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It is with real pleasure that I want to introduce to you this 2018 Winter edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue I chose to taste some wines from Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Napa, Piedmont, California, Douro, Rhône, Jura but also some spirits such as Armagnac and Calvados. This new issue is the result of exhilarating trips, tastings, discoveries and amazing meetings!



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**Well, in the first part of the magazine** you will meet great winemakers from Bordeaux, Napa, Beaujolais, Douro and Burgundy. Also, from this issue I will no longer be the only one to write for the magazine. So, I am pleased to introduce you to Joanie Metivier! She is a Canadian sommelier & journalist well known thanks her blog and Instagram where she tells of her Wine & Spirits adventures. For this first contribution she wrote two articles for you. Find (and enjoy) them in pages 14 and 15!

**In the second part** you will discover Romain Guyot's Wine & Food pairings. He is a young, talented and promising Chef. He created a few recipes especially for VERTDEVIN to pair with wines. These customized creations will tickle your taste buds!

**Bordeaux** is one of the largest and one of the most renowned wine regions in the world... and it is my region! It has a wealth of exceptional winemakers, terroirs, Grands Crus Classés and famous appellations! Let's go find to some wines from Pomerol, Saint-Émilion and from Sauternes!

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

**Napa Valley** is one of my favorite American wine regions. There are lot of different terroirs in the same valley that are no longer seen as a global appellation but that gain recognition step by step. In this section you will find more than 250 Napa wines from all districts! A few **Sonoma** wines are also present, one among them is 100 points!

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

**Bourgogne** wines are world renowned. In the region we make some of best wines of the world. Being a Burgundy wine lover I made the choice to divide all the appellations / climates of this beautiful region in three parts in order to address all the Burgundy wine regions in only one year! Find the first part in this issue!

**Armagnac** is the oldest Eau-de-vie distilled in the world. An Eau-de-vie that despite centuries of production, a beautiful diversity of style, terroir and properties is still relatively unknown. On the occasion of the Christmas holidays discover this great Eau-de-vie, open it with family and enjoy!

Enjoy the reading, savor the tastings, take advantage of the buying guide and read with delicacy the Wine & Food pairing part.

*Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche*

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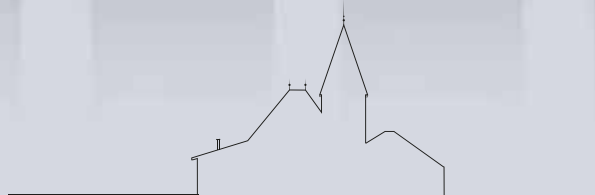


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# COVERT ESTATE

A young, promising and exciting winery of Coombsville, in Napa Valley

**C**overt estate is a small Boutique Winery that opened its brand new winery recently, in 2016. With the help of Acclaimed Winemaker, Julien Fayard, this small estate of about 5 hectares on the rather steep hills of Coombsville, in Napa Valley is producing terroir-driven wines in an appellation that has yet to find its identity.

**If you had to describe what wine represents for you in a few words, what would you say?**

*It is a craft that brings joy to group of friends and families. So, there is craftsmanship side, we are creators, a little artistic side and also, I think, a social side. It's a product that's made for people.*



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**Do you have a little anecdote about the property or your wines?**

*The fact that we are building a brand around Rosé, the Azur, a Provencal style of American rosé. As the relationship and meetings grew, we created a bond with a Japanese group in Tokyo where we built a restaurant called Azur. It's a restaurant where the level of cuisine is outstanding. In fact, what is funny is that in the relationship, the Japanese are very specific in what they do especially at the*

The estate was purchased in 2012, just a few months after the appellation was formally recognized. Julien Fayard has worked in prestigious estates such as Lafite Rothschild and Smith Haut Lafite before coming to Napa. He's now working both as a consultant winemaker for many estates and directing both Covert estate and Azur wines, his own projects, but always with the same dedication towards pure expressions of a location.

Let's go to meet Julien Fayard, a great French winemaker in Napa.

**Why do you make wines?**

*Julien Fayard: Because I've grown up in it, and it's fun. I was sort of in a transit, at the end of my BAC, my cousin started his estate in Provence, we went to school together for wine and then I just stayed. I was 16 years old when I started training and we always had some sort of work in the vines or bottlings. I had my first official internship at the age of 18 in St. Tropez and then I just followed through. I went on to complete technical school of Agriculture and Oenology. Then, gradually, one step at the time, by virtue of working in the wine world, you start building a decent resume. You get better jobs, you may stop picking up stones in the vineyards and work becomes way more interesting. Twenty years later, you find yourself building cellars, developing vineyards, you do nice things. It was a long way to get to where I stand.*

**What is the Signature of Covert wine?**

**What makes it possible to recognize them in a blind tasting?**

*This is the hardest part because it's a question of introspection. It's something I'm personally battling because I don't want to get into standards. That is to say, it's a bit of a criticism of the generation and winemakers before me, when you'd often get house styles; and if the style of the house is that the wines are qualitative balanced, perfumed, typical of the terroirs, then, all's good. I think it can be a good constant. If the style is based on extraction, texture, if we start to get too much consistency, this is where it may go wrong. I often speak of the "French restraint", I mean an American wine seeking concentration, texture, with just a pull backwards to retain the minerality and get the aromatics. I believe the signature is in substance and reason.*

*level of aromatic patterns, aromatic styles. It is something that challenges me to stay at such a high level and to see how everyone can grow. We are a team and everyone pushes their limits to the same level. It truly keeps the relationship worthy and interesting.*

**What is your plan for Covert?**

*The project now is, at least I think, to develop the cellar. We have the cellar. We have the vineyards. Now we need to start working on the consistency through time, refine our work and become a reference as Coombsville is a fairly recent appellation. There's not any long-time established estate, no cults or references, but the finesse of the wines, the balance of the wines makes them suited to last. They don't achieve necessarily the power of Pritchard Hill, but we have wines with finesse and elegance. So, I'm waiting for the market to recognize that, and only time will tell. It will be necessary to stay constant.*

Thanks to Julien Fayard for the great hospitality. J.C.C.



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# MARSTON FAMILY VINEYARD

A family owned and operated Napa winery where “passion” and “terroir” are key

**F**amily owned for over four decades, Marston family vineyard is a small, boutique winery with a very limited production. It's located along the southern slopes of the Spring Mountain District Appellation, the vineyard benefits from the elevation as well as a specific cooler microclimate. Until the late 90's, Marston exclusively sold grapes to other wineries, famed ones, until winemaker Philippe Melka helped the estate to create the Marston Family Vineyard brand in 1998. Today, Elizabeth Marston and her husband James Leahy continue the dynasty.

Let's go to meet this great wineloving couple  
**Why do you make wines?**



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Really, it began with my parents. They came up to the Napa Valley as newlyweds, back in the late 60s, and they found our property. They knew very little about growing grapes or making wines and they fell in love with it. We would sell fruit to all of the old guard in the early days, like Robert Mondavi and Heitz Cellars. Bob Mondavi pulled my father aside one day after delivering fruit and told him: “Your fruit is very special, Napa is going to be something one day, you should stick around.” My father came back, eventually bought the other partners out and we've been growing grapes and making small lots of wines ever since.

We continue to carry on the family legacy by pushing the boundaries for Sauvignon Blanc and Petite Sirah, with particular emphasis on our hillside estate Cabernet Sauvignon. This is really what drives us, particularly to continue to further the estate, showcasing its nuances to tell a story from vintage to vintage.

#### **How big is your estate?**

Elizabeth: We have approximately 34 acres planted to vine (14 hectares), within the overarching estate of just about 500 acres (200 hectares). The majority of the plantable areas have been cultivated since the late-1880s; however, there are a few sites that could be planted, but many are very steep and with all the regulations today it's hard to clear a mountain of a certain degree of slope.

James: With the majority of what's planted today, we have all the possible orientations and exposures for the vines, including a variety of soil types that are well drained.

**If you had to describe Marston, in terms of wine and style in a few words, what would you say?**

James: Classic, unbridled and certainly respectful.

Elizabeth: Yes, some respect absolutely. I love the way it builds off tradition.

**What is the Signature of Marston wine? What makes it possible to recognize in a blind tasting?**

James: I do think that a big signature, particularly for the estate, is the forest. I think you get a bit of freshness that comes through, especially in young vintages. Being a cooler site, I think that it's kind of a theme. We welcome that vibrant acidity; we want the wines to be alive. I think that comes from our natural habitat of being off the beaten track and up in the hills.

Elizabeth: My tell in terms of the Marston signature is the structure and the sense of balance. You know, with our mountain site our tannins are very present and it's a little bit cooler, making the berries smaller. We love that and our team does a wonderful job integrating those young, fresh tannins with our French oak selection.

**You say the forest has an impact on your wines, does this forest or any other aspect in the vineyard bring particular aroma(s) to your wines?**

James: It's hard to say and break those down; it can be anything from Rosemary to cedar, to other spices and fragrances. It's really

when you walk through the rows – it may sound odd but right now, particularly as it's warming up [in late Spring], what kicks up from the cover crop is this kind of flora and fauna freshness. It can have hints of liquorice, or it can be more brambly, talking about aromatics rather than the actual flavour.

#### **Do you have future plans for the winery?**

James: From a brand perspective, a production standpoint, we were exploring a couple of different options, even potentially doing an old-world wine. That's still very much an interest. With what we were going through in October, having finalized the succession of the winery and then combatted with the fires immediately after, that put a lot of the expansion plans on hold. This is a good thing, because it has allowed us to refocus and really look at the portfolio and expressions we produce now. Beyond that, there's also replanting discussions ongoing for the Estate, and what will that mean in terms of growth as well as understanding what the suited varietals are in future.

Thanks to Elizabeth Marston and James Leahy for the interview. - J.C.C. & J.M.

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# ROUND POND ESTATE

At Round Pond, we believe that excellence is achieved through a seamless blend of Old World traditions and state-of-the-art innovation.

**Round Pond Estate is a family owned and operated winery of Napa Valley founded in 1983 by Bob and Jan MacDonnell. The winery extends over 366 acres, located in Rutherford AVA. It is one of the few wineries in Napa to have a single vineyard, located around the winery.**

For many years the family only produced grapes to sell to other neighboring vineyards. It was in 2007 that the MacDonnell family decided not to sell all the grapes to other houses but to keep some of them to produce their own wines, with the intention of bringing the production attentive craftsman.

Concerned about its environment Round Pond has been involved in the Napa Green Certified Land program for many years. The latter aims to protect biodiversity (fauna and flora), soil life, water resources, limit inputs, promote the use of compost, natural products but also prevent erosion. This program touches as much the management of the vineyard as the activity in cellar.

Today the property is famous for the quality of the Cabernet Sauvignon and especially for its range "Gravel Series". Round Pond Estate also produces a nice olive oil that I recommend you to try as well as vinegars.

Let's go together to meet Jaime Dowell, winemaker at Round Pond Estate.



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

*As a child, founder Bob MacDonnell spent many summers relaxing and camping at West Point's recreation area in New York. Named Round Pond, this source of idyllic youthful memories became the inspiration for the MacDonnell family's Napa Valley home. Envisioned as a natural and serene family retreat, Round Pond Estate is lovingly cultivated using sustainable methods to ensure its integrity for years to come.*

#### **What is your wine signature? I mean, what allows to recognize your wines in blind tasting?**

*Our team at Round Pond Estate hopes to embody an old world meets new world style in our winemaking. Instead of being overtly fruit-forward, jammy and chewy with bold tannins (like many wines made in Napa Valley), our red wines showcase bright and vibrant fruit characteristics reflective of the terroir with elegant and round tannins to offer structure along with texture and finesse. I love that our wines pair exceptionally well with food showing acid and balance.*

#### **Why Did you choose to make wine / become a winemaker?**

*Winemaking for me is the perfect balance of craft and science. I just love honing my university knowledge year after year by working with the grapes of that particular vintage. As the science is*

*better understood than the craftsmanship of making notable wines takes over as we tinker and tweak each wine to be its very best. I enjoy the profession as it allows me to be around people but also to have quiet, alone time to think and plan...plus I get to wear boots and jeans every day!*

*Also, as I've worked over 17 years now, I now think of the future of each wine we make has. I can imagine it sitting at the table with a fun and memorable gathering where people have great conversation, enjoy incredible food paired perfectly with our wines. It's the chance to bring togetherness and connection to people in a world that is often hectic and disconnected. The wine is a respite and inspires a life worth living.*

#### **What make your terroir so specific?**

*The Round Pond Estate is situated in the heart of Rutherford, Napa Valley, an appellation that has been famous for its world-class red wines for more than a century. Our terroir at Round Pond has features that make the terroir recognizably unique.*

*With streaks of soil types throughout the land, made by rivers over thousands of years, we have the opportunity to work with deep fertile soils, gravel soils, silt, loam and even clay soils.*

*Our vineyard team has been working the land with these complicated soils for more than 30 years and has honed our sustainable practices to harness the intensity that the land has to offer. The weather is moderate, with Rutherford situated in the middle of the Napa Valley we receive plenty of sunshine and warmth, but it is balanced with plenty of cooling fog in the nights and mornings that offer a perfect climatic balance for slow optimal ripening. Plus, the winemaking team has the chance to pick the best fruit from the vineyard, since we only make wine from about 35% of the land, and sell the remaining grapes to prestigious wineries in Napa Valley.*

#### **Do you have an anecdote about the wine /winery ?**

*The three color bands on the capsule represent the three distinct but connected generations of MacDonnells living on the estate. Past. Present. Future.*

#### **Do you have plans for your winery?**

*We are hoping to refine our cellar room more in the coming years with a rack system for the barrels that allows us to make more wine for growth in the future thus promoting even more refined winemaking practices as well as limiting evaporative loss.*

Thank you to Jaime 'JJ' Dowell for the great hospitality. - J.C.C.

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# CHÂTEAU LAFON - ROCHET

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*Lucas Leclercq - Technical Director at Lafon Rochet*

# B CELLARS

Wine enthusiast but also food-friendly winery !

**B** Cellars is a young Napa winery founded in 2003 by two wine lovers, Duffy Keys and Jim Borsack. The cellars are located in Oakville however they source grapes across the whole valley. They use fruits, mainly Cabernet Sauvignon, from different Beckstoffer vineyards like To Kalon, Las Piedras, Dr. Crane, Missouri Hopper, Georges III and Bourn but also from others vineyards such as Ehrlich, Star, Calesa, Kenefick, Manzana, Reuling and Dutton.

Since 2006 B Cellars wines are made by Kirk Venge. Each year B Cellars produces around 60.000 bottles.

The particularity of B Cellars, apart from its range of wines, is its gastronomic approach to wine. "Here wine can't be conceived of without cooking!" Indeed if you come to the property for a visit or a simple tasting you can discover the wines with a side dish, many of which are cooked on site. For this property has a large kitchen and a chef who are installed in the middle of the tasting room. The idea is to be able to offer different dishes / appetizers, which change according to the season, but are always thought to go with a wine from B Cellars. Of course, every wine has its own dish!

The fact of not wanting to dissociate "wine" and "cuisine" but to replace the bottle at the center of its classic opening moment, that is to say during a meal, is a rather unique experience for a vineyard but in the end it reveals amazing pairings! I can only recommend that you stop there! In the meantime, let's meet B Cellars and his team.

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

Elizabeth Davis Reynard: *The name B Cellars and the degree symbol depicted in the B logo derives from BRIX - a metric that indicates the optimal sugar content for the grape at harvest time and provides direction for the alcohol content of the finished wine.*

#### Why Did you choose to make wine / become a winemaker?

Elizabeth Davis Reynard: *Jim Borsack and Duffy Keys discovered their shared taste in wine in 2002. With Kirk Venge, they built B Cellars on two absolute principals: producing artisan wines season after season and developing distinct flavors by blending wines from mutually complementary varieties.*

#### What make your terroir so specific?

Elizabeth Davis Reynard: *B Cellars enjoys rich, long-term relationships with a number of growers tending a number of vineyard sites located around the Napa Valley and into Sonoma. This diversity of vineyard terroir allows us to create a wide*

*range of wines, each exhibiting a unique profile of flavors, textures, and aromas. Terroir is a term that we have adopted from the French. There is no exact translation, but it refers to the idea that each vineyard possesses an utterly unique combination of soils and meso-climate which are not reproducible by any other vineyard. This terroir, in turn, is expressed in the grapes themselves and ultimately in the wines we create.*

Duffy Keys: *Both actually, perhaps contrary to French tradition, our wine plan was to develop a multi-vineyard, multi-varietal production strategy that emphasized the unique terroir of Napa Valley and to create "blended" wines that delivered layers of flavors difficult to achieve though mono-varietals alone — more akin to how a world class chef might approach creating recipes. We have done this well now for 15 years and interestingly, in each wine within our blended wine portfolio there are one or more vineyards/varietals that we produce as a stand alone, vineyard designate or appellation specific wine. As to our winery plan, we set out to redefine the way visitors to Napa Valley tasted wines. Here, we built an open hearth kitchen and surrounded it with living room furniture. Our winemaking and culinary teams produce daily food and wine pairings prepared à la minute. We have developed an enviable following of Foodies and Wine Enthusiasts.*

#### Do you have plans for your winery?

Duffy Keys: *Long term is to remain true to our initial roots — we love what we are doing; the winery is situated in an irreplaceable location within the Oak-*

*ville Appellation, as co-founders, (my business partner, Jim Borsack and I, are having the time of our life); hence, we are quite content to continue along our path of active, hands-on involvement in 'going beyond the expected'.*

Thank you to Elizabeth Davis Reynard for the great hospitality. - J.C.C.

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# Armagnac and Food pairing, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

**Carole Garreau**  
Château Garreau

*What is your signature? I mean, what makes it possible to recognize your Armagnacs in blind tasting?*

We have a high proportion of Baco in our blends and vintages. It is a grape that we love and that on our soil really gives its full aromatic capacity. Historically, we have made a great contribution to preserving this grape variety, which almost disappeared in the 50's. We still have vines



that were planted in the 40s. They are therefore pre-crisis vines in regards to phylloxera and therefore not grafted. It's rare !

The eaux-de-vie from this grape reveals aromas of candied fruit and ripe fruit. To this Armagnac we will add a touch of Ugni Blanc and a touch of Folle Blanche which will bring us additional aromatic complexity.

**“Baco is a grape that we love and that on our soil really gives its full aromatic capacity”**

*Which wine would you recommend for the Christmas family meal? Can you recommend a food pairing with Armagnac?*

Yes, there are food and Armagnac pairings that can be very interesting to discover. Whether as an aperitif, dessert or main dish. There are many interesting pairings to make as an aperitif that it is on verrines, tapas...

I recommend going with a young Armagnac under 10 years old to consume with ice cubes or up. If it is over 10 years old I would recommend to consume up, of course. It would be a shame to put ice cubes in it!

In pairings with Armagnac for an entree there is an interesting marriage between foie gras and our "Cuvée du Siècle". The pan-fried foie gras with walnut or fig bread goes very well with it.

Personally, I also love the pairing between Armagnac and chocolate! With a recipe based on chocolate (mellow, mousse, ice cream, fondant...) we can open a vintage Armagnac like the 2000 or the 1985. The 2000 vintage because it offers notes of vanilla and the 1985 vintage notes of cocoa, mocha... that can remind one of the main ingredient of the dessert. It's really something very interesting!

**Benoit Hillion**  
Maison Dartigalongue

*What is your signature? I mean, what makes it possible to recognize your Armagnacs in blind tasting?*

Two words illustrate the style of our armagnac: freshness and gourmandise.

The freshness comes from the fact that we air our Armagnacs a lot during their ageing, in stainless steel tanks, to round them.

These successive aerations give them a fresh side, minty, aerial, very pleasant especially after a nice meal.

Gourmandise? The choice of Baco - Ugni Blanc and Folle Blanche grape varieties, a continuous distillation of 58% Armagnac, which retains a maximum of aromas, and Gascons oak barrels with a strong heat, finally gives the confectionery and candied fruit flavors. caramelized, spices, sandalwood. Our Armagnacs are tasted like a dessert.

This very gourmand side illustrates well the spirit of the Maison Dartigalongue: the sharing is a happiness!

**“The sharing is happiness”**

*Which wine would you recommend for the Christmas family meal? Can you recommend a food pairing for your Armagnac?*

For the Christmas meal, the Cuvée Louis-Philippe 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary 42° (a blend of 5 vintages, on average 35 years of age) will agree perfectly with a quail stuffed with foie gras and currants.

The power of the Cuvée Louis-Philippe, combined with aromas of candied fruits, spices and tannins on the finish, will balance perfectly with the quail and reveal the aromas of foie gras, removing any feeling of heaviness.

You can leave your glass to aerate, and finish it on a lemon meringue pie, which will marry perfectly with the subtle candied orange aromas of the Cuvée Louis-Philippe.



# Armagnac and Food pairing, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

**Gilles de Boisséson**  
Château de Lacquy

*What is your signature? I mean, what makes it possible to recognize your Armagnacs in blind tasting?*

The terroir of Château de Lacquy, it's still, and also the ageing of our Armagnacs, make a round eaux-de-vie, without aggressiveness, very straight, very complex and very long in the mouth. We are aging our Armagnac exclusively in barrels of 420 liters and do this until bottling. For each vintage we use between 40 and 50% new oak. All this allows us to add nothing to our Armagnacs: no dye, no wood, no sugar, no caramel. Moreover, this absence of external additions, the distillation and the grape aging, the unreduced vintages, often pure grape varieties (Baco, Folle-blanche or Colombard), assemblages of years prepared long before their bottling, make all our products different from each other and each have a typicity due to the vintage, the grape and the work of the cellar. Baco gives aromas more spicy than the Colombard. The latter is more about candied fruits and white fruits. The Folle-Blanche grape gives more floral aromas. But depending on the vintage, these aromas blend / assemble and become more complex in different ways...

**“Each product have a typicity due to the vintage, the grape and the work of the cellar”**

*Which wine would you recommend for the Christmas family meal? Can you recommend a food pairing for your Armagnac?*

This is a complex question because it is rare to drink Armagnac during a meal... It is obvious, however, that a 7-year-old in a truffle turkey stuffing (stuffing without sausage meat of course) is essential for success of your Christmas meal. It will also accompany the tasting of this dish.

We can also accompany a baba or a soufflé with Armagnac of our 7-year-old blend. After the Christmas meal, I will recommend a 12-year-old or a 17-year-old for ladies with dark chocolate (Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Ghana), or a 1996 for gentlemen, always with dark chocolate or a cigar.



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**Denis Lesgourgues**  
Château de Laubade

*What is your signature? I mean, what makes it possible to recognize your Armagnacs in blind tasting?*

Our Bas-Armagnacs are born in a well-known soil of the Gers, in the southern western part of Bas-Armagnac, known for its virgin sand soils. These light soils are perfect for the king of Armagnac, the Baco. If this grape is well raised, well controlled, and especially well blended with the others (Ugni Blanc, Folle Blanche, Colombard) it gives eaux-de-vie at the same time richness, complexity, depth, but also offers a fine finesse, notably in the finish.

Our Bas-Armagnacs combine both what makes the interest and the distinctive character of the great armagnacs: character, controlled strength, complexity, but at the tasting they are also remarkable among the other Armagnacs for this extra balance and finesse.

This style can be found regardless of the family of our collection: in the classic blend like the XO or the Extra Single Estate, just like in our vintages, (15 years and many more) and finally it is also true for our stock of "hedonist" armagnacs: vintage Brut de fût (Single cask) or the L'Intemporel N° 5.

**“The alcohol is very controlled, soothed and simply delicious”**

*Which wine would you recommend for the Christmas family meal? Can you recommend a food pairing for your Armagnac?*

Two possibilities: the L'Intemporel N° 5, which will delight both demanding fans of great racy Bas-Armagnacs (with a 50% share of Baco in the blend) as well as neophytes or old rum drinkers who will appreciate its sweetness, its elegance and its peppery notes.

Otherwise, to celebrate the French football team: 2018, year of the second World Cup won by the french team, but also 1998 the 1st Cup! The Vintage 1998 in Brut de Fût (Single Cask) is a Bas-Armagnac of 20 years of age, a very good age in the balance and the length of mouth. Its natural degree after evaporation during 20 years (part for the angels) is displayed at 52.1%. But the alcohol is very controlled, soothed and simply delicious.

Pairing: chocolate ganache, almond, prune and vanilla ice cream, tarte tatin. Espresso or american coffee.



# WHAT DOES WINE

## Christopher Howell

Wine-Grower/General Manager of Cain Winery, Napa

*It begins with the experience of a wine, and leads to an odyssey through the world of wine, that can end with the wine-grower in her(his) vineyard - everyone working, exploring, engaging Nature in the same quest, for the same goal.*

**"Wine is a kind of magic  
a dance of Humans with Nature"**

*The reader of Vert de Vin must share that passion which drives all wine lovers. It's almost certain that she (he) has had the experience of one wine that carried them into another universe of the senses - of scent, taste and touch. The awakening of all of these senses, as well as imagination, emotion and memory, in one single glass, can be unforgettable. This doesn't happen with every occasion and certainly not with every wine. But once you've had that experience, the search for the next one is unending.*

*Because, wine exists in a diversity that is dazzling. Beyond just the experience in itself of a memorable wine, it is this very diversity that holds our passion. The only solid foundation for all of this diversity is in the vineyard, because the vineyard is the only base that can support the true originality of the thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of Vins de Cru that we find in our world. This is an exploration without end. On the other hand, once a wine is divorced from its vineyard, it becomes a simple product - at best, an appellation wine, or then, a varietal wine, or worst of all, a brand. This is the death of our passion for wine.*



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## Marielle Cazaux

Winemaker / Director of Château La Conseillante, Pomerol

*I come from a farming family in the moors where the work of the land goes hand in hand with Gascon traditions that are hunting and fishing. I grew up in the art of eating well and my wine lover father introduced me to the tasting of great wines. Given my origins, I can not talk about wine without talking*

**"For me to make wine is more than a job, it's a  
passion and a discovery renewed every year"**

*about the land and viticulture. Everything starts at the vineyard and respect for the terroir, the annual work on the vineyard, are for me essential in this business. A beautiful balanced vine makes a wine in its image. To make wine is to seek the taste of where this wine is made, and whatever the vintage may be, find the balance. Finally it's easy to write: a great wine is a balanced wine that tells its terroir. Some vintages are easier than others for sure, but the most complicated vintages are also the most interesting. They require more anticipation, more care and reflection but they ultimately provide the most satisfaction if they are successful.*

*I am lucky to work for a property that I have always admired. So I can only talk about my last emotion around a 1985 Advisor. To have tasted it several times, it is a vintage that concentrates the perfection of the soil. Its nose is subtle on blackberries and truffles. The mouth is still very dense with a creamy elegant identity in the raw. This wine is at once very intellectual, because it contains a lot of aromas, but it is also extremely gourmand and has an incredible "drinkability". To share these old vintages of Conseillante with our customers and friends is to offer a little history, terroir and a lot of pleasure.*

# MEAN TO YOU ?



Photo Fabrice Ferrer

## Florent Rouve

Winemaker & owner of Rijckaert, Bourgogne & Jura

*“A wine = a grape variety + a terroir. In my opinion, the closer you get to this relationship, by avoiding the associations that make the formula more complex (yeasts, adjuvants, blends, ...), the more you create the proximity and the emotion it arouses between the wine and the one who tastes it. It is a simple principal but one I keep all the time in mind to carry out in my winemaking.*”

**“Beyond its ‘technical’ dimension, wine for me is above all a vehicle for CULTURE ”**

*Around a good bottle of wine: we cement an old friendship, we celebrate a family event, we decide a date of love, we conclude a business relationship, we build bridges over the borders, we exchange the story of a story, we share the generosity of a table, ...*

*I'm not from the wine world. At the age of 16, I decided to make wine my universe but it was not linked to the “technical” dimension of the product but almost exclusively to its cultural dimension. Indeed, lulled by the stories of prospecting a father geologist, I very early integrated the link between wine and history of our planet, and thus understood why the wine was so strongly related to cultures.*

*I have since acquired skills and enriched my “technical” experiences, but the base of my motivation remains intact! I had the opportunity to do, on the pretext of Wine, many meetings. Fugacious or durable, local or (very) distant, more or less warm and rewarding, sometimes disappointing but often formidable... all these encounters - and those to come - confirm it: Wine is a Link.*

## Carlos Flores dos Santos

Oenologist, J. H. Andresen, Porto

*Andresen Ports are part of my family history, a legacy of generations! It is a huge privilege to live among wines that, since 1845, have been produced, blended, matured, guided, surveyed, cherished, perfected through the last 173 years!*

*It is also not less of a privilege, to do our very best, every single day, to preserve and improve our stocks, create new Ports, and among those, some that only next generations shall be able to enjoy at its peak of expression. Among so many other incredible things, Port offers you that - a completely different perspective of time and purpose.*

**“Wine, besides an art of multiple senses, offers you a special way to look at life itself.”**

*It is very challenging to walk on that thin line, between passion and business. Only with passion are great wines possible. If I have to summarize what Porto mean to me in a few words I would say: Emotional, challenging, social, exciting.*



Photo Henrik Oldenburg

# CHAMPAGNE'S DUALITY

## HOUSES VS GROWERS

**A**lthough everyone agrees on the uniqueness of Champagne, there's a disagreement that's been growing in the last few years among professionals and wine lovers. This discussion, which sometimes turns to disputation, is based on a reality and duality that's at the very base of the whole Champagne organization.

On one side there's the 320 Champagne houses that represent a determinant majority of the sales. They are the image of the region, most commonly known as NM, négociant manipulant. The other side is the now very trendy Grower Champagnes or RM, récoltant manipulant, a grower who makes and markets their own production under their own label.

I'm sure you know at the very least one pompous sommelier who: "Drinks only Grower!" I believe that would be a mistake as you may truly miss out on a special timeless craft of a non-vintage cuvée or even some insanely good, but expensive prestige cuvée. At the same time, if you don't explore the magical world of terroir-driven grower champagne, you will miss the specificity of a place and authenticity. While Grower Champagne is certainly more artisanal, it's not necessarily better than Champagnes houses. More than a duality and a rather hostile confrontation, this aspect has to be reckoned as a balance.

### The fragile balance of a collective region

Simply put, the champagne region as a whole is a collective body. The Comité de Champagne (CIVC) has the role of a conciliator and ensures equal representation of the interest of grape growers and

houses both. This said, such a balance and equity is an ideal state which can be easily disturbed. Growers and even smaller houses complain about the unfair buying advantages the bigger players get from their certainly close to unlimited investment possibilities. Yet, how many grape growing families can decently live from the insanely high market price they're able to sell their harvest,

even in terrible vintages? These exchanges are often the very reason well-established RM were able to start their own production, by selling part of their grape at high prices to support the cost of their own winemaking. Big houses are extremely dependant of growers. Their name may not be put forward, but ask any of the houses' directors and they will tell you how important their relationship with trustworthy and loyal growers is. Each side need each other for the benefit of the region's standard and image.

I've had some breath-taking Champagne on both sides, as well as disappointments. If the very small producers don't get as much spotlights as other, remember it might just be a question of availability. The growers that did succeed to stand-out in the crowd, the likes of Chartogne-Taillet,

Jacques Selosse, Tarlant, Agrapart, Jacquesson, Egly-Ouriet, most have one common advantage, more than 10 hectares of vines. It may seem decently little, but compared to other passionate individuals like Frederic Savart or Cédric Bouchard, it makes a substantial difference.

**Just try to open your horizon as much as possible. It's the best way to fall in love with Champagne one more time.**

Joanie Metivier.





# ALBAROSSA

## THE PIEDMONTESE GRAPE YOU MAY NOT KNOW

**I**t seems not all crossings are destined to failure. Albarossa is one of the very few experiments that actually have a growing development, with new vines being planted instead of being decimated. It may still be considered an unusual and obscure varietal; yet Albarossa has struck some interest since well-recognized Piemontese estates made them single varietal out of new plantings.

Albarossa was supposed to be a crossing of Nebbiolo and Barbera, developed in 1938 by Italian enologist, Professor Giovanni Dalmasso along a myriad of other similar tests and trials. At least this is what he intended to do. It was only recently, with DNA investigation, that the true identity of this grapes parent was revealed. What Dalmasso thought to be Nebbiolo was actually Chatus (also called Nebbiolo di Dronero). The project intended to produce an 'in between grape' as accessible and easy-going as Barbera yet with the refined touch of Barolo. In short, breeding these two well-bred and dandy grapes seemed like the perfect plan.

The cross has been stored and forgotten almost right after its creation. It's only in the last decade that true experimentations started with this indigenous variety that's still brand new in a way. Honestly, the variety's plantings are still limited, but more and more producers are discovering Albarossa. Five notorious producers were the first to put their trust in this unknown, untried crossing: Michele Chiarlo, Banfi, Castle of Neive,



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"*

Marengo and Bava. Most of the production is based around the Monferrato Area but remains under the hundred hectares stance in terms of total production. The most famous Albarossa wine, for now, would be Banfi's La Lus, which has proven the potential of the grape since its very first vintage in 2006. Banfi's also promoting and encouraging new plantings of Albarossa with a concentration around Alba, but most importantly in Astesan Monferrat, a prestigious area which includes several historic towns such Nizza Monferrato, Cortanze, Cocconato, Montiglio and Canelli.

Joanie Metivier.



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# ROMAIN GUYOT

## *Chef of Le Gabriel*



Romain Guyot is a young and talented chef who has made his home in the terroir of Aquitaine, his adopted region. Currently chef of the restaurant Le Gabriel (Gastronomic Restaurant and Bistrot Gourmand) he made his debut among the famous names of French gastronomy.

*"I've been passionate about cuisine since I was a kid. Certainly because many members of my family worked in this sector. The idea of becoming a chef came insidiously, naturally with time. I'm born in Paris but I grew up in Entre-deux-mers (Bordeaux*

*region). Thereafter I returned to Paris to work at Le Bristol Restaurant and L'Agapé Restaurant. Thereafter I returned to Bordeaux to work with Nicolas Frion at Le Gabriel.*

*What is important for me is to give a spotlight to a product and its producer. I do not want a dish*

**"For me Wine & Food pairing is the finality of a menu. A good wine with a good dish there is no parallel. No more than necessary ! Whether to pair a gastronomic dish or a good artisanal pâté, cheese"**

*mixing 15 different flavors. That's not what interests me. What I want for each of my dishes is to simply cook local product. For example in the Pigeon dish we highlight the name of the product and then the pigeon simply accompanied by onions and a delicious juice. I am a Terroir product lover !*

*My leitmotiv is also to give pleasure and a smile to people. It is also what I like in this job, it's the contact with the customer !"*

Le Gabriel is two restaurants in one building. On the one hand, the Gastronomic restaurant for which the Chef imagined an upscale kitchen, produced refined and delicious meals made from seasonal ingredients. Everything is carefully selected and made to give you a wonderful culinary journey. On the other side, the Bistrot Gourmand has a delicate and authentic menu waiting for you to include you in the discovery of the Aquitaine terroir. His goal : Obtaining a Michelin star and brings a smile to customers ?!

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*In the following pages you will find a few seasonal culinary creations made to order by the Chef as suggested to pair with wines.*

# WINE & FOOD PAIRING

by Romain Guyot, chef of Le Gabriel

## Cabillaud Breton, Céleri et haricots de mer

*(Breton cod, celery and sea beans)*

Enjoy it with a **Champagne Michel Gonet - Blanc de Blancs 2011  
Grand Cru - Mesnil-sur-Oger**



## Cerf de chasse, butternut, noix et truffe blanche

*(Hunting deer, butternut, walnuts and white truffle)*

Enjoy it with a **Château Dauzac 2015 - Margaux, Grand Cru Classé**

# WINE & FOOD PAIRING

by Romain Guyot, chef of Le Gabriel



## Canard rôti, morilles des Pins glacées au beurre et noisettes

*(Roast duck, butter glazed Pines Morel and hazelnut)*

Enjoy it with a **Château Croix de Labrie 2016 - Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**



## Boeuf Aubrac mûré par nos soins 40 jours, girolles du Médoc

*(40 days matured Aubrac beef, Medoc chanterelles)*

Enjoy it with a **Château Laroze 2011 - Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé**





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# Wines to discover... and savor !

## Rijckaert - Les Sarres 2016, Savagnin

Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, racy minerality and a small notes of acidulous yellow plum associated with fine hints of yellow fruit as well as very discreet hints of peach, fresh almond, spices / straw and an imperceptible touch of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, fat, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, fleshiness, a beautiful finesse as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, vine peach and small notes of quenette, exotic fruit associated with small touches of acidulous yellow plum and an imperceptible touch of flowers (on the finish). Good length and persistence (with a touch of acidulous citrus). A very beautiful wine!

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€



## Domaine de la Poulette Les Vaucrains 2006

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru

The nose is fruity / aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a very fine richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits and ripe wild red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, blueberry as well as subtle hints of dried flowers, crushed wild strawberry, licorice and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a small fat, a fine tension / straightness, a fine acid frame as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassia, subtle hints of plum, liquorice as well as discreet touches of spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. The finish is slightly firm. There is a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish.

Ready to drink / Price: €€



## Château Viella 2017 Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity / power as well as a small incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, tangerine zest and small notes of ripe lemon, mirabelle plum associated with slight touches of crunchy peaches, flowers / rose as well as a very discreet hint of apple, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a good freshness, minerality, precision, roundness, a slight fat, a slight tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy / ripe tangerine and small notes of fleshy / juicy peaches, lychee / quenette associated with slight touches of beeswax, mirabelle plum, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. A fruity, juicy, gourmand and easy drinking wine.

Ready to drink / Price: €



## Ramos Pinto, Duas Quintas - 2017 Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality as well as a good maturity. It reveals notes of crunchy peach and ripe citrus (tangerine, grapefruit) associated with touches of apple, racy minerality, lemon zest as well as discreet hints of quenette and an imperceptible hint of white flowers / olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully suave, racy, precise, beautifully gourmande, well built and offers a good definition, a good juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quenette and small notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach combined with touches of exotic fruit, ripe / juicy mandarin, ripe grapefruit and a very discreet hint flowers. Good length.

Ready to drink / Price: €€



## Fratelli Abrigo - Lumie 2017

Langhe, Bianco

The nose is fruity, elegant, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of quince, Williams pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with small touches of citrus, a hint of quenette as well as imperceptible hints of spices, beeswax and oak. The palate is fruity, frank and offers juiciness, a beautiful gourmandise, a small straightness, a beautiful definition, a small freshness, precision, a good structure, a fine unctuousness, a beautiful grain as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, ripe peach, ripe apple and small notes of Kumquat, small yellow fruits associated with touches of citrus, a touch of quenette, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax (in the background), oak and an imperceptible hint of dried fruit. Good length and persistence.

Ready to drink / Price: €



## Domaine Fèvre Les Preuses 2016 Chablis Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers delicacy as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon and fleshy brugnion associated with small notes of pear, quince as well as discreet hints of zest, racy minerality and an imperceptible toasted touch / vanilla. The mouth is fresh, suave, gourmande, elegant, harmonious, racy, very slightly tight and offers finesse, a racy minerality, a small fat, dynamism, a beautiful acid frame, tension, precision as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Brugnion and crushed ripe apple combined with small notes of ripe citrus, quenette as well as discreet touches of fresh pineapple, crushed pear, racy / calcareous minerality and an imperceptible touch of almond. Good length and good persistence.

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€€



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# Wines to discover... and savor !

## Ramos Pinto 1982

### Vintage Porto

The nose is elegant, captivating, fruity and delicate. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and ripe wild cassis associated with small notes of tobacco, spices, cardamom, licorice, small touches of flowers and a discreet sappy hint, flowers, pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers precision, suavity, a small roundness, a fine juiciness, a small power, a gourmand side, a very beautiful finesse, delicacy, a fine acidulous frame, a fine straightness, freshness as well as a captivating / mysterious side and a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry, sour cherry and small notes of chocolate, pâtisseries, tobacco associated with fine / discreet hints of cigar / tobacco, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of spices. Gourmandise and a fine chew on the finish. A beautiful balance between finesse, elegance, gourmandise and density!

Ready to drink / Price: €€€€



## Camille Giroud 2015

### Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise, racy, slightly powerful and offers a nice structure as well as a fine concentration. It reveals ripe black berries, Quetsche plum and black cherry combined with hints of wild strawberry / red berries, mocha, cardamom, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of earth, a very discreet hint of violet (in the background) as well as an imperceptible touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, silky, gourmande, straight, precise, nicely built and offers a nice definition, a slight acidity, a very slight unctuousity (in the background), a fine tension, a small juiciness as well as a slight mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy plum and slight notes of black cherry associated with a hint of blackberry, hints of spices as well as a subtle hints of Ceylon tea, chocolate, caramelized oak, with a very discreet touch of Bourbon vanilla as well as an imperceptible violet hint (in the background). Tannins are fine and very discreetly chewy. Congratulations !

To keep / Price: €€€€€€



## Clos Dubreuil 2008

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of fleshy black fruits associated with discreet hints of flowers, wild berries, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of menthol-liquorice and toasted / caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, precise, frank and offers straightness, elegance, a fine acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful definition / finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed / juicy cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry as well as small hints of wild red berries, menthol licorice, tonka bean / cocoa as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length. There are discreet hints of tonka bean (on the finish/ persistence).

Ready to drink / Price: €€€€



## Domäne Wachau

### Riesling Smaragd 2016

### Ried Achleiten

### Wachau

The nose is aromatic, racy, complex and offers a fine richness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe apple, ripe pear, vine peach and small notes of quince associated with hints of ripe apricot, subtle hints of citrus, lemon / lime zest (in the background) as well as discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible touch of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, precise, clean and offers a good definition, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a fine acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus and juicy / ripe apple associated with small notes of peach, pear as well as fine touches of flowers and lemon zest. Good length. Beautiful acidulous and gourmande persistence. A great wine !

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€



## Bestheim

### Gewurztraminer 2016

### Alsace Grand Cru, Mambourg

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers complexity. It reveals notes of lychee, rose / white flowers and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of quennette, zest as well as a very discreet hint of ripe/crunchy apricot and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmandise, well-built and offers juiciness, a fine freshness, a fine minerality, a fine acid frame, elegance, finesse as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, pear and small notes of quennette associated with fine touches of rose, lychee as well as discreet hints of citrus / mandarin marmalade and an imperceptible hint of candied apricot. Good length.

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €



## Taylor's - 30 Year Old

### Tawny Port

The nose is powerful, elegant, very slightly tight and offers a small power. It reveals notes of dried strawberry, dried cassis, flowers and small notes of ripe citrus, dried fruits associated with hints of gray pepper, racy minerality / schist, honey as well as very discreet hints of oak and an imperceptible hint of coffee / hazelnut. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful finesse, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful fat. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of dried raspberry and dried strawberry combined with touches of blackberry, candied orange, candied lemon as well as a very discreet hint of cedar, pâtisseries / caramelization, an imperceptible hint of cigar and hazelnut. Good length and beautiful persistence.

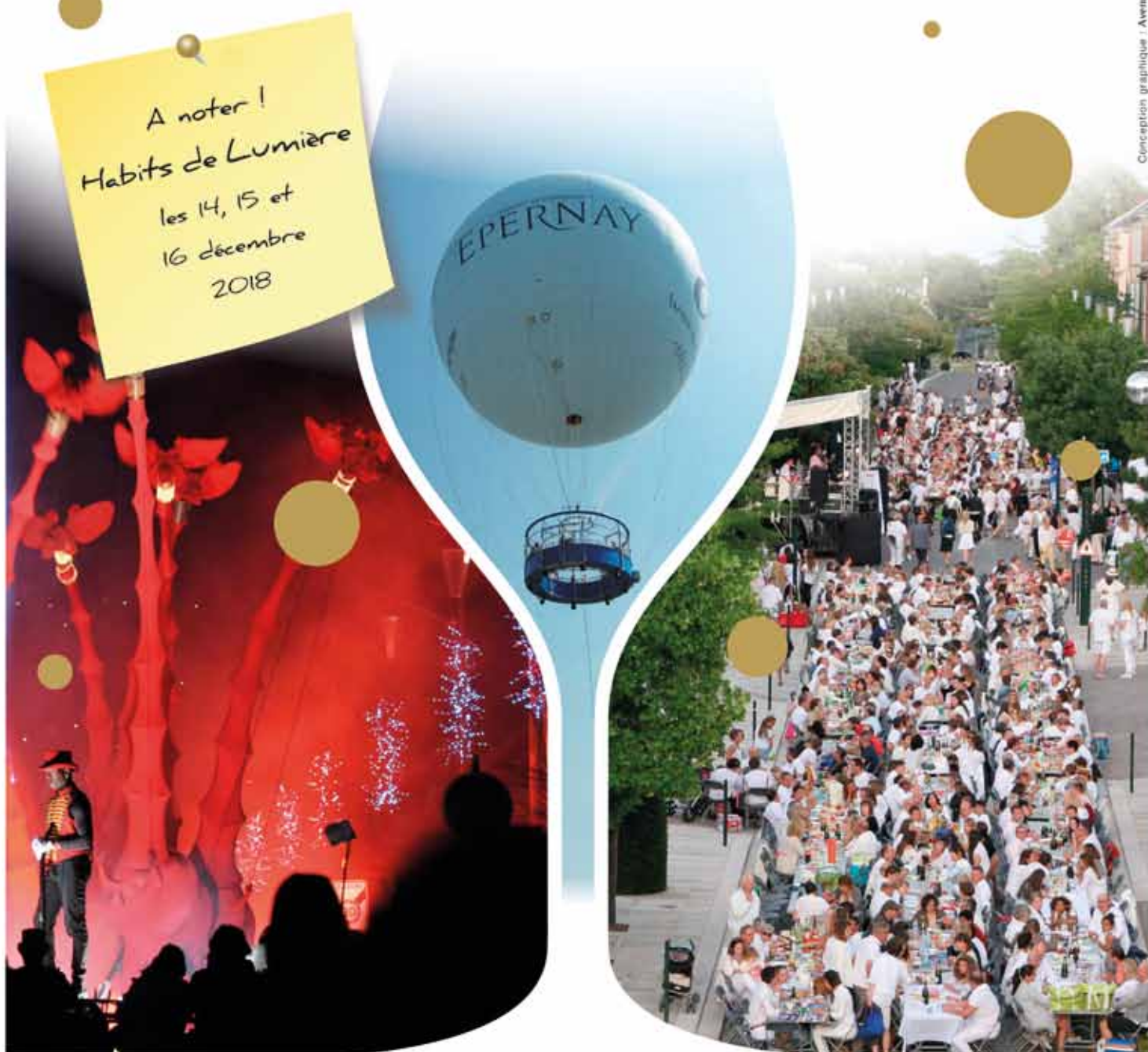
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# Grappa and Rum selection

## Marzadro Le Diciotto Lune Grappa Stravecchia

The nose is fruity, powerful, aromatic, well-structured and offers a beautiful complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Zante currants, sandalwood, cherry wood, dried kumquat and small notes of crystallized orange combined with small touches of spices, potpourri / dried flowers as well as a very discreet hint of nougatine, gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful structure, a beautiful straightness, tension, unctuousness, fleshiness, a small power, a small minerality (in the background) as well as gourmandise. On the palate, this Grappa expresses notes of Zante currants purée, Williams pear, quince and small notes of mirabelle plums combined with small touches of peach, dried citrus fruit (lemon ...), hints of dried flower / potpourri as well as a very discreet hint of pepper / toasted and nougatine / caramelization. Good length.

Price: €€

Verde Vin  
Score  
17  
94/100



## Trois Rivières - Bois d'Inde

### Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is gourmand, elegant and offers suavity / generosity, complexity as well as a small richness / intensity. It reveals notes of pâtisseries, sandalwood and candied citrus associated with touches of Tarte Tatin, Zante currant as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, anise and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful richness, gourmandise, a beautiful definition / finesse, generosity, tension, a beautiful elegance / delicacy as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of pâtisseries, nougatine and sandalwood combined with small notes of Tarte Tatin, cocoa, roasted hazelnuts, candied lemon / pear as well as touches of caramelization cigar and sweet spices. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of pepper on persistence.

Price: €€€€€

Verde Vin  
Score  
17  
94/100



## Cagliero Grappa di

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine richness / gourmandise as well as a good finesse.

It reveals notes of dried yellow grapes, dried orange zest and small notes of dried exotic fruits combined with touches of white flowers, mirabelle plum, crystallized lemon, juniper and hints of spices. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers fat, unctuousness, a beautiful definition, suavity, a beautiful gourmandise / texture as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate, this Grappa expresses notes of juniper, crystallized apple and small notes of crushed pear associated with small touches of dried citrus fruits (orange, lemon, kumquat), crushed peach as well as discreet hints of flowers, pâtisseries and raisin puree. Good length. Beautiful and gourmandise persistence.

Price: €€€

Verde Vin  
Score  
16.25  
92-93/100



## Dictador 1976 2 Masters, Laballe Colombian Rum

The nose is elegant and offers power, a beautiful finesse / definition, a beautiful complexity as well as a good structure. It reveals notes of Zante currant, vanilla, caramelized lemon, Tarte Tatin and small notes of cooked peach combined with touches of cedar wood, toffee, rancio, spices as well as a very discreet hint of camphor, dried fruits and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, minerality, a small fresh frame, a beautiful finesse, a small aerial side, a beautiful precision as well as a beautiful structure. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of Zante currant, caramelized apple and small notes of lemon crystallized associated

with small / fine touches of peat, caramel / toffee, spices, camphor, dried violet / potpourri as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate and almonds. The finish is powerful.

Price: €€€€€

Verde Vin  
Score  
17.5  
95/100

## Badia a Coltibuono Grappa Riserva

The nose is powerful and fruity. It reveals notes of dried lemon and grapefruit zest / dried mandarin associated with small notes of crushed mirabelle plum, touches of small yellow fruits and discreet hints of Zante currants. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, precise, round, fine, slightly gourmande and offers a very slight fleshiness, a good definition as well as power. On the palate this Grappa expresses notes of crushed mirabelle plum / yellow plum, pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of crystallized lemon, dried tangerine zest, discreet hints of Zante currants as well as a very discreet hint of potpourri and Timut pepper. The finish is powerful. Good length.

Price: €€

Verde Vin  
Score  
15.25  
90/100



## Dictador 1972 2 Masters, Glenfarclas Colombian Rum

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small power, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of Zante currant, caramelized dried orange and small notes of rancio, malted barley associated with touches of white fruit / dried apricots, caramelization as well as discreet hints of maple syrup and potpourri / Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, round, gourmande, elegant and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition, a fine fleshiness as well as delicacy. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of caramel pear, caramelized dried orange and small notes of dates, fleshy white fruits associated with touches of caramelization / pâtisseries / honey, peat, hazelnut, vanilla, raisin, a discreet hint of dried citrus fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco, coffee and gray pepper (in the background).

Price: €€€€€

Verde Vin  
Score  
17  
94/100





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# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

2016 VINTAGE

## Château Ausone 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant and offers a slight complexity, a beautiful finesse, elegance, harmony as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry, graphite, cornflower, chocolate combined with touches of caramelization as well as discreet hints of spices, Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, juicy and offers a slight juiciness, a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, delicacy, a good structure as well as power (but full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed cassis associated with small notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy strawberry as well as touches of raspberrycaramelization, vanilla and discreet toasted hints. Tannins are fine and a bit chewy, precise and straight. Good length.

Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100)

## Clos des Jacobins 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, slightly tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and wild small black fruits associated with touches of wild red berries, flowers (violet, lilac) as well as hints of black pepper, spices, cardamom and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, minerality, a small freshness, a fine grain, a good structure as well as a small tension as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild black berries associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, small red berries, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, Cuban pepper, cocoa and very discreet toasted hints (in the background). Good length and persistence. There are hints of black pepper, toasted hints and cocoa on the persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

## Château la Commanderie 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, and offers a slight power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberries, fleshy black fruits and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry as well as small hints of flowers and spices. The palate is mineral, fluid, well-balanced and offers a small acidulous frame (in the background), a small suavity as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / ripe black berries, fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with small hints of flowers, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of chocolate / caramelization (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## Château Faugères 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed small black fruits and small notes of strawberry, crushed / juicy cassis combined with small / discreet touches of violet, juicy blueberry, chocolate as well as discreet toasted hints, caramel and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, harmonious and offers delicacy, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful definition, a good finesse of the grain, a slight tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy black fruits associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry as well as hints of fleshy blueberry, chocolate, caramelization, vanilla and a very discreet hint of almond (on the finish). Tannins are fine, well-built and elegant. Good persistence. There are hints of tonka bean / cocoa and juicy blackberry persistence.

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

## Château la Clotte 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a very slight richness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed black fruits combined with touches of liquorice, cardamom, wild strawberry as well as slight hints of cornflowers / lily and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a good definition, a slight juicy frame as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy wild berries associated with slight touches of redcurrants, wild strawberry, cornflower / lilac as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, discreet toasted hints, Bourbon vanilla / almond and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine, slightly tight and a bit young. Good persistence. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean and a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish/persistence (bring gourmandize). A very slight chew on the finish.

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

## Château Soutard 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a slight power, straightness as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry, blueberry associated with toasted touches / sweet spices, pepper as well as a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, suavity, precision, straightness as well as a beautiful acidulous frame and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry, black cherry associated with touches of acidulous cassis, discreet hints of redcurrants, discreet toasted hints, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of menthol and flowers (in the background). Beautiful finish! There are a hint of almond, a toasted hint as well as a discreet hint of cedar, sap and an imperceptible hint of pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. The finish is slightly powerful.

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

## Château Haut-Sarpe 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a small gourmandise as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry

associated with small touches of wild strawberry, violet, slight hints of caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a small freshness as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with slight touches of small red berries, flowers, Zan as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco and caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

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

## Château La Serre 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance. It reveals notes of fresh boysenberry, fresh wild strawberry and small notes of fresh berries associated with small hints of flowers as well as discreet toasted / caramelized hints, almond and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a slight straightness, a slight fat, a small acid frame (in the background), a small racy minerality as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of small berries, fleshy cassis associated with fine touches of flowers, liquorice, spices as well as a very discreet / imperceptible toasted hint (in the background) and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built and slightly mellow. There is an imperceptible hint of hazelnut on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

## Château Bellevue 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity, aromatic and offers power as well as a small gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry and fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of fleshy wild raspberry, blueberry, violet, as well as small touches of caramelization, hazelnut, sweet spices and discreet hints of liquorice hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a good definition, a fine juicy frame, tension, precision, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful grain as well as fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis / blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small / fine toasted touches, caramelization, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and chewy. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of almost saline minerality on the persistence. (2020+)

Score : 17+/25 (94-95/100)

## Château Laroze 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed black berries and small notes of violet, raspberry, crushed cassis, Sichuan pepper, crunchy blueberry / cornflower as well as discreet hints of tonka bean / toasty and cardamom. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small suavity, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful guideline as well as a good definition and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh boysenberries and small black fruits associated with small touches of tonka bean, small toasted touches /cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco and spices. Tannins are elegant, well-built and supple.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Bélair Monage 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful racy grain. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, cassis and small notes of juicy wild small fruits associated with small touches of cocoa, spices as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is mineral, well-balanced, full of elegance and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a small tension, a small straightness, roundness, power, a beautiful freshness as well as a beautiful and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, juicy / fleshy blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small / fine touches of black fruits, liquorice, flowers, spices as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine, elegant, racy and straight. Good length. Very slight chew and power on the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Jean Faure 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, well-built, structured and offers a small power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small toasted notes associated with touches of fleshy red fruits, vanilla as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and cinnamon / cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise, elegant and offers straightness, a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of raspberry, small ripe red berries/ redcurrants as well as hints of flowers, cardamom, tonka bean, sweet spices / vanilla. Tannins are fine, and very slightly chewy and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Ripeau 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small freshness / power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of flowers (iris, violet) associated with touches of wild strawberry, red berries, crunchy blueberry as well as hints of liquorice, caramelization, gray pepper and a very discreet toasted hint, spices and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small acidulous frame, minerality, suavity, a good "guideline" as well as generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and ripe / fleshy raspberry associated with

small touches of juicy wild black fruits, juicy redcurrants as well as slight/discreet hints of flowers, caramelization, almond, discreet toasted hints and tonka bean / sweet spices. Tannins are fine, firm and a bit grainy. Good length. Small chew on the finish. There are an imperceptible hint of iris and a discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence. Good persistence. This wine needs to be put in carafe. (2020+)

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, aromatic and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis, iris / flowers and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of spices, small toasted touches, Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of racy minerality and a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, softness, freshness, a beautiful density (but full of finesse), a small tension as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy berries associated with small / fine toasted touches, minerality and a very discreet touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine, well-built and elegant. Gourmandise and a very discreet chew on the finish.

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

## La Mondotte 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine intensity as well as richness (but full of elegance). It reveals notes of blackberry and ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of caramelization, crunchy wild red fruits as well as discreet hints of hazelnuts / almonds and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, discreetly tight and offers a slight intensity, a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, elegance, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of fleshy / juicy red fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers, caramelization, discreet toasted hints, a very discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible grilled hint (in the background). Tannins are elegants. Good length.

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

## Château Figeac 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, silky, elegant, aromatic and offers a Parfum side. It reveals notes of boysenberry, black cherry / sour cherry and small notes of blue fruits, violet, liquorice associated with small touches of raspberry as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, freshness, a small crunchiness, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a beautiful elegance, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small unctuousity as well as a beautiful delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, crushed blueberry and small notes of flowers / violet associated with small touches of blue fruits, raspberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of chocolate / sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. Good length. Small chew on the finish. There are an imperceptible hint of caramelization, toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence. (2022+)

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

## Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, vanilla, toasted notes and small notes of strawberry / cassis associated with small hints of menthol liquorice, coconut as well as very discreet / small hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition / juiciness, gourmandise, fat, an acid frame, minerality (in the background) as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy blackberry, juicy raspberry, juicy / ripe red currants associated with small / slight touches of cassis, liquorice as well as slight touches of vanilla, toasted woody / almond. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. The finish is slightly powerful.

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

# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

## Château Cheval Blanc 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant and offers a slight power as well as a very fine grain. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, juicy ripe wild strawberry and small notes of blueberry combined with slight touches of liquorice, incense, flowers (violet, iris), Cuben pepper as well as slight hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers power, a slight richness, a beautiful definition, freshness, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of cassis, ripe crushed raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, coffee as well as discreet hints of almond, caramelization / sweet spices. Good length and persistence. There are slight hints of cocoa on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, precise and a bit firm. Slight chew on the finish (brings gourmandise). The finish is very slightly grainy. Everything is well integrated / in place. There is very slight touch of bitterness / flowers on the persistence. Beautiful potential (2022+).

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

## Château Pavie-Macquin 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, concentrated and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry, wild strawberry combined with fine touches of cherry as well as discreet hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of violet (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, power, a beautiful mineral frame, a very fine suavity as well as a beautiful and slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / crunchy cassis, plum and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of redcurrants, fresh cherry as well as discreet hints of zan, tonka bean and toasted / spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. There are discreet hints of dried almond on the finish (bring gourmandise). Good length. A beautiful wine !

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

## Château Corbin 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, frank and offers a good precision as well as a good purity of the fruit. It reveals notes of blackberries, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry, crushed red berries, vanilla associated with slight touches of violet, blueberry, liquorice and very discreet toasted hints, lilacs, sweet spices and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a silky texture, gourmandise, a mineral frame, a fine acidulous sensation as well as a beautiful grain and a beautiful precision / purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe / crushed wild raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of strawberry, blueberry, violet, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of zan. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly grainy. Good length. A beautiful grain on the finish. A beautiful wine!

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

## Château La Gaffelière 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise, racy and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cornflowers and small notes of cassis combined with small touches of lilac, red fruits as well as discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of camphor / Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers delicacy, juiciness, a racy minerality, precision, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful elegance, a slight tension, a beautiful guideline, a silky matter as well as a fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and fleshy cassis associated with touches of violet / cornflower, small blue fruits as well as slight hints of liquorice and sweet spices / vanilla. Tannins are well-built. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Château Villemaurine 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy, structured and offers power as well as a beautiful and slightly grainy grain. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, black berries as well as discreet hints of lily, Cuben pepper and discreet tonka bean / toasted hints. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, precision, a beautiful delicacy, a good guideline as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of plum, crushed raspberry associated with small touches of tonka bean / cocoa, small toasted touches, sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, straight and elegant. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Larmande 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, well-built and offers a slight concentration a slight depthness as well as finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of gray pepper, spices, flowers / iris as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices / vanilla. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity / roundness, elegance, density, a beautiful finesse as well as

a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy cassis combined with slight touches of liquorice, toasted oak / caramelized oak as well as small / fine hints of liquorice / chocolate and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). A beautiful wine full of balance and delicacy. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Very slight chew on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Grand Corbin-

### Despaigne 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers a beautiful delicacy as well as intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed small black fruits and small notes of fleshy blueberry combined with touches of strawberry, toasted as well as hints of minty liquorice, almonds, very discreet hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, delicate, well-balanced, harmonious, well-built and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse, power, an acidulous frame as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry combined with slight toasted hints, almond, violet, vanilla and a subtle hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant and finely firm. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Fleur Cardinale 2016

### Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a fine power, elegance, a beautiful finesse as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with touches of Quetsche plum, liquorice, a discreet hint of violet, Sichuan pepper, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully defined, beautifully built, very discreetly tight, harmonious and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine tension, a beautiful mineral frame as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed / fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, hints of caramelization, hazelnut, toasted hints, a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background) and sweet blond tobacco on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

## Château La Tour Figeac 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a small concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of flowers (violet, lily) associated with fine touches of cassis bud, blond tobacco, liquorice and discrete hints of spices. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a small mineral frame (racy minerality), finesse, suavity as well as a very fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of crunchy / juicy berries associated with small toasted touches, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château Fonroque 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and finesse. It reveals notes of cassis and wild small fruits associated with small touches of ripe cherry, crushed wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, flowers, a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, silky, fine, beautifully gourmande and offers a good definition, a beautiful minerality, suavity as well as a good acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and black cherry associated with small notes of crushed wild strawberry, crushed cassis as well as touches of violet, lily, liquorice and discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. There is a very discreet hint of ripe seeds on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Bellefont-Belcier 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted notes and small notes of grilled bread, crushed cassis combined with small touches of crushed red fruits as well as very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of violet and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful straightness, a small juicy / acidulous frame, fat, suavity, finesse, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy small fruits, liquorice, small toasted touches and a very discreet hint of grilled bread and spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château de Pressac 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy and elegant. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of boysenberry, fleshy wild blackberries and fleshy raspberry combined with touches of cherry, ripe /crushed red berries as well as discreet hints of zan, violet and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, precise and offers a fine tension, a fine minerality, an acidulous frame, a fine straightness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and small fleshy black berries associated with touches of raspberry, red berries, strawberry, toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and vanilla. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Good length.

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

## Château de Ferrand 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of raspberries, blackberry and small notes of juicy black fruits combined with touches of black cherry, liquorice as well as a hint of flowers, sweet spices / vanilla and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, precise, frank, fine and offers a small fleshiness, a fine acid frame, a small minerality and a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of red berries, cherry as well as a hint of flowers, liquorice and a very discreet hint of spices. A beautiful, fruity, juicy and fresh wine !

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

## 2008 VINTAGE

## Château Figeac 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, elegant, very slightly tight, gourmand and offers a beautiful delicacy as well as power. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with small / fine touches of blue clay, graphite, spices, caramelization as well as a very discreet touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, suavity, elegance, a beautiful freshness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy / fleshy cassis and small notes of blue fruits associated with small touches of raspberry, juicy red berries as well as hints of blueberry, caramelization / toasted hints and a discreet hint of chocolate / minty. Tannins are fine, elegant and a bit firm. Small firmness on the finish. A beautiful and elegant wine.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

## Château Monbousquet 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers power, balance as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of small black berries associated with fine touches of wild strawberry as well as hints of spices, gray pepper, tobacco and very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful minerality, a good freshness as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of small ripe berries associated with small touches of flowers, spices as well as discreet hints of tobacco, tonka bean, mushroom and gray pepper. Good length. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Château Pavie Decesse 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry, red berries associated with hints of racy minerality, caramelization as well as discreet touches of sweet spices, hazelnut, discreet toasted touches, camphor, violet / iris and undergrowth / truffle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful fat as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy cherry associated with touches of minerality, small touches of juicy raspberry, spices as well as hints of liquorice, toasted oak and discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Clos des Jacobins 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers complexity as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild red berries, violet combined with touches of liquorice, cardamom, tea as well as discreet hints of coffee / Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a small suavity, precision, dynamism, a good guideline, a small austere side as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of red berries associated with discreet hints of Zan, violet / cornflowers, undergrowth, nutmeg as well as hints of spices and a imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

## Château Faugères 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight power / concentration as well as a good finesse of the grain (limestone / terroir). It reveals notes of blackberry, undergrowth and cassis associated with touches of tonka bean, sweet spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a small freshness, a slight suavity, a slight richness, a slight tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small



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notes of cherry associated with small touches of ripe red fruits (raspberry, redcurrants), cardamom, undergrowth, cedar as well as very discreet toasted hints, nutmeg, tonka bean hint and a very discreet hint of mushroom (in the background). Tannins are very discreetly firm and very discreetly tight / dry.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful gourmandise, richness as well as a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, blackberry associated with fine touches of caramelization, incense and small notes of ripe raspberry, spices, small toasted notes as well as a very discreet hint of violet and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fresh, well-balanced, fruity and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild fleshy strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small / fine touches of caramelization, hazelnut, graphite / incense as well as very discreet hints of spices. Good length.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## La Mondotte 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is gourmand, offers richness (but full of balance), a very slight austerity as well as fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild fruits and small notes of cassis, tonka bean, truffle, hazelnut as well as a discreet hint of lily / flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral, juiciness, gourmandise, beautifully elegant and offers a small density, a beautiful depthness, a racy minerality, a beautiful finesse as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry, cherry, crushed cassis associated with small touches of vanilla, small toasted touches, almond as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Small chew on the finish. Good length.  
**Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)**

## Château La Couspaude 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers elegance / precision. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild small fruits associated with slight touches of crushed strawberry, vanilla, toasted as well as discreet hints of cardamom and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a good definition, suavity, softness, gourmandise, a very slightly tight grain as well as a slight acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small wild berries, violet / lilac associated with small touches of cardamom, tabaco, Zan as well as discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. Good length. There is a discreet hint of vanilla on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## Château Bellevue 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a small generosity and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with toasted touches, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of flowers / gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a slight acidulous frame, minerality, a small freshness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and juicy / fresh blackberry associated with small touches of undergrowth, Zan, small berries as well as a discreet touch of tobacco. Good length. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and well-built. There are an imperceptible touch of almond and tonka bean on the persistence.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## Château Angélu 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of raspberry, cassis, red berries and small notes of blackberries combined with small touches of spices, chocolate, small toasted touches as well as discreet hints of pepper, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-managed, suave and offers a good definition, finesse, a good finesse of the grain, harmony, a beautiful

acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberries, wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with small / fine touches of ripe red berries, liquorice, zan, undergrowth, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of mushroom. Tannins are fine, well-built and very discreetly firm. A very discreet chew on the finish. Beautiful persistence. There are hints of red fruit, juicy / fresh blackberry and an imperceptible touch of dark chocolate and toasted almond on the persistence (brings gourmandise). The wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

## Château Corbin 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru classé

The nose is aromatic and offers a small freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of blueberry, wild small red fruits associated with discreet hints of tonka bean, sweet spices / Sichuan pepper, undergrowth as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (violet) / varieties in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a good freshness, a good grain, a chiseled side as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy cassis, blackberry and small notes of crunchy small red fruits associated with slight touches of tonka bean, sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of undergrowth, toasted hints / vanilla. Good freshness. Tannins are fine and very slightly chalky. There is an imperceptible varietal hint / bitterness on the finish / persistence.

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

## Château Cheval Blanc 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a slight richness / austerity, a small depthness, complexity as well as a beautiful intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry / sour cherry, red fruits and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of ripe raspberry, cassis, liquorice, blue fruits as well as slight / discreet toasted hints / almond, incense, an imperceptible touch of menthol and tonka bean in the background. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a nice minerality, a pretty acid frame, a slight suavity, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh blackberry, juicy raspberry, ripe / juicy redcurrants associated with fine touches of cocoa / tonka bean, sweet spices and vanilla. Tannins are very slightly grainy and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. There are very discreet hints of undergrowth, mushroom and liquorice on the persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

## Château Pavie-Macquin 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, Sichuan pepper, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with slight toasted touches and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a good definition, elegance, a good guideline, a racy minerality, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy cassis and small notes of ripe redcurrants, small wild berries associated with slight touches of fleshy blueberry as well as discreet touches of Zan, tobacco, ripe / dried almond and tonka beans and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Small firmness and slight chew on the finish. Good length.

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

## Château Pavie 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, racy and offers power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and blue fruits associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, spices as well as small hints of gray pepper, flowers, an imperceptible hint of camphor and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, freshness, gourmandise, precision, a good structure as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy ripe raspberry, blue fruits and small notes of cassis associated with fine

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touches of violet / cornflower as well as touches of liquorice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. An imperceptible hint of cocoa and grilled oak / coffee on the finish.

**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

### Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, fresh and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, morello cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of very ripe red fruits, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful minerality, a fine tension, elegance, depthness, a good finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition / precision as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of very ripe red berries, liquorice, tonka bean / chocolate as well as discreet hints of vanilla and very discreet hints of cardamom (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

### Château Vieux Sarpe 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and racy. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, very ripe cassis and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, small berries, liquorice, spices and discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, an acid frame as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of black berries associated with small touches of very ripe strawberry, spices, small toasted touches as well as a very discreet touch of liquorice and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is slightly tight. There is a hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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

### Château Bélair Monange 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, flowery and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and violet associated with small touches of iris, strawberry and gray pepper as well as small hints of chocolate / toasted hints. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition / juiciness, suavity, crunchiness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of flowers, sweet spices, fine toasted touches as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth / blond tobacco. Good length. There is an imperceptible toasted hint / almond on the finish / persistence.

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

### Château Fonroque 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, harmonious and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and small black fruits associated with discreet spikes of flowers, plum, wild red berries, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The mouth is fresh, fruity, juicy and offers fluidity, a small suavity, dynamism, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed / cooked cassis associated with small touches of plum, ripe raspberry, tonka bean and very discreet toasted joints. Good length.

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

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2016 VINTAGE

### Clos de l'Oratoire 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers freshness as well as intensity / density. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of almond / hazelnut, touches of cassis associated with discreet hints of tonka bean, spices and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a beautiful finesse, suavity, a small fat, a good dimension (width, depthness) as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis, wild raspberry, small crunchy berries associated with fine touches of tonka bean, oak, caramelization and spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Small racy / saline minerality on the finish.

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

### Château Grand Corbin Manuel 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, small wild berries associated with touches of violet, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of cardamom and discreet toasted hints / Tonka bean. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, suavity, good structure, a slight tension, a good juiciness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy blackberry, acidulous / crushed red currants and cassis associated with small touches of violet, Zan, blond tobacco as well as small hints of toasted oak / tonka bean and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

### Château Daugay 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is powerful and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with slight touches of Sichuan pepper, sweet spices, cardamom as well as a discreet toasted hint / caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, suavity, a small unctuousity, a slight tension as well as precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with slight touches of cassis, caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. Good length. There is a discreet hint of flowers and a discreet hint of spices on the finish. There is a hint of cocoa on the finish / persistence.

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

### Château Tertre Roteboeuf 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, beautifully gourmand and offers a fine intensity, a small "perfume" side as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of toasted bread, hints of almond, camphor, flowers as well as discreet grilled hints and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully gourmande, slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition / finesse, a fine power, a beautiful racy minerality / freshness, a beautiful aromatic precision, a small concentration, a good purity of the fruit, a beautiful juiciness, depthness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a beautiful, very finely unctuous, very slightly tight and elegant matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry and fleshy / juicy raspberry associated with small notes of juicy red berries, coffee, fleshy / juicy black berries as well as small / fine touches of toasted bread, toasted oak and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly firm. Good length. Beautiful and aromatic persistence ! A beautiful wine !

**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

### Château Croix de Labrie 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers power, finesse, subtlety and a small frank / straight. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with discreet hints of spices, cardamom, a very discreet hint of blueberry as well as very discreet hints of Tonka bean and an impercep-



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tible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is silky, well-balanced, very discreetly tight, precise, elegant, chiseled and offers a beautiful finesse, delicacy, subtlety, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful suavity, tension, freshness, a beautiful gourmandise as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with fine touches of fleshy / fresh blueberry, fine toasted touches, liquorice, a very discreet hint of cherry as well as discreet hints of spices and cardamom. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence. There is a very discreet touch of almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

## Tour de Ripeau 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small black fruits associated with touches of liquorice, raspberry as well as hints of iris, Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a slight suavity, a good freshness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy blackberry and juicy / fresh cassis associated with small notes of wild raspberry, juicy blueberry, small juicy red berries as well as small touches of chocolate / cocoa, small toasted touches and a discreet hint of spices. A very slight austerity on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly grainy. Good length. There are hints of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of flowers / caramelized almond on the persistence.

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

## Château Grand Faurie La Rose 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild red fruits/ wild berries associated with touches of spices as well as a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, roundness, gourmandise, a very slight power / straightness as well as a beautiful fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy / juicy small fruits associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of raspberry, juicy red berries, toasted hints and discreet hints of vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. An imperceptible hint of cassis bud / varietal and coffee on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Mangot 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with slight / discreet touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of spice and a subtle hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a small tension, a good mineral frame, juiciness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cassis, cherries associated with fine touches of spices, violet as well as imperceptible toasted hints / vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. There are very discreet hints of dark chocolate / Tonka bean on the persistence. Small chews on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Château Mangot - Cuvée Todeschini 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful grain as well as a small fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of vanilla, small toasted notes associated with discreet hints of violet, cardamom, chocolate as well as an imperceptible touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, juicy cassis and small notes of blackberry, juicy raspberry associated with slight touches of violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of lilac and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly chewy.

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

## Château Cantenac 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, Cuben pepper and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of crushed black cherry, crushed small red fruits as well as hints of vanilla and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, roundness, freshness, suavity, a certain dynamism as well as fat and a bit aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, small fleshy berries associated with small touches of cherry, crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate, vanilla and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of violet and Cuben pepper on the finish. There is a hint of cocoa bitterness on the finish / persistence.

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

## Chapelle de Labrie 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power, a captivating side as well as structure. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of strawberry, blackberry associated with slight / discreet hints of minerality as well as discreet hints of spices, cardamom and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, precision, a fine tension, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful grain, power, roundness as well as a small fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of liquorice, small fresh / juicy red fruits associated with discreet touches of tonka bean, spices as well as a very slight hint of caramelization (on the finish) and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. (2020+)

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

## Château La Voûte 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, a very fine intensity and a discreet power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with discreet hints of crushed blueberry, liquorice and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, a small tension, a fine suavity, a good freshness as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of juicy redcurrants associated with slight / discreet touches of liquorice, flowers / violet, chocolate and discreet hints of nutmeg. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. There are a very discreet touch of caramelization / vanilla and a very fine chews on the finish (bring gourmandise). There is a very discreet sensation of salinity on the finish. (2020+)

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

## Château Les Clavelines 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers notes of blackberry, bell pepper and small notes of cassis bud associated with slight touches of gray pepper, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a mineral frame, fat, a small tension, a very slight freshness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh small fruits and small notes of cassis bud associated with slight touches of vanilla, violet as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are slightly dry.

Score : 13.5+/20 (85-86/100)

## Château Haut-Pezat 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand, quite ample and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small black berries, blueberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, Zan, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of sweet spices / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, roundness, a good definition, a beautiful grain, a good minerality, a small suavity, a good guideline as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysenberries, fleshy berries and small notes of fleshy raspberry, blueberry associated with touches of violet, Zan, nutmeg / cardamom as well as slight touches of tonka bean / chocolate and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

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## Château Coutet 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power / concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild berries and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of blueberry, crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of graphite, cardamom / spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral frame as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with small touches of cherries, fleshy small red fruits, juicy / fresh blueberry as well as touches of liquorice, tonka bean and cardamom / sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Fleur du Casse 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power, a slight intensity as well as gourmandise / a small depthness. It reveals notes of blackberry, Cuben pepper and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of violet, nutmeg, spices as well as a very discreet touch of black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, suave and offers gourmandise, softness as well as roundness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of raspberry, small red berries as well as hints of chocolate, vanilla and colas. Tannins are well-built. Slight chew on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Clos Les Grandes Versannes 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers notes of vanilla, blackberry and small notes of ripe wild raspberry combined with slight touches of violet, Cuben pepper, spices as well as discreet hints of cardamom / chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fresh frame, minerality, a slight acidulous sensation, a slightly tight grain, roundness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of fresh / juicy raspberry associated with small touches of cherry, flowers, cardamom, small toasted / oaky touches as well as discreet hints of vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm and slightly tight. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château Haut Veyrac 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of black cherry, wild red berries associated with touches of pepper, tea and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers suavity, balance, a small tension, a good structure, a slight freshness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with small / slight touches of black berries, spices, tea as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of almond (on the finish). Tannins are very slightly tight.

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

## Château Juguet 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a slight concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild black berries associated with touches of violet, Sichuan pepper, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, nutmeg / vanilla and an imperceptible sappy hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, frank and offers a good structure a small freshness, a mineral frame, tension, a slight acidulous sensation (in the background) as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild raspberry and crushed black berries associated with touches of flowers, Zan as well as hints blond tobacco, nutmeg, tea and spices. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and a bit chewy. Good length.

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

## Château Haut-Cadet 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers intensity / power. It reveals notes of wild berries, black cherry and small notes of cassis combined with touches of Sichuan pepper, cornflower and spices / Lapsang Souchong tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, roundness, freshness, suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a bit aerial side as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy wild berries and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with slight touches of violet, spices as well as a discreet hint of cassis bud and tonka bean. Tannins are very slightly dry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (90/100)

## Château Rol Valentin 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fleshy and offers a small intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed black berries and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, Zan, violet / lilac, nutmeg as well as toasted hints / vanilla. The palate is fruity, and offers suavity, minerality, an acidulous frame, a good freshness, precision, dynamique, a good guideline as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed black berries and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of red berries, flowers, Zan, blond tobacco / nutmeg. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly chewy. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of vanilla, chocolate and blackberry in the background / on the persistence. Good length.

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

## Château Haut Rocher 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, slightly tight and offers power as well as a certain intensity. It reveals notes of cassis and crushed boysenberries associated with touches of liquorice, Sichuan pepper, crushed blueberry as well as hints of wild strawberry, racy / minerality / graphite minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good suavity, precision, freshness, dynamism as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, fleshy blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of blackberry, red berries, violet, Zan as well as discreet hints of tobacco, spices and an imperceptible hint

of tea / Sichuan pepper. Tannins are well-built, fine and slightly mellow. There is a very discreet hint of coffee / ripe almond in the background / persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Milon 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, Sichuan pepper, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of black berries, wild strawberry as well as small hints of flowers / heathers and spices / tonka beans. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, suavity, an acid frame, a fine grain as well as a minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with small touches of violet, blueberry, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of spices / Cardamom. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Clos de la Cure 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and crushed boysenberries associated with small notes of crushed strawberry, minty liquorice, crushed blueberry, violet as well as small hints of spices, cardamom and very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is well-balanced, mineral and offers a slight acidulous frame, suavity as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with slight touches



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of flowers, red fruits, tonka bean, menthol liquorice and an imperceptible oaky hint (in the background). Tannins are very slightly firm.

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

## Château de Lescours 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of blackberry, lilac and small notes of black berries, cassis bud associated with small touches of Sichuan / gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a mineral frame, a small suavity, a slight tension as well as a slight fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of flowers associated with small touches of cassis bud / bell pepper as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth / tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are very slightly firm.

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

## Château la Fleur Penin 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, structured and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and Cuben pepper combined with touches of violet, blackberry as well as discreet hints of spices / cardamom and an imperceptible hint of cassis bud. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers suavity, tension as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy small red fruits, cassis associated with slight hints of Zan, blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of cassis bud and cardamom (in the background). Tannins are slightly mellow. Chews on the finish.

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

## Château Guillemin La Gaffelière 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, slightly velvety and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and small notes of violet combined with touches of Bourbon vanilla as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), a slight straightness as well as a slight suavity / fatness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of red fruits, Zan, blond tobacco, Lapsang Souchong tea as well as slight vanilla / toasted hints and very discreet hints of caramelisation. Tannins are very slightly firm / mellow. Good length.

**Score : 14.75/20 (87-88/100)**

## Château La Croix du Merle 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, bulb / varietal notes and small notes of ripe small black fruits associated with hints of small red fruits, violet as well as a very discreet hint of Zan and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, slight tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild berries, bulb / varietal associated with slight touches of cassis bud, small red fruits / red berries as well as hints of liquorice, toasted hints / chocolats. Tannins are slightly mellow.

**Score : 14.5/20 (86/100)**

## Château de Candale 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small power, finesse, a beautiful gourmandise as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small black berries associated with touches of small blue fruits, crushed strawberry, violet as well as hints of Sichuan pepper / sweet spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a good definition, roundness, suavity, a beautiful mineral frame, freshness, a very slightly tight grain as well as a slight tension / elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with touches of violet, strawberry, small wild berries as well as hints of sweet spices and vanilla / toasted hints. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good persistence. There are notes of mocha, blackberry as well as a very discreet touch of pepper, cardamom and tea on the persistence.

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

## Château Millaud-Montlabert 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a nice grain. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of chocolate, violet combined with discreet hints of graphite, nutmeg as well as sweet spices / toasted hints. The palate is fruity and offers fat, a slight creaminess, tension as well as a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with slight hints of violet, black cherry, chocolate as well as discreet toasted / caramelization hints. Tannins are a bit firm.

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

## Vieux Château Flouquet 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is a bit tight and offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with small touches of graphite, colas / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small freshness, minerality, a small fat, roundness, a small tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy small fruits associated with slight hints of violet, varietal / bulb, chocolate and sweet spices / toasted hints.

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

## Château Saint Hubert 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and a bit firm. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, cornflowers, and small notes of small berries associated with slight touches of black cherry, red berries as well as discreet hints of Zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, juiciness, a good definition, a good structure, a slight acidulous frame as well as a slight minerality and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild berries and small notes of cornflowers associated with small / slight touches of Zan, blond tobacco, bulb as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean on the finish / persistence.

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

## Château Adaugausta 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power, elegance and depthness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, plum associated with small touches of caramelization, vanilla and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a good definition as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of plum, crushed raspberry, small toasted touches, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and a discreet hint of chocolate (in the background).

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

## Château Corbin Michotte 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of blackberry, Cuben pepper and small notes of juicy berries associated with a discreet touch of violet and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a good freshness, a fresh frame, a fine acidulous sensation, a small fat as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh / fleshy cassis and small notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cherry associated with touches of cassis bud / bulb as well as discreet hints of spices and imperceptible hint of blond tobacco / mocha. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Château Roc de Candale 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy wild berries, violet associated with hints of Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, slightly tight and offers roundness, power, suavity, freshness, gourmandise as well as density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of cherries associated with small touches of small berries, bulb as well as discreet hints of tonka bean / chocolate, sweet spices and vanilla.

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

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## Château d'Arcole 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a slight intensity, a slight concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of fresh cassis / blackberry and small notes of blueberry, crushed gariGuette strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, cornflowers as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of colas. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, juiciness, a good definition, precision, straightness, tension, minerality, a mineral frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis and ripe / crushed wild berries associated with small notes of blue fruits, black cherry / wild strawberry as well as hints of flowers, liquorice and colas. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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

## Virginie de Valandraud 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and precise. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of blue fruits, coffee associated with touches of violet, black cherry as well as slight hints of liquorice, nutmeg and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, precise, elegant, delicate, well-built and offers a small density, a slight suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of blue fruits, crushed raspberry as well as hints of flowers, Zan, discreet hints of tobacco and mocha / coffee. Good length. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. The wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

## Château Fleur de Lisse 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blueberry and small notes of red berries, strawberry, violet combined with discreet hints of Zan, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful suavity, elegance, gourmandise, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of red berries, wild red fruits associated with small hints of flowers (violet, cornflowers), liquorice as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, a very discreet hint of coffee and a very discreet toasted hint / caramelization. Tannins are slightly firm.

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

## Château L'Etampe 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of violet, liquorice / pepper associated with a discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, frank and offers finesse, juiciness, a good structure, fat as well as a slight mineral frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small berries, blueberry associated with small hints of violet, bulb as well as discreet hints of coffee, liquorice and a very discreet hint of pepper / nutmeg. Tannins are structuring and a bit firm. Good length.

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

## La Fleur Laroze 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of ripe blue fruits associated with small touches of crushed strawberry as well as discreet hints of flowers, tonka beans, sweet spices / toasted hints and a discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small tension, an acidulous frame, minerality, a small suavity as well as

straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / wild blackberry associated with a hint of raspberry, flowers, a toasted hint as well as discreet hints of vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. The finish is slightly grainy. There are hints of chocolate powder on the finish as well as an imperceptible toasted hint / bitterness of cocoa on the persistence.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

## Château de Fonbel 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is concentrated and fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and small notes of small berries associated with small touches of cassis, liquorice as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, a good freshness, a small concentration, a small acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness, as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of sour cherry associated with small touches of ripe berries, liquorice, cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible touch of chocolate.

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

## Château Simard 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a small concentration. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe juicy cassis, blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of ripe red berries, coffee as well as very discreet hints of spices and Zan. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy cassis, small ripe / fresh berries associated with small touches of wild raspberry, violet / rose as well as discreet hints of liquorice / Zan and spices. Tannins are fine, young and very slightly tight. There is an imperceptible hint of coffee / cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Château Haut-Simard 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

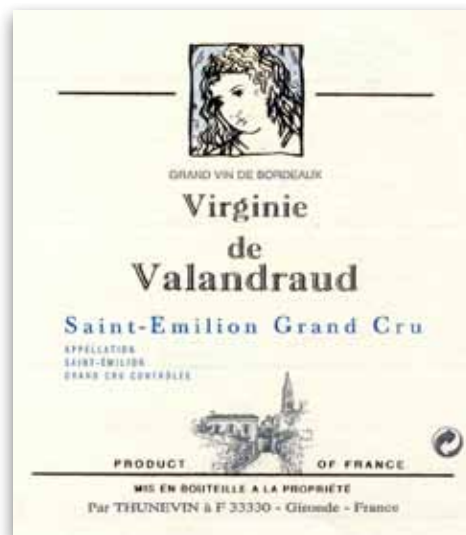
The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries associated with small touches of cassis, violet, lily as well as discreet hints of liquorice, blond tobacco and an imperceptible touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small mineral frame, a slight acidity, as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy cassis, ripe blackberry associated with small touches of small berries, violet, rose as well as discreet hints of small juicy red berries, Zan and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built, fine and very slightly tight and firm. Good length.

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

## Château Moulin Saint-Georges 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is gourmand and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted notes and small notes of crushed cassis, crushed wild strawberry associated with a touch of caramelization, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, silky and offers a fine suavity, a small tension, a fine gourmandise as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / fresh cassis and fleshy / fresh wild berries associated with small touches of cherry, crunchy raspberry, flowers (blueberry, lilac) as well as discreet toasted hints, spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and straight. Good length.

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



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## **Chapelle d'Ausone 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity, concentrated, structured as well as elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and small wild black fruits associated with small touches of violet, crushed strawberry as well as discreet hints of tonka bean / oak and a very discreet touch of spices / gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, precise and offers a good freshness, a good structure, a slight tension, juiciness, a slight suavity, a small acidulous frame, a beautiful guideline as well as a small minerality and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry and fleshy / fresh cassis associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small red berries, violet, cornflowers as well as discreet hints of Zan, tonka bean / oak. Tannins are well-built.

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

## **Château Brun 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is slightly tight and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of oak, graphite as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry, crunchy wild strawberry associated with fine hints of crunchy cassis as well as discreet hints of flowers and caramelization. Tannins are fine and very slightly tight. Good length.

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

## **Château Grangey 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crunchy berries, fresh raspberry combined with slight hints of caramelization, blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of flowers / vanilla and cardamom. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a small crunchiness as well as a very slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy red berries, crunchy cassis and small notes of fresh / crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of flowers, discreet oaky hints as well as an imperceptible touch of tonka bean and blond tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. There is an imperceptible touch of fresh hazelnut on the aftertaste / persistence. Very discreet chew on the aftertaste.

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

## **Château de la Cour 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of fleshy berries associated with touches of vanilla, flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a slight freshness, a slight acidulous frame, a small density, a slight fat as well as a slight gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy red berries and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with small / fine toasted touches, flowers, blond tobacco, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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

## **Château Haut Veyrac 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity and offers fleshiness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and crushed redcurrants combined with small touches of crunchy strawberry as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy frame, a slight acidulous sensation, a slight minerality as well as a fine gourmand / crunchy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy red berries, toasted as well as discreet hints of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## **Château Ambe Tour Pourret 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight power as well as a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crunchy raspberry, crunchy small berries associated with touches of almond, fresh leather, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a small minerality, a slight suavity / fat, an acidulous frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, fresh / fleshy blackberry and small notes of fresh / juicy cassis associated with touches of tonka bean, spices, cardamom as well as an imperceptible touch of blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## **Château La Tour du Pin Figeac 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh redcurrants combined with touches of crunchy cassis, fresh leather as well as hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, a small minerality, freshness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of red berries associated with discreet hints of cassis as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, blond tobacco, spices and an imperceptible toasted hint. Tannins are fine and very discreetly mellow. Good length. The finish is slightly tightened.

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

## **Château La Grave Figeac 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity and offers a small fleshiness / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet combined with hints of crushed red berries as well as very discreet hints of fleshy blueberry, blond tobacco and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a small suavity as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with hints of crunchy strawberry, discreet hints of flowers, spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## **Lynsolence 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity and offers fleshiness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with a hint of violet, toasted, nutmeg, blond tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a slight tension, a good structure as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of crushed cassis, blond tobacco, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate / vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm.

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

## **Château Milens 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy Boysenberry and small notes of fresh cassis combined with touches of caramelization, flowers, spices, Cuben pepper as well as very discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral frame as well as a slight juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry and fresh / crunchy wild strawberry associated with small touches of blackberry, crunchy cassis as well as slight hints of flowers, spices, caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. There is an imperceptible touch of almond on the finish / persistence.

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



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## Château Croque Michotte 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of crunchy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with hints of flowers / varietals as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight minerality as well as a slight acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy red berries and small notes of flowers / varietal associated with hints of crunchy cassis as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate / wood and an imperceptible touch of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm.

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

## Château Petit Val 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, delicacy as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet, Sichuan pepper associated with slight hints of spices, slight toasted hints and caramelized. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a small tension, a slight acid frame, a slight freshness, a good structure, roundness, a very slight unctuousity as well as a slight concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of liquorice, violet associated with small / fine touches of raspberry, graphite, Sichuan pepper, rose, chocolate, liquorice stick as well as a very discreet hint of spices, nutmeg and tea. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence.

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

## Muse du Val 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight concentration / power. It reveals notes of cassis, liquorice, small crushed red berries, wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry combined with touches of cherry, liquorice as well as a very discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a slight tension, a mineral frame (racy minerality), a beautiful grain, a very slight richness, a slight gourmandise as well as power (well controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice stick, colas, sour cherry, chocolate and a very discreet toasted hint / caramelized hint. Tannins are fine, very discreetly tight and a bit firm. Good length. There are a hint of dark chocolate / cocoa and a hint of fresh almond on the persistence (brings gourmandise). Very discreet chew on the persistence.

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

## Château Haut-Pezat 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity as well as depthness. It reveals notes of blackberry, vanilla and small notes of ripe red fruits associated with touches of violets / cornflowers as well as discreet toasted hints / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small mineral frame, a good guideline, suavity, fat as well as a very slight tight and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, vanilla and small notes of raspberry associated with slight touches of flowers, caramelization, slight toasted touches as well as discreet hints of coconut. Tannins are fine and very discreetly dry. Good length.

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

## La Grande Abbessé 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small / fine toasted touches, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, juiciness as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. There is a discreet hint of cocoa bitterness on the finish. Tannins are very slightly tight and dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Château Trapaud 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy, spicy and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, flowers (violet, rose) and blackberry combined with touches of Sichuan pepper, spices, cassis as well as discreet toasted hints, discreet grilled hints and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-defined, (very) slightly tight and offers a small tension, a small aerial side, a fine grain, a good structure, a small minerality, a very fine juiciness, a small acidulous frame as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, wild raspberry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of flowers, tea as well as slight toasted hints, pepper and a very discreet grilled hint / roasting. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. There is a very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château La Révérence 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and well-built. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy / ripe cassis associated with fine touches of ripe black berries, Sichuan pepper / spices, minerality as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good structure, a good definition, a fine acidulous sensation, a mineral frame, precision as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants and fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with touches of juicy / fresh blackberry, a touch of blueberry, slight toasted hints / sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of cinnamon and chocolate in the background / on the finish. Tannins are well-made. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Château du Rocher 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a slight intensity, juiciness as well as precision. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of flowers, spices / pepper as well as discreet hints of liquorice and discreet toasted hints / Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a good definition, a small acidulous frame, a small minerality as well as precision and beautiful purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy redcurrants, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of blackberry, cornflowers, Zan as well as discreet hints of spices, vanilla and a discreet / imperceptible hint of pepper. There is an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm.

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

## Château Martinet 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry, crushed blueberry associated with touches of flowers, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful suavity / roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy berries associated with touches of wild strawberry, a very discreet hint of blueberry as well as subtle hints of tonka bean / cocoa, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Small power on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château Laporte Reine Blanche 2016 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with small notes of ripe red berries, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud, spices, toasted and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine fat, a mineral frame as well as a "pure" fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe berries, liquorice associated with hints of raspberry, cherry as well as very discreet hint of flowers, spices and caramelization/vanilla. Tannins are very slightly firm.

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

# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

## **Château Franc La Rose 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and ripe small black fruits associated with touches of fleshy Gariguet strawberry, caramelization as well as hints of liquorice, violet, raspberry, Bourbon vanilla, an imperceptible hint of tonka bean and tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, round, elegant and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, juiciness, gourmandise, suavity as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of violet, blueberry, tea as well as hints of caramelization, toasted hints and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, structuring and elegant. (2020)  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Château Haut-Segottes 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of fleshy small blue fruits, fleshy strawberry associated with touches of mentholated liquorice, toasted, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper and Bourbon Vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers elegance, a beautiful juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a good guideline, gourmandise, a good finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed / juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of caramelization, toasted, chocolate and very discreet hints of violet and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, slightly grainy and still young. Good persistence (2020)  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Château Haut-Brisson 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose offers notes of blackberry, cassis and toasted notes associated with small touches of red fruits, Cuben pepper, violet, spices as well as very discreet hints of zan and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers precision, juiciness, a very fine suavity, a fine minerality as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry / juicy, fleshy cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of red berries, violet, toasted touches as well as discreet hints of chocolate and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. There are a hint of caramelization, liquorice and a hint vanilla on the persistence. There are an imperceptible hint of almond and cocoa on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## **Clos Dubreuil 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is elegant, fruity and finely gourmand. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry, toasted, vanilla and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small / fine touches of sweet spices, very discreet hints of Cuben pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background) and chocolate. The mouth is juicy, fruity, frank and offers gourmandise, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful precision, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry, vanilla associated with small toasted touches as well as discreet hints of crushed blueberry, very discreet hints of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of almond. Tannins are elegant, structuring and young. There are hints of almond, liquorice, blackberry and chocolate on the persistence. A beautiful wine! (2020+)  
**Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)**

## **Petit Corbin-Despaigne 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity, well-built, slightly concentrated and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of red fruits associated with discreet hints of blueberry, liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of cornflowers and toasted. The mouth is fruity, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality (mineral frame), a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a beautiful fat as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes

of Boysenberry and fleshy cassis associated with small notes of crunchy small red fruits, blueberry, toasted as well as discreet hints of vanilla and chocolate. The tannins are fine and very discreetly tight. Good length. A wine full of gourmandise !

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

## **Château Tour Saint Christophe 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a small concentration and a very fine intensity / richness. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and blackberry associated with small touches of red fruits, liquorice, cardamom, spices, a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background) as well as an imperceptible grilled hint and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, gourmande, straight and offers fleshiness, juiciness, tension, a good guideline, a small suavity, a fine minerality, a good freshness, a fine grain, a good finesse as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed cassis, strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, oak / toasted and discreet hints of cocoa. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

## **Château Grand-Barrail La Marzelle Figeac 2016** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is elegant, flowery and offers concentration. It reveals notes of lilac, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of ripe red fruits, discreet hints of liquorice, tea as well as an imperceptible hint of sweet spices and gray pepper (in the background). The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral frame, a small suavity, a fine freshness, a very fine tension as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of lilac, lily associated with touches of red fruits, liquorice as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, cardamom / tea and an imperceptible hint of mocha (in the background). Tannins are well-built and slightly firm.

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

## OTHER VINTAGE

## **La Réserve de Louis 2015** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, red berries and small notes of wild black berries associated with touches of flowers as well as a very discreet hint of zan / blond tobacco, sweet spices, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a beautiful grain, an acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry and fleshy / juicy cassis associated with small / fine touches of toasted oak, vanilla and cardamom / chocolate. Tannins are very slightly dry and a bit firm.

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

## **Château Louis 2015** **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru**

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine power and a small richness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry and ripe wild berries associated with small notes of redcurrant jam, cassis as well as touches of flowers, hints of zan, discreet hints of tobacco, cassis bud and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a small fleshiness, tension, a fine acid frame, good minerality, straightness, freshness as well as a good and a bit tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of wild raspberry, jammy wild redcurrants, small hints of flowers, zan, blond tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length.

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



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2008 VINTAGE

## Château Tertre Roteboeuf 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, very aromatic and offers a beautiful aromatic palette, a "perfume" side as well as complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, strawberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, incense, caramelization as well as discreet toasted hints, chocolate, undergrowth / mushroom and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmandise, beautifully aromatic and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful precision, dynamism, a small juiciness, a fine tension, a beautiful finesse (well-balanced with the power), density as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plum, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small / fine touches of caramelization, toasted almond, chocolate, flowers (iris / cornflowers) as well as discreet hints of coffee and Cuben pepper. Tannins are very slightly tight. Good length and beautiful persistence. This wine that is perfectly balanced between finesse, power and elegance.

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

## Clos de l'Oratoire 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, violets, crushed strawberry combined with small touches of vanilla, caramelized oak as well as slight hints of undergrowth, mushrooms and a slight hint of sweet spices. The palate is beautifully juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, a very slight tension, a good dimension (width, depthness), a beautiful fat / suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with small touches of minerality, sweet spices, chocolate / tonka bean as well as discreet hints of undergrowth / mushrooms. Tannins are very slight and very slightly firm. A beautiful gourmandise and a beautiful persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Mangot - Cuvée Todeschini 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, chocolate and small notes of fresh / fleshy red fruits associated with touches of truffle, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a small concentration, a beautiful guideline, a fine intensity as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants associated with touches of undergrowth / truffle as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices (in the background). There is a fine acidulous touch on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Château Mangot 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain and a small precision / intensity. It reveals notes of cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of fleshy Gariguet strawberry, discreet hints of spices, Sichuan pepper as well as very discreet hints of cannelle (in the background) and undergrowth. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a small precision / intensity, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful jutosity, roundness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small straightness and a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and very ripe cassis associated with fine touches of raspberry, discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible touch of pepper and almond on the finish. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Cantenac 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed cassis combined with touches of blueberry, Sichuan pepper, gray pepper, violet, mushroom as well as discreet hints of spices / coffee.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of cassis combined with touches of violet, nutmeg / spices as well as a very discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine, very slightly tight and slightly dry. Good length. There are discreet hints of tobacco and mushroom on the finish. Very discreet chew on the finish.

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

## Clos Dubreuil 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of fleshy black fruits associated with discreet hints of flowers, wild berries, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of menthol-liquorice and toasted /caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, precise, frank and offers straightness, elegance, a fine acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful definition / finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed / juicy cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry as well as small hints of wild red berries, menthol liquorice, tonka bean / cocoa as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length. There are discreet hints of tonka bean (on the finish/ persistence).

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Rol Valentin 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, very ripe black red fruits and small notes of undergrowth, ripe raspberry, cuben pepper, tea, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, roundness, a very slight grain, minerality as well as a racy mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of ripe red berries / black cherry associated with small touches of tonka bean, undergrowth / mushroom as well as very discreet spices hints and an imperceptible touch of Ceylon tea. Tannins are bien menés.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Château de Sarpe 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, pepper, spices and small notes of red fruits associated with hints of mushroom / undergrowth as well as small hints of leather, camphor, nutmeg and very discreet hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers an acidulous frame, a slight freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, undergrowth and small notes of cassis, red berries associated with a touch of leather as well as discreet hints of spices and tobacco. Tannins are fine. The wine needs to be put in carafe.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château La Commanderie 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, slightly squeezed and offers a small freshness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of vanilla as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices / caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers suavity, freshness, a small acid frame, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild berries, violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of undergrowth, cardamom, tobacco and tonka bean. Tannins are bien menés. Good length.

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

## Château Daugay 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a slight power, suavity / gourmandise. It reveals notes of boysenberry, dried cassis, and small notes of dried raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, undergrowth as well as subtle hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry and undergrowth associated with a small hint of flowers as well as subtle hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of vanilla on the persistence. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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## Château Le Castellet 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness and a small power. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, small ripe / juicy berries and cassis combined with fine touches of lily / flowers, very ripe red berries as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a small minerality, tension, an acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of small crushed black berries associated with small touches of raspberry, ripe / juicy redcurrants, hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of tobacco, chocolate, tea and a very discreet hint of undergrowth (in the background). Tannins are very slightly dry.

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

## Château Franc La Rose 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power / concentration as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis and small notes of pepper, spices associated with touches of black cherry, a touch of ripe red fruits as well as discreet toasted hints, oak, tea, a very discreet hint of cornflowers and nutmeg. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse / precision, a good guideline as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry, black cherry associated with a hint of flowers, ripe red berries / juicy, a toasted hint as well as very discreet hints of spices and dark chocolate (on the finish). Tannins are elegant.

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

## Château de Pressac 2008 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of crushed red fruits, toasted touches and very discreet hints of liquorice, cocoa bean and a very discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a small freshness, finesse as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of tonka bean / cocoa, ripe / crushed red currants and hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## SAINT-ÉMILION

### Carillon d'Angéus 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a slight generosity, elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of small fleshy / ripe berries associated with touches of flowers and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, finesse, precision, a small fresh frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and crushed/ripe red berries associated with small touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, cardamom and tonka bean. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very slightly dusty. Good length.

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

### Petit Soutard 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers richness, a small freshness, gourmandise as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and strawberry associated with small/fine touches of raspberry as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, vanilla, toasted and an imperceptible touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, an acidulous frame, gourmandise, generosity as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of ripe/ juicy raspberry, small berries associated with small hints of vanilla, toasted and a very discreet hint of caramelization. A beautiful and gourmand wine. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. The finish is a bit powerful. Very slight chew on the finish. There is a very discreet toasted hint on the persistence.

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

### La Clef de Voûte 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry, sour cherry associated with small / fine touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of sweet spices / liquorice and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, roundness, suavity, a good freshness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry, crushed / acidulous red berries associated with slight / discreet touches of flowers / liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly tight.

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

### Divin de Corbin 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as structure. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of violet associated with very discreet hints of liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers straightness, tension, a beautiful freshness, roundness as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with slight touches of blueberry, violet as well as very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length. There are very discreet hints of tonka bean / chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

### Vieux Château Flouquet 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy black fruits, licorice / Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of cinnamon / chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, freshness as well as a very fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crunchy / acidulous redcurrant associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small berries as well as fine touches of licorice, spices, chocolate, cardamom and a very discreet hint of cinnamon. Tannins are well-built. Very discreet chews on the finish.

**Score : 14.75/20 (88/100)**

### Château Tour Lescours 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of crushed cassis, wild strawberry associated with slight touches of spices, a hint of cardamom and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acidulous frame, minerality, a slight fat, a juicy / gourmand fruit as well as a slight roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with small / slight touches of liquorice, cardamom as well as discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are very discreetly chewy.

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

### Château Rolland-Maillet 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration / power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet, camphor, wild strawberry combined with discreet toasted touches, cassis bud and pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, roundness, freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry, red berries associated with touches of violet, cassis bud as well as slight hints of sweet spices and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are slight hints of caramelization / chocolate on the finish.

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

### Clos Castellet 2016 Saint-Émilion

The nose offers notes of blackberry, Cuben pepper and a touch of fresh red fruits combined with fine touches of juicy cassis as well as very discreet hints of fresh leather and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, as well

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as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of ripe / juicy wild red berries associated with a hint of blueberry as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are very slightly firm.  
**Score : 14+/20 (87/100)**

## **Château Tour Puyblanquet 2016 Saint-Émilion**

The nose offers notes of blackberry, Sichuan pepper and wild small fruits associated with discreet touches of wild strawberry, violet, discreet toasted touches, cardamom / spices as well as an imperceptible hint of bulb (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers suavity, a slight juiciness, a good guideline, a good definition as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of black cherry, small red berries associated with slight touches of violet / bulb, Zan as well as discreet hints of vanilla and spices. Tannins are slightly firm.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## **Château Jacques Noir 2016 Saint-Émilion**

The nose offers notes of blackberry, Sichuan pepper and small notes of fresh berries, raspberry associated with small / discreet toasted touches / spices as well as an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, a small acidulous frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small hints of flowers, cassis bud as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. There are discreet hints of cocoa on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## **Château Tour de Pressac 2016 Saint-Émilion**

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and offers freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crunchy wild cassis and small notes of flowers (violet, lily) associated with discreet hints of wild berries, liquorice stick as well as a very discreet hint of Ceylon tea and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, a bit gourmande and offers a suavity and minerality (mineral frame). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blueberry, crushed raspberry associated with discreet toasted hints, violet, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence. There are a hint of dark chocolate, vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## **Plume des Confidences 2016 Saint-Émilion**

The nose offers notes of cassis, cassis bud and small notes of pepper, spices, blackberry associated with fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, a small juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of cassis bud associated with fine touches of raspberry, violet and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. There is an imperceptible touch of chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

## **Domaine des Gourdins 2016 Saint-Émilion**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and small notes of liquorice, blueberry associated with small touches of strawberry, caramelization, small toasted touches, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine minerality, a fine acidulous frame, a fine freshness as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blueberry, crushed blackberry associated with touches of liquorice, strawberry as well as hints of flowers, chocolate and toasted hints. Tannins are slightly firm.  
**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## **LUSSAC SAINT-ÉMILION**

### **Château de Lussac 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion**

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and harmonious. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of blueberry, crushed strawberry as well as hints of violet, zan, cardamom, toasted hints and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, minerality, a good guideline as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of crunchy / juicy red berries, violet as well as a very discreet touch of cornflowers and liquorice / spices. There are hints of cardamom, flowers, blond tobacco and tonka bean on the persistence. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Château de Lussac 2008 Lussac Saint-Émilion**

The nose is elegant, slightly powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of Boysenberries, fleshy Gariguet strawberry and small notes of cassis / blueberry combined with a touch of red fruits as well as small hints of Cuben / white pepper, cornflowers, Bourbon vanilla and spices / truffle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a slight unctuousity / juiciness, a slight freshness, precision, straightness, structure, a mineral frame as well as a beautiful elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with small touches of black cherry, tonka bean and truffle / spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

### **Château du Courlat - Cuvée Jean-Baptiste 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion**

The nose is powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with small touches of Zan, Cuben pepper as well as discreet toasted hints / blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, minerality, suavity, a slight tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of ripe black berries associated with slight touches of red berries, coffee, toasted and spices / Cuben pepper. Good length. Tannins are a bit firm and young. There is a hint of vanilla and a toasted hint/ caramelization on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

### **Château du Courlat 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion**

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, ripe red berries and small notes of flowers (cornflower, lilac) associated with discreet hints of spices, nutmeg, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, minerality, freshness, concentration, a small acidulous frame as well as roundness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crunchy red berries, wild raspberry associated with a touch of flowers, cherry as well as hints of spices, liquorice and Cuben pepper. Tannins are very slightly dry. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish.  
**Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)**

### **Château La Rose Perrière 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion**

The nose is aromatic and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, vanilla and small notes of crushed raspberry, gray pepper associated with touches of crushed cassis, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of liquorice. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness, a mineral frame, a beautiful roundness, a small unctuousity as well as a good guideline / dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of fleshy small black fruits, chocolate, vanilla, caramelization, violet as well as a very discreet touch of pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

# Saint-Émilion Satellites

## Château Moulin de Grenet 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh small fruits associated with slight hints of small black berries, raspberry, flowers, black pepper as well as an imperceptible toasted touch / vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offers freshness, fat, softness as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy berries, Zan, blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and black pepper. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and firm. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of tonka bean in the background / on the finish.

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

## Château La Claymore 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers a small minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of fleshy small red fruits associated with touches of flowers / cornflower, discreet toasted hints, caramelization as well as an imperceptible touch of graphite and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality (mineral frame), a small fat as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and fresh / juicy berries associated with small touches of fresh / crunchy blueberry, flowers / cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible toasted hint / vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet grilled hint, chocolate on the finish. There are discreet hints of chocolate / tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Château La Grande Clotte 2015 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a slight intensity, a very slight power as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of jammy red berries, liquorice as well as slight toasted hints / sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight tension, a slight mineral frame, a small freshness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of small ripe red berries, slight hints of liquorice, discreet toasted hints as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean (in the background) and flowers.

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

## Château La Grande Clotte - L'Envolée 2016 Lussac Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, power, delicacy, a slight complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and blackberry combined with touches of crushed strawberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight suavity, a mineral frame, a beautiful grain, a small roundness, precision, gourmandise as well as a slight concentration and a good maturity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis and juicy blackberry associated with small notes of crunchy red berries, crunchy blueberry, violet as well as very discreet hints of plum, oak, toasted, nutmeg, tonka bean and a touch of Cuben pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and a bit firm. There are an imperceptible hint of hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond on the persistence.

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

## MONTAGNE SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Clos de Bouïard 2016 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small intensity as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers (lily, lilac) associated with small touches of red fruits, hints of sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tea and cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight gourmandise, fat and generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blue berries associated with small / fine touches of flowers as well as a very

discreet hint of cardamom / sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean and an almost salty minerality on the finish.

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

### La Dame de Bouïard 2016 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, toasted notes, fleshy strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small hints of sweet spices, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, gourmandise, a beautiful freshness as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with small touches of racy minerality as well as discreet hints of flowers, fresh almond, discreet toasted hints, tonka bean and spices. Tannins are fine, young, well-built and very slightly dry. Beautiful persistence.

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

### Château Jura-Plaisance 2016 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is a bit tight and very slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with toasted touches, flowers, vanilla and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers freshness, a good definition, a fine juicy frame, a small minerality, a good structure, a small suavity as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of ripe red berries associated with small toasted touches, caramelization as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, pepper and spices. Good length. There is a discreet toasted hint and coffee on the persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

### Château La Courolle 2016 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is fruity, flowery and offers a small minerality as well as a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of flowers associated with slight hints of crunchy red berries, graphite, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a fine acid frame, precision, fat, a racy minerality as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of ripe/juicy redcurrants associated with slight touches of cassis, flowers (violet, lily) as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, vanilla and an imperceptible toasted touch. Tannins are fine, structuring and a bit chewy.

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

### Château La Picherie 2016 Montagne Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of fresh cassis associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, blue fruits, clay minerality as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit gourmande and offers a small mineral frame, a small acidulous sensation, a small fat, a small freshness, a small juiciness as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with fine touches of flowers and discreet hints of small blue fruits, chocolate, caramelization and very discreet hints of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## PUISSEGUIN SAINT-ÉMILION

### Château Haut-Bernat 2016 Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, oak and strawberry combined with toasted hints, vanilla and discreet hints of Cuben pepper, spices and discreet grilled hints. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, a fine suavity, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of caramelization, oak, spices and a grilled hint and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). Tannins are very slightly chewy. There is a very discreet touch of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

# Sauternes

### 2016 VINTAGE

#### Château d'Yquem 2016

##### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful elegance. It reveals notes of candied lemon, kumquat, candied pear associated with fine touches of peach in syrup, hints of white flowers as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, fresh almond and a very discreet hint of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful definition, tension, a beautiful freshness, delicacy as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied vine peach, candied pear and small notes of litchi associated with slight touches of exotic fruits / pineapple in syrup as well as slight hints of almonds, dried fruits and very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. Gourmande and very beautiful persistence. There are a hint of pink lychee, exotic fruits and a discreet hint of nuts on the persistence. There is a hint of almond on the aftertaste. (2024+)

**Score : 19/20 (98/100)**

#### Château Liot 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied green apple and small notes of crystalline tangerine associated with touches of quince as well as discreet hints of white flowers and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers a beautifully suavity, freshness, fat as well as a slight unctuousity and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, pear in syrup and small notes of candied green apple associated with small / fine touches of pineapple, quenette, white grapes, discreet hints of crystallized tangerine, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of lime and nuts. Good length. Freshness on the finish.

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

#### Les Tourelles de Caillou 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is aromatic and well-built. It reveals notes of candied lime, white fruits in syrup and crushed quenette associated with slight touches of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of crystallized mandarin, honey and elderflower. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quenette and small notes of litchi associated with touches of vine peach, crystallized mandarin, elderflower and pear in syrup. Good length.

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

#### Clos L'Abeilley 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with slight touches of elderflower, flowers as well as a very discreet touch of ginger and zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight juicy frame, a slight minerality as well as a slight unctuousity / suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized citrus, elderflower and small notes of vine peach, flowers, litchi associated with a very discreet hint of ginger and zests. Good length and slight freshness.

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

#### Château Filhot 2016

##### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers richness. It reveals notes of quince, citron and small notes of candied lemon, candied nectarine associated with small touches of kumquat as well as discreet hints of ginger and fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small acidulous frame, gourmandise, richness, finesse, freshness, a slight tension, elegance as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and small notes of candied nectarine associated with small touches of dry apricot as well as discreet hints of ginger, almond and dried small fruits. Good length and persistence. There are slight hints of dried apricot, peach, discreet hints of almond and an imperceptible touch of vanilla on the persistence.

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

#### Madame de Rayne 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is aromatic, fruity, well-built and precise. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystallized tangerine and small notes of flowers (lilac, honeysuckle) associated with small touches of lychee, exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of ginger and nuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, fluidity, suavity, gourmandise, elegance as well as finesse, a good finesse of the grain and a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystalline tangerine and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of kumquat, honey and a very discreet hint of white flowers (in the background). There is a discreet hint of vanilla on the finish. Good length.

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

#### Château Les Justices 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is elegant, racy and well-built / defined. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, candied tangerine zests, quince and small notes of kumquat, vine peach combined with discreet hints of honey, elderflower as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is tense, well-balanced, very slightly unctuous and offers a beautiful freshness, delicacy, a slight tension, a beautiful texture, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse of the grain, suavity, a good guideline as well as a beautiful finesse. The palate expresses notes of crystallized lemon, nectarine, apple and small notes of quenette associated with touches of flowers, crystallized tangerine zests as well as discreet hints of honey and an imperceptible hint of almond hint.

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

#### Château Haut-Bergeron 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is fruity, well-built, a bit gourmand and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup and crunchy pear associated with touches of apricot, small touches of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, honey, ginger and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a good freshness, a slight tension, a good guideline as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of honey, apple in syrup and pear in syrup associated with touches of candied lemon, kumquat, candied apricot as well as discreet hints of spices. A quite riche style. Beautiful and gourmande persistence. There is a hint of almond, dried apricot and a hint of honey on the persistence.

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

#### Château d'Arche 2016

##### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, racy, elegant, slightly powerful and offers richness. It reveals notes of almond, candied lemon, candied pear and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with touches of spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, well-built, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, richness, a small fat, a beautiful texture as well as a beautiful and slight very tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, juicy / candied vine peach and crystallized tangerine associated with small notes of honey, candied lime as well as slight hints of dry / acidulous apricot, spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The finish is gourmande, suave and offert appetence. A beautiful and gourmand wine!

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

#### Château Grillon – Parole de Terroirs 2016

##### Sauternes

The nose is aromatic and offers power / intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied peach associated with small notes of pineapple in syrup, honey, candied ginger as well as discreet hints of dried apricot. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, suavity, a small aerial side, a small tension, freshness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach, pineapple in syrup and dried apricot associated with small notes of crystallized clementine, honey, ginger as well as an imperceptible touch of acacia flowers, mirabelle plum and minerality. Good length and good persistence. There are a hint of dried apricot and an imperceptible touch of dried fruits (almond, hazelnut ...) on the persistence.

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



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our vines with religious fervor.  
For them the land was  
sacred, to be treated with respect  
and devotion. Centuries later,  
these founding principles remain  
untouched; the land and its vines are  
more bountiful than ever before. Only  
our tools have changed, transformed  
beyond recognition. An ambitious  
new vat room captures the scale of our  
determination to improve, to invest and to  
advance. Already, it is enabling unprecedented  
exactitude and precision, offering wines that are  
richer and purer, evoking the delicate nuances of  
our world-famous Margaux soils. Château  
Prieuré-Lichine is renowned for its distinguished  
past, but will be more so for its glittering  
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history of the estate.*



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# Sauternes

2008 VINTAGE

## Château Rabaud-Promis 2016 Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of candied lemon, fresh zests of mandarin and small notes of peach associated with small / fine touches of exotic fruits, kumquat as well as very discreet hints of quenette, ginger, candied lime zest and spices. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition / finesse, precision, dynamism, a good guideline, a racy minerality, a small freshness, delicacy, a beautiful gourmandise, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful and juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied pear and small notes of apple in syrup associated with touches of pineapple in syrup, crystallized clementine, kumquat as well as very discreet hints of candied lime zest, honey and almond. There are slight hints of dried apricot, candied orange, honey and almond on the finish / persistence (bring gourmandise and appetite).

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2016 1<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé, Sauternes

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small racy minerality as well as a small crystalline side. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and small notes of crystallized pineapple, candied peach associated with discreet hints of kumquat, zests as well as very discreet hints of roasted apricot and acacia. The palate is fruity, elegant, crystalline, a bit aerial, perfectly defined / precise and offers a beautiful suavity, a small unctuousity, a slight tension, a beautiful fineness of the grain, harmony, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse, freshness, roundness, a slight richness as well as a very beautiful "guideline". On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, quince and small notes of candied vine peach associated with slight hints of candied pineapple, racy minerality, roasted apricot, very discreet hints of kumquat as well as an imperceptible hint of quenette / lychee, white flowers and honey. Beautiful persistence. Very discreet toasted hints on the persistence.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

## Château Coutet 2016 Sauternes-Barsac, 1er Cru Classé

The nose is racy, elegant, vigorous, mineral and well defined. It reveals notes of candied lemon zest, crystallized mandarin and small notes of minerality associated with touches of kumquat, dry apricot and hints of honey, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, elegant, lively, chiseled, well-balanced, suave and offers a very slight tight grain, gourmandise, a small fat, delicacy, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful, unctuous and slightly silky texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and crystallized tangerine associated with small touches of dry apricot, green apple and small touches of ginger, flowers, beeswax, spices and with discreet hints of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

## Lions de Suduiraut 2016 Sauternes

The nose is fruity, and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, lime and small notes of crystallized yuzu combined with slight touches of fresh pear, candied peach, litchi, a very discreet hint of honey as well as an imperceptible hint of botrytis and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness, a slight juiciness, a beautiful unctuous matter, a beautiful roundness / suavity, precision, a slight acid frame, tension as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and small notes of candied peach associated with fine touches of candied pear, crushed apple, slight hints of roasted pineapple, honey, marmalade as well as with very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

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

## Château Rabaud-Promis 2008 Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, and offers a beautiful aromatic palette. It reveals notes of quince, honey and small notes of candied tangerine associated with touches of kumquat, almond, racy minerality, small touches of vine peach, fresh almond as well as a discreet hint of mango and vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful minerality (racy minerality), precision, finesse, dynamism / straightness as well as a richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, candied lemon and small notes of crystalline tangerine associated with small touches of pineapple in syrup, mango, lychee as well as hints of white flowers, verbena, honey, almond and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The finish / persistence is slightly acidulous. Beautiful persistence, good precision and richness. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Climens 2008 Sauternes, Premier Cru Classé à Barsac

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of vine peach, verbena and small notes of candied citrus (lemon, grapefruit) combined with small / fine touches of dry apricot, lychee as well as a discreet sappy hint, almond and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, elegance, finesse, tension, a beautiful texture as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, citron, verbena and small notes of vine peach associated with small / fine touches of kumquat, pineapple in syrup, mango as well as discreet hints of lime tree, almond, honey and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. There is a very discreet almost tannic hint on the finish. Beautiful gourmandise and persistence. A beautiful wine.

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

## Château Coutet 2008 Sauternes-Barsac, Premier Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers dynamism. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, citron and racy minerality associated with small touches of ripe pineapple, pink lychee, discreet touches of honey, flowers as well as an imperceptible touch of candied ginger and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy, lively / chiseled, precise and offers suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame, a slight juiciness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized clementine and small notes of fresh apple associated with small / fine touches of dry apricot, kumquat, almond, lychee, candied lime zest, small yellow fruits, pineapple in syrup as well as discreet hints of honey, fresh hazelnut and discreet toasted hints / vanilla. Good length and persistence (with notes of almond).

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

## Château d'Arche 2008 Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, gourmand, rich and offers freshness, a slight intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of candied kumquat, quince and small notes of dried citrus zests associated with slight touches of mirabelle plum, honey, gingerbread as well as very discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, a beautiful precision, suavity, gourmandise, a beautiful acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mirabelle plum and small notes of dried apricot combined with small touches of honey, red apple, spices as well as discreet hints of vanilla and a hint of ripe almond. Good length and persistence. Suave, slightly acidulous and gourmandise persistence.

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



# Sauternes

## Château d'Yquem 2008

### Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is elegant, perfumed, very delicate, slightly restrained and offers richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of candied Mirabelle plum, candied orange and small notes of candied white fruits combined with slight touches of white flowers (lily / peach blossom), pineapple in syrup, spices / four-spices, a very discreet hint of biscuits, kumquat as well as an imperceptible touch of white pepper and nutmeg. Beautiful depthness. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a very beautiful delicacy / finesse, a very beautiful acidulous frame, a slight straightness, a beautiful fat, a small juiciness, freshness, a slight tension, a small unctuousness, a small liveliness as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lime, kumquat, candied mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of vine peach, green apple, exotic fruits, almonds, small nuts as well as subtle hints of nutmeg, very discreet hints of sweet spices / vanilla, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of white pepper. Great acidulous persistence. The persistence offers gourmandise, suavity and appetite. There are a very discreet vanilla and lime on the finish/persistence.

Score : 19.25+/20 (99/100)

## Castelnau de Suduiraut 2008

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of orange zests, marmalade and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of candied white fruits, cedar as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, precise, well-built and offers tension as well as a beautiful juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied mandarin zest, marmalade and small notes of roasted pineapple combined with slight touches of juicy peach, candied lemon, juicy physalis, spices, honey as well as discreet hints of gingerbread / biscuit and vanilla. Good length and persistence. There are hints of caramelized mandarin, mirabelle plum and quince on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château Suduiraut 2008

### Sauternes, Premier Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers freshness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and small notes of dried zests combined with touches of vine peach, apple as well as discreet hints of quince, honey, spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a small juiciness, a slight freshness, precision as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, marmalade and mandarin associated with small notes of candied vine peach, pineapple in syrup, kumquat as well as slight touches of honey, lychee and spices. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2008

### 1<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé, Sauternes

The nose is aromatic and offers power, elegance, a slight minerality as well as a crystalline side. It reveals notes of citrus, kumquat and small notes of quince, citron associated with discreet hints of honey and roasted small fruits. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, precision, a beautiful juiciness, a small tension, roundness, a small fat, a bit aerial, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, apricot in syrup and small notes of candied peach associated with touches of kumquat, flowers / acacia as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and caramelization on the finish. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of nuts, dried apricot and fresh almond on the persistence / on the aftertaste.

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

## Château Liot 2008

### Sauternes

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration / power. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied lime and small notes of honey combined with touches of candied apricot, candied peach, mirabelle plum associated with a very discreet hint of crystalline tangerine as well as an imperceptible touch

of pâtisseries and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, a small tension, a fine grain, precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied quince and small notes of vine peach, pear associated with touches of candied lime as well as hints of honey, pâtisseries and a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla / caramelization. Fine grain and precision. Good length.

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

## OTHER VINTAGES

### Château Lamothe 2014

#### Sauternes, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of white flowers, fresh lemon / citrus and small notes of vine peach combined with hints of candied pear as well as a very discreet pineapple in syrup, ginger, honey and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, a small juiciness, delicacy, tension, a small aerial side, tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized clementine associated with small notes of tangerine zests, white flowers as well as small touches of pineapple, racy minerality, acacia and an imperceptible hint of dried apricot. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Château Andoyse du Hayot 2009

#### Sauternes

The nose is aromatic, offers intensity and power. It reveals notes of candied lemon, kumquat and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with small touches of lychee, zests as well as discreet hints of dried small fruits, flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh ginger. The mouth is fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, minerality, fat as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, dry apricot and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with small touches of peach, candied mandarin / marmalade as well as discreet hints of almond hints and an imperceptible hint of white flowers (in the background).

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

### Château Haut-Bergeon 1998

#### Sauternes

The nose offers freshness, concentration as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (quenette, lychee, pineapple) combined with hints of candied citrus, peach purée, discreet hints of nuts as well as a very subtle hint of ginger, white flowers and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a good definition as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, quenette) associated with small touches of nuts, honey as well as a discreet hint of gingerbread, lemon candied and an imperceptible hint of honeysuckle. Freshness and a slight richness.

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

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# Pomerol

## Château Latour à Pomerol 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed small black fruits associated with discreet toasted hints as well as an imperceptible touch of flowers, racy minerality and vanilla. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, fleshiness, roundness, finesse, precision, a fresh frame, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of small fleshy / fresh black fruits associated with small touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla and almond. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. The persistence is gourmand.

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

## Château Hosanna 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fresh, slight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and wild berries associated with small notes of liquorice, violet, racy minerality as well as slight touches of Sichuan pepper, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is beautifully fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful mineral frame, softness, suavity, dynamism, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a beautiful texture, a very slight tight grain as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, small berries associated with small touches of violet, Sichuan pepper, cardamom and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring.

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

## Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful definition as well as a fine captivating side. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis, iris / cornflower associated with slight touches of Cuben pepper and spices. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, tense, beautifully silky and offers a beautiful definition, a small suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a beautiful structure, harmony, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a slight power / straightness as well as subtlety. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed wild raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of small blue fruits, discreet hints of flowers, spices, cardamom, discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Beautiful, aromatic and gourmande persistence. There are hints of tonka bean on the persistence. Power on the finish.

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

## Château Trotanoy 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic, racy and offers subtlety as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed blueberry / blue fruits combined with small touches of strawberry, plum, cornflower / iris as well as slight touches of cardamom and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a beautiful suppleness, a beautiful suavity / roundness, fat, a very fine fleshiness as well as a little bit tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed wild cassis and small notes of blue fruits associated with slight touches of raspberry, tonka bean, Cuben pepper, spices as well as an imperceptible touch of cinnamon. Tannins are elegant and supple. Good length. Beautiful persistence with touches of chocolate and caramelization.

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

## Château Latour à Pomerol 2008 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, structured and offers a slight straightness. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy cassis and flowers (cornflower, lilac) associated with small touches of berries, blueberry, Sichuan pepper, spices as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a small acidulous frame, a small

minerality, freshness, precision, a slight tension as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of small blue fruits, Zan, spices, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco and undergrowth. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of vanilla and a very discreet hint of chocolate on the finish.

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

## Château Hosanna 2008 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful grain as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with small notes of small wild fruits, wild strawberries, pepper, cornflower, slight touches of spices as well as discreet hints of tobacco and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, round, very slightly tight and offers minerality, freshness, a small acidulous frame, fat, suavity as well as a gourmande matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits, small ripe red berries associated with slight touches of spices, tonka bean as well as pepper and undergrowth. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2008 Pomerol

The nose is elegant and offers a very fine concentration and a very fine power (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, Zan, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry, crushed blueberry associated with touches of flowers, spices as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, tobacco, spices and very discreet hints of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers minerality, precision, elegance, suavity, a slight richness, a beautiful texture, a slight straightness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of blueberry, small berries associated with slight touches of flowers (cornflower, iris), Sichuan pepper, tobacco as well as discreet hints of undergrowth. Tannins are elegant. Good length. There are hints of chocolate / tonka bean as well as a very discreet touch of vanilla on the persistence / finish of mouth.

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

## Château Trotanoy 2008 Pomerol

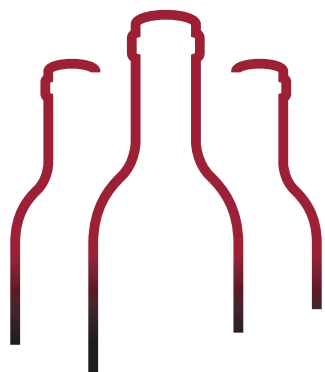
The nose is aromatic and offers a slight power / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, small berries and black pepper associated with small notes of blue berries, violet as well as touches of mushroom / undergrowth and spices. The palate is beautifully fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, a slight juiciness, elegance, a beautiful grain as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and small notes of very ripe blueberry associated with small touches of undergrowth, chocolate, caramelization, cardamom and tobacco. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## Château L'Évangile 2008 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberries and blue fruits associated with small notes of sweet spices, flowers / violet, undergrowth as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful grain, a beautiful finesse / texture, a slight straightness as well as a beautiful roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, undergrowth, spices as well as discreet hints of almond on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and elegant. There is a very discreet hint of salinity on the finish / persistence. Good length. Beautiful acidulous persistence.

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



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# Pomerol

## Château L'Évangile 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, small blue fruits, ripe / crushed redcurrants as well as slight touches of racy minerality, slight toasted touches / caramelization as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully elegant, velvety, gourmande, very discreetly tight and offers a very beautiful grain, depthness, a beautiful definition, an aerial side, a beautiful finesse and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blueberry / blue fruits and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, racy minerality as well as hints of chocolate, toasted hints / caramelization, subtle hints of spices and very discreet hints of almond. Tannins are elegant and very slightly chewy. Good length. Beautiful persistence (with hints of chocolate). Keep it in cellar!

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

## Château La Conseillante 2008 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful delicacy as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, small blue fruits and fine touches of violet, blackberry associated with slight hints of sweet spices, graphite, very discreet hints of spices, a very discreet hint of menthol, iris as well as an imperceptible hint of truffle and an imperceptible toasted hint / vanilla. The palate is fruity silky, well-balanced, harmonious and offers a beautiful grain, a beautiful elegance, a slight juiciness (in the background), a slight straightness, tension, a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful finesse, freshness, concentration, a beautiful grain as well as roundness. The attack is ample. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with slight touches of wild strawberry, violet, as well as discreet hints of spices, tonka bean and undergrowth/mushrooms. Tannins are elegant. Slight chew on the finish.

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

## Château La Conseillante 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant / powerful, aromatic, deep and offers a beautiful intensity as well as finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crushed small blue fruits associated with slight touches of fleshy raspberry, cassis, graphite, iris, chocolate, wild strawberry, almond as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a captivating side (as a perfume), a beautiful texture as well as a beautifully fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crushed cassis, sour cherry, blue fruits associated with subtle toasted hints / caramelization, almond and chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Very discreet chew on the finish. Beautiful gourmandise.

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

## Clos des Amandiers 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a slight aromatic power. It reveals notes of wild raspberries, juicy/ripe red berries and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of blueberry, flowers, spices as well as hints of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, straightness, a good definition, juiciness, a small tension as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate, it expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe cherry and small notes of blackberries, cassis combined with small touches of flowers, discreet woody / toasted hints, cocoa as well as a very discreet hint of sweet spices / almond on the finish / persistence.

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

## Château Elisée 2016 Pomerol

The nose is powerful, a bit tight and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberries, small ripe berries and small touches of raspberry, blue berries associated with discreet hints of nutmeg, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a slight juiciness as well as a slight

tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberries and small ripe / juicy berries associated with small touches of blue fruits, Zan, spices as well as discreet toasted hints in the background. Tannins are well-built. An easy-drinking wine.

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

## Château Gombaude-Guillet 2008 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe red fruits and slight touches of crushed / very ripe blueberry combined with slight touches of undergrowth, liquorice as well as discreet hints of Ceylon tea, a very discreet hint of balsamic and an imperceptible touch of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a small minerality, a (very) slightly tight structure, a good finesse of the grain, minerality as well as a bit aerial sensation / a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe/fleshy blackberry and very ripe small fruits associated with small touches of very ripe raspberry / red berries, blueberry, undergrowth as well as discreet hints of mushrooms / undergrowth, sweet spices and an imperceptible touch of cardamom / pepper. There are very discreet hints of tonka bean as well as an almost saline hint on the finish. Tannins are fine and discreetly tight/dry.

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

## Château Gombaude-Guillet 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity, and offers delicacy, a slight depthness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small blue fruits and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of wild raspberry associated with discreet hints of cornflower, discreet toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of spices. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, delicacy, an acidulous frame, suavity / a small fat as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, fleshy / juicy blueberry and small notes of small berries associated with touches of fleshy raspberry, slight / discreet hints of cornflower, iris as well as very discreet hints of Zan and an imperceptible hint of graphite (in background). Tannins are fine, straight and very discreetly firm. Good length and persistence. The finish is quite gourmande.

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

## Vieux Château Ferron 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a slight intensity and a slight captivating side. It reveals notes of blackberry, black berries and small notes of wild small fruits associated with hints of wild strawberry, flowers, liquorice / spices as well as a very discreet hint of cornflower, Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, a bit aerial and offers juiciness, a small tension, a beautiful mineral frame, fat as well as a good guideline. It expresses notes of blue fruits, juicy black berries and small notes of cherry / raspberry combined with small / fine touches of blackberry, cherry, flowers, minerality as well as discreet hints of spices. There are very discreet hints of tonka bean and oak on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Château La Création 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a slight concentration / richness as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberries, crushed black berries and small notes of mocha associated with touches of fleshy blueberries, fleshy cassis as well as toasted hints / oak, Cuben pepper and discreet hints of vanilla / menthol liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a small mineral frame, finesse as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crushed berries associated with small touches of fleshy blueberry, black cherry as well as discreet toasted hints, mocha / cocoa, vanilla, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, well-built and structuring. Good length. The finish is slightly powerful. There is a very discreet touch of almost mentholed liquorice on the finish.

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

# Pomerol

## Château Le Chemin 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, quite gourmand and offers a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild black fruits and small notes of chocolate, blueberry associated with small touches of red fruits/crushed strawberry, vanilla, Sichuan pepper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight, well-structured and offers a good definition, finesse, suavity, a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, minerality as well as a fine grainy sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, small wild black fruits and small notes of black cherry, chocolate associated with toasted touches, crushed red fruits as well as discreet hints of cardamom and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly tight. Good length.

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

## Château Petit-Village 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic, gourmand and offers a slight richness as well as a beautiful, fine and velvety grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of blue fruits, camphor, rose, gray pepper as well as discreet toasted hints and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good structure, dynamism as well as a slight "fluidity". On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of ripe / juicy blue fruits associated with small touches of raspberry, pepper, small toasted touches as well as discreet hints of chocolate, vanilla, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Beautiful definition and beautiful precision.

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

## Château Le Bon Pasteur 2016 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful intensity, a captivating side as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberries, strawberries and small notes of coffee associated with small touches of violet, crushed blueberries, crushed raspberries as well as toasted hints, a discreet hint of hazelnut / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, straightness as well as a beautiful mineral frame. On the palate wine expresses notes of blackberries, wild raspberries and small notes of crushed cassis, small blue fruits associated with discreet hints of flowers, spices and toasted hints / chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and slightly tight. Beautiful finesse and definition in the mouth. Good length.

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

## Château de Sales 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, elegance as well as a fine captivating side. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, cornflower, lily and small notes of crushed blackberries associated with small touches of ripe / crushed cherry, ripe wild raspberry as well as touches of Sichuan pepper, violet, mocha, colas and very discreet toasted hints in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured, a bit restrained (it needs time!) and offers a good / beautiful definition, finesse, tension, a fine fleshiness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy small wild blue fruits, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of tonka bean, small toasted touches as well as discreet hints of coffee, Sichuan pepper, lily, very discreet spicy hints and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length. The finish is slightly powdered. Power on the finish / persistence. There are a very discreet hint of hazelnut, coffee and a very discreet spicy / toasted hints on the persistence.

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

## Château Le Bon Pasteur 2008 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a slight intensity, a small freshness as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, small blue fruits and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of truffle, cassis as well as discreet hints of liquorice, flowers, discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small juiciness, a slight acidulous frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberries, small juicy black fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of truffle, ripe / fleshy strawberry as well as hints of oak, cardamom, a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of clove (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. There are a discreet hint of cocoa and a slight hint of ripe / dried almond on the persistence.

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

## Clos Vieux Taillefer 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful delicacy, gourmandise as well as complexity. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, violet and small notes of fleshy strawberries associated with small touches of blueberry, cherry, camphor, liquorice / spices as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance, a slight tension, dynamism as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed / ripe black berries and small notes of wild strawberries associated with small touches of blueberry, cornflower, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of camphor, Ceylon tea, mocha, a very discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. Tannins are fine and structuring. The persistence is very slight powerful and offers slight hints of cocoa, pepper, wood and an imperceptible hint of almond hint.

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

## Château La Patache 2016 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight power / gourmandise, a slight / racy grain as well as a small captivating side. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small wild fruits, small blue fruits associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, toasted touches, cocoa as well as very discreet hints of flowers and a very discreet hint of mentholed liquorice. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, silky, well-balanced and offers fat, a good definition / structure, an acid frame, precision, power as well as a slight tension and a racy grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of juicy / fresh cassis associated with touches of fresh red fruits as well as slight hints of flowers / cornflower, discreet toasted hints, liquorice and cocoa. Tannins are fine, well-built, a bit young and discreetly mellow. Good length. Good persistence. There is a discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Château Plince 2016 Pomerol

The nose offers a small freshness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of blue fruits, blond tobacco as well as a very discreet varietal hint and vanilla. The palate is fruity, racy, very slightly tight and offers a fine juiciness, a small minerality as well as a good grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy red berries and small notes of cassis, crunchy blueberry associated with small touches of flowers, spices and very discreet hints of blond tobacco and zan. Tannins are fine and a bit tight. There is an imperceptible hint of pepper in the background / finish.

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



# Pomerol

## **Clos 56 - 2016** **Pomerol**

The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as power. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and small notes of flowers (lily, violet ...) associated with small touches of graphite, caramelization and Cuben pepper as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and cocoa bean (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a mineral frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy berries and small notes of raspberries associated with small touches of fresh / juicy blueberry as well as toasted touches, liquorice, flowers, graphite, cocoa and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very discreetly tight.

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

## **Clos René 2016** **Pomerol**

The nose is very slightly tight, well-structured and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of caramelization and spices. The palate is mineral, fruity, slightly tight and offers a small freshness, a small tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild raspberry, crunchy wild red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with small hints of crunchy wild black berries, flowers, a very discreet touch of blond tobacco, cardamom as well as an imperceptible hint of nutmeg and Sichuan pepper. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## **Château Mazeyres 2016** **Pomerol**

The nose is aromatic and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, ripe / crunchy berries and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small varietal hints, zan and very discreet hints of sweet spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a very fine unctuosity, a fine freshness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with small hints of cassis, varietal as well as discreet hints of zan, a very discreet hint of chocolate (in background) and an imperceptible touch of caramelization. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and structuring.

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

## **Château L'Écuyer 2016** **Pomerol**

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly tight and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry combined with fine touches of cherry, blueberry as well as slight / discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, Ceylon tea, sweet spices, discreet toasted hints and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful fresh frame, a beautiful racy minerality, fluidity as well as a good guideline / dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blueberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of plum / blue fruits, a discreet hint of blueberry as well as hints of sweet spices, dark chocolate and wood. Tannins are fine. There is a hint of cocoa on the persistence.

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

## **Château La Renaissance 2016** **Pomerol**

The nose is fruity, racy, a bit gourmand and offers minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, strawberry and small notes of gray pepper associated with small touches of ripe fruit, small toasted touches, vanilla and an imperceptible touch of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small mineral frame, a good structure, concentration as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of raspberry, flowers, small touches of spices as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and gray pepper. The tannins are well led. Good length and beautiful persistence.

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

# Madiran

## **Château Montus 2014** **Madiran**

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of crunchy strawberries as well as hints of coffee and toasted hints. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a very slight finesse, a small minerality, a slightly tight grain, a slight tension as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of blackberries, acidulous raspberries associated with a hint of juicy / fresh small fruits as well as a touch of flowers, coffee, cocoa and very discreet hints of vanilla in the background. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and structuring. Good persistence. There are an imperceptible hint of almond in the background and slight hints of coffee on the persistence.

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

## **Château Bouscassé 2014** **Madiran**

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, power as well as structure. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, crunchy red berries combined with hints of blue berries, fresh leather, raspberries, discreet roasted hints / mocha, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberries, small fleshy / juicy berries associated with small touches of raspberries, ripe / crushed red berries, small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of violet, camphor, racy minerality, coffee and a very discreet toasted hint / Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, tight and structuring. (2020+)

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

## **Domaine Damiens - Saint-Jean 2015** **Madiran**

The nose is fruity and offers concentration / power, finesse as well as a very slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild fruits and small notes of spices, Sichuan pepper, varietal associated with touches of crunchy strawberries, blueberry as well as discreet hints of undergrowth and camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a small tension, an acidulous frame as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe red berries, cassis and small notes of cherry, flowers associated with a touch of cassis bud, liquorice, blueberries as well as very discreet hints of spices (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## **Château du Pouey - Bastien 2016** **Madiran**

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight concentration / power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of flowers associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, spices as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a good guideline, a small dynamism, precision as well as a mineral frame. On the palate, it expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of crunchy wild raspberries, a hint of flowers as well as a very discreet toasted hint / liquorice in the background. Tannins are fine and slightly tight. The finish is very slightly tight.

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

## **Domaine Sergent 2014** **Madiran**

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, small wild black berries and small notes of fleshy strawberries, small fleshy blue fruits associated with touches of raspberry and Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of flowers, cedar, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a small tension, dynamism, precision as well as a beautiful mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysenberries and small crunchy / juicy berries associated with small touches of crunchy / ripe red berries, raspberries as well as a hint of flowers, nutmeg, graphite and spices. There is a very discreet hint of liquorice, coffee and a very discreet toasted hint / chocolate on the finish / persistence. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly dry. Good length.

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



# Madiran

## Domaine Sergent 2016 Madiran

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of flowers / violet associated with touches of spices, hints of nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, frank, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision, a slight straightness, a small suavity, a beautiful fresh/mineral frame as well as a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crushed berries associated with toasted touches, hints of cocoa, flowers as well as a very discreet toasted hint (in the background) and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

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

## Château du Pouey - Réserve du Vigneron 2016 Madiran

The nose is fruity and offers a slight power as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of blueberries, raspberries, a hint of cherry as well as discreet spices / toasted hints and an imperceptible touch of vanilla in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, roundness, a good volume, a fresh frame as well as precision. On the palate, the wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberries and fleshy / juicy cassis combined with small touches of fresh / ripe berries, cherries as well as discreet hints of flowers, spices / toasted hints, very discreet hints of mocha and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper in the background. Tannins are fine, well-built, elegant and structuring.

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

## Domaine Damiens - Tradition 2016 Madiran

The nose is aromatic, and offers a small power, a slight minerality as well as richness. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, crushed small fruits, flowers and small notes of cassis bud, crushed blueberry associated with discreet hints of ripe / crushed wild strawberries, spices as well as slight hints of vanilla, a very discreet hint of Timut pepper and an imperceptible hint of cocoa. The palate is beautifully mineral, fruity, well-balanced, precise, fine, acidulous, well-built and offers a slight suavity, a small juiciness, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of small crushed/ripe red berries associated with slight touches of crushed cherries, slight toasted touches as well as very discreet hints of cocoa. Tannins are fine and slightly powdered. Good length. The finish is slightly tight.

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

## Guy Capmartin - L'Instant 2016 Madiran

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a very slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberries, small black berries and small notes of raspberries associated with a touch of lilac as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, very discreet toasted hints and chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberries, cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with small touches of cherry, red berries, flowers, iris as well as discreet toasted hints and sweet blond tobacco. Good length. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good freshness.

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

## Domaine CapMartin - Vieilles Vignes 2014 Madiran

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, richness as well as a small gourmandize side. It reveals notes of ripe cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry combined with touches of blackberries, Zan, Cuben pepper as well as subtle hints of dried flowers (violet, lily), spices and a very discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a good minerality (mineral frame), a slight suavity, dynamism, a slight straightness, a very slight tension as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes fleshy / ripe blackberry, very ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of juicy cassis, liquorice / Zan, sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of cardamom. Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Slight chew on the finish.

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

## Domaine CapMartin - Cuvée du Couvent 2015 Madiran

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight richness and gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberries, crushed wild cassis and small notes of vanilla, toasted notes associated with small touches of crushed strawberries, fleshy red berries hints as well as slight spices, toasted notes, cocoa / coffee and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The mouth is mineral, very slightly tightened, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness as well as an acidulous finish. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy cassis and juicy / crunchy raspberries associated with small touches of crunchy / juicy red currants, crunchy / juicy blackberries, touches of chocolate / tonka bean as well as discreet hints of Zan and dried almond / blackberry in the background. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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

## Domaine CapMartin - Cuvée du Couvent 2014 Madiran

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed wild cassis, small black berries and small notes of ripe strawberries, small blue fruits associated with touches of liquorice, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet toasted hints, coffee and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a slight straightness, a small minerality, freshness, a bit tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with slight touches of Zan, flowers / cassis bud as well as hints of racy minerality, camphor, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

## Domaine CapMartin - Vieilles Vignes 2015 Madiran

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as elegance and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, small black fruits associated with touches of pepper, spices, strawberry as well as an imperceptible touch of violet / lys and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, elegance, a small straightness, a good structure as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, crushed wild blackberries associated with slight touches of small berries, crunchy strawberries, crunchy red currants as well as discreet hints of flowers and spices, a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine, well-built, structuring and currently young. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the finish. Persistence offers chew and gourmandise.

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

## Château Viella - Prestige 2015 Madiran

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, cardamom, small black fruits and toasted notes combined with discreet hints of crushed strawberry, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a small tension, a slight juiciness, suavity, roundness, a good structure as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this finish expresses notes of blackberries, black cherries and small notes of black berries associated with small touches of tonka bean, small fleshy / juicy red fruits, cardamom, spices as well as discreet hints of undergrowth and liquorice / Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are slightly firm and structuring. There are hints of hazelnut, Bourbon vanilla and liquorice stick on the persistence.

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

## Château Peyros - Vieilles Vignes 2015 Madiran

The nose is fruity, well-built, precise and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy red fruits associated with discreet toasted hints, cardamom, Zan, nutmeg and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-built, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, precision, finesse as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of black cherries associated with small touches of small berries, Zan, blond tobacco, racy minerality, as well as very discreet toasted hints and spices (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant.

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

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## Château Peyros - Greewich.43 N 2012 Madiran

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers delicacy as well as a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of ripe red berries associated with touches of small black berries, flowers (violet / lily), fleshy hints of red fruit, Timut pepper as well as a very discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco, nutmeg, caramelization / chocolate and mushroom (in the background). The palate is fruity, delicate, mineral, beautifully defined / built, well-balanced, precise and offers a small tension, suavity, elegance, a slight freshness, finesse, a beautiful minerality as well as a slight acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberries, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild black berries, flowers (iris, lilac) associated with small touches of crunchy wild red berries, tonka bean, blond tobacco, oak as well as very discreet hints of undergrowth. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

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

## Domaine Sergent - Eucalyptus 2014 Madiran

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers concentration, a fine power / structure as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberries and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with small touches of ripe red fruits, liquorice, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper, flowers, undergrowth, cardamom and menthol. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, structured and offers a beautiful definition, a slightly acidulous frame, racy minerality, a small freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a tannic and a bit tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberries, crushed cassis and small notes of small black berries, crushed raspberry associated with small toasted hints, cocoa, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of truffle (in the background). Tannins are elegant and structuring. A beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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# White Bourgogne

## Vaudoisey-Creusefond 2017 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity, elegant, and offers gourmandise, a fine gain, a fine power as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy yellow plum and slightly kumquat notes combined with hints of ripe / fresh citrus (tangerine), hints of white flowers and very discreet hints of oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, suave, gourmande, elegant, fine, delicate, straight, racy, discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, delicacy, a fine power, roundness, suavity, a racy minerality, a small juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of small citrus associated with a touch of mandarin, apple as well as very discreet toasted hints, flowers and an imperceptible hint of butter. The mouth is discreetly tight.

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

## Alain Gras - Les Crais 2016 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a slight power. It reveals notes of citrus (quince, lemon) and small touches of zest associated with touches of fleshy yellow fruits, racy minerality, a discreet hint of flowers, oak, beeswax, a very discreet hint of almond as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper and white flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, fleshy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy juicy mirabelle plum, fleshy yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with small touches of kumquat, ripe / juicy citrus as well as a hint of peach, apricot and a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). Good length.

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

## Henri de Villamont - La Canée 2015 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity and fresh. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of kumquat, vine peach and small notes of quince associated with a touch of vanilla, a hint of mirabelle plum, physalis, discreet hints of racy minerality as well as imperceptible hints of white flowers and butter. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful gourmandise, unctuousity, a beautiful freshness, finesse, a good guideline as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, crushed flat peach and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of quince, butter, racy minerality and vanilla. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Vaudoisey-Creusefond 2017 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and offers a small minerality as well as precision. It reveals notes of citrus (tangerine, kumquat) and small notes of ripe zest associated with small touches of minerality, small fruits as well as very discreet hints of crushed white fruits (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small juiciness, a bit aerial side, freshness, precision, a small straightness as well as a slight mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe white fruits (pear, flat peach) and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with slight touches of kumquat as well as discreet hints of yellow flowers (in the background). Good length. Freshness. Precision and a little straightness. There is an imperceptible touch of dried almond on the finish.

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

## Maison Jessiaume 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, gourmandise and a fine richness. It reveals notes of quenette, brugnion, and small notes of quince associated with hints of pear and discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, elegant, juicy, well-balanced, discreetly tight and offers a good freshness, an acidulous frame, gourmandise, a good definition as well as a very slight fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, quince and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of fleshy / crushed brugnion, crushed pear as well as hints of citrus, a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible toasted hint / almond (in the background). Good persistence (with notes of crushed white fruits, citrus and toasted / vanilla).

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

## Olivier Morin 2017 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, a bit close and offers a very slight fleshiness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy kumquat, juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, frank and offers dynamism, a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse, minerality, a small dynamism as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe kumquat and small notes of citrus associated with slight touches of crunchy apple, crunchy flat peach as well as discreet hints of almond and an imperceptible hint of butter (in the background). Juice, finesse, minerality and a little dynamism.

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

## Sylvain Dussort 2016 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight complexity / richness. It reveals notes of fleshy white fruits and small notes of ripe citrus fruits (quince, lemon) associated with touches of vanilla as well as discreet hints of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers juiciness, suavity, a good finesse of the grain, gourmandise as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of citrus associated with discreet hints of kumquat and white flowers / lily. Good length.

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

## Domaine de Rotisson - Les Chères 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of ripe lemons, quince and small notes of fleshy vine peach associated with a discreet hint of apple, passion fruits, minerality and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fresh, juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers dynamism, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a good definition and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemons, vine peach, quenette associated with touches of passion fruits, apple as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of butter (in the background). Good length and persistence.

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

## Henri de Villamont Prestige 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandise, minerality as well as precision. It reveals notes of quince, ripe pear and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with touches of vanilla, kumquat / exotic fruits as well as slight hints of racy minerality. The palate is juicy, fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, precision, a slight straightness, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe vine peach and small notes of pear, quenette associated with touches of vanilla, butter, passion fruits as well as a very discreet hint of lemon (in the background). Good length. There are a discreet hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of almond on the finish / persistence.

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

## Domaine Joney - Granit 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of ripe citrus zest associated with small touches of white fruits and imperceptible toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers good definition, suavity, gourmandise, finesse, a mineral frame, a bit aerial side, a very slight unctuousity as well as a beautiful juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy Williams pear and small notes of quince, quenette associated with touches of butter, juicy / ripe citrus as well as discreet hints of almond. Good length.

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

## Domaine Joney - Granit 2015 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers minerality as well as a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy physalis and small notes of quince, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum associated with discreet hints of citrus, white fruits, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of zests (in the background). The mouth is juicy, gourmand, elegant, well-built and offers a slight unctuousity.

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precision, a good fineness of the grain, a small minerality as well as a slight minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis associated with small touches of crunchy green peach, butter as well as very discreet hints of apple and beeswax.

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

## Domaine Joney - Granit 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is mineral and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits (brugnon, pear) associated with small touches of minerality and very discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, dynamism, a slight tension as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, crushed brugnon and small notes of kumquat, ripe lemon associated with a very discreet touch of butter. Good length.

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

## Fellot Emamanuel - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, juicy, well-built and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of juicy lemon and small notes of quince associated with touches of juicy mirabelle plum, a hint of physalis as well as a very discreet hint of yellow flowers and an imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemons, quince and small notes of pear associated with small touches of fleshy / crushed mirabelle plum, small hints of peach, white flowers as well as a very discreet hint of butter. Good length. A beautiful, gourmand and very slightly unctuous wine.

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

## Domaine Stéphane de Sousa - Les Magny 2017 Bourgogne Côte-D'Or

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy physalis and small notes of ripe white fruits, small yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of beeswax as well as a very discreet hint of leather / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful mineral frame as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crunchy / fresh physalis and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with small touches of ripe / juicy citrus, ripe red apple, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of spices.

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

## Château de Messey - Les Crêts 2016 Mâcon Chardonnay

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers fleshiness, a very slight intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of Williams pear, quince and small notes of fleshy / fresh mirabelle plum, apple associated with touches of fresh peach, a hint of apple as well as very discreet hints of minerality and fresh apricots (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, very discreetly tight, racy and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, précision as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy pear and crunchy / ripe peach combined with small notes of quince, fresh citrus as well as very discreet hints of lychee hints and an imperceptible hint of ripe / fresh apples. Good length.

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

## Hervé de Lavoreille - Clos des Gravières 2015 Santenay, 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a small juiciness, a small fat, gourmandise as well as a slight intensity and a slight grain. It reveals notes of white fruits, crunchy vine peach and small notes of quince, fleshy small yellow fruits combined with a hint of kumquat, a toasted hint as well as very discreet hints of crunchy white fruits and butter / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine grain, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a small freshness, a very beautiful guideline, a beautiful finesse as well as delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed pear and small notes of butter associated with touches of fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum as well as small touches of kumquat, ripe citrus, butter and very discreet toasted hints / almond (in the background).

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

## Closerie des Alisiers 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, apple and small notes of flowers associated with discreet hints of quince. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-defined and offers a small suavity, a slight straightness, a slight acidulous frame, minerality, a good guideline as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of quince associated with touches of apple as well as very discreet hints of lemon / lemon zest. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of butter on the persistence.

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

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils 2016 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and well-built. It offers notes of ripe Williams pear, quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of ripe / juicy tangerine associated with small touches of peach, lychee, white flowers, rose as well as a very discreet hint of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful suavity, fat, a good roundness, dynamism, a beautiful acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy peach and small notes of kumquat, ripe / juicy tangerine associated with small touches of zest, litchi, ripe tangerine seed, crunchy apple and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils 2015 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a small fleshiness. It reveals notes of litchi, juicy tangerines and small notes of peach, flowers (lemon and peach) associated with small touches of crushed pear as well as a very discreet hint of physalis and an imperceptible hint of butter (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers straightness, precision, elegance, gourmandise, a good finesse of the grain as well as a good and slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of fleshy vine peach as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, white flowers and butter / toasted hints. A beautiful wine!

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

## Château de Marsannay 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built, racy and offers finesse. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, physalis and small notes of citrus (mandarin, lemon) associated with slight touches of crunchy peach, racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of white flowers and ripe seed. The palate is juicy, fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, elegance, a good finesse, delicacy, a small aerial side, a small acidulous frame as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crunchy peach / brugnon and small notes of quince associated with small touches of lemon zest, fresh mandarin, hints of ripe / juicy green apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality. Good length. Slight finesse, delicacy, a bit aerial as well as a discreet hint of ripe almond and ripe seed on the finish.

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

## Château de Marsannay - Champs Perdrix 2016 Marsannay

The nose is elegant, racy, and offers finesse, a certain small richness as well as a slight grain. It reveals notes of ripe citrus, quince and small notes of fresh / juicy small yellow plum associated with slight touches of citrus, racy minerality / graves as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, crushed peach and a very discreet hint of dry almond (in the background). The palate is beautifully juicy, gourmande, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, acidulous / juicy yellow plum and small notes of tangerines associated with touches of white fruits, racy minerality / graves as well as a very discreet hint of almond and an imperceptible hint of lemon blossom on the finish. There is an imperceptible touch of butter / vanilla on the aftertaste. A beautiful wine!

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

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## Louis Robin - Montmain 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a small power, a slight richness as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of crushed brugnion and crushed pear associated with touches of apple compote, lemon and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful suavity, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful jutosity, a beautiful minerality, fat as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, crushed brugnion and small notes of crushed apple associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, lemons as well as discreet hints of zests. Good persistence.

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

## Louis Robin - Vaucoupin 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a very slight richness / unctuousity. It reveals notes of lemons, quince and small notes of crushed brugnion associated with small touches of quenette, apple, a racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, beautifully defined, racy and offers a beautiful volume, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame, roundness, dynamism, a fine tension as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, quince and small notes of quenette associated with touches of crushed brugnion, discreet hints of lychee, racy minerality, zests as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of flowers.

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

## Louis Robin - Vosgros 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant, mineral and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of quince, nectarine and small notes of yellow plum associated with touches of racy minerality, crushed apple and butter. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, beautifully elegant, delicate, round, fine, suave and offers a slight acidulous frame, a very slight tension, a slight fleshiness, a good structure, a good précision as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnions and small notes of crushed pear, quince associated with slight touches of lemon, tangerine as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and ripe seed of mandarin. A beautiful wine full of finesse and gourmandise.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland - Comme-Dessus 2017 Santenay

The nose is elegant, fruity, precise and racy. It reveals notes of ripe lemons, fresh / juicy mandarine associated with small notes of fresh yellow plum, racy minerality, juicy peach as well as discreet hints of zest and a subtle hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral (racy minerality), elegant, round, gourmand and offers fat, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition / structure, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful finesse of fat, softness as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy tangerine and small notes of quince associated with touches of fleshy / juicy yellow plum as well as small touches of crushed apple, crushed peach, a touch of quénette and a very discreet hint of butter. Good persistence. There are hints of fleshy yellow fruits, juicy citrus, toasted hints / butter and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland 2017 Santenay-Beauregard Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, racy, mineral and offers a small power as well as finesse and precision. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of white fruits (apple, nectarine) associated with touches of mirabelle plum, hints of ripe tangerine, quénette as well as a subtle hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices / dry almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful straightness, roundness, dynamism, unctuousity, fleshiness, tension, a good finesse of the grain, a good freshness a very beautiful finesse as well as a power. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of quince, ripe lemons and small notes of tangerine / kumquat combined with touches of crushed brugnion, ripe Golden apple as well as touches of fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum, flowers, discreet hints of

beeswax and almond. Beautiful aromatic and gourmandise persistence. There is a very discreet firmness on the finish / persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Domaine Roger Belland 2016 Santenay-Beauregard Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small power as well as a slight richness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits associated with touches of physalis, citrus as well as crunchy peach, flowers and very discreet hints of almond and beeswax. The palate is fruity, juicy, and offers freshness, tension, straightness, a beautiful precision, a beautiful definition as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, physalis and small notes of fresh / juicy mirabelle plum associated with touches of citrus, lychee as well as discreet hints of apple, flowers, ripe zests and imperceptible hints of butter. Good length. There are notes of acidulous citrus, toasted / buttered notes and a discreet hint of vanilla on the finish.

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

## Collovray & Terrier, Deux Roches - Tradition 2016 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity and offers a slight power / concentration as well as a slight straightness. It reveals notes of citrus, zest and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of small yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of minerality and a very discreet hint of dry almond. The mouth is juicy, fruity, slightly tight and offers freshness, a beautiful dynamism, tension, a good acidulous frame, as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemons, juicy / fresh green apple and small notes of juicy / fresh peach combined with touches of quince as well as a very discreet hint of ripe tangerine' seeds, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). Good length.

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

## Domaine Cordier Père & Fils – En Brechen 2016 Viré Clessé

The nose is fruity, slightly tight, racy and offers a very slight fleshiness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of citrus (quince, lemon ...) and small notes of fleshy mirabelle plum associated with discreet hints of minerality, physalis as well as an imperceptible touch of zest and dry almond. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, tension as well as a beautiful dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, ripe zests and small notes of juicy/ripe apple associated with small touches of crunchy pineapple as well as a very discreet hint of yellow fruits (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of almond / oak. The finish is very slightly tight. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Domaine Cordier Père & Fils - Vieilles Vignes 2016 Viré Clessé

The nose is fruity and a bit close. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of yellow fruits associated with small touches of citrus, zest, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of crushed white fruits, a very discreet hint of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, fine and offers tension, dynamism, minerality, finesse, an acidulous frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemons, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy physalis associated with small touches of crushed white fruits, zest as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

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

## Rijekaert - L'Épinet 2017 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small fleshiness. It reveals notes of crunchy pear, crunchy vine peach and small notes of quince associated with touches of citrus, a very discreet hint of quenette as well as an imperceptible touch of fresh apricot, flowers and beeswax. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, elegance, a slight straightness, gourmandise, a beautiful definition, freshness, a beautiful definition, a slight tension, a good definition as well as a slight acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy vine peach and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of

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quince, pear as well as a very discreet hint of racy minerality, ripe pink grapefruit and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length. Good persistence. There are very discreet hints of dried almonds on the aftertaste.

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

### Rijckaert - L'Épinet 2016 Viré Clessé

The nose is elegant and offers a slight intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of ripe lemons and small notes of ripe tangerine, small yellow plum associated with discreet hints of quince, dry almond as well as racy minerality. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a slight straightness, a small tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, juiciness, a small fat, roundness, a slight fleshiness, a small power a slightly unctuous matter as well as a slight and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemons, ripe zests and small notes of juicy tangerine associated with touches of fresh / juicy yellow plum, hints of nectarine, small yellow fruits, minerality as well as very discreet hints of flowers, oak and an imperceptible hint of almond / vanilla in the background (brings roundness and gourmandise). Good length. The wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

### Rijckaert - Rendez-vous de Septembre 2017 Viré Clessé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power / intensity, finesse, minerality as well as precision. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy citrus and small notes of crushed peach associated with touches of crushed apple / pear, discreet hints of zest, racy minerality, quenette as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers, almond and gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, harmonious, slightly acidulous (in the background) and offers finesse, delicacy, precision, a beautiful fine grain, a small mineral frame, tension, a beautiful definition, a very beautiful freshness as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, compoted peach and small notes of pear associated with touches of quince, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum as well as hints of quenette, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of zest and toasted. Good length.

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

### Nuiton-Beauvois 2017 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of quince, flowers / linden tree and small notes of white fruits associated with a touch of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, suave, very discreetly tight and offers fat, an acidulous frame, juiciness, a good freshness, gourmandise, straightness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, quenette / lychee and small notes of juicy ripe citrus (tangerine, lemon) associated with small touches of white fruits as well as a very discreet hint of fleshy yellow plum and vanilla.

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

### Closierie des Alisiers - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers minerality. It reveals notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of fleshy yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of citrus / zest and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers dynamism, an acidulous frame, minerality, suavity, freshness, a small concentration as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of crunchy mirabelle plum associated with touches of small red fruits, white nectarine as well as very discreet hints of zest. Good length.

**Score : 13.75+/20 (86-87/100)**

### Domaine du Merle - Clos du Merle 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight fleshiness / intensity. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of fleshy yellow fruits and butter. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a mineral frame, roundness as well as a slight tension / straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of fleshy yellow fruits, quenette as well as discreet hints of butter and vanilla. Good length.

**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

### Alain Gras - Les Crais 2017 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, Williams pear and small notes of quince associated with small touches of yellow fruits as well as a very discreet hint of exotic fruits, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, a slight unctuousity, tension, a small aeral side, dynamism, a beautiful acidulous frame, a good freshness as well as precision. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy yellow plum, quince and small notes of physalis associated with small touches of fleshy nectarine, juicy lemon as well as a very discreet hint of quenette / exotic fruits, racy minerality and very discreet hints of beeswax / butter (in the background). Good length. Good persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of dried almond / oak on persistence / aftertaste.

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

### Château de Santenay - La Comme 2016 Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, racy, and offers elegance, a small richness / intensity. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of fleshy / acidulous yellow plum associated with toasted hints, white fruits, citrus zest as well as very discreet hints of butter and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful precision, a small tension, a good guideline, a slight straightness as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of acidulous small yellow plus associated with small touches of physalis, white fruits (nectarine, pear) as well as very discreet hints of butter, zests, small yellow fruits, an imperceptible hint of white flowers and toasted. Good length.

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

### Domaine Cordier Père & Fils - Vers Cras 2016 Pouilly Fuissé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers elegance, a slight richness (in the background), a very slight intensity, a very slight straightness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of quenette / lychee, crushed peach associated with touches of graphite, pear as well as very discreet hints of zest (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy (beautiful juityosity), well-balanced, frank and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, gourmandise, fleshiness, a slight unctuousity, a very slight tension, a small intensity / concentration as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette / lychee, crushed peach and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of ripe tangerine, beeswax, slight toasted touches and butter. Good length.

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

### Domaine La Croix Montjoie - L'Impatiente 2017 Vézelay

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe juicy lemon, crunchy / fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of crunchy nectarine combined with discreet hints of quenette, zest as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a good freshness, dynamism, a very slight suavity, precision, a slight tension as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, fresh / fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, crushed nectarine, vanilla, quenette and very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. Good persistence. Fine power on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

### Domaine La Croix Montjoie - La Voluptueuse 2017 Vézelay

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers minerality as well as a very slight richness / gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine, pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of butter, fleshy white fruits as well as discreet hints of lemon / zest, fresh physalis, flint, vanilla and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise, generosity, a good definition, freshness, minerality as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon, fleshy / juicy nectarine and small notes of ripe / juicy tangerine associated with small touches of quince, fleshy physalis, lemon / zest as well as very discreet toasted hints and butter.

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

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## Domaine La Croix Montjoie - L'Elegante 2016 Vézelay

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, a small minerality, freshness as well as precision. It reveals notes of quince, fresh physalis and small notes of fresh nectarine associated with small touches of fresh yellow plums, dry almond, flint as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, frank and offers a good definition, elegance, a slight acidulous frame, freshness as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh / crunchy quince and small notes of fresh / juicy tangerine associated with small touches of crunchy white fruits, hints of small yellow fruits, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of oak / dried almond (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

## P. Ferraud & Fils - L'Elixir de la Roche 2017 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine and fleshy / juicy vine peach associated with hints of Williams pear as well as subtle hints of minerality, exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of oak. The palate is fruity, soft and offers delicacy, an acidulous frame, tension, a small fat as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, fleshy / juicy tangerine and fleshy vine peach associated with small touches of exotic fruits / quenette, apple as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair 2016 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight intensity / richness. It reveals notes of quince, brugnion, and toasted notes / butter associated with touches of white fruits as well as very discreet hints of mirabelle plum and a very discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, dynamism, tension, a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, a fine grain, a beautiful freshness/minerality as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, zest and small notes of quince associated with touches of mirabelle plum, toasted touches / vanilla as well as hints of apples, juicy white nectarine, racy minerality and beeswax. The finish is very slight.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Aiges Pruniers 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a slight concentration, elegance, a good finesse of grain as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of juicy lemons, nectarines and small toasted notes / vanilla associated with small touches of quince, fleshy pear as well as very discreet hints of white flowers / honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful jutosity, tension as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of nectarine associated with touches of vanilla, apple as well as discreet hints of juicy citrus and discreet toasted hints. Good length and persistence.  
**Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)**

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Golardes 2016 Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is powerful, racy and offers finesse. It reveals notes of citrus (quince, mandarin), mirabelle plum and small notes of fresh leather associated with slight touches of fleshy yellow fruits, butter as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful acid frame, tension, dynamism, a small roundness/fat, finesse as well as racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of juicy tangerine associated with small touches of crunchy peach / apple as well as a very discreet hint of flint, flowers, fresh almond and fresh leather. Good length.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair - Chardonnay 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of citrus, small yellow fruits and small notes of beeswax associated with discreet hints of minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax and oak / butter.

The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a good freshness, straightness, a slight suavity as well as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, brugnion and small notes of lychee, mirabelle plum associated with very discreet hints of citrus, small yellow fruits as well as a very discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of beeswax / almond.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Saint-Jacques 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers dynamism as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemons, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of vanilla associated with small hints of juicy tangerine, white fruits as well as a discreet hint of butter and a very discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is juicy (beautiful jutosity), fruity, mineral, fresh, frank and offers an acidulous frame, dynamism, straightness, a slight tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemons, juicy tangerine and small notes of fleshy mirabelle plum, vanilla associated with touches of juicy / fresh white fruits, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of butter and vanilla. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of apple blossoms on the finish. (2020)  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Château de Messey - Clos des Avoueries 2015 Mâcon Cruzille

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of physalis and small notes of fresh quince associated with touches of mirabelle plum as well as discreet hints of kumquat, flowers and beeswax. The palate is fruity, racy, frank, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, finesse, precision, a good freshness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy/acidulous physalis associated with small touches of kumquat, quenette, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length and good persistence. The finish is quite gourmande. There is a very discreet hint of dried almond / oak on persistence.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Louis Max - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, well defined and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince, butter and small notes of toasted almond associated with touches of crushed white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very slight acidulous frame, a slight minerality, a slight tension, a good freshness, juiciness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe zest and butter associated with touches of vanilla, crushed white fruits and almond.  
**Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)**

## Louis Max - Aligoté 2017 Bouzeron

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a slight straightness as well as a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of peach, Williams pear and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of juicy mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a slight straightness, a good freshness, a slight tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, pear and small notes of apple, quince associated with touches of juicy mirabelle plum as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length.  
**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## Domaine Poulleau Père & Fils La Grande Châtelaine 2015 Côte de Beaune

The nose offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of quince, yellow plum and small notes of quenette associated with small hints of kumquat as well as a very discreet hint of fresh almond / fresh flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers tension, a mineral frame, freshness, a small straightness, precision, a good finesse of the grain as well as a fine acidulous sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow plum and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of ripe nectarine as well as very discreet hints of small yellow fruits and toasted hints / almond. Good length.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

# White Bourgogne

### Château de Javernand - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fresh and offers fleshiness as well as a slight juiciness. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of citrus, ripe pear, small yellow fruits combined with slight touches of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, minerality as well as slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy quince and fleshy / juicy yellow plum associated with small notes of fleshy / juicy yellow peach as well as discreet hints of citrus / kumquat.

**Score : 14+/20 (87/100)**

### Cœur de Femme 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, precise and mineral. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of dry almond associated with touches of citrus, discreet hints of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, fleshiness, dynamism as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, fleshy / juicy quince and small notes of fleshy peach associated with small touches of almond, racy minerality, zests and an imperceptible hint of beeswax (in the background). Good persistence. An easy-drinking wine.

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

### P. Ferraud & Fils 2016 Coteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and small notes of fleshy peach associated with touches of quince, small touches of tangerine / kumquat as well as discreet hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fatness, precision, juiciness / minerality, a slight acidulous frame as well as a very slight tension. On the palate the wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy peach associated with slight touches of fleshy pear and juicy mandarin.

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

### Closerie des Alisiers 2017 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fresh and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy lemons, ripe tangerine and small notes of yellow plum associated with small touches of crushed peach. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a very discreet acidulous sensation (in the background, freshness, a very slight tension, gourmandise, a mineral frame, precision as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, beeswax and small notes of juicy apple associated with small touches of juicy mirabelle plum, quince as well as very discreet hints of quenette. Good length.

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

### Domaine Nudant 2017 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is a bit tight and offers a small freshness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy yellow plum, quince and small notes of leather associated with touches of citrus as well as very discreet hints of zest, apple and a very discreet touch of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness, a small acid frame, tension, precision as well as a very slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of fresh tangerine associated with small touches of fresh / crunchy green apple, discreet hints of crunchy nectarine, crunchy yellow plum as well as very discreet hints of flowers and racy minerality.

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

### Goisot 2017 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, racy and offers freshness and a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (lemon, grapefruit, quince) and small notes of exotic fruits combined with touches of ripe physalis and apple as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe zests and dried almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a good definition, a small suavity, precision, a slight tension as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow peach, juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of ripe / juicy citrus, exotic fruits associated with hints of physalis as well as a very discreet hint of apple and minerality.

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

### Duchesse de Magenta 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, juicy yellow peach and small notes of ripe / juicy citrus associated with slight / discreet touches of exotic fruits and apple. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small fat, gourmandise, a little freshness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and juicy peach combined with touches of quenette / passion fruits, crushed yellow plum as well as small hints of crushed pear as well as very discreet toasted hints / almond and butter (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

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

### Agnès Paquet - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fresh, fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of ripe brugnon, quenette and small notes of quince associated with small touches of apple and an imperceptible hint of white flowers (in the background). The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quenette, passion fruits and small notes of crushed peach / blackberry associated with touches of racy minerality as well as discreet hints of fresh tangerine zest. Good length and persistence. A very discreet hint of almond / butter on the persistence.

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

### Durup 2017 Petit Chablis

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of physalis, mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with varietal touches, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of nectarine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a small straightness, a slight fat, a slight acidulous frame, a small tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of physalis, mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with touches of small yellow fruits, varietal as well as very discreet hints of nectarine and a discreet hint of peach blossoms.

**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

### Durup 2017 Chablis

The nose is fruity and offers a small minerality and a slight freshness. It reveals notes of flat peach / crunchy brugnon, physalis and small notes of small yellow berries associated with a hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured / frank and offers a good definition, a small suavity, a slight acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandise, a very slightly tight grain as well as a slight minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy flat peach, physalis and small notes of yellow berries / crunchy yellow plum associated with discreet hints of lychee as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background).

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

### Durup - Montée de Tonnerre 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a racy minerality as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe zests and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of nectarine as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers / green apple skin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, elegance, a small straightness, a racy minerality, a mineral frame as well as a slight acidulous sensation (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarin and ripe nectarine combined with small touches of quince and small fleshy small fruits. Good length. Freshness / minerality

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

### Durup - Montmains 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is racy and offers juiciness and a small power. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of yellow plum associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits, nectarine as well as a very discreet hint of flint and white flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers good definition as well as minerality (mineral frame). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy plum associated with small touches of nectarine as well as discreet hints of apple, exotic fruits and flint. Good length. Juiciness. Minerality and a good definition. There is very discreet hint of ripe almond on persistence.

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



# White Bourgogne

## Durup - Fourchaume 2017 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is mineral and offers finesse, elegance as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe apple, ripe citrus and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with small / slight touches of zest as well as discreet varieties hints / flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, frank and offers a beautiful juiciness, a racy minerality, finesse, a small tension, a good freshness, an acidulous frame, elegance as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy mandarin and small notes of quenette, apple associated with slight touches of flowers, vine peach and juicy mirabelle plum. Good length

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

## Durup - Vau de Vey 2014 Chablis 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a slight gourmandise and a slight complexity. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of physalis, beeswax associated with small touches of fresh apple as well as very discreet hints of spices and dried fruits (almond, hazelnut). The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a good definition, finesse, a beautiful juiciness, tension, straightness, a good structure, an acidulous frame as well as a bit aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of ripe tangerine zest associated with touches of small yellow fruits, beeswax as well as very discreet hints of spices and almond. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Domaine Nudant - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is juicy, fresh and offers a slight fleshiness as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy white peach, ripe Williams pear and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of fleshy / ripe yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of beeswax and ripe green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, minerality, gourmandise, a good definition, a certain delicacy as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach, ripe / juicy apple and small notes of juicy / fleshy yellow fruits associated with small touches of quince / citrus as well as an imperceptible toasted hint. Purity in the fruit. A slight power and a hint of almond on persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Domaine Michel Gros - Fontaine Saint Martin 2016, Monopole Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is juicy. It reveals notes of ripe juicy lemon and small notes of juicy / ripe plum associated with small touches of quince, as well as very discreet hints of almond (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of small yellow berries. The palate is well-balanced, fruity, and offers a small straightness, a slight acidulous frame, minerality, precision, a good definition as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum associated with small touches of small yellow berries as well as very discreet hints of crunchy white fruits in the background (brugnon / apple) and of beeswax. Good length.

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

## Agnès Paquet 2016 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality as well as a very slight power. It reveals notes of quince, citrus and small notes of ripe tangerine associated with touches of pink lychee, rose as well as very discreet hints of white flowers (in the background), toasted and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully gourmand, well-built, racy and offers generosity, elegance, a small mineral frame, a fine grain, a very slight tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed ripe brugnon and small notes of pear, quenette and yellow fruits associated with discreet touches of citrus, pink lychee as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of beeswax and almond / toasted oak. Good length.

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

# Red Bourgogne

## Domaine du Merle - Clos des Condemines 2016 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of plum, violet and small notes of small berries associated with slight touches of black cherry as well as a very discreet hint of licorice (in the background). The palate is fruity, slightly tight, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a very slight straightness, minerality as well as a slight acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, violet and small notes of small berries associated with touches of wild red berries, cherry as well as very discreet hints of licorice / toasted and flowers and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

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

## Nuiton-Beaunoy 2016 Santenay

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine fleshiness, a slight richness, a slight complexity as well as a fine captivating side. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of ripe strawberry, fleshy red cherry as well as a discreet hint of flowers / violet, an imperceptible hint of butter, spices and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, precision, minerality, a beautiful suavity, delicacy as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of violet, blueberry as well as very discreet hints of graphite, spices and Zan. Tannins are fine, elegant, well-built and very discreetly firm.

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

## Alain Gras - Très Vieilles Vignes 2016 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a slight intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of black cherry, hints of red fruits, graphite / racy minerality as well as discreet hints of Zan, cardamom and spices. The mouth is juicy, slight and offers minerality, a beautiful / fine acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, black plum and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, blueberry as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality, cardamom, Zan and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good juiciness.

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

## Alain Gras - Très Vieilles Vignes 2017 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of plum associated with small touches of blackberry, blueberry / blue fruits as well as discreet hints of zan, spices, a discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible toasted hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful dynamism, a good finesse of the grain, a beautiful juiciness, freshness, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, a small power as well as racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and violet associated with small touches of small wild berries, zan, discreet hints of cardamom (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco and almond. Tannins are fine and very slightly mellow. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence. Good persistence.

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

## Domaine de la Poulette - Vierville 2017 Côte de Nuits Villages

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers delicacy, a small power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, zan and fleshy Quetsche plum combined with small touches of ripe red cherry, crushed raspberry, spices, Sichuan pepper and discreet toasted hints. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame, dynamism, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful minerality, freshness, tension, a good definition as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of raspberry associated with slight touches of Quetsche plum, violet acidulous candy, hints of liquorice as well as very discreet hints of rose, graphite, toasted and an imperceptible hint of ripe / dried almond. Tannins are elegant.

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

# Red Bourgogne

## Domaine de la Poulette - Clos des Poulettes 2017 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful finesse and a very fine power (in the background). The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of black cherry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy black berries associated with touches of wild cassis, raspberry and discreet hints of blueberry, rose, a very discreet hint of black pepper, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautiful defined, suave, delicate and offers a beautiful minerality, an acidulous frame, a small melodious side, ripe/juicy fruits as well as a beautiful, silky and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, Quetsche plum and small notes of violet / blueberry, small berries associated with touches of cassis, zan, colas and very discreet hints of caramelization (on the finish). Tannins are fine and well-built. The finish is gourmand. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 17+ 94-95

## Cœur de Femme 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits, black cherry and small notes of redcurrants, small wild berries combined with discreet hints of flowers, blackberry as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, toasted and spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful racy minerality, dynamism, a small concentration, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful delicacy / suavity as well as a good and discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of ripe / crushed redcurrants associated with touches of blackberry, flowers as well as very discreet hints of liquorice (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is acidulous. The persistence is quite gourmande. There is an imperceptible hint of almond / vanilla on the aftertaste.

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

## Natur'L 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of cornflowers and tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame, minerality, a small tension, gourmandise as well as a good finesse and structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of cassis, ripe red berries associated with discreet hints of blue berries, licorice as well as very discreet hints of tea. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Domaine Michel Gros - Au Vallon 2016 Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built and very slightly powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of berries associated with touches of wild red fruits, rose / violet, blueberry as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, tea, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, a slight suavity, roundness, a slight straightness as well as a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of red berries associated with touches of blackberry, raspberry, discreet hints of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## Domaine Michel Gros Fontaine Saint-Martin 2016, Monopole Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power, delicacy and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, black berries and purple plum associated with small touches of red fruits, flowers, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, discreetly tight and offers a beautiful juiciness, precision, a small tension, a beautiful grain, dynamism, a good definition as well as a small fat / a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy raspberry / juicy and small notes of fleshy red berries, plum associated with small touches of flowers as well as very discreet hints of zan, cardamom and a very discreet toasted hint. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Domaine Michel Gros 2016 Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, slightly spicy and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of wild red berries, black cherry associated with hints of Sichuan / gray pepper, violet, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of Zan, toasted (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of graphite. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, straightness, tension, a slight acidulous frame as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of violet acidulous candy as well as a very discreet hint of small berries, blueberry / colas and an imperceptible toasted hint (in the background). The persistence is fruity and slightly acidulous. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Saint-Jacques 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity / aromatic, gourmand and offers elegance and a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, vanilla and small notes of crushed raspberry, fleshy plum associated with small touches of crunchy strawberry, a hint of rose / violet as well as very discreet hints of spices, toasted and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy, slightly tight and offers a good definition, tension, minerality (a mineral frame), precision, softness / fluidity as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of juicy Quetsche plum associated with small touches of blackberry, violet as well as discreet hints of rose, spices and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is slightly tight.

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

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair - Les Favières 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small concentration and minerality. It reveals notes of ripe red cherry, blackberry and small notes of berries associated with slight hints of zan, Sichuan pepper, sweet spices and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, well-built and offers a good definition, finesse, suavity, a mineral frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe cherry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of blue fruit as well as hints of juicy / fresh small red fruits and zan. Tannins are well-built. There are very discreet toasted hints, hazelnut and licorice on the finish / persistence. The finish is slightly acidulous.

Score : 15.5+ /20 (91/100)

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair - Les Boivins 2015 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built and offers a very slight intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild berries, gray pepper and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with touches of crushed cherry / strawberry, blue fruits as well as very discreet hints of violet / cornflowers, racy mineral and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fine, elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful suavity, roundness, a good volume, a beautiful finesse / guideline as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild blue berries, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of red berries, crunchy strawberry, very discreet hints of fresh flowers as well as very discreet hints of Zan and toasted. Good length. Good freshness and a good definition.

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

## Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair - Les Golardes 2015 Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power, intensity, a very slight concentration as well as a beautiful and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of small wild red berries, rose and small notes of fresh cherry associated with touches of Cuben pepper as well as hints of blueberry, blackberry, graphite and an imperceptible hint of Ceylon tea. The palate is mineral, fruity, racy and offers suavity, a slight straightness, a slight tension as well as a slight acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, ripe red berries and small notes of rose, blackberry associated with small hints of cornflowers as well as very discreet hints of cassis, spices and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

# Red Bourgogne

## Domaine de Rotisson - De L'Amour et du Vin 2016 Côteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and small notes of wild strawberry combined with touches of cherry as well as very discreet hints of pepper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers straightness, a juicy / mineral frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe red berries, fleshy / juicy cherry and small notes of plum associated with touches of blueberry / juicy blue fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers and toasted / Ceylon tea. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of vanilla on the finish.

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

## Domaine Amarine 2017 Côteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and small notes of cornflowers / iris associated with touches of black cherry as well as discreet hints of cassis bud and sweet spices / gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers tension, a small straightness, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of plum, cassis, flowers (iris, cornflowers) as well as discreet hints of licorice, tobacco, a very discreet hint of cassis bud and sweet spices (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

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

## Louis Max 2016 Côteaux Bourguignons

The nose is aromatic and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cornflowers, plum and small notes of blue berries, blackberry, pepper associated with very discreet hints of sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit gourmandise and offers a good definition, a small juiciness, a good suavity, a slight minerality / freshness, a slight straightness as well as a small fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blue berries, cornflowers / rose and small notes of plum associated with small touches of red fruits, Zan as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are well-built and very discreetly mellow. Good length. Good persistence (with notes of licorice).

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Closerie des Alisiers 2017 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity and offers structure as well as a slight concentration / power. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis bud and small ripe berries associated with hints of lily / cornflowers as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, licorice stick and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers suavity, a small gourmandise, tension, a good guideline as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild blue berries, cornflowers/ lily associated with small notes of cassis, plum, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of licorice hints (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). Good length. The finish slightly tight.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

## Domaine des Terres de Velle - Les Closeaux 2016 Auxey-Duresses

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight concentration, a very slight power, a very slight complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of sweet spices, toasted touches, crushed blueberry as well as a very discreet hint of cornflowers and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a good definition, juiciness, racy minerality, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good structure as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum, fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy cherry / raspberry combined with touches of juicy blueberry, a discreet hint of flowers, almonds as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices / nutmeg, licorice (on the finish) and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length. Gourmandise on the finish. A very discreet chew on the finish. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Louis Max 2017 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes-de-Nuits

It reveals notes of blue berries, cherry and small notes of flowers associated with discreet hints of plum (in the background), red fruits and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers minerality, a good structure, precision as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry and crunchy wild blue fruits associated with small notes of fleshy / fresh raspberry, plum as well as discreet hints of cornflowers, colas and an imperceptible hint of cardamom (in the background). Tannins are well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of dried almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

## Domaine Michel Gros 2016 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes-de-Nuits

The nose is aromatic and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of cornflowers, iris and blue fruits associated with touches of cassis, strawberry, blueberry as well as discreet hints of racy minerality / graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers suavity, tension, a good freshness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blueberry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of blackberry, crunchy red fruits (cherry, raspberry) as well as discreet hints of licorice stick, flowers and an imperceptible hint of colas. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm. There are very discreet hints of dried almond / hazelnut and tonka bean on persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Domaine Jessiaume - Les Gravières 2016 Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic and offers complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, fleshy plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of flowers, Sichuan pepper, grilled, fleshy small fruits as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, chocolate, toasted and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is elegant and offers juiciness, dynamism, delicacy, a racy minerality, a small mineral frame, a good definition as well as a very slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blue berries and small notes of flowers, red berries associated with touches of blackberry, plum, chocolate, almond, caramelization and discreet hints of almond in the background (brings gourmandise). Good length and good persistence. A very slight chew on the finish. The finish is very slight.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Nuiton-Beaunoy - Les Sionnières 2015 Morey-Saint-Denis

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a very slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of flowers (cornflower, lily), Quetsche plum and small notes of blue berries associated with touches of crushed blackberry, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, elegance, purity of the fruit, a good structure as well as a slight juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of flowers, crushed strawberry, toasted touches, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of almond / licorice . Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Jessiaume - Les Eoussaux 2016 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, well-built and offers a slight richness, gourmandise as well as power. It reveals notes of small berries, cornflowers and cassis associated with touches of blackberry, cherry, strawberry as well as discreet hints of Cuban pepper, Zan, blond tobacco, a very discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully defined / gourmand and offers dynamism, a beautiful juiciness, generosity, a good finesse of the grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blueberry and small notes of small berries, flowers associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry as well as hints of plum, Zan and very discreet hints of cola. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence. A beautiful, gourmand and juicy wine !

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

# Crémant de Bourgogne

**Demessey  
Brut**

**Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of brugnion, fresh pear and small notes of apple associated with small touches of small yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of almond, toasted and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, fat, tension as well as a fine effervescence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Williams pear, fresh apple and small notes of quince associated with small touches of lemon, small yellow fruits, almond as well as discreet toasted hints / vanilla.

**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

**Les Bulles par Domaine des Terres de Velle  
Extra-Brut**

**Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fruity and dry. It reveals notes of lemon, kumquat and small notes of zest associated with small touches of ripe red apple, yellow fruits (Mirabelle plum) as well as very discreet hints of almond / toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite frank, well-built and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine effervescence, straightness, a good freshness, dynamism as well as a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe red apple and small notes of ripe peach associated with small touches of citrus as well as a discreet hint of zest. Good length. There are toasted hints and almond on the finish.

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

**Marquis de Mac Mahon Duc de Magenta  
Brut**

**Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy fresh peach, fresh/ripe apple and small notes of flowers associated with touches of ripe citrus fruits as well as hints of exotic fruit, vanilla and a very discreet / imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small minerality, freshness as well as a dynamic effervescence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of fresh/ripe lemon associated with small touches of quenette, fleshy green apple as well as discreet toasted hints / vanilla. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

**Collovray & Terrier  
Brut**

**Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight intensity and a very slight freshness. It reveals notes of citrus and small yellow fruits associated with very discreet hints of nectarine/pear as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small tension, juiciness, a slight minerality, a good freshness as well as a small acidulous frame. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine / ripe brugnion, ripe williams pear associated with touches of citrus and green apple as well as a very discreet hint of yellow fruits (in the background). There are notes of citrus, juicy yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax on the persistence.

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

**Vitteaut-Alberti  
Cuvée Agnès**

**Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fruity, fresh and mineral (chalk). It reveals notes of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of ripe peach associated with small touches of white fruits, a discreet hint of apple, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of lychee and an imperceptible hint of egg cream. The palate is fruity, well-balanced,

mineral, well defined and offers suavity, a mineral frame, a very slight tension as well as precision. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic and precise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon and fleshy / ripe nectarine associated with touches of apple, juicy tangerine as well as a very discreet hint of pineapple and an imperceptible hint of lychee. Good length.

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

**Vitteaut-Alberti  
Blanc de Noirs - Brut  
Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fresh and offers a small creaminess. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, brugnion) associated with small notes of pear, citrus as well as a very discreet hint of quince and beeswax / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite frank and offers a good definition, a slight straightness, roundness as well as a mineral frame. The effervescence is very dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe apple, ripe brugnion and small notes of litchi associated with touches of citrus fruits as well as a very discreet hint of quince and an imperceptible hint of butter / spices.

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



**Vitteaut-Alberti  
Rosé, Brut  
Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy tangerine, juicy lemon and small notes of fresh green apple combined with touches of crushed redcurrants, a subtle hint of cherry and an imperceptible hint of white flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a good volume, a small fat, a good minerality, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine straightness as well as a good guideline. The effervescence is very fine. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin, kumquat) associated with touches of green apple, ripe / crushed redcurrants as well as discreet hints of cherry and cassis. Good length.

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

**Vitteaut-Alberti  
Blanc de Blancs - Brut  
Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is juicy and offers a slight gourmandise and dynamism. It reveals notes of crushed brugnion, lychee and small notes of quince associated with small touches of pear, very discreet hints of tangerine as well as a very discreet hint of small yellow fruits / sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of almond.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a small freshness, precision as well as a slight straightness. The effervescence offers average size bubbles. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, litchi and small notes of quince associated with small touches of pear, citrus (kumquat, lemon) as well as very discreet hints of yellow small fruits and an imperceptible hint of butter / sweet spices.

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

**Louis Bouillot - Perle d'Ivoire  
Blanc de Blancs, Brut  
Crémant de Bourgogne**

The nose is discreetly tight, and offers a small freshness as well as a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of white fruits associated with a discreet hint of citrus and a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good volume, a small juicy / fresh frame, dynamism, a good definition, suavity as well as fat. The effervescence is fine and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, crushed pear and small notes of quince associated with small touches of mirabelle plum, discreet hints of citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of zest and almond.

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

# Crémant de Bourgogne

## Louis Bouillot - Perle Rare 2015 Grand Millésime - Brut

### Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine creaminess. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, pear) associated with small notes of ripe lemon, ripe brugnion as well as very discreet hints of egg cream and an imperceptible hint of lime zest. The mouth is fresh, beautifully juicy, fruity and offers minerality, a fine straightness, a juicy / fresh frame, roundness as well as fat. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and offers straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe brugnion and small notes of ripe yellow apple combined with touches of pear, juicy pineapple as well as discreet hints of flowers and quince. Good length.

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

## Louis Bouillot - Perle de Nuit Blanc de Noirs, Brut

### Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is juicy, fruity and offers a gourmand fruit and precision. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine and small notes of green apple, exotic fruits (pineapple, mango ...) associated with discreet hints of minerality / flint as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, dynamic, well defined and offers precision as well as an acidulous frame. The effervescence is fine, dynamic and well-built. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine and small notes of juicy Granny Smith apple associated with slight touches of quince, flint, exotic fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

## Louis Bouillot - Perle d'Aurore Rosé, Brut

### Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose offers a slight creaminess, a very slight richness as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, raspberry and small notes of crushed brugnion associated with small touches of blackberry and citrus. The mouth is dynamic, bright and offers an acid frame, a slight tension as well as a small freshness. The effervescence is very fine, dynamic and slightly tight. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, blackberry and small notes of apple associated with touches of ripe / juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as discreet hints of crushed brugnion and an imperceptible hint of cherry (in the background).

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

## Louis Bouillot - Perle d'Or Rose Brut Millésimé 2014

### Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness and a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cherry and small notes of white fruits associated with touches of fresh citrus, quince as well as a very discreet hint of fresh green peach. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-structured and offers good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, a good minerality as well as a very slight creaminess. The effervescence is fine, elegant and offers dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses small notes of fresh cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of fresh citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as discreet hints of apple and a very discreet hint of minerality.

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

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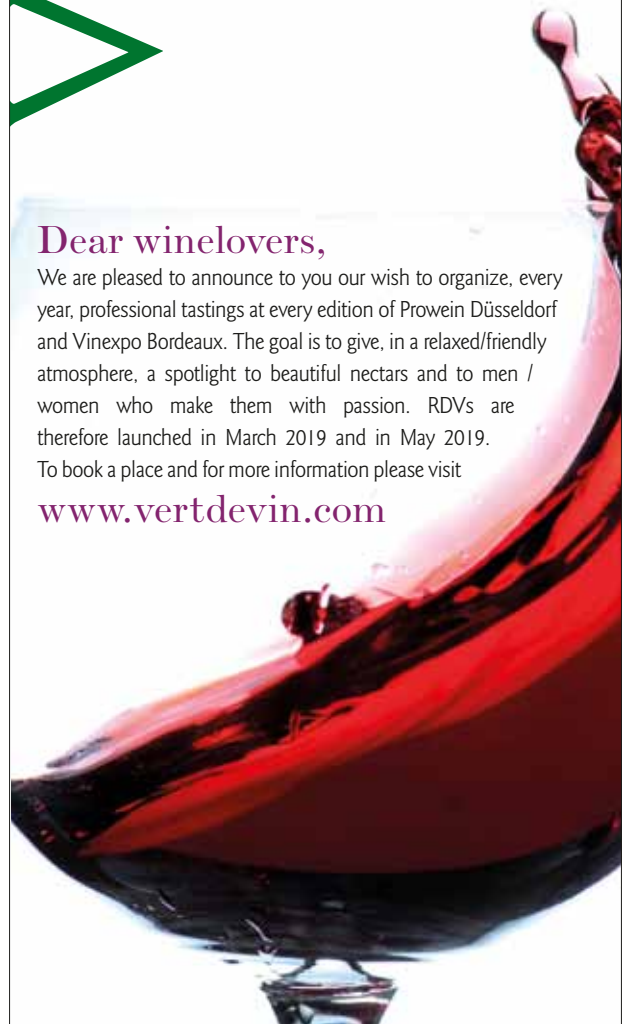


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## MOULIN-À-VENT

### Domaine du Clos du Fief - Les Deschanes 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power (in the background) and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of gray pepper and very discreet hints of violet, red fruits, tea and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant, fresh and offers a racy minerality, dynamism, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, a fine tension, a small aerial side as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. Beautiful, ripe and juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, raspberry and small notes of juicy plum associated with fine touches of juicy / fresh small fruits, violet, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tabac and chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. There is a hint of liquorice on the finish / persistence. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Domaine Richard Rottiers - Foudres 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of plum, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry, red berries combined with fine hints of chocolate, sweet spices, flowers and a very subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine straightness, suavity, a small concentration, a good structure as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of small juicy red berries associated with fine touches of cassis, violet, racy minerality, spices and a very discreet touch of blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Good length. There are hints of zan, juicy plum, juicy blackberry / red berries and a discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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

### Pierre-Marie Chermette - Les Trois Roches 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of cassis combined with small touches of red berries, rose as well as discreet hints of spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, suave and offers delicacy, dynamism, a small tension, a racy minerality, freshness, juiciness, a good structure as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes juicy Quetsche plum associated with small touches of crunchy wild berries, wild raspberry, cassis, zan, rose, violet and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length.

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

### Domaine Richard Rottiers 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, vanilla and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry and discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, freshness, tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cherry, fresh / juicy raspberry and small notes of vanilla associated with small touches of plum, toasted as well as discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. The finish is discreetly chewy. There are slight hints of vanilla on the finish.

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

### Christophe et Daniel Rampon 2017 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, black plum and small notes of red fruits associated with small touches of gray pepper, tonka bean, cardamom, spices and a very discreet hint of grove. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, structured and offers juiciness, straightness and a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, plum and small notes of raspberry / cherry associated with discreet touches of red berries, flowers and spices. Tannins are slightly firm. Good

length. The finish / persistence is a bit tight. There are discreet hints of cocoa on the finish / persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

### Lucien Lardy - Les Thorins 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of cassis bud, Cuben pepper, spices and slight hints of grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful structure, a fine depthness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy red berries, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of crunchy cassis, flowers (lilac, cornflowers) as well as hints of tonka bean on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, young and slightly firm. Good length.

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

### Richard Rottiers - Foudres 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, intensity as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes cherry associated with small touches of plum, zan as well as discreet hints of crushed red berries, toasted and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, suavity, finesse as well as a very fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, blackberry and small notes of ripe red berries associated with fine touches liquorice, zan, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish / persistence is discreetly chewy.

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

### Château du Moulin-à-Vent 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is elegant, powerful, fruity and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of flowers (violet, rose), gunflint, spices, Cuben pepper and very discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a fine tension, a fine fat, a fine juiciness, a small freshness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of red berries, fleshy raspberry as well as hints of violet, zan and spices. Good length. There are slight hints of Bourbon vanilla, almond / chocolate on the finish / persistence. Gourmandise on the finish / persistence.

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

### Jean-Pierre Mortet 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose offers notes of wild red berries, flowers and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of zan, flowers, nutmeg and gray pepper. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a fine juicy / acidulous frame, minerality as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, flowers, cassis bud and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of zan, colas and small toasted touches / sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

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

### Couvent des Thorins 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis and wild red berries associated with touches of spices, leather as well as slight hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, well-built and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful racy minerality, a fine grain, gourmandise, precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of plum, small red berries associated with small touches of spices, leather and a discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

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## Jean-Pierre Mortet - Les Héritages 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry, lilac associated with hints of sweet spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a good structure, finesse as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet, lilac as well as discreet hints of blueberry, zan, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of cocoa bean (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Domaine Bertrand - Les Petit Bois 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, elegance and a small complexity. It reveals notes of plum, wild black berries and small notes cassis, strawberry associated with discreet touches of violet, dried tobacco and discreet hints of zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a small juiciness, suavity, gourmandise as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of strawberry, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, colas and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. The finish is discreetly chewy. A gourmand, fruity and suave wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Château du Moulin à Vent - Les Verrillats 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, powerful, elegant and offers concentration and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, toasted and small notes of juicy red berries associated with touches of vanilla, chocolate, racy minerality, blackberry, slight hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of pepper and grilled / coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, a beautiful guideline, fat, a mineral frame (fine minerality), a fine tension, finesse / delicacy as well as a discreetly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy plum and small notes of cassis, juicy / crunchy red berries associated with touches of minerality, chocolate, cardamom, grilled as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length. (2020)

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Domaine Labruyère - Cœur de Terroirs 2016, Vieilles Vignes Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted notes and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of red fruits and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, a fine tension as well as a small concentration. Freshness on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of red fruits, flowers, toasted and spices. Good length. There is a hint of tonka bean on the finish / persistence. (2020+)

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

## Domaine Labruyère - Le Clos 2016, Monopole Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and small notes of sweet spices, ripe red fruits, tobacco associated with discreet hints of undergrowths and coffee. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a good definition, a small juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a fine straightness, elegance, a beautiful precision, a racy minerality as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of plum associated with slight hints of blueberry, violet as well as discreet hints of tobacco and zan. Tannins are a bit firm. (2020+)

Score : 16/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Labruyère - Le Carquelin 2016 Sélection Parcellaire Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry / sour cherry, cassis and small notes plum associated with touches of wild berries, violet, liquorice, cardamom and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, finesse, a small aerial side, minerality, a fine grain as well as delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with slight hints of raspberry, violet / blueberry, zan, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco and vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly mellow. Good length. (2020)

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Domaine Labruyère - Champ de Cour 2016, Sélection Parcellaire Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, a bit tight and spicy. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and gray pepper combined with fine touches of red fruits and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful gourmandise, suavity, a racy minerality, finesse, a small tension as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Quetsche plum, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of red berries, violet associated with small touches of cassis, rose as well as discreet hints of zan. Tannins are very fine. Good length. There are a slight toasted hint, coffee as well as an imperceptible hint of almond on the finish / persistence.

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

## P. Ferraud & Fils - L'Eolienne 2016 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, red berries and small notes of violet, blackberry associated with touches of rose as well as discreet hints of liquorice, pepper, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small acid frame, a good definition, a good guideline, fat, roundness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, plum and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of violet, rose, blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of cassis bud/zan and blond tobacco.

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

## Domaine Labruyère - Le Clos 2008, Monopole Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of vanilla associated with discreet touches of coconut (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a juicy / acidulous frame, a small straightness, suavity, elegance and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, juicy raspberry and small notes of red berries, cherry associated with touches of vanilla, zan, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). Tannins are slightly mellow.

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

## Jean-Pierre Mortet - Les Rouchaux 2008 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry combined with small notes of cassis, violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of undergrowth and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a fine suavity, a beautiful minerality, precision, a good structure as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice, cassis, undergrowth and a very discreet hint of nutmeg.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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## BROUILLY

### Château de la Terrière 2017

#### Brouilly

The nose is fruity, a bit tight, structured and offers power. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of raspberry, Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of vegetation (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense, tight and offers juiciness, an acid frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, plum and crunchy redcurrants associated with touches of black cherry, vegetation / flowers as well as discreet hints of cassis bud, liquorice and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of cocoa on the persistence.

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

### Château de la Terrière - Vieilles Vignes 2016

#### Brouilly

The nose offers notes of cassis, violet and small notes of crushed plum associated with small touches of berries, cassis bud, fleshy raspberry as well as hints of sweet spices, vanilla, cocoa bean and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, silky and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, gourmandise, freshness, a fine tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, violet as well as hints of cassis bud, liquorice stick / zan and spices. Tannins are very slightly firm. There are hints of dark chocolate and cocoa bitterness on the persistence.

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

### Domaine Nicolas Boudeau

#### Grain D'Expression 2017, La Grume

#### Brouilly

(Terra Vitis) The nose is elegant, precise, well-built and offers a fine concentration / power. It reveals notes of fresh / ripe blackberry, fleshy plum and small notes of wild strawberry combined with fine touches of liquorice, violet and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, finesse, suavity, tension, dynamism as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of black cherry, small wild black berries, fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, toasted touches, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco, flowers and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

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

### Domaine Nicolas Boudeau

#### Grain D'Expression 2016, La Grume

#### Brouilly

(Terra Vitis) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed Gariguette strawberry combined with touches of chocolate, vanilla as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, harmonious, dynamic, silky, beautifully-built and offers suavity as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crunchy blackberry and small notes of ripe / crunchy cassis associated with touches of wild raspberry, wild strawberry as well as slight touches of zan, violet / lilac and chocolate. Beautiful length. There are discreet hints of nutmeg and cocoa beans on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

### Domaine Nicolas Boudeau

#### Grain D'Expression 2008, La Grume

#### Brouilly

(Terra Vitis) The nose is aromatic, elegant, quite gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, dried / fleshy strawberry and small notes Quetsche plum, crushed raspberry combined with slight hints of violet, blueberry, liquorice stick, discreet hints of tobacco, very discreet hints of undergrowth as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful minerality, suavity, a beautiful precision, tension, a small linear side as well as a beautifully fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and small

notes of blackberry associated with small touches of ripe wild strawberry, cherry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, sweet blond tobacco, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of almond (on the finish). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

### Château de La Chaize - Rien de Trop 2017

#### Brouilly

The nose is fruity, elegant as well as beautifully defined and delicate. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of crushed blueberry, crunchy wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of liquorice stick, colas, cinnamon and a very discreet toasted hint / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise, elegant and offers a beautiful delicacy, suavity, finesse, dynamism, a fine tension, a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat, a beautiful harmony as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blueberry and small notes of violet combined with small touches of red berries, rose, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built. Beautiful wine! (2020)

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

### Château de La Chaize - La Chaize 2017

#### Brouilly

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum, blackberry and black cherry combined with small touches of crushed / jammy redcurrants as well as slight hints of liquorice, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, silky and offers good definition, elegance, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise, precision, freshness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, Quetsche plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of wild red berries, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and sweet spices. Good length.

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

### Pierre-Marie Chermette - Pierreux 2017

#### Brouilly

The nose is aromatic, elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, blueberry and small notes of violet combined with touches of Bourbon vanilla and a discreet toasted hint / caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, harmonious, silky, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, straightness, a fine tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, black cherry and small notes of violet combined with fine touches of crunchy wild raspberry, small berries as well as a very discreet hint of rose, spices and nutmeg. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

### Richard Rottiers 2017

#### Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of plum, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis, blueberry, liquorice stick as well as very discreet milky hints / vanilla, spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, elegant, well-built and offers finesse as well as acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, plum and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of crunchy red berries as well as discreet hints of liquorice, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in background). Good length.

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

### Richard Rottiers 2016

#### Brouilly

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of coconut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful suavity, finesse, roundness, a small freshness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum and black cherry associated with small touches of small ripe black berries as well as hints of violet, cassis bud, vanilla, sweet spices, sweet blond tobacco and a very discreet toasted hint. Tannins are very slightly mellow. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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# Rhône Wines

## CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

### Clos St Antonin 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is elegant and offers intensity as well as a fine (and well-controlled) power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis and small notes of elderberries associated with slight touches of roasted oak, spices as well as discreet hints of gray pepper, violet and an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good definition, a beautiful suavity, elegance, a very fine grain, a beautiful texture, freshness, gourmandise as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, sour cherry, elderberries and small notes of blackberry associated with slight oaky / toasted touches, grilled, Zan, violet as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length. There is a hint of chocolate on the persistence. Power on the finish / persistence.

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

### Domaine de la Janasse - Chaupin 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and small notes of wild black berries associated with violet hints of violet, elderberries as well as very discreet hints of cocoa, scrubland and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, gourmande, well-built and offers delicacy, finesse, unctuousity, a mineral frame, a fine acidity as well as a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sour cherry / black cherry, ripe / crushed blueberry, plum associated with small notes wild strawberry / wild red berries as well as slight hints of cocoa and a very discreet hint of caramelization / Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are slightly mellow. Power on the finish.

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

### Domaine de la Janasse - Vieilles Vignes 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic, racy and powerful (but in finesse). It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of wild strawberry, spices, licorice, flowers as well as discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, finesse, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness, a good definition as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of juicy black berries, fleshy blueberry associated with hints of fleshy raspberry, Zan, tobacco, toasted oak / chocolate as well as slight / discreet hints of caramelization and almond. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length.

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

### Clos St Antonin 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and offers power, elegance, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of black berries, crushed blueberry associated with touches of grove, mocha as well as a very discreet hint of grove / licorice and an imperceptible hint of tobacco blond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful suavity, straightness, elegance, balance as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of elderberry, fleshy raspberry as well as discreet touches of licorice / zan and spices. Tannins are well-built and a bit mellow. Good length. There is a discreet hint of dark chocolate / cocoa in the background.

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

### Baron de Montfaucon 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose offers notes of blackberry, small wild berries, flowers (violet, iris) associated with small touches of wild strawberry, slight touches of Zan, gray pepper as well as a subtle touch of sweet spices, oak / toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, gourmande and offers suavity, a small freshness, a very slightly tight grain, a slight straightness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, small black berries and small notes of sour cherry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices / zan. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and dry. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of cocoa and flowers / iris on the persistence.

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

### Château Fortia - Réserve 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose offers intensity as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of leather, wild berries associated with a touch of white pepper. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy and offers a bit tight grain, an acidulous frame, a good structure, a slight tension, a racy minerality as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry / sour cherry, blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry associated with hints of plum, mocha, leather, tobacco as well as slight hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of grove / thyme. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. There are a hint of caramelization and cocoa on the persistence.

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

### Domaine de la Janasse 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of wild blueberry, elderberry and small black fruits associated with slight touches of scrubland / grove, thyme and roasted / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, tense and offers a small juiciness, a good definition, freshness, a slight mineral frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black berry, cassis and small notes of black fruits associated with hints of sour cherry, crushed raspberry as well as subtle hints of spices, grove, licorice and a hint of caramelization on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Small firmness and gourmandise on the finish. There is an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the finish.

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

### Chateau-Fortia - Tradition 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of red cherry, sour cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with subtle hints of cassis, violet, Cuban pepper as well as a very discreet hint of thyme and roasted (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, straight and offers suavity, juiciness, precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe redcurrants, juicy cherry, juicy sour cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of licorice / Zan as well as slight hints of cocoa / tonka bean, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of violet / Sichuan pepper. Tannins are fine and firm. Good length. There are a hint of espresso and an imperceptible hint of almond on the finish / persistence.

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

### Château-Fortia - Cuvée du Baron 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a small straightness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed blueberries, liquorice as well as slight hints of liquorice, spices, roasted and a very discreet hint of scrubland (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small suavity, a fine freshness, gourmandise as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of sour cherry, blueberries associated with slight touches of licorice, chocolate as well as slight hints of sweet spices / vanilla. Good length. Tannins are fine and slightly firm.

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

### Nolandra 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, captivating and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful grain as well as a very fine power and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, fleshy blueberry and small notes of violet, crushed strawberry associated with touches of vanilla, chocolate, spices as well as discreet hints of liquorice, an imperceptible hint of scrubland (in the background) and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine juicy frame, a beautiful finesse / precision, a fine juiciness / freshness, elegance, a very slightly tight grain, complexity as well as fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy blueberry and small notes of vanilla, fleshy strawberry associated with small / slight touches of crushed raspberry, crushed cassis as well as fine toasted touches, chocolate, flowers, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. The wine needs to be put in carafe. There is a discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste / persistence. Congratulations !

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

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## Domaine du Vieux Lazaret 2015

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed raspberry associated with small touches of blue fruits as well as a discreet hint of violets and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy / acidulous frame, suavity, elegance, a good freshness as well as a fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate the wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with slight touches of fleshy strawberry, Zan, discreet hints of liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh almond and toasted. Good length. Fine chew on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

## Domaine du Vieux Lazaret Cuvée Exceptionnelle 2015

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and vanilla associated with touches of cherries as well as discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a beautiful and juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, juicy / fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy black berries associated with touches of blackberry, vanilla as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Domaine Duclaux 2011

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry and iris associated with fine touches of cassis as well as hints of incense, truffle / undergrowth, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a fine / beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness, roundness, precision as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy black cherry and small notes of fleshy blackberry, graphite, spices as well as discreet hints of scrubland / roasted thyme, undergrowth / mushroom and a very discreet hint of leather. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built. A beautiful, delicate and suave wine.

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

## Château-Fortia 2017

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of quince, fleshy peach and small notes of apricot associated with discreet hints of mirabelle plum as well as an imperceptible touch of zest, papaya, flint and grove. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande, beautifully defined, precise, finesse and suavity, finesse of the grain, a good juiciness, minerality, a beautiful guideline as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with small touches of ripe apricot associated with discreet hints of apple, citrus as well as a very discreet hint of flowers / grove, papaya (in the background) and an imperceptible toasted hint / vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

## Domaine du Vieux Lazaret 2016

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits / yellow plum associated with touches of brugnion, apple, quenette as well as very discreet hints of zest and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly "perlante" (discreetly sparkling) and offers a good definition, a small tension, power, a slight richness, a beautiful crystalline minerality, a good structure as well as a beautifully fine and very

slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, ripe brugnion and small notes of quince, crunchy physalis, yellow plum as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax and a toasted / nutmeg. Good length.

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

## Domaine Duclaux 2013

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness and a small power. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of crushed pears, quenette associated with slight touches of crushed physalis, toasted / vanilla as well as very discreet hints of brugnion and a very discreet hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, juiciness, a good guideline, finesse, fleshiness, a small concentration, suavity as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed pears and small notes of brugnion, quenette associated with touches of flowers / grove, physalis, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of citrus and a very discreet hint of beeswax.

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

## VINSOBRES

## Domaine Constant-Duquesnoy - In Fine 2015

### Vinsobres

The nose is racy, elegant and offers a slight intensity and power. It reveals notes of blackberries, wild black berries and small notes of crunchy wild blueberries associated with hints of Cuben pepper, flowers and scrubland. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, a small suavity as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy blackberry and bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of crushed blueberries as well as hints of crushed/ripe red berries, Cuben pepper, scrubland (rosemary, thyme ... ), cocoa / mocha, coffee as well as an imperceptible hint of lavender. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm.

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

## Domaine Constant-Duquesnoy 2016

### Vinsobres

The nose is aromatic, powerful and intense. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, blueberries, violet / iris and small notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry, saffron associated with slight hints of incense, Sichuan pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, ample, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a good suavity, tension, juiciness, a small gourmandise as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small notes of blueberry, violet / iris as well as slight hints of incense, saffron, licorice, slight toasted hints and vanilla. Tannins are firm. Good length. There is a hint of espresso on the persistence.

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

## Domaine Constant-Duquesnoy - Confidence 2015

### Vinsobres

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed blackberry, Sichuan pepper and bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, redcurrant acidulous candy as well as hints of gray pepper, thyme and imperceptible hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful precision, a small straightness, a small jutosity, an acidulous frame, a small straightness as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, blueberries and small notes of crushed raspberry, ripe red berries associated with small touches of spices, Sichuan pepper, violet as well as hints of scrubland and gray pepper. Good length. Tannins are mellow / a bit firm. There is a hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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



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## **Domaine Jaume - Référence 2015** Vinsobres

The nose offers hints of blackberries, black berries and small notes of fresh red fruits associated with touches of vanilla, scrubland as well as subtle hints of liquorice, Cuben pepper and a subtle toasted hint / caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a small juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of red small fruits, vanilla, liquorice, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of rosemary. Tannins are well-built, straight and a bit firm. Good length. There are discreet hints of almond and a slight chew on the persistence / finish.

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

## **Domaine Jaume - Altitude 420, millésime 2015** Vinsobres

The nose is a bit firm and offers a slight power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, roasted thyme, spices as well as discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, minerality, straightness, a small freshness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, sour cherry and small notes of blackberries, small red fruits associated with small touches of tonka bean, scrubland and spices. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length. Slight chew on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of mocha / bitterness cocoa on the finish / persistence.

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

## **Domaine Jaume - Vinéa Nature 2016** Vinsobres

The nose offers notes of wild red berries, wild blackberries and small notes of white pepper, leather associated with discreet hints of moist forest soil, red fruits, spices, minerality and thyme. The palate is fruity and offers a good juiciness, precision, suavity, tension, a good balance, good definition, a small acid frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cherry bigarreau associated with small touches of red fruits, elderberries / black berries, spices as well as discreet hints of leather (on the finish) and of scrubland. Tannins are fine, a bit tight as well as a bit firm. Good length.

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

## **COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES**

### **Château Grand Escalion - Safranée 2016** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is aromatic, fruity, racy and offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of crushed redcurrants combined with slight touches of spices, Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of grove. The palate is fruity, soft, suave, well-built and offers freshness, juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, a good guideline as well as a good tannic slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberries, sour cherry and small notes of ripe wild red berries associated with small hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of grove, cocoa and oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of flowers, vanilla and almond on the finish / persistence.

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

### **Château de Valcombe 2016** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness / juiciness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe strawberry and fresh raspberry associated with discreet touches of cassis as well as an imperceptible hint of scrubland / thyme and subtle touches of racy minerality (sandstone). The palate is fruity well-balanced, racy and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight juiciness, as well as acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis, wild strawberry and touches of fresh raspberry, bigarreau cherry associated with touches of racy minerality (sandstone) as well as subtle touches of spices and mineral salts on the finish. Tannins are well-built. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate / colas on the finish / in the background.

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

### **Château de Valcombe - Prestige 2015** Costières de Nîmes

It reveals notes of quenette, litchi, slight touches of fresh ripe brugnion associated with slight / subtle toasted hints, butter as well as a very discreet hint of fresh applesauce and an imperceptible toasted hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, a slight acid frame as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, fresh / ripe brugnion and small notes of butter associated with a subtle hint of passion fruit, litchi as well as an imperceptible hint of tangerine zest, ripe / acidulous lemon and slight toasted hints. Good length. Very slight touches of salinity on the finish.

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

### **Château de Valcombe - Octobre Rouge 2014** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is fruity, slightly tight, racy, ripe and offers a slight richness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy black cherry and crushed strawberry combined with subtle touches of licorice, scrubland / thyme as well as subtle hints of tonka bean, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of vanilla / coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a small juiciness, a small fleshiness, freshness, a good structure, a beautiful maturity as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe black / bigarreau cherry and crushed strawberry associated with slight touches of liquorice, a hint of scrubland, racy minerality, vanilla, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. This wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

### **Château de Valcombe 2016** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is fruity, slightly tight, and offers a small freshness, a fine juiciness as well as a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon zest and citrus associated with subtle hints of minerality / sandstone. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offers fat, a fine acid frame (in the background), tension as well as a very slight chalky side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zest, ripe mandarin orange zest, citrus and racy minerality associated with a slight chalky side as well as discreet hints of juicy / fresh exotic fruit (lychee / pineapple) in the background and a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). Good length.

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

### **Château d'Or et de Gueules - La Bolida 2016** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, slight power as well as finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, juicy fleshy blueberry and small notes of sour cherry, wild blue fruits associated with a hint of crushed raspberry as well as slight / discreet touches of spices, gray pepper, thyme and to an imperceptible hint of violet / Zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers juiciness, a slight freshness, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise, a good definition, a mineral frame, precision, harmony, a good tannic structure as well as a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blueberry and small notes of cherry, wild blue fruits associated with a hint of redcurrants as well as slight hints of spices, cornflowers, Zan, cocoa and oak. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very slightly tight. Good length.

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

### **Château d'Or et de Gueules - Qu'es a Quo 2016** Costières de Nîmes

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed blue fruits and small notes of blackberry associated with hints of wild strawberries, flowers (lilac, violet), spices as well as a discreet hint of olive, Zan and toasted / dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good juiciness, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, richness, straightness, finesse as well as a good volume and a slight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of sour cherry associated with touches of fleshy blue fruits, crushed raspberry and small touches of flowers (cornflowers, lilac, violet), spices / toasted and a very discreet hint of grove. Tannins are a bit firm and very slightly dry. Good length.

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

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### Domaine Ratte - Naturé 2017

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and almond associated with discreet hints of nutmeg and small fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine suavity, tension, dynamism as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy small yellow fruits, crunchy mirabelle plums and almonds combined with fine touches of flowers, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of green apple (on the finish). Very discreet tannic sensation on the finish. There is a hint of walnuts and almond on the finish / persistence. Gourmande and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.25+ (90-91/100)

### Domaine Ratte - Grand Curoulet 2016

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers intensity and elegance. It reveals notes of mountain flowers, fresh almonds and fresh mirabelle / physalis associated with discreet hints of fresh orange zest as well as a subtle hint of spices and minerality. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully fresh, well-balanced, precise, a bit gourmand and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine straightness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy physalis, mirabelle plum and small notes of orange peel associated with small touches of crunchy green apple, mountain flowers as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Good persistence. There is a hint of fresh almond, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of fresh hazelnut and an imperceptible touch of cocoa (in the background) on the persistence.

Score : 16 (92/100)

### Domaine Jean-Louis Tissot

#### Cuvée Boutemple 2015

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a good grain finesse. It reveals notes of crunchy nectarine, mirabelle plum and small notes of flowers associated with a very discreet hint of white pepper and an imperceptible touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, intensity, concentration, a racy minerality, fat, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good freshness as well as a beautiful acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy physalis, apple and small notes of wildflowers associated with small / fine touches of nectarine, racy minerality as well as an imperceptible touch of white pepper (in the background). Good length. Almost tannic sensation on the finish. There are slight hints of fresh hazelnut and dried almond on the finish / persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5+ (91/100)

### Domaine Rolet - Chardonnay 2014

#### Arbois

The nose offers a small concentration. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, fresh leather and small notes of butter associated with small touches of crushed white fruit as well as discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of acacia. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse, suavity, a small fat, dynamism as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, crispy/acidulous mirabelle plum and flowers associated with touches of fresh leather as well as small hints of almond, minerality and butter. Good length. The finish is a bit acidulous (brings appetite). The persistence is gourmande.

Score : 14.75+ (89/100)

### Domaine Rolet - Tradition 2012

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic, powerful, elegant and offers richness and finesse. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, butter and small notes of honey associated with small touches of nutmeg, a hint of citrus fruit as well as fine hints of flowers and a very discreet hint of acacia. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, beautifully defined and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, finesse as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes

of acidulous physalis, apple and small notes of citrus associated with touches of almond, nutmeg, flowers, mountain flowers as well as a very discreet hint of acacia / linden tree (in the background) and hazelnut oil. Good length. The finish is slightly tannic. Beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5 (93/100)

### Jacques Tissot « Les Corvées sous Curon »

#### 2016 Chardonnay

#### Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine freshness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fresh mirabelle plum and small yellow fruit associated with touches of butter, toasted touches, almond as well as an imperceptible touch of white pepper and gunflint. The palate is fresh, fruity, very slightly tight and offers juiciness, a beautiful acid frame, tension, freshness as well as a beautiful minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy mirabelle plum, juicy peach and small notes of juicy citrus associated with a very discreet hint of almond, ripe pineapple, racy minerality and an imperceptible touch of vanilla / butter. The finish is a bit tight. Good length.

Score : 14.75 (88-89/100)

### Domaine Amélie Guillot

#### Chardonnay, Vieilles Vignes 2016

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as minerality. It reveals notes of juicy citrus (kumquat ...), juicy peach and small notes of white fruits associated with a touch of physalis and nuts. The palate is fresh, fruity, beautifully fat / suave, elegant, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse / definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (kumquat, quince) and small notes of juicy yellow fruits associated with touches of nectarine, pear and discreet hints of nut / almond on the finish. There is a very fine tannic sensation on the finish.

Score : 15.25 (90/100)

### Rijckaert – Chardonnay 2016

#### Arbois

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of quince and small yellow fruits associated with small touches of orange zest, physalis, peach, discreet hints of racy minerality, fresh apricot as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of beeswax and spices. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, elegant, precise, straight, frank and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful guideline as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy physalis, small fresh / juicy yellow fruits and small notes of fleshy / juicy peach associated with fine touches of quenette, crushed apple as well as an imperceptible touch of racy minerality and flowers (in the background). beautiful persistence. There is an imperceptible almond / woody hint.

Score : 16.25 (92-93/100)

### Domaine de Montbourgeau

#### Cuvée Spéciale 2014

#### L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful softness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, fleshy yellow peach and small notes of mountain flowers associated with fine touches of vanilla, butter as well as a very discreet muscated hint. The palate is fruity, elegant, soft, delicate and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, fat, suavity, a beautiful minerality, a very fine unctuousness, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful balance as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of butter associated with small touches of green apple, yellow peach, small yellow fruits, muscat, mountain flower and a touch of almond. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 17 (94/100)

### Domaine de Montbourgeau - En Banode 2015

#### L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers minerality, a beautiful richness (but full of finesse) as well as a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, fresh almonds, nutmeg / cumin as well as discreet hints of white fruit and a subtle hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, well-

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balanced, elegant, a bit on restraint and offers suavity, a good acid frame and a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy mirabelle plum and quince associated with small notes of yellow berries, fresh almond as well as discreet hints of flowers, spices, nutmeg and crunchy almond. Good length. Beautiful and gourmande persistence.

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

## Domaine de Montbourgeau 2015

### L'Etoile

The nose is fine and mineral. It reveals notes of small yellow plum, green walnuts and small notes of fleshy berries associated with slight / discreet hints of honey, almond and an imperceptible touch of white pepper and toasted touch (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, well-balanced and offers tension, dynamism, fat, minerality, a good finesse of the grain, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful texture and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy yellow plum, quince and small notes of almond associated with hints of honey, discreet hints of white flowers as well as a very discreet hint of nuts and an imperceptible hint of cocoa. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Domaine des Avanchés Chardonnay, Cuvée Aéria 2015

### L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, flowery and well-built. It reveals notes of wild flowers, acacia and small notes of citrus, kumquat associated with a hint of peach and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good freshness, a beautiful definition / finesse, dynamism, fat, a beautiful guideline, delicacy as well as a very slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus, acacia and small notes of mirabelle plum, crunchy peach associated with small touches of flowers as well as fine touches of crunchy almond and an imperceptible hint of green nuts. Good length. Fine chews on persistence. Presence of a hint of almond on the persistence (brings gourmandise and chew). A beautiful wine!

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

## Domaine des Avanchés - Chardonnay 2016

### L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic and slightly fleshy / juicy. It reveals notes of fresh almond, small yellow fruits and small notes of citrus (quince ...) associated with fine hints of spices and leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, fat, an acidulous frame, a very fine tension as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, juicy yellow peach and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of butter, vanilla as well as an imperceptible touch of white fruits and leather. Good length.

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

## Domaine Baud Génération 9 - Chardonnay 2015

### L'Etoile

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of juicy citrus (quince, tangerine, lemon) combined with touches of crunchy physalis as well as slight hints of almond. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy tangerine and small notes of juicy vine peach, lemon associated with small touches of juicy mirabelle as well as slight hints of almond and an imperceptible touch of acacia (in the background). Good length. There are hints of almond on the finish (bring chews and gourmandise).

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

## Jérôme Arnoux - Chantemerle 2015

### Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers a fleshy finish. It reveals notes of white fruit, lychee and small notes of fleshy / juicy peach, citrus associated with fine touches of flowers and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity / fat, a good definition, gourmandise as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe tangerine combined with small small notes of crushed yellow peach, crushed pear and small touches of fleshy mirabelle plum, flowers, vanilla as

well as a very discreet hint of butter and spices. Good length. Fine firmness on the finish.

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

## Domaine Foret - Vin Jaune 2004

### Arbois

The nose is aromatic, powerful and intense. It reveals notes of dried quince, dried citrus fruit and mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of Zante currants, acacia, spices, nutmeg, discreet hints of butter as well as an imperceptible hint of iris and pepper. The palate is fruity, delicate, suave, soft, well-balanced, elegant, a bit on the retained and offers a mineral frame (beautiful minerality), a very fine unctuousity, tension, a good freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow plum, quince and small notes of dried peach combined with fine touches of lemon / dried mandarin as well as small hints of butter / apple butter, gunflint and spices. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of pâtisseries and fresh almond on the persistence.

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

## Rolet Père et Fils - Vin Jaune 2010

### Arbois

The nose is fresh, fruity, slightly restrained and offers freshness. It reveals notes of apple cooked in butter, quince and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of almond, butter, spices and an imperceptible touch of verberna. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise, fine and offers a beautiful finesse of the structure, a fine suavity, delicacy, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of dried lemon associated with fine touches of dried green apple, almond, acacia and very discreet hints of butter / vanilla. Very beautiful acidulous finish. Presence of a hint of almond on the end of mouth. Good length. Beautiful, suave and gourmande persistence.

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

## Domaine Grand - En Beaumont 2010

### Château-Chalon

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fresh and beautifully defined. It reveals notes of dried berries, mirabelle plum, dried lemon and dried peach combined with small notes of flowers as well as small hints of acacia honey and almonds. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a very beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, dynamism, a fine suavity, a good structure, roundness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with small touches of dried apple, dried peach, fresh almond as well as slight hints of acacia honey, green walnuts and an imperceptible hint of butter (in the background). Good length. There are a very discreet hint of fresh almond and an imperceptible touch of pâtisseries on the aftertaste.

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

## Domaine Désiré Petit - L'Essen'ciel 2016

### Arbois-Pupillin

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and gunflint associated with small touches of apple, nutmeg, dried almond and an imperceptible touch of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a beautiful juiciness, roundness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with touches of mirabelle, gunflint and dried almond. Good length.

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

## Domaine Foret - Cuvée Todorin 2015

### Arbois

The nose is aromatic and offers a small minerality, freshness and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, iris, lilac) associated with small touches of fresh fruit, gunflint as well as slight hints of dried almond and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine tension, a fine suavity, gourmandise, a very fine unctuousity, freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine

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expresses notes of juicy mirabelle plum, crunchy physalis and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of butter, caramel, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and cinnamon. Good length. Very slight tannic sensation and fine chews on the finish / persistence. There are slight hints of fresh almond on the finish / persistence.

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

### Jérôme Arnoux - Quintessence 2013 Arbois

The nose is elegant, well defined and mineral. It reveals notes of quince, yellow plum and small notes of dried fruit (nuts, almond) associated with discreet hints of flowers and hot butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful minerality as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, acidulous physalis and juicy plum associated with small touches of green apple as well as discreet hints of flowers, nutmeg and honey. Good length.

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

### Domaine Foret - Secret d'Origine 2005 Arbois

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of small yellow plums, butter apple and small notes of quince, honey, flowers associated with touches of spices as well as slight hints of almond and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, straight, elegant and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, tension, a fine unctuousity, a small freshness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow plum / mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of crushed physalis associated with small touches of honey, fresh almond, spices as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Good length.

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

### L'Inattendue, Château de L'Etoile 2015 L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, fruity and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (lychee, quenette, papaya) combined with touches of sweet pink grapefruit, lemon and discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, freshness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, quenette and small notes of ripe grapefruit associated with small touches of apple, racy minerality and white flowers. Good length. An easy-drinking wine.

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

### Château l'Etoile - Cuvée des Ceps d'Or 2015 L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, very slightly tight, elegant and offers a small power. It reveals notes of crunchy green plum, mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with touches of fresh almond and a very discreet nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, a mineral frame (fine minerality), finesse, suavity, purity as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of apple, citrus, racy minerality, spices as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible touch of vanilla (in the background). There are a hint of fresh almond and a hint of green nuts on the finish / persistence. Fine chews on the finish.

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

### Jean-Luc Mouillard - Le Curieux 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is mineral, slightly retained and offers a small freshness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of mirabelle, gunflint, ripe citrus and acacia honey combined with touches of quince, crushed small yellow fruits and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, delicate and offers a small unctuousity, juiciness, gourmandise as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of mandarin associated with small / fine touches of quenette, vine peach as well as with slight hints of vanilla and butter. Good length. There is a very fine tannic sensation on the finish (brings chews). A beautiful wine!

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

### Domaine Grand - La Grande Chaude 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity, a fine concentration as well as a small minerality. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of flat peach associated with slight touches of juicy citrus as well as discreet hints of butter and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of quince, vine peach associated with fine touches of apple, juicy tangerine, racy minerality as well as very discreet toasted hints and butter. Good length.

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

### Domaine Pignier - A la Percenette 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of juicy / ripe lemon and juicy / ripe peach combined with small touches of fresh apricot, white flowers, quince, slight hints of minerality as well as a touch of white fruit and fresh almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small tension, finesse and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and small notes of kumquat, quince associated with a touch of ripe seed of lemon, fine touches of crunchy white fruits, white flowers as well as very discreet hints of almond, racy minerality / flint and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. Good length and persistence. Very fine chews on the persistence. Presence of a hint of almond on the aftertaste. Beautiful juiciness!

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

### Domaine Pignier - Sauvageon 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, fruity, elegant, precise and offers a fine concentration, richness as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of lemon, small yellow plum and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of mirabelle, quince, flat peach, fresh almond and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise, dynamism, precision, a good structure as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, flat peach and small notes of apple associated with small touches of mirabelle plum, kumquat as well as fine hints of honey, acacia, flowers and almond. Good length. Fine tannic sensation on the finish. Good and acidulous persistence. There is an imperceptible touch of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

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

### Granges Bernard - Chardonnay 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is racy and offers power and minerality. It reveals notes of acacia, green apple and small notes of white flowers / iris associated with small touches of citrus, gunflint and discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers suavity, roundness, straightness, a small acid frame, a racy minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of apple as well as discreet hints of white flowers and a very discreet hint of acacia honey. Good length.

There is a tannic hint on the finish.  
**Score : 14.75+ (89/100)**

### Domaine Pignier - Gamay Blanc 2016 Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic and offers a small richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, small green plum and touches of citrus associated with a touch of vine peach and points of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, the minerality, a fine tension, gourmandise, a slight straightness, a fine acidulous frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crunchy small green plum and small notes of juicy peach associated with small touches of citrus (tangerine ...) and slight hints of fine minerality and butter / vanilla. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of green nuts on the aftertaste.

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



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## Domaine Baud Génération 9 - Les Prémices 2015

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers richness as well as finesse. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and small notes of white flowers / rose associated with small touches of lychee, citrus, nuts and almonds. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, unctuous and offers fat, a fine tension, a small freshness, a good precision as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of vanilla, butter, almond and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background).

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

## Domaine Grand - Tradition 2014

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine intensity and delicacy. It reveals notes of crushed yellow fruits, acacia honey and small notes of quince marmalade associated with fine touches of flowers and vanilla. The palate is fruity, gourmet, elegant, soft, delicate, unctuous and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, crushed quince, ripe / crushed peach and small notes of honey associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, ripe apple as well as hints of vanilla, honey and white flowers. Good length. Fine firmness on the finish. Fine tannic sensation and chews on the finish / persistence.

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

## Jean-Luc Mouillard - Chardonnay 2016

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, elegant and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach and citrus (tangerine, lemon) associated with touches of racy minerality / flint, flowers and small touches of white fruits, flowers, a hint of fruit exotic / ripe grapefruit as well as discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful balance, a good structure, a good definition, a beautiful delicacy as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin and small notes of juicy white fruits associated with fine touches of vanilla, flowers, butter, ripe grapefruit as well as hints of fresh almond. Good length. Very slight chews on the finish. Very slight firmness on persistence.

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

## Fruitière de Voiteur - Chardonnay Fût 2015

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is nicely aromatic and offers intensity as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of peach associated with fine touches of vanilla, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, roundness, fat, a fine mineral frame, freshness as well as a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach and ripe citrus associated with small notes of oak, vanilla as well as hints of almond and a discreet hint of fresh walnuts. Good length.

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

## Rijckaert - Les Sarres 2016, Savagnin

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, racy minerality and a small notes of acidulous yellow plum associated with fine hints of yellow fruit as well as very discreet hints of peach, fresh almond, spices / straw and an imperceptible touch of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, fat, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, fleshiness, a beautiful finesse as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, vine peach and small notes of quenette, exotic fruit associated with small touches of acidulous yellow plum and an imperceptible touch of flowers (on the finish). Good length and persistence (with a touch of acidulous citrus). A very beautiful wine!

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

## Rijckaert - Vignes des Voises 2016, Vieilles Vignes

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is fresh, fruity and very slightly tight. It reveals notes of quince, physalis and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine touches of citrus (kumquat, lemon), racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, beautifully precise, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, straightness, finesse, minerality as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon fleshy peach and small notes of apple associated with small touches of fleshy ripe plum as well as slight hints of quenette and an imperceptible hint of honey (in the background). Good length.

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

## Domaine Rolet - Chardonnay 2013

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is finely powerful offers a fine intensity and a very fine freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy yellow fruits, leather, almond and nuts combined with fine hints of flowers, white fruits as well as a very discreet hint of cumin and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a beautiful definition, a good finesse of the grain, a fine juiciness, a good freshness as well as a slightly unctuous texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy mirabelle plum, acidulous physalis and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of green apple, flowers and a very discreet hint of spices on the finish. Fine tannic sensation on the finish.

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

## Domaine Rolet 2011

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, elegant, well defined and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, fleshy peach and small notes of quince, mountain flowers associated with fine touches of kumquat, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of butter and an imperceptible touch of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, suavity as well as a good precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis, small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of honey, flowers, acacia, gunflint as well as a very discreet hint of fresh almond. Good length. Beautiful, slightly acidulous, fruity and gourmande persistence. There are slight hints of ripe almond on the persistence (bring chews).

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

## VIN JAUNE & VIN DE PAILLE DU JURA

## Domaine Grand - Vin de Paille 2014

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers minerality. It reveals notes of quince, mandarin marmalade and candied lemon associated with small notes of honey, apple in syrup and discreet toffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, roundness, a beautiful acid frame, a fine freshness, a good structure as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, candied lemon and mirabelle plum jam combined with small touches of marmalade, candied orange zest as well as hints of caramel, spices and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). There are a hint of cereals / muesli (bottom) and a hint of dried almond at the finish / persistence.

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

## Domaine Pignier - Vin de Paille 2011

### Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers intensity and a small concentration. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, plum and small notes of quince, marmalade associated with small touches of acacia honey, spices and a very discreet nutmeg. The palate is fruity, gourmande, precise, fine, elegant and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine tension, a good freshness as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried apricot, crushed yellow plum and small notes of marmalade, candied lemon associated with fine touches of fleshy / crushed vine peach, honey and sweet spices. Good aromatic persistence with, especially, hints of almond and dried apricot.

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

# Jura

### Fruitière Vinicole de Voiteur 2011 Château-Chalon (Vin Jaune)

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic and captivating. It reveals notes of cooked apple, nuts and small notes of flowers, acacia associated with touches of spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramel and verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, precise, frank and offers delicacy, minerality, a small acidulous frame, a (very) slight unctuous texture and a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, cooked apple and small notes of yellow grapes associated with small touches of fresh walnuts, hazelnut oil, flowers and spices. Good length and beautiful persistence. Beautiful freshness, fine tannic sensation and fine power on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of fresh almond on the after-taste.

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

### Granges-Bernard 2010 Château-Chalon (Vin Jaune)

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of dried fruits, apple cooked in butter and small notes of quince, small yellow fruits associated with a discreet hint of apple, acacia, flint, spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, frank, straight, structured and offers a good definition, a beautiful delicacy, a fine acidulous frame, a small freshness as well as a beautiful texture in lace. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon caviar and mirabelle plum associated with small touches of flint / minerality, white flowers as well as very discreet hints of fresh almond. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of vanilla on the finish. The finish is a bit powerful.

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

## MACVIN DU JURA

### Baud - Esprit de Raisin Macvin du Jura

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of dried apricots and raisins associated with small notes of candied orange zest, white flowers as well as fine touches of acacia honey and pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness, a good finesse of the grain, delicacy, gourmandise as well as an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach, candied lemon and tarte Tatin associated with small notes of caramelization, hazelnut and dried fruits. Good length.

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

### Granges Bernard Macvin du Jura

The nose is fine, aromatic and offers concentration. It reveals notes of mountain flowers, acacia and small notes of orange marmalade, verbena associated with fine touches of caramelized peach, pear, spices, nutmeg and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small unctuousity, fat, juiciness, finesse, gourmandise as well as a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of orange marmalade, dried apricot and small notes of candied lemon associated with fine touches of candied almond, caramelization / cane sugar as well as a very discreet hint of almond. Good length.

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

### Domaine Foret - Chardonnay, Arbois Macvin du Jura

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a beautiful finesse as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of dry white grapes, candied lemon and small notes of peach in syrup associated with small / fine touches of green apple, lime and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a good definition, a small tension, suavity, freshness, a beautiful definition / precision as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied quince and small notes of white peach in syrup, marmalade associated with touches of almond, fresh walnuts as well as discreet hints of white flowers / linden tree, candied mandarin, honey and spices. Good length. There are a fine firmness and a very discreet tannic sensation on the finish.

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

### Domaine Mouillard Macvin du Jura

The nose is aromatic and offers fleshiness as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of white flowers, linden tree, caramelized orange zest and quince associated with small notes of small yellow fruits in syrup as well as slight hints of honey and a discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a good definition, minerality, fat, roundness, gourmandise as well as a fine intensity / depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crystallized tangerine and candied lemon associated with small touches of jammy yellow fruits as well as slight touches of apple in syrup, marmalade, honey, almond and hints of nougatine. Good length. Acidulous finish on the finish / persistence.

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

### Fruitière de Voiteur - Vin Galant Macvin du Jura

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of mountain flowers, acacia and small notes of grapes, orange associated with a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a small tension, gourmandise, finesse, dynamism as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied tangerine, juicy grapes and small notes of caramel apple associated with small touches of pâtisseries, mountain flowers and an imperceptible touch of almond. Good length. Very discreet firmness on the persistence.

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

### Domaine Desiré Petit Macvin du Jura (rosé wine)

The nose is slightly intense and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis jam, redcurrant and small notes of crushed plum associated with touches of Zante currants as well as a very discreet touch of caramelized orange zest and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a good definition, finesse, delicacy, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful roundness as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, candied cherry and small notes of redcurrant jam associated with small touches of plum, candied orange zest as well as a very discreet hint of honey, hazelnut and almond. Good length.

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

### Domaine Pignier Macvin du Jura (red wine)

The nose is aromatic, a bit gourmand and offers power as well as fleshiness. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, Quetsche plum as well as discreet hints of candied orange zest, cocoa and spices / cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a tangy frame, precision, straightness, a small concentration, gourmandise, dynamism as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of cassis jam, hints of marmalade, cocoa / tonka fve as well as discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of tea. Good length.

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

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# Jura

## ROUGE & ROSÉ JURA

### Domaine Ratte - Les Corvées 2017

#### Arbois

The nose reveals notes of redcurrant, wild raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of flowers and cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a small acid frame, a small juiciness, precision, a beautiful texture as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild red berries, wild raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of violet, spices and a very discreet hint of wild flowers, nutmeg and clove. Tannins are very discreetly mellow. Good length.

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

### Château de L'Etoile - Pinot Noir 2017

#### Côtes-du-Jura

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cherry associated with discreet hints of small red berries and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, concentration, a beautiful suavity / roundness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of juicy red fruits associated with small hints of black berries, liquorice as well as discreet hints of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly dry.

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

### Domaine Pignier - Trousseau 2017

#### Côtes-du-Jura

The nose is aromatic and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of plum associated with discreet hints of cardamom as well as an imperceptible touch of white pepper and violet. The palate is fruity, aromatic, mineral, straight, well-balanced, frank, suave and offers a good freshness as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of liquorice, blue berries as well as a very discreet / imperceptible touch of violet and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very discreetly powdered.

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

### Jean-Luc Mouillard - Trousseau 2017

#### Côtes-du-Jura

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of plum associated with discreet hints of lilac, pepper as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, soft, sleek/fluid, suave, well-balanced and offers a small tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, a small freshness, straightness as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with discreet hints of blueberry / lilac as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible touch of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and discreetly mellow.

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

### Domaine Baud Génération 9

#### Cousu Main, Trousseau 2016

#### Côtes-du-Jura

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers a fine richness as well as a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of red fruits associated with hints of white pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit gourmand and offers a good definition, a small mineral frame, a good volume, a fine suavity as

well as a fine acidity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, ripe red berries and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of cassis, violet, spices, tonka bean as well as a very discreet touch of cardamom, liquorice and gunflint. Tannins are slightly mellow. Good length.

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

### Domaine Grand Le Mont Royal 2015, Trousseau

#### Côtes-du-Jura

The nose offers a small concentration as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of crushed plum associated with small touches of nutmeg and cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, round, suave, beautifully built / defined and offers fat, a fine unctuousity, a fine acidulous frame, minerality as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of wild berries, flowers (lilac, iris) as well as very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Good length. Fine chews on the finish. There are a very discreet touch of gray pepper, cocoa and a very discreet toasted touch on the persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

### Domaine Amélie Guillot En Tartot 2017, Trousseau

#### Arbois

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and crunchy small fruits associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy cassis and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, a racy minerality, roundness, freshness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and small crunchy / juicy berries associated with slight touches of flowers and a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are very discreetly firm.

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

### Domaine Rolet Rouge Tradition 2012

#### Arbois

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry, flowers (peony ...) and small notes of ripe red berries associated with slight hints of cassis, cherry and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity / gourmandise as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, crushed / ripe redcurrants and raspberry acidulous candy associated with small notes of acidulous cassis as well as slight touches of flowers and very discreet hints of strawberry. Good length.

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

### Domaine des Avanchés Trousseau 2017

#### Côtes du Jura

The nose offers power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of red berries associated with discreet hints of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, roundness, a beautiful precision, power, a beautiful straightness, a racy minerality, a small juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of small crunchy red berries, flowers as well as a very discreet touch of iris / flowers and pepper. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length and persistence.

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



# Jura

**Domaine Amélie Guillot  
En Tartot 2016, Trousseau  
Arbois**

The nose reveals notes of red berries and crunchy wild cassis combined with small notes of violet as well as discreet hints of plum, gunflint, pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good suavity as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, red berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of blackberry, violet, gunflint as well as a very discreet touch of gray pepper and grove. Good length.  
**Score : 14 (86-87/100)**

**Jean-Lus Mouillard - Rubis 2017  
Côtes du Jura**

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of ripe red fruits (berries, cherry) associated with discreet hints of blueberry, violet, aromatic herbs and Cuben pepper / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, a fine suavity as well as a very fine acidity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, wild berries and small notes of plum associated with fine hints of fresh / juicy raspberry, cassis as well as a very discreet hint of violet, cocoa and spices. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Good length. There is a very discreet touch of almond on the aftertaste.

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

**Domaine Jean-Louis Tissot  
Rosières 2016  
Arbois**

The nose is fruity, a bit closed and a bit tight. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cherry, plum and small notes of blueberry, small berries associated with fine touches of iris, lilac as well as discreet hints of camphor and spices. The palate is mineral, fruity, slightly tight and offers suavity, tension, a small freshness, straightness, precision as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy red berries and crunchy cassis associated with small notes of blackberry, iris, violet as well as discreet hints of cherry, rose and racy minerality. Tannins are precise and slightly firm / brings chews. There are a very discreet hint of camphor and a very discreet hint of dry almond on the finish / persistence.

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

**Domaine Désiré Petit  
Les Grandes Gardes 2016, Trousseau  
Arbois**

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and crunchy red berries associated with touches of spices, fresh leather as well as discreet hints of pepper (in the background). The palate is well-built precise, well-balanced, a bit gourmande and offers freshness, minerality, dynamism, a good definition, a mineral frame, a fine suavity, juiciness as well as a small intensity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, zan, flowers as well as very discreet hints of spices and cardamom. Good length. There are hints of flower/rose on the persistence.

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

**Domaine Foret  
Instant Flora 2015, Trousseau  
Lieu-dit Les Corvées  
Arbois**

The nose is aromatic, elegant, flowery and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of iris, cornflower and cassis associated with small notes of cherry, rose, plum as well as fine touches of spices and a very discreet hint of cumin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision, straightness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh red fruits and flowers (iris, violet, cornflower) associated with small touches of blackberry, fleshy cherry as well as discreet hints of rose, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of chocolate on the persistence.

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

**Domaine Foret - Pousard 2015  
Lieu-dit Curon  
Arbois**

The nose is aromatic, slightly tight and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, rose) and blackberry associated with small notes of small red berries, Cuben / gray pepper, spices and an imperceptible touch of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, freshness, tension, precision, a racy minerality as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, crunchy berries and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of pepper. Tannins are fine, straight and very slightly firm. There are hints of almond on the persistence.

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

**Domaine Rolet - Trousseau 2012  
Arbois**

The nose is aromatic, fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance and a fine richness / intensity. It reveals notes of wild berries, plums and small notes of blackberry, lilacs associated with slight hints of raspberry, crushed red berries, zan, mushroom as well as a very discreet hint of spices, chocolate and an imperceptible touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, delicate, suave and offers an acidulous frame, a fine delicacy, precision as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of small crunchy berries, zan, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible touch of flowers and tonka bean (in the background). Good length. The finish is slightly tight. Discreet chews on the finish.

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

**Domaine Foret - Pinot Noir 2011  
Lieu-dit En Prenant  
Arbois (freddyforet)**

The nose is aromatic slightly powerful and offers a fine richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of red berries, cassis and small notes of crushed wild raspberry, cherry, blueberry associated with discreet hints of colas, violets, iris as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper, tea and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, tension, elegance, suavity / roundness, freshness, a small juiciness as well as a fine delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, blueberry, flowers (violet, rose) as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. Good length.

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

**Domaine Foret - Les Bois du Bas 2005  
Pousard-Trousseau - Lieu-dit Les Corvées  
Arbois (freddyforet)**

The nose is aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of plum, black cherry and small notes of crushed blueberry, blackberry associated with small touches of dried strawberry, small toasted touches, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of caramelization / cedar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, very discreetly powdered and offers a good definition, a fine mineral frame (racy minerality), tension, elegance, a small juiciness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, dried strawberry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of zan, tobacco, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of tea and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

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## Robert Mondavi - Fumé Blanc 2014 To Kalon Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a slight freshness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe white fruit and vanilla associated with small notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine as well as subtle hints of hazelnut and a very subtle hint of exotic fruits. The mouth is fresh (good freshness!), fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, a slight acid frame, freshness, roundness, a beautiful guideline, finesse as well as a good structure and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe apple, ripe / juicy flat peach and slight touches of ripe lemon, zest, exotic fruits combined with discreet vanilla hints, salinity, discreet hazelnut / toasted hints, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of dry local forest. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Robert Mondavi - Chardonnay 2015 Reserve - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and offers a slight power as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of pear, passion fruits, mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus zest associated with very discreet hint of minerality. The mouth is mineral, racy and offers juiciness, freshness (fresh frame), a slight acidity, tension, precision, suavity, finesse as well as a beautiful balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy mirabelle plum, pear and small notes of juicy nectarine associated with fine vanilla touches, fine toasted touches as well as a hint of salinity and slight hints of juicy fresh quince. Very slight chews and gourmandise on the finish. Good length and beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

## Sequoia Grove - Chardonnay 2015, Carneros, - Haire Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight concentration as well as a very slight power. It reveals notes of flat peach, quince and small notes of vanilla associated with small / slight touches of Mirabelle plum, pear as well as discreet hints of white flowers and butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight unctuousity, a certain delicacy, roundness, fat, power / concentration, a small tension, a slight freshness as well as a slight acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of pear associated with touches of vanilla, slight touches of marmalade, butter, slight toasted notes, spices (in the background) and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). There is a touch of green pepper on the persistence.

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

## Emmolo - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of apple, crunchy peach and small notes of white flowers associated with touches of citrus, exotic fruits as well as slight hints of gunflint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight roundness, a good definition, a very fine fleshiness, suavity as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy / juicy apple and small notes of lemon, tangerine associated with slight touches of zest, gunflint and discreet hints of vanilla.

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

## Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Estate Chardonnay 2016 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise, a slight freshness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and touches of zest, fresh citrus and discreet hints of peach associated with slight touches of butter and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a slight juiciness, a small unctuousity, precision, richness, as well as a good structure and a beautiful fineness of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed peach, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of butter as well as subtle hints of small yellow fruits / pineapple, a very discreet touch of juicy / fleshy physalis, very discreet salinity hints (in the background) and discreet / imperceptible hints of vanilla. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

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

## Dariouish - Viognier 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, juicy and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of lychee, vine peach / brugnion and small notes quince associated with slight touches of kumquat as well as a very discreet hint of flowers / linden tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers unctuousity, a beautiful acidulous frame, juiciness, roundness, a very slight freshness (in the background) as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of kumquat associated with slight touches of lychee, passion fruits as well as hints of peach, ripe orange, very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of zest. Good length.

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

## Dariouish - Chardonnay 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, crushed peach and small notes of kumquat, flowers associated with fine hints of white fruits as well as an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers an acid frame, a small tension, freshness, fat (thanks to bâtonnage) as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed vine peach, quince and small notes of vanilla associated with small / slight touches of white fruits, kumquat, a discreet hint of tangerine as well as discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background).

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

## Signorello - Hope's Cuvée 2015, Chardonnay Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh citrus (lemon, mandarin), quince and small touches of lemon flowers, kumquat associated with slight hints of fresh / crunchy brugnion. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully built and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse, fat, a beautiful freshness, a very slight unctuousity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh quince, juicy kumquat and small notes of tangerine associated with small hints of fresh / juicy lemon, butter as well as discreet hints of crunchy brugnion and vanilla. Good length. Small unctuousity on the finish. A beautiful wine!

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

## Peju - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of apple and small notes of ripe white fruits associated with small touches of citrus (lemon, grapefruit). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a slight acid frame as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / ripe Granny Smith apple and small notes of vine peach, lemon associated with small touches of tangerine and ripe pink grapefruit. Good length.

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

## Peju - Chardonnay 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of apple, ripe Brugnion and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, butter as well as very discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, straightness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of brugnion, lychee and small notes of quince associated with small touches of small yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of butter, racy minerality and vanilla. Good length.

**Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)**

## Odette - Cade - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a very slight freshness. It reveals notes of green apple and lime zest associated with touches of fresh citrus as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, a slight tension, a good freshness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe green apple and zest of lime / yuzu associated with small touches of nectarine and citrus. Good length. The finish is slightly powerful.

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

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## Odette - Plumpjack - Chardonnay Reserve 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, a small tight and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of citrus associated with discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, a slight acidulous frame, juiciness, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with slight touches of white fruits as well as discreet hints of citrus (in the background). Good length.

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

## Pine Ridge Vineyard - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a very slight unctuousity. It reveals notes of vine peach, ripe apple and small notes of ripe citrus (lemon, ripe pink grapefruit) associated with slight touches of exotic fruits / kumquat as well as very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a small juiciness, a small fleshiness, a small unctuousity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, juicy / ripe citrus and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of apple as well as discreet hints of kumquat. Good length.

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

## Pine Ridge - Carneros, Chardonnay 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, very slightly crunchy and offers a very slight minerality. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with slight touches of butter, small dried fruits, discreet hints of minerality as well as an imperceptible touch of spices and butter. The mouth is fresh, fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, (very) slightly powerful (in the background) and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, crunchiness as well as a small finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small yellow fruits associated with slight hints of beeswax as well as discreet hints of butter and small dried fruits. There are discreet hints of almond on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Pine Ridge - Chardonnay 2015, Carneros Collines Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as power. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and small yellow fruits associated with discreet toasted hints, kumquat, very discreet hints of butter as well as an imperceptible touch of oak and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers minerality, a good definition, a slight unctuousity as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince and mirabelle plum associated with small notes of small yellow fruits, ripe citrus as well as touches of butter, vanilla and toasted touches. The finish is (very) discreetly tight.

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

## St Supéry - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh green apple and small notes of vine peach, ripe citrus, (pink grapefruit, lemon, mandarin) combined with a discreet hint of exotic fruits and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a slight juicy frame as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy green apple and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with slight touches of fresh zest, fresh citrus as well as slight hints of fresh lychee. Good length.

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

## St Supéry - Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Dollarhide Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe apple and small notes of juicy red peach combined with touches of exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers and a very discreet hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, gourmandise, roundness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy green apple and small

notes of ripe / juicy citrus associated with small touches of passion fruits, quenette as well as a subtle hint of flowers and discreet hints of zests.

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

## St Supéry - Virtu 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of peach and flowers associated with small notes of lemon, tangerine as well as a discreet hint of zest. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy vine peach, juicy pink grapefruit and small notes of juicy citrus associated with discreet hints of juicy brugnion (in the background). Good length.

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

## Duckhorn Vineyards - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of lemon zest and tangerine zest associated with small notes of crunchy fresh peach and discreet hints of green apple skin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a small fat, a small freshness, a small tension as well as a slight acid frame and a very slight salinity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus, lychee and small notes of quenette associated with a slight hint of juicy / fleshy peach.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Proprietary White Wine 2017 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity as well as a small fleshiness. It reveals notes of vine peach, brugnion and small notes of pear associated with small touches of fresh citrus as well as a discreet hint of minerality. The palate is juicy, fruity, precise, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a good structure, a small freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, quenette and small notes of fleshy pear associated with touches of juicy citrus (tangerine, lemon) and an imperceptible touch of almond on the aftertaste. Good length.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Rutherford - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of citrus and small notes of litchi, zest associated with hints of apple. The palate is gourmande, suave, well-balanced and offers roundness, a fine freshness, a fine juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe vine peach and small notes of ripe citrus (pink grapefruit, tangerine) combined with slight touches of apple, passion fruits as well as a hint of juicy lemon. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2017 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of lemon zest, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with small touches of exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of zest. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, juicy and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, roundness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, quenette and small notes of ripe / juicy kumquat, juicy citrus (mandarin...) associated with slight touches of juicy grapes and crushed pear. Good length.

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

## VGS Château Potelle - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe apple, ripe quince and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of ripe tangerine zest as well as a discreet hint of flat peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully juicy, elegant, precise, slightly powerful and offers straightness, a slight tension, a beautiful definition of the fruit, a beautiful finesse, an acid frame, a very beautiful freshness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes juicy peach associated with touches of ripe pink grapefruit, apple as well as slight

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hints of a quenette and a very discreet hint of juicy tangerine. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of flowers and imperceptible woody hints on the finish / background. There is a hint of flowers (white iris, honeysuckle) on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

### VGS Château Potelle - Chardonnay 2016 Mount Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fruity, fresh and offers elegance. It reveals notes of pear, apple, quince and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with touches of juicy citrus, juicy exotic fruits, vanilla, almond as well as a very discreet touch of almost saline minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully fresh, well-balanced, gourmand, very slightly tight and offers suavity, a small density, straightness richness (but full of balance), a slight precision, complexity, a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, a certain purity, finesse as well as a good and slightly fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and touches of fresh / fleshy apple associated with touches of juicy / fresh citrus, slight hints of beeswax, almond/oak, slight/discreet hints of butter as well as an imperceptible touch of flowers and vanilla. The finish and the persistence are slightly powerful. Very beautiful persistence. There are a hint of almond, a toasted hint and a very discreet hint of physalis on the aftertaste. The wine needs to be put in carafe. A beautiful wine!  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

### Honig - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Reserve - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, concentrated and offers richness. It reveals notes of brugnion, oak and small notes of citrus associated with touches of zest as well as slight hints of crushed pear and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers tension, straightness, fatness, freshness, tension, fleshiness as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, crushed pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of oak, almond as well as slight hints of zest. Good length. There are slight hints of vanilla on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)**

### Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Chardonnay 2015, Arcadia Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, well conducted and offers delicacy, a very slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of zest associated with small touches of racy minerality (terroir / gravels) as well as a discreet hint of flowers, green apple skin and an imperceptible toasted touch (in the background / brings roundness). The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande, well-built, precise and offers a beautiful suavity / delicacy, a slight acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful freshness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, apple and small notes of Brugnion associated with slight touches of citrus, juicy kumquat, gravels / racy minerality as well as very discreet / imperceptible hints of vanilla / butter. Good length. There is a very discreet chew on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 17/20 (94/100)**

### Silverado Vineyards - Chardonnay 2016, Vineburg Vineyard - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy / fresh vine peach and small notes of fresh citrus (lemon, grapefruit) combined with slight touches of crispy green apple as well as slight zest hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers an almost saline minerality as well as a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy apple and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of mirabelle plum / crunchy small yellow fruits. Good length and good persistence.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

### Silverado Vineyards - Chardonnay 2016, Estate Grow - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight complexity. It reveals notes of crunchy / fresh peach, fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of flowers associated with small notes of crunchy Williams pear as well as discreet hints of citrus and an imperceptible touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as a slight juiciness. On the

palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy mirabelle plum, kumquat and small notes of crushed brugnion associated with small touches of crunchy / juicy pepper as well as slight hints of citrus and very discreet hints of oak / almond on the finish / persistence. Good length. Fine chews on the persistence. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

### Empreinte 2014 Sauvignon Blanc - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness, a slight concentration as well as minerality. It reveals notes of quince, toasted notes, kumquat and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of white fruits as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, a bit aerial and offers finesse, a beautiful definition, a beautiful mineral frame, a slight creaminess, a small racy minerality, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful acidity, a small tension, roundness, fat as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of crushed white fruits (pear, peach) associated with woody touches, citrus (lemon, mandarin), butter, vanilla. Beautiful persistence. There is an imperceptible toasted hint on the persistence.  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

### Nicholson Jones - Chardonnay 2015, The Dolly Hill Vineyard - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of yellow peach, mirabelle plum and small notes of crunchy pear associated with small hints of yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of butter and an imperceptible hint of dry biscuit. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition / finesse, a beautiful creaminess, a beautiful finesse of the texture, gourmandise as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy mirabelle plum, peach and small notes of quenette associated with discreet hints of peach blossoms, crushed white fruits as well as a hint of kumquat and a very discreet hint of juicy citrus (in the background). Good length and good persistence.  
**Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)**

### Charles Krug - Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and citrus zest combined with small notes of papaya / apple and discreet hints of kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, fat, suavity, a small roundness, a small juiciness, a slight gourmandise, a very slight unctuousity, freshness as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, juicy brugnion and small notes of juicy / ripe citrus associated with small touches of kumquat, apple as well as a very discreet floral hint (in the background). Good length.  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

### Provenance - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 - Estate Vineyard - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers finesse. It reveals notes of ripe / fresh lemon, quince and small notes of pear associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, a bit gourmand and offers a slight acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful fat as well as a small finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (quince, kumquat) and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of pear as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits. Good length.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### Provenance Vineyards - Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Wildwood Vineyard - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and small notes of fresh tangerine associated with small touches of crunchy white fruits. The palate is fruity, suave, fine, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a slight minerality, fat as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, ripe / juicy citrus and small notes of tangerine combined with slight touches of white fruits as well as slight hints of exotic fruits. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**



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## Conn Creek - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of lemon zest, mandarin zest and small touches of white fruits (pear, brugnion ...) associated with slight / discreet hints of kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a good definition, a slight acid frame, a slight tension, a good structure, fat, a good volume as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, ripe tangerine and small notes of crunchy pear associated with small touches of brugnion, kumquat as well as slight hints of quenette. Good length.

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

## Marston Family Vineyard - Albion 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of quince and nectarine associated with small hints of citrus, flowers as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful substance, fat, suavity, a small tension, a good finesse of the grain as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fresh lemon, fresh / juicy kumquat and small notes of brugnion associated with small hints of fresh apricot as well as slight hints of exotic fruits, fresh flowers, wood and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Good length and good persistence. Slight crunchiness and presence of an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## Clark-CLaudon - Wild Iris 2017, Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, white fruits and small notes of kumquat associated with slight touches of citrus and quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a small acid frame, a good definition, fat, gourmandise, a beautiful roundness, a small density as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with touches of quenette / exotic fruits. Good length and good persistence.

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

## AXR - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of white fruits, quenette and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with small hints of exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a good mineral frame, a slight juiciness, roundness, fat, fleshiness, a small unctuousity as well as a good acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / mashed brugnion, quenette and small notes of pear associated with touches of citrus, lemon as well as slight hints of zest and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background).

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

## Alpha Omega - 1155 Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of kumquat, lemon and small notes of ripe zests associated with slight hints of vine peach as well as discreet hints of white fruits / apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a beautiful definition, a small suavity, gourmandise, a very slight freshness, a very slight straightness, a very slight unctuousity, fleshiness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small roundness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed vine peach, crushed brugnion and quenette / kumquat combined with touches of ripe citrus (tangerine, lemon) and a discreet hint of fleshy pear (in the background).

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

## AXR - Chardonnay 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of pear, crushed white fruits and touches of quince associated with slight hints of crushed Mirabelle plum as well as an imperceptible toasted touch and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a slight minerality, a slight acidulous frame as well as a small dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed

brugnion, butter and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of quenette as well as hints of butter, toasted hints and vanilla. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Chardonnay 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity as well as a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of quince, crushed pear and small yellow fruits associated with slight notes of apple as well as discreet hints of zest and discreet toasted / spicy hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, a slight suavity, a slight tension, a very slight straightness, a beautiful fat, a beautiful structure, a beautiful matter, a small tension as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed nectarine, crushed pear and small notes of apple associated with slight hints of zest, fresh quenette as well as very discreet hints of lemon / fresh mandarin. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Chardonnay 2015, Toyon Vineyard - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of quince, fresh apple and small touches of oak combined with slight hints of citrus / zests as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame / citrus, a beautiful suavity, a small tension, a racy minerality, unctuousity as well as slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince, juicy / fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of butter associated with touches of crushed white fruits, quenette / lychee as well as slight hints of vanilla. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Chardonnay 2015, Drew Vineyard - Mt. Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, aromatic and a bit power. It reveals notes of white peach, apple and small notes of flowers associated with small touches of mirabelle plum and butter. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a small crunchiness as well as a slight fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy mirabelle plum, fleshy / juicy nectarine and small notes of litchi associated with small touches of quince as well as hints of fleshy / fresh yellow fruits, butter, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of almond. There are a toasted touch / vanilla and a touch of crunchy almond on persistence.

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

## Joseph Phelps - Sauvignon Blanc 2017 - St. Helena Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh tangerine and fresh kumquat combined with small touches of quince and apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight straightness, a beautiful fat as well as a very slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed brugnion and small notes of juicy / ripe citrus associated with small touches of exotic fruits as well as hints of vanilla / woody hints. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of lychee on the finish / persistence.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, a small tight and offers a small freshness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of green apple, lemon and small notes of citrus zest, yuzu associated with small touches of lychee as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and crunchy fresh peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a small gourmand side, suavity, a good freshness as well as a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy flat peach, juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin, kumquat) associated with slight touches of juicy green apple as well as slight / discreet hints of quince and a very discreet hint of juicy mirabelle plum. Good length and good persistence. There are hints of toasted oak and vanilla on the finish/persistence.

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

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## **Robert Mondavi - Pinot Noir 2014 Reserve, Carneros Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, boysenberry and small notes of chocolate notes associated with slight touches of juicy Quetsche plum, cassis as well as very slight hints of cherry and liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a slight acid / juicy frame, a beautiful finesse, tension, a slight freshness, roundness, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful precision as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, liquorice, plum and small notes of tonka bean associated with small touches of blackberry, slight / discreet hint of Ceylon tea and an imperceptible touch of pepper. Tannins are fine, elegant and integrated. Good length. Beautiful and gourmand persistence.

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

## **Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard - Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine / discreet touches of coffee, small berries, pepper, fine toasted touches, slight hints of cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, silky and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame (in the background), a beautiful finesse of the grain, a slight minerality, roundness, a slight freshness as well as a slight roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, ripe wild strawberry and small notes blackberry associated with slight touches of ripe / fleshy raspberry, fine / discreet hints of coffee, violet, sweet spices as well as with a discreet hint of pepper and cinnamon. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and good aromatic persistence. There are hints of chocolate, vanilla and caramelization on the persistence (brings gourmandise).

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

## **Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard - Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fresh, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and wild red berries associated with small / slight touches of blackberry, black cherry, small hints of spices, Timut pepper as well as very discreet hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of crushed blueberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight, elegant, racy, gourmand and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a small melodious side, harmony, a good structure as well as a beautiful fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild/juicy ripe raspberry and small touches of crushed strawberry, blueberry associated with fine hints of crushed / stewed cassis, subtle hints of vanilla, blond tobacco, toasted / caramelized touches as well as an imperceptible hint of dry local forest and chocolate. Tannins are elegant, fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

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

## **Robert Mondavi - HWC 2012 - Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis and concentrated redcurrant combined with hints of blackberry, dark chocolate, spices as well as slight hints of coffee and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acid frame, dynamism, a good structure as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, ripe / crushed redcurrants and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of dark chocolate / cocoa, spices, sage as well as discreet hints of pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of grove. The finish is a bit powerful.

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

## **Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Stags Leap District Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of cassis, pepper, violet and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with touches of coffee as well as hints of spices and Cuban pepper. The palate is fruity, precise, elegant, racy, suave, slightly tight and offers a mineral frame, a slight gourmandise as well as a small power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy Boysenberry and small notes of crushed raspberry combined with slight touches of dark chocolate, coffee as well as an imperceptible touch of grove and small hints of vanilla / sweet spices. Tannins are well-built, elegant and structuring. Good persistence. There are a hint of cocoa, sweet spices and a toasted hint / oak on the aftertaste.

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

## **Robert Mondavi - The Reserve, 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - To Kalon Vineyard, Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power as well as a beautiful grain finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, crushed cherry / redcurrant associated with touches of dark chocolate, pepper as well as discreet hints of vanilla, sweet spices and very discreet hints of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful definition / precision, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful structure, a slight freshness, a very slight tension as well as a beautiful, fine and delicate matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry notes combined with fine hints of wild berries, Cuban pepper as well as slight hints of tea, sage, spices and an imperceptible hint of anise (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Good aromatic persistence on touches of juicy fruits, spices as well as discreet hints of vanilla and chocolate. A beautiful wine!

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

## **Staglin Family Vineyard Estate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers a very slight finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry, sour cherry associated with slight touches of blueberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, discreet toasted hints and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful acidity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a crunchy / juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of wild strawberry, cherry as well as discreet hints of crunchy / juicy raspberry, chocolate, liquorice, cardamom and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are elegant and fine. There are very discreet hints of chocolate powder on the finish.

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

## **Staglin Family Vineyard Estate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - 30th Anniversary Selection - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers concentration as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of morello cherry, liquorice, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of pepper, violet, black olives and imperceptible hint of dry local forest soil. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful definition, finesse, a beautiful structure, a slight tension, suavity, gourmandise, a very slight grainy sensation (in the background) as well as richness (but full of finesse and well-balanced). On



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the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy black berries and small notes of blackberry, wild strawberry associated with slight touches of ripe / juicy redcurrants, subtle hints of liquorice, cardamom, sweet spices, chocolate (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of tea, black olive and dry local forest soil. Tannins are fine and elegant. A very beautiful wine! The wine needs to be put in carafe.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

## Caymus Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and crushed raspberry combined with slight touches of gray pepper, black cherry as well as discreet hints of dry local forest soil (olive tress, grove ...), liquorice as well as subtle toasted touches and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a slight suavity, a small gourmandise, a good definition, a slight fresh frame, a good structure, a beautiful crunchiness, precision, as well as a slight finesse. Beautiful delicacy and certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine hints of black cherry, small black berries as well as discreet hints of liquorice, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, tobacco and dry local forest soil. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine! (2020+)

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Caymus - Zinfandel 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants, ripe / juicy cassis and small notes of blackberry combined with discreet hints of plum, gray pepper, liquorice and violet. The palate is fruity, well balanced, juicy and offers a good definition as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black berries, ripe / juicy redcurrants and small notes of cassis associated with touches of blackberry, black cherry, liquorice, discreet hints of dark chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of violet and tea. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Winemaker Séries - Historic Vines, Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes blackberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, pepper, tea, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of flowers / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a slight minerality, a slight suavity, a slight acid frame, fat, a very slight unctuousity, a minerality almost saline as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of wild red berries, tonka bean / chocolate, spices, tobacco, pepper as well as discreet hints of Ceylon tea and a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good persistence. There are hints of dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of pepper on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Winemaker Séries - Rutherford Bench Reserve Napa Valley

The nose is racy, structured and offers power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and crushed blackberry combined with fine touches of crushed strawberry, liquorice, dark chocolate as well as slight hints of oak and a discreet hint of salinity. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, minerality, an acid frame, tension, a small fatness as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis,

black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of small black berries, cocoa, cedar as well as a very discreet hint of blueberry, Ceylon tea and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are small hints of sweet spices and chocolate on the finish.

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

## Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Winemaker Séries Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a small richness as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with a discreet hint of raspberry, gray pepper and a discreet chocolate / toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy / acidulous frame, minerality, a slight suavity as well as a slight fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry combined with slight hints of small fleshy / ripe red berries as well as slight hints of dark chocolate / tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are very slightly tight and discreetly dry. There are a toasted touch and a touch of dark chocolate on the

finish / persistence.

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

## Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Stagecoach Vineyard - Atlas Peak Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy and offers elegance, a slight concentration, a small power as well as a certain finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of juicy raspberry, chocolate and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, slightly tight and offers finesse, a slight mineral frame, a slight juiciness, a good structure, elegance, roundness, a very slight freshness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with slight touches of tonka bean, Ceylon tea as well as discreet hints of spices and a very discreet vanilla hint on the finish. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. There is a very discreet touch of vanilla on the finish. Good

length. There is an imperceptible touch of minerality almost saline on the finish.

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

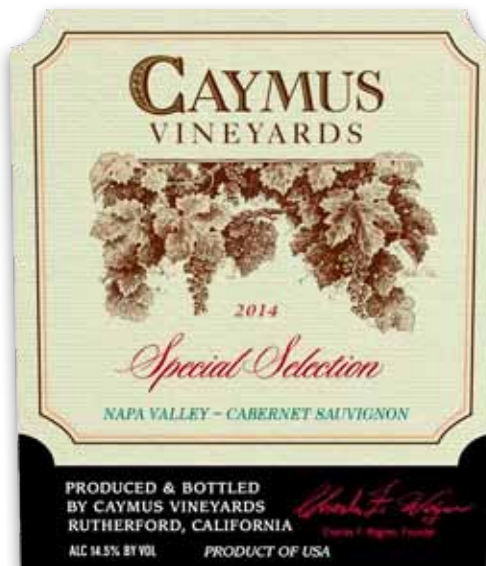
## Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 - Henry Brothers Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight freshness as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of dark chocolate, boysenberry and fine touches of cassis associated with slight hints of crunchy red fruits, ripe bell pepper as well as discreet hints of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small minerality, a slight tension as well as slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry associated with small touches of cassis, small red berries as well as discreet hints of red bell pepper / flowers, chocolate and a imperceptible sappy hint. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is slightly tight.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

## Emmolo - Merlot 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is finely powerful offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and wild raspberry combined with small/slight touches of wild black berries, spices, liquorice, a discreet hint of violet as well as an imperceptible hint of oak and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, very slight tight and offers a slight acid frame, a slight minerality, gourmandise, a slight tension, finesse as well as a crunchy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and blackberry associated with fine hints of wild raspberry, liquorice, Ceylon tea, cocoa as well as an



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imperceptible touch of oak, tobacco and espresso on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish is very fine.

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

## **B cellars - Blend 24, 2015**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and gray pepper associated with touches of crushed raspberry, rose / laurel / flowers as well as hints of vanilla and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a small juiciness, precision, a good structure, softness, a small freshness, roundness, fat as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and fine notes of crushed Gariguet strawberry associated with slight touches of flowers, spices, slight hints of chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and imperceptible hint of scrubland/garrigue. Tannins are a bit firm. The finish is a bit tight.

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

## **B Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Ehrlich Vineyard - Oakville**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers intensity as well as an incisive side. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of jammy red berries, caramelization, almond as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, violet and a very discreet hint of thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a small juiciness, a small tension, dynamism, gourmandise as well as a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed cassis, raspberry associated with fine hints of ripe / crushed red berries as well as discreet hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and caramelization. Tannins are a bit firm. Power on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

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

## **B cellars - Cabernet Franc 2015, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard - St. Helena**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power, delicacy, a beautiful grain as well as a small concentration / richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of jammy red berries associated with hints of gray pepper, chocolate as well as discreet hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful guideline, tension, a good structure, a beautiful roundness, power, a small juiciness, a small finesse, precision as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small red berries associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, thyme / olive tree as well as discreet hints of local forest soil, dark chocolate / cocoa, caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length.

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

## **B Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer George III Vineyard - Rutherford**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, concentrated and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of elderberries associated with touches of blueberry, small hints of Sichuan pepper, graphite as well as discreet hints of cocoa and blond tobacco. The palate is well-balanced, concentrated, racy, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful fat, roundness, a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, a good finesse, structure, tension, a small juiciness, a small melodious side as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, crushed cassis and touches of Gariguet strawberry associated with slight touches of dark chocolate, tonka bean, car-

melization, slight toasted touches / vanilla as well as discreet hints of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible touch of almost saline minerality on the finish. Very beautiful length and persistence. The finish is gourmande. There are a touch of chocolate, caramelization and a touch of hazelnut on the persistence. (2020+)

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

## **Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Sunbasket Vineyard**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration as well as a richness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of black cherry as well as subtle hints of cocoa, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of violet. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acid frame, minerality, a good volume, fat, suavity, a small concentration as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, ripe juicy redcurrants as well as subtle hints of liquorice, tea, flowers, chocolate and a very discreet touch of blond tobacco. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. The finish is slightly tight. Good persistence.

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



## **Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

### **Kronos Vineyard**

#### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed boysenberry and small notes of crushed raspberry combined with fine hints of liquorice, tobacco as well as an imperceptible touch of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, silky and offers a good juiciness, an acid frame, a very slight richness (in the background), a good freshness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of liquorice / Zan associated with discreet touches of dark chocolate / tonka bean as well as subtle hints of racy minerality. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. There are slight hints of dark chocolate on the persistence.

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

## **Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine hints of small black berries associated with slight touches of wild raspberry, flowers as well as discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a good structure, a small fat, a slight freshness as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, crunchy / juicy black berries and small notes of wild raspberry combined with discreet hints of redcurrants as well as discreet hints of liquorice, colas and a very discreet hint of cocoa. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. Very slight chews on the persistence.

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

## **Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2008**

### **Kronos Vineyard**

#### **Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small touches of leather associated with discreet hints of undergrowth, spices as well as discreet hints of menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, an acidulous frame, minerality, a slight suavity, roundness as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of undergrowth associated with slight touches of juicy/fresh red berries, leather, spices as well as discreet hints of almond and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight salinity hint on the finish.

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

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## Corison - Cabernet Franc 2015 Sunbasket Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cherry, hints of liquorice as well as discreet hints of oak, discreet toasted hints and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a slight freshness, a good structure, a beautiful roundness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with slight touches of juicy/crunchy redcurrants, crunchy cassis as well as discreet hints of cocoa and an imperceptible touch of coffee.

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

## Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, East Elevation - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of morello cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of liquorice as well as discreet menthol hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful concentration, a beautiful definition, a beautiful grain, a slight chew, a good delicacy / finesse, a beautiful freshness, gourmandise as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, morello cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of blackberry, dark chocolate, caramelized oak as well as discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. There is a very discreet touch of gray pepper and caramelization on the finish / persistence.

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

## Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, West Wall - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, juicy, racy and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of juicy redcurrants as well as hints of Zan, cocoa and a very discreet hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness, tension, a good structure, power (more than on the East Elevation cuvée), a slight concentration, a beautiful finesse as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, red berries and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with small / slight touches of liquorice, chocolate, toasted / caramelized oak as well as discreet hints of violets / olive tree, local forest (in the background) and a very discreet hint of almond. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

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

## Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Reserve - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of liquorice, toasted touches as well as discreet hints of gray pepper, spices and an imperceptible hints of flowers / olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, silky, gourmand and offers juiciness, a small freshness, minerality as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry, ripe red berries associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, black cherry, black olive, cocoa and very discreet toasted / oaky hints. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. The finish is very slightly close and slightly powerful. Very discreet chews on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Solair 2015 - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, good precision as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, blond tobacco, spices as well as

discreet hints of cardamom, spices, gray pepper, olive and very discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a very slight concentration, a very slight unctuousity/creaminess, a good structure, a beautiful precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, dark chocolate as well as slight touches of black olive and vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and a small bit firm. The finish is slightly grainy. There are a slight hint of almond and a slight hint of gray pepper on the finish. A beautiful wine! (2020+)

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

## Harlan Estate 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers a beautiful delicacy, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful concentration (but well controlled), silkiness as well as power. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh blackberry, cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of elderberries, spices, a hint of cardamom, violet, Cuban pepper, almond, nutmeg, black cherry as well as discreet hints of cinnamon, dry local forest soil, very discreet oak hints, Bourbon vanilla and imperceptible hints of olive tree. The mouth is beautifully fresh, fruity, beautifully fine, racy and offers a beautiful unctuous matter, a beautiful elegance, a slight suavity, fat, a beautiful definition, tension, a beautiful fineness of the grain, a beautiful structure, a beautiful concentration (but full of delicacy)

as well as delicate, velvety and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, wild raspberry associated with small touches of crushed black berries, blueberry, olive, oak, chocolate, caramelization, black cherry, almond, sweet spices as well as hints of cocoa / coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine, firm, elegant and structuring. Good length and beautiful persistence. A very powerful, fresh wine but full of delicacy and control. Beautiful maturity of the fruit! There are hints of dark chocolate and caramelization on the persistence.

Score : 19.75/20 (99/100)

## Darioush - Merlot 2014 Signature Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of ripe raspberries, cassis and small notes of cassis combined with small / slight touches of strawberry, crushed blueberry, liquorice as well as slight hints of Cuban pepper, spices and very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, roundness, fat, suavity, a good tannic structure as well as a slight acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of ripe wild red berries (raspberry, cherry) associated with slight touches of chocolate, almond and sweet spices. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length. Very fine chews on the finish.

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

## Darioush - Shiraz 2014 Signature Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers finesse, a very slight freshness as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, redcurrants and small notes of flowers associated with touches of spices (pepper, cinnamon and nutmeg), morello cherry as well as a very discreet touch of menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a small minerality, suavity, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse / delicacy as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, small ripe berries and small touches of raspberry, crushed redcurrants, black cherry associated with slight touches of cocoa / dark chocolate as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Darioush - Cabernet Franc 2015 Signature Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as a very slight freshness. It reveals notes of elderberries, wild berries and crushed blackberries



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combined with slight hints of ripe red bell pepper, spices, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, finesse, a very slight straightness, a small tension, roundness, suavity, a beautiful fat as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with slight touches of small red berries, discreet hints of ripe red bell pepper as well as slight hints of flowers and spices. Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. Good length. Beautiful and gourmandise persistence with hints of tonka bean, caramelization as well as on a hint of toasted hazelnut.  
**Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)**

## **Darioush - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Signature Napa Valley**

The nose is elegant, ripe and offers a very slight richness as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, dried raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of gray pepper, spices as well as very discreet / imperceptible hints of undergrowth. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, suave and offers a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, precision, a beautiful delicacy / expression, suavity, a bit aerial as well as a slight gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried strawberry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry combined with slight touches of spices, violets, tonka beans as well as discreet hints of dry local forest soil and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Tannins are structuring and elegant. Good length. Slight chews on the finish. There is an imperceptible hint of coffee on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the persistence. Good persistence.  
**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## **Darioush - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Signature Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry, wild strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, redcurrant jam as well as discreet hints of spices, very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of grove. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful definition, tension, concentration, a beautiful freshness as well as power (but well balanced / controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with slight touches of crushed redcurrants as well as small hints of liquorice, caramelization, vanilla and toasted touches. Tannins are fine and well-built. Very beautiful persistence. Beautiful potential! (2020+)  
**Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)**

## **Darioush - Darius II 2014 Napa Valley**

The nose is elegant, fine and offers power as well as concentration (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of Boysenberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cassis, small ripe wild berries, Ceylon tea, gray pepper as well as slight / discreet hints of liquorice and chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant and offers a beautiful delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small fat, roundness, a slight minerality as well as a beautiful definition. Everything is in place. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis, fleshy wild strawberry and slight touches of black cherry, small wild berries associated with hints of liquorice, dark chocolate / cocoa as well as discreet hints of caramelization, blue fruits and almonds. Tannins are fine and elegant. Beautiful gourmandise on the persistence.  
**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

## **Pine Ridge - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Stag Leap District Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with small notes of grove, Cuban pepper as well as woody touches. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a good finesse as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of redcurrants associated with small touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate, Bourbon vanilla and hazelnut. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

## **Pine Ridge Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley**

The nose is powerful and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and sage associated with small touches of rosemary, raspberry, spices / gray pepper as well as discreet toasted hints and chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with discreet hints of redcurrants and garrigue / grove. Tannins are fine and very discreetly chewy. Good length. There are discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization on the persistence. There are a very discreet touch of rosemary and sage on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## **Pine Ridge Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and slight hints of black berries associated with small touches of gray pepper and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a small juiciness, a slight suavity, a slight acidulous frame, gourmandise, elegance, tension as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with slight touches of raspberry, juicy redcurrants, liquorice as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of dry forest soil. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and beautiful persistence.  
**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

## **Pine Ridge Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers power, a slight concentration, intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet, wild raspberry associated with small notes of gray pepper, spices, graphite and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy frame, finesse, power, concentration, a slight freshness as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and small notes of jammy raspberry, crushed redcurrants associated with small touches of caramelization, chocolate as well as slight hints of blueberry, almond and wood / oak. Good length. Beautiful persistence (with spicy hints). There is an imperceptible touch of almond on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)**

## **Signorello - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a good structure. It reveals notes of cassis and small wild berries associated with fines touches of red berries / red fruits, spices as well as slight hints of bell pepper and discreet toasted hints / coffee (in background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine acid frame as well as a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of juicy/crushed raspberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of juicy / ripe black berries, caramelization, discreet toasted hints and a discreet hint of almond on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. The finish is slightly firm.  
**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## **Signorello - Padrone 2017, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers good structure, finesse, a slight concentration as well as a small juiciness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black berries associated with slight hints of graphite, oak, caramelization, chocolate as well as discreet hints of spices and toasted touches. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a good freshness as well as a slight acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and ripe cassis associated with small touches of raspberry, ripe redcurrants, chocolate, toasted oak, caramelization as well as discreet hints of almond. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. Very fine chews on the finish.  
**Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)**

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## Signorello - Padrone 2014, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with discreet hints of iris, spices as well as a very discreet hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, a good definition, finesse, a beautiful structure, juiciness, gourmandise as well as complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with slight hints of blueberry, chocolate as well as discreet hints of caramelization, cardamom, spices, a very discreet hint of almond as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are discreet hints of undergrowth / mushroom as well as a fine chew on the finish.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

## Peju - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, fruity and a bit tight. It reveals notes of cassis, redcurrants and small notes of blackberry associated with small / slight touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured, a bit tight and offers a small suavity, a slight roundness, tension as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of raspberry, blackberry associated with discreet hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of zan.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

## Peju - Farm 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is a bit tight and offers precision as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed wild black berries and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of crushed redcurrants, slight hints of gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of olive and spices. The palate is well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of red berries, liquorice, blond tobacco, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are a bit firm.

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

## Peju - The Experiment 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight richness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry, wild strawberry associated with slight touches of liquorice, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, a small fat, a slight straightness, a certain precision, roundness as well as a slight juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with slight touches of crushed redcurrants, spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background) and caramelization.

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

## Peju - The Old Victorian 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is relatively aromatic, structured and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with slight touches of black pepper, small wild berries, discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of racy minerality and flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, suavity as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry, fleshy / juicy redcurrants and small notes of cassis associated with small / slight touches of blackberry, small wild berries as well as discreet hints of spices, gray pepper and an imperceptible touch of pepper (in the background). Tannins are slightly dry. There are a very discreet hint of cocoa and a discreet hint of vanilla on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Clos du Val - Estate Merlot 2015 - Stag Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberries, crushed strawberries and small notes of berries associated with slight touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as

a very discreet touch of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, a slight tension / straightness, a small freshness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful fineness of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet touch of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are fine and slightly chewy. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Clos du Val - Petit Val 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of blackberry and wild raspberry combined with small / fine touches of crushed redcurrants. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and fleshy cassis associated with small notes of fleshy redcurrants as well as small touches of raspberry and chocolate. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length. There are hints of powdered chocolate and dried almond on persistence.

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

## Clos du Val - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 - Hirondelle Vineyard, Stags Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with a touch of plum, a toasted touch as well as slight / discreet hints of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible touch of menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight, elegant and offers a good definition, a juicy frame, a slight acidulous frame as well as small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with slight touches of juicy plum, juicy redcurrants, slight hints of chocolate, slight toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of toasted / dried almond, hazelnut, oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine, straight, elegant, racy and structuring. Good persistence.

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

## Clos du Val - SVS Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose offers elegance, minerality as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry and fleshy raspberry combined with small touches of wild strawberry, slight hints of caramelization, slight toasted hints as well as discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is mineral, well-balanced, very slightly tight, elegant and offers a small freshness, a good definition, tension, finesse, a good structure, a slight gourmandise, a slight roundness, a beautiful fineness of the grain as well as a slight power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of juicy cassis combined with slight touches of tonka bean, nutmeg, spices and slight toasted touches / sweet spices. Tannins are very slightly firm. Chew on the finish. There are slight touches of almond and cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Odette - Adaptation - Petite Sirah 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small concentration / richness. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed boysenberry and small notes of crushed black berries associated with small touches of jammy raspberry, jammy cherry as well as touches of spices and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness, tension, suavity as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, juicy black berries and small notes of jammy raspberry combined with touches of blueberry, coffee, cocoa as well as discreet hints of spices and caramelization on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Very slight chews on the finish. Presence of a very discreet touch of almond on the aftertaste. A juicy wine !

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

## Odette - Adaptation Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fruity, slightly powerful and offers richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, wild blackberry and very small notes of crushed raspberry

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combined with small notes of fleshy / ripe blackberry, spices, discreet hints of liquorice as well as a very discreet toasted hint, balsamic and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, well-built and offers a good definition, a slight fresh frame, a small juiciness, a slight gourmandise, roundness, suavity as well as a slight acidulous sensation (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy Boysenberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry as well as slight hints of chocolate, liquorice, caramelization and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of black olive (in the background). Tannins are a bit firm. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of almond on the persistence.

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

## **Odette - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 - Stags Leap District Napa Valley**

The nose is racy, aromatic, a bit powerful and offers elegance as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with discreet hints of Cuben pepper, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of garrigue, almond and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a slight gourmandise, a certain finesse, freshness, elegance, suavity, a bit aerial as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy / juicy cassis associated with small notes of wild raspberry, juicy / ripe redcurrants as well as small touches of caramelization, Bourbon vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. There are a hint of cocoa, pepper, caramelization, vanilla and juicy blackberry on the persistence.

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

## **St Supéry - Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful, aromatic and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, elderberry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of spices, Sichuan pepper, rosemary / garrigue as well as discreet hints of dry local forest soil, violet, iris and liquorice. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a small tension, precision, a bit aerial, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, cherry, liquorice associated with slight touches of blueberry, flowers (violet, iris), cocoa as well as discreet hints of almond. Tannins are well-integrated and very discreetly chewy. Good length. The finish is gourmande.

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

## **St Supéry - Estate Vineyard Merlot 2013 Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is elegant, well-structured and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, liquorice and small notes of black cherry / black fruits associated with slight touches of crushed cassis as well as slight hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is silky, delicate, elegant, beautifully juicy, mineral, precise and offers a beautiful matter, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of raspberry associated with small / slight touches of cassis, tobacco, cardamom as well as discreet hints of black olive and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Good length. There is a hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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

## **St Supéry - Estate Vineyard Elu 2014 Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, fruity, structured, elegant, a bit powerful and offers a good definition as well as complexity. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe redcurrants and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of blackberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of flowers, Cuben pepper, spices, cocoa, wood and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful definition, suavity, a certain complexity, gourmandise as well as a bit aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, cassis and small notes of cherry associated with touches of blueberry, crushed raspberry, fleshy / juicy red cherry, hints

of chocolate, liquorice, tobacco as well as discreet hints nutmeg and pepper. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

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

## **St Supéry - Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic and offers power, concentration as well as complexity. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of cherry, blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed red berries, liquorice, spices as well as discreet hints of menthol, pepper, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of dry forest soil. The mouth is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, concentration, richness (well controlled), a beautiful density, a racy minerality, a beautiful structure, harmony, a beautiful gourmandise as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry / cherry, cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, ripe / crushed strawberry, cocoa / tonka bean, spices, soil local forest as well as discreet / imperceptible hints of menthol (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and polished. Good length. There are a discreet hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste. (2020+)

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

## **St Supéry - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, a small tight and offers a slight richness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and wild berries associated with small touches of crushed redcurrants, wild raspberry, Cuben / gray pepper as well as slight toasted touches and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured and offers minerality, a good definition as well as a very slight saline sensation (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry associated with small / fine touches of wild berries, spices as well as discreet hints of gray pepper, chocolate, grove / local forest, violet, Zan and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are a bit firm and very slightly dry. Good length.

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

## **Duckhorn Vineyards - Merlot 2015 - Carneros Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, liquorice and black berries associated with slight touches of spices as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, an almost saline minerality as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / cooked cassis, very ripe blackberry and small notes of small black berries, small wild red berries associated with slight touches of liquorice, oak, sweet spices as well as a touch of gray pepper. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## **Duckhorn Vineyards - Three Palms Vineyard 2015 Merlot Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe plum, crushed blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of ripe raspberry as well as hints of gray pepper, tobacco and discreet notes of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, precise, elegant, very slightly tight and offers a small straightness, a slight tension, a small concentration, power as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of liquorice, very slight hints of vanilla as well as an imperceptible touch of almond and grove. Tannins are fine and a bit chewy. Good length.

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

## **Duckhorn Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant and offers a very slight intensity as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small / slight touches of black cherry, violet, liquo-



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rice, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a slight juiciness, elegance as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of crunchy Gariguet strawberry combined with a hint of blueberry, liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Good length. There are discreet toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of hazelnut, almond and caramelization on the persistence / aftertaste (brings gourmandise).

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

## Duckhorn Vineyards - The Discussion 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers power, a beautiful grain, intensity, a slight freshness as well as concentration (but in finesse). It reveals notes of boysenberry, ripe/crunchy strawberries and small touches of juicy cassis, liquorice, violet, crunchy / fresh small fruits associated with touches of colas, a very discreet touch of Sichuan pepper, caramelization, hazelnut as well as an imperceptible touch of flowers (violet, iris) and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built and offers a good definition, a fine juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse, a slight concentration, a fine fleshiness, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, a small tension as well as good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy cassis and fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry, strawberry as well as discreet hints of blueberry, subtle hints of black cherry, Zan, tobacco and very discreet hints of sweet spices. There are a hint of cocoa, coffee and a hint of almond on the aftertaste. Good length.

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

## VGS Château Potelle - Potelle Two 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly powerful and offers a small concentration. The nose is full of finesse! It reveals notes of cassis, ripe black plum and small notes of crushed redcurrants, black cherry / sour cherry associated with small / fine touches of liquorice, discreet hints of Cuben pepper, blond tobacco, cardamom, spices, discreet toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of cedar, leather and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, complex, elegant and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous / juicy frame, a small tension, a beautiful finesse, a slight freshness as well as delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of wild strawberry, ripe / crushed wild redcurrants, chocolate, coffee as well as a discreet hint of graphite, very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of dry local forest soil. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and a bit chewy. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of black olive (in the background) and a very discreet hint of cedar on the finish. There are a touch of cocoa and hints of espresso on the persistence. The wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

## VGS Château Potelle - Syrah 2016 - Mount Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and a bit tight. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis associated with small notes of violet, small wild berries / elderberry, camphor as well as slight / discreet touches of Timut pepper, toasted touches and slight hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, suave, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, a slight tension, finesse, a slight acid frame, a small freshness, a silky matter, straightness as well as an almost saline minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry, juicy / crushed cassis and small notes of juicy elderberry combined with small touches of liquorice, small wild red berries, camphor, racy minerality, liquorice as well as discreet hints of tonka bean / cocoa, caramelization and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. Good length. Small chew on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of crushed hazelnuts on the aftertaste. (2020+)

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

## Jean-Noel Fourmeaux 2013 - Mount Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, elegant, racy, beautifully built / balanced, intense and complex. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet and small notes of ripe raspberry, ripe redcurrants associated with slight hints of iris, camphor, tobacco as well as discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande,

beautifully built, a bit tight, complex, concentration and offers a beautiful tension, juiciness, a slight suavity, a good definition as well as a beautiful finesse / definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of coffee associated with small touches of blackberry, ripe / crushed redcurrants associated with small touches of gray pepper, tobacco, flowers, slight hints of racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of caramelization, cedar, Bourbon vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant, fine and firm. There are an imperceptible touch of pepper and salinity on the finish.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Reserve - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers power as well as a certain finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with fine hints of pepper as well as discreet hints of tobacco, vanilla and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, racy and offers a good definition, roundness, tension, a slight juiciness, silkiness, a good dynamism, a slight freshness as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black berries associated with slight hints of red fruits, tobacco, cocoa / tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, very slightly tight and a bit firm. There are hints of vanilla and almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Proprietary Red Wine 2015 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is spicy and offers power as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry and cassis combined with touches of red berries, redcurrants, gray pepper, hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of olive and flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a slight suavity as well as a small roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy red berries, juicy / ripe cassis and small touches of cherry associated with slight hints of black cherry, liquorice as well as slight / discreet hints of Zan, oak and spices and a very discreet hint of almond. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach and ripe / juicy citrus (mandarin, lemon) associated with slight touches of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of rose and apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, suavity, gourmandise, a small fat, a small freshness as well as a slight richness / density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe pink grapefruit, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy citrus associated with slight touches of quenette, fresh passion fruits as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background) and apple. Good length. There is a very discreet tannic sensation on the finish.

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

## Round Pond Estate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, powerful, racy and offers finesse as well as a small concentration (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and wild strawberries combined with small hints of coffee, small wild berries, Sichuan / gray pepper, cocoa as well as a subtle hint of coffee and very discreet hints of violet. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, finesse as well as a beautiful acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry, plum and small notes of wild strawberries, wild raspberries associated with small touches of liquorice, tobacco, sweet spices, caramelization, cocoa as well as discreet hints of olive and coffee. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Beautiful gourmandise. The finish is slightly powerful. There are discreet hints of menthol and a very discreet hint of crushed hazelnut on the persistence.

**Note 16.5/20 (93/100)**

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## **Round Pond Estate - Left Bank 2015 Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly powerful and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, liquorice and small notes of wild black berries associated with small touches of Cuben pepper as well as hints of violet, blueberry and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a slight acid frame as well as a very discreet saline minerality (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe cassis and juicy / fleshy blackberry combined with touches of juicy black berries, blueberry, fleshy wild raspberry as well as slight touches of liquorice, black olives and discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are fine as well as a bit firm. Good length.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## **Round Pond Estate - Secret Garden, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Gravel Series - Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, complex, subtle and offers a beautiful finesse as well as power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and crushed cassis combined with small notes of crunchy strawberry, vanilla as well as toasted touches and almond. The palate is well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, a small freshness, subtlety and a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of juicy wild raspberry associated with small touches of crunchy strawberry, plum as well as slight hints of caramelization, sweet blond tobacco, hazelnut, vanilla and almond (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and very beautiful persistence. Small chew on the aftertaste.  
**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

## **Round Pond Estate - The Vow, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Gravel Series - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is fine, powerful, intense and delicate. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed black berries associated with touches of flowers (laurel, violet), spices as well as discreet hints of almond, Timut pepper and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of grove. The mouth is elegant, fruity, beautifully juicy, beautifully fine, precise and offers a small suavity, complexity, elegance, tension as well as a bit aerial side. Everything is in place. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy / ripe Gariguette strawberry associated with small / fine touches of blueberry, vanilla, biscuit, sweet spices, slight hints of caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive and flowers (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. There is a hint of almond as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)**

## **Round Pond Estate - Scholar's Gate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, - Gravel Series - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose offers a fine complexity, elegance, a slight juiciness as well as a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of boysenberry, black plum and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of red fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers, tobacco, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful juiciness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with slight touches of liquorice, dark chocolate and caramelized oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very beautiful wine!  
**Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)**

## **Alexandro Bulgheroni 2015 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful and concentrated (but full of finesse and balance). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and wild berries / elderberries combined with small notes of wild redcurrants, touches of Cuben pepper, grilled touches, grove as well as discreet hints of caramelization and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced (full of balance), finesse, silkiness and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful unctuousness, richness, roundness, a small juiciness, a slight straightness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with small touches of elderberry, pepper, grove / dry local forest as well as small hints of dark chocolate, caramelization and a very discreet touch of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Beautiful, aromatic and gourmand persistence.  
**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

## **Alexandro Bulgheroni - Lithology 2015 - Becks-toffer Las Piedras Vineyard Napa Valley**

The nose is fine, powerful, intense, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, fleshy wild cassis and small notes of small wild berries, fleshy strawberry associated with small hints of spices, Cuben pepper, bay laurel as well as slight hints of dry grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, racy and offers a beautiful definition / finesse, a small suavity, depthness, a small racy minerality, a small unctuousness, a small acid frame, a small aerial side, a beautiful freshness as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy boysenberry, juicy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with small / fine touches of juicy raspberry, dark chocolate / cocoa as well as slight hints of racy minerality, Bourbon vanilla, ripe almond and a very discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and a bit chewy. Good length. Beautiful persistence with touches of melted chocolate, caramelization, almond and crushed fruits.  
**Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)**

## **Alexandro Bulgheroni - Lithology 2015 - Becks-toffer To Kalon Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, elegant, captivating, fruity and offers generosity. It reveals notes of fleshy wild blackberries, fleshy wild strawberries, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with slight hints of flowers, blueberry, sweet spices, slight toasted hints, spices as well as discreet hints of cocoa. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality (mineral frame), a beautiful delicacy, a fine acidulous sensation, a small tension, a small aerial side, a very beautiful fat / suavity as well as a beautiful juiciness and a beautiful purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy boysenberry, juicy strawberry and small notes of black cherry, cassis associated with fine hints of raspberry, toasted oak, chocolate as well as very slight hints of caramelization, sweet blond tobacco and an imperceptible touch of almond on the finish. Tannins are very fine, elegant and structuring. Very beautiful, gourmande and elegant persistence.  
**Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)**

## **Honig - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley**

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of juicy / fleshy cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, blackberry associated with touches of white pepper, violet, hints of black cherry as well as small hints of liquorice, black olive and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, a bit powerful and offers a good definition, a good suavity, gourmandise, a good structure, a certain finesse, a slight straightness, a slight unctuousness, a slight freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small / slight touches of wild strawberry, fleshy red wild berries as well as small touches of Zan, chocolate, dried tobacco, caramelization and very discreet hints of hazelnut on the finish / persistence. Tannins are well-built and very slightly chewy. The finish / persistence is slightly powerful.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## **Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, FAY Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of fleshy blackberry, plum associated with slight touches of small wild red berries, as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, tobacco, nutmeg, spices, a very discreet hint of tea, camphor and an imperceptible touch of cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, fine, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a slight acidulous frame, a good structure, a small freshness as well as tension and a beautiful grain. On

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the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of wild raspberry, wild red berries as well as slight hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, toasted almond and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). Power on the finish / persistence. There is a touch of cocoa on the finish / persistence.

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

## Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, S.L.V Napa Valley

The nose is a bit tight and offers intensity as well as power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, camphor, Sichuan pepper and cassis combined with small notes of crushed red berries, touches of volcanic rock, spices as well as a hint of nutmeg and dried almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a small linearity, a good definition, a slight suavity, a very slight unctuousity, a very slight freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with slight touches of red berries acidulous candy, flowers, chocolate / tonka bean, cardamom as well as discreet hints of wood / dried almond, nutmeg and gray pepper. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length. The finish is very slightly powerful and gourmand. There is a hint of tonka bean / dark chocolate on the persistence. Beautiful and gourmande persistence.

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

## Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Cask 23 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of boysenberry, violet / flowers and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of blueberry, Cuben pepper, spices as well as slight toasted hints and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a fine juicy / mineral frame, a slight minerality, a beautiful guideline, roundness, suavity, delicacy, a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / crushed cassis, wild raspberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry, chocolate, caramelized oak, vanilla as well as very slight touches of almond. Tannins are fine and slightly chewy. Good length.

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

## Silverado Vineyards - Malbec 2014, Mt George Vineyard - Coombsville Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a very slight richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed redcurrants and a touch of crushed/ripe strawberry combined with small touches of cassis, Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a slight juiciness, a very slight unctuousity, a small tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy redcurrant and small notes of cassis combined with touches of juicy plum, blueberry as well as slight hints of raspberry, liquorice, black olive / grove, violet as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of almond and a slight chews on the finish / persistence.

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

## Silverado Vineyards - Cabernet Franc, Mt George Vineyard - Coombsville Napa Valley

The nose is structured, powerful and offers intensity as well as a certain finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of spices, Cuben pepper, ripe bell pepper, nutmeg, fresh leather as well as discreet / imperceptible hints of dry local forest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small finesse, a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, tension, a small linear side, a slight freshness, a discreet gourmandise, a slight unctuousity, a good structure as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / crushed redcurrants, juicy cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of

liquorice, vanilla as well as discreet hints of ripe bell pepper (in the background), discreet toasted hints and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate on the finish. Slight chews on the finish. There are small hints of almond on the persistence.

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

## Silverado Vineyards - SOLO 2011, Cabernet Suvignon - Stags Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small hints of blue fruits, red bell pepper as well as slight hints of liquorice, vanilla, colas and a very discreet hint of Sichuan. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, a good finesse of the grain, gourmandise, a fine suavity, a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry, juicy black cherry and small notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants associated with small / slight touches of wild strawberry, liquorice / Zan as well as slight hints of tobacco, ripe almond and vanilla. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length. The finish is slightly tight.

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

## Silverado Vineyards - SOLO 2013, Cabernet Suvignon - Stags Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fruity, slightly tight, powerful and offers elegance as well as richness. It reveals notes of elderberry, cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of flowers (iris, violet), liquorice as well as nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight, elegant and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a very slight juiciness as well as a beautifully fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of plum, elderberries as well as slight hints of dark chocolate, flowers, grove / olive, liquorice, hazelnut / almond and discreet hints of nutmeg. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very slightly tight. Good length. There are very discreet hints of tobacco and chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

## Cain NV 17 Napa Valley

(2016 and 2017) Ageing in progress (+ 1 year). The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and precise. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry and small fresh berries associated with small toasted notes, dry local forest, cassis, tobacco as well as slight hints of oak, pepper, nutmeg, Tarweed (Mada) and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a good definition, a small tension, a good freshness as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrants, black cherries, blackberries and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of Zan, dry forest soil / tarweed (Mada) as well as with slight hints of chocolate, liquorice and discreet hints of small fresh wildflowers. Tannins are fine, a bit chewy and still a bit young. Good persistence (with hints of chocolate). A beautiful wine!

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

## Cain Five 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, very slightly tight and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted notes and small notes of fresh raspberry combined with small hints of fresh red berries, juicy blackberries, crunchy / juicy berries, almonds as well as subtle hints of tarweed (Mada), subtle grilled hints and roasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful grain, silky, a slight acid frame, juiciness, a slight suavity, a good structure, a beautiful acidity as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry and juicy / fresh redcurrants associated with small toasted touches, almond as well as slight hints of grilled bread, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of fresh flowers / Tarweed (Mada). Good length.

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

## Cain Five 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, a bit tight, elegant and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of dry vegetation / grove / tarweed associated with discreet toasted hints and a very discreet

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hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built, precise, fresh, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acid frame, crunchiness, a beautiful freshness, a slight finesse of the grain, a slight straightness as well as a very slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy blackberry and small notes of juicy / fresh raspberry associated with small touches of wild flowers / violet, tarweed as well as discreet hints of black olive / grove, caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean, grilled oak and cocoa on the persistence. A great wine !

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

## **Cain NV 13** Napa

The nose is fruity, well-built and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and raspberry associated with slight hints of gray pepper, spices as well as a very discreet hint of sap/ pine and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful acid frame, a slight concentration, a small suavity, a beautiful freshness as well as crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry, redcurrants associated with slight touches of local vegetation / pine, small fresh wild flowers, almond, liquorice / Zan, chocolate and an imperceptible touch of blond tobacco. Tannins are fine, elegant and a bit firm. Very fine chews on the finish / persistence.

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

## **Cain Five 2013** Napa

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a slight intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and local vegetation associated with small notes of crushed blackberry, Sichuan pepper, violet / tarweed (Madia), slight hints of spices as well as discreet hints of pine, camphor, grilled oak and tonka bean. The palate is juicy, fruity, elegant, well-balanced, racy, well-built and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy cassis and black cherry associated with slight touches of juicy blackberry, dark chocolate, liquorice / colas, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of grove, sap / pine and an imperceptible hint of tarweed. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish / persistence. There are a very discreet hint of grove and a very discreet hint of racy minerality on the aftertaste.

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

## **Cain Five 2006** Napa Valley

The nose is very elegant, charming, gourmand and offers a very beautiful grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, small ripe wild black berries, chocolate and touches of undergrowth / mushroom associated with small touches of blueberry, Sichuan pepper, violet, grove / sap, very discreet hints of dry forest floor as well as a very discreet hint of camphor and spices. The palate is fruity, beautifully well-balanced, very slightly tight, silky, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a good freshness as well as a small gourmandise side. Everything is in place. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of cherry, raspberry associated with slight hints of violet, acidulous blackberry candy, sweet spices, dry forest soil / sap as well as very discreet hints of chocolate (in the middle of the mouth) and mushroom. There is a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish / persistence. Very beautiful finish. A beautiful, gourmand and elegant wine.

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

## **Nicholson Jones - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015,** **Segassia Vineyard - Mt. Veeder** Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, beautifully built and offers elegance, juiciness as well as a beautiful texture / grain. It reveals notes of black cherry and small notes of wild black berries associated with small / fine touches of crushed raspberry, crushed redcurrants, slight hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of balsamic, spices and pepper. The mouth is fresh, juicy, well-balanced, dynamic and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful definition, precision, power (but full controlled), finesse, a small suavity as well as a beautiful delicate and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy redcurrants and small notes of juicy / crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry,

crunchy strawberry as well as small hints of violet, liquorice, racy minerality, chocolate, oak, an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (bottom) and discreet hints of coffee on the finish. Tannins are elegant, racy and very slightly powdery. Small chews and a slight grainy / powdery sensation on the finish.

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

## **Nicholson Jones - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013,** **Sleeping Lady Vineyard - Yountville** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, crunchy, juicy and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy redcurrants, cassis and small notes of boysenberry, flowers associated with discreet hints of grove, fresh red berries and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand, tense, precise and offers a beautiful crunchiness, a beautiful structure, a beautiful concentration, a good guideline, a racy minerality as well as a good matter and a slight grainy sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy redcurrants, fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy / fresh black berries associated with small touches of strawberry, discreet hints of blueberry, grove / sap as well as a very discreet hint of menthol and sweet spices / green cardamom (in the background). Tannins are very slightly dry / firm. Good length and good persistence. (2020+)

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

## **Purlieu - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014** **Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, concentrated, precise and offers richness, a slight straightness as well as a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, fresh Gariguetta strawberry and small notes of fresh / fleshy raspberry associated with touches of liquorice, tonka bean, blue fruits, discreet hints of Sichuan pepper as well as an imperceptible touch of menthol, caramelization and dry vegetation. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a very beautiful freshness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fresh strawberry combined with slight touches of chocolate, liquorice, hints of menthol, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of almond and oak (in the background). Tannins are a bit firm, fine and a bit mellow. Good length. There is a touch of dark chocolate on the persistence.

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

## **Azur 2013** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, crushed blackberries and small notes of dark chocolate combined with slight hints of Timut pepper as well as a very subtle hint of violet and Zan. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good guideline, a very slight linear side, a small suavity, a small fat, a slight unctuousity, a very slight acid frame as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small touches of fresh raspberry combined with slight hints of crushed redcurrants, minerality, Zan, discreet hints of tonka bean, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean, olive tree (in the background) and almond. Tannins are a bit mellow. Good length.

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

## **Covert - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 - Coombsville** Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful grain as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy cassis and juicy wild blackberry combined with small notes of wild raspberry, juicy redcurrants as well as touches of liquorice, violet, Sichuan pepper as well as slight hints of blue fruits and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, very slightly tight (a bit tight structure) and offers a good definition, a very slight tension, a beautiful freshness, minerality, a beautiful juiciness, roundness, richness, density as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blueberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with touches of juicy cherry, juicy redcurrants as well as small hints of chocolate powder, spices, caramelization and discreet hints of hazelnut. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and a bit mellow. Good length. There are a hint of blueberry, dark chocolate, juicy raspberry and a hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

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

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## Covert - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Clone 341 - Coombsville Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and offers a slight intensity as well as a very slight power. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, juicy black berries and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of flowers / grove, liquorice, chocolate and vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a good freshness, a good tannic structure, a beautiful matter, a slight density, volume as well as a beautiful acidulous sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy redcurrants and small notes of blueberry associated with slight touches of racy minerality, Zan as well as discreet hints of flowers, grove (in the background), blond tobacco, nutmeg and minty liquorice. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## Charles Krug - Malbec 2015, Limited Release Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a small power as well as a very slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, small wild berries and touches of boysenberry, crunchy strawberry combined with hints of liquorice, tea, spices, black pepper as well as discreet hints of local vegetation / grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a small juiciness, suavity, a good structure, a slight freshness, silkiness as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of juicy / ripe black berries associated with slight touches of liquorice / Zan, tobacco, spices as well as very slight hints of dark chocolate, a very discreet touch of black pepper and an imperceptible hint of grove. Tannins are well-built, fine and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Charles Krug - Generations 2014, Family Reserve Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers power, finesse as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, spices and slight / discreet woody hints, slight grilled hints, Zan, tonka bean, blond tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers a good definition, tension, suavity, a small fat, roundness as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry, wild raspberry associated with small touches of small crunchy red berries, small toasted touches, chocolate, Zan / liquorice, spices, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of violet. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Charles Krug - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, ten Clones - Limited Release Napa Valley

The nose offers power, finesse and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of wild red berries, violet, Sichuan / gray pepper as well as slight toasted hints, chocolate and a very discreet hint of dry local vegetation. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, a bit supple and offers a good definition, juiciness, a slight suavity, gourmandise, a good structure as well as a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small wild red berries as well as hints of grove, spices and dark chocolate. Tannins are very slightly dry.

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

## Charles Krug - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Voltz Vineyard - Yountville Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight density. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with hints of Sichuan pepper, flowers, Zan as well as a very discreet touch of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, juiciness, a slight suavity, finesse, a racy minerality as well as a fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small / fine touches of dark cho-

colate, Zan as well as discreet hints of grilled oak, violet and an imperceptible hint of dry forest soil (in the background). Tannins are very fine, slightly tight and slightly mellow. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Provenance Vineyards - Malbec 2014 - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power, concentration as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe / juicy black berries and fine hints of wild strawberry, crushed redcurrants combined with hints of liquorice, tobacco as well as very discreet hints of cassis buds and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, a slight density, a very slight mineral frame, roundness, a small fat as well as a very slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis, small notes of blackberry and small touches of crushed black berries, redcurrants associated with small hints of ripe / crushed red fruits, liquorice, chocolate, tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and almond. Tannins are fine and a bit tight. Good length. There are very slight hints of pepper and a very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

## Provenance Vineyards - Cabernet Franc 2014 - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy, well-built and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe / juicy black berries and touches of fleshy / juicy red fruits associated with small touches of Zan, flowers as well as slight / discreet touches of spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a good definition, tension, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with small / slight touches of blue fruits, violet / flowers as well as slight / discreet hints of pepper, salinity and very discreet hints of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

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

## Provenance - Winemaker's Reserve Blend 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, well-balanced and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of wild strawberry combined with a touch of blue fruits, violet, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, suavity, a very slight acidulous frame, a slight tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild blackberry, black cherry and cassis associated with small touches of blond tobacco, pepper as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate and an imperceptible touch of tobacco. The finish is very slightly grainy. Good length. The persistence is slightly gourmande.

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

## Provenance - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Barrel Select - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight power as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of Zan, tobacco as well as discreet hints of spices. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, gourmandise, a beautiful suavity as well as a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of redcurrants as well as slight hints of small ripe wild berries, Zan, dark chocolate, caramelization, slight toasted hints and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. There are a discreet hint of vanilla, hazelnut and dark chocolate powder on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Provenance - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Dia- mond Mountain Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, fine, elegant, very slightly tight and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry, crushed wild

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raspberry associated with touches of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of blueberry and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, delicacy as well as a beautiful suavity / roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, ripe / juicy redcurrants and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of colas, dark chocolate, sweet spices as well as discreet toasted hints. Good length and very beautiful persistence.  
**Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)**

## **Provenance - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Howell Mountain Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, juicy, racy, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blue fruits and small notes of red fruits (redcurrants, cherry) associated with small touches of liquorice, vanilla, small toasted touches, violet as well as an imperceptible touch of Tarweed (Madia) / fresh wildflowers. The palate is fruity, suave, very slightly tight, racy and offers tension, a slight freshness, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful grain and a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blue fruits associated with slight touches of fleshy strawberry, Tarweed (Madia), liquorice, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine, well-built and elegant. Good length.  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## **Provenance - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard - Oakville Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a slight concentration, elegance as well as good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cooked cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, small wild fruits associated with small touches of liquorice as well as a hint of Cuben pepper, Zan and an imperceptible hint of dry vegetation (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, finesse, a slight juiciness as well as a slight mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of fleshy wild berries associated with small touches of wild raspberry, caramelization, dark chocolate, almond as well as small toasted hints and very slight hints of hazelnut. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)**

## **Provenance - Fortitude 2014 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers complexity as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of cassis combined with hints of acid acidulous violet candy, sweet spices, gray pepper and colas. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful finesse, a very slightly tight grain, a very slight freshness, gourmandise, a certain complexity as well as power and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry combined with touches of colas, dark chocolate, cardamom, Bourbon vanilla as well as discreet hints of fresh violet / wild flowers (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Very fine chews on the finish. Good persistence.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

## **Hewitt Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Estate Grown - Rutherford Napa Valley**

The nose is elegant, fine and offers power / concentration (but well controlled) as well as a small juiciness / crunchiness. It reveals ripe red currants, crispy strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberries combined with slight hints of violet as well as subtle touches of local vegetation, blueberry and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, harmonious and offers juiciness, a racy minerality, finesse, good definition, suavity, a small freshness as well as complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, fleshy blackberry, small hints of cassis and small touches of violet / local vegetation associated with slight

hints of wild strawberry, plum, with subtle hints of almond, oak, caramelization as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, dark chocolate and an imperceptible touch of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length and persistence. Presence of chocolate truffle tips and coffee on persistence. (2022+)  
**Score : 18+ 96-97/100**

## **Hewitt Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, powerful, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of cassis, undergrowth and small notes of blackberry, wild strawberry associated with small touches of ripe redcurrants, spices, tobacco, cardamom as well as discreet hints of fresh leather. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, finesse, a beautiful fresh frame, a beautiful structure as well as a very slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of undergrowth, mushroom, ripe / crushed red fruits as well as slight toasted hints, almond, tonka bean, tobacco, a very discreet hint of leather, menthol and an imperceptible touch of fresh sap. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length. Presence of a touch of cocoa and hazelnut / almond persistence (brings gourmandise). A beautiful wine!  
**Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)**

## **OVID - Hexameter 2014 Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic, fresh, fruity, racy, complex and offers power (but full of finesse), concentration, a beautiful freshness as well as a small minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy / fresh blackberry, fleshy / fresh cassis and fresh / crushed strawberry associated with small touches of blue fruits, ripe wild berries, hints of hazelnut, nutmeg, flowers, fresh leather, chocolate, spices, a hint of gray / Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of tea, cardamom and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good tension, a beautiful definition, a very slight suavity as well as a ripe and crunchy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy blackberry, juicy / ripe cassis, small notes of wild strawberry and touches of small wild berries, juicy / fresh raspberry associated with slight hints of nutmeg, cardamom, tea, fresh liquorice as well as very discreet hints of grove and racy minerality. Tannins are fine, straight and a bit firm. Good length. A very beautiful wine! Great success!

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

## **OVID 2014 Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity / aromatic, beautifully elegant, concentrated, racy, complex and offers a very beautiful freshness as well as a beautiful balance. It reveals notes of wild cassis, boysenberry, wild raspberry and small notes of juicy berries associated with small touches of caramelization, almond, liquorice, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of undergrowth / mushroom, tonka bean, tea, menthol, a very discreet hint of dry local vegetation and an imperceptible hint of flowers. An amazing wine! The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a good structure, a very slight finesse, power, a certain delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a very discreet straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy / fresh cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry associated with small touches of fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry, touches of cocoa / tonka bean, caramelization, toasted touches as well as slight hints of fresh red berries, almonds, tobacco and a subtle hint of ceda. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. Beautiful and gourmand persistence. There are hints of chocolate, hazelnut and toasted hints on the persistence (brings suavity). (2026+)  
**Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)**

## **Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Crowley Vineyard - AVA SERIES - Spring Mountain District Napa Valley**



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The nose is fruity, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, acidulous redcurrants candy associated with slight touches of violet, dry local vegetation as well as discreet hints of black olive, a hint of sap and slight hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, suavity as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cooked cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet, purple plum associated with small touches of very ripe red fruits, liquorice, nutmeg, spices, a touch of black pepper as well as very discreet hints of local vegetation / Tarweed and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Slight chew on the finish.

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

## Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Estate Vineyard - AVA SERIES - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of liquorice, spices as well as a hint of pepper and very slight hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, a slight straightness, a very slight freshness, concentration, a slight over-ripeness as well as a slight minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of purple plum, liquorice, tonka bean, leather and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Rancho El Adobe Vineyard - AVA SERIES - Chiles Valley Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, racy and offers a small concentration as well as a very slight freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and liquorice associated with small notes of boysenberry, local vegetation, hints of dark chocolate, liquorice, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of Ceylon tea and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, precision, suavity as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of ripe Boysenberry associated with small touches of crushed red fruits (redcurrants, strawberry), slight hints of dark chocolate, caramelization, Zan, coffee, tobacco, vanilla as well as discreet hints of black olive and almond on the finish. Tannins are very fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

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

## Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Surber Vineyard - AVA SERIES - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a small juiciness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of sweet raspberry candy associated with touches of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acidulous frame, suavity as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry jam, acidulous redcurrants candy, liquorice as well as slight hints of chocolate hints, oaky / toasted touches and very slight hints of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine, very slightly tight and very slightly firm. Good length.

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

## Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 AVA SERIES - Howell Mountain Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of cooked cassis, black cherry and small notes of black plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, liquorice, violet as well as a very discreet hint of grove / thyme, grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame (racy minerality), a very slight juiciness, roundness, a small gourmandise, a good structure, a slight straightness, a small finesse as well as power (but well-controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of ripe black plum associated with touches of crushed raspberry, jammy red currants, slight hints of dark chocolate, coffee as well as discreet hints of cardamom, black olive and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Battuello Vineyard - St. Helena Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a slight freshness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, small touches of almond, blueberry, cocoa, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of local vegetation, tobacco and colas / liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small fat, suavity as well as a slight acid / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of fleshy / ripe Garriguetto strawberry, crushed raspberry as well as slight hints of violet, caramelization, Zan, toasted oak, tobacco and a very discreet hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Conn Creek - Anthology 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, concentrated, powerful and very ripe. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, very ripe red currants and very ripe blackberries associated with small raspberry hints, minerality, liquorice stick, Sichuan pepper, violet as well as some slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a slight minerality, a very slight acid frame (in the background) as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / very ripe blackberries, crushed cassis and small notes of juicy plum associated with small touches of raspberry / red berries, violet, liquorice as well as slight hints of dark chocolate / cocoa, tobacco, spices and toasted wood. Tannins are fine, very slightly tightened and a small firm. Good length.

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

## Marston Family Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 - Spring Mountain District Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good freshness, a slight richness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of juicy / ripe wild cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of vegetation / grove associated with touches of juicy blackberry, slight touches of rose, Timut pepper, a hint of sweet spices, a discreet hint of gray pepper as well as a very discreet hint of fresh leather, camphor and an imperceptible touch of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a good suavity, a slight tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as a very beautifully fine and (very) slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis and juicy raspberry associated with slight touches of tonka bean, slight toasted touches, discreet hints of caramelization as well as an imperceptible touch of local vegetation and caramelization on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit chewy. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Marston Family Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Spring Mountain District Napa Valley

The nose is beautifully fine, velvety, aromatic, gourmand and offers a beautiful delicacy, a beautiful freshness, a very slight concentration as well as a beautiful elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, raspberry, cranberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of blueberry, violet as well as very discreet hints of tarweed (Madia), camphor, sweet spices, liquorice and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful juiciness, a beautiful suavity, a very beautiful delicacy, a very slight tension as well as a superb finesse and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crunchy strawberry and small notes of juicy cranberry, juicy raspberry associated with small touches of plum, violet, thyme, discreet hints of tonka bean, sweet spices, chocolate as well as an imperceptible touch of caramelization, cardamom and sap on the finish. Tannins are elegant. There are a very discreet hint of cocoa and a very discreet hint of flowers on the finish / persistence.

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

## Marston Family Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 - Spring Mountain District Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers finesse, power (but full of finesse), complexity, concentration, a good finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful definition. It

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reveals notes of boysenberry, wild cassis and small notes of small wild fruits associated with slight touches of Sichuan pepper, graphite as well as very discreet hints of iris. The palate is fruity, fresh, rich, round, suave, beautifully balanced, harmonious, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful fat, concentration, a beautiful depthness, a good minerality, power as well as a beautiful volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy redcurrants, crushed wild strawberry associated with touches of local vegetation / tarweed (Madia), discreet hints of black olive, dark chocolate, discreet grilled hints, coffee and very discreet hints of tobacco (on the finish / persistence). Tannins are fine, very slightly tight and very slightly dry. Good length.

**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## **Marston Family Vineyard - Petite Sirah 2015 - Calistoga** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power. It reveals notes of redcurrants, cassis and small notes of black cherry, flowers / rose associated with small touches of gray pepper as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small creaminess, a slight tension, a good structure, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful and delicate matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed redcurrants and touches of crushed blackberry, chocolate associated with small touches of cranberry (in the background) as well as very discreet hints of menthol, caramelization (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There are discreet hints of dark chocolate on the persistence.

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

## **Tolosa - Pinot Noir 2016, Toyon Farm - Los Carneros** Napa Valley

The nose is juicy and offers elegance as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of Zan, spices as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and local vegetation. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, concentration, gourmandise and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of juicy black berries, crushed redcurrants, slight / discreet hints of cocoa, Zan as well as imperceptible hint of tea and local vegetation. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and currently a bit young. Good persistence.

**Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)**

## **Raymond - Merlot 2016, Reserve Selection** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, liquorice and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of blueberry as well as discreet hints of blackberry and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a slight juiciness, a small suavity, a small racy minerality, a good structure as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with slight touches of liquorice / Zan as well as discreet hints of tobacco, discreet toasted hints / caramelization and a very discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm. Good length. There are slight touches of spices and coffee on the persistence.

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

## **Raymond - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Generations** Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, blue fruits as well as hints of liquorice, Cuban pepper, Zan, spices, nutmeg and discreet / imperceptible hints of local vegetation. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight unctuousity, a beautiful suavity, a slight tension, a good

structure, a slight gourmandise, a slight fat, a small density as well as a slight concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry, wild black berries associated with small touches of crunchy wild strawberry, chocolate, liquorice as well as discreet woody hints, coffee, cocoa / tonka bean and caramelization on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. (2020+)

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

## **Levy & McClellan 2014** Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, powerful, fine and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful depthness as well as concentration (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, violet / flowers, small wild red berries associated with slight touches of cocoa, leather, sweet spices, nutmeg, slight hints of gray pepper, camphor as well as discreet hints of minerality, very discreet hints of caramelization and local undergrowth. The palate is beautifully fresh, fruity, beautifully well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful richness, power (but full of finesse / balance), a fine crunchiness, a slight tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy cassis, small notes of juicy wild blackberries and small touches of wild strawberry, crushed redcurrants combined with slight hints of juicy blueberry, small juicy / crunchy berries, toasted oak, cocoa / tonka bean, leather, cardamom as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, violet and a very discreet hint of hazelnut / toasted almond. Good length and persistence. The finish is slightly powdered and offers a very slight chews.

**Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)**

## **AXR - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, wild red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of Zan, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of spices. The

palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, round, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a slight mineral frame, a small juiciness, concentration as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of crushed red berries, Zan / blond tobacco, chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length..

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

## **V. Vinyards - Audace 2015** Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, liquorice, gray pepper as well as discreet toasted hints (in the background) and a very discreet hint of blue fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a good definition, a good structure, a very slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of plum associated with touches of juicy / ripe red fruits, wild black berries, gray pepper as well as slight hints of liquorice, tobacco and an imperceptible touch of espresso. Tannins are fine, a bit chewy. Good length.

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

## **AXR 2015** Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers freshness. It reveals notes of cassis and wild berries associated with small touches of spices, dry local vegetation, liquorice as well as small hints of caramelization. The palate is well-balanced and offers freshness, finesse, a slight tension, a very slight straightness, a beautiful roundness as well as a beautiful, precise and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry, fresh wild strawberry, chocolate and caramelization. Good length. A beautiful gourmand wine!

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





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## V. Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

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The nose is fresh and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry, violet and small notes of liquorice associated with small touches of caramelization, small toasted touches as well as a very discreet hint of menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a good structure, freshness, gourmandise as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of red berries, crushed / fresh raspberry as well as slight touches of liquorice, tobacco, slight toasted touches, vanilla, cardamom and discreet hints of chocolate. Good length and good persistence.

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

## Clark Claudon - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

### Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight intensity, a slight power as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of red berries, strawberry, flowers associated with discreet hints of liquorice, menthol as well as slight hints of Bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers freshness, a slight unctuousity, a beautiful suavity, a slight straightness, precision, a beautiful definition as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry, crushed strawberry associated with touches of chocolate, liquorice, caramel and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## Clark-Claudon - Eternity 2015 - Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers concentration, freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberry, wild raspberry, cassis and wild strawberry combined with touches of Sichuan pepper and flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful grain, elegance as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry, crushed redcurrants associated with touches of liquorice, dark chocolate and very discreet hints of hazelnut on the persistence. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. There is an imperceptible touch of almond on the aftertaste.

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

## SVV - Jubilee 2015

### Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, juicy and offers a beautiful concentration as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with small hints of blueberry, liquorice, caramelization, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, precise and offers a small juiciness, a slight tension, a very slight mineral frame as well as a certain power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy / ripe cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of ripe / juicy red fruits as well as hints of liquorice, blond tobacco as well as very discreet hints of almond and tonka bean. Tannins are fine, numerous and a slightly dry. Good length.

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

## SVV - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

### Napa Valley

The nose is a bit tight. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed boysenberry and small notes of blue berries associated with slight / discreet hints of raspberry, flowers, Zan, spices, chocolate and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as roundness and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry combined with small touches of liquorice / Zan, chocolate, crushed blackberry as well as small hints of juicy / fleshy blueberry, sweet spices, nutmeg and caramelization. Tannins are well-built. There is an imperceptible touch of almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Michel Rolland 2015

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The nose is aromatic and offers power, elegance as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild red berries associated with touches of liquorice, blueberry, Cuben pepper as well as subtle hints

of muscade, camphor and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a slight freshness as well as a beautiful crunchiness of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy red berries associated with small / fine touches of juicy blueberry, oak, caramelization, almond as well as discreet toasted hints and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper

### Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness, a slight intensity, power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry, violet and small notes of crunchy raspberry combined with touches of spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, minerality, dynamism as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with slight hints of juicy raspberry as well as small touches of chocolate, liquorice, tobacco and very discreet hints of coffee (in the background). Good length. A beautiful wine!

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

## The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer To Kalon

### Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful power, a fleshy fruit as well as a beautiful concentration (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of cassis, blue fruits and small notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry, violet combined with subtle hints of camphor, sweet spices, tea as well as discreet toasted hints and caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky, elegant and offers a beautiful suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition / gourmandise as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of juicy blueberry, chocolate, caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Dr Crane

### Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of gray pepper, flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a small freshness, a racy minerality as well as a very beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, acidulous blackberry candy, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of redcurrants combined with small / fine touches of liquorice / Zan, tobacco, dark chocolate as well as discreet hints of crushed blueberry. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good persistence. There are an imperceptible hint of coffee and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

## Era 2015

### Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers finesse as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry combined with touches of violets, blueberries, sweet spices, tonka beans as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and almond. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand, well-structured, quite supple and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful freshness, a mineral frame, a slight straightness, a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of crushed / juicy raspberry, caramelization, chocolate and discreet toasted oak and hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

## Cardinale 2014

### Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, complex, gourmand and offers complexity as

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well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of juicy Boysenberry, ripe / juicy redcurrants and small touches of crushed cassis, crunchy raspberry combined with slight hints of almond, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of cardamom, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is well-balanced and offers a very beautiful freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, a beautiful acid frame, suavity, a slight tension, crunchiness, an aerial side as well as a very beautiful, fine and slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, ripe / crunchy redcurrants and small notes of juicy / fresh raspberry associated with small touches of crunchy / fresh strawberry as well as small toasted touches, sweet spices, a hint of rose and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean.

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

## Alpha Omega - Proprietary Red Wine 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness, a slight power as well as a very slight richness. It reveals notes of cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of Zan, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of violet and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a slight juiciness / minerality as well as a very slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, black cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy redcurrants as well as discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization, liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length and persistence (with touches of caramelization / chocolate).

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Sunshine Valley Vineyard - Oak Knoll District Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, aromatic, fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a small power as well as a beautiful concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with small touches of wild berries, fresh blueberry, violet as well as discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, a slight tension, precision, delicacy, a very slight straightness, a beautiful roundness as well as freshness.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, raspberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of chocolate, racy minerality and very discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. A beautiful wine!

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and a bit tight. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of violet combined with touches of raspberry, chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet hints of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy Boysenberry combined with small touches of fleshy wild strawberry, slight hints of juicy redcurrants, chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet hints of violet and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of coffee / espresso on the persistence.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper - Oakville Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant, racy and offers depthness, a slight intensity as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with small notes of red berries, Sichuan pepper, violet as well as subtle hints of Zan, nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, freshness as well as a beautiful definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes

of black cherry, juicy / crunchy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, crushed raspberry associated with small touches of Zan, blueberry, liquorice, toasted oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer To Kalon - Oakville Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of caramel combined with slight touches of chocolate / tonka bean, crushed blueberry and discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Drew Vineyard - Mt. Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of red fruits associated with touches of violet, Zan, as well as discreet hints of caramelization and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small fleshiness, juiciness, a good definition, suavity, precision as well as a beautiful elegance / finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy boysenberry, wild strawberry and raspberry combined with slight touches of caramelization, chocolate as well as discreet hints of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful fruit as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and Sichuan pepper associated with small touches of red berries, spices, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit powdery and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of fleshy / juicy raspberry as well as hints of juicy red berries, juicy blueberry, chocolate, caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly chewy. Good length. There are very discreet hints of almond on the persistence.

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

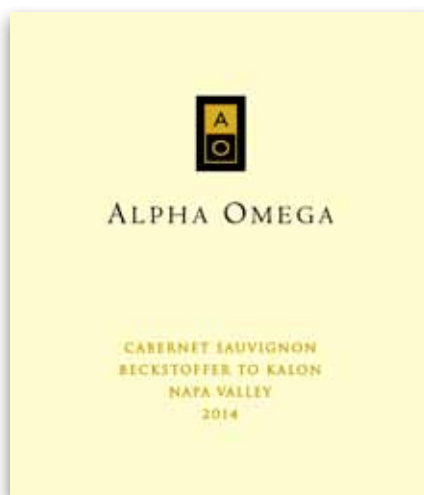
## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Thomas Vineyard - Rutherford Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black berries, crunchy raspberry combined with discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good definition, a slight tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of crunchy / juicy redcurrants associated with small / fine touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet toasted hints, sweet spices and imperceptible hint of flowers / camphor. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Dr Crane - St. Helena Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers concentration, power as well as freshness.



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It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of menthol, blueberry as well as discreet hints of Cuban pepper, caramelization, discreet toasted hints and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, gourmandise as well as a slight minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis as well as slight hints of liquorice / Zan as well as discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and offer a very slight chew. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Las Piedras - St. Helena Napa Valley

The nose is a bit tight, a bit closed and offers a slight richness. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberries, cassis and small notes of crushed red berries, liquorice associated with hints of Sichuan pepper, menthol, nutmeg, toasted hints as well as slight / discreet hints of fresh grove and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy boysenberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, flowers (rose, violet) as well as slight hints of caramelization and liquorice. Tannins are elegant and a bit firm. Good length.

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

## Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer Stagecoach - Atlas Peak Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, elegance as well as a small concentration and fleshiness / crispiness. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and small notes of violet combined with touches of fleshy redcurrants, tea, Sichuan pepper, crunchy wild strawberries as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, gourmand, a bit tight and offers fleshiness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, wild raspberry and small notes of ripe / juicy cassis associated with small touches of ripe redcurrants, liquorice, spices, tea as well as discreet toasted hints / sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built. Good length. There are hints of cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Mt Brave 2014 - Mt. Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, precise and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a very beautiful precision. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis, wild raspberry and small touches of cherry associated with discreet hints of oak, caramelization, tonka bean, crushed blueberry, Cuban pepper and a subtle hint of camphor. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, a bit powdery, precise, elegant and offers a slight acidulous frame, a small juiciness, a beautiful suavity, delicacy as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy plum and juicy raspberry associated with touches of dark chocolate, oaky / caramelized touches as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of almond, square of dark chocolate, juicy blackberry and a very discreet hint of juicy raspberry on the finish / persistence. A very beautiful wine!

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

## Lokoya - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Spring Mountain District Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, delicate and racy. It reveals notes of wild cassis, boysenberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with slight hints of acidulous redcurrant candy, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, liquorice, Sichuan red pepper, oak and camphor. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy boysenberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of blueberry, plum associated with slight hints of caramelization, Bourbon vanilla, lilac as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length and persistence. Tannins are well-built and elegant. There are very discreet hints of dark chocolate and almond on the finish / persistence. A great wine full of finesse!

**Score : 19.5/20 (99/100)**

## Lokoya - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Spring Mountain District Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, deep and offers a beautiful crunchiness and ripe fruit. It reveals notes of boysenberry, juicy blueberry and fleshy / juicy raspberry combined with small touches of violet, camphor and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, suave, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful purity, a crunchy fruit, a slight tension as well as a beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysenberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of juicy wild raspberry, fleshy / juicy blueberry as well as hints of chocolate, tea, caramelization and very discreet hints of sweet spices and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are elegant. Very beautiful, gourmande and juicy persistence. There are a hint of almond, vanilla, a toasted hint, juicy red berries and blackberry on the persistence. A beautifully gourmand wine.

**Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)**

## La Jota Vineyard - Merlot 2014, Howell Mountain Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, concentrated and offers a beautiful elegance as well as finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, red cherry combined with hints of acidulous raspberry candy, violet, blueberry, Timut pepper, camphor as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, suave, elegant, very slightly tight, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a slight acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse, a very slight fleshiness as well as a beautiful roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy plum, ripe / fleshy red berries as well as slight hints of violet, rose, discreet hints of Cuban pepper, nutmeg and spices. Good length and persistence.

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

## Joseph Phelps - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with small notes of ripe wild red berries, crushed raspberry as well as touches of liquorice stick, tobacco, spices and discreet toasted hints (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly grainy and offers a slight acidulous frame, tension, a slight straightness, a slight juiciness, roundness, a slight fat, freshness as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of flowers, wild berries, vanilla as well as discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization on the finish / persistence. Tannins are very slightly dry and a bit firm. There is a hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

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

## Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2012, Estate Grown Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of crushed red berries, crushed raspberry and hints of caramelization, toasted hints, Bourbon vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small acid frame, minerality, freshness, a certain straightness, a small juiciness, a beautiful fresh / acidulous frame as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, crushed / ripe blackberry and small touches of crunchy strawberry, fresh / crushed redcurrants combined with hints of blueberry, caramelization, tobacco as well as a hint of almond and very discreet hints of Zan. Tannins are fine and elegant. Very slight chew on the finish. Good length. Good and gourmande persistence. There is a very discreet hint of fresh hazelnut on the aftertaste.

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

## Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2014, Estate Grown Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, crunchy, elegant and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, very ripe cassis and small notes of crushed red berries associated with touches of acidulous raspberry candy, liquorice as well as hints of violet, cooked blueberry and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, finesse, an acidulous frame, a small aerial

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side as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / crunchy cassis, juicy black cherry and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with small hints of Zan, tobacco, cardamom as well as very discreet toasted hints / vanilla, crushed almond and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant, young and a bit firm. There are very discreet hints of hazelnut / almond and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background) on the persistence. Beautiful, gourmande and juicy persistence. Small chews on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2015, Estate Grown Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful expression of the fruit. It reveals notes of crunchy / juicy cassis, crunchy blackberries, small notes of crunchy strawberry and touches of fleshy / juicy raspberry combined with small toasted touches, tonka bean, tea, a very discreet hint of cardamom as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy, precise, elegant and offers a good definition, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful texture, a beautiful straightness, suavity, a beautiful expression of the fruit as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crunchy Gariguetta strawberry combined with slight touches of fresh / juicy raspberry, chocolate, caramelization as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla, toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of tea / camphor (in the background). Tannins are elegant and a bit mellow. Good length. There is an imperceptible touch of coffee on the aftertaste. (2022+)  
**Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)**

## Beringer - Merlot 2014, Braneroft Ranch Vineyard - Howell Mountain Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and liquorice associated with touches of blueberry and very discreet hints of spices, Zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, concentration, power, a slight suavity, a very slight freshness, a fine grain as well as a very slightly grainy sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis associated with touches of Zan, tobacco, cardamom, small touches of cinnamon as well as very discreet oaky hints and dark chocolate. Tannins are a bit grainy. Good length.  
**Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## Beringer - Private Reserve 2014, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, concentrated and offers power (but full of balance) as well as richness. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of raspberry, blueberry, Zan, liquorice as well as discreet hints of tobacco, cardamom and camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, tension, elegance, a certain small richness, freshness, density, a beautiful suavity, a very slight tight matter as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of black cherry, liquorice, tobacco associated with slight touches of sweet spices as well as a discreet touch of black pepper and very discreet hints of coffee. Tannins are slightly grainy and a bit chewy. There is a discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence.  
**Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)**

## Beringer - Private Reserve 2013, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight richness (but full of elegance). It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis and small notes blueberry, wild strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, cocoa, smoke, camphor, wood and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a slight juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, minerality, a beautiful complexity as well as a very slight austerity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry, blackberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of cocoa, Zan, camphor, smoke as well as a discreet hint of tobacco / cedar. Tannins are fine, elegant, numerous and a small firm. Good length and persistence. There are slight hints of almond on the persistence.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

# Other Napa Valley wines

## ROSÉ, SWEET & FORTIFIED WINES

### Provenance Vineyards - Malbec Rosé 2017 - Calistoga Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of fresh redcurrants and fresh / ripe raspberry combined with slight hints of fresh cassis as well as discreet hints of fresh white fruits and an imperceptible hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a very slight tension, suavity, a small fat, a slight freshness as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry and fleshy / juicy redcurrants combined with slight touches of fresh blackberries, white fruits and a discreet hint of lemon. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of salinity and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the finish / persistence.

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

### Clos du Val - Estate Pinot Noir Rosé 2016 - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small fat. It reveals notes of sweet raspberry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of white fruits combined with a discreet hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acid frame, gourmandise as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / fleshy raspberry and white fruits (pear, peach) associated with small touches of crushed redcurrants as well as fine hints of citrus and a very discreet hint of lemon zest.

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

### Robert Mondavi - Moscato D'Oro 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and well-balanced. It reveals notes of kumquat, quince, crystallized citrus and small notes of candied peach notes associated with small / fine touches of flowers and mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, beading ("perlante" / discreet sparkling sensation), a bit aerial and offers tension, a beautiful balance, roundness, fat, a beautiful freshness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied vine peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of quenette, fresh pineapple, grapes as well as slight hints of candied mandarin, candied apple, zest, lemon, very discreet hints of muesli and an imperceptible touch of fresh white flowers. Good length.

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

### St Supéry - Moscato 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of kumquat, ripe peach and small notes of apricot associated with small touches of crystallized tangerine, quenette as well as slight touches of apple (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, "perlante" (discreetly sparkling sensation) and offers a good definition, freshness, tension as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / sweet kumquat, ripe quince and small notes of peach, exotic fruits, quenette associated with touches of crushed lemon, crystallized tangerine as well as slight hints of sweet pineapple. Good length. There is a hint of yuzu zest on the persistence.

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

### Beringer - Nightingate 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight freshness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied quince and small notes of crystalline tangerine associated with small touches of exotic fruits (mango, quenette) as well as discreet hints of white fruits, beeswax, small dried fruits, minerality and discreet hints of yuzu zests. The palate is fruity, gourmand, unctuous, well-balanced, round, very slightly tight and offers fat, tension, a small fleshy side, density, a good freshness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied / crushed brugnol, candied lemon, candied tangerine and small touches of candied orange / marmalade associated with small hints of pear in syrup, apple, spices, cardamom, tea as well as a very discreet hint of minerality and zest of lime / yuzu. Good persistence.

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

# Sonoma

## Jericho Canyon Vineyard - 1868 Dessert Wine 2012 Napa Valley

(Port style wine) The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, raspberry and hints of balsamic combined with slight hints of redcurrant as well as discreet notes of spices and dried cassis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, very slightly tight, gourmand and offers silkiness, a good finesse of the grain, tension as well as a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry combined with small touches of plum, chocolate, crushed Gariguetta strawberry as well as slight toasted hints, vanilla and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are fine and well-built. The finish is slight powerful.

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

## SONOMA RED WINES

### Vérité - Le Désir 2014 Sonoma

The nose is elegant, fruity, powerful, aromatic, voluptuous, dynamic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, fleshy / juicy plum and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of small wild berries, volcanic minerality, spices as well as discreet hints of flowers, Sichuan pepper, caramelization and very discreet hints of juicy black fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slight tight, melodious and offers a beautiful definition, a very slight tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small dynamism, a beautiful suavity, a very slight freshness, a racy minerality as well as a very beautiful finesse of the texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry, crushed plum associated with small touches of chocolate / cocoa, caramelization, toasted almond as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, discreet toasted hints, very discreet hints of blond tobacco (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of flowers (violet, blueberry) in the background. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. Good length. Beautiful and gourmand persistence. There is a discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100)

### Vérité - La Muse 2008 Sonoma

The nose is fresh, beautifully elegant, aromatic, harmonious, captivating and offers an amazing delicacy as well as a beautiful balance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of ripe red fruits (redcurrants, raspberry) associated with small touches of undergrowth, zan as well as a very discreet hint of mushroom / truffle, camphor and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The mouth is beautifully suave, beautifully balanced (richness / finesse), harmonious, sensual / aerial and offers a very beautiful freshness, unctuousity, a delicate texture, a beautiful minerality, a very beautiful precision / finesse as well as an amazing elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, ripe red berries and small notes of ripe wild strawberry, juicy cherry associated with fine touches of dark chocolate / cocoa, almond, a hint of grilled bread as well as a very discreet hint of iris / violet (in the background), hazelnut, mushroom (on the finish) and imperceptible hints of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and discreetly chewy. Good length and very beautiful persistence. There is an imperceptible touch of coffee / espresso on the aftertaste.

Score : 20/20 (100/100)

### Vérité - La Muse 2014 Sonoma

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a very slight richness as well as power (perfectly / well controlled). It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of black cherry, crushed raspberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, caramelization, small toasted touches as well as discreet hints of tonka bean. The mouth offers a very beautiful fat, a very slight finesse, a beautiful balance, a beautiful definition, a slight tension, a beautiful acidulous frame (in the background), volume, a beautiful aromatic complexity, power (but full of finesse) as well as an explosive side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry, crunchy / juicy red berries associated with small / fine touches of flowers / violet, Zan, tobacco, cocoa as well as very discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible touch of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Good length. (2022+)

Score : 19.75+/20 (100/100)

### Vérité - La Joie 2014 Sonoma

The nose is beautifully elegant, aromatic and offers a captivating side (as a parfum). It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, iris, cassis and small notes of blue fruits associated with small touches of camphor, slight hints of cornflower as well as very discreet touches of Cuben pepper, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of local vegetation / sappy hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, precise, elegant, complex, harmonious and offers a beautiful juiciness, a very beautiful definition, a very beautiful acid frame, a good acidulous structure, a beautiful suavity as well as a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants associated with small touches of raspberry, cassis as well as hints of flowers (violet, iris, a very discreet rose hint), cardamom, liquorice stick, nutmeg, a very discreet touch of blond tobacco and an imperceptible touch of minerality and cinnamon. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. Good length. A style more "fine / feminine" than on the Cuvée "Le Désir 2014".

Score : 19.75+/20 (100/100)

### Tolosa - Pinot Noir 2016, Saltonstall Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The nose is fruity, precise, slightly powerful and offers a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of red berries, blueberry and small notes of cornflower, lilacs associated with slight touches of cassis, tobacco, spices as well as a very discreet touch of Timut pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a slight acidulous frame, fleshiness, a good density, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful volume as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with small touches of wild raspberry, flowers (cornflower, lilac) as well as discreet hints of tobacco, chocolate and very discreet hints of vanilla. Good length.

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

### Joseph Phelps - Pinot Noir 2014, Pastorale Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The nose is fruity and offers a slight juiciness as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small hints of blueberry, violet and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, precise, racy, well-structured and offers a good definition, a good structure, a small juiciness, straightness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of crushed Boysenberry combined with a hint of flowers, very ripe wild red berries as well as discreet hints of liquorice and spices. Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate on the finish.

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

## SONOMA WHITE WINES

### Joseph Phelps - Chardonnay 2015, Pastorale Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The nose is fruity and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small notes of brugnion associated with touches of yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of butter and zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition, a slight freshness as well as a small linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus, quince and small notes of fresh / crunchy mirabelle plum associated with small touches of exotic fruits, litchi and zest. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

### Corazon - Gewurztraminer 2016 - Alexander Valley Sonoma

The nose is fruity, fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of peach and kumquat associated with small notes of exotic fruits, flowers as well as discreet hints of tangerine. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a slight tension, an acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, freshness as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crunchy vine peach and small notes of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with discreet hints of flowers, juicy quince and a very discreet salinity on the finish. Good length.

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

# Californian wines

## RED WINES

### **MerSoleil - Pinot Noir 2016 Reserve Santa Lucia Highlands California**

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry, blueberry associated with discreet hints of liquorice, gray pepper, flowers, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a slight suavity, a fine silkiness as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with fine hints of liquorice, tea as well as a very discreet iodine hint and an imperceptible touch of cocoa / dark chocolate. Tannins are well integrated.  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

### **R Collection by Raymond Lot N°5 Field Blend 2016 California**

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness, a very slight complexity as well as a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of cassis, juicy Boysenberry and slight hints of wild strawberry combined with discreet hints of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers finesse, a slight minerality, a very slight austerity, a small delicacy, power (but full of balance), suavity, a good freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of liquorice stick associated with small touches of blueberry, juicy raspberry as well as slight woody hints, caramelization, cocoa and very discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Gourmandise and beautiful suavity on the finish.  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

### **Raymond - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Family Classic North Coast**

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight concentration, a slight freshness, a slight juiciness as well as a very slight power (in the background). It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry, blackberry and juicy black berries combined with hints of wild raspberry, ripe/crushed redcurrants as well as slight hints of liquorice, violet and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, very slightly tight, well-built and offers a slight acid frame, a small juiciness, a very slight tension, suavity, a very slight depthness, a slight power as well as a very slight creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis / crème de cassis and fleshy / crushed strawberry associated with small touches of black berries, liquorice, tobacco as well as an imperceptible touch of grove. There are very discreet hints of coffee and chocolate on the persistence. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

### **Raymond - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Sommelier Selection North Coast**

The nose offers concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, sour cherry and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with small touches of blue berries, violet and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a slight suavity, depthness, a very slight unctuousity as well as fleshy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, sour cherry and small notes of blackberry, small fleshy wild berries associated with slight touches of liquorice / Zan, slight toasted touches, chocolate, tobacco as well as a very discreet almond hint (on the finish). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

### **Tolosa - 1772 Pinot Noir 2016 Pacific Wind - Edna Ranch Edna Valley**

The nose is fruity, well-structured and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small wild berries associated with small

touches of prunes, iris, lilacs as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame, a small minerality, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful precision, a beautiful power, a good structure, a beautiful texture as well as a beautiful, round / suave and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of very ripe red berries, Zan, tobacco as well as very discreet toasted hint, flowers and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of local vegetation (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Tolosa - 1772 Pinot Noir 2016 Edna Ranch Edna Valley**

The nose is powerful, elegant and offers a beautiful richness, a small structure as well as finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of Zan, tobacco as well as discreet hints of dried blueberry, a very discreet hint of Sichuan and flowers / violet. The palate is fruity, silky and offers a small freshness, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful fat, a racy minerality, a good structure as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed plum and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of Zan, liquorice, violet as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. The fruit is riper than on the Pacific Wind cuvée.  
**Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

### **Tolosa - 1772 Pinot Noir 2016 Stone Lion - Edna Ranch Edna Valley**

The nose is fruity, beautifully aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of violet associated with small touches of liquorice, slight hints of Zan as well as discreet hints of caramelization, chocolate, wild strawberry and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful delicacy, a slight freshness, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition, a melodious side, a beautiful matter (silky and slightly unctuous), a beautiful density, a beautiful juiciness / fleshiness of the fruit as well as richness (but precisely controlled). On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with small touches of red berries as well as very slight toasted hints, chocolate, tobacco / Zan and very discreet / imperceptible hints of fresh flowers. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

### **Tolosa - Pinot Noir 2016- Hollister - Edna Ranch Edna Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of black cherry, fleshy plum, small notes of wild blackberry and small touches of liquorice, crushed red cherry combined with discreet hints of crushed red berries, liquorice, tobacco as well as very discreet hints of minerality and cassis bud. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a small freshness, a beautiful precision, a beautiful structure, finesse, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful texture, a very slight unctuousity as well as depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy black plum associated with small touches of red berries, red cherry as well as discreet hints of Zan, caramelization, a very discreet hint of leather and an imperceptible hint of cassis bud. Good length.  
**Score : 18/20 (96/100)**

### **Tolosa - Pinot Noir 2016 - Solomon Hills Vineyard Santa Maria Valley**

The nose is aromatic, fresh, beautifully elegant and mineral. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of plum associated with touches of iris, lilac as well as discreet hints of blue berries, strawberry, discreet toasted hints and caramelization. The palate is fruity, silky, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, a small

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depthness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of dried blueberry, wild strawberry, liquorice, Zan as well as discreet hints of tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and very discreetly firm. There is an imperceptible touch of cocoa / espresso on the aftertaste.

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

## Tolosa - Pinot Noir 2016, Apex Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands

The nose is fresh, mineral, aromatic and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of dried wild red berries associated with discreet hints of rose, flowers as well as slight toasted hints, liquorice and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful unctuousity, minerality, tension, a small straightness, a beautiful volume, a beautiful definition as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and small notes of black cherry, crushed red berries associated with touches of chocolate, caramelization, Zan as well as hints of vanilla. Good length.

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

## Tolosa - Primera 2016 - Edna Ranch Edna Valley

The nose is aromatic, structured, elegant, well-built and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and black plum associated with small notes of wild berries, blueberries, fleshy wild strawberry as well as subtle touches of Sichuan pepper, almond and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a slight minerality frame, a slight acidity, a beautiful matter, a beautiful roundness, unctuousity as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy plum and small notes of crushed raspberry, crushed black cherry associated with touches of liquorice, chocolate, caramelization, vanilla as well as discreet hints of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length. There are hints of chocolate / vanilla on the persistence.

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

## ROSÉ WINES

### Azur 2017 Dry California Rosé Wine California

The nose is fruity and offers a slight fat. It reveals notes of cherry and ripe raspberry associated with small notes of acidulous redcurrant candy as well as touches of quenette and vine peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful suavity / fat / roundness, a good definition, gourmandise, minerality as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, ripe raspberry, ripe/fresh cherry and small touches of acidulous redcurrant candy associated with slight hints of apple / pear, lemon zest as well as discreet hints of rose. Good length.

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

### VGS Château Potelle - Riviéra 2017 Sonoma Coast

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of fresh redcurrants, fresh raspberry and small touches of citrus / quince associated with discreet hints of quenette / passion fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, "clean", elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, tension, a slight suavity, a good structure, gourmandise as well as a very slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fresh redcurrants, ripe / fresh cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of exotic fruits, juicy / fresh citrus (mandarin ...) as well as discreet hints of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly chewy. Good length and good persistence. The finish is quite gourmande.

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

## WHITE WINES

### MerSoleil - Chardonnay Reserve 2016 Santa Lucia Highlands California

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a small freshness as well as a very fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of lemon paste, tangerine and small notes of flat peach associated with discreet hints of minerality and lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame as well as a slight unctuousity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of peach combined with slight hints of mirabelle plum, flowers as well as a discreet hint of zest, apple and very discreet hints of minerality and an imperceptible toasted touch on the finish.

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

### MerSoleil - Silver - Chardonnay Reserve 2016, Unoaked - Monterey Co. California

The nose is fresh and offers minerality, a slight crystalline side as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of apple and small notes of flat peach associated with touches of minerality, fresh mirabelle plum as well as discreet hints of zest. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine mineral frame, a slight freshness, a slight acid frame, a very slight unctuousity, roundness, a small gourmandise as well as a very discreet tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, ripe apple and small notes of ripe / crunchy peach associated with slight touches of zest, quince, fleshy/ juicy mirabelle plum and almost saline minerality. Good length. Fine appetence on the finish. There is an imperceptible salinity hint (in the background) on persistence.

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

### Raymond Winery - Chardonnay 2015 California

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very slight intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of fresh small white fruits and quince associated with subtle hints of mirabelle plum, fresh zests as well as discreet hints of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight acid frame, a small minerality, a slight richness, a slight creaminess, a good finesse of the grain as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy / juicy nectarine associated with slight touches of kumquat, slight hints of juicy white grapes, pear and discreet hints of vanilla on the finish / persistence.

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

### Pine Ridge - Chenin Blanc + Viognier 2016 California

The nose is fruity and a bit closed. It reveals notes of quince, apple and finetouches of mirabelle associated with slight / discreet hints of papaya and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, roundness, a slight unctuousity, freshness, an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy brugnion, litchi and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with small touches of white fruits, citrus as well as discreet hints of flowers. Good length.

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

### R Collection - Sauvignon blanc 2016 California

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of lemon zest, apple and small notes of fresh / crunchy nectarine associated with slight touches of fresh apricot as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, suavity as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus (lemon, kumquat) associated with small touches of nectarine, fleshy / juicy vine peach, mirabelle plum as well as slight hints of ripe small white fruits. Good length and good persistence.

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

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## R Collection by Raymond Lot N°5 Merlot 2016 California

The nose is structured and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of berries associated with small touches of liquorice, Zan as well as discreet hints of cassis bud and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight acidulous frame, a small fat as well as fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous cherry candy, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of juicy plum as well as discreet hints of crunchy raspberry, spices and a very discreet touch of cassis bud. Tannins are fine. Good length.

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

## Tolosa - Chardonnay Poletti 2016 Single Vineyard - Edna Ranch Edna Valley

The nose is fresh and offers a beautiful minerality, elegance as well as a very beautiful grain. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum, butter and small notes of oak combined with small hints of crushed white fruits, beeswax, tea / flowers as well as discreet hints of fresh citrus fruits (in the background). The palate is well-balanced, precise, gourmande, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful freshness, an acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a beautiful matter, delicacy as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Brugnon, crushed quenette and small notes of quince, butter associated with small hints of crushed pear. A very beautiful, gourmand, elegant and well-built wine. Good length.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)

## Tolosa - 1772 - Chardonnay 2016 Pacific Wind - Edna Ranch Edna Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers elegance as well as a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy brugnon, juicy citrus and small notes of vine peach associated with discreet hints of flowers and zests. The mouth is fresh, fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful precision, unctuousity, a beautiful fat (bâtonnage) as well as a beautiful roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy / crunchy mirabelle plum and small notes notes of vine peach associated with small touches of juicy mandarin as well as a very discreet hint of juicy pineapple, butter, beeswax, yellow flowers and toasted touches. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Tolosa - 1772 - Chardonnay 2016 - Edna Ranch Edna Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers power, elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of litchi, quenette associated with slight hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of almond and an imperceptible toasted touch. The palate is mineral, beautifully balanced, racy, round, unctuous and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity / fat as well as a good matter and a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, quince and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of citrus, beeswax as well as slight hints of crushed kumquat and discreet hints of apricot (in the background). Good length.

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## Rivetto - Marcarini 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small gourmandise, a slight richness, a good fineness of the grain as well as a very slight power (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, wild black fruits and small notes of small elderberries, black cherry associated with small touches of small red berries as well as discreet hints of grove, blond tobacco, cardamom, Zan and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight, tannic and offers suavity, a small acidulous frame, fleshiness as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small ripe crushed red berries and small notes of blue fruits, elderberries associated with small touches of sweet spices, blond tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are very fine, tight, firm and a bit dry. There is a hint of caramelization on the persistence.  
**Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)**

## Terre Sabaude 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a slight straightness. It reveals notes of black cherry, elderberries and small notes of small black fruits associated with discreet hints of grove, a very discreet hint of black olive as well as very discreet hints of tobacco, toasted/caramelization and tonka bean. The palate is mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small suavity, gourmandise, a racy minerality, a small juiciness, a slight tension, a good structure as well as a bit aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy wild red berries associated with small touches of elderberry, liquorice, tonka bean, slight hints of blond tobacco as well as a discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are fine, a bit firm and straight. There is a very discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Beautiful and gourmandise persistence.  
**Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**

## Demarie 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight intensity, a captivating side and gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, small blue fruits and flowers (violet, iris) associated with small touches of crunchy red berries, black pepper, sweet spices, vanilla, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of grove, black olive, spices and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, emotion, gourmandise, a small acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with slight touches of crushed elderberries, crunchy cassis, cherry as well as discreet hints of flowers, grove, spices and cardamom. There are hints of cocoa, fresh almond and roasting on the finish / persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine and structuring. A beautiful wine.  
**Score : 16.75 /10 (93-94/100)**

## Giuseppe Cortese - Rabaja' 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful elegance and complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis, elderberries and small notes of red berries associated with a hint of balsamic, ripe wild strawberry, discreet hints of spices / flowers as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco and cardamom. The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise, a beautiful juiciness, suavity as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of elderberries associated with small touches of grove flowers / scrubland as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco, Zan and cardamom. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry and young. Good length.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## Grasso Fratelli - Giacosa Spessa 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of red berries and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of cassis, small wild black berries as well as slight touches of scrubland, cuben pepper and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight, precise and offers a slight tension, a beautiful straightness, a beautiful grain, a tannic structure, a beautiful suavity, fat as well as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small wild black berries, small red berries associated with touches of black cherry, slight hints of scrubland as well as discreet hints of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla and cardamom. Tannins are fine, very slightly dry and numerous. (2022+)  
**Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## Roberto Sarotto - Currà 2013, Riserva Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a very slight intensity, delicacy and a small complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, coffee and small notes of small red fruits (raspberry, cherry) and red berries associated with slight hints of spices, scrubland as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and tobacco. The palate is fruity, soft, suave, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers gourmandise as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy blueberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of crushed red berries, hints of tonka bean, chocolate as well as discreet hints of caramelization, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of black olive (in the background). Tannins are well-built, very slightly firm and powdered. There are a hint of hazelnut and almond on the persistence / aftertaste (brings gourmandise as well as a slight chew).  
**Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## Cascina Morassino - Ovello 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of red berries, grove and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with slight touches of cherry, raspberry, crushed cassis, discreet hints of Sichuan pepper as well as very discreet toasted hints, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small acidulous frame as well as a slight juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed red berries associated with small touches of crushed cassis, elderberry, red cherry as well as slight toasted touches, chocolate, caramelization and very discreet hints of hazelnut / almond (in the background). Tannins are numerous and a bit dry. There are a hint of cocoa and caramelization on persistence. (2022+)  
**Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

## Figli Luigi Oddero - Rombone 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers intensity. It reveals notes of wild red berries, elderberry and small notes of cassis, violet, small touches of Sichuan pepper associated with discreet hints of camphor, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of scrubland / rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small straightness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed/ripe red berries and small notes of elderberry, crushed blackberry associated with slight touches of scrubland, iris / olive tree as well as small hints of cardamom, tonka bean, sweet spices and discreet hints of tobacco. The finish is slightly tight. Tannins are a bit dry. (2022+)  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Cascina Morassino - Morassino 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, juicy blueberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with small / discreet touches of Sichuan pepper, grove / olive tree as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, gourmandise, a slight tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blueberry and small notes of small fleshy / juicy red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, grove and toasted. Tannins are fine, numerous and a bit firm. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of cocoa / dark chocolate and an imperceptible hint of coffee on the finish.  
**Score : 16/20 (91/100)**

## Negro - Basarin 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration and a small freshness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, elderberry and small notes of crunchy wild red berries associated with touches of scrubland, black olive, racy minerality, Sichuan pepper, slight spices hints as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla, tonka bean and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small tension, straightness, a slight fat, suavity, finesse, a slight roundness, gourmandise as well as a very slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed black berries, crushed raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of strawberry, tonka bean, spices as well as discreet hints of scrubland, flowers and blond tobacco. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and a bit dry. (2024+)  
**Score : 16/20 (92/100)**

## Rizzi - Rizzi 2015 Barbaresco

The nose offers power, a slight richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of boysenberry and small wild black fruits associated with touches of wild cassis, red fruits associated with small touches of iris, cornflowers, Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful tannic structure, a beautiful precision, elegance, a beautiful juiciness, finesse, a slight straightness as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crunchy wild cassis and small notes of red berries associated with discreet hints

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of flowers, spices and tonka bean. The finish is slightly powdered. There are discreet hints of camphor, toasted, nutmeg and Sichuan pepper on the finish/persistence. Tannins are fine and firm. (2020+)

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

## Rizzi - Nervo 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, precise, spicy, frank and offers minerality. It reveals notes of cherry, wild raspberry and small notes of small wild fruits, cassis associated with slight hints of gray pepper, violet as well as a discreet hint of spices and clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, a good finesse of the grain, precision, finesse as well as a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild red berries, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of small berries, cassis associated with small touches of racy minerality, flowers as well as slight hints of camphor, Sichuan pepper, tonka bean as well as oak. Tannins are fine and structuring.

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

## Rizzi - Pajoré 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is powerful, spicy, precise and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of crushed red berries, wild strawberry and Cuben pepper associated with touches of crushed cassis, bigarreau cherry, violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of iris and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers minerality, a beautiful straightness, tension, precision, a small acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful minerality, freshness as well as a fine and a bit tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, wild raspberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of cassis, flowers, cocoa as well as discreet hints of spices, tea and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and slightly dry. Good length. (2020+)

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

## Punset - Basarin 2012 Riserva Barbaresco

The nose is well-built and offers a very slight intensity. It reveals notes of elderberry and wild ripe redcurrant combined with touches of blueberry, iris / lily as well as discreet hints of scrubland, rosemary, nutmeg / toasted and an imperceptible hint of truffle. The palate is fruity, beautifully gourmand and offers juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, suavity as well as slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe fleshy redcurrant and fleshy wild raspberry associated with small touches of cherry, elderberry, cassis, discreet hints of flowers, scrubland as well as an imperceptible hint of bean tonka, coffee, nutmeg and truffle.

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

## Giuseppe Cortese - Rabaja' 2011 Riserva Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy red berries, violet and small notes of blueberry, cherry associated with slight Zan hints as well as a very discreet hint of dark chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, a beautiful mineral frame, a small juiciness, tension, straightness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red berries, red cherry and small notes of cassis associated

with small touches of violet, elderberry, licorice, vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of olive / olive tree. Tannins are fine, numerous and a bit dry. Good length. A juicy wine, gourmand, precise and straight. There is a hint of tonka bean on the finish / persistence. (2020+)

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

## Icardi - Stardereri 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of wild berries and small blue fruits associated with touches of flowers, red fruits (wild raspberry, wild ripe redcurrant), nutmeg, tea, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of scrubland and Timut pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, suavity, roundness, a good structure, gourmandise, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red berries and blackberry associated with small notes of cassis, chocolate, black cherry as well as discreet hints of caramelization and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

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

## Orlando Abrigo - Meruzzano 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is powerful, fresh, spicy, aromatic and quite ample. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, blackberry and Sichuan pepper associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, gray pepper, violet as well as discreet hints of scrubland and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, frank, slightly tight and offers a slight straightness, a slight acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, bigarreau cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of blackberry, violet as well as discreet hints of small ripe wild berries, scrubland, liquorice, spices and an imperceptible hint of camphor. Tannins are a bit firm and structuring. There is a very discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

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

## Battaglio 2014 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic, beautifully built, racy and offers a slight richness, a slight power as well as precision. It reveals notes of blackberry, small crushed elderberry and small notes of cassis, liquorice associated with touches of crushed strawberry, licorice, caramelization, violet / lily as well as discreet hints of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of scrubland / nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a small suavity as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe wild berries and small notes of raspberry associated with small / slight touches of flowers (cornflowers, rose), tobacco as well as hints of Zan, clove and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

## Orlando Abrigo - Montersino 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers elegance and gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of scrubland / rosemary, crunchy strawberry as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of violet / rose. The palate is fruity,

well-balanced and offers suavity, a slight acid frame, a slight tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small notes of small wild berries / elderberry associated with small touches of wild red fruits, hints of rose, rosemary / laurel as well as a very discreet hint of Zan / blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and a little firm. There is a hint of cocoa bean on persistence.

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

## Vite Colte, La Casa In Collina 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cornflowers, small blue berries and small notes of small wild fruits, crushed wild cassis associated with touches of Cuben pepper, racy minerality, spices as well as a very discreet hint of scrubland, toasted hint, cocoa and vanilla / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers tension, a bit aerial side, a mineral frame, a good freshness as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, ripe cherry and small notes of cassis / elderberries associated with small touches of blackberry, Zan, tobacco as well as an imperceptible touch of cedar and tonka bean. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. A very slight chew and gourmandise on the finish.

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

## Roberto Sarotto - Riserva 2013 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful gourmandise, precision as well as richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, chocolate and small notes of small wild berries, blue fruits associated with discreet hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and flowers as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise, precision as well as a slight mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and crushed ripe redcurrant associated with small / slight touches of blackberry, Zan, crushed blueberry, a hint of flowers as well as slight hints of almond, chocolate, caramelization (on the finish) and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Good length. A beautiful wine !

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

## Punset, San Cristoforo - Campo Quadro 2011, Riserva Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of very ripe wild strawberry, ripe bigarreau cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of small ripe blackberry, licorice, ripe raspberry, discreet hints of chocolate, very discreet hints of sweet spices / caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of coffee and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a racy minerality, fluidity, a small tension, a mineral frame, a very slight fat as well as a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild strawberry, ripe wild red berries associated with small touches of cassis, bigarreau cherry, licorice as well as discreet hints of cardamom, undergrowth, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. The finish is a bit powerful.

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

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# Barolo

## Ettore Germano - Serralunga d'Alba 2014

### Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of red berries, small wild red fruits and touches of cassis, bush / garrigue combined with a discreet hint of balsamic, flowers and very discreet hints of spices, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite frank and offers a good definition, suavity, precision, straightness, a small racy mineral frame, precision as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, small wild red fruits and small notes of cassis associated with touches of black cherry, violet, zan and very discreet hints of spices and a very discreet hint of garrigue / rosemary. Tannins are well-built, fine, very slightly tight and very discreetly dry. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of ripe almond and chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

## Seghesio - La Villa 2014

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, mineral, fruity and offers a beautiful definition and a very fine captivating side. It reveals notes of small wild berries, black cherries and small notes of fleshy small red fruits associated with discreet hints of tonka bean, scrubland / thyme, violet, spices as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a small freshness (in the background), suavity, precision as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red berries, cherry bigarreau and small notes of juicy cassis associated with small touches of wild small black fruits, hints of garrigue / violet, very discreet hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg, black olive, cocoa, juicy / crushed reccurrants and toasted / oak. Tannins are elegant, structuring and slightly firm.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)v

## Ettore Germano - Cerretta 2014

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a small captivating side. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed red berries and small notes of blackberry, garrigue, violet associated with small touches of almond, tonka bean, toasted and discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, a bit tight, well-built and offers a small juiciness, suavity, tension, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of grain, precision and fat. On the palate this wine expresses small notes of black cherry, crushed red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with a slight hint of plum, discreet hints of violets, spices, tonka beans as well as an imperceptible hint of nutmeg and toasted / vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

## Figli Luigi Oddero 2014

### Barolo

(Tenuta Para) The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration / power, elegance as well as a very fine richness as well as a beautiful and fine grain. It reveals notes of wild red berries, garrigue / rosemary and touches of cherry bigarreau, crushed strawberry associated with hints of cassis, chocolate, Cuben pepper, violet as well as very discreet hints of coffee (in the background) and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-built, precise, suave, tense, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful juiciness,

a mineral frame (racy minerality), a fine freshness as well as a fine acidulous sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, ripe red berries and juicy black berries associated with small / fine touches of blackberry, slight hints of violet, tonka bean, camphor, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of truffle (in the background). Tannins are fine, a bit tight and slightly dry.

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

## Ettore Germano - Prapo 2014

### Barolo

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers delicacy as well as a very fine richness / power (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small red berries combined with hints of elderberry, chocolate, toasted as well as discreet hints of Cuben / gray pepper, garrigue and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a good definition, precision, a mineral frame, a good guideline, a small acidulous sensation, a small juiciness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / crushed red berries, crushed bigarreau cherry and small notes of elderberry, blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, chocolate, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly tight and firm.

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

## Vite Colte, Essenze - Di Monforte d'Alba 2013

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers fine intensity and precision. It reveals notes of wild berries and small notes of fleshy blackberries, flowers associated with discreet hints of pepper and slight hints of blond tobacco and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, precise, well-built, slightly retained and offers a good definition, juiciness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, ripe / juicy red berries and small notes of black cherry, elderberries associated with a touch of juicy ripe red fruits as well as hints of beans, tonka, cardamom, blond tobacco and toast. The finish is very fine. Tannins are fine, numerous and very discreetly dry. (2020+)

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

## Barale Fratelli - Cannubi 2013

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a very discreet power as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild red berries and small notes of Cuben pepper combined with slight touches of cassis, violet / blueberry, spices, nutmeg, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of olive / garrigue and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, quite frank and offers a beautiful juiciness, a very beautiful definition, gourmandise, fleshiness, precision, finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy red berries, ripe cassis / juicy and small notes of raspberry, plum associated with touches of black cherry, rose / violet, toasted, tobacco blond / zan, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of hazelnut and vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. There are notes of very ripe red berries, rose as well as a discreet hint of garrigue on the finish. There are a touch of almond and vanilla / caramelization on the aftertaste (brings gourmandise).

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Vite Colte, Essenze - Di Serralunga d'Alba 2013

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic and offers power and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of cassis, red berries and small notes of wild raspberry, blackberry associated with touches of garrigue, Cuben pepper as well as very discreet hints of spices, nutmeg, a very discreet hint of iris and an imperceptible toasted hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a small gourmandise, a fine suavity, a fine acidulous frame, minerality, softness, a small juiciness, a small freshness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and black cherry / fleshy bigarreau associated with small notes of red berries, ripe raspberry, tonka bean, caramelization / toasted as well as a very discreet hint of iris and vanilla. Tannins are very fine and slightly dry.

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

## Vite Colte, Essenze - Di Barolo 2013

### Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and very discreetly fleshy / tight. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed black berries and a touch of crushed/ripe red berries combined with touches of black cherry, strawberry, racy minerality, a very discreet hint of camphor, discreet hints of scrubland / rosemary, black olive as well as an imperceptible hint of black pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine mineral frame, a fine minerality, a small fat, elegance, precision, delicacy as well as a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy plum and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of crushed/ripe red berries, hints of crushed raspberry, tonka bean / chocolate, toasted, camphor, flowers, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper and black olive. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and young. There are an imperceptible hint of caramelization, almond and vanilla on the persistence (brings chew and gourmandise). (2022+)

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

## Terre Sabaude 2013

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine power and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of elderberry, violet and small notes of ripe wild red berries associated with touches of blueberry, licorice, garrigue, tonka bean and Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a nice suavit , fluidity, a fine tension, a mineral frame as well as a fine acidulous sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed elderberries and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of blueberry, violet, zan as well as hints of garrigue, tonka bean, cardamom, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of truffle (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

## Figli Luigi Oddero - Rocche Riserva 2013

### Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers a very fine power / intensity as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild red berries, blackberry and small notes of black berries associated with small / fine touches of cherry, olive / grove as well as discreet hints of gray

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pepper, nutmeg and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a small suavity, fluidity, a small acid frame, a fine tension, a good guideline, precision, a good finesse of the grain, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful and gourmandise matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild red berries, blackberry and small notes of cherry, blueberry associated with touches of licorice / zan, cardamom, chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of licorice, vanilla and caramelization on the finish / persistence.

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

## Francesco Rinaldi & Figli Brunate 2013

### Barolo

The nose offers notes of wild red berries and violet / rose associated with small touches of blackberry, spices and very discreet hints of garrigue / thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, finesse, elegance, a very fine juiciness, a very fine tension, gourmandise, a beautiful definition and a fine mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry and crushed wild red berries associated with touches of black cherry, blackberry, hints of violet / flowers as well as a discreet hint of garrigue and spices. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very slightly young. (2020+)

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

## Cascina del Monastero Bricco Rocco Riserva 2012, Round Barolo

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, elderberry and small notes of blue berries, raspberry associated with touches of cassis, blueberry, thyme / garrigue as well as discreet hints of almond, blond tobacco / sweet spices, vanilla and a discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a fine tension, gourmandise, a small minerality, a good guideline, elegance, a beautiful definition, a small suavity (in the background), a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy red berries (red berries, raspberry) associated with small touches of blue berries, cornflowers, zan, garrigue as well as discreet hints of spices, tonka beans, caramelization and a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are well-built. The finish is slightly powdered. There are notes of chocolate and caramelization on the persistence. A beautiful, elegant, straight, precise and well-built wine !

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

## Lo Zoccolai - Riserva 2012 Barolo

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe wild berries, cassis and small notes of wild red berries, cherry bigarreau associated with discreet hints of violet, thyme, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a mineral frame, suavity, finesse, a good volume, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, juiciness as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed/ripe raspberry and small notes of fleshy blackberry combined with touches of crushed

/ juicy red berries, blueberry, licorice, black olive, blond tobacco as well as very discreet hints of clove (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and a bit firm / young. Good length. (2022+)

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

## Casetta - Riserva 2011 Barolo

The nose is aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of wild berries, racy minerality, garrigue and small notes of small red fruits associated with hints of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, fat, roundness, a fine unctuousity, a good guideline, a small juiciness, tension, gourmandise as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and fleshy red cherry associated with small touches of fleshy wild red berries, fleshy blackberries as well as discreet hints of cassis, flowers, garrigue and spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good persistence (with notes of fleshy fruits).

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

## Casetta - Cerviano-Merli 2011 Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine intensity. There are notes of fleshy strawberry, small wild red berries and small touches of cherry bigarreau, crushed blueberry associated with discreet spicy Sichuan pepper, garrigue / thyme, spices and an imperceptible spike almond and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers good juiciness, a little greediness, freshness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and more lightly small ripe berries crushed associated with small touches of blueberry, tips of violet, garrigue, zan, tobacco and an imperceptible tip of spices, black olive and toasted. The tannins are fine and very discreetly dry. Presence of cocoa bean notes on persistence.

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

## Boasso - Del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2014 Barolo

The nose is powerful, precise and offers structure as well as elegance. There are notes of wild red berries, elderberries and a touch of violet combined with hints of blackberry, gray pepper, cocoa / toast, very discreet spices and a subtle hint of spice. of coffee. The palate is fruity, juicy, structured, racy and offers minerality, a good definition, a nice grain finesse, a nice freshness, sweetness and a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry and slightly crunchy / juicy red berries associated with small / fine touches of blond tobacco, sweet spices, toasted and a very discreet woody tip and tonka bean. The tannins are fine and a bit firm. Presence of an imperceptible tip of scrubland (in the background).

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

## Boasso - Cabutti 2014 Barolo

The nose is elegant, aromatic, finely tightened and offers concentration. There are notes of blackberry, elderberry and slightly more Cuban pepper associated with wild berries, spices, very discreet hints of garrigue, black olive and an imperceptible touch of zan and blond tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, balanced and offers precision, a nice finesse and an acidulated frame. On the palate

this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, crunchy cherry and more lightly small ripe / juicy red berries associated with small touches of blackberry as well as discreet hints of garrigue / laurel, tonka bean, spices, mocha and a very discreet tip of tabac blonde. The tannins are well led, fine, a little firm, elegant and structuring.

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

## Boasso - Margheria 2014 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, a little tight and offers a small concentration. There are notes of fleshy wild raspberry, wild blackberry and more lightly cherry bigarreau, small black fruits associated with small touches of spices, blond tobacco and a very discreet touch of garrigue, caramelization and ripe almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, precise, elegant, dynamic and offers a nice precision, good grain finesse, a mineral frame and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry / fleshy and fresh red / ripe berries associated with small touches of cherry bigarreau, crushed blackcurrant and discrete tips of tonka bean, cigar / tobacco blond, garrigue / laurel, racy minerality and licorice (in the background). The tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and a little firm.

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

## Anna Maria Abbona Bricco San Pietro 2014 Barolo

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers good definition as well as delicacy. There are notes of wild blackcurrant, black pepper and more lightly dark wild berries associated with touches of crushed raspberry, ripe cherry and touches of scrubland, Timut pepper, spices and roasting points (in the background). The palate is fruity, balanced and offers good definition, suavity, precision, delicacy, frankness / a little firmness, a nice freshness, a fine acidulated and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe red berries and slightly fleshy / tangy cherry associated with small / fine touches of blackcurrant, racy minerality, small hints of scrubland, blond tobacco as well as discrete tips of spices, roasting (in the background) and clove. The tannins are a little firm, many and young.

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

## Marengo - Brunate 2014 Barolo

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers gourmandise as well as a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of wild cassis and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with touches of raspberry, blackberry, hints of sweet spices, blond tobacco, toasted as well as a discreet hint of fresh leather and vanilla. The palate is fruity, delicate, suave, well built and offers gourmandise, a mineral frame, a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with small touches of liquorice, toasted, black olive as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

# Barolo

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi - Terlo Vigna Costa Grimaldi 2014

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, well-built, racy and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild red berries and small notes of cassis combined with fine touches of licorice, nutmeg, toasted, tobacco as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of sweet pepper and vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, a beautiful precision, a beautiful juiciness as well as a mineral frame (racy minerality). On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild red berries, cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of flowers as well as subtle hints of garrigue / laurel, zan, black olive and spices. Tannins are well-built. There are small / fine touches of chocolate on the finish / persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

## Cannubi, Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno 2014

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fresh leather, nutmeg and small notes of laurel associated with touches of ripe red berries, blackberry as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense, a bit tight and offers a good definition as well as a fine acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild red fruits, fresh leather, laurel and small notes of garrigue associated with a hint of cigar and spices. There are a fine hint of balsamic and iris / primrose on the finish.

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

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi Cannubi 2014

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a small power, elegance as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of cherry bigarreau and ripe / crushed wild berries associated with touches of blackberry, crushed raspberry as well as small touches of flowers, slight hints of chocolate, liquorice and a very discreet hint of laurel / dried local vegetation. The palate is fruity, elegant, melodious and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a slightly unctuous matter, a small aerial side, a beautiful precision as well as a mineral frame. A beautifully delicate, fine and "lacy" wine ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed red berries, cherry bigarreau and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of cassis, flowers (lily, cornflowers) as well as slight hints of tobacco, zan, Bourbon vanilla and cardamom. Tannins are fine, well-built and structuring. Beautiful persistence with notes of vanilla, toasted, almond and a hint of sweet blond tobacco. A beautiful wine!

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

## Poderi Luigi Einaudi 2014

### Barolo

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a small richness, a beautiful fineness of the grain as well as intensity and gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of blueberry, liquorice, discreet hints of black olive, vanilla as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth (in the background).

The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a small freshness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a small aerial side as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy cassis, flowers (blueberry / lilac) as well as discreet hints of olive, minerality racy, vanilla, toasted / caramelization and very discreet hints of sweet spices / Virginia blond tobacco. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and very slightly dry.

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

## Forte Masso - Castelletto 2013

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, a bit gourmand and offers a fine fleshiness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of very ripe fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of blueberry combined with touches of violets, hints of black olive, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background) and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, a mineral frame, a small freshness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild red berries and ripe wild raspberry combined with touches of cherry bigarreau, boysenberry, slight hints of blond tobacco, zan, black olive as well as discreet hints of spice and an imperceptible hint of dried local vegetation. The finish is very discreetly tight. Tannins are a bit dry and structuring. Good length.

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

## Cascina Boschetti, Gomba Sernie 2013

### Barolo

The nose is elegant, gourmand, very slightly tight and offers a fine fleshiness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberries, fleshy raspberry and small touches of wild berries, ripe cassis combined with discreet hints of black olive, licorice, tobacco, spices / nutmeg as well as imperceptible hint of Cuban pepper and dried leaf. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, quite frank and offers dynamism, a beautiful suavity, a mineral frame (racy minerality) as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe elderberry and small notes of ripe small red fruits associated with fine touches of flowers, licorice, a discreet hint of scrubland as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are a bit firm and structuring.

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

## Livia Fontana - Riserva Bussia 2012

### Barolo

The nose offers notes of ripe cherry, crushed red berries and a small notes of elderberry combined with a touch of blackberry, balsamic as well as hints of fresh leather, ripe wild strawberry, nutmeg, tobacco, very discreet hints of minerality, undergrowth, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Cuban pepper. The palate is fruity, precise and offers a suavity suavity, a mineral frame, a beautiful guideline, precision, a good structure, gourmandise as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of elderberry combined with small touches of ripe red fruits (cherry, red berries), hints of tonka bean, muscat, spices as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of Cuban pepper.

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

# Langhe

## Forte Masso - Nebbiolo 2017

### Langhe

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a fine intensity / power. It reveals notes of cassis, elderberries and small notes of wild blackberries, violet acidulous candy associated with fine touches of pepper, nutmeg, mocha as well as hints of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of olive. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, beautifully gourmande and offers a beautiful mineral frame, tension, dynamism, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful guideline as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, elderberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet acidulous candy, wild raspberry as well as hints of nutmeg, clove, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background). There is an imperceptible hint of cocoa and black olive on the finish. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Roberto Sarotto - Nativo 2017

### Nebbiolo Langhe

The nose is elegant, aromatic / charming and offers intensity as well as finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of small wild black berries associated with small touches of cassis acidulous candy, flowers as well as discreet hints of gray pepper, garrigue and liquorice sticks. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a beautiful definition, precision, tension, fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberries, fleshy cassis and small notes of small ripe / crushed wild red berries associated with touches of liquorice stick, mocha, toasted / roasted oak as well as slight hints of chocolate / vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built and young. Good length. Very discreet chew on the finish. There are a hint of black olive, grilled oak and a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish / persistence.

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

## Voerzio Martini Ciabot Della Luna 2016

### Nebbiolo Langhe

The nose offers a slight concentration as well as a slight power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of crunchy red fruits associated with touches of gray pepper, blueberry as well as small hints of cloves, olive tree and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a small fleshiness, a small tension, gourmandise, a beautiful definition / matter, a small fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, wild berries / redcurrants and small notes of juicy blackberries, juicy plums associated with small touches of crunchy / fresh raspberries, chocolate, caramelization, black olives as well as a very discreet hint of graphite and black olive. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

## Cascina Bongiovanni Falletto 2016

### Langhe

The nose offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry / violet and small notes of elderberries associated with touches of crunchy red berries, cassis bud, licorice stick as well as hints of black olive and a very discreet hint of black pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, frank, structured and offers suavity, a small straightness as well as an aci-

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dulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherries, black berries / elderberries and small notes of crunchy red fruits (raspberries, berries) associated with small touches of Zan, blond tobacco, sweet spices, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, laurel / olive tree and cocoa. Tannins are a bit tight and slightly firm. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of praline on the finish. Gourmandise on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Valletti - Lurenzin 2016 Barbera Langhe

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with touches of wild strawberry, flowers, hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of grove and Zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a small minerality, a small tension as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / acidulous red berries, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry as well as hints of violet, cassis bud / grove and slight hints of spices. Tannins are fine and well-built.  
**Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)**

## Viberti Giovanni - Dolbà 2016 Langhe

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers complexity and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fresh flowers and small notes of wild strawberry, wild berries associated with a touch of crushed blueberry as well as hints of chocolate, graphite, nutmeg, olive and slight toasted hints / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful juicy / acidulous frame, freshness, a good definition, a beautiful guideline, a fine tension, dynamism, good suavity, a beautiful minerality as well as a beautifully fine and very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with small touches of violet, blueberry as well as hints of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla, caramelization and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, structuring and very slightly mellow. A very fine firmness on the finish.  
**Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## Tenuta Carretta - Podio 2016 Langhe Nebbiolo

It reveals notes of leather, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of spices, camphor and gray pepper. The palate is slightly tight, well-balanced and offers a good juiciness, a slight acidulous frame, a slight tension, minerality as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with slight touches of leather, flowers and spices. Tannins are slightly firm. The finish is a bit tight.  
**Score : 14/20 (86-87/100)**

## Negretti - Minot 2015 Nebbiolo d'Alba

The nose offers a small richness, gourmandise and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of tonka beans combined with small touches of red fruits acidulous candy, flowers as well as small toasted hints, Zan and a very discreet hint of thyme. The palate is fresh, structured and offers minerality, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, roundness, juiciness, precision as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses

notes of black cherry, crunchy red berries and small notes of blackberry, licorice stick / Zan associated with small touches of fleshy cassis, tonka bean / mocha as well as hints of olive / olive tree and discreet hints of flowers / thyme. Tannins are straight and slightly dry. Good length. The finish is gourmande. There are a hint of dried almond / hazelnut, caramelization and vanilla on the finish.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Mossio - Luen 2013 Langhe Nebbiolo

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild red berries, thyme and small notes of blackberry, cassis associated with a touch of wild strawberry, Zan, tonka bean, cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a small freshness, minerality, a small acidulous frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small crunchy red berries and small notes of Zan, blackberry associated with a touch of thyme, black olive as well as hints of cardamom and spices. Tannins are very slightly dry.  
**Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)**

## Viberti Giovanni - Nebbiolo 2015 Langhe

The nose is precise, structured and offers a good finesse of the grain, elegance and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, small berries / elderberries and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a touch of fleshy blueberry, zan as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of dry local vegetation. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a good definition, a beautiful juiciness / freshness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, black cherry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of elderberry, zan, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of cardamom, olives black, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of laurel (in the background). Tannins are slightly dry. The finish is suave. Good length and persistence. The persistence is gourmande and offers notes of hazelnut, caramelization, chocolate, toasted notes and juicy fruit. (2020)  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Lo Zoccolao - Baccanera 2015 Langhe

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine power, a beautiful delicacy as well as beautiful definition. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper, fleshy strawberry associated with touches of toasted oak, nutmeg and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, elegant, very discreetly tight, aerial, and offers a beautiful definition, delicacy, a fine juiciness, a very fine acid frame (in the background), a beautifully fine grain, precision, a fine suavity, fat as well as a beautiful gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy / juicy boysenberry and small notes of fleshy Gariguetto strawberry associated with touches of caramelization, tonka bean, toasted touches as well as hints of blueberry, cornflowers, black olives, bay leaves and very discreet hints of sweet spices / Bourbon vanilla. A very fine firmness on the finish / persistence. There is a touch of almost saline minerality on the finish. The finish is beautifully gourmande. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and well integrated.  
**Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)**

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## Cascina del Monastero Monastero 2014 Nebbiolo Langhe

The nose is elegant, tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, elderberry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of Cuben pepper, grove, fleshy wild raspberry, blueberry, hints of caramel / chocolate as well as discreet hints of spices and a very discreet hint of dried local vegetation. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a beautiful juiciness, tension, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful finesse as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy / acidulous cherry and small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with touches of cornflowers, acidulous blueberry as well as hints of garrigue, caramelization, chocolate, black olive, Cuben pepper and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There are very discreet hints of liquorice and chocolate on the finish / persistence.  
**Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)**

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## Cascina Val del Prete Serra de' Gatti 2017 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild red berries and small notes of gray pepper associated with small touches of cherry, garrigue, wild small fruits as well as hints of spices and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a fine suavity, tension, a very fine freshness (in the background) as well as a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy redcurrants, small wild berries and small notes of blackberry, cherry associated with fine touches of purple fig, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.  
**Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)**

## Cascina Bongiovanni 2016 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small wild fruits and small notes of crushed blue fruits, crushed red berries, black cherry associated with small touches of violet, Zan as well as a very discreet hint of scrubland, spices and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, elegant, a bit tight and offers a beautiful definition, delicacy, a small tension, a slight freshness, a small minerality, a good guideline as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, acidulous red berries and small notes of flowers (violet, rose) associated with small touches of blackberry, a hint of blueberry as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and chocolate. Tannins are well-built, fine, a bit young and already a bit supple. Good length. Good persistence.  
**Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## Salvano - Maestrale 2016 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is elegant, fine and offers power as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of iris, Sichuan pepper associated with small touches of red cherry, crushed blueberry as well as discreet hints of spices, black pepper, racy mine-

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rality and a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a beautiful mineral frame (racy minerality), a small straightness, a good finesse of the grain, a good structure as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of red berries, cherry associated with slight touches of flowers, cocoa, almond, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are a bit young, elegant and slightly firm.

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

## Forte Masso 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is structured, a bit restrained and offers a slight power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with small touches of wild raspberry, small wild fruits, scrubland (thyme ...) as well as hints of cocoa, vanilla and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, a small acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse, roundness, a beautiful suavity / juiciness as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blueberry, strawberry associated with touches of crushed/ripe wild red berries, hints of vanilla, toasted / caramelized, discreet hints of almond as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom and olive / olive tree. Tannins are fine, well-built and slightly firm / chewy. There are notes of chocolate, liquorice, almond and vanilla on the persistence (bring gourmandise). (2020+)

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

## Cascina Val del Prete - Carolina 2016 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, balsamic and small notes of cassis associated with discrete hint of grove / scrubland. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a small density, fat, a small straightness, a slight acidulous frame, a small minerality as well as a beautiful and slightly powdered grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, crushed raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with small notes of violet, sweet spices, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are slightly powdered.

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

## Angelo Negro - Bertu 2016 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of small red berries and small wild black fruits associated with slight hints of violet, scrubland, blueberry as well as discreet hints of spices, nutmeg and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame, a small minerality, a slight juiciness, a very slight freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed redcurrant, blueberry and small notes of plum, small red berries associated with slight toasted touches, caramelization as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate / cocoa. Tannins are fine, structuring and elegant. The finish / persistence is slightly powerful. Good length and gourmandise.

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

## Malabaila - Giardino 2016 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity and offers power and a slight freshness. It reveals notes of redcurrant, wild berries and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of blackberry, bigarreau cherry as well as very discreet toasted hints, almond and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, soft, silky, elegant, delicate, beautifully suave and offers a small tension, a slight acidulous frame, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, wild red berries and crushed blackberry associated with small touches of redcurrant, crunchy blueberry, discreet hints of flowers (cornflower, iris), spices as well as discreet hints of tonka beans, a very discreet hint of caramelization and gray pepper. Tannins are fine, elegant, slightly powdered and offer a slight chew. Good length

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

## Malabaila - Mezzavilla 2015 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful intensity as well as a power (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small crunchy red berries associated with small touches of rose, spices, Cuben pepper as well as toasted hints (in the background) and very discreet hints of tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-built, a bit tight and offers a fine fleshiness, a slight acidulous frame, a good definition, a good finesse of the grain as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / acidulous redcurrant, cherry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of chocolate, tonka bean, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. Good length.

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

## Rivetto - Zio Nado 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers complexity, finesse as well as a slight concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of strawberry, small crushed red berries associated with hints of black cherry, violet, liquorice, caramelization as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a slight acidulous frame, suavity, fat, a good definition, a slight freshness, a small / slight juiciness as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of plum, small red berries associated with slight touches of liquorice, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of caramelization, Bourbon vanilla, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Negretti 2015 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power and a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild red berries, cherries and small notes of Gariguetto associated with small touches of nutmeg, flint and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a good definition, a fine suavity, a fine acidulous frame, a small juiciness, a fine freshness, a small concentration, a small minerality as well as a slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe wild redcurrant and small notes of cassis, small fruits associated with small touches of flowers / grove, nutmeg, tobacco and very

discreet hint of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean, grilled / roasted as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization on the finish / persistence.

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

## Viberti Giovanni - Bricco Airoli 2015 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as precision. It reveals notes of blackberry and black / bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of red berries, fleshy blueberry as well as touches of violet, Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of grove (in the background). The mouth is fruity, juicy, slightly tight and offers a fine fleshiness, a small suavity, gourmandise, tension, a good definition, roundness as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry and fleshy / acidulous red berries associated with small touches of cherry, wild strawberry, a discreet hint of violet / iris, licorice, chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of black olive / grove and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla.

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

## Tenuta L'Illuminata - La Morra 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is powerful and offers intensity and precision. It reveals notes of small wild black fruits, wild red berries and small notes of flowers, grove / scrubland, black cherry associated with discreet hints of sweet spices, pepper and olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a slight acidulous frame, a small tension, a good finesse of the grain as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, wild strawberry and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of blackberry, grove / olive tree, discreet hints of sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization and toasted. Tannins are well-built, elegant and very discreetly firm. There are a hint of cocoa and a hint of olive tree on the persistence.

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

## Grasso Fratelli 2012 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is elegant, racy, fine and offers a slight concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, wild black berries and small notes of crushed red berries associated with slight touches of tobacco, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg, pepper and an imperceptible hint of roasting. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame, harmony, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse, straightness, suavity, precision as well as a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry and crushed / fleshy red berries associated with small touches of cassis as well as hints of blueberry, violet, olive / grove, blond tobacco, caramelization, cardamom and spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. (2020+)

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

## Giuseppe Cortese 2017 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is structured and offers a slight concentration and power (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small red berries associated with small touches of grove, iris / cassis bud as well as pepper and hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a small fleshiness, roundness, suavity, an acid



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frame as well as a slight tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of acidulous / crunchy red berries associated with touches of crushed blueberry, laurel / grove and spices as well as a very discreet hint of Cuban pepper (in the background) and chocolate / Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and straight.

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

## Mario Rivetti, Cascina Serre - Bricco Capre 2016 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose offers notes of blackberry, white pepper and small notes of leather, soil/land associated with discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, precise, straight, frank and offers a mineral frame, tension, a very slight juiciness as well as a small fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy plum and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy red berries as well as hints of leather and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Giuseppe Cortese - Morassina 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a very slight power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, small crushed black fruits, coffee and small toasted notes, bourbon vanilla associated with small touches of nutmeg, red fruits as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is juicy, fruity and offers freshness, roundness, a small density, a small juiciness, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and small crushed black fruits associated with touches of acidulous red berries, raspberry, small touches of blueberry, violet, vanilla as well as small hints of chocolate and blond tobacco. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Battaglio - Madunina 2015 Barbera d'Alba

It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, small jammy red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, vanilla as well as very discreet toasted hints and salted butter caramel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly fresh and offers a beautiful fleshiness, gourmandise, a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a beautiful roundness, finesse as well as a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis and blueberry associated with a hint of strawberry, vanilla, toasted hint, salted butter caramel as well as a very discreet hint of coffee / oak (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

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

## Terre Sabaude - Borbonica 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is elegant and well-built. It reveals notes of blackberry and wild red fruits associated with small touches of blue fruits, cherry, hints of flowers / cornflowers, gray pepper as well as discreet toasted hints, mocha and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, finesse, a mineral frame, tension, gourmandise as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy wild red fruits associated with small touches of blue fruits, cherry, cassis skin as well as hints of flowers (cornflowers, iris), chocolate, caramelization and discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

There is a very discreet chew on the finish.

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

## Terre Sabaude - Monarca 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose offers a slight power and a slight concentration. It reveals notes of wild black berries, cuben pepper and small notes of flowers, wild red berries associated with discreet hints of nutmeg, olive tree and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse of the grain, good definition, a pretty suavity, silkiness as well as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy wild raspberry and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of blue fruits, lily / cornflowers as well as hints of Zan, vanilla, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of Ceylon tea (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish / persistence.

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

## Terre del Barolo 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry, small crushed wild black berries and small notes of gray pepper, violet associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blueberry as well as hints of vanilla, tobacco and caramelization. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, fleshiness as well as gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, juicy / fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed/ripe red berries associated with a touch of fleshy strawberry as well as hints of vanilla, toasted, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of licorice (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine, well-built and very discreetly firm. Juicy, fleshy and gourmand.

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

## Massimo Rivetti - Vigna Serraboella 2016, Limited Edition Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and small blue fruits associated with touches of fresh elderberry, small fresh red fruits as well as subtle hints of cardamom, tonka bean, an imperceptible hint of pepper and toasted. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, precision, a good definition, a small aerial side, delicacy as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and elderberry associated with small touches of blue fruits as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, black olive and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good and gourmande persistence.

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

## Ettore Germano - Della Madre 2015 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration / richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed berries associated with touches of crushed wild strawberry, fresh/crunchy blueberry as well as hints of scrubland, Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous/fresh frame, suavity, a beautiful definition, a small minerality as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and ripe / juicy raspberry associated

with small touches of small fleshy / ripe red berries, of racy minerality as well as slight hints of flowers, spices, mocha and discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are fine and elegant. There are an imperceptible hint of chocolate and ripe almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Lo Zoccolaio - Suculé 2015 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers finesse as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, cherry bigarreau and small notes of wild small fruits associated with a touch of crushed wild strawberry, blueberry / flowers as well as discreet hints of liquorice, spices, an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco and Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a small tension, an aerial side, an acidulous frame, a fine suavity as well as a beautiful delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy black cherry and small notes of fleshy wild berries associated with a touch of fleshy/ripe red fruits, blueberry as well as discreet hints of flowers, spices, oak / toasted, a very discreet hint of menthol and an imperceptible hint of mocha (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. There is an imperceptible hint of almond / hazelnut on the persistence (brings gourmandise and suavity). A beautiful wine!

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

## Cascina Albano 2014, Affinato in Legno Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed wild black berries associated with small touches of blue fruits / violet as well as discreet hints of vanilla, toasted, caramelization, sweet spices / nutmeg and cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse, a discreetly tight grain, a good definition, a slight gourmandise as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry and juicy/fleshy red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, blueberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry as well as small toasted hints, chocolate, caramelization and black olive. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are a note of Bourbon vanilla and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background) on the persistence. The wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

## Casetta 2011 Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The nose is fruity, complex and offers a small concentration as well as intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild small black fruits and small notes of gray pepper associated with small / fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of scrubland and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond (in the background). The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, tension, a small freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and fleshy small wild black fruits associated with small touches of ripe/ripe red berries, flowers (cornflowers, lily) as well as discreet hints of spices and very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built and structuring. There is an imperceptible hint of undergrowth on the persistence.

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

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**San Pietro - Marsaglia 2016  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crushed elderberries and small notes of wild red fruits (raspberry...) combined with touches of violet, pepper, Sichuan, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of spices, soil and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, precise and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, gourmandise, a slight suavity, a slight suavity as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed / juicy black berries associated with small touches of red berries, crunchy cherry as well as touches of racy minerality, blueberry, flowers, very discreet hints of rosemary / garrigue as well as a subtle hint of black olive, discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built. The finish is slightly tight. Good length. Good persistence.

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

**Cantina Del Nebbiolo - Vigna Valmaggiora 2016  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of rose, iris, small fruits as well as very discreet hints of grove / fresh leather, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, a small minerality, a slight straightness as well as elegance. On the palate wine expresses notes of wild berries, crunchy cherry and small notes of redcurrant associated with small touches of blackberry, rose as well as very discreet hints of grove, cornflowers, spices, an imperceptible hint of almond and chocolate / toasted hint. Tannins are well-built and a bit young. Good length.

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

**Ceste - La Guardia 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, a slight richness / slightly tight. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of chocolate, cherry associated with small touches of violet, grove as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, Zan and very discreet hints of cocoa bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, tension, a slight freshness as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate, the wine expresses notes of ripe red berries, bigarreau cherry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of tonka bean, rose, chocolate, blueberry as well as discreet toasted hints. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length. An acidulous sensation on the finish / persistence.

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

**Terre Del Barolo 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers complexity as well as finesse. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, wild berries and small notes of Cuben pepper, scrubland / thyme associated with discreet hints of tonka bean, caramelization and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as minerality. Beautiful precision of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small juicy red berries associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry as well as discreet hints of black olive,

crushed blue fruits, rose / flowers, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean / soil. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Good length.

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

**Mario Rivetti, Cascina Serre - Bricco Capre 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a slight power. It reveals notes of wild red berries, gray pepper and small notes of blackberry associated with discreet hints of racy minerality, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive / toasted. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, juiciness and offers elegance as well as gourmandise. On the palate wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and small black wild fleshy berries associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, fleshy raspberries as well as discreet hints of rose / violet, scrubland, leather, tonka beans/ toasted and discreet hints of vanilla / liquorice.

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

**Malabaila - Bric Merli 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a slight power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberries, tonka bean and spices associated with small touches of red berries/ rose as well as discreet hints of grove (laurel, rosemary ...) and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, frank, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small suavity, tension, a slight freshness, juiciness as well as a slight straightness. On the palate wine expresses notes of wild fleshy red berries, wild fleshy blackberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with a hint of elderberry as well as small hints of tonka beans, oak / toasted, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of rosemary / laurel (in the background). Tannins are fine and structuring. There are a hint of dark chocolate / cocoa and caramelization on the finish / in the background.

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

**Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is mineral, fruity and very slightly tight. It reveals notes of ripe wild red berries, blackberry and bigarreau cherry associated with small notes of wild blackberry, black berry, cocoa / dark chocolate as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco, olive and nutmeg. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful mineral frame, delicacy as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate wine expresses small notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of elderberry, rose / iris as well as discreet hints of liquorice / Zan, blond tobacco, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of almond on the finish. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

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

**Francesco Rosso - Bastianetto 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

It reveals notes of fresh hints of leather, toasted / roasted notes and small notes of crushed ripe red berries, crushed raspberry associated with a hint of pepper as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and tobacco / clove. The mouth is fruity, well-built, fresh, and offers fat, precision a good definition, a beautiful fresh frame, a small gourmandise, minerality as well as a slight straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed red berries and crus-

hed bigarreau cherry associated with touches of blackberry / cassis as well as discreet hints of scrubland (laurel ...), leather, cocoa / mocha, toasted oak, roasting and an imperceptible hint of clove (in the background). Tannins are slightly firm and slightly mellow. There is a hint of bitterness on the persistence.

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

**Cascina Val Del Prete 2015  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of balsamic, wild redcurrant and ripe wild berries associated with small notes of liquorice, chocolate, gray pepper, flowers as well as discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a very fine acidulous sensation, a slight gourmandise, density as well as a slight fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and crushed red berries associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, grove, balsamic as well as discreet hints of spices, caramelization and tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

**Battaglio - Riverte 2014  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity and offers elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, ripe fleshy redcurrant and small notes of cassis, violet associated with touches of almond, grove as well as very discreet hints of vanilla / sweet spices, licorice / colas, an imperceptible hint of thyme and a discreet hint of leather (in the background). The palate is fruity, fat, suave, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, a slight acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy wild red berries and small touches of bigarreau cherry associated with hints of elderberries, grove as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and cocoa. Tannins are well-built and a bit firm. There is a discreet hint of almond on the finish / persistence.

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

**Orlando Abrigo - Valmaggiora 2014  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

It reveals notes of leather, dry almond and small notes of spices associated with slight touches of wild fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers fat, a very slight unctuousity as well as a mineral frame. On the palate wine expresses notes of wild raspberry and wild red berries associated with small touches of cassis, cherry, rose, chocolate and slight hints of tobacco / caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit firm.

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

**Casetta 2013  
Nebbiolo D'Alba**

The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of tobacco, caramelization and small notes of tonka bean, blackberry, violet associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of camphor and discreet roasting hints. The palate is fruity, mineral (mineral frame) and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a good structure as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy crunchy red berries and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of elderberry, blackberry, hints of cocoa, Zan, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive and clove. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a hint of dark chocolate / caramelization on the finish.

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

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## Foral dos Quatro Ventos 2016 Douro

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a slight power. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of scrubland/ rosemary associated with small notes of blackberry, small wild berry / blueberry associated with discreet hints of red fruits as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers suavity, tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, small wild berry and small notes of wild blueberry associated with small touches of small red fruits as well as olive tree / scrubland hints, flowers and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are integrated. There are a very discreet hint of vanilla and hazelnut (in the background) on the persistence. A mineral, fresh and easy-drinking wine. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

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

## Casa Ferreirinha - Vinha Grande 2016 - Vinho Tinto Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a slight power, a gourmandise as well as a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of wild red fruits, grove / olive tree as well as a very discreet touch of liquorice, black olive and chocolate. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, precise, structured, frank, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small wild black berry and small notes of grove, olive tree associated with small touches of red fruit, blackberry, flowers as well as discreet hints of spices, of tobacco / liquorice and a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish / in the background. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Flor das Tecedeiras 2016 Douro

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers elegance as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, black olive and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of red fruit (raspberry, bigarreau cherry), discreet hints of Zan, cardamom, violet as well as an imperceptible hint of violet / Sichuan pepper and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, beautifully juicy, soft, fine and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, elegance, an acidulous frame, a good definition, a good structure, a bit aerial side, delicacy, a slight freshness as well as a slight power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry / bigarreau cherry, small wild berries associated with slight touches of laurel, violet as well as discreet hints of cardamom, spices and an imperceptible hint of tea / tonka bean. Tannins are fine and structuring.

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

## Floral dos Quatro Ventos - 2016 Superior Douro

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a certain delicacy and elegance. It reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry and small notes of grove associated with small touches of crushed cassis, plum, red berries as well as very discreet hints of olive, spices, toasted and an imperceptible hint of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, delicacy, precision, a slight mineral frame,

a very slight tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild black berries, blueberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of grove, olive, liquorice, violet as well as very discreet toasted hints. Tannins are fine and well-built. There are an imperceptible hint of cocoa and Zan on the persistence.

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

## Quinta dos Quatro Ventos 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small berries associated with slight touches of red cherry / raspberry, hints of blond tobacco, Zan, discreet hints of local vegetation as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background), chocolate and toasted / liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a good definition, minerality, a small juiciness, tension as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild berries, blackberry and small notes of black cherry, black plum associated with discreet hints of raspberry, violet, olive tree / laurel as well as very discreet hints of spices, cardamom and very discreet toasted hints. Tannins are fine, structuring, a bit firm and young.

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

## Horta Osorio - Colheita 2015 Douro

The nose offers concentration and a small power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and small notes of gray pepper associated with small touches of small berries, black cherry, Zan as well as very discreet toasted hints / spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers tension, a good guideline, a slight acidulous frame as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum, small black berry associated with touches of black olive, Zan, a hint of olive / eucalyptus as well as a very discreet hint of spices, dried tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. There are very discreet hint of caramelization and a hint of cocoa bean on the finish / persistence.

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

## Horta Osorio - Sousao 2015 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise, a small elegance as well as a very slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, small crushed black berries and small notes of crushed cassis, strawberry associated with slight hints of flowers, cocoa, Zan as well as a very discreet hint of black olive, eucalyptus and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition, a bit aerial side, a mineral frame, minerality, elegance, gourmandise as well as a certain finesse (but full of power). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small berries and small notes of crushed cassis, chocolate, liquorice associated with small touches of raspberry / strawberry, discreet hints of caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of scrubland and Sichuan pepper on the finish. There are hints of chocolate, black olive and Bourbon vanilla on the finish / persistence. Tannins are well-built. A beautiful, gourmand and well-built wine.

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

## Horta Osorio - Grande Escolha 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small notes of Sichuan pepper, violet / laurel associated with touches of wild raspberry, dark chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and blond tobacco. The palate is mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a good guideline as well as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of small wild berries, laurel / violet associated with small touches of olive tree, cassis, discreet hints of liquorice, eucalyptus, chocolate, discreet toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of camphor and cardamom. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm. Good length.

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

## Horta Osorio - Reserva 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight, a bit gourmand and offers power. It reveals notes of juicy / fleshy black fruits and small notes of cassis associated with touches of crushed strawberry, bigarreau cherry as well as discreet hints of local vegetation / flowers as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and tobacco. The palate is fresh, juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juicy / mineral frame, a good structure, a slight tension, as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy black fruit associated with small touches of fleshy strawberry, bigarreau cherry, discreet hints of local vegetation / grove, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of Zan, tobacco and cardamom / mocha. Tannins are structuring and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Horta Osorio - Touriga Nacional 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small fleshy fruits and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of raspberry, olive, tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg / spices and chocolate. The palate is juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good structure as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, small fleshy berries and small notes of fleshy black plum associated with touches of ripe fleshy strawberry, bigarreau cherry, hints of olive tree, violet, Zan as well as a hint of tobacco, black olive and very discreet hints of mocha / caramelization. Tannins are well-built. There is a discreet hint of chocolate bitterness on the persistence.

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

## Quinta dos Quatro Ventos - 2013 Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight richness, a good definition as well as a slight complexity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, raspberry and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of cassis, violet, mocha as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and dry local vegetation. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers fat, density, an acidulous frame as well as a small minerality. On the palate this wine

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expresses notes of crushed blackberry, black cherry and small notes of chocolate associated with small touches of balsamic, blueberry as well as discreet hints of local vegetation, olive, violet and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine, structuring and very discreetly mellow. Good juiciness.

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

## **Dona Mafalda 2013** Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers elegance, a slight minerality as well as a very slight tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, and small notes of ripe black plum associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, violet, small berry, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, spices, Zan, an imperceptible hint of tobacco and black olive. The palate is juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a good definition, a good suavity, juiciness, precision, a slight tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small black berries and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy black plum as well as discreet hints of olive tree/ local vegetation, mocha / chocolate, spices, a very discreet hint of mocha and caramelization (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. Good persistence. There is a very discreet hint of undergrowth, chocolate, tobacco and caramelization on the persistence.

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

## **Burmester, Tavedo 2017** Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of local vegetation associated with a touch of red fruit, cassis bud as well as very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible touch of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, tense and offers dynamism, a small minerality, a good structure as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild red berries, crunchy cassis and small notes of local vegetation / cassis bud associated with slight touches of blackberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

## **Quinta de la Rosa 2016** Douro

The nose is structured and fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry black berry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of strawberry, blackberry, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, flowers, olive tree and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, dynamism, a slight straightness, an acidulous frame as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry and juicy / crunchy red berries associated with touches of blackberry, cassis as well as very discreet hints of plum, chocolate / cocoa and toasted / caramelized. Tannins are fine and supple.

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

## **Kopke - Tinto 2016** Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of red cherry, cassis and small notes of wild blackberry associated with a touch of flowers as well as hints of spices, Cuben pep-

per and a very discreet hint of scrubland (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a good definition, freshness, roundness, a small mineral frame as well as a fine acidulous sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe bigarreau cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of small berries, red fruits, flowers as well as discreet hints of olive tree and spices. Tannins are fine and structuring.

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

## **Sagrado - Tinto 2016** Douro

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers elegance, a slight density as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, flowers as well as a discreet hint of blueberry, scrubland, very discreet hints of camphor and oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers good definition, tension, a small straightness, a small suavity as well as a good mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, small wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of crunchy red fruits, scrubland / olive tree as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted and cardamom. Tannins are well-built and supple. Good length.

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

## **Burmester 2016** Douro

The nose is powerful, relatively fruity and slightly tight. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of gray pepper associated with toasted touches as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a good structure, straightness as well as and a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with small touches of violet / flowers, blueberry as well as discreet hints of spices and chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

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

## **Calem, Curva 2016** Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of ripe / fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of small berry, chocolate and toasted / caramelized oak. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, structured and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small mineral frame, suavity, roundness as well as slight juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of strawberry, small toasted touches, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate / vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. An easy-drinking wine.

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

## **La Rosa 2016** Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, finesse as well as a very slight power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with a touch of Cuben pepper as well as hints of blueberry, liquorice stick, spices, scrubland / olive tree and

tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers suavity, tension, a slight juiciness, a good finesse of the grain as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small wild berries and cassis associated with small touches of blackberry, blue berry as well as hints of spices, flowers / cornflowers, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of scrubland. Tannins are well-built. There are a hint of cocoa as well as a discreet hint of coffee and tobacco on the finish / persistence. Slight power on the finish/ persistence.

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

## **Sagrado - Tinto 2015 Reserva** Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a good finesse of the grain as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild berries, cassis and small notes of cassis bud associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, dried local vegetation as well as hints of mocha as well as a very discreet hint of tea and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a slight suavity as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of flowers, blueberry, raspberry as well as discreet toasted hints, sweet spices and very discreet hints of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## **Quinta Das Tecediras - 2015** Reserva Douro

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity and offers a small richness as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small wild black fruits combined with touches of tonka bean, cardamom, hints of blueberry, gray pepper and discreet hints of olive tree / laurel. The palate is fruity, finesse, a bit retained and offers a small juiciness, elegance, finesse, a beautiful juiciness, minerality, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of cornflowers, fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, rose, laurel, racy minerality, tonka bean / dark chocolate as well as discreet hints of black olive, tobacco and a very discreet toasted hint (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. The mouth / persistence is beautifully gourmande. There is a hint of espresso on the aftertaste.

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

## **Cabeça de Gaio - Tinto 2015** Douro

The nose is aromatic, powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and gray pepper associated with small touches of ripe wild red berry as well as hints of spices, discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness as well as a racy minerality (mineral frame). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with touches of small wild berries, laurel / grove ans well as slight hints of blond tobacco, Zan and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

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## **Sagrado - Vinhas Velhas 2010 Douro**

The nose is elegant and offers finesse as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of fleshy plum, spices and undergrowth / mushroom, black olives, gray pepper, zan / dried tobacco, minerality and a very discreet hint of olive. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, juiciness, a fine tension, an acidulous frame, a good definition, elegance, a good structure, a silky matter, dynamism, a good minerality, a very fine grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of chocolate, zan associated with touches of ripe strawberry and discreet hints of black olive, tobacco, spices and a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). There are very discreet / imperceptible hints of hazelnut / chocolate and caramelization on the persistence.

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

## **Sagrado VT - Grande Reserva 2009 Douro**

The nose is fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a bit powerful, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a velvety sensation. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of scrubland (olive, rosemary, thyme), blueberry, pepper as well as hints of spices and caramelization / toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a slight minerality, an acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, tonka bean, cardamom as well as discreet hints of black olive, flowers, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of thyme (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. A juicy, gourmand and well-built wine !

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

## **Vallegre - 2014 Reserva Douro**

The nose is fruity, structured and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis and wild berries associated with touches of small wild red berries, slight touches of plum as well as touches of scrubland, black olive and spices. The palate is fruity juicy, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, minerality, a slight suavity as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry / strawberry associated with touches of juicy plum, violet, flowers, very discreet caramelization / toasted hints as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built and discreetly firm.

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

## **Duas Quintas - 2015 Reserva Douro**

The nose is fruity, discreetly tight and offers power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis and small wild berry associated with small touches of flowers / local vegetation, crunchy strawberry as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, liquorice, spices and oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a mineral frame, a slight

juiciness, harmony, a good guideline as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis and small wild berries associated with slight touches of flowers / local vegetation, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of thyme (in the background). A fine and straight wine !

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

## **Bulas - 2015 Reserva Douro**

The nose is fruity and offers crunchy fruits. It reveals notes of crunchy berries, wild / fresh flowers and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of spices and liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, frank and offers freshness, a mineral frame, precision as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy berries and crunchy / fresh cassis associated with small touches of flowers, scrubland as well as very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine, very slightly tight and discreetly firm. There are notes of cocoa, flowers and crunchy fruits on the persistence.

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

## **Quinta do Silval, Dorna Velha - Tinta Roriz 2015 Douro**

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis and crunchy blackberry associated with small touches of fresh raspberry, crunchy cherry, Cuben pepper, hints of spices, Zan as well as very discreet hints of black olive and scrubland / roasted thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers precision, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh cassis and juicy / fresh cherry associated with small touches of small berries, crunchy raspberry, liquorice, caramelization, thyme as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and black olive (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## **Cedro Do Noval 2015 Vinho Regional Duriense**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small complexity. It reveals notes of juicy boysenberry, juicy fleshy strawberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with a hint of cassis as well as touches of violet, olive and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit retained and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, finesse, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a slight acidulous frame, minerality as well as a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy boysenberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry combined with small touches of juicy strawberry, juicy blueberry as well as slight hints of mocha, black olive, racy minerality, caramelization / sweet spices and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are elegant, fine and supple. Good length. A fine and elegant wine that offers delicacy as well as juiciness. There are an imperceptible hint of ripe almond and tonka bean / cardamom on persistence.

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

## **Quinta da Devesa 2015 Douro**

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-built and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of small wild berries / blue

ries associated with small hints of flowers, black olive, liquorice, cocoa as well as a discreet hint of cardamom / caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandise, a good guideline, a slight tension, a slight suavity as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of juicy red fruit, juicy blueberry as well as very discreet hints of flowers, oak / toasted, Zan, sweet blond tobacco and sweet spices. Tannins are structuring and very slightly firm.

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

## **Borges, Quinta da Soalheira - Vinhas Velhas 2015 Douro**

(Unoked) The nose is fruity and offers a very slight concentration as well as juicy and fresh fruit. It reveals notes of juicy fresh cherry, juicy / ripe berry and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with touches of ripe/fresh blueberry as well as hints of flowers, red berry, Zan, a racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a good juicy / mineral frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy red berry associated with small touches of blueberry, raspberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of flowers and mocha. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence. There are a hint of caramelization, chocolate, juicy fruit and hazelnut on the persistence.

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

## **M. Chapoutier - Pinteivera 2013 Douro**

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as a small juiciness. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, flowers (iris, violet, small fresh flowers) and blackberry associated with small touches of crushed cassis, raspberry, Cuben pepper as well as slight hints of chocolate, sweet spices and slight toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-built, mineral and offers juiciness, a good balance, a good definition, gourmandise, finesse, a good guideline, dynamism as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy raspberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with small touches of blueberry, flowers as well as very discreet toasted hints and racy minerality. Tannins are well-built.

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

## **M. Chapoutier - Eleivera 2014 Douro**

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a small power / concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of local vegetation / scrubland associated with touches of crunchy strawberry, juicy blueberry, chocolate as well as slight hints of spices, toasted and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small straightness, a small tension, fat, minerality as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy small berries associated with a hint of blueberry, scrubland (laurel, olive), flowers as well as very discreet toasted hints, nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built.

# Douro Wines

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

## Duorum - 2015 Reserva, Old Vines Douro

The nose is elegant and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of tonka bean / chocolate, small violet flowers as well as a very discreet hint of grove and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is juicy, mineral, fresh and offers a beautiful guideline, a beautiful mineral frame, a very slight acidulous (in the background), precision, a good definition as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy fleshy blackberry, fresh juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry combined with small touches of fleshy Garriguetto strawberry as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice, black olive, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of small violet flowers. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of oak, dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the finish / persistence. The aftertaste is slightly powerful. Gourmandise on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92/100)

## Duorum - Colheita 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, a bit powerful and offers a slight concentration as well as a good structure. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with slight touches of crushed raspberry, scrubland as well as discreet hints of pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, fleshiness, roundness, a mineral frame, a small gourmand side, a good structure, a good matter as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed raspberry and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of small wild berries, hints of tonka bean, toasted oak, liquorice as well as discreet hints of caramelization, coffee and a hint of cedar wood. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. There are notes of dark chocolate / cocoa bean on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Santos da Casa - Fazem Milagres, 2015 Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a small concentration as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, ripe raspberry and small notes of cassis combined with touches of blackberry, ripe cherry, hints of chocolate / mocha, flowers, olive as well as very discreet toasted hints, pepper and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers good definition, juiciness, tension, dynamism as well as a good guideline. On the palate the wine expresses notes of juicy ripe blackberry, juicy ripe raspberry and a touch of juicy cassis associated with touches of blueberry, juicy red cherry as well as hints of mocha / tonka bean, sweet spices, vanilla, flowers, cardamom and caramelization. Tannins are fine, structuring and straight. Beautiful persistence. There is a very discreet hint of ripe / dried almond on the persistence.

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

## Santos da Casa - Fazem Milagres, 2013 Grande Reserva Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers power, elegance and a good grain. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of black berry and crunchy raspberry, scrubland as well as discreet hints of liquorice, eucalyptus, spices and very discreet hints of undergrowth and tonka bean. The palate is juicy, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small suavity, an acidulous frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, crunchy strawberry associated with small touches of crunchy blueberry, hints of flowers, scrubland as well as discreet hints of oak and spices. Good length. Tannins are a bit firm.

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

## Quinta da Devesa - 2013 Reserva Douro

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of strawberry, small berries as well as touches of flowers, olive tree / local vegetation, racy minerality, mocha, spices, Ceylon tea and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, an acidulous frame as well as a small minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of strawberry, black cherry associated with touches of flowers, olive / vegetation, fresh / juicy blueberry, tonka bean as well as very discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The finish is slightly tight. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good persistence with notes of tonka bean and on a very discreet hint of caramelization.

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

## Quinta da Silval - Dorna Velha, 2013 Reserva Douro

The nose offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of very ripe wild berries associated with slight touches of scrubland (thyme, rosemary), ripe raspberry, hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of Timut pepper (in the background) and toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a good definition, a good juiciness, precision, a slight tension, a good structure as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with touches of ripe blueberry, small juicy / fresh berries, a very discreet hint of scrubland (in the background) as well as slight hints of spices, toasted and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. A good wine !

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

## Vasques de Carvalho - Velhos Bar-dos 2013, Reserva Douro

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small juiciness, a beautiful grain as well as a small power and a slight gourmand side. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry combined with touches of ripe berry, ripe plum, hints of spices, eucalyptus, Cuben pepper, tonka bean as well as a very discreet hint of black olive/ scrubland, tea and nutmeg.

The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, tension, a small concentration as well as a good and slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, very ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry, plum associated with touches of liquorice, tonka bean / mocha, hints of eucalyptus, vanilla, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom, black olive and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built, structuring and very slightly firm.

Score : 16+/20 (92/100)

## Quinta das Peixotas - 2012, Reserva Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a small freshness as well as a slight minerality. It reveals notes of fresh cassis and ripe blackberry associated with small notes of cardamom, spices, fresh / crunchy strawberry as well as touches of leather, black olive, oak and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a mineral frame as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe juicy cassis and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touches of leather, spices as well as very discreet hints of scrubland and toasted. Tannins are well-built.

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

## Quinta da Devesa - Vinhas Velhas 2011, Reserva Douro

The nose offers a small power, gourmandise as well as a fine and very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, toasted notes and small notes of vanilla, cassis associated with small touches of ripe strawberry / cherry as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is juicy, fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial, quite frank and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a slight tension, precision as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis combined with touches of juicy blueberry, flowers, liquorice, slight hints of vanilla as well as very discreet hint of cardamom and black olive (in the background). Tannins are well-built and very discreetly mellow. Good length. The finish / persistence is gourmand.

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

## Vasques de Carvalho - 2018, Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small straightness, a small concentration as well as structure. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, sour cherry and small notes of wild red berry / raspberry associated with touches of cornflowers / violets, Zan, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of local vegetation. Cuben pepper, eucalyptus, chocolate, nutmeg and clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers roundness, precision, structure, a small concentration as well as a small acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of cherry associated with touches of ripe wild red fruits, liquorice / blueberry, chocolate, toasted touches and clove / mushroom. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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# Port Wines

## Magalhaes 2016 Vintage Port

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and blackberry associated with small touches of sour cherry, flowers as well as slight touches of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a slight acid frame, a slight tension, a slight straightness, a slight finesse as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blueberry and small notes of strawberry, sour cherry associated with small touches of redcurrant jam, liquorice, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). Tannins are a bit firm and well-built. Good length.

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

## Vasques D Carvalho - 2016 Vintage Porto

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small charming side. It reveals notes of violet, cassis and small notes of boysenberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, liquorice stick as well as a very discreet hint of cedar (in the background) and caramelisation. The palate is fruity, fine and offers a small freshness, a small tension, elegance, a bit aerial, a beautiful finesse of the grain, softness/delicacy as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blueberry, crushed boysenberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of chocolate, redcurrant jam as well as discreet hints of caramelization and a very discreet hint of caramelized orange. Tannins are fine, very slight tight and a bit firm. Good length.

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

## S. Leonardo - 2016 Vintage Porto

The nose offers power and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of plum jam associated with touches of crushed strawberry, caramelized orange as well as discreet hints of cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy / mineral structure, suavity as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blueberry, blackberry jam and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with slight touches of small red fruits, liquorice stick, chocolate as well as discreet hints of caramelization and a very discreet hint of fresh almond. Tannins are firm and very slightly dry. Good length.

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

## Bulas 2016 Vintage Porto

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand and offers power as well as juiciness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blueberry, violet / cornflower and small notes of blueberry, crushed raspberry, liquorice stick associated with discreet hints of pepper. The palate is soft, delicate, elegant, frank and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, harmony, a slight acid frame, power, finesse, a slight straightness, a beautiful texture as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with small touches of sour cherry, liquorice, chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet touch of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine, a bit firm and structuring. The finish offers power as well as a hint of coffee. A slight straightness and a nice texture. There is a hint of cocoa on the aftertaste. Good potential!

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

## Barros 2016 Vintage Port

(Cask sample) The nose is fruity and offers a small minerality. It reveals notes of sour cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum / violet combined with touches of liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of coffee and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, dynamism, a slight tension, a beautiful definition as well as a slight mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of Quetsche plum, redcurrant jam as well as hints of liquorice, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. Tannins are well-built. An imperceptible touch of almond on the finish / persistence.

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

## Quinta do Noval - 2016 Vintage Port

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers power and finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry, kirsh cherry associated with slight / discreet touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of violet and a very discreet hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a good definition, elegance, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain/finesse, harmony as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of raspberry, redcurrant jam associated with small / slight touches of liquorice / liquorice stick, spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization / sweet spices on the finish. Tannins are very fine, elegant and slightly firm.

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

## Burmester 2016 Vintage Port

(Cask sample) The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and flowers (violet, lilac, a hint of iris) combined with touches of raspberry jam, candied cherry as well as slight hints of spices and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, precision, delicacy, a good freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of redcurrant jam, crushed raspberry associated with touches of dark chocolate, coffee, flowers / sandalwood as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and spices. A wine full of delicacy

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

## Kopke 2016 Vintage Port

(Cask sample) The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, violet, cornflower and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with small touches of crushed red fruits as well as slight hints of coffee, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight, roundness, a small suavity, a slight richness, silkiness and offers a good definition, tension, good finesse of the grain, a slight juiciness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blueberry and crushed raspberry associated with small touches of crushed plum, cocoa, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Calem 2016 Vintage Port

(Cask sample) The nose offers a small power and a small richness. It reveals notes of cassis jam, crushed boysenberry and small notes of crushed berry / blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, red fruits (cherry, red berry), blackberry, black pepper as well as discreet hints of sandalwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, gourmandise, finesse, a small linear side as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of fleshy blackberry, liquorice, violet as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

## Quinta das Lamelas - 2016 Vintage Porto

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a slight intensity as well as a slight straightness. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with discreet hints of crushed red berry as well as a very discreet hint of spices, liquorice and an imperceptible touch of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, slightly tight, elegant and offers gourmandise, a small acid frame, a slight freshness as well as a small fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam and small notes of jammy redcurrant / red berries associated with small touches of liquorice, caramelization, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of cedar and Cuben pepper. Tannins are a bit firm. The finish is slightly powerful.

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

## Sandeman - 2016 Vintage Porto

(bottled in 2018) The nose is well-built and offers power as well as structure. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, wild berry and small notes of plum associated with discreet hints of crushed red cherry, Zan as well as a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers elegance, a small tension, a beautiful finesse, delicacy, gourmandise, precision as well as a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with slight touches of jammy red berry, Zan, chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of fresh almond, toasted and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly tight. Very slight chews on the finish.

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

## Quinta de la Rosa - 2016 Vintage Port

(bottled in 2018) The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of fresh red fruits and violet / lilac associated with small touches of cassis as well as very discreet hints of chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, a small aerial side, tension as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red berries, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blueberry, flowers, plum associated with slight touches of chocolate and sweet spices. The finish is a bit powerful. Good length. There are a hint of cocoa and caramelized hazelnut on the persistence / aftertaste. Tannins are elegant, supple and well-built. A beautiful wine.

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

# Port Wines

## Duorum - 2015 Vintage Port

(bottled in 2018) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a small captivating side. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of spices associated with touches of flowers, rose as well as discreet touches of Zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite frank, slightly tight and offers a good definition, a slight suavity, precision, a slight straightness, freshness as well as a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of Quetshe plum associated with slight touches of crushed raspberries, liquorice, chocolate, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and Cuben pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. There are hints of cocoa, coffee / almond on the finish / persistence.

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

## Borges - 2014 LBV Port

The nose is flowery, aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of violet, lilac and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of blue fruits, discreet hints of liquorice, cedar wood as well as very discreet hints of spices and cardamom hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, minerality, finesse, a fine freshness, a beautiful elegance, precision as well as a mineral frame. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, blueberry and small notes of violet / lilac associated with small / slight touches of red fruit, Zan, graphite, mocha and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and very slightly mellow. Good length.

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

## Quinta de la Rosa - 2014 LBV Port

(bottled in 2018) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers gourmandise as well as a small power. It reveals notes of strawberry, blueberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of cornflower, spices and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, minerality, a small acidulous frame, gourmandise, a very slight unctuousity, precision as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis, blueberry associated with small touches of flowers (violet, cornflower, a hint of rose), as well as touches of liquorice, chocolate and caramelization. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

## Quinta Das Tecedeiras Colheita 2008 Port

(bottled in 2016) The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of candied cherry, candied strawberry and small notes of crushed blackberry combined with slight touches of olive tree, candied orange as well as slight hints of caramelization, chocolate, dry small fruits, dried fig and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight juicy frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of violet, liquorice, tobacco, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of flower, vanilla and carameliza-

tion. There are a hint of tonka bean and coffee on the persistence. A wine full of gourmandise !

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

## Bulas - 2013 LBV Porto

(bottled in 2017) The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of crushed blue berry, Kirsh cherry associated with slight touches of gray pepper, liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful gourmandise, unctuousity, a slight acidulous frame, power, straightness, precision as well as a very slightly tight and gourmande matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cocoa, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed blueberry, Kirsh cherry associated with small touches of caramelization as well as discreet hints of cedar wood and toasted almond. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Duorum - 2012 LBV Port

(bottled in 2017) The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a small complexity as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, violet, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of olive. The mouth is gourmande, precise, well-built and offers a small fleshiness, a good definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of crushed red fruit (Garigouette strawberry) as well as slight touches of chocolate, caramelization, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of olive.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

## Vasques de Carvalho - 2013 LBV Porto

(bottled in 2017) The nose is powerful, elegant and offers finesse. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, boysenberry and wild berry associated with small touches of small red fruits, lilac, Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of chocolate and a very discreet hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully gourmande, slightly tight and offers a good definition, minerality, a slight acidulous frame, a small tension, a small freshness, a slight unctuousity as well as a slight suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with small / slight touches of raspberry, chocolate, caramelization, spices and eucalyptus / olive tree. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Kopke - 2008 White Colheita Porto

(bottled in 2018) The nose is fine and slightly tight. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried fig and small notes of quince, candied citrus associated with small / slight touches of cedar wood, dried apricot, spices as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of fresh walnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers finesse, suavity, fat, a good definition as well as a slight mineral frame in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Zante currant,

dried fig, quince and small notes of date associated with small touches of caramelization / pâtisseries, minerality as well as very discreet hints of dried fruit (fresh walnut, dried almond). Good length. Good persistence (with notes of almond / dried fruits).

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

## Kopke - 1978 Colheita Porto

(bottled in 2017) The nose is powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of dry white grape, dried lemon, dried mandarin, fig and small notes of date combined with small hints of pâtisseries, a discreet hint of dried flower, sandalwood as well as a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, gourmand, elegant, precise and offers unctuousity, fat, a bit aerial side, a small tension as well as a slight acidulous frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried white grape, date, dried apricot and small notes of dried citrus fruit (quince, mandarin) combined with a touch of mirabelle plum, caramelization, dried almond as well as fresh walnut and hazelnut. Good length. There is a discreet hint of coffee and almond on the finish / persistence. A beautifully suave wine ! A good gourmand, suave and appetizing.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

## Vista Alegre - Vintage 2016, Single Estate Porto

(bottled in 2018) The nose is aromatic, powerful, spicy and offers intensity. It reveals notes of crushed plum, blueberry and gray pepper combined with touches of sour cherry, ripe strawberry as well as discreet hints of olive, rosemary / thyme, spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, suave and offers a fine acidulous frame, a small juiciness, power, a good structure, concentration, a beautiful straightness, a beautiful guideline, a small linear side, generosity as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed plum, crushed blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of raspberry jam, caramelized orange as well as touches of liquorice, olives, grove, slight touches of chocolate and a hint of gray pepper. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

## Quinta Valle Longo - Vintage 2016, Single Estate Porto

(bottled in 2018) The nose is powerful, concentrated and offers intensity as well as a small complexity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed black plum and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of redcurrant jam, garrigue / rosemary, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of violet, local wild flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, very slightly tight and offers elegance, a good fineness of the grain, a beautiful gourmandise, a beautiful finesse, an acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, a fine freshness as well as complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed Quetshe plum and small notes of raspberry jam, redcurrant jam, sour cherry associated with touches of chocolate / square of dark chocolate, caramelization, zan as well as discreet hints of tobacco and violet. Tannins are elegant and discreetly mellow. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of cedar, local

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wild flowers and an imperceptible hint of dried almond on the persistence.

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

## Vista Alegre - LBV 2013, Unfiltered Porto

(bottled in 2017) The nose is aromatic, powerful, spicy and offers intensity. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, raspberry jam and small notes of crushed cassis, black/Cuben pepper combined with a very discreet touch of black olive, violet, tobacco, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a good definition, elegance, finesse, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise, precision, a beautiful matter, a fresh frame, tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, black cherry, raspberry jam and small notes of crushed black berries, crushed plum associated with fine touches of zan, tonka bean, olive, spices as well as a very discreet hint of candied orange and caramelization (in the background). Good length. There are a hint of redcurrants jam, blackberry, chocolate and pepper / spices on the finish.

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

## Ferreira 2016 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is elegant, powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild red berries, blue berries and small notes of flowers associated with touches of chocolate and gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of olive and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, elegant, structured, slightly restrained and offers a fine juiciness, a very fine tension, a fine acidulous frame, power as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red berries and small notes of blue berries, blueberry associated with touches of chocolate, caramelization, liquorice, eucalyptus as well as hints of spices and Timut pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. There are an imperceptible hint of almond and oak.

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

## Ferreira 2014 LBV, Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and beautifully defined. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy ripe red berry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of flower, cassis as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, spices, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers good definition, juiciness, tension, finesse, an acid frame as well as a beautifully fine and slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe red berries, ripe plum and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cassis, plum, crunchy strawberry as well as slight hints of flowers, liquorice, praline, tobacco, cocoa and oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly tight. The persistence is slightly powerful. A beautiful wine !

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

## Offley 2016 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a slight power (in the background). It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of red berry associated with a touch of plum as well as hints of cornflowers, Cuben pepper, Zan, sweet spices, liquorice stick and coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a slight straightness, precision as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry / cherry, graphite, chocolate, spices, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of eucalyptus and pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. There is a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish.

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

## Offley 2014 - LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is fruity, slightly tight, structured and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, small blue berries and touches of cassis, flowers, cornflower, slight hints of caramelization, slight toasted hints, almond, liquorice, tonka bean / cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and garrigue / thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, a slight juiciness, precision, a small fleshiness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of fleshy / juicy raspberry, blueberry, chocolate, liquorice, black olive, blond tobacco, caramelization, toasted touches / sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of scrubland / thyme (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. There are notes of dark chocolate, caramelization / toasty and on ripe / juicy fruit on the persistence.

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

## Taylor's - 2013 LBV Porto

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and powerful. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blueberry and ripe / cooked cassis associated with touches of crushed strawberry, rose / violet as well as slight hints of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a slight mineral frame, a slight juiciness and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of cassis, small red berries associated with touches of ripe / juicy citrus, hints of flower as well as a very discreet hint of citron, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine, very discreetly firm and still young. Good length.

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

## Offley - Colheita 1999 Porto

(Barao de Forrester. Bottled in 2018) The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a slight power, elegance as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of dried strawberry, orange zest and small notes of

peach, dried fruit associated with subtle touches of grove, spices, cinnamon, tobacco and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, suave, fat and offers richness, a good structure, a slight power, finesse, a very slight unctuousity, a beautiful guideline, a slight guideline, a slight acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a good and precise matter. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of plum, candied lemon, blackberry, candied orange, crystallized strawberry and small notes of candied mandarin zest associated with slight touches of cherry, dried fruit, caramelization, Zante currant as well as very discreet hints of cedar, praline and an imperceptible hint of pepper on the finish. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length and beautiful persistence. There are a touch of vanilla cream, violet / cornflowers, praline and almond / hazelnut on the persistence. The persistence is gourmande. A beautiful and gourmand Porto!

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

## Sandeman 2014 - Unfiltered - LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is fruity, powerful and precise. It reveals notes of wild red berry, cassis and small notes of flower (iris, lilac, violet), Timut pepper associated with touches of crunchy wild strawberry, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Zan, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, frank and offers good definition, precision, a small tension, power as well as a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and small notes of crunchy strawberry, Timut / Cuben pepper associated with small touches of blueberry, plum, chocolate as well as hints of coffee, spices, cedar wood and an imperceptible hint of local vegetation (in the background). Good length. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good and gourmande persistence (with touches of dark chocolate, hazelnut, caramelization).

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

## Taylor's - Vargellas 2015 Vintage Port

A beautiful nose, elegant, aromatic, fruity, fine and offers a charming / captivating side. It reveals notes of cassis, flowers (violet, cornflowers), strawberry, cherry and small notes of raspberry, lily associated with slight touches of spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmande, elegant, beautifully balanced and offers a beautiful delicacy, a pretty suavity, a beautiful finesse, texture, a beautiful definition as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry, cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with slight hints of violet as well as an imperceptible touch of Sichuan pepper, square of dark chocolate and spices. A good and aromatic persistence. There are an imperceptible touch of dark chocolate and mint on the persistence. More finesse and less structured than the one on the 2016 Vintage.

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



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# Calvados

## Distillerie Garnier - 6 ans Vieux Calvados

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers juiciness as well as a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of apple, flowers and citrus associated with a touch of zest, mirabelle plum, beeswax as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and saffron (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, well-balanced and offers a fine fresh frame, fleshiness, a fine unctuousness, power, a good definition, precision, power as well as gourmandise. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of cooked apple and pear associated with small notes of citrus zest, crunchy physalis, flowers / crunchy yellow berries as well as discreet hints of caramelization, grilled oak and Grey pepper. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

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

## Famille Dupont - Hors d'Âge Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, power, slightly tight and offers a beautifully fine grain. It reveals notes of red apple, red peach and small notes of spices associated with discreet hints of toasted oak, saffron (in the background) and sweet spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully-built and offers a good definition, a fine power, gourmandise, a fine juiciness, a small tension, a fine freshness, a good structure, a small unctuousness, fat as well as a beautifully fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red apple and small notes crushed hot apple associated with a discreet hint of zest, a very discreet hint of citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of cinnamon and toasted.

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

## Distillerie Garnier - 12 ans Très Vieux Calvados

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite elegant, powerful and offers finesse. It reveals notes of hot apple, oak / toasted and small notes of cider associated with a slight hint of crystallized lemon (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of orange zest (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly unctuous, precise, straight and offers a small juiciness, a good definition as well as a good structure. In the mouth this Calvados express notes of apple, hot peach and small notes of cider, candied orange associated with a subtle hint of pear compote, caramel and zest / spices. Good, gourmande and suave persistence. There are a hint of vanilla and almond on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

## Distillerie Garnier - 20 ans Très Vieux Calvados

The nose is fruity, aromatic, beautifully built and offers concentration. It reveals notes of apple cooked in butter, lemon zest, quince and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of purple flowers, cider as well as discreet hints of cinnamon / spices, cedar wood and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is beautifully balanced, elegant, unctuous, suave,

beautifully gourmande and offers fleshiness / juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine mineral frame, tension, roundness as well as a good precision. On the palate this Calvados express notes of fleshy peach, quince and fleshy / juicy apple combined with small / fine touches of violet flowers, rose, cooked yellow plum, toasted almond as well as a hint of rancio and vanilla. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of grilled / grilled hazelnut on the persistence / aftertaste. A beautiful Calvados!

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

## Roger Groult - 8 ans d'âge Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is aromatic, fruity, powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of cooked apple, small yellow fruits, apple juice and red peach skin associated with small notes of crystallized lemon, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers, dried fruits and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond (in the background). The palate is juicy, fruity, elegant, soft, silky, slightly fleshy, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good structure, an aerial side as well as a beautiful delicacy. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy apple and small notes of apple / peach associated with a hint of cooked apple, yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of zest and almond (in the background). Gourmandise and an imperceptible hint of anise on the aftertaste.

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

## Christian Drouin - XO Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance, gourmandise and complexity. It reveals notes of vine peach and apple blossom associated with small notes of cooked Granny Smith apple, pear as well as a hint of cinnamon and oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a good definition, a beautiful structure, precision and a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cooked red apple, pear and small notes of crushed / ripe vine peach associated with touches of Granny Smith apple, flowers and hints of caramelization / pâtisseries. Good length..

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

## Christian Drouin - 1995 Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is fine, elegant, precise and beautifully defined. It reveals notes of cooked apple, crunchy peach and small notes of flowers, toasted associated with a very discreet hint of toasted, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background) and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful tension, precision, dynamism as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple cooked in butter, cooked peach and small notes of quince associated with a touch of mirabelle plum, sweet spices, undergrowth, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. Good length.

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

## Christian Drouin - 1990 Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of red apple and red peach associated with small notes of violet, gray pepper, dried zest, saffron and a very discreet hint of dried tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, precision as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of stewed peach, applesauce and small notes warm apple associated with small touches of fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum, caramelization as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of citrus (in the background). Good length.

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

## Christian Drouin - Hors d'Âge Calvados Pays d'Âge

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers generosity / gourmandise. It reveals notes of cooked apple and small notes of Williams pear associated with touches of apple blossom, vanilla, cooked peach as well as small hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, roundness, fat, unctuousness, a good structure, a fine juiciness, a small aerial side as well as delicacy. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of hot apple, pear compote and small notes of quince associated with small touches of peach, vanilla and toasted / sweet spices. Good length.

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

## Lelouvier - Hors d'Âge Hors d'Âge

The nose is powerful and offers intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of zest, golden apple and a touch of apple pie associated with hints of citrus and a hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a good definition, dynamism, delicacy, a beautiful roundness, a good finesse as well as a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this Calvados expresses notes of juicy fleshy peach, cooked golden apple and small notes of crushed Williams pear combined with a discreet hint of quince, yellow plum, zest as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper and grilled.

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

## Comte Louis de Lauriston - Hors d'Âge Calvados Domfrontais

The nose is aromatic, fine, elegant, delicate, beautifully-built and offers power as well as a very fine grain and slightly tight. It reveals notes of hot apple, quince and Golden apple associated with discreet hints of flowers, saffron, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine juicy frame, a fine tension, finesse and a very fine minerality. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of fleshy apple, quince and small notes of crushed peach associated with small touches of cooked apple, fresh pear and an imperceptible hint of caramelized mandarin (in the background). Good length. A beautiful Calvados!

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

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## 30&40 - Extra Old Calvados

(42%) The nose is aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of crunchy red peach, red apple and small notes of quince associated with small touches of flowers (rose, violets) and hints of spice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small straightness, a fine acidulous frame, fleshiness, good matter, gourmandise as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cooked vine peach, cooked apple and small notes of butter apple associated with small touches of crushed Williams pear as well as a discreet hint of mirabelle plum and pâtisseries. Good length.

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

## Lelouvier - 1991 Calvados

The nose is aromatic, powerful and intense. It reveals notes of violets, apples cooked in butter and small notes of vine peach, spices associated with a very discreet hint of kumquat (in the background), gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, frank and offers fleshiness, precision as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of juicy peach, juicy green apple and small notes of cooked apple associated with fine touches of citrus, apple blossoms, pâtisseries / caramelization and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful and delicate Calvados!

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

## Comte Louis de Lauristone - 1990 Calvados Domfrontais

The nose is powerful, racy, structured and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of rancio, cooked apple and a hint of gray pepper, orange zest associated with discreet hints of Williams pear / dried peach as well as a very discreet hint of violet and cigar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, well-structured, frank, beautifully powerful, racy and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful roundness, fat as well as a beautiful grain. In the mouth this Calvados express notes of cooked apple and pâtisseries associated with small notes of rancio, orange zest and crystallized mandarin. Good length. A beautiful finesse / delicacy, full of power.

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

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# Armagnac

## Château Garreau Cuvée du Siècle, Extra Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers gourmandise, finesse as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of dried plum, dried mandarin and small notes of dried citrus zest associated with fine touches of sandalwood, rose, nougatine as well as discreet hints of spices, Cuben pepper, coffee and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine juicy / acidulous frame, a fine suavity, roundness as well as finesse. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and fleshy / juicy plum associated with fine touches of juicy mandarin as well as a very discreet hint of dried citrus fruits and very discreet hints of nougatine, pâtisseries and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

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

## Château Garreau - XO Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers power. It reveals fine notes of Zante currant, dried orange and small notes of sandalwood, rose and fine / discreet hints of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a small tension, finesse, a very fine grain as well as roundness. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of Zante currant, candied orange zest and small notes of dried lemon zest associated with small / fine touches of caramelization as well as discreet hints of coffee, gray pepper and dried rose / flowers. Good length. The finish is a bit powerful.

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

## Château Garreau Napoléon Bas-Armagnac

The nose is powerful and offers intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, Zante currant, nectarine and dried lemon associated with small / fine touches caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers fat, a good definition, a fine acid frame, power as well as straightness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of Zante currant, candied peach and small notes of fleshy small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of dried lemon zest, pâtisseries as well as discreet touches of caramelization, rose and an imperceptible hint almond. Good length.

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

## Jean Cavé - Duo Bas Armagnac

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers gourmandise, intensity and elegance. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried citrus, dried quince and small notes of dried white flowers combined with small / fine touches of pâtisseries, Sichuan pepper, sandalwood / toasted and hint of caramelization / toffee. The palate is fruity and offers a good definition, a fine acid frame (in the background), power, fat and a good balance. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of Zante currant, crystallized lemon, crystallized mirabelle plum and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with small touches of pâtisseries, caramelization, violet / sandalwood and a discreet hint of black pepper. Good length. Good persistence.

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

## Jean Cavé - XO Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of orange zest, sandalwood, dried rose / dried lemon and small notes of gray pepper associated with touches of caramelization and violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, roundness, a fine freshness, power as well as finesse. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade, dried orange zest and small notes of dried mirabelle plum associated with small touches of pâtisseries, caramelization and a very discreet hint of toffee (in the background). The finish is quite gourmande. Good length.

**Score : 15+/20 (90-91/100)**

## Dartigalongue - Louis Philippe 180 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a fine power, velvety as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of raisins, lemon zest and small notes of dried apple associated with discreet hints of cocoa, incense, caramelization as well as slight hints of gray pepper and very discreet notes of dried yellow fruits. The palate is fruity and offers a small juiciness, a very fine freshness, a very fine acidulous frame (in the background), gourmandise, roundness, a beautiful finesse, a very beautiful precision, a very beautiful grain, dynamism, a fine roundness as well as a gourmand and beautiful matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of dried lemon, dried orange zest and small notes of juicy small yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of juicy peach, gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of juicy citrus and grilled oak / spices. Beautiful length and persistence. The finish is a bit powerful.

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

## Dartigalongue - Hors d'âge Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand, precise and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of dried orange, Zante currant and small notes of apple associated with discreet hints of dried lemon zest, plum, rancio and a very discreet touch of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, gourmande and offers a beautiful suavity / fat, power, a fine richness, a very fine straightness as well as a very beautiful precision. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of Zante currant, caramelization, candied orange and small notes of dried lime zest, dried orange zest and very discreet grilled hints, cocoa and white pepper. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of rancio and pâtisseries on the persistence. Beautiful suavity on the persistence. There is an imperceptible touch of vanilla on the aftertaste.

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

## Château Lacquy - 7 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is powerful, fruity, fine, beautifully built, racy and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of crystallized tangerine, quince and small notes dried orange / lemon zest associated with touches of small fruit in syrup, pear, candied plum as well as hints of caramelization/crème brûlée and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The mouth is fine, round, harmonious, juicy and offers a beautiful matter, a very fine grain, a juicy frame, a very fine minerality (in the background), a good structure, a fine freshness as well as a beautiful power (but full of finesse). On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of candied

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orange/lemon, marmalade, dried zest and small notes of pear, caramelization / pâtisseries associated with a discreet hint of biscuit/sweet spices and almond (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

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

## Marquis de Montesquiou Extra-Old Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers power, intensity and finesse. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried flowers and dried orange zests associated with oaky / roasted touches, gray pepper, candied orange / crystallized clementine as well as a hint of caramel/rancio, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, straight and offers a small tension, gourmandise, a good balance, precision, a very slight unctuousity as well as a very fine grain. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of Zante currant, marmalade and dried orange combined with hints of rancio as well as a discreet hint of apricot, dried fig, caramel and spices. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of coffee / cocoa on the finish. The finish is beautifully suave. There are hints of vanilla on the finish / persistence (brings gourmandise). Beautiful persistence.

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

## Château Lacquy - 12 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully built and offers a racy power, a good finesse of the grain, a small richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of marmalade, crushed peach and small notes of zest (mandarin, lemon) associated with hints of kumquat, Zante currant, crystallized mandarin, cedar, small hints of caramelization / nougatine as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a fine suavity, dynamism, a small juicy / acidulous frame, a racy grain as well as gourmandise. On the palate this Armagnac reveals notes of juicy yellow peach, marmalade, kumquat and small notes of juicy mirabelle plum associated with small touches of dried citrus, a discreet hint of pâtisseries, praline, almond and a very discreet hint of white flowers (in the background). Good length. There is a touch of gray pepper on the persistence.

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

## Delord X.O. Premium Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, complexity as well as a beautiful balance between finesse / richness / power. It reveals notes of candied citrus (lemon...) and Zante currant associated with touches of pear, gray pepper, a small touch of orange as well as a hint of white flowers, mint, chocolate and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a good definition, finesse, a fine acidulous frame, a fine straightness, precision, a very fine freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade / candied citrus, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of pâtisseries, caramelization associated with fine touches of caramel pear as well as discreet hints of white flowers (in the background), chocolate and hints of cigar. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of cocoa / roasting on the aftertaste.

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

## Castarède XO 20ans d'âge Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity as well as elegance. It reveals notes of candied peach, dried orange and small notes of dried lime combined with touches of caramelization, rancio, pear in syrup as well as a touch of apple butter, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of flowers / violet. The palate is fruity, well balanced, gourmande, elegant, precise, well-structured and offers a fine unctuousity, delicacy, richness, dynamism, a fine tension, a fine straightness, a very fine freshness (in the background), fat as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of candied citrus (orange, lemon) and small notes of dried mandarin combined with touches of butter apple, pear in syrup as well as a hint of juicy grapes, hints of pâtisseries, cocoa, a very discreet hint of roasted almond (in the background), cigar, cedar wood and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of oak on the finish.

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



## Veuve Goudoulin XO, Single Cask Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of dried lemon, dried lime zest and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of peach, apple as well as discreet hints of flowers (white and violet), pâtisseries, cedar, rosewood, a discreet hint of exotic fruits / quenette and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers straightness, preci-

sion, finesse, a small aerial side, a fine acid frame (in the background) as well as delicacy. Beautiful matter! On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy pear, jammy orange / marmalade and small notes of lemon zest associated with a hint of dried mandarin, kumquat, pâtisseries, caramelization, Zante currant, a discreet hint of exotic fruits / quenette as well as a very discreet hint of cedar and cigar. Good length and persistence. There are a hint of cocoa and roasting on the finish / persistence.

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

## Comte de Lauvia Hors d'Age Armagnac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine fleshiness as well as a fine power (in the background). It reveals notes of Williams pear and fleshy Golden Apple combined with small notes of pâtisseries, caramelization, camphor and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine tension, a small suavity, a fine juiciness, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine mineral frame. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy peach, Williams pear and small notes of Golden apple, quince associated with a touch of kumquat, marmalade as well as small hints of caramelization, pâtisseries, a discreet hint of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of flowers / violet (in the background).

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

## Château de Lacquy - 17 ans Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful complexity. It reveals notes of dried orange, yellow peach and small notes of kumquat, crystallized crystallized lemon / orange associated with touches of lime zest, apple, fine touches of vine peach, Tarte Tatin / pâtisseries as well as slight hints of rancio / incense, Zante currant, sweet spices, pepper, a very discreet hint of flowers and grilled oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful delicacy, gourmandise, a beautiful expression / precision, a good structure as well as a fine and racy grain. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy peach, marmalade, crystallized mandarin and small notes of candied lemon, green apple associated with touches of lime zest, pear, caramelization, gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of flowers, quenette, crème brûlée and roasted almond / hazelnut. Slight straightness on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

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





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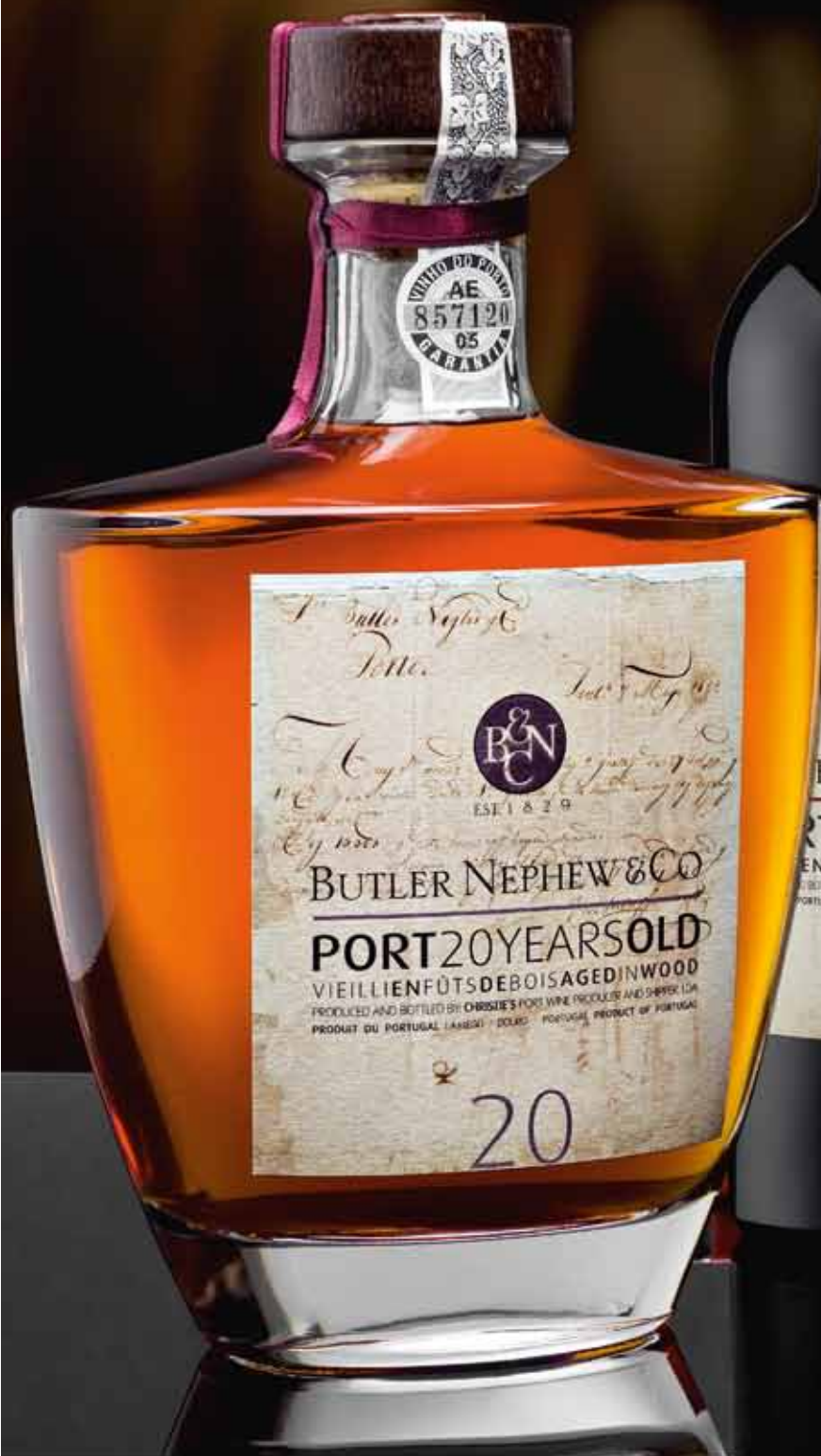
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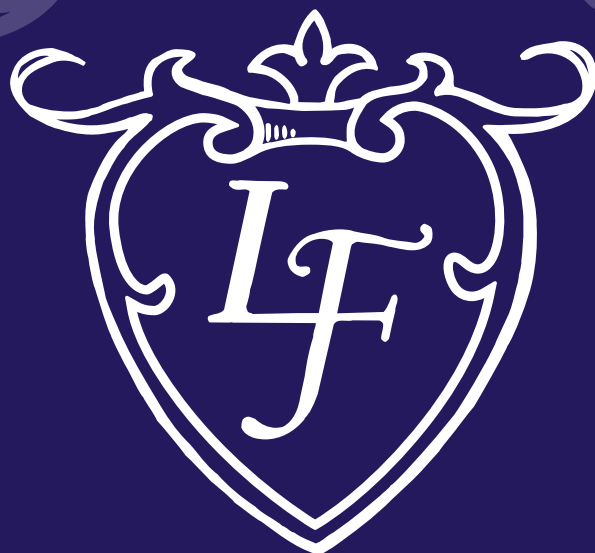
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