old oak, fine hints of oxidation and discreet hints of liquorice stick. Tannins are finely chewy. A hint of tobacco on the persistence.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

### Rubinelli Vajol 2013 Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, precision as well as a certain aromatic purity and a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of candied cherry, redcurrant, small notes of flowers associated with touches of candied cassis, bright strawberry as well as fine hints of sense of the place (local biotope), pepper, liquorice stick, spices, a subtle hint of tobacco box and incense. The palate is elegant, beautifully built and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine tension, a small aerial side, suavity, a certain amplexness as well as a small sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright cassis, candied cherry, small notes of candied redcurrant associated with touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as hints of smoke, toasted almond, toasted hazelnut, toasted oak, very discreet hints of tobacco box, chocolate and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. Tannins are elegant, precise and well-built.

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



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### Champagne Christian Briard - Cuvée Rubis - Brut

The nose is fruity, fresh and dynamic. It reveals notes of fresh pear, fresh raspberry and small notes of lemon associated with hints of citrus fruits, zest, rose and a very discreet hint of lychee. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful juiciness of the fruit. The effervescence is fine and offers elegance as well as dynamism. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cassis and small notes of fresh lemon associated with small touches of fresh pear as well as discreet hints of fresh mandarin, a subtle hint of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of brioche (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Champagne Houssart - Brut Rosé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of raspberry sorbet, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy peach associated with subtle lemon hints as well as an imperceptible brioche hint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, juicy, elegant, beautifully structured, racy and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful freshness. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and elegant. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry sorbet, juicy / ripe redcurrants and small notes of lemon associated with touches of lime, peach flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of apple (in the background). Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste. A beautiful rosé Champagne !  
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

### Champagne Cédric Guyot - Cuvée Séduction - Brut

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power as well as a vinous side. It reveals notes of cherry, strawberry and small notes of lychee associated with small touches of crushed pear as well as hints of sour cherry candy. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as freshness. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh / juicy strawberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of juicy pear associated with a touch of zest as well as fine hints of lemon blossom, zest and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

### Champagne Jaunaux-Robin - Rosé de Saignée - Brut Rosé

The nose is fresh and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of raspberry, raspberry leaf and small notes of cassis bud associated with small touches of citrus fruits, zest as well as fine hints of cloves and dried herbs. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and a bit tight. The effervescence is fine. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of quince, raspberry leaf, cassis bud and small notes of fresh cassis associated with very fine hints of citrus fruits, zest and a hint of mesocarp. Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of clove and cassis leaf on the persistence.  
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

### Champagne Michel Genet - Redblend 9208 - Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity, pure and offers elegance. It reveals notes of fresh / fleshy white peach, fresh / fleshy apple and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of apricot blossoms. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a very fine vinous side, a good definition, roundness, gourmandize, elegance as well as a discreet aerial side. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of crunchy / juicy apple associated with small touches of lemon as well as a discreet hint of kumquat, lychee, of pink and a subtle chalky hint. Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Champagne Hutasse & Fils - Clin d'Oeil - Brut, Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine suave sensation. It reveals notes of raspberry, crushed cherry and small notes of strawberry acidulous candy associated with a hint of violet and a discreet hint of crushed lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers gourmandize, suavity, fat, a fine acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a chalky edge as well as a fine tension. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of crushed raspberry, cherry acidulous candy, crushed strawberry and small notes of fresh cassis associated with a touch of apple blossoms, lychee as well as a discreet hint of lemon and a very discreet vinous hint. Good length.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

### Champagne J. De Telmont - Brut

The nose is fresh, chalky and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of chalk, fresh brioche and small notes of fresh cassis associated with small touches of white fruit as well as a discreet hint of fresh cherry and almond. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, fullness, a certain gourmandize, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a fine grain. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh almond, crunchy / juicy green apple, crunchy / juicy pear and small notes of juicy lychee associated with small touches of lemon as well as very discreet hints of brioche and small dried fruits. Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Champagne Louis Brochet - Heritage Rosé - Brut

(disgorgement 8/12/19) The nose is fresh, well-built and offers a small chalky side. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of fresh / juicy yellow apple associated with small touches of nectarine as well as a hint of zest and lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition as well as a fine acidulous frame. The effervescence is frank, dynamic and fine. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of fresh lemon associated with a touch

of crunchy / juicy nectarine as well as a very discreet hint of fresh orange, vinous and dried almond. Good length. Good acidulous persistence.  
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

### Champagne De Villepin - Brut Rosé

The nose is fresh and offers a small power. It reveals notes of fresh quince, crunchy nectarine and small notes of crunchy apple associated with small touches of sense of the place (terroir), sweet spices, nutmeg, fresh cassis as well as a very discreet hint of almond and an imperceptible hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a small fat. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy nectarine associated with small touches of fresh cassis, discreet hints of juicy quince, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh almond and biscuit. Good length. A very discreet firmness on the persistence.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

### Champagne Bonnet-Ponson - Cuvée Perpétuelle - Extra-Brut

(disgorgement: 07/2019) The nose is fresh, well-built and offers a fine intensity, finesse, elegance as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of mandarin, kumquat and zest associated with fine touches of pear, lemon as well as discreet hints of honeysuckle, exotic fruits and a hint of fresh raspberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a good definition, a beautiful sharp side, a small fat as well as suavity. The effervescence is fine, delicate and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy mandarin and small notes of crunchy / juicy vine peach associated with touches of lemon blossoms, apple blossoms as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. Good length.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)



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## Champagne Sadi Malot - Rosé de Nature - Brut Nature Rosé, Premier Cru

(disgorgement: 05/2019. Base: 2016) The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a small frank side. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, peach blossoms and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of limestone, fresh kumquat, lemon blossoms as well as a subtle hint of fresh strawberry. The palate is fresh, fruity, incisive / frank and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, minerality, a fine gourmandize as well as tension. The effervescence is very fine and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of crunchy nectarine, crunchy / juicy green apple and small notes of vine peach associated with small touches of peach blossoms, lemon blossoms as well as a subtle hint of kumquat, zest and an imperceptible hint of butter brioche. Good length.

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

## Champagne Domaine La Borderie - Douce Folie - Extra-Brut Rosé

(base: 2015. Disgorgement 07/2019) The nose is fresh, elegant, precise and offers a good definition as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy raspberry, raspberry leaf and small notes of quince associated with small touches of pulpy cassis as well as very fine hints of brioche and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, precise and offers tension, a small aerial side as well as a fine straightness. The effervescence is very fine and precise. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrants and small notes of raspberry leaf associated with touches of quince, crunchy mirabelle plum, a subtle hint of lemon mesocarp as well as a very discreet hint of flowers of lemon and subtle hints of spices. A Champagne full of precision.

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

## Champagne Lequeux-Mercier - Rosé de Saignée - Extra-Brut

(disgorgement 06/09/19. Base 2013) The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crushed red berries, dried almond and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of toasted oak and a subtle hint of dry biscuit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a small incisive side, dynamism as well as a beautiful freshness. The effervescence is fine, elegant, dynamic and ample. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, small crushed red berries and small notes of crunchy / fresh green apple, fresh almond associated with small touches of lychee, tangerine as well as a discreet hint of biscuit, cherry blossoms and a subtle chalky hint. Good length.

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

## Champagne Sadi Malot - Bulles de Rosé Brut Rosé, Premier Cru

(disgorgement: 09/2019. Base: 2017) The nose is fruity, pure and offers elegance as well as precision. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, crunchy nectarine and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of quince, discreet chalky hints as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and crushed redcurrants (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, beautifully racy (limestone / terroir) and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension. The effervescence is fine, dynamic, precise and well-built. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of crunchy / fresh peach, fresh / crunchy pear and small notes of fresh / crunchy nectarine associated with touches of fresh / juicy quince, mandarin as well as very discreet hints of brioche and almond (in the background). Good length.

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

## Champagne Allouchery-Perseval - Epilogue, Rosé Millésimé 2012

Brut, Premier Cru

(disgorgement 10/2018) The nose is fresh, elegant, well-built and offers a small incisive side as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, peach blossoms and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of juicy kumquat,

a subtle hint of fresh apricot as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a certain fullness, finesse, a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a good definition. The effervescence is fine, delicate and offers elegance. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy mandarin, juicy lemon and small notes of lychee associated with touches of juicy vine peach, a subtle hint of apricot blossoms, peach blossoms as well as very discreet hints of juicy quince, brioche and sweet spices. Good length. A gastronomic rosé!

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

## Champagne Gimonnet Gonet - L'Éclat - Brut Rosé, Grand Cru

(disgorgement: 07/2019) The nose is elegant, pure and offers a certain delicacy as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh peach and small notes of fresh apple associated with small touches of ripe redcurrants as well as a discreet hint of quince, dry almond and a very discreet hint of cloves. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame, harmony as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. The effervescence is fine and elegant. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of crushed raspberry, crushed vine peach and small notes of fleshy green apple associated with touches of fleshy / sweet cherry, discreet hints of rose petals, violet as well as very discrete hints of almonds, brioche and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible almost lavender hint on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Champagne Amyot Rosé Sec

The nose is fruity and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of lychee, rose and small notes of juicy nectarine associated with fine hints of lemon blossoms as well as a discreet hint of kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a racy minerality, fat, a fine sweetness, a certain roundness, freshness as well as deepness. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of pulpy raspberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with

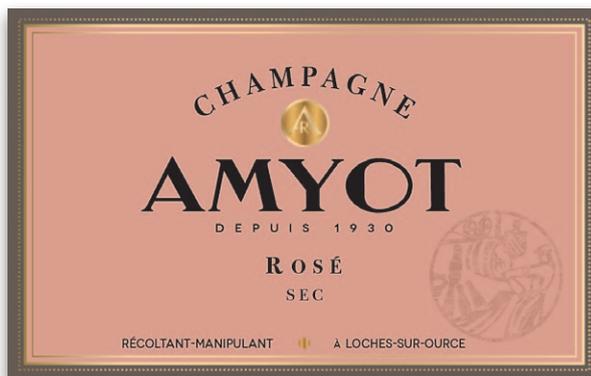
touches of crushed apple, exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of crystallized lemon, a discreet hint of flowers lemon tree and an imperceptible almost butter hint (in the background). Good length.

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

## Champagne Philippe Martin - Rosé de Saignée - Brut Rosé

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of raspberry, honeysuckle and small notes of acacia associated with fine touches of juicy peach as well as a hint of lemon and varietal (cassis bud, cassis leaf...). The palate offers freshness, dynamism as well as a fine acidulous frame. The effervescence is dynamic, tasty and offers elegance as well as power. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fleshy pear, crunchy nectarine and small notes of quince associated with touches of acacia, cassis bud, cassis leaf, raspberry as well as fine hints of lemon zest, a discreet hint of kumquat and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (in the background). Good length.

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



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## Champagne Bruno & Grégoire Perseval Brut Rosé, Premier Cru

(disgorgement: 02/2020) The nose est is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a certain gourmandize. It reveals notes of pulpy / juicy cherry, apple and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of lemon as well as a hint of flowers and very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fresh (beautiful freshness), fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, suavity, a small fat as well as a certain generosity. The effervescence is dynamic, well-built and elegant. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of pulpy cherry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with small touches of apple, quenette, lemon as well as fine hints of juicy tangerine, lemon blossoms and very discreet hints of buttered brioche. Good length.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Champagne Léguillette Romelot - Nuances - Brut Rosé

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of juicy peach, juicy green apple and small notes of juicy quince associated with discreet hints of crushed nectarine, peach blossoms, lemon blossoms as well as an imperceptible hint of brioche (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a good definition. The effervescence is slightly creamy, well-built, lively, dynamic and offers a fine aerial side. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh / juicy raspberry, juicy / fresh vine peach and small notes of fleshy apple associated with touches of lemon, fine hints of lemon zest as well as a very discreet hint of apple blossoms and a subtle hint of brioche (in the background). Good length.  
**Note 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Champagne Palg Devitry - Rosé des Lauriers - Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of fresh / crunchy peach, lychee and small notes apple associated with small touches of quince as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, suavity, fullness, a certain gourmandize, juiciness, a beautiful definition, a very fine sweetness as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh nectarine, fresh apple and small notes of quince associated with a touch of fresh / fleshy apricot, very fine hints of lychee / quenette as well as discreet hints of lemon blossom, brioche, dried almond, a discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background). Good length.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Champagne Phal B. de Beaufort - Harmonie 2012 - Brut, Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine suave sensation. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy nectarine, fleshy / juicy pear and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of lime zest as well as fine hints of quenette and a very discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat, roundness, suavity, freshness, tension as well as a certain straightness. The effervescence is dynamic and lively. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of fleshy / juicy pear, lychee and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with a touch of small crushed red berries as well as small hints of rose, lemon and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond (in the background). Presence of an imperceptible hint of butter on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Champagne Yoan Trapprest - Entre Deux - Brut, Rosé

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, fresh raspberry and small notes of bramble associated with a touch of fresh blackberry, fresh peach as well as a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as acidity. The effervescence is dynamic and frank. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cherry and small notes of juicy quince associated with a touch of fresh peach, a discreet hint of lychee, rose, bramble as well as a subtle hint of fresh blackberry and very discreet spices of spices (in the background). Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of violet and toasted on the persistence.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

## Champagne Mathieu-Gandon - Rosé Nature - Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine creaminess. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, fleshy / juicy pear and small notes of zest associated with small touches of lemon blossoms as well as a discreet hint of egg cream. The mouth is racy and offers dynamism, an acidulous frame, tension, a good definition as well as precision. The effervescence is very fine and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fleshy / juicy apple, juicy / fresh nectarine and small notes of lemon associated with touches of lemon blossoms, verbena as well as a discreet hint of mandarin and lychee. Good length. Presence of a discreet varietal hint on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

## Champagne Germar Breton - Brut Rosé

(base 2015) The nose offers a fine richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of lychee, green apple, fresh redcurrants and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of kumquat, dried zest as well as a very discreet hint of fresh raspberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful racy minerality, gourmandize, precision, a good structure as well as a small fat. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of lychee, juicy / fleshy quenette and small notes of quince associated with touches of crushed nectarine, crushed redcurrants, fleshy strawberries as well as a subtle hint of lemon and small white fruits. Good length.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Champagne Piollot - Les Protelle - Extra-Brut, Rosé

(organic) The nose is fruity and offers intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and small notes of fleshy / juicy nectarine associated with small touches of zest as well as a subtle hint of kumquat and biscuit. The palate is well-balanced, well-built, very discreetly tight and offers a small fat, a small chiseled side, minerality as well as a fine tension. The effervescence is well-built. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of cassis associated with touches of crushed nectarine, hints of quince as well as a subtle hint almost biscuit and cassis bud. Good length.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Champagne Roland Vizeux & Fils - Brut Rosé

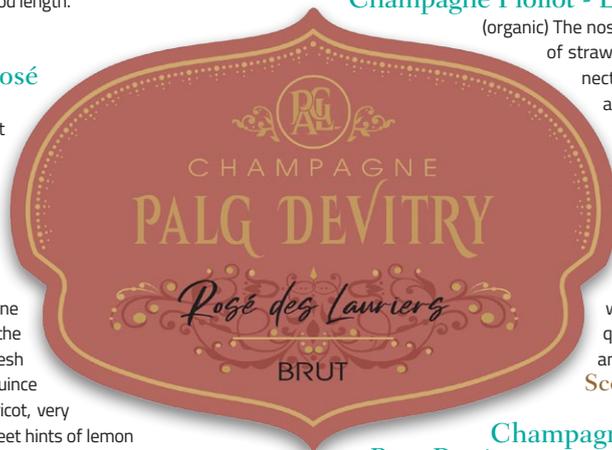
The nose is fresh and offers a small intensity as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of crushed red berries, cherry acidulous candy and small notes of violet associated with small touches of quince, apple and slight hints of rose essence. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral (racy minerality), well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as dynamism. The effervescence is ample and well-built. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh / crunchy cherry and small notes of rose associated with small touches of violet, quince as well as discreet hints of flowers, vinous and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). Good length. Acidulous persistence.  
**Score : 15/20 (90-91/100)**

## Champagne Alfred Tritant - Brut Rosé, Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, elegant, well-built and offers dynamism. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, lemon and small notes of lemon blossoms / honeysuckle associated with touches of spices as well as a hint of pineapple and discreet hints of clove. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, dynamic, well-balanced and offers a fine tension. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of vine peach associated with touches of lemon, a hint of small yellow fruits, honeysuckle, spices as well as a very discreet hint of acacia and cloves. Good length. Presence of a fine bitterness on the finish.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## Champagne Robert Barbichon - Rosé de Saignée

The nose offers intensity, a small concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of strawberry candy, raspberry and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with small touches of cassis acidulous candy, a hint of citron as well as a very discreet hint of fresh flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh verbena. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, a fine concen-



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tration, gourmandize as well as a small aerial side. The effervescence is well-built, quite fine and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy raspberry, fresh cherry and small notes of citron associated with small touches of kumquat, juicy / fresh yellow nectarine, fine hints of cherry blossoms, violet as well as an imperceptible hint of cassis leaf and verbena. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Champagne Bollinger - La Grande Année 2012, Rosé - Brut

(disgorgement: 08/2019) The nose is fresh and offers very fine richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance as well as deepness. It reveals notes of raspberry, peach cream and small notes of fresh cherry associated with small touches of crushed apple, fine hints of lychee, peach flowers as well as discreet hints of biscuit, almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla cream (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced, full of accuracy and offers a certain richness (but all in balance), elegance, an acidulous frame, a beautiful creamy texture as well as precision. The effervescence is very fine, creamy and elegant. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy / fresh lemon, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with a touch of citron, crushed green apple, subtle hints of egg cream as well as very discreet hints of pâtisseries and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla pod. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Champagne Marie Tassin - Provocation Rosée - Brut

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of pulpy redcurrants, raspberry and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of apple as well as a very discreet hint of cherry blossoms, bramble, small yellow flowers and an imperceptible hint of butter. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, dynamics as well as a small tension. The effervescence is fine, frank and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh / juicy strawberries, crunchy peach and small notes of quince associated with a touch of bramble, small yellow flowers as well as very discreet hints of dried almond. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Champagne Les Almanachs - Brut Rosé

(rosé de saignée) The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a certain indulgence. It reveals notes of acidulous raspberry candy, wild strawberry and small notes of citron associated with fine hints of dried citrus zest as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and a subtle hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small suavity as well as a certain richness. The effervescence is well-built, frank and dynamic. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry acidulous candy and small notes of fresh violet associated with touches of citron as well as a hint of nectarine. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Champagne Anthime - Les 300, Sensation 2014 - Extra-Brut Rosé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of redcurrants, crunchy vine peach and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with fine touches of citrus fruits as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers tension, a small fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh / crunchy raspberry, redcurrants and small notes of bramble associated with touches of fresh citrus fruits, citron as well as discreet hints of zest and a very discreet hint of mandarin. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Champagne Odil Moret - Brut Rosé

(base: 2016) The nose is elegant and offers a small gourmandize as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of crushed peach, fresh raspberry and small notes of peach blossom associated with fine hints of fresh strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of apple and an imperceptible hint of biscuit / boudoir. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers tension, elegance, a fine fat, a fine acidulous frame as well as minerality. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of fresh peach, fresh raspberry and small notes of quince associated with small touches of crunchy strawberry as well as a hint of apple and racy minerality. Good length.

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

## Champagne Yvon Moussy - Brut Rosé

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cherry and small notes of fresh nectarine associated with fine touches of crushed yellow apple as well as fine hints of fresh flowers and an imperceptible hint of cassis bud (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, racy and offers a very fine tension. The effervescence is dynamic and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh citron and small notes of fresh redcurrants associated with touches of quince, subtle hints of cassis bud and an imperceptible hint of ripe / dried almond (in the background). Good length. A fine sapidity on the finish / persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Champagne Hugues Godmé - Brut Rosé, Grand Cru

(disgorgement: 01/2019) The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a small creaminess. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, egg cream and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with fine touches of lemon blossom, mesocarp, tangerine as well as a discreet hint of kumquat and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, well-built and offers minerality as well as an acidulous frame. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and offers fullness. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh vine peach and small notes of fresh lemon associated with a touch of citron, a fine hint of raspberry leaf, cherry blossoms as well as very discreet hints of kumquat and racy minerality. Good length.

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

## Champagne Michel Gonet - Brut Rosé

(disgorgement 03/06/2019. Base 2007) Beautiful fruity, fresh and slightly vinous nose. It reveals notes of dried strawberry, cassis and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of dried zest, dried mandarin, a fine hint of quince, vinous as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices and of pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers a fresh frame, a beautiful suavity, minerality as well as juiciness. The effervescence is fine and offers elegance as well as a certain delicacy. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of dried raspberry, dried strawberry and small notes of juicy quince associated with touches of juicy vine peach, lemon, a subtle hint of dried zest of mandarin as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, brioche and almonds. Good length. A gastronomic rosé!

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## BLANC DE NOIRS

## Champagne Jean Josselin - Cordon Royal 2014 - Extra-Brut

(disgorgement: 08/2019) The nose is fresh, elegant and offers a certain delicacy as well as precision. It reveals notes of fresh nectarine, fresh quince and small notes of fresh apricot associated with fine touches of pear as well as a discreet hint of acacia / white flowers. The palate is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful racy minerality, an acidulous frame, delicacy, finesse as well as a fine aerial side. The effervescence is fine, delicate, harmonious and offers elegance. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of

fleshy / juicy pear, pear flowers, peach and small notes of apricot associated with very fine hints of quince and a subtle hint of lemon. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Champagne Franck Pascal - Harmonie 2011, Blanc de Noirs - Extra-Brut

The nose is elegant and offers harmony. It reveals notes of juicy quince, juicy nectarine and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very discreet hints of butter / brioche and an imperceptible almost honeyed hint. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good definition, suavity as well as freshness. The effervescence is well-built and quite dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of quince, crushed nectarine and small notes of apricot associated with touches of small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of small yellow flowers and a very discreet hint of butter / brioche. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



# Champagne

## Champagne Vincent D'Astrée - Novae 2009 - Brut, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers elegance as well as a certain complexity. It reveals notes of quince, lemon cream and small notes of crushed kumquat associated with touches of peach, fine hints of crushed Mirabelle plum as well as fine hints of spices, pâtisseries, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of marmalade and brioche. The palate is elegant, fruity, racy and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small tension. The effervescence is frank, dynamic and precise. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of quince, crushed peach and small notes of egg cream associated with touches of juicy / fleshy Mirabelle plum, a touch of crushed kumquat, discreet hints of sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of pineapple and pâtisseries.

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

## Champagne Dom Caudron - Sublimité 50/50, 2009 Brut

The nose offers elegance, gourmandize as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy / fleshy nectarine, bright peach and small notes of lemon cream associated with small touches of lychee, apple blossoms, quenette as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, spices sweet and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers suavity, sapidity, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. The effervescence is well-built and slightly creamy. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy / fleshy nectarine and small notes of lychee associated with touches of white flowers (lemon blossoms...), rose as well as a hint of citron, discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible almost chocolate hint (in the background). Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of biscuit / brioche on the finish / persistence.

Suavity / appetite on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Champagne Palg Devitry - Noir du Chêne - Brut

The nose is fresh and offers minerality. It reveals notes of juicy / fresh plum, juicy / fresh yellow peach and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of peach flowers, citron as well as a discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, dynamic and offers an acidulous frame, a small tension, a very fine straightness as well as precision. The effervescence is well-built, precise, very fine and offers a small aerial side. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy / fresh mirabelle plum associated with a touch of kumquat as well as an imperceptible hint of peach blossom and almond. Good length.

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

## Champagne Lejeune Dirvang - Robert Lejeune Pinot Noir 2012 - Extra-Brut, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of juicy apple, citron and small notes of crunchy peach associated with very fine hints of white flowers, honeysuckle as well as a very discreet hint of egg cream and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is elegant, precise, suave, beautifully racy, fresh, precise, dynamic and offers a small spheric side, gourmandize as well as tension. The effervescence is elegant, precise, fine and slightly creamy. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of quince, citron and small notes of lemon associated with touches of crunchy / juicy apple, fine hints of white flowers, zest and a very discreet hint of egg cream. Beautiful acidity, a small sapidity and presence of a very discreet hint of biscuit on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Champagne Denis Salomon - Prestige 2014, Blanc de Noirs - Brut

(disgorgement: 03/2019) The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful definition as well as freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy pear, mirabelle plum and small notes of yellow berries associated with a touch of quince, almond and very discreet touches of spices. The palate is fruity and offers fat as well as a small minerality. The effervescence is ample. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of fleshy pear associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, small hints of lychee, crushed yellow berries as well as a discreet hint of almond and an imperceptible hint of egg cream. Good length.

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

## Champagne Rédempteur - Nouvel R 2013 - Brut Nature

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of citron, zest and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of peach as well as a hint of peach flowers, verbena and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a good definition. The effervescence is very fine and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fresh lemon, zest and small notes of quince associated with touches of juicy / fresh plum, a touch of peach, very discreet hints of fresh flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of verbena / acacia (in the background) and flint. Good length. Presence of a discreet hint of almond and brioche on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Champagne Michel Genet - MG Biographie 2011 - Brut

The nose offers a small power, complexity, a small intensity as well as a fine grain. There are notes of crushed apple, cooked pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of yellow flowers, quince as well as a discreet hint of spices, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of hint of cloves. The palate is juicy, gourmande, precise and offers elegance, fullness, a good guideline, finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. The effervescence is dynamic and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of fleshy / juicy pear, quince and small notes of juicy lemon associated with a touch of yellow flowers, egg cream as well as a very discreet hint of cloves (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of vanilla on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Champagne Bruno & Grégoire Perseval - Blanc de Noirs - Brut, Premier Cru

(bases: 2013/2014. Disgorgement 02/2020)

The nose is fruity, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of white peach, white flowers and small notes of fresh cassis associated with small touches of quince, small yellow flowers, racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandize, a small creaminess, freshness, suavity as well as a fine straightness. The effervescence is

well-built and fine. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of white peach, crushed nectarine and small notes of yellow flowers associated with touches of quince as well as a subtle hint of fresh blackberry and very discreet hints of biscuit. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Champagne Philippe Martin - Terre d'Antan - Brut, Premier Cru

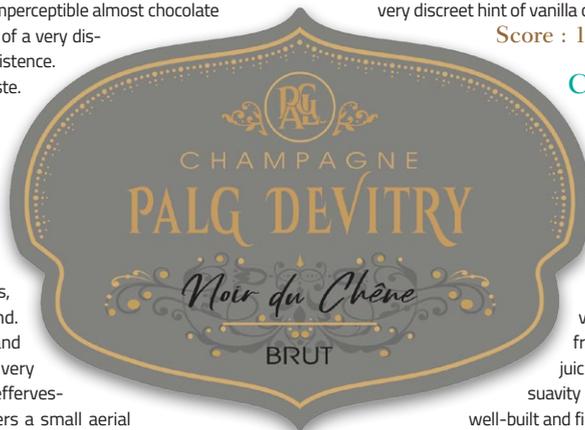
The nose is aromatic and offers a certain power as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of quince, citron and nutmeg associated with touches of almond as well as very fine hints of white flowers / peach flowers. The palate is fruity, frank, mineral and offers juicy / crunchy fruit, dynamism as well as a small power. The effervescence is very fine, frank and dynamic. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of citron, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of fresh apricot, fine hints of lemon, white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of verbena and racy minerality. (in the background). Presence of a very discreet hint of nutmeg and hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Champagne Bollinger - PN15VZ - Brut

(base 2015) The nose is elegant, racy, full of accuracy / delicacy and offers a beautiful precision, deepness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of dried almond, cherry pit, nutmeg and small notes quince associated with a touch of yellow peach, a fine touch of crystallized / jammy fruits as well as discreet hints of spices, toasted hazelnut and a very discreet touch of pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, racy, while length / stretched and offers gourmandize, a small aerial side, deepness as well as complexity. The effervescence is elegant, precise and beautifully fine. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, citron and small notes of yellow peach associated with fine touches of white peach, ripe apricot, discreet hints of lychee, almond, nutmeg as well as with a discreet hint of acacia and egg cream. Very beautiful length and acidulous persistence. Superb precision!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



# Champagne

## Champagne Louis Brochet - Extra Noir - Premier Cru

(base: 2012, disgorgement 10/2019) The nose is fruity and offers a certain intensity, a small power as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of quince, crushed yellow apple and small notes of crunchy peach associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, a fine hint of kumquat as well as discreet hints of beeswax and a very discrete hint of brioche / roasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, dynamic, frank, precise and offers a good guideline. The effervescence is delicate, fine, slightly creamy and offers a small aerial side. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy quince, lemon, zest and small notes of small yellow fruit associated with a touch of crushed yellow peach as well as a discreet hint of small yellow flowers and a subtle hint almost brioche / beeswax. Good length.  
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

## Champagne Vignon Père & Fils - Blanc de Noirs 2012 - Brut, Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of quince, juicy plum and small notes of nectarine associated with fine hints of white fruit as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-conducted, dynamic, very discreetly tight and offers elegance, a fine straightness, freshness, an acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy / fresh peach associated with a touch of racy minerality, apple as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and roasted almond (in the background).  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Champagne Pierre Bertrand - Cuvée Emmanuel Soullié 2013 - Brut Nature

The nose offers some complexity as well as a fine intensity. There are notes of dry almond, sweet spices and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with small touches of citron, quince, a hint of zest, discreet hints of small yellow flowers as well as a subtle hint of cloves and honey. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame. The effervescence is very fine and frank. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fleshy / crushed apple, fleshy / crushed yellow peach and small notes of quince associated with a touch of citron, lemon zest as well as a discreet hint of mirabelle plum, pineapple, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of spices.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Champagne Cédric Guyot - Cuvée Séduction 2014 - Brut

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of toasted oak, dried wheat, fleshy nectarine and small notes of fleshy apple associated with small touches of toasted almond and a hint of citron. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy (terroir) and offers minerality as well as a small chiseled side. The effervescence is fine, gourmande and very slightly creamy. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of egg cream, citron, juicy nectarine and small notes of toasted almond associated with touches of toasted oak, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of cooked apple. Good length. Very fine hints of almond and hazelnut on the persistence. A very discreet chew on the finish / persistence.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Champagne du Rédempteur - Edmond Dubois 2011, Cuvée du Centenaire - Brut

The nose offers notes of quince, fresh nutmeg and small notes of yellow nectarine associated with fine hints of linden, small fruits as well as a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small suavity, a fine fat, gourmandize as well as a beautiful freshness. The effervescence is dynamic and well-built. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy / crunchy yellow apple and small notes of yellow nectarine associated with a touch of lemon, fine hints of lemon blossom, zest, linden as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices / nutmeg and fresh leather. Presence of an imperceptible hint of fresh almond in the background. Good length.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Champagne Pierre Legras - Blanc de Noirs, Black Jackets 2014 - Brut

(Disgorgement: 11/2018) The nose is fruity and offers precision as well as a very fine power. There are notes of quince, nectarine and small notes of pear associated with small touches of lemon, citron as well as a very discreet hint of raspberry leaf, flowers, very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of hay. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, precise, full of control and offers elegance as well as a fine tension. The effervescence is fine, precise and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with touches of crunchy green apple as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, egg cream and a subtle hint almost biscuit (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

## Champagne Charles de Cazanove - Blanc de Noirs - Brut

(Happy Holidays Season Edition) The nose is relatively aromatic, spicy and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of citron, lemon and small notes of quince associated with touches of spices as well as fine varietal hints (bramble, flowers...) and discreet hints of crushed peach. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers tension as well as a good structure. The effervescence is slightly unctuous and offers dynamism. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of quince, citron and small varietal notes associated with small touches of zest, kumquat as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cloves and an imperceptible almost pepper hint. Good length.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Champagne Pannier - Blanc de Noirs 2014 - Brut

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow berries and small notes of fresh nutmeg associated with touches of dry almond as well as hints of crushed white fruits and very discreet hints of dry oak. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, fleshy / juicy fruit, gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as precision. The effervescence is precise and very finely creamy. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy wild yellow berries and small notes of fleshy / pulpy nectarine associated with fine touches of lemon as well as very discreet hints of dried almond and an imperceptible hint of clove. Good length.  
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Champagne Alin Martinot - Hommage 2012 - Brut Nature

The nose is fruity and well-rounded. It reveals notes of pulpy yellow plum, quince and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of apricot, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of fresh hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, racy and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, a fine straightness as well as a certain aromatic purity. The effervescence is elegant and precise. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy / fresh yellow plum, juicy / fresh quince and small notes of crunchy yellow peach associated with small touches of citron, citrus zest as well as very discreet hints of pâtisseries and a discreet hint of almond on the persistence.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Champagne Philippe Dechelle - Cuvée Nude - Brut Nature

The nose is well-built and precise. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of quite ripe yellow peach associated with a touch of kumquat, dried almond as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg, dry biscuit and fresh hazelnut. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a small chiseled side as well as an acidulous frame. The effervescence is frank and slightly creamy. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of pear, discreet hints of dried zest of mandarin, nutmeg, almond as well as a subtle hint of dry oak and biscuit.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)



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# Champagne

## Champagne Bruno & Grégoire Perseval - Brut Classique, Premier Cru

(disorgement: 02/2020) The nose is pure and offers a small power, elegance as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of quince, mango and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of small yellow fruits as well as fine hints of cloves, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of dried wheat / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, juiciness, subtlety, roundness as well as elegance. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy kumquat and small notes of lemon associated with a touch of citron, zest, small yellow fruits as well as subtle hints of dried almonds, dried hazelnuts and a very discreet hint of dry oak. Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Champagne Lacroix-Triaulaire Mont Marvin, Edition 2011 - Extra-Brut

(Bottle n° 1719/5516) The nose is elegant, pure and offers complexity, finesse as well as a fine grain. There are notes of quince, small juicy / ripe yellow fruits and small notes of yellow peach associated with a touch of citron, pineapple as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, a sense of place (local biotope) and a very discreet hint of fresh oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, precise and offers a beautiful freshness, a certain aromatic purity, deepness, a fine straightness as well as an incisive side. The effervescence is fine, delicate, precise, clear and elegant. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of quince, citron and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of lemon zest, pineapple, small yellow flowers as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, subtle hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible almost beeswax hint. Good length and persistence. Presence of a very discreet hint of dried almond on the persistence.

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

## Champagne Michel Furdyna - la Loge 2012, Blanc de Noirs - Brut

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of yellow flowers associated with fine hints of citron, a discreet hint of lemon mesocarp as well as an imperceptible hint of peach and varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a certain tension. The effervescence is quite fine. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of citron, quince and small notes of acidulous yellow berries associated with a touch of dried peach as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg. Good length.

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

## Champagne Michel Fudyna - La Loge 2011 - Brut

The nose offers intensity, a certain deepness as well as a small incisive side. It reveals notes of citron, zest and small notes of quince associated with a touch of apricot blossoms, mango as well as fine hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced, precise and offers a small tension as well as a fine chiseled side. The effervescence is delicately creamy and well-built. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citron, lemon zest and small notes of dried mandarin associated with small touches of juicy brunon, apple, very fine hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and brioche.

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

## Champagne J. De Telmont - Blanc de Noirs 2013 - Brut

The nose is well-built and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, dry oak, nutmeg and small notes of apple associated with fine hints of peach as well as a discreet hint of almond and lemon. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness, beautiful definition, precision as well as elegance. The effervescence is elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy peach associated with small touches of fresh apricot, subtle hints of almonds, dried fruits and an imperceptible hint of cloves (in the background).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Champagne A & J Demière - Fleur de Cuvée, Egrég'Or - Brut

(100% Pinot Meunier) The nose is fresh and pure. It reveals notes of dried almond, nutmeg and small notes of pear associated with small touches of quince as well as slight hints of lemon and a very discreet hint of clove (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers juiciness, delicacy, a good definition, freshness, a small crystalline side as well as generous fruit. The effervescence is fine and slightly creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of juicy / pulpy lemon, pulpy / juicy quince and small notes of juicy peach associated with small touches of apricot, small yellow flowers, peach flowers as well as a discreet hint of dried almond and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### BLANC DE BLANCS

## Champagne Michel Genet - MG BB Vintage 2013 - Brut, Grand Cru

(blanc de blancs) The nose is fresh and offers a small creaminess. It reveals notes of fleshy pear, quince and small notes of egg cream associated with small touches of lemon as well as a subtle hint of small flowers and a very discreet hint of dried almond. The palate is fruity, fresh,

mineral, precise and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful balance, a small incisive side as well as a discreet aerial side. The effervescence is fine, very slightly tight and discreetly creamy. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of quince, lemon and small notes of fleshy / pulpy nectarine associated with a touch of kumquat as well as discreet hints of fresh ginger, zest, sweet spices and racy minerality. Good length.

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

## Champagne Cédric Guyot - Blanc de Blancs 2014, Cuvée Séduction - Brut

The nose is frank and offers a small intensity as well as freshness. It reveals notes of toasted almond, fresh nutmeg and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of fresh apple, lychee as well as fine hints of juicy tangerine and white flowers. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, a small chiseled side as well as an acidulous frame. The effervescence is very fine and dynamic. On the palate, this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, crunchy vine peach and small notes of fresh apple associated with small touches of lychee, lemon blossoms as well as a subtle hint of fresh hazelnut and dried almond (in the background). Good, sapide and gourmande persistence.

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



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## RED WINES

### Taboadella 1255 – Grande Villae 2018

#### Dão

The nose is squared / well-defined and offers power, deepness as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy Boysen berry, pulpy cassis, small notes of small pulpy/fleshy blue fruits associated with fine touches of fresh raspberry, sense of the place as well as discreet hints of dry local copse, pepper, subtle hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, squared, finely tight, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/pulpy blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of acidulous/juicy blue fruits as well as a very discreet hint of eucalyptus, subtle hints of cardamom and spices. Tannins are finely marked. Good length.

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

### Taboadella – Encruzado 2018, Reserva

#### Dão

The nose is fruity and offers toasted. It reveals notes of juicy/fleshy Mirabelle, crushed yellow peach, small notes of small yellow fruits associated with small touches of toasted, kumquat as well as discreet hints of zests, honey and an imperceptible hint of dry eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small unctuousness, tension, roundness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed yellow peach, crushed yellow plum, small notes of quince associated with a touch of candied apricot as well as hints of kumquat, nutmeg and very discreet hints of toasted/nutmeg. Good length. A persistence on notes of toasted/hazelnut.

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

### Taboadella – Villae 2019

#### Dão

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-built and racy. It reveals notes of fleshy green peach, fleshy green apple, small notes of fresh lemon associated with fine touches of dry zests as well as fine hints of lemon fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as a good structure and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy lemon, juicy quenette, small notes of green apple associated with small touches of dry zests as well as fine hints of exotic fruits, an imperceptible almost buttered hint (in the background) and dry almond. Good length.

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

### Taboadella – Touriga Nacional 2018, Reserva

#### Dão

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers complexity, a small power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, cassis, small notes of liquorice associated with small touches of violet plum, crushed cherry as well as subtle hint of nutmeg, local copse/sense of the place, a discreet hint of black olive, camphor, black pepper and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry, small notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry associated with small touches of crushed blueberry, violet, lily as well as fine hints of pulpy/juicy cherry, sense of the place, tea, an imperceptible hint of rosemary and green pepper. Good length. Tannins are elegant, racy and structuring.

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

### Taboadella – Grande Villae 2018

#### Dão

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, crushed apple, small notes of exotic fruits associated with small touches of lemon as well as a subtle hint of lemon flowers and a discreet hint of lemon verbena. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, a small tension, an acidulous frame and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quenette, crushed lychee, small notes of fleshy/fresh pear associated with small touches of kumquat zests, small fresh white fruits as well as a discreet hint of eucalyptus. Good length. Very discreet hints of toasted, toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Taboadella – Alfrocheiro 2018, Reserva

#### Dão

The nose offers power, concentration and a finely tight grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of small fleshy/ripe wild black fruits associated with fine hints of chocolate, toasted and a discreet hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine suavity, a fine minerality as well as a small acidulous frame, a quite defined fruit and a racy minerality (granit). On the palate this wine

expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, cassis, small notes of juicy/gourmand/fleshy violet plum associated with small touches of crushed red berries, violet, olive tree leaf as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and subtle hints of nutmeg. Tannins are racy. A fine hint of grilled and cocoa in the finish/persistence.

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

### Taboadella – Villae 2018

#### Dão

The nose offers a fine power and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, small crushed black fruits, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry, flowers as well as hints of vanilla and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a fine acidulous frame, a fine unctuousness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright blueberry, small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as subtle hints of eucalyptus, camphor, a racy minerality, a discreet hint of spices and olive tree. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate in the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Ribeiro Santo – Reserva 2017

#### Dão

The nose is slightly tight and offers a small creaminess, intensity, a fine power as well as richness. There are notes of blackberry cream, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of crushed small black fruits, cherry blossoms, lilies, hints of liquorice as well as very discreet hints of toasted / caramelized and milk chocolate. The palate is mineral and offers freshness, a mineral frame, unctuousness, a quite fine grain as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crème de cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of pulpy blackberry associated with small touches of crushed cherry, cherry blossoms as well as hints of racy minerality, cherry pit, caramelization, a hint of hazelnut and toasted. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible sapid / saline hint on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Taboadella – Jaen 2018, Reserva

#### Dão

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, concentration, a fine sensation of tension and finesse. It reveals notes of fleshy/crushed blackberry, small crushed blue fruits, small notes of fleshy Gariguetta strawberry associated with small touches of pepper, nutmeg as well as fine hints of vanilla, camphor, liquorice and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a fine creaminess, a very fine juiciness as well as a fine freshness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, crushed blueberry, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of crushed cherry, crushed redcurrant as well as hints of chocolate, fine hints of fresh garrigue, eucalyptus, a very discreet hint of spices. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of bitterness in the finish/persistence.

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

### Herdade Aldeia de Cima – Reserva 2018

#### Alentejano

The nose is fresh and offers pulpiness and a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, pulpy vine peach, small notes of lemon associated with fine hints of quenette, very fine hints of lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of elderflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a small pulpy fruit and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, fleshy apple, small notes of fleshy vine peach associated with small touches of exotic fruits as well as subtle hints of lemon flowers, tea leaf and an imperceptible hint of lychee. Good length.

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

### Herdade Aldeia de Cima – Alyantiju 2018

#### Alentejano

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fleshy/juicy fruit. It reveals notes of juicy/fleshy nectarine, crunchy pear, small notes of quince associated with fine varietal touches, lemon as well as a very discreet hint of fresh lychee and fresh olive tree. The palate is fruity, mineral, very finely tight and offers suavity, a small freshness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, pear, small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with a fine touch of quince, fresh olive leaf and a discreet varietal hint. Good length.

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

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## Herdade Aldeia de Cima – Alyantiju 2017 Alentejano

The nose is fruity and offers a quite ripe fruit and power. It reveals notes of crushed wild cassis, crushed black blackberry, small notes of violet, crushed raspberry associated with small touches of crushed blueberry, liquorice stick, black olive as well as subtle hints of sense of the place/eucalyptus and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of small crushed black berries associated with small touches of crushed blueberry, crushed wild black plum, liquorice stick, a racy minerality, local cope as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are very fine and finely dry.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Herdade Aldeia de Cima – Reserva 2017 Alentejano

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a small power and a good finesse of the structure. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed violet plum associated with fine touches of violet, black olive, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of tea and local cope. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as suavity and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, violet plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of crushed cassis, violet, lily as well as subtle hint of chocolate, tea, liquorice and a very discreet hint of cope (in the background). Good length. Tannins are fine, precise and structuring. A fine power on the finish. Gourmandize on the finish/persistence.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Morgadio de Mora – Reserva 2015 Vinho Regional Alentejano

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, pulpy cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with fine touches of pulpy redcurrants as well as fine hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of laurel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small freshness, a certain tension, a certain gourmandise, a fine unctuousness, an acidulous frame as well as a slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, crushed cherry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of laurel, crushed redcurrants, fine hints of blackberry, zan as well as a very discreet hint of grove local and toasted. Tannins are structuring. Presence of a very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Maria Mora – Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 Vinho Regional Alentejano

The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, a small freshness, precision as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of bright Boysenberry, violet and small notes of cassis combined with touches of concentrated strawberry, a hint of pepper, rose as well as a discreet hint of eucalyptus and spices. The palate is well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cassis, juicy / fresh raspberry and small notes of bright blackberry associated with small touches of crushed redcurrants as well as a hint of rose, raspberry leaf, sweet spices, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of zan and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. A fine chew as well as a small sapidity on the finish / persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Maria Mora – Reserva 2015 Vinho Regional Alentejano

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain mastered power, concentration, elegance as well as a certain richness. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed raspberry, fresh/ripe red berries, hints of caramelization, toasted, hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of cardamom, a very discreet hint of local grove, eucalyptus and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, fat, roundness, a certain richness, a fine unctuousness, a fine straightness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of pulpy redcurrants associated with small touches of violet, cherry, cherry pit, lily, hints of caramelization, vanilla, toasted as well as has a subtle hint of hazelnut, sweet blond tobacco, an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus and an imperceptible hint almost black olive. Tannins are slightly mellow. Good length.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Quinto Elemento – Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Quinta Do Arrobe

### Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is aromatic and offers power, intensity as well as a small incisive hint. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, ripe redcurrants and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of lily, local garrigue, slight hints of black tea, gray pepper as well as a discreet toasted hint and an almost black olive hint. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, freshness, a slight concentration, a certain richness, a fine grain as well as a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy wild cassis, bright Boysenberry and small notes of bright raspberry, fresh violet associated with small touches of crushed redcurrants, a hint of bright purple plum, toasted, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of local garrigue, mocha and a subtle hint of toasted almond (in the background). Tannins are fine, racy and precise. Good length. A fine sapidity on the persistence.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Quinto Elemento – Reserva Syrah 2015, Quinta Do Arrobe

### Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is aromatic, flowery, fresh, slightly tight and offers a small power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blueberry, bright red berries and small notes of lilac, rose associated with small touches of crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cardamom and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, a fine grain, a small fat (full of control) as well as a spherical side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blueberry, violet and small notes of bright blue berries associated with touches of bright redcurrants as well as a hint of raspberry, licorice stick, black tea as well as subtle hints of cardamom, a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background), sweet blond tobacco (in the background) and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are precise, fine and well-built. Presence of a very discreet varietal hint / bitterness (good bitterness) on the aftertaste (brings pep and length).  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Oculto, Quinta Do Arrobe 2016 Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fresh, flowery and offers fine concentration. There are notes of raspberry, violet, lilac and small notes of small red fruits associated with a touch of fresh / crunchy plum, fine hints of garrigue / rosemary, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of cloves. The palate is mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers good freshness, suavity, dynamism / energy, gourmandize, silkiness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy raspberry and small notes of bright redcurrants associated with small touches of violet, violet plum as well as fine hints of lilac, licorice stick as well as discreet hints of caramelization, toasted and an imperceptible hint of graphite (in the background).  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta da Lapa – Sta Tere d'Avila, 500 anos Reserva 2015 DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is elegant, fruity, aromatic, complex and offers a beautiful fine grain as well as intensity. There are notes of wild cassis, raspberry and small notes of camphor associated with touches of small red fruits / wild red berries, purple plum, a sense of place as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, incense, discreet hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and a subtle hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers juiciness, a small freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame, tension, complexity as well as a certain richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, bright cassis and small notes of small red berries, strawberry associated with touches of violet, juicy / acidulous purple plum, a sense of place, toasted hints, grilled, nutmeg as well as subtle hints of camphor, licorice, lilac, a very discreet hint of chocolate, toasted hazelnut and Sichuan pepper. Tannins are elegant, precise and straight. Good length.  
Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

## Quinta da Lapa – Touriga Nacional 2017, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fruity, pure and offers a fine richness. There are notes of Boysenberry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of mocha, cardamom, a fine touch of crushed cherry as well as discreet hints of local grove, a subtle hint of pepper and olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, minerality, tension, a fine straightness as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / bright blackberry, juicy / bright raspberry and small notes of juicy / bright plum associated with small touches of violet, mocha, racy mine-

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rality, discreet hints of local grove as well as subtle hints of toasted almonds, hazelnuts and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are elegant, precise and well-built. Sapidly on the finish.

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

## Quinta da Lapa – Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fruity, pure and offers a small intensity, precision as well as a fine straightness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a touch of crushed blackberry, a fine touch of ripe redcurrants, fine hints of sweet spices, cardamom, eucalyptus as well as a discreet hint of local grove, a very discreet hint of fresh tobacco and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, minerality, precision as well as a very fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of crushed redcurrants, fine hints of flowers (lily, violet, lilac...), eucalyptus, chocolate as well as very fine hints of sweet spices, fresh blond tobacco, racy minerality and toasted / toasted almond. Good length.

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

## Quinta da Lapa – Syrah 2017, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is aromatic, a bit restrained and offers a small power, a fine grain as well as elegance. The wine needs to be put in carafe. There are notes of pulpy cassis, bright black plum and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine touches of violet, camphor of sweet spices, a discreet hint of Cuben pepper, black olive, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of cloves and caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness, a certain aromatic purity, a fine suavity as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy redcurrants, pulpy plum and small notes of bright cassis associated with small touches of cherry blossoms, sweet spices, nutmeg, discreet hints of olive tree, lilac as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta da Lapa – Nana 2016, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fruity, currently a bit tight and offers a small concentration as well as a fine intensity. There are notes of cassis, cassis bud and small notes of raspberry leaf associated with touches of crushed small red fruits, crushed wild plum, fine hints of spices, pepper, eucalyptus as well as a very discreet hint of violet, reduction, cardamom and olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality, tension, suavity as well as a certain deepness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy cassis, small wild black berries and small notes of violet, lilac associated with touches of raspberry, redcurrant as well as discreet hints of cocoa, reduction, eucalyptus, arbutus, very discreet hints of blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of leather.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Quinta da Lapa – Merlot 2017, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is gourmand and offers a small richness, a small intensity as well as a slight sensation of unctuousity. It reveals notes of creamy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of crème de cassis associated with a touch of lily, a fine touch of blueberry as well as hints of tonka bean, sweet blond tobacco as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of arbutus (in the background). The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a small unctuousity, a good balance as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of unctuous blackberry, creamy strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of acidulous blueberry, hints of lily, lilac, tonka bean, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of toasted almond, tobacco and arbutus. Tannins are well-structured, fine and supple. Good length. Beautiful persistence with hints of chocolate and toasted / toasted hazelnuts.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta da Lapa – Reserva 2016 DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small power, richness (well-controlled), a certain/small concentration as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, chocolate, crushed strawberry and small touches of crushed plum, crushed raspberry associated with hints of toasted hazelnut, toasted almond, very discreet hints of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place (local biotope). The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness a small freshness, a beautiful acidulous frame, complexity, gourmandize as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / bright blackberry, bright redcurrants and small notes of juicy purple plum associated with small touches of juicy blueberry, cherry blossoms as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, hazelnut toasted, a discreet hint of sense of the place, oleander and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and precise. Presence of a very discreet grilled hint on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+20 (93/100)

## WHITE & ROSÉ WINES

### Quinta do Arrobe, Oculito Rosé 2019 Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry, fresh redcurrants and small notes of white flowers associated with a touch of fresh cherry as well as discreet hints of nectarine and a discreet hint of tangerine zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a small suavity, a fine sapidity / iodine hint, a small unctuousity, freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / pulpy nectarine, fresh raspberry and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of fresh redcurrants, lychee as well as very fine hints of almond and vanilla. Good length.

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

### Quinto Alemento, Quinta do Arrobe – Arinto Chão Calcário 2016 Reserva Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fruity, fresh, pure and offers a small incisive side. It reveals notes of pear, juicy / fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with a touch of yellow peach, toasted almond, arbutus as well as a very discreet hint of yellow flowers and honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small fat, a small unctuousity, a certain finesse, a fine straightness, a small tension as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of nectarine, apricot as well as a subtle hint of citrus and a very discreet hint of arbutus / honey (in the background). Good length. Presence of a very discreet / imperceptible hint of tannin and dried almond (in the background).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Ribeiro Santo – Encruzado 2019 Dão DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, crunchy quince and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with a touch of lemon blossoms as well as fine hints of fresh local grove, citrus, pink lychee and tea. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, fat, roundness, a certain gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, rose, kumquat and small notes of orange associated with small touches of exotic fruits, peach flowers as well as a discreet hint of eucalyptus, tea and very discreet toasted hints / butter. An imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). Good length.

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

### Quinta do Arrobe, Oculito Branco 2018 Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a fine creaminess as well as a small frank side. It reveals notes of quince, fresh / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy nectarine associated with fine lemon hints as well as a discreet hint of tangerine mesocarp and a subtle hint of seed. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine freshness, a fine unctuousity, a certain tension, a small gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, acidulous / juicy kumquat and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with small touches of juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum as well as a hint of crushed apple and juicy lychee. Good length.

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

### Quinto Alemento, Quinta do Arrobe – Blanc de Noir 2017, Trincadeira Preta Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a fine incisive hint. There are notes of quince, zest and small varietal notes associated with small touches of mesocarp, apple blossoms, discreet hints of lychee, fresh strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of almond and fresh cassis bud. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a certain roundness / suavity, a small acidulous frame, a fine straightness, a fine grain as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, mesocarp

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and small notes of crunchy / fresh strawberry associated with small touches of apple blossom, fresh / varietal cassis bud, juicy apple as well as discreet hints of pink lychee, rose and with discreet almost toasted / oaky hints. Good length.  
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

## Quinta Da Lapa – Chardonnay 2019 Reserva Do Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic and offers gourmandize. It reveals notes of lychee, rose and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of flowers, quenette, tangerine as well as discreet hints of pink grapefruit (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, gourmandize, minerality as well as elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quénette, pink lychee and small notes of rose associated with touches of kumquat, mandarin, fine hints of pink grapefruit, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of vine peach. bright and racy minerality. Good length.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta Da Lapa – Alvarinho 2019 Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small minerality as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lychee, white flowers / honeysuckle and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of peach flowers, nectarine as well as discreet hints of mandarin zest and racy minerality / flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine suavity, a beautiful juicy / ripe fruit, a very fine bitterness (in the background), freshness as well as a certain gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pink grapefruit, juicy lychee and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with small touches of white flowers, lemon as well as very discreet hints of verbena. Good length. A fine hint of flint and crushed pip on the persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Quinta Da Lapa – Retro, Fernão Pirão 2019 D.O.C Do Tejo

The nose is aromatic and offers a small freshness as well as a small oxidative hint. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, dried orange zest and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of quince as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, spices, beeswax and very discreet hints of racy mineral. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a small oxidative side (desired) as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and small notes of small yellow berries associated with small touches of kumquat, orangette as well as a hint of orange blossom, almond, beeswax and a discreet hint of nutmeg.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Quinta Da Lapa – Arinto 2019, Reserva DO Tejo D.O.C

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers a fine tension. There are notes of nectarine, crunchy white peach and small notes of fresh quince associated with small touches of racy minerality, eucalyptus as well as fine hints of sense of place, flint and a discreet hint of juicy mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine suavity, gourmandize, a fine roundness, a beautiful ripe / juicy / acidulous fruit as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of bright white peach, juicy quince and small notes of juicy plum associated with touches of lychee, juicy pineapple, with fine hints of citrus (lemon, mandarin, a discreet hint of yuzu), discreet hints of racy minerality / flint, sense of place and a subtle honeyed hint (in the background). Good length. Presence of an imperceptible almost vanilla hint in the background.  
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta Da Lapa – Nana 2019 Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a beautiful freshness as well as a slight fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy green apple, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of lychee associated with small touches of kumquat, zest, peach flowers as well as discreet hints of juicy apricot / fresh and with a subtle hint of varietal / fresh olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, energy, a small minerality, a beautiful juiciness, freshness as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous quince, acidulous / juicy kumquat and small notes of acidulous / juicy vine peach associated with hints of lemon, juicy apricot as well as fine hints of apple, an imperceptible hint of peach blossoms and fresh olive tree / fresh grove. Good length.  
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

## Delaforce Fine white Port

The nose offers a small power. It reveals notes of dry apricot, dry Mirabelle, small notes of dry yellow currant associated with fine touches of nutmeg, small yellow fruits and a very discreet hint of dry almond. The palate is fruity and offers fullness, a small suavity, a fine straightness, energy and a fine fat. The palate is fruity and offers fullness, a small suavity, a fine straightness, energy and a fine fat. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crushed Mirabelle, small dry yellow fruits, small notes of candied yellow peach associated with a fine touch of quince, dry apricot as well as a discreet hint of fresh hazelnut, dry almond and pepper (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

## Ramos Pinto - Adriano Porto White Reserva

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, power, elegance as well as a certain controlled power. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits, small notes of orangette associated with fine touches of kumquat, a discreet hint of honey and spices. The palate is fruity, suave, frank/squared and offers minerality, a certain freshness, a beautiful precision, a multilayer side, gourmandize and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of zante currant, quince pate, small notes of crushed Mirabelle associated with small touches of dry fig as well as fine hints of dry strawberry, very discreet hints of honey, sweet spices, hazelnut, mild tobacco and patisserie. Good length. A subtle hint of tobacco on the persistence. Gourmandize!  
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

## Azul Portugal White Porto

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a certain power/intensity but full of straightness. It reveals notes of Eau-de-vie plum, small yellow fruits, small notes of lemon/dry lemon zests, a very discreet hint of dry mandarine zests and mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a certain straightness, a certain tension as well as a small power and a fine fat. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of small dry yellow fruits, zante currant, small notes of Eau-de-vie yellow plum associated with small touches of Eau-de-vie pear as well as a subtle hint of dry mandarine zests, almond, an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background) and nougatine. Good length.  
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Martha's – Lágrim White Porto

The nose is aromatic, well-built and offers a fine incisive side as well as a very fine alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of mandarine zests, kumquat, small notes of spices associated with fine touches of Eau-de-vie pear, a discreet hint of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a certain elegance. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of acidulous kumquat, crystallized mandarine, small notes of Eau-de-vie pear associated with fine touches of quince, small yellow fruits/dry yellow currant as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, honey, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. Good length. A discreet hint of patisserie on the persistence.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Sandeman – Fine White Porto

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers precision. It reveals notes of dry quince, orangette, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with small touches of patisserie, caramelization, dry almond and very discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain tension as well as a good definition and a certain straightness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of pulpy/juicy quince, juicy Mirabelle, small notes of dry apple associated with small touches of Eau-de-vie peach as well as discreet hints of zests/citrus, an imperceptible hint of nutmeg and tobacco. Good length.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Fonseca – White Port

The nose is fresh and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of quince, small crushed yellow fruits, small notes of lemon mesocarp associated with fine touches of fresh green apple and very fine hints of fresh spices/tobacco. The palate is fruity, squared and offers juiciness, a small gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, fullness as well as a small fat, energy, freshness and a fine straightness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of small crushed yellow fruits, quince jam, small notes of crushed pear associated with small touches of jam, honey, fine hints of dry almond, tobacco and a very discreet hint of chocolate. A small power on the persistence.  
Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

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## Pitters – White Porto

The nose offers a small incisive side and alcoholic hints. It reveals notes of quince, small fresh fruits associated with fine touches of lychee as well as a discreet hint of eucalyptus, dry lemon and dry green apple. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, fat, straightness as well as a frank side and an acidulous frame. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow apple, small notes of mandarine jam associated with small touches of small fresh yellow fruits as well as a hint of honey and a subtle hint of brioche. Good length.

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

## Taylor's – Chip Dry – Extra Dry White Port

The nose is fresh and offers minerality as well as a fine incisive /sharp side. It reveals notes of quince, mesocarp, small notes of yellow peach associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits/fresh apricot and hints of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small straightness, a fine incisive side and a fine grain. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh quince, small notes of small fresh/crunchy yellow fruits associated with fine touches of zests, apple as well as a subtle hint of fresh tobacco and an imperceptible hint of honey. Good length.

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

## Taylor's – Fine White Port

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers gourmandize as well as a certain incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, small dry yellow fruits, small notes of dry lemon associated with fine hints of small fresh fruits, a discreet hint of fresh nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of fresh bee wax. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers suavity, a small acidulous frame as well as a certain gourmandize, fullness and a fine grain. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of quince, crystallized mandarine, small notes of crystallized yellow apple associated with small touches of lemon, small fresh yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of yellow flowers, fresh honey and dry almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Adega de Favaios – Porto Monge White

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance as well as a fine grain and a small richness. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, dry yellow currant, small notes of dry kumquat associated with small touches of acacia, eucalyptus as well as very fine hints of caramelized lemon, dry orange, discreet hints of patisserie and dry almond. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a fine fullness, gourmandize, a fine intensity as well as an acidulous frame, a fine straightness, energy, a small suavity, freshness, precision and a certain finesse. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized quince, small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of orange marmalade, crushed Mirabelle as well as discreet hints of crème brûlée and a subtle hint of patisserie. Good length. Small dry fruits on the persistence.

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

## Real Companhia Velha – Lágrima Porto

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a certain sensation of tension. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, candied Mirabelle, small notes of jam associated with touches of apple flowers, verbena, dry yellow currant and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fat and offers minerality, a mineral frame, a fine tension as well as suavity, freshness, a fine grain and a small syrupy hint. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle, small notes of jam associated with touches of small yellow fruits jam as well as discreet hints of yellow flowers, nougatine/patisserie, a subtle hint of honey, fresh hazelnut and eucalyptus (in the background). Good length.

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

## Quinta do Estanho – Special White Reserve Porto

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a certain elegance as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of nougatine, honey, small notes of Eau-de-vie pear associated with touches of candied quince, dry citrus/dry zests as well as a subtle hint of acacia and spices. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a small juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as small stretchy side. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of nougatine, candied quince, small notes of orangette associated with touches of candied kumquat, dry zests as well as subtle hints of brioche, honey, an imperceptible buttered hint and white flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Churchill's – Dry White Port

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance, precision, a fine grain as well as a certain straightness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed Mirabelle,

orange jam, small notes of fresh apple associated with fine touches of zante currant, a discreet hint of tobacco, spices, a subtle hint of eucalyptus as well as an imperceptible hint of acacia and honey (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral and offers elegance, a small straightness, precision as well as freshness, a good structure and a small frank side. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crushed Mirabelle, orange jam, small notes of tobacco associated with touches of sweet spices, apple, small yellow fruits, juicy pear as well as fine hints of cigar box, dry citrus and honey. Good length. A fine power on the persistence. A rapid hint and appetite on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Fonseca – Siroco – Branco Extra Seco Porto

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a very fine alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of quince, small dry yellow fruits, small notes of almond associated with fine hints of yellow apple, a discreet hint of yellow peach, fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of small yellow peach, fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, tension, a small fullness as well as an acidulous frame and energy. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of quince, small dry yellow fruits, small notes of crushed pear associated with a touch of yellow apple, bee wax, spices, a very discreet hint of pepper and hazelnut flowers. A finish on notes of brioche and dry biscuits. Good length. A discreet hint of eucalyptus on the persistence.

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

## Croft – Fine White Port

The nose is fresh and offers a very fine intensity, a fine richness as well as a fine spheric side. It reveals notes of dry kumquat, dry quince, small notes of crushed Mirabelle associated with touches of small dry white fruits as well as a hint of dry yellow currant, almond flowers, tobacco, a discreet hint of Eau-de-vie plum and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, fullness, a small freshness, dynamism and residual sugar. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of quince jam, crushed Mirabelle, small notes of cooked yellow peach associated with small touches of crystallized citrus as well as a subtle hint of brioche, patisserie and an imperceptible hint of honey (in the background). Good length. A fine power and a discreet hint of pepper, dry biscuit on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Krohn – White Port

The nose is fresh and offers a certain harmony, a fine minerality, a good definition as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of crystallized quince, dry lemon, small notes of small candied yellow fruits associated with a touch of pear in syrup as well as fine hints of honey, spices and an imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame, dynamism and a small richness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of candied quince, crystallized lemon, small notes of candied brugnol associated with small touches of yellow apple, small dry yellow fruits as well as fine hints of nougatine, fresh hazelnut, pineapple in syrup and an imperceptible hint of butter (in the background).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Quinta Da Pedra Alta – Pedra N°03 – White Port

The nose is fresh, elegant, flowery and offers a small aerial side, a fine intensity and precision. It reveals notes of lemon flowers, lemongrass, small notes of dry citrus associated with fine touches of mandarine seeds, juicy quince as well as a discreet hint of linden/eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, a fine suavity as well as a good definition, a beautiful freshness full of tension/straightness and finesse of the guideline. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of juicy/pulpy lemon, juicy mandarine, small notes of lemon grass associated with touches of white flowers, crystallized lemon as well as a discreet hint of bright apple and eucalyptus. A beautiful Porto for mixology.

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

## Royal Oporto – Extra Dry White Port

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, lemon grass, small notes of candied orange/orangette associated with touches of lychee as well as hints of white flowers, rose and a subtle hint of juicy peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fat, a certain tension and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, lemon grass, small notes of orangette associated with a touch of candied kumquat, mandarine zests, lychee as well as discreet hints of lychee core. Good length. A Porto perfectly adapted to the mixology.

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

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## Martha's – Fine White Port

The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of kumquat, dry zests (mandarine, lemon), small notes of lychee core associated with fine touches of green apple and a discreet hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a certain suavity/fat, a fine sapidity and dynamism. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied kumquat, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of juicy green apple as well as a subtle hint of peach flowers and a very discreet hint of acacia.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Sandeman – Aпитiv Reserve – White Porto

The nose offers power and richness (full of balance). It reveals notes of patisseries, honey, small notes of jam associated with small touches of orangette, dry mandarine zests and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers energy, a certain freshness, an acidulous frame, a small gourmand side as well as richness and juiciness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of jam, orangette, small notes of quince jam associated with a touch of candied yellow peach as well as a fine hint of dry apricot, discreet hints of almond, chocolate, leather and hazelnut. Good length. Gourmandize and power on the finish.

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

## Krohn – Porto Lágrima

The nose is fruity and offers richness, a small power and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of orangette, dry orange zests, small notes of jam associated with small touches of dry lemon, caramelization, patisserie as well as discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, fullness as well as small fat and richness full of length. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of jam, orangette, small notes of kumquat associated with touches of candied quince, patisserie as well as fine hints of pineapple in syrup, dry apricot and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Good length.

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

## Fernão De Magalhães – Porto White

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of quince, Williams pear, small notes of candied yellow apple associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, dry orange, a discreet hint of eucalyptus, nougatine and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, fat and fullness. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crushed quince, patisserie, small notes of small yellow fruits jam associated with touches of Williams pear in syrup as well as fine hints of Mirabelle Eau-de-vie, eucalyptus, acacia and a discreet hint of spices.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Offley – Clink – White Porto

The nose is fruity and offers a small incisive side. It reveals notes of lemon zests, green apple, small notes of peach Eau-de-vie associated with fine touches of acacia, lemon flowers and a discreet hint of almond flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, energy and a small incisive side. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of lemon grass, crystallized lemon, small notes of green apple associated with touches of brugnol Eau-de-vie, acacia and pear flowers. Good length.

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

## Poças – 10 Years Old White

The nose is aromatic, elegant, powerful and full of balance. It reveals notes of candied apple, quince, small notes of candied lemon zests associated with fine touches of dry peach, apricot as well as fine hints of patisserie, apricot flowers, brioche, a discreet hint of roasted almond and cardamom. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a beautiful precision as well as finesse of the grain, finesse of the guideline and a small richness (full of control). On the palate this Porto expresses notes of candied quince, candied yellow peach, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with patisserie/honey, fresh hazelnut, almond, dry apricot and an imperceptible hint of cigare. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Butler Nephew & Co – 10 Years Old White Port

The nose is fruity and offers power (full of control), elegance, a beautiful definition, a certain intensity as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of quince, patisserie, small notes of orangette associated with touches of candied Mirabelle, pomme d'amour, fine hints of dry yellow currant, spices, a discreet hint of pepper and eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, dynamism, richness as well as a very fine incisive side, fullness and gourmandize.

On the palate this Porto expresses notes of jam, quince jam, small notes of dry apricot associated with touches of candied pear as well as fine hints of patisserie, caramelization, discreet hints of toasted hazelnut, small dry fruits, an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus and pepper. Good length. A beautiful persistence.

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

## Bulas – Dry White Porto

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy nectarine, fresh quince, small notes of dry lemon associated with fine touches of nutmeg, sweet spices and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a certain fullness, suavity as well as tension, a beautiful fine grain and a good definition. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of orangette, fresh quince, small notes of fresh/fleshy William pear associated with small touches of dry lemon as well as a hint of acacia and lemon flowers.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Andresen – Dry White Porto

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a certain power as well as a very fine sensation of tension / straightness. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, dried lemon and small notes of dried zest associated with small touches of small fresh yellow berries as well as discreet hints of eucalyptus, lemon blossoms, fresh tobacco and an imperceptible hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a fine acidulous frame, a certain small tension, energy as well as a fine roundness. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of juicy quince, dried kumquat and small notes of zest associated with small touches of dried apple, eucalyptus as well as a discreet hint of acacia, lemon and dried tobacco. Good length. A very discreet hint of fresh walnuts on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Bulas – White Reserve Porto

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and offers gourmandize, a small power as well as finesse. There are notes of dried orange zest, orangette and small notes of tobacco associated with fine touches of almonds, dried lemons as well as a hint of small yellow fruits, a discreet eucalyptus hint, an imperceptible hint of rancio and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness, tension, dynamism as well as energy and a small acidulous frame. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of orangette, fresh kumquat and small notes of zest associated with small touches of fresh lychee, cigar, sweet spices, a discreet hint of jammy small white fruits, hazelnut, almond and eucalyptus. Good length.

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

## Vasques de Carvalho – SECO, Dry White Port

The nose is fresh, fruity, precise, clear and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, jammy quince and small notes of candied apple associated with small touches of jammy nectarine as well as fine hints of fresh quenette, white flowers and discreet hints of acacia (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, a bit tight and offers juiciness, tension as well as energy. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of fresh quince, fresh kumquat and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of fresh apple blossoms, pulpy apple as well as discreet hints of dried citrus and acacia. Good length. A very discreet tannic hint, dried almonds on the aftertaste. A perfectly suited to mixology Porto.

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

## Vasques de Carvalho – White Reserva Porto

The nose is powerful, incisive, straight. It reveals notes of quince, fresh tobacco and small notes of nutmeg associated with fine touches of spices, discreet hints of dried zest and a discreet hint of rancio. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine juiciness, tension, precision, a fine roundness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of jammy quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with nutmeg, tobacco and very discreet hints of spices. Good length with hints of hazelnut, fresh walnut and tobacco. A good persistence and power on the finish.

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

## Andresen – 10 Years Old White Porto

The nose is fruity and offers finesse, elegance and deepness. The nose is revealed slowly, step by step. It reveals notes of kumquat, crystallized orange and small notes of dried citrus associated with small touches of rancio, crystallized lemon, crystallized yellow peach as well as discreet hints of tobacco, with a subtle hint of nougatine, an imperceptible hint of acacia flowers and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a beautiful definition, precision as well as straightness as well as a good structure. On the palate, this Porto expresses

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notes of quince, crushed kumquat and small notes of candied yellow peach associated with touches of crystallized lemon as well as fine hints of nougatine, fresh hazelnut and a discreet hint of tobacco / rancio. A very fine touch of fresh walnuts and caramelization on the persistence.

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

## Dalva – 20 Years Old Porto

The nose is precise, elegant, beautifully structured and offers harmony, a well-mastered small power as well as a small richness (full of finesse). There are notes of fresh quince, fresh yellow peach and small notes of candied small fruits associated with fine touches of lemon zest, a subtle hint of lychee, discreet hints of lemon blossom, hazelnut, toasted almond and rancio. The mouthful is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine freshness as well as an acidulous frame and a fine tension. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of candied quince, crystallized mirabelle plum and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of candied yellow apple, yellow peach as well as a subtle hint of candied apricot, discreet hints of patisseries, almond, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). A fine alcoholic hint on the persistence. A fine hint of cedar on the finish.

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

## Ferreira – Dona Antonia – Reserva Branco Porto

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine incisive side and a small alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of dried orange, dried mandarin and small notes of dried lemon, potpourri associated with small touches of quince, yellow apple as well as hints of tobacco, pepper and a discreet hint of cedar. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, suavity as well as fat and a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth, this Porto expresses notes of quince, crystallized yellow apple and small notes of juicy / ripe small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of dried lemon as well as hints of patisseries / caramelization, tobacco, very discreet hints of small fruits dry and spices. Good length.

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

## Bulas – 10 Years Dry White Porto

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a small dryness, a fine richness as well as a beautiful precision. It reveals notes of quince, apple and small notes of candied nectarine associated with fine touches of crystallized mandarin and very fine hints of dried lemon. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine tension, a good freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of juicy / pulpy lemon, juicy kumquat, and small notes of crystallized lemon zest associated with small touches of lemon blossom, green apple and a discreet hint of acacia. A very fine hint of biscuit and a very discreet hint of chocolate / toasted hint on the finish / persistence.

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

## Bulas – 20 Years Dry White Porto

The nose is fresh, fruity, dry, elegant and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of kumquat, crystallized mandarin associated with small touches of candied peach as well as fine hints of patisseries and a discreet hint of candied yuzu. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, gourmandize, suavity as well as a nice freshness / minerality. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarin and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with small touches of candied yuzu, patisseries, dried almond, a discreet hint of tobacco, cedar and a subtle hint of chocolate. Good length A beautiful sapid finish. A fine tannic sensation as well as a subtle / pleasant hint of bitterness on the finish / persistence.

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

## Bulas – 10 Years White Porto

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, a frank side as well as precision, a fine grain and tension (like a little red thread in a book). It reveals notes of kumquat, candied quince and small notes of candied apple associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, lemon blossoms, a discreet hint of acacia, crystallized tangerine, nougatine and fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, roundness as well as gourmandize and a small fat. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied apple and small notes of candied pear associated with touches of crystallized mandarin, quince as well as fine hints of lemon blossom, lychee, tobacco, cedar and caramelization. Good length. A very discreet hint of roasted almond and a subtle toasted hint on the finish / persistence.

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

## Bulas – 20 Years White Porto

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully structured and offers complexity, a beautiful gourmandize as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of jammy apple, crystallized pear and small notes of crystallized lemon associated with small touches of vine peach, lychee as well as fine hints of apple blossoms, acacia, hazelnut and patisseries. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully structured and offers a racy minerality, a fine acidulous frame, dynamism as well as pep and a beautiful balance. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized apple and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crystallized mandarin as well as small hints of vine peach, honey, patisseries, almond, a subtle hint of tobacco and nutmeg. Good length. A hint of fresh hazelnut and tobacco on the persistence.

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

## Dalva – Colheita 1989 – Golden White Porto

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers beautifully mastered power as well as intensity (finesse) and delicacy. It reveals notes of candied yellow peach, candied yellow berries and small notes of roasted pineapple associated with small touches of orange, caramelization, cedar as well as a hint of rosewood, fresh lychee, very discreet hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, roundness, fat, richness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this Port expresses notes of jammy quince, crystallized lemon and small notes of candied vine peach associated with touches of lychee, orangette, fine hints of candied pineapple as well as fine hints of caramelization, dried tobacco, nutmeg, a hint of patisseries and chocolate. A very discreet toasted hint on the finish / persistence.

**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## Quinta Seara d'Ordens – 10 Years Old White Port

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a certain richness (but full of balance / control), fine grain as well as precision. On the palate, this Porto reveals notes of jammy quince, orangette and small notes of mandarin marmalade associated with small touches of pear in caramel as well as fine hints of patisseries, crème brûlée and a subtle hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a fine grain, a good finesse of the guideline as well as a good softness. In the mouth, this Porto expresses notes of crystallized lemon, jammy quince and small notes of crystallized mandarin associated with small touches of candied pear, pear blossom as well as a subtle hint of roasted pineapple, caramelization and a discreet hint of fresh walnut / roasted hazelnut. Good length. A very discreet hint of toasted hint / grilled hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

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

## Vieira de Sousa – 10 Years White Port

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small intensity, a fine freshness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of caramelized peach, dried apricot and small notes of orange marmalade associated with fine touches of crystallized lemon, plum as well as a touch of yellow raisins and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small tension, a fine / slightly tight / elegant grain as well as a small power. On the palate, this Porto expresses notes of prune, dried fig and small notes of dried apricot associated with touches of crystallized lemon, candied apple as well as small hints of dry yellow grapes, sweet spices, a hint of cedar and chocolate (in the background). Good length. Tannins are precise, structuring and well-built. A beautiful persistence with a hint of patisseries / caramelization and dried fruits (hazelnuts, walnuts...)

**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Vieira de Sousa – 30 Years White Port

The nose is elegant and offers power, a certain intensity, a beautiful definition, precision as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of candied plum, dried fig and small notes of date associated with small touches of dried yellow grapes, caramelized mandarin as well as small hints of patisseries, dried fruits, dried apricot, discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, a good definition, a certain juiciness, a fine tension, roundness, a small fat as well as a fine power. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of yellow grapes. dry, dried tangerine and small notes of caramelized kumquat associated with touches of fig, date as well as hints of patisseries, nutmeg, a subtle hint of camphor, dried small fruits, cedar and a very discreet hint of chocolate. A tannic hint on the finish / persistence.

**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

# Greek white wines

## Domaine Sigalas, Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

Located in the peaceful vineyard of Oia, in Santorini, the vineyards of Sigalas are a traditional beauty. This tank fermented Assyrtiko is the flagship of the estate, it is highly aromatic and clean, with a purity known to this island and a seductive sea salt character. It has a great balance between structure, weighty volume, richness, and the counterbalancing freshness and pure energy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Estate Argyros, Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

The particularity of Argyros stands in their authentic, ungrafted old vines which some are over 200 years old in their private vineyard located in Episkopi Gonia. This Assyrtiko expresses a good example of the high acidity potential of this varietal with citrus, lemongrass, and stony aromas, yet with finesse. The discreet touch of oak is just enough to give volume and a rich finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Estate Argyros, Aidani 2017

Santorini

Often used as a blending partner, this time Aidani, rare & indigenous, is the sole varietal of this wine. Light and fruity, with notes of citrus and passion fruit, it's a rather silky wine, with mineral undertones and a good fresh balance. It's overall light and easy-drinking.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Troupis Winery, Fteri Moschofilero 2018

Mantinia

This crunchy Moschofilero is fermented in a stainless steel tank and displays the light scents of forest floor and mushrooms. Rose, violet, spices, and citrus are enveloped in intense acidity virtually synonymous with this grape. It's a highly aromatic wine, with great tension and a medium, slightly voluminous body.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Gaia wines, Wild Ferment Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

This Assyrtiko has undergone a 2-hour skin contact process as well as a fermentation in a mix of stainless steel, French, American oak barrels, and acacia barrels. This gives another dimension to the purity of Assyrtiko with notes of vanilla, smoke, and complex spices mix along the usual sea salt and stone value. An interesting take on this style.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Ktima Tselepos, Santorini Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

Made from 50-100 years-old koulara or basket vines (some of the vines on the island are believed to date back up to 400 years) this wine has the typical fresh zippy salinity and bright, edgy minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Gaia wines, Thalassitis Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

The Thalassitis from Gaia Wines is an unoaked Assyrtiko, with vibrant lemon and orange rinds aromas as well as a decently textured minerality and saltiness. 2017 is showing great intensity and brilliance in the fruit expression as well as dense and ripe palate. The acidity is as high as it can get without turning to sour. Overall, the wine is still tight and has great aging potential.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Boutari, Santorini Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

Highly aromatic as expected, this wine has a defining metallic aroma as well as fragrant floral notes, saltiness, and zesty citrus character. It's crisp, brilliant, and clean. The structure seems effortless but the high acidity and volume combination give it a pleasant volume.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Ktima Gerovassiliou, Old Vines, Malagousia 2016

Epanomi

On the slopes of Epanomi, a few kilometers from the city of Thessaloniki Ktima Gerovassiliou stands since 1981. This wine is produced entirely from the Greek grape variety Malagousia, which was saved from extinction thanks to the efforts of Vangelis Gerovassiliou. This wine is one of the purest expressions of the variety, with intense aromas of citrus and stone fruit and elegant notes of lemon blossom. Partially vinified in oak barrels and aged on lees, its texture is surprisingly elegant and layered.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Ktima Gerovassiliou, Eponami 2019

Epanomi

This wine is a blend of Assyrtiko and Malagousia made in stainless steel tank with skin contact. Blond in color and bright in acidity, this wine has mainly citrus fruit, papaya, and melon aromas, but also some green notes of grass and tea.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Ktima Tselepos, Moschofilero 2017

Mantinia

Very perfumed and fragrant, this Moschofilero has exuberant scents of grapefruits, lemon, and melon, but also a delicate floral addition that gives it class and elegance. The freshness and clean palate holds the finish into a lingering thirst-quenching finale.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Kir-Yianni, Paranga White 2018

Macedonia

This blend of Roditis and Malagousia has rich peach and pineapple flavors showcasing ripeness and depth. It's zesty, crisp, and easy-drinking, but also has a decent creamy finish.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Hatzidakis Winery Santorini Assyrtiko 2014

Santorini

Pale gold with a nose on wet rocks, oyster brine, lemon confit, and overall freshness. This Assyrtiko is filled with complex, but very precise aromas. The palate is carried out by an intense acidity, medium body, and a very saline finale.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Papagiannakos Savatiano Markopoulo 2019

Markopoulo, Attica

This Savatiano is sourced from 50 years old vines. It's rich and full-bodied with neutral, delicate perfume. Its subtle aromas of pear and melon are also joined by a hint of fir resin. The acidity is moderate and the palate has an iodine-like character. Overall, it's a simple, approachable wine, but a very well done one.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

## Tetramythos Roditis 2019

Patras

This 100% Roditis is characterized by a decent woven minerality as well as aromas of lemon pith, dried flowers, and salt. Its high, edgy acidity is balanced by its mouth-filling body and finale.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Monemvasia Winery Kydonitsa 2017

Péloponnèse

Kydonitsa is a very rare local grape varietal, unique to Peloponnese. Only a handful of producers are working with it. Also, in Greek, it means quince, which is exactly the main aroma of this wine. Delicate citrus zest and exotic fruit are also prominent. Crisp and lean, the palate also has very delicate flavors, but a vibrant acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Artemis Karamolegos, Mystirio/14 Assyrtiko 2017

Santorini

Made from a single centenarian vineyard in Pyrgos, skin-fermented with wild yeast, 14 days of Maceration, and 10 months of aging on lees, this pale orange wine is not your usual Assyrtiko. The nose is very complex and aromatic with aromas of herbs, bergamot, chamomile, sweet spices, and very little, delicate orchard fruits. The palate is generous, full-bodied, characterized by richness and salinity. It shows a unique character and a terrific aftertaste.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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# Washington State

## COLUMBIA VALLEY RED WINES

### Woodhouse Wine Estate, Dussek - Syrah 2017 Columbia Valley

Part of the Woodhouse Wine estates, a small family-owned winery in Washington, Dussek makes bold and dynamic wines. This Syrah is the perfect example as it has an overwhelmingly fragrant expression. It's bolder and more deeply structured than most made in Washington, yet expressive and balanced with bold blackberry. Pepper and grilled anise flavors build power forward with polished tannins.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

### Château Ste Michelle, Col Solare, Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Columbia Valley

This Partnership between Tuscany's reputed Marchesi Antinori and Washington State's very own Chateau Ste. Michelle started in 1995 and has reached iconic status ever since. It showcases the unique ripeness that is so characteristic of the tiny, but warmest sub-appellation of Red Mountain. Full-bodied, structured, yet heavily aromatic and seductive, it's a wine of uncompromising concentration and intense, rich, dense fruit character.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Columbia Valley

2015 was the first time Quilceda used grapes from their Lake Wallula Vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills in addition to their Champoux and Palengat vineyards. With 2015 being a notoriously warm vintage in Washington, it shows in the heavy ripeness of this wine. It's a full-bodied wine with complex, intricate, layered aromas of currant, graphite, chocolate, tobacco, and spices. It has a purity to it, but also a strength that makes you want to keep it for a decade or two.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## RED MOUNTAIN RED WINES

### De Lille Cellars, Doyenne, Aix 2012

Red Mountain

This blend of Syrah (60%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (40%) is generously balanced. It's powerful, deep purple-hued color announces a robust and concentrated wine. Marked by an array of mixed dark fruits such as black cherries, black currants, plums, and berry jam as well as violets, jerky, chocolate, and tobacco, it's an incredibly lively and complex blend. The tannins are well focused and grainy, but well balanced by the fresh acidity and lingering finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Upchurch Vineyard Counterpart Red Wine 2015

Red Mountain

This blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon is the newest addition to the estate's portfo-

lio. Aged in new French oak, it shows a dense and layered expression with ripe plum and blackberries, chocolate, sage, and Sandalwood. The palate is silky, yet structured with firm tannins. It's a sophisticated wine with decent cellaring potential.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Underground Wine Project, Idle Hands 2015 Red Mountain

A joint project between winemakers Trey Busch and Mark McNeilly, this wine is a red blend, but actually, Syrah makes up 90% of it with just a hint of Cabernet Sauvignon. It's a very lush wine, with vigorous and zestful fruit aromas as well as smoky tones and a classic peppery finish. The palate is rounded and voluminous, with soft tannins, but good concentration.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## WALLA WALLA VALLEY RED WINES

### Leonetti Cellar Aglianico Serra Pedace Vineyard 2014

Walla Walla Valley

Named after the family's ancestor's hometown in Calabria, the Serra Pedace vineyard is a rocky, windy location. It's these Italian roots that convinced this historic vineyard to experiment with Italian Varietals. It's the first ever Aglianico produced in Walla Walla Valley, aged for 44 months in a combination of French oak and amphorae. Distinctive of the varietal, this wine is dense and concentrated with complex aromas ranging from diverse cooked black fruits, to damp earth, anise, and leather. The high and lively acidity holds up the firm tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Seven Hills Vineyard Merlot 2017

Walla Walla Valley

One of the founding estates in the Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills Vineyard is deeply connected with the region and so is this Merlot. The vines were planted in the 1980's by winemaker Casey McClellan and his father, and it's one of the oldest blocks of the vineyard. This graceful and savory Merlot is as dark as it can get, in color and aromatic profile. It exhibits dark, concentrated fruits as well as spicy oak, vanilla, and dark empyreumatic chocolate.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Spring Valley Vineyard, Katherine Corkrum, Cabernet Franc 2015

Walla Walla Valley

This small family vineyard, surrounded by wheat farms in the middle of the small Walla Walla Valley, is part of the Ste. Michelle wine estates. This Cabernet Franc stands out as, contrary to most expression of this grape in Washington, it shows restriction in oak treatment, brightness and lightness. Its aromas of herbs, milled pepper, green pepper, and fresh cherry are fragrant and it has a good mid-weight.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Two Vintners, Some Days Are Stones Syrah 2016

Walla Walla Valley

Sourced from the Stoney Vine vineyard, recognized for its cobbled and rocky soils as well as the meaty attributes of Syrah grown there. It has intense and concentrated dark berries aromas as well as a muscly earthy character. It's a very savory wine with a soft palate, but intense taste.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

### Saviah, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2016

Walla Walla Valley

This silky, supple expression of Cabernet Sauvignon comes from six, specially selected Barrels, and only 142 cases are produced. Coffee, tobacco, and cherries are predominant but also joined by hints of currant, chocolate, oak, anise, and ripe blackberries. The main aromas are the one that lingers the most, in this fresh, subtly pleasing wine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

### Cayuse, En Chamberlin Vi- neyard - Syrah 2017

Walla Walla Valley

This vineyard planted in 2000 was a great addition to the estate. It's an enticing Syrah expression with aromas of brisket, smoked meat, black olives, and cooked, overripe blackberries. The concentration is heavy but lifted by a nice minerality and a fresh & detailed structure.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Figgins, Estate red 2017

Walla Walla Valley

10th release of this wine from the iconic Walla Walla Valley. Dark and ripe to the core, with intense jammy dark fruits, anise, licorice, and earthy aromas. It's a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Petit Verdot that is full-bodied and highly structured, but also nicely balanced out by acidity.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## YAKIMA VALLEY RED WINES

### Avennia Arnaut Boushey Vineyard Syrah 2018

Yakima Valley

This rising star in Columbia Valley, launched in 2010, has quickly become iconic and reputed for their hard to resist wines. This Syrah sourced from their vineyard in the Yakima Valley is aged 16 months in 15% new French oak prior to bottling. It has a signature richness and smokiness, with a good tension in the mid-palate. There are voluptuous aromas of coffee, mocha, black cherry jam, and earthy undertones.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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# Japanese Sake

## Rice Yamadanishiki

### Gekkeikan Sake Inc. - 30th Yamadanishiki Junmai Ginjo BMG - Anniversary Special Edition

16% alc - USA

The saké is transparent with a pale straw color. The nose is intense with fresh green coffee beans and lot of fruits like banana (isoamyle), roasted rice and apple. In the mouth, it's fresh with a light fizz at the attack and high acidity. We can feel the banana (banana candy) and green apple with a hint of cooked rice water. The medium finish is slightly bitter which allows to cleanse the palate.

Score : 14/20 (86-87/100))

### Aihara Shuzo Co. Ltd - Ugonotsuki Junmai Ginjo Yamadanishiki

16% alc - Hiroshima - Japan

The saké is transparent with a pale straw color. The nose is clean with high intensity of fruits like banana, pineapple and a lot of pear flavors. It's very gourmand. The attack is fresh with pear notes but also a hint of golden apple and some spices like vanilla and pepper. The mouth is a blend of sweetness, umami and minerality. The texture is creamy, it's big and beautiful. The finish is long. It's an elegant well-balanced saké.

Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100))

### Akebono Shuzo Co. Ltd - Tenmai Junmai Ginjo Hiire Black Label

16% alc - Fukushima - Japan

The saké is transparent like crystal water. The nose is nice with a medium intensity of aromas like pineapple and anis seed. It's fresh and delicate. The attack is also fresh and with a nice slight acidity on anis seed. Pineapple, grains, watermelon and apple are appearing little by little. The bitterness shows off with a beautiful long finish full of umami and flowers. It's super delicate.

Score : 17/20 (94/100))

### Ryujin Shuzo Co. Ltd - Ozeno Yukidoke Junmai Daiginjo Namazume Yamadanishiki 50

15% alc - Gunma - Japan

The saké is transparent with a pale straw color. The nose is intense with delicate notes of candied pineapple and dried orange. Some fresh fruits are appearing in the second nose like blood orange and lime with a lot of fresh cut herbs and honeysuckle. The tasting is fresh and intense also with a real ginjo-ka mouth (pineapple, green apple, melon). The lime fruits are then popping with a nice mix with sweetness and acidity which allows to the finish to be persistent. Beautiful saké.

Score : 18,25+/20 (97/100))

### Nihonkai Shuzo Co. Ltd Junmai Ginjo Uzu Yamadanishiki

16% alc - Shimane - Japan

The saké is transparent with a nice silver ring. The nose has got a high intensity of aromas and is very complex with herbal notes (honeysuckle, fresh cut herbs, sap and jasmine) but also fruits like green apple, green pineapple and passion fruit. The mouth

is fruity and has a slight acidity which enhances the fruity character. Little by little the texture becomes buttery and creamy with a nice umami. The delicate finish ends on a bitter note which cleans the palate.

Score : 17/20 (94/100))

### Morinokura Brewing Co. Morinokura Junmai Daiginjo Kaze

15% alc - Fukuoka - Japan

The saké is transparent like water with nice silver reflects. The nose is intense with some green shiso and peppermint notes. But it's also very fruity in the second nose with fresh fig, apple, pear and anis seed aromas. The mouth is clean with a nice umami, it's a little bit sweet at the attack. It has a nice texture with delicate flavors like flowers and anis seed. The finish is minty and fresh.

Note: 16,25+/20 (93/100)

### Setoshuzo-Ten Co. Ltd Setoichi Pi-hyara

15% alc - Kanagawa - Japan

The saké is transparent with a nice silver reflect. The nose is clean with a medium intensity of green melon, pineapple and some sweet chestnut notes. The mouth is sweet at the attack with a milky texture. The aromas are puffed rice, pepper, mirabelle and pear. Some bitterness appears in the middle of the tasting: the saké has a lot of textures with discreet aromas.

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

### Fuji Brewing Company - Izumofuji Junmai Ginjo Red Label

15% alc - Shimane - Japan

The saké is clear like water with a silver ring. The nose is clean with a nice flavors intensity. We can find fermented fruits like pineapple, golden apple but also roasted rice and chestnut. It is a full-bodied saké with a nice balance in the mouth. It's sweet at the attack and then watery acidity appears with a lot of delicate rice aromas. It is classic with a slight bitterness in the finish. Nice texture, long finish.

Score : 18,5+/20 (97-98/100)

### Banjo Jozo Co. Ltd - Kamoshibito Kuheiji

16% alc - Aichi - Japan

The saké is transparent with some silver reflects. The nose is intense with some complex aromas of fruits (pineapple, apple) but also some spices (anis seed), rice pudding and even a salty sea breeze note. The attack is slightly fizzy. The mouth is very well balanced with pronounced aromas: it's an explosion of pineapple, cooked rice, peach, lime fruits, chestnut and also mint. It's very complex, powerful and the fat texture is amazing. You have waves of aromas and textures coming: from sweetness to slight acidity, a hint of bitterness to finally beautiful umami. The finish is very long with some saltiness. It's a big saké.

Score : 19,5/20 (99/100)

### Kitaya Co. Ltd - Kitaya Souden Junmai Ginjo

15% alc - Fukuoka - Japan

The saké is like clear spring water. The nose has got

pronounced aromas of fruits like pineapple. It's clean and classic with a hint of almond and anis seed. The mouth is fresh with cooked rice flavors, golden apple, litchi and tropical fruits. It also has a nice minerality and the finish is quite long with puffed rice notes. Well-balanced and powerful.

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

### Kiku-Masamune Sake Brewing Co. Ltd - Hyaku Moku Junmai Ginjo

15-16% alc - Hyogo - Japan

The saké is clear with a straw color. The nose is intense with a nice freshness and some fruits aromas like pineapple and anis seed. It also has got a biscuit note with flint. The mouth is sweet at the attack (brown sugar) and some delicate flavors are appearing like pineapple, pepper and pear. The medium finish is salty with a slight cooked rice touch.

Score : 15,75/20 (91-92/100)

### Aihara Shuzo Co. Ltd - Ugonotsuki Jyusanya Tokubetsu Junmai

13% alc - Hiroshima - Japan

The saké is water clear with a silver rim. The nose is about roasted rice, bread, chestnut and cooked pineapple. It needs a little bit of air to develop more intensity. The mouth has a nice freshness with some pineapple, cooked rice and cooked pear aromas. Some kirsch flavors are coming. It's quite complex with a long finish. It has a nice balance between the acidity and the umami. Good texture.

Score : 17,75+/20 (96/100)

### Nagai Saké Inc. - Mizubasho Junmai Daiginjo Sui

15% alc - Gunma - Japan

The saké is clear like water. The nose is intense with some minerality and sweetness brought by the pineapple, the white peach and chestnut flavors. It seems also to be milky. The attack is nice with sweetness followed by fruits (grapey) and spices (star anis). It is still with some milky aromas. The mouth is very delicate. The texture is smooth with a fresh finish all about puffed rice.

Score : 15,75+/20 (91-92/100)

### Godocha Brewery Co. Ltd Azumaichi Yamadanishiki Tokubetsu Junmai

14% alc - Saga - Japan

The saké has got a pale straw color. The nose is quite intense with golden apple, yellow peach and brugnion notes. It's appealing and creamy. The mouth is all about medium intensity stone fruits (peach) flavors. Then some delicate grapey and grain flavors are appearing.

Score : 15,5/20 (90-91/100)

### Fukuda Shuzo Co. Ltd - Fukuda Junmai Ginjo Yamadanishiki

15% alc - Nagasaki - Japan

The saké is transparent with some silver reflects. The nose is discreet, light, with cooked rice and green melon notes. The mouth is much more intense and complex with an explosion of toasted flavors, cooked rice, cream and fruits. It brings a deep umami accompanied by a nice acidity. It's smooth and full with a dried slightly bitter finish. Good length.

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



# Armagnac

## Monluc 2009

### Armagnac

(Organic) (53.3 °) The nose is fruity and offers a certain power, gourmandize, aromatic purity as well as a very fine intensity. There are notes of peach in syrup, jammy lemon and small notes of orange associated with touches of dry lemon, orange blossom, dry yellow grapes as well as fine hints of pâtisseries, caramelization, a subtle hint of acacia, sweet spices, blond tobacco and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, powerful, all in length, racy and offers a acidulous frame, good definition, elegance, a small aerial side, fine grain, tension, a beautiful guideline as well as a pretty precision. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of orange, orange zest, orange and small notes of pepper associated with small touches of nougatine, white flowers (lemon tree, orange tree...), fresh hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of caramelized vine peach, crystallized lemon as well as a very discreet hint of dried flowers, Gascon oak, a discreet hint of toast and pepper. Good length. There are power, a roasting hint, toasted almond and a very discreet hint of spices of the persistence.

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

## Monluc - XO

### Armagnac Tenareze

(40%) The nose is powerful, racy (terroir) and offers a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried kumquat and small notes of tangerine zest associated with small touches of dried white fruits, potpourri, dried rose, dried citron as well as hints of sweet blond tobacco, toffee, discreet hints of gray pepper and a subtle hint of cedar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense, racy and offers freshness, juiciness as well as a small aerial side in the approach. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dried yellow grapes, crystallized quince and small notes of caramelized pear associated with touches of caramel apple, citron, small dried white flowers as well as hints of dried tobacco, pepper, caramelized, a subtle hint of almond and toffee.

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

## Delord - 20 ans d'âge

### Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, power, a fine intensity as well as a fine and a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of dried peach, caramel apple and small notes of dried lemon zest associated with fine touches of caramelized small fruits, lychee as well as hints of rancio, rosewood, cedar and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, elegance, gourmandize, finesse as well as a small roundness. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, dried peach and small notes of caramelized apple associated with small touches of Zante currant, dried zest, tobacco as well as fine hints of cedar, pepper, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Delord - 25 ans d'âge

### Bas-Armagnac

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

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Laffitte 1986

### Bas-Armagnac

The nose is racy and offers power, deepness, a good structure / definition as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of currant, dried apple and small notes of caramel quince associated with small touches of caramel pear as well as fine hints of lemon marmalade, caramelization, toast, almond toasted, a very discreet hint of crème brûlée and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a good definition, very fine tension as well as a fine guideline. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, orangette and small notes of crystallized mandarin associated with touches of peach in caramel, hints of pear in caramel, dry yellow grapes as well as discreet hints of flowers, dried, pâtisseries / crème brûlée, toasted, sweet spices, a subtle hint of dried tobacco and an imperceptible hint of toffee. Good length.

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

## Laffitte 1985

### Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, a fine incisive touch as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of dry lemon, dried yellow grapes and small notes of dried zest of mandarin associated with small touches of candied lemon as well as a fine hint of dried apricot, spices, cedar, slight hints of dried tobacco and a very discreet hint of biscuit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced (full of balance and lightness) and offers gourmandize, finesse, a certain tension as well as power. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dry yellow grapes, dried peach and small notes of crystallized lemon associated with small touches of quince, a hint of apricot blossoms, spices, pepper, cedar as well as with a discreet toasted hint, lemon blossoms, an imperceptible hint of roasting and vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

## Laffitte 1976

### Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fresh, powerful, elegant and offers a certain complexity as well as intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystallized vine peach and small notes of green apple associated with small touches of dried lemon, hints of quenette, pear blossoms as well as discreet hints of apricot, a subtle hint of rancio, Zante currant and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, beautifully-balanced and offers energy, juiciness, a good definition as well as a good guideline. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, apple and small notes of dried peach associated with small touches of dried lemon, quenette, very discreet hints of lemon blossom, tangerine flowers as well as a hint of dry yellow grapes, rancio and almond. Presence of a hint of tannins and coffee on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Jean Cave 1970

### Armagnac

(Brut de fût) The nose is elegant, fruity and offers good definition as well as harmony. There are notes of crushed Zante currant, dried apricot and small notes of dried lemon associated with small touches of dried flowers, dried rose, rancio as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and a subtle hint of cigar. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, finesse, a small acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, power, a small freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of dry yellow grapes, dried peach and small notes of candied apple associated with small touches of dried apricot, caramel pear, cigar as well as a hint of pepper and pâtisseries. Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of toasted Gascon oak on the finish / persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Dartigalongue VSOP

### Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of dried orange, crushed kumquat and small notes of caramelization associated with touches of sweet spices, dry yellow grapes, orange blossoms as well as a very discreet hint of dried quince and a subtle hint of cedar. The palate is



# Armagnac

fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, fat, a fine tension, roundness as well as gourmandize. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of dry yellow grapes, orangette and small notes of quince jam associated with small touches of caramelization / crème brûlée as well as a subtle hint of acacia flowers, honey and a subtle hint of fresh blond tobacco. Good length.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Dartigalongue - 20 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and powerful. There are notes of Zante currant, nougatine and small notes of candied small white fruits associated with fine touches of crystallized lemon, slight hints of white flowers, dried peach, dried kumquat as well as a very discreet hint of dry oak and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced (full of balance) and offers suavity, gourmandize, a good definition as well as a small aerial side (in the approach). On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized peach, crushed pear and small notes of candied kumquat associated with touches of crushed raisin, pâtisseries, dry oak as well as a subtle hint of fresh blond tobacco and a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length.  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Dartigalongue - 25 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a small richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lime zest, crystallized lemon and small notes of dried apple associated with touches of dried peach, dried zest as well as hints of white flowers, fresh tobacco and discreet hints of rancio / cedar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, elegance, a beautiful guideline, roundness, gourmandize, a beautiful unctuous touch, a fine grain as well as harmony. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized peach, caramelized apple and small notes of quince associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, a subtle hint of dried white flowers, dried lime as well as slight hints of pâtisseries, fresh blond tobacco, rancio and Bourbon vanilla.  
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Dartigalongue - 30 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, very elegant and offers a fine intensity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, harmony as well as a small power. It reveals notes of dried mandarin zest, dried quince, caramelized orange and small notes of dried lemon associated with touches of caramel pear, cedar, rancio, cigar as well as a subtle hint of pepper, dried flowers and cardamom. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition, all in finesse (beautiful finesse), dynamism, a juicy character, a beautiful guideline, a small tension, complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of caramel pear, caramel peach and candied orange associated with small notes of dried orange zest, Zante currants, citron, caramel as well as a subtle hint of apricot, pâtisseries, a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla, cigar, pepper and an imperceptible hint of toasted cocoa (in the background). Good length.  
Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Castarède XO, 20 ans d'âge Bas-Armagnac

(40%) The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, power, elegance, complexity as well as a beautiful and very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of candied peach, dried orange, citron and small notes of dried lime associated with touches of fresh blond tobacco, rancio, pear in syrup as well as a hint of butter apple, Zante currants, pepper, a discreet hint of flowers / violet, an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries and cardamom. The palate is fruity, suave, well balanced, gourmande, elegant, precise, an aerial dimension and offers delicacy, richness, dynamism, a fine tension, a fine straightness, a very fine freshness (in the background), fat, a fine grain, a small stretched side as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of candied mandarin, crystallized lemon and small notes of citron, caramel apple associated with small touches of quenette,

pear in syrup, a hint of dry yellow grapes, hints of caramelization / cream burnt, toasted cocoa as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, dried flowers, roasted almond (in the background), sweet blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla bean. Good length and persistence. A small tannic hint on the finish. The finish is aerial and powerful.  
Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

## Armagnac de Montal - Napoléon Bas-Armagnac

(40%) The nose offers a small gourmandize as well as a very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of Zante currant, caramel apple and small notes of pear associated with small touches of crystallized mandarin, a hint of lemon blossom as well as fine hints of pâtisseries and a very discreet hint of dried tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, roundness, generosity as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crushed pear and small notes of caramel apple associated with touches of candied small fruits, caramelization as well as a hint of brioche, candied quince, tobacco, roasted almond and a very discreet hint of roasted coffee bean.  
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Armagnac de Montal - XO Bas-Armagnac

(40%) The nose offers power, a certain intensity, a fine grain as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of quince, crushed apple, dried lime zest and small notes of dried apple skin associated with small touches of caramel plum, kumquat, cigar as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization, toasted hazelnut, toasted oak (in the background) and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral structure, freshness, a fine juiciness, a beautiful finesse of the guideline, gourmandize, unctuousity as well as a small dynamism. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized orange, caramelized pear and small notes of caramel apple associated with touches of candied citron, candied lemon, as well as hints of Zante currant, toffee, pâtisseries / caramelization, slight touches of cedar, orange blossom and sweet spices / nutmeg. Good length.  
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

## Château Garreau - Hors d'Âge Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, powerful, intense, dry, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance as well as a slight sensation of tension. There are notes of citron, dried orange and small notes of dried mandarin associated with small touches of dried peach, dried apple as well as fine hints of lime, dried white flowers, with hints of dry tobacco, spices, with a very discreet hint of cardamom and pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a small suavity, tension, a little straightness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, power, intensity, gourmandize as well as a small unctuousity. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized mandarin zest, dried orange and small notes of caramel pear associated with small touches of quince, lychee, dried apple as well as hints of caramelization, grape of crushed Zante currants, a hint of toffee and a subtle hint of cigar (in the background).  
Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



# Calvados

## Château du Breuil - VSOP

Calvados Pays d'Auge

(40%) The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cooked yellow apple, mirabelle plum and small notes of butter associated with fine touches almost citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, energy, a good guideline, a fine roundness as well as power. On the palate, this Calvados expresses notes of cooked yellow apple, crushed pear and small notes of Tarte Tatin / butter as well as a subtle hint of flowers (in the background) and an imperceptible hint almost pepper.

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

## Château du Breuil - Fine Calvados

Calvados Pays d'Auge

(40%) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a fine freshness, a certain aromatic purity as well as a controlled power. It reveals notes of bright yellow apple, juicy pear and small notes of green apple associated with small touches of pear blossom and an imperceptible almost lemon hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small fat, a certain roundness, fleshiness, a good guideline, a good precision as well as a grain reminiscent of very ripe pear. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of fairly ripe / juicy Williams pear, yellow apple cooked in butter and small notes of pear blossoms associated with fine hints almost pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Garnier 12 ans

Calvados

(40%) The nose is elegant and offers power (in delicacy), harmony, a certain deepness, a fine complexity as well as a small "perfume" side. It reveals notes of cooked yellow apple, buttered apple and small notes of jammy nectarine associated with fine touches of quince, tangerine blossoms, pear blossoms as well as fine hints of nutmeg, tobacco, spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine juiciness, a small suavity, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a stretched side (all in length) as well as a beautiful harmony. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of cooked yellow apple, juicy / fresh nectarine and small notes of juicy small white fruits associated with small touches of pear blossom, Williams pear as well as an imperceptible hint of spices / fresh gingerbread.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château du Breuil Réserve des Seigneurs, 20 ans d'âge

Calvados Pays d'Auge

(41%) The nose is elegant, powerful (but in control), harmonious and offers deepness, a fine intensity as well as a discreet incisive side. It reveals notes of cider, cooked quince and small notes of cooked apple associated with fine touches of lemon blossoms as well as slight hints of Tarte Tatin, spices and a very discreet hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, roundness, suavity, a beautiful definition, a fine "spherical" side as well as a beautiful balance. On the palate, this Calvados expresses notes of cooked quince, yellow apple cooked in butter and small notes of cider associated with small touches of cooked pear, fine hints of Zante currant, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of dried lemon zest and rancio. Beautiful suave / gourmande persistence with discreet hints of brioche and an imperceptible hint of chocolate.

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

## Garnier 6 ans

Calvados

(40%) The nose is elegant, harmonious and offers a small power as well as a fine incisive touch. It reveals notes of crunchy yellow apple, fresh pear and small notes of quince associated with small touches of mandarin zest, pear blossoms as well as a discreet hint of pepper, with a subtle hint of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate offers freshness, very fine tension, a beautiful guideline, a certain straightness, finesse, harmony as well as energy. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of cooked yellow apple, juicy / pulpy pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of jammy small yellow fruits as well as fine hints of cider, cooked butter, a hint of zest and pepper. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Garnier – Fine

Calvados

(40%) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power, a beautiful definition as well as a fine captivating side. It reveals notes of cooked yellow apple, crushed quince and small notes of green apple associated with fine touches of lemon, cider, a subtle hint of apple blossoms as well as a very discreet hint of zest and pineapple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers minerality, a "frank" side, a small fat, a fine freshness as well as a small "spherical" side. On the palate, this Calvados expresses notes of cooked / crushed yellow apple, butter apple and small notes of quince associated with small touches of crushed pear, pear blossoms as well as discreet hints of beeswax and a very discreet a hint of pepper on the persistence.

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

## Château du Breuil – 15 Ans d'Âge

Calvados Pays d'Auge

(41%) The nose is fruity, powerful and offers intensity, fine grain, elegance as well as fine deepness. There are notes of baked apple, baked pear and small notes of cooked quince associated with touches of cider, tarte Tatin, spices as well as very discreet hints of honey, flowers and an imperceptible hint of dry oak. The palate is fruity and offers roundness, fat, an acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine straightness. On the palate, this Calvados expresses notes of cooked yellow apple, quince marmelade and small notes of Tarte Tatin associated with touches of caramelization, apple blossoms, pear in brandy as well as fine hints of spices, with a very discreet hint of acacia and pepper. Good length. An alcoholic power on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Toutain, Domaine de la Couterie Hors d'Âge

Calvados

(40%) The nose is racy and offers power (finesse), elegance, deepness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a good definition. There are notes of jammy mirabelle plum, butter apple and small notes of spices associated with small touches of quince, nutmeg as well as a fine hint of dried blond tobacco, a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of vanilla blossoms. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, stretched (all in length) and offers elegance. On the palate, this Calvados expresses notes of yellow apple cooked in butter, bright mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy apple associated with touches of pepper, dried yellow flowers, spices as well as discreet hints of cigar box. A beautiful Calvados which is full of finesse, length and precision.

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



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# Cognac

## COGNAC XO

### Martell – XO

#### Cognac

The nose is powerful and offers a certain intensity, a small incisive side as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dry orange zests, dry quince, small notes of dry flowers associated with small touches of orangette, dry lemon as well as discreet hints of dry peach, caramelization, violet and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers a small fat, gourmandize, a small incisive side, a fine straightness as well as a small juiciness, a fine freshness, a fine acidulous frame, power and fullness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry orange, orangette, small notes of dry zests associated with small touches of dry lemon, caramel pear as well as hints of cigar, cedar, crème brûlée and a discreet hint of pepper (in the background).

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

### Vallein Tercinier, Domaine des Forges-Chermignac XO, Vieille Réserve

#### Cognac, Fine Champagne

(40%) The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, racy, finely incisive/tight and offers power. It reveals notes of dry yellow peach, dry lime zests, small notes of dry quince dry mandarine zests associated with hints of dry white fruits, caramel small white fruit as well as a subtle hint of cedar, dry tobacco, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, suave, elegant, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, finesse, a fine aerial side, a beautiful harmony as well as a fine gourmandize and fullness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized mandarine zests, dry zests, crystallized lemon, small notes of caramel apple associated with touches of white fruits in syrup, a subtle hint of flowers, salted butter caramel, cedar wood, mild tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla pod/pâtisserie. Good length and beautiful persistence.

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

### Courvoisier – XO

#### Cognac

(40%) The nose is fruity, powerful, fine, elegant and offers an incisive/chiseled side. It reveals notes of mandarine, dry zests, small notes of dry peach associated with small touches of caramelized apple as well as fine hints of dry lemon, lemon flowers, cedar, a discreet hint of fresh fat, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandize and suavity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized vine peach, caramelized mandarine, small notes of dry kumquat associated with touches of juicy apple as well as small touches of cedar, rancio, caramelization, discreet hints of dry flowers, pepper, an imperceptible hint of nutmeg and grilled hazelnut. Good length. Good persistence.

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

### Club Cigare – XO, Limited Edition Grande Champagne, 1er Grand Cru, Cognac

The nose is dry, racy and offers a certain complexity as well as intensity. It reveals notes of dry orange, orangette, small notes of tobacco associated with touches of dry white flowers/pot pourri, a fine touch of dry apricot, quince paste as well as hints of cedar, rose wood and pepper. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a fine gourmandize, a very fine unctuousity as well as a dry character, a small fat, power and intensity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of orangette, dry orange, crystallized mandarine associated with touches of pâtisserie, crème brûlée, tobacco, crystallized lemon as well as a fine hint of crushed dry apricot, discreet hints of caramelization, pepper, rose wood, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of bergamot.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château de Montifaud – XO Silvier

#### Petite Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers complexity, a fine/finely tight grain, a multi-layer side, intensity and a fine dry side. It reveals notes of dry Mirabelle, quince, small notes of small yellow berries associated with touches of tobacco, dry lemon, fine hints of spices and pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers dynamism, energy, power as well as a small straightness and a small dry character. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry/Crushed yellow raisin, caramelized Mirabelle, caramelized quince, small notes of sugared mild tobacco associated with touches of pâtisseries, Pomme d'Amour, toasted, nutmeg, cigar box as well as a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

### Larsen – XO Reserve

#### Cognac

The nose is powerful, quite fruity and offers elegance, a certain harmony and a fine grain. It reveals notes of caramelized apple, caramelized brugnion, small notes of caramelized mandarine associated with touches of dry lemon, a hint of orangette, discreet hints of mirabelle eau-de-vie, tobacco, grilled hazelnut and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers a fine freshness, harmony, a small fullness, suavity as well as gourmandize and a small juiciness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currant, caramel apple, small notes of caramelized orange associated with touches of crystallized lemon, caramel pear as well as hints of pâtisserie, lychee, peach flowers, discreet hints of tobacco, chocolate, pepper and a subtle hint of menthol liquorice (in the background).

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Baron Otard – XO Gold

#### Cognac

The nose is elegant and offers a fine sensation of tension, a fine richness (full of control) and a small intensity. It reveals notes of yellow peach, small candied yellow fruits, small notes of caramelized kumquat associated with small touches of caramel pear, apricot flowers, cigar box, vanilla pod as well as fine hints of camphor, dry violet and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a small tension, fullness, a certain generosity, suavity as well as a small dry side, gourmandize and elegance. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramel pear, crystallized mandarine, small notes of caramelized kumquat associated with small touches of small crushed yellow fruits, pâtisserie, cedar wood, tobacco as well as hints of crème brûlée, coffee, Bourbon vanilla pod and a subtle hint of dry violet/pepper.

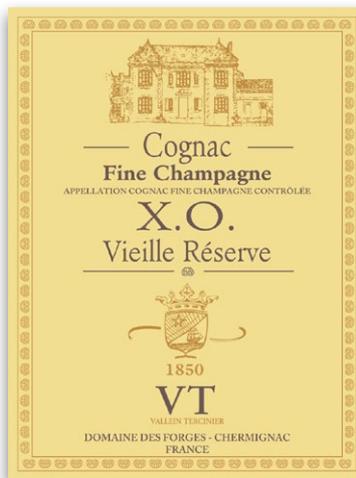
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

### Paul Giraud – XO

#### Grande Champagne, Premier Cru de Cognac

The nose is powerful, elegant, fruity, complex, intense, gourmand, precise and racy. It reveals notes of yellow peach, dry quince, small notes of peach flowers, white fruits associated with touches of dry zests, citrus (kumquat, lemon) associated with a fine touch of apricot, dry flowers, spices, pepper as well as a subtle hint of pâtisserie and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant, well-defined and offers a fine acid frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, suavity, a fine gourmandize and a good construction/Structure (full of finesse). On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of fleshy peach, candied apple, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of dry apricot associated with fine touches of zests, caramelized mandarine, rancio, caramel/pâtisserie as well as a very discreet hint of menthol, tobacco/tobacco box, cedar, small yellow flowers, Zante currant and a very discreet hint of pepper. Good length and persistence. A very fine power on the persistence. A beautiful finesse, delicacy and balance!

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



# Cognac

## Ragnaud-Sabourin – N°25 XO

### Grande Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is powerful and offers a fine/very discreetly tight grain and intensity. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, dry lemon, small notes of pot pourri associated with small touches of dry apple, pepper, fine hints of dry cedrat, tobacco box pepper and an imperceptible hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, suave, racy and offers gourmandize, straightness, a small intensity, a fine deepness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small incisive/franc side. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized quince, vine peach, small notes of crystallized lemon, hints of Zante currant, tobacco, pâtisserie as well as a subtle hint of cedar and vanilla pod. Good length and persistence. A subtle hint of liquorice/pepper in the background/finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Deau – XO

### Cognac (40%)

The nose is fruity and offers power, a beautiful fine grain as well as a small incisive side. It reveals notes of orangette, caramelization, small notes of caramelized mandarine associated with touches of crystallized lemon, zests, lychee as well as fine hints of peach flowers, lime, discreet hints of pâtisserie, sugared cedrat, a hint of Cuban pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of incense. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small dry side, a certain finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame, gourmandize, a small suavity and juiciness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized mandarine, orangette, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of sugared cedrat, caramel peach, tobacco, sweet spices, cedar, dry oak, discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length. A tannic hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## J & L Charlemagne – XO Tradition

### Cognac

(40%) The nose offers power and intensity. It reveals notes of dry orange, tobacco, dry quince associated with small touches of peach, peach flowers, tobacco as well as hints of cedar, cedrat, a discreet hint of toffee and pâtisserie. The palate is very finely tight and offers a small freshness, power, a fine grain as well as intensity and a fine straightness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry mandarine, dry peach, small notes of dry pear associated with touches of dry flowers/pot pourri, dry lemon, tobacco, pepper as well as fine hints of cedar, caramelization, a discreet hint of incense and grilled almond. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château de Beaulon Cognac XO Premier, Single Estate

### Cognac

The nose is elegant, racy and offers straightness, finesse, intensity as well as a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of crushed pear, dry peach, small notes of dry lemon associated with small notes of crystallized lemon, dry white flowers, apple flowers as well as hints of almond, Zante currant, dry orange zests, discreet hints of liquorice, cedar, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, beautiful balanced, harmony, elegant and offers generosity, a certain aromatic purity as well as a fine straightness, a fine tension, a beautiful precision, a beautiful definition, a very beautiful finesse, suavity, a fine gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of peach in syrup, clementine jam, small notes of apricot, crystallized lemon associated with fine touches of apple compote, lychee, cedrat as well as hints of spices, pâtisseries, dry almond, subtle hints of white flowers, rose wood. A subtle hint of grilled and dry violet on the finish/persistence. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Naud – XO

### Fine Cognac, Cognac

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a good definition as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes of caramelized kumquat, dry orange, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with small touches of caramel peach, candied pear as well as hints of orange flowers, apricot flowers, small hints of rose wood, caramelization, discreet hints of pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, gourmandize, a small generosity as well as a small fat and a certain tension. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramel peach, caramel pear, small notes of caramelized orange associated with touches of crystallized lemon, dry zests, dry flowers as well as hints of nougatine/brioche, toasted hazelnut, a subtle hint of camphor, black tea, liquorice (in the background), discreet hints of vanilla and toffee.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)



## Château de Montifaud – XO

### Fine Petite Champagne, Cognac

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a small power. It reveals notes of caramelized peach, orangette, small notes of crystallized lemon, lemon zests associated with a hint of dry peach, small caramelized fruits, cedrat, a hint of rancio, a subtle hint of Zante currant as well as very discreet hints of spices, tobacco, nutmeg, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of orange flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, well-built, racy and offers a fine suavity, elegance, a fine gourmandize, a fine tension as well as a very fine aerial side. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of marmalade, crystallized mandarine, small notes of caramelized yellow peach associated with a hint of dry zests, candied lemon, lychee as well as discreet hints of Zante currant, pâtisserie, cedar wood, tobacco, grilled oak, coffee, rancio and an imperceptible

hint of cocoa. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## La Truffe – XO

### Petite Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is aromatic and offers a certain amplexity, a small soothing side, a fine intensity as well as a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of dry kumquat, dry quince, small notes of dry brugnon associated with fine touches of crystallized lemon, caramel apple as well as discreet hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, violet, a subtle hint of camphor, cigar and dry oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful suavity, gourmandize, dullness as well as a juicy/mineral frame, a beautiful guideline, a fine unctuousity and a certain amplexity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized quince, crystallized mandarine, small notes of pâtisseries associated with touches of caramel peach, dry lemon dry flowers as well as a hint of dry zests, mild tobacco, sweet spices, a hint of pepper and a very discreet hint of grilled. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Hardy – XO Rare Fine Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is powerful, fruity, elegant and offers complexity as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of dry grapefruit zests, candied apple, small notes of dry orange associated with small touches of lychee in syrup, dry lemon, orange flowers as well as hints of small caramelized fruits, dry yellow grape, cedrat, rancio, caramel, grilled cocoa, fine hints of pepper and dry oak. The palate is fruity, beautifully balance, well-built, elegant and offers a fine freshness, finesse, a fine acidulous frame as well as a very beautiful suavity, gourmandize, a fine concentration, a fine grain and a fine richness (in power). On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of clementine jam, crystallized lemon, small notes of peach in syrup associated with a subtle hint of dry apricot, small dry yellow grape, rancio/cedar as well as hints of pâtisserie, dry almond and a very discreet hint of dry tobacco/cigar. Good length and beautiful persistence.

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



# Cognac

## Prulho – XO

### Grande Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is dry and offers a controlled power as well as a small intensity of the fruit. It reveals notes of dry clementine, dry zests, small notes of peach associated with small touches of Pomme d'Amour as well as hints of flowers, cedrat, dry tobacco, discreet hints of pepper, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized clementine, dry lemon, small notes of dry flowers, dry apple associated with small touches of caramel peach as well as hints of pear, caramelization/pâtisserie, cedar, rancio, dry oak, discreet hints of dry almond, vanilla, an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background) and violet.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Laurent Jouffe – XO

### Grande Champagne, 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, quite powerful, fine and offers a small straightness, a fine bewitching side as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, dry lemon zests, dry mandarine, small notes of cedrat, dry flowers associated with small touches of dry brugnon, marmelade, fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of pâtisserie and an imperceptible hint of verbena (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, full, suave and offers a fine straightness, a fine intensity, a small unctuousity as well as a very fine minerality. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup, small notes of crushed Zante currant associated with touches of marmelade, crushed kumquat as well as subtle hints of pâtisseries, vanilla, liquorice stick, chocolate, tobacco and a very discreet hint of grilled. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Prulho – XO, Hors d'Âge

### Cognac

(40%) The nose is aromatic, chiseled and offers a certain intensity as well as an incisive side. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dry orange, small notes of dry peach associated with small touches of cedrat, quince, caramel apple as well as fine hints of toasted almond, toffee, a subtle hint of pepper and a very discreet hint of liquorice/coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, suavity as well as fullness and a small franc side. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramel pear, caramelized peach, small notes of dry lemon associated with touches of orangette, dry apple as well as fine hints of toffee, caramelization, tobacco, cedrat, very discreet hints of liquorice and coffee. Good length. A very discreet hint of pepper on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Hardy – Noces d'Argent

### Fine Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is fine, elegant, quite aromatic and offers power, an incisive side, a beautiful precision as well as intensity and deepness. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarine, yellow peach, small notes of dry quince associated with fine touches of dry zests, dry lemon, small dry yellow berries, a hint of dry yellow grape as well as a subtle hint of lemon flowers/dry white flowers, cedrat, a discreet hint of dry tobacco and an imperceptible hint of cedar/rancio. The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine suavity as well as power (full of control). On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized mandarine, small dry yellow grape, small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of caramel, pâtisserie, dry apricot as well as subtle hints of cedrat, cedar, Bourbon vanilla, roasted almond, black tea and a hint of grilled oak. Good length and beautiful persistence. A Cognac full of finesse, power and balance.

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

## Hine – Antique XO, 100th Anniversary 1920-2020

### Cognac Grande Champagne

(Limited Edition) The nose is elegant, powerful (in delicacy and control) and offers finesse, a beautiful finesse of the grain and an aerial side in the approach. It reveals notes of Zante currant, small crushed dry yellow grape, small notes of

caramelized pear associated with touches of dry lemon zests, small white fruits as well as a fine hint of yuzu, white flowers, lychee, a subtle hint of rancio, brioche and an imperceptible hint of cedar (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, full of precision, franc and offers a beautiful finesse of the tension, power (full of delicacy), a small aerial side, complexity and a good structure. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, dry orange zests, small notes of caramelized orange associated with touches of dry lemon, dry flowers as well as int of apple, dry nectarine, fine hints of tobacco, cedar, cedrat, a very discreet hint of rancio/caramelization, violet and pepper. Good length. A fine power and tension of the finish. A beautiful precise, straight, elegant Cognac, full of finesse and offering a good structure.

Score : 17.25+20 (95/100)

## Château de Beaulon - Grand XO, Single Family Estate

### Cognac

(40%) The nose is fruity and offers power, elegance, a small freshness as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of cedar, dry kumquat, small notes of dry white flowers associated with small touches of dry lemon zests, dry pear, fine hints of dry tobacco, grey pepper, nutmeg and a hint of cedar. The palate is fruity and offers a small fullness, suavity, gourmandize, a fine unctuousity, a fine juiciness, a small generosity, a fine tension as well as elegance. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crushed dry yellow grape, candied quince, small notes of dry apple associated with touches of dry lemon, small candied white fruits, candied peach as well as fine hints of brioche, sweet spices, caramelization, a discreet hint of tobacco, dry flowers and violet (in the background). Good length.

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

## Frapin, Château Fontpinot – XO, Single Vineyard

### Grand Champagne, Cognac

(41%) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine intensity, power (full of control) as well as finesse. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, dry zests, dry orange, small notes of dry lemon associated with fine touches of cedrat, candied peach, dry apple as well as a subtle hint of cedar, lychee, dry oak, vanilla, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, gourmand, finely suave and offers elegance, power, a fine acid frame, a fine tension as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, caramelized cedrat, small notes of dry citrus, crystallized mandarine associated with small notes of candied peach, caramel peach as well as small hints of dry yellow raisin, caramelization, pâtisserie, dry tobacco, a very discreet hint of chocolate, cigar, an imperceptible hint of grilled oak and pepper. Good length. Good persistence. Small/fine power and suavity on the finish/aftertaste.

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

## Courvoisier – Initiale Extra

### Cognac

(40%) The nose is powerful, elegant, complexe and offers intensity and control. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, dry quince, small notes of caramelized lemon associated with small touches of Tarte Tatin, caramelization as well as small hints of caramelized mandarine zests, a discreet hint of chocolate, cardamom and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, stretch and offers a fine/delicate grain, power, a small aerial side, a beautiful balance as well as power (full of control) and a dry side. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, caramelized peach, small notes of fresh quince associated with small touches of caramelized apple, dry zests as well as a subtle hint of Tarte Tatin, caramelization, dry violet, a hint of tobacco, pepper, camphor and vanilla. Good persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Courvoisier – L'Essence de Courvoisier

### Cognac

(42%) The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, complexity as well as a multi-layer side and a small dry side. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, crystallized quince, small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of caramelized vine peach as well as a small touch of lychee, lemon flower, discreet hints of



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tobacco, nutmeg, dry hazelnut, acacia and an imperceptible hint of graphite (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a certain generosity as well as a fine sugariness, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a fine straightness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramel peach, caramel pear, small notes crystallized lemon associated with touches of crystallized mandarine as well as fine hints of tobacco, lychee, dry flowers, discreet hints of brioche, grilled cocoa and grilled oak. A dry sensation on the finish.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## Deau – Louis Memory Cognac

(40%) The nose is elegant, aromatic, beautifully precise, full of delicacy and offers a fine intensity (full of finesse), a fine density and a beautiful guideline. It reveals notes of caramel pear, caramelized orange, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of vine peach, caramel apple as well as fine hints of apricot/apricot flowers, rancio, cigar box, a discreet hint of pâtisserie, cedar, toasted hazelnut, orange flowers and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful definition, finesse as well as a beautiful fine grain, elegance, power (full of control), a certain delicacy and a fine aerial side. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of orange flowers, crystallized mandarine, small notes crystallized lemon associated with small touches of yellow peach, apricot as well as hints of caramel pear, cedar, pâtisserie, discreet hints of rancio, toasted hazelnut, a subtle hint of flowers, pepper, Bourbon vanilla, nougatine and an imperceptible hint of menthol liquorice (in the background). A beautiful aromatic, suave, appetent persistence.

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

## Prince Alain Murat – XO Cognac

The nose is fruity, incisive and offers a certain power. It reveals notes of quince, dry kumquat, small notes of dry apple associated with small touches of dry lemon, lychee, lemon flowers as well as discreet hints of dry tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine tension, intensity and power. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized clementine, crystallized lemon, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with small touches of caramel peach, cedrat, dry tobacco as well as a subtle hint of pepper/spices.

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

## Prunier – Très Vieille Grande Champagne Cognac (40%)

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a dry side, power, a certain intensity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of dry orange, mandarine, small notes of orangette associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, caramel peach as well as a fine hint of lemon flowers, apricot, nougatine, cigar and discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a small juiciness, a small tension, a fresh/mineral frame as well as power. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized orange, caramelized mandarine, small notes of dry zests associated with a touch of orangette, dry lemon, caramel peach, crushed pear as well as fine hints of caramelization, vanilla, nutmeg, cedar, a discreet hint of caramelized cedrat and pepper. Good length. A small dry and tannic side on the finish. Good persistence with an imperceptible hint of grilled and coffee.

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

## Deau – Black Cognac (40%)

The nose is beautifully elegant, powerful, incisive and offers a beautiful finesse, intensity and straightness. It reveals notes of Zante currant, small crushed yellow grape, small notes of dry lemon zests associated with small touches of dry yuzu, orangette, fresh nutmeg, crystallized clementine, candied peach as well as hints of cigar box, cedar, a discreet hint of black tea, a subtle hint of pepper and vanilla flowers. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, fullness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the unctuousity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, tension as well as complexity, gourmandize, an aerial side and a certain aromatic purity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized orange, crystallized clementine, small notes of crushed dry yellow grape associated with

touches of caramelized peach, dry lime, cigar box, violet, camphor, liquorice, discreet hints of graphite, grilled, toffee and vanilla pod. A beautiful Cognac!

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

## Pierre de Segonzac – PC1 Cognac

The nose is well-defined and offers a fine grain as well as a certain elegance. It reveals notes of brugnol, lychee, small notes of white flowers associated with small touches of dry zests, dry apple associated with fine hints of fresh mild tobacco, a hint of fresh violet and spices. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, a fine suavity, a very fine incisive side, dynamism, a fine grain as well as fullness and a small fat. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized peach, caramelized apple, small notes of cedrat associated with touches of dry white pear/dry rose, dry lemon as well as hints of caramel pear, lychee, pâtisserie as well as discreet hints of spices, brioche, fresh mild tobacco, nutmeg and toffee. Good length.

**Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## Pierre de Segonzac – PC 2 Cognac

The nose is elegant and offers a certain deepness, finesse, intensity and a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, crystallized lemon, small notes of dry apple, dry zests associated with small touches of cedrat, small caramelized

fruits as well as fine hints of peach flowers, apricot flowers, hints of tobacco, grey pepper, rose wood and a discreet hint of nougatine. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a small gourmandize, juiciness, a small tension as well as a fine grain, intensity and elegance. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized apple, caramelized peach, small notes of peach associated with touches of caramelized lemon, dry citrus, dry zests as well as hints of dry white flowers, rose wood, dry rose, fine hints of pâtisseries, rancio, vanilla pod and a discreet hint of dry tobacco and grey pepper. Good length.

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

## Quintard, Du Frolet – XO Petite Champagne, Cognac

(40%) The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small complexity and a small multi-layer side. It reveals notes of dry mandarine, dry zests, small notes of orange associated with small touches of peach flowers, pear as well as fine hints of fresh apricot, nutmeg, orange flowers, discreet hints of cedrat, cedar and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and

offers a beautiful dimension, a fine chiseled side, a beautiful fine grain as well as power, a fine acidulous frame (in the background), precision and a beautiful definition. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized mandarine, orangette, small notes of crystallized lemon associated with small touches of caramel peach, pear, white flowers as well as small hints of pâtisserie, nutmeg, cedar, a subtle hint of sugared mild tobacco, a discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of rose wood. Good length.

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

## VINTAGE / MILLÉSIMÉ

## Conte & Filles – 2010, Edition Limitée Bons Bois, Cognac

(fût unique n°46. 42,7%) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers harmony, power (in of control) and a full sensation. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, candied Mirabelle, small notes of candied pear associated with touches of pear flowers, butter cooked apple as well as fine hints of acacia, brioche and a discreet hint of menthol liquorice. The palate is fruity, racy, suave and offers gourmandize, a beautiful control in power, elegance, precision, fullness as well as fine unctuousity and energy. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, butter cooked apple, small notes of candied Mirabelle associated with small touches of dry citrus, dry flowers, crystallized mandarine as well as small hints of apple flowers, menthol liquorice, spices, a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of peat (in the background).  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**



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## Ragnaud-Sabourin 1992

### Cognac

(41%) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful power (in control), a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of dry kumquat, dry mandarine, small notes of dry yellow grape associated with small touches of violet, pepper, dry apricot as well as a discreet hint of dry fig, dry cedrat/dry zests, discreet hints of fresh mild tobacco and pâtisserie. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain, a certain straightness (full of elegance) and appetite. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, dry kumquat, small notes of candied Mirabelle associated with touches of dry citrus, candied mandarine zests, dry lemon flowers/dry white flowers as well as a discreet hint of lilac, dry apricot, cedar, a subtle hint of spices, pâtisserie and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Good length.

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

## Ragnaud-Sabourin 1989

### Cognac

(41%) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a certain aromatic power, a beautiful definition, appetite and a seducing side. It reveals notes of orangette, caramelized brugnion, small notes of lemon associated with touches of dry peach, quince as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, cedar, a discreet hint of rose, small white flowers and a very discreet hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a certain freshness, a dry character, a good definition, tension as well as a certain energy and a fine fat. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of orangette, caramel pear, small notes of caramelized peach associated with touches of crystallized lemon, apple as well as hints of flowers, pâtisserie, a subtle hint of dry almond, dry tobacco, a very discreet hint of nougatine, dry oak and an imperceptible hint of Badiane (in the background). Good length.

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

## Ragnaud-Sabourin 1990

### Cognac

(41%) The nose is elegant, precise and offers intensity as well as a certain power/force. It reveals notes of dry kumquat, orangette, small notes of dry citrus associated with small touches of rancio, dry flowers, apricot as well as fine hints of cedrat, rose wood, tobacco and a very discreet hint of rose pepper. The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a fine gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, precision as well as a beautiful fine grain and a good definition. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of candied kumquat, orangette, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of dry citrus, caramel peach as well as small touches of juicy Mirabelle, apricot flowers, pâtisseries, brioche, a subtle hint of caramelization, rose wood, an imperceptible hint of bergamot, pepper and liquorice stick (in the background).

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Frapin – Millésime 1992, 26 ans d'âge Grande Champagne, Cognac, Premier Cru

(40,5%) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a certain delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition as well as harmony and control (in its power). It reveals notes of orangette, dry mandarine, small notes of lemon associated with touches of dry zests, dry yuzu, dry peach as well as fine hints of apricot flowers, pâtisserie, cedar, small dry yellow grape, discreet hints of verbena and a subtle hint of Badiane. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers suavity, a beautiful finesse, definition as well as a small fat, a beautiful guideline, distinction and a fine tension. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crushed dry yellow grape, caramelized peach, small notes of apple compote associated with touches of orangette, crushed brugnion, small caramelized fruits as well as fine hints of cigar, nutmeg, cooked apricot as well as fine hints of spices, vanilla, a discreet hint of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of rancio. Good length. A beautiful Cognac combining richness, elegance, harmony and full of finesse.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Renault – Heritage Collection 1989

### Petite Champagne, Cognac

(Fût exclusif R-088 - 41,2%) The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful power (full of finesse), straightness, a dry character and a good definition. It reveals notes of quince, dry clementine, small notes of caramelized mandarine associated with small touches of cigar box, dry oak, nutmeg as well as fine hints of Tarte Tatin, rancio, a discreet hint of cedrat, dry white flowers, subtle hints of spices and sense of the place (dry local biotope). The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, power (controlled), a fine dry character as well as a franc side, dynamism, a good balance, a multi-layer side and harmony. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, caramelized mandarine, small notes of dry clementine associated with small touches of caramelized mirabelle, caramel pear, crushed brugnion as well as hints of rancio, cedar, cigar, brioche and an imperceptible hint of sap/Badiane.

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

## Château de Beaulon - 1980, Single Estate

### Cognac

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers intensity as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of dry clementine, caramelized mandarine, small notes of dry yuzu associated with small touches of apple, lychee, lemon flowers, a hint of dry pink grapefruit, cedrat, cedar, fine hints of rancio and a discreet hint of cigar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an aerial side, a very beautiful balance, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandize, juiciness, an acidulous frame and a fine suavity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized peach, dry lemon, small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with touches of Pomme d'Amour, lychee, dry citrus, lemon flowers as well as a hint of dry pink grapefruit, rancio, tobacco, pâtisserie, a subtle hint of grilled hazelnut, caramel and coffee (in the background). Good length.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

## Château de Beaulon – 1975, Single Estate

### Cognac

The nose is elegant, fine, precise, bewitching and offers justness, purity, a beautiful definition as well as complexity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, intensity and delicacy. It reveals notes of dry lemon, lime, dry mandarine, small notes of pear, dry apple associated with small touches of dry clementine zests, white flowers (lemon, pear) as well as fine hints of apricot in syrup, rose, vanilla, cedar, an imperceptible hint of dry tobacco and pepper. The palate is fruity, beautiful balance, stretch, elegant, dynamic, harmonious, melodious and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, an aerial approach, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful delicacy and a fine complexity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized orange, crystallized lemon, small notes of dry apple associated with small notes of cedrat, dry peach, quince, lychee as well as hints of dry almond, rose, orange flowers, pâtisserie, small hints of rancio, cedar, pepper and spices. Good length and persistence. A pretty Cognac marvelously combining elegance, finesse, richness, power and harmony. Congratulations!

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

## Deau – Millésime 1975

### Petite Champagne, Cognac

(48%) The nose is elegant, precise/net and offers power, a small sensation of tension as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of dry quince, dry mandarine, small notes of yellow peach associated with small touches of rancio, orangette, peach flowers as well as fine hints of nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of menthol liquorice. The palate is fruity and offers a certain aromatic purity, suavity, fullness, intensity as well as a certain deepness and power. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, orangette, small notes of dry mandarine associated with small touches of dry orange, dry peach as well as hints of nutmeg, rancio, discreet hints of menthol liquorice/Badiane, pâtisserie and a subtle hint of pepper. Good length. Power on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



# Cognac

## Deau – Millésime 1969 Grande Champagne, Cognac

(48%) The nose is elegant and offers a fine richness, a small aerial side in the approach, a fine/finely tight grain as well as delicacy and power. It reveals notes of orangette, crystallized orange, small notes of dry citrus associated with a touch of kumquat, candied Mirabelle as well as small hints of apricot, orange marmalade, apricot flowers, fine hints of tobacco, badiane and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is elegant and offers suavity, gourmandize, a certain generosity, a small power as well as energy, dynamism, a small spheric side, a beautiful touch, a certain delicacy and deepness. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of candied Mirabelle, caramel peach, small notes of dry yellow grape associated with small touches of orangette, small caramelized fruits, dry citrus as well as small hints of dry flowers, rancio, nougatine, tobacco and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Maison Prunier 1977 Petite Champagne, Cognac

(59,7%) The nose is elegant, powerful, quite aromatic and offers a beautiful definition/purity of the fruit and intensity. It reveals notes of caramelized Mirabelle, caramelized orange, small notes of candied zests associated with small touches of candied yellow peach as well as hints of rancio, tobacco as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cedar, dry flowers, a discreet hint of cinnamon and a subtle hint of caramelized/toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, power as well as a fine straightness, intensity, precision, energy, fat and a fine unctuousity. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currant, orangette, small notes of dry orange associated with touches of caramel peach, caramel pear as well as hints of nougatine, Badiane, cinnamon, roasted hazelnut and a subtle hint of dry white flowers. An imperceptible almost menthol hint on the finish/background. Pretty aromas but an alcoholic strength that sometimes takes over.

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

## Maison Prunier 1977 Borderies, Cognac

(51,5%) The nose offers deepness, power, a small intensity as well as a good definition and a sensation of tension. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, caramelized orange, small notes of caramelized apple associated with small touches



of quince, Zante currant as well as small hints of pâtisserie, spices and a discreet sappy hint. The palate is fruity, suave, full and a small fat, a fine tension, a fine straightness, gourmandize as well as a very fine unctuousity, a small aerial side, tension, a small fullness and energy. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currant, caramelized orange, small notes of caramelized mandarine associated with small touches of dry lemon, caramelized apple, candied peach as well as hints of pâtisserie, nougatine, dry cedar, dry oak, cedar as well as fine hints of rose wood, sap and pepper. Good length. Pretty aromas but an alcoholic strength that sometimes takes over.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Deau – Millésime 1970 Petite Champagne, Cognac

(43%) The nose is aromatic, powerful, elegant and offers a certain precision as well as harmony. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, dry peach, small notes of dry apricot associated with touches of orangette, dry kumquat as well as hints of rancio, pâtisserie, a discreet hint of orange flowers and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a certain suavity, precision, a polished side (very seducing) and a good guideline. On the palate this Cognac expresses notes of dry yellow grape, orangette, small notes of caramelized peach associated with touches of caramel apple, dry orange as well as hints of orange flowers, candied Mirabelle, discreet hints of pâtisserie and dry mild tobacco. Good length.

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

## Paul Giraud - Millésime 1999 Cognac Grande Champagne, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a beautiful nese as well as power. It reveals notes of dried orange zest, mandarin owers, dried lemon zest and small notes of dry green apple associated with discreet hints of rancio, cigar as well as a hint of white pepper, peach blossom and saffron. The palate is fruity, well- balanced and offers a beautiful de nition, a beautiful nese, suavity as well as a very beautiful nese of the grain. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currants, crystallized mandarin orange and small notes of dried orange zest, dried lemon associated with slight hints of owers as well as very slight hints of coffee and grilled oak. Very beautiful persistence. There are very discreet hints of pâtisseries and toasted almond on the finish. A very beautiful Cognac!

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

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