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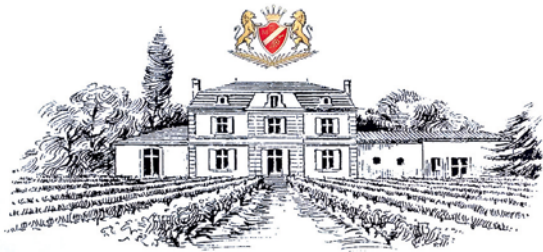
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Discover seven properties from Napa Valley, from Champagne and from Bordeaux. More than 600 Wine & Spirits reviews from France (Bordeaux, Champagne Rosé, Madiran, Alsace, Châteauneuf-du-Pape), Italy, United-States (Napa Valley), South Africa, Australia, Spain and Spirits (Rums, Cognac, Armagnac).



It is with a great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2016 Winter edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. I am enthusiastic about this new issue ! For this publication I chose to put a spotlight on four great Napa Valley wineries and on three French domaines (Champagne, Saint-Estèphe, Pessac-Léognan). This magazine is the result of exciting trips, tastings, discoveries and meetings !

So in the first part of the magazine you will discover beautiful wineries from Napa Valley and France. In the second part you will discover Nicolas Frion pairing, a great and promising Chef from Bordeaux. He is the Chef of the famous restaurant Le Gabriel. N. Frion created especially for VERTDEVIN a few recipes to pair with wines. These customized creations will tickle your taste buds !

In the third part I invite you to discover and savor a few great wines & spirits. You need to have in your cellar these few good values. In the fourth part you will find 600 Wine & Spirits reviews.

Bordeaux is one of the largest and one of the most renowned wine regions in the world. We believe its reputation not only runs through the names of some very famous châteaux and exceptional winemakers but its wealth is also more complex, more diverse. In this magazine you will find presentations of some wines from Saint-Emilion, Médoc, Pessac-Léognan and Côtes-de-Bordeaux wines (Blaye, Cadillac).

Napa Valley is one of my favorite american wine locations. This state has a great diversity of terroir which is unfortunately often overlooked. 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 200 Napa wines from all districts !

Alsace is a great wine region adjoining the slopes of the Vosges. It produces mainly white wines of which some are among the most famous in the world. For this time I chose to introduce you some Late Harvest wines. Perfect wines for your family dinner, aperitifs or holidays festivities.

Champagne is a product synonymous with festivity, sharing, gastronomy and terroir. It is a unique wine, both in quality and in terms of notoriety. This product has a special place in my heart that can be summarized by the famous quote of Napoleon Bonaparte «I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate... And I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself.» For this issue I chose to introduce you some great Rosé Champagne to enjoy all the time !

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

Armagnac is also an emotional choice but also a choice because of the soil, the quality of life as well as the great traditional and historical heritage. Don't forget that 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.

Rums... I'm definitely in love with Rums ! There is a great undiscovered richness and diversity of flavor, terroir, style in this kind of spirit. It's possible to find a rum for each time, each occasion, each taste of one's life. Rums to enjoy on the rocks, with a cigar, as an aperitif, a digestif or to pair with a whole meal !

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



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ALPHA OMEGA

A vineyard epicurean synonymous, terroirs
and a subtle marriage between an old and a new world

Alpha Omega is a winery nestled in the Rutherford AVA, located in the heart of Napa Valley on St Helena Highway. The winery was founded in 2006 by Eric Sklar, Jean Hoelfiger, and Robin and Michelle Baggett on the site of a former vineyard (Esquisse winery) established by realtives to the owners of Château Carbonnieux (Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux).



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The Alpha Omega team, seeing not only the potential of the vineyard but also of the location, embarked on major investments in the vineyard and also in the buildings. The old buildings were replaced with a new winery, tasting room and reception area. A research campaign simultaneously launched to find the best vineyards in Napa Valley to source grapes, such as Beckstoffer To Kalon and Missouri Hopper. Today, the winery is consulted in winemaking by world-renowned Jean Hoelfiger and Michel Rolland. Alpha Omega now produces eight different wines, both red and white. After ten years since its inception, Alpha Omega is recognized as one of the most esteemed wineries of Napa Valley.

VertdeVin: Where does the name of Alpha Omega come from?

Jean Hoelfiger: [Alpha Omega] is the symbol of the beginning and the end; it is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and the last. We acquired this winery with US partners, so it's an encounter between the old and the new world. The name is a symbol of this meeting.

Focus on Jean Hoelfiger, Alpha Omega co-owner, winemaker and consulting oenologist

"I was born in Lausanne, Switzerland to parents who have nothing to do with wine. I started studying in law and in asset

management. I didn't like it. After a while I said 'stop, this must change'. The wine theme kept recurring in my personal life, so I explored this sector. My godfather's family has owned a vineyard (Fonjala S.A.) since 1552. When I first started I asked him if wine was the solution to my career questions, he made me taste with the oenologist all 62 tanks in the winery. Being young and novice in the sector, I spat nothing. I was so tipsy that I said I would never change work!

So I started working with Chaselat, Gamay and Pinot Noir, then I worked for various properties in France (Château Carbonnieux, Château Lynch-Bages), in Switzerland, in the USA

(Newton Vineyard), in New Zealand, and in South Africa... And after all that I came back here to California.

My work in South Africa fascinated me. I was very interested in working with grape marc and lees. This experience was great. I am a real enthusiast about wine and winemaking. Learning about wine excites me! Recently I was contacted to make a tequila. This is a project that I like. I can explore something new for me.

In 2014 we bought Tolosa Winery. There we discovered beautiful unexploited land, especially limestone. We have beautiful plans for this vineyard."

A man that I can described in a few words: epicurean, human, natural, simple and in love with his work / wine.

To me the architecture is also a sign of encounter between the old, tradition and modernity. Indeed the buildings are the result of a warm wedding between wood in its natural state, large and bright windows and modern touches.



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V.d.V.: *If you had to define what wine means to you in a few words?*

J. H.: *I would say: poetry, emotion and mood. I think wine has increasingly a mood. We are looking more and more at wine profiles that match the state of mind in which we are. I think the beauty of the wine is its diversity. We must preserve this diversity of terroir and grape varieties.*

Wine also has a social role. It's role is essential and important in our societies. This diversity, rich taste and gregarious role are the two things that made me fall in love with wine. It speaks to me.

V.d.V.: *What is the signature of Alpha Omega wines? What allows us to recognize these wines in a blind tasting?*

J. H.: *It is always difficult to judge one's own work. However from what I hear there is a different texture from other Napa Valley wines. Unlike wines that are found here too often, I do not try to make sleek wines, polished and over sexy. I'm crazy about tannins, this is the skeleton of wine! You need a skeleton of tannins and acid column. You just have to be able to round it and preserve the fruit.*

For my part I would say that what characterizes the wines of Alpha Omega is structuring and quite present tannins. They are elegant and correct. There is a lovely matter and an acid frame / tension which gives to the wine an aerial feeling.

V.d.V.: *Do you have futures plans?*

J. H.: *Yes, We wish to improve the wines constantly. I don't*

believe in a perfect wine ; it can't be a reality. The only one that has potential to be perfect is the next vintage (which vintage ?).

It is a winemakers' role to doubt what we did. It can't have 400 tests before making the wine. It is only one cycle, only one time per year. We must be careful in the winemaking process!

My consulting work allows me to learn faster because it gives me more tests per year. It's as much an opportunity to succeed, to fail, to learn and improve.

Revealing the beauty of the terroirs, that's where the magic of the consulting oenologist job!

Do you have an anecdote about Alpha Omega?

J. H.: *Yes hundreds of examples, Magic Johnson bought this wine to celebrate Christmas with his family. Another anecdote when we acquired Alpha Omega this property was previously owned by the cousin of the Perrin family, who are at the head of Chateau Carbonnieux (Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé de Graves).*

Thanks to Jean Hoelfiger for his warm welcome.

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OVID VINEYARD

A promising young jewels of the Napa Valley!

OVID Vineyard was created in 1999 following the acquisition of 300 acres of pristine land on Pritchard Hill by Mark Nelson and Dana Johnson. They initially intended to create a second home for their future retirement but they quickly realized that this land was very conducive to growing grapes. For the anecdote Mark Nelson, before being in the wine sector, was the creator and owner of the software company 'Ovid Technology'.

In 2000 they hired David Abreu to plant 15 acres of vineyards. Managing Partner, Janet Pagano, came on board to oversee the development of the vineyard and winery in 2002. In 2003 they surrounded themselves with the winemaker Andy Erickson to advise them. He was joined in 2004 by Michel Rolland. 2005 was the first vintage for OVID. A year later partners, Mark, Dana and Janet officially inaugurated buildings. Currently the property produces 12,000 bottles per year divided into four wines (OVID, Hexameter, Loc. Cit., And Experiment).

If you go to the Winery you will be amazed by nature, the surrounding quiet and the panoramic view from the terrace over the Napa Valley, from Oakville to San Francisco Bay.



VertdeVin: *What is the signature of OVID Winery in wines?*

These are wines with a pretty bright fruit, polished tannins, balanced, racy (terroir), good structure, well balanced with acidity and a beautiful matter. The presence of a large percentage of Cabernet Franc is one of the markers of our wines. This is a rather unusual thing in the Napa Valley. We work a lot on this grape. We also have Ca-

bernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and a bit of Syrah. Our terroir is also very recognizable in tasting.

In the mouth we mainly taste notes of black fruit, boysenberry and cassis.

We manage all our vineyards with organic farming in order to preserve our soils. It determines our harvest dates in order to have the freshness, acidity and nice fruit in our wines. The balance of the wine is very important. In the winery we work by gravitation to protect the fruit. The fruit first!

V.d.V.: *Why did you choose to choose this place to create a vineyard?*

Renowned vineyard manager David Abreu was so enthusiastic about the excellent quality potential for a vineyard that his passion was contagious. Initially when Mark Nelson and Dana Johnson acquired in 1999 this area they





Anecdote side

The domain name is a tribute to the Roman poet Publius Ovidius Naso of whom the founders are big fans.

P. Ovidius Naso was born a year after the assassination of the emperor Julius Caesar. He devoted much of his life to writing. He was very influenced by the letters, philosophers and Greek writers. Among the best known works are: Transformations, The Cure for Love, the Loves or The Heroines...

In Metamorphoses the famous poet used the theme of transformation and change. The winemaking is this. It is the transformation of grapes into something sublime. His works rich and steeped in tradition continues to speak to us today. The name of the vineyard pays tribute.

Besides we have increased the nod by also adding on the labels Latin quotations of the poet.

wanted there to build a second home for their future retirement. They had fallen in love with the view and the surrounding nature. They soon realized that they had just acquired great terroir for the vines. Being great lovers of wine they changed their plans and decided to create a winery.

There are plenty of places in the Napa Valley where we can make excellent Cabernet Sauvignon but only a few places where you can also make outstanding Cabernet Franc. We are on one of these very favorable place for this grape. Furthermore our altitude, climate and rocky soil cause the vines to struggle and produce small amounts of beautiful fruit.

V.d.V.: If you had to describe your passion for wine in three adjectives, what would you say?

I would say that wine is for me: the weather, the terroir and the history.

V.d.V.: Do you have specific projects for OVID?

It is a young winery. We are still experimenting. constantly seeking to improve what we do.



Focus on Austin Peterson winemaker OVID Winery

"I began by engineering studies but I quickly changed to this sector because the previous one did not allow me to be outside. I was (and still am) very interested in oenology and wine. Oenology allows me to touch on different sectors, touching a bit of everything and in the end never do the same thing all the time. In this work everything changes every year. Each wine, each vintage and every blend is different. There are no two years that are identical, there is always something to learn and explore. Although at first I was not interested in working in the world of wine instead of engineering but I grew up in a vineyard. In fact my father was a winemaker. After my conversion I started professional work in different vineyards to learn (Pomerol, Argentina, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand). Finally in 2006 I had the opportunity to return to California and work here, I agreed. It's a great challenge to participate in the creation of great wines !"

It is also in the process of doing testing (5 barrels) to create a white wine. We do not grow white grapes but we select from other winemakers in the valley to buy them. Currently testing covers mainly a composition of Sauvignon Blanc wine and a minority of Chenin Blanc, Albarino and Vermentino. A portion of the grapes remain in the tank, another is in oak barrels.

Thanks to Janet Pagano as well as Austin Peterson for their warm welcome.

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ST SUPÉRY

One of Sauvignon Blanc' specialists in the Napa Valley

St Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is located in the renowned Rutherford growing region in the heart of Napa Valley located on St. Helena Highway. St. Supéry was founded in 1982 by Robert Skalli. The Skalli family also created Terra Vecchia on Corsica and a winery in Sète, France and established a wine import company in the the South of France.

and London.

With St. Supéry's reputation based on its valuable Napa Valley properties, a primary goal is to support biodiversity and sustainability while continuing the founding vision of a Napa Valley château for generations to come.

VertdeVin: Where does the name of St Supéry Winery



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Recognizing the great potential of Californian terroirs, the Skalli family spent eight years searching for the perfect location to expand the family business in Napa Valley in the 70's. It was not until 1982 that Robert Skalli found Dollarhide ranch and its «ideal soil» in the northeastern hills of Napa Valley. The Skalli's immediately acquired the 1,500+ acres (607 hectares). At the time, this purchase seemed a little surprising because this part of the Napa Valley was relatively unknown. Shortly after acquiring Dollarhide the opportunity to purchase 56 acres (22.6 hectares) in Rutherford appeared. The Skalli family planted 35 acres of vines on the property and built the hospitality and winery. In 1989, St Supéry opened to the public for tastings.

Today St Supéry Vineyards and Winery has 1,556 acres (625 hectares) with 510 acres (206 hectares) of sustainably farmed vineyards planted to Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Chardonnay, Muscat Canelli, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Each year the property produces on average 100,000 cases of wine. Production is currently sold in the United States, Hong Kong, Japan, China

come from?

The name is a tribute to Edward St. Supéry who owned the property and bought this land in the 18th century.

V.d.V.: What is the signature wine of St Supéry Winery?

«When Sauvignon Blanc was first planted on the property in 1983, we made a soil study of the vineyard to matched



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Focus on Michael Scholz, winemaker St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery

I was born and grew up in Australia. I worked for wineries in Australia, South Africa Sonoma and Napa. When the opportunity was presented to come to work at St. Supéry I jumped at the chance.

I love making wine and I grew up in a family of wine growers. I have always lived in the world of wine from the vines. I did everything in the vineyard from a young age. Although I've been through all positions both in the vineyard and in the cellar. Wine remains for me a beautiful mystery.

I enjoy the different facets of my work. I love working in the vineyard to continuously improve the quality of the berries and in the cellar to transform grapes into fine wine. It is exciting to see the wines evolve during vinification, and the work in the vineyard relaxed ; reflecting the essence of our terroir. The work in the vineyard is very important and I love being there. The blends also fascinate me and they are a fantastic and very important part of my work. A wine is a child who needs time and attention to grow. I have a good 'feeling' in the vineyard, a good vision of what we want to do and not do and that is important. I'm very focused and place extreme importance on every detail in my work

the varietal planting to the blocks. We planted Clone 1 Sauvignon Blanc, the original clone as Château d'Yquem. Our soils are varied and that defines our wines. They are very opulent wines, perfectly balanced, very brilliant and expressive. They offer very good structure. We are able to keep a nice acidity due to the climatic conditions of our region. We have plenty of sunshine and very hot days but significantly cooler nights. Our Sauvignon Blanc is planted on 220 acres (89 hectares). Like all of our wines, this wine is 100% Estate Grown (not purchased grapes).

We have two vineyards in the Napa Valley: Dollarbide and Rutherford. Being on different soils allows us to have more diversity in aromatic qualities and structure. Rutherford produces wines that are elegant and offer a beautiful density, pretty, fine tannins and a nice texture. The Dollarbide

vineyard is higher in altitude than Rutherford. It is between 182 (600 feet) and 365 meters (1100 feet) above sea level. In the vineyard there are seven major types of soil with each variation that makes us a total of 13 soil variations which are very distinct. It has a particularly favorable microclimate being its own valley within Napa Valley. Dollarbide gives us particularly aromatic wines, more structured tannins and with a bit bigger and more impacting tannins than on Rutherford.

V.d.V.: Do you have specific future plans for St. Supéry?

We wish to continue to focus on quality: micromanaging every aspect for continuous improvement. We began renewing our production equipment in 2009. In 2012 we included the purchase of an optical sorting table which allowed for all of our red fruit to be either hand or optically sorted. We continually enhance visitor experiences with delights from our garden that our chef pairs daily with our wines. In all that we undertake, as before with the Skalli family and with Chanel today we have a long term vision of quality.

V.d.V.: Do you have an anecdote about St. Supéry ?

Every day is an anecdote. We are fortunate to live in a truly amazing setting. There is a relaxed lifestyle, an exceptional landscape, delicious products from the land, with great abundance and diversity from meat, cheese and olive oil to diverse world-class wines. Despite the fact that we have worked here for decades the beauty of this site always surprises us and we strive to leave it unchanged.

Recently we began to produce a brandy made from 100% Muscat Canelli and it has not spent time in barrel. It is available on the property as well as in some restaurants in the area. While many use it for cocktails, it is delicious served neat.

Thanks to Emma Swain, CEO, and Michael Scholz, winemaker, for their warm welcome.

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ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY

“When you order a Robert Mondavi wine at the restaurant,
we know we control quality wines and tradition”

The Winery of Napa Valley was created in 1966 by one of the largest and most influential American vintners, Robert Mondavi.

Robert Gerald Mondavi was born in 1913 in Minnesota to Italian parents (Cesare and Rosa Mondavi). His father was a miner and mother operated a foster home. In 1919 Cesar Mondavi traveled for the first time to California to buy grapes for the Italian community of his state. Attracted by what he found on the west coast and seeing the potential of this state he moved his family to California and specifically to Lodi. «At that time it was the prohibition in the United States. His father understood that he would make more money by buying and selling grapes to the Italians of the East Coast so they could make their own wines.

In 1936 Robert Mondavi graduated from Stanford University and went to work in St Helena for Sunnyhill Winery. He fell in love with the Napa Valley and its fabulous lands. He convinced his father to acquire one of the oldest wineries in the valley, Charles Krug Winery. This purchase marked the beginning of a great love story between Robert Mondavi and the world of wine.

In 1966 Robert Mondavi founded Robert Mondavi Winery. For the construction of the main building he told the architect Cliff May with to make a nominal design; a building that would render homage to the first-pioneer winemakers in California, Catholic missionaries. Six years later, in 1972 Robert Mondavi launched his first wine export program. In 1979 Robert Mondavi began his collaboration with Baron Philippe de Rothschild.

R. Mondavi was a lover of the vine and wine but also and above all an epicurean. Passionate about food and cooking he repeatedly invited many famous French Cuisine chefs and also Italian, American ... In 1989 he created a center dedicated to cooking and wine in Costa Mesa (California). In 1999 Robert

Mondavi and his wife Margrit decided to financially assist the COPIA (Center for Wine, Food and the Arts) in Napa. Great lovers of art they were repeatedly artists patrons. Even



today some of the works acquired and certain family works are visible to the winery. The latter has a large and unique collection

VerteVin: One of the famous wines of the vintage R. Mondavi is “Fumée Blanc”. Where does the name come from ?
To create this wine R. Mondavi was inspired by both styles of wine: Pouilly Fume and the Bordeaux whites Graves. ‘Fumée’ (smoke) is a tribute to the first and ‘Blanc’ (white) to Bordeaux-Graves almost all of which are made from Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. This wine is made from Sauvignon Blanc and a small percentage of Semillon and completely fermented in barrels.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of R. Mondavi in the wine?
In 1966 when Robert Mondavi opened his cellar he went with two children in France to find inspiration. He went to the best restaurants, the best properties and it clicked. He said he had to make wines that may be associated with great chefs, wine as an accompaniment to a meal. He was one of the pioneers of bottling wine from a single grape variety, not a blend. Since 1966 we follow the same

Focus on Genevieve Janssens Director of winemaking at Robert Mondavi Winery



"I was born in Morocco from a French family who made wine for 130 years in Algeria. My father always told me since I was little that making wine is a philosophy of life. You do not become rich but you will always be happy.

I studied oenology in Bordeaux with Jean et Pascal Ribereau Gayon and Emile Peynaud the fathers of the

modern Enology Science. At that time when we were young graduates we came to California to visit. I came here as a tourist. I did a guided of the property and the end of the tour I was so in love the way he talked about wine, his philosophy, the way of life and producing in harmony with nature that I asked for a meeting the winemaker of the time, Zelma Long. We talked for over an hour and by the end of her talk i was seduced. To Mt. Mondavi wine was to take the grapes from the vine and bring them to the cellar so that it ends up on a beautiful table, with wonderful food and an atmosphere of sharing, family-friendliness. In the beginning I told him Zelma that if she had a job I was available. Two months after she remembered me and offered me to come to work at Robert Mondavi.

I worked here for two years (1978 and 1979), I got married and I raised my two children. In 1988 I sent a letter to Tim Mondavi telling him that if he wished I would come back. Tim hired me at Opus One as a director of production. Opus One was a joint venture between Robert Mondavi and Baron Philippe de Rothschild. In 1998 I came here as 'Director of Winemaking' at Robert Mondavi Winery. My last vintage made at Opus One was the 1997 and the first of the Mondavi 1998. Despite all these years I am still very passionate about what I do. Now my role here is to prepare/teach the younger generation to pass on the torch. I have to teach them everything I learned from Mr. R. Mondavi to be certain that the his philosophy style of the wines are transmitted. I love sharing between generations. I want to see their success, It also be my pleasure to see them succeed. It's a bit my way of thanking Robert Mondavi for having at one time opened the door to a young stranger (ie: me)."

methods. We absolutely wisbe to preserve its signature taste. The key word to us is original. «This concept encompasses methods of production originating Mr. Robert Mondavi but also the original taste of wine (terroir). To Kalon vineyard was his vision for his Cabernet Sauvignons. To Kalon is the first growth of Napa Valley.

It can not be picked too late to retain acidity and finesse. Our white wines come from direct pressing without maceration. is fermented in barrels and recently also it is 20%

in stainless steel tanks in order to better preserve the fruit. Our wines must involve finesse, elegant and terroir (original flavor). We also work a lot on tannins. They must combine finesse and power.

Today it produces about 300,000 cases per year, including 15/20% premium wines. Our wines are certified Sustainable Agriculture.

V.d.V.: If you had to describe in a few words what wine means to you, what would you say?

Many things ! I would say that this wine is: sensual pleasure, philosophy and to feel like sharing a bottle with friends or family.

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

Yes, I wish for it to resume production of botrytised Sauvignon Blanc. They also replanted a lot in recent years, almost 50% of the vineyard. We planted new great terroirs since Constellation bought the winery. Now we must be patient and learn to work these new lands.

V.d.V.: Do you have an anecdote of the property or of Mr. Mondavi?

Robert Mondavi always said to everyone: it is very simple ! In theory it was very simple but in reality it was quite different. He kept saying that he wanted these Cabernet Sauvignons have the smoothness of the skin of the baby's buttocks and the power of Pavaroti. We could summarize it by «softness, gentleness and delicacy with power» (tenderness, softness and smoothness).

On the property you can admire numerous works of art, the most famous is the great statue of St. Francis from Beniamino Bufano. It is here you can find the largest collection of this artist. «Mr. Mondavi and his family were great art lovers.

Thanks to Genevieve Janssens for her warm welcome.

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CHÂTEAU HAUT BACALAN

A property steeped in history created by the great Montesquieu

Château Haut-Bacalan is an old property of which the date of its first occupation by man is unknown. The first writing dates back to Montesquieu who was one of the first owners of Château Haut-Bacalan. There were already a few vines of his time but he expanded the property to thirty hectares. They were planted without the approval of king Louis. The literary joust which followed led the philosopher to export its production to England. Several times he speaks in his writings about the property. It was base for him.



he had great difficulty moving. He sold the house and vineyards in Bacalan to acquire a property of the Entre-deux-Mers more suited to his disability. The new owners came from the notable Gascon family who arrived here with the kings of Navarre. They already owned all the Bordeaux Bacalan's quays/waterfront. They were owners, merchants and Montesquieu was a devotee of Bordeaux.

The Bacalan family kept the property for more than a century before selling it in 1920 to the Cami family. It was in 1998 that the Gonet family bought Haut-Bacalan from Mr Cami (who was born here on the property!). They immediately replanted the vineyard.

Montesquieu, from the time he owned the estate had made it his home and planted thirty hectares. At the end of his life

The first vintage was 2001. Today the Château Haut-Bacalan covers 25 hectares (8 hectares and 50 acres in white) and





Focus on Charles-Henri Gonet, owner of Château Haut-Bacalan



I am interested in a lot of sectors, but I always kept one foot in viticulture. Although I was born in Champagne in a family of winemakers, I studied viticulture in Burgundy and intern in the Rhone Valley to Bordeaux but I established myself. Part of my work was to study the hydroponic medium vine culture. I was convinced of the importance of producing wines with interesting genetic material. I did not yet fully understand the notion of great terroir. The appreciation of the great Bordeaux opened my eyes; I am a huge fan of true terroir today.

Why did you choose to come and settle in Bordeaux and not Champagne?

No one is a prophet in his own country. And that is Bordeaux chose me. In Champagne child I dreamed of the far west. I found the south west. Its culture delighted me. Its atmosphere rejoiced me.

produces an average of 28,000 bottles per year. They work the vines with horses and planned to bring horses on the property and create a small stable.

VertdeVin: Why did you choose to buy Château Haut-Bacalan?

I found this property by chance. Here before there were cows and pigs because the previous owner had received grants in the 60s to pull the vines.

In 1997 my wife put a small ad in the local newspaper. We were looking for a place to live. The announcement evoked a house and vineyard in Pessac.

Knowing the castles of the town, I was very surprised. I put a bit of time to come to see it. Then one day passing around, I stopped. I then stumbled upon the owner who asked me if I was coming to the house. I told him that I certainly came to the building but also for the land, for a bit of both actually. The ground was already pre-sold to an area that wanted to expand its vineyard in AOC Pessac-Léognan. He replied that he preferred to sell the two not to dismantle the property and that if I was interested he would sell me all of it. I then walked on the field and the soil immediately came over me. The next weekend my father came down from Champagne because I told him I would show him that paradise was not the type of property I was looking for in the beginning. We came to visit and meet the owner. We went around together.

I questioned my father about his feelings. He said that all the ingredients were there to make a beautiful thing; and asked me if I had confidence in it. I immediately confirmed to the owner that I would buy it. When leaving I called my wife who was still working in Samu to tell her. At the time we were newlyweds, she criticized the lack of marital dialogue. I replied that it was my wedding gift... now it's our family home, our cocoon and it is not pos-



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sible for anyone to sell this house.

V.d.V.: What is the signature wine of Château Haut Bacalan? What allows to recognize them blind tasting?

It is primarily maturity, concentration, fruit and terroir:

These complete a wine. The Pessac-Léognans are generally easy to drink wines, which provides flexibility, a certain lightness but sometimes small hollow mid-palate. This is something that we will never find in the wines of Haut-Bacalan because they are full wines. These are linear wines without hollowness and resembles in some respects to Saint-Emilion.

My goal, my wish is to be able make optimum wines that have beautiful fruits and power. Everything is done to optimize the quality in the vineyard. The soils we work with horses to respect the settlement of the soil.

High on Bacalan there is no sacrifice on quality. One compromise on anything and the result is there, the product also.

At Château d'Eck we produce wine easier to drink in restaurants. There the sands and soil are a more 'light' terroir:

V.d.V.: If you had to define what wine means to you in a few words?

I would say that wine is my intellect, my richness/wealth and my life!

V.d.V.: Do you have specific plans for Château Haut-Bacalan?

Projects we always have some. I want to send my wine all over the world, make it known, to be enjoyed, known and to be appreciated by amateurs.

I also have planned, but bey it's on the very long term

to see buildings. I have an architect friend who wants us to redo the house as it was under Montesquieu. I would also have cellars to replace the current buried cellars. I think it's great but currently not financially feasible. I grow so that the property is self-financing and that allows me to feed my family.

In the future we would like

to open up more to wine tourism especially because our geographical location is perfect for this activity.

Thanks to the Gonet family for their warm welcome

J.C.C.

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CHAMPAGNE PETIT & BAJAN

A young and promising Champagne House

Champagne Petit & Bajan is a young and promising small family-owned property located in Avize. It was created in December 2008 by Richard and Veronique Bajan following a tasting of champagnes from their homesteads. This evening will have born the idea, the desire and the belief that their land could rise to the great wines of Champagne.

The Petit & Bajan vineyard covers 3 ½ hectares divided between Verzenais and Avize. It was formed by the purchase of a plot of 18 acres by Richard Petit, the contribution of part of the family vineyards of Véronique Petit and the latest aquisition is the repurchase of a small plot.

VertdeVin: Where does the name «Petit & Bajan» come from ?

This brand was born of our two respective families (Richard Petit and Veronique Bajan) so we chose to juxtapose the two surnames. It's a nice

symbol of our union.

V.d.V.:What is the signature of the Champagne Petit & Bajan house ?

We do not try to make Champagne but Wines from Champagne! We want to produce wines without defects. We don't want any oxidation therefore working to avoid that.

Our wines must remain full of freshness, fruit and be low dosed with sugar. They should reflect the characteristics of their terroir (Avize and Verzenay). We want a chardonnay that looks like a Chardonnay, a Pinot Noir as it should be. We must take pleasure in savoring. Enjoyment comes first!

Our motto is 'in small details a great wine is born'. This constant search for improvement, quality and zero defect leads to harvest by hand,

sustainable agriculture practices and to producing our own liquor from our selected wines and cane sugar.

Side anecdote

The wines of Champagne Petit & Bajan are bottled in an old twisted bottle model. «We were looking for a bottle shape for our wines. We didn't want to use a common bottle. One day going in the family cellar my husband Richard found an old bottle from the 18th century. It immediately pleased us. It was brought to our glass manufacturer and was redone to measure. Today this bottle is a symbol of our house.

For the anecdote you need to know that the family winery was founded in 1702 by Maison Perrier Jouet. It was bought in 1959 by the great grandfather of my husband who was chief winemaker for this famous Champagne house. It may be that this is a bottle inherited from the early years of Perrier-Jouet.»





As a child, the wine should not be rushed. We must give him time to gain expression and maturity. We harvest on average, one week after everyone. The grape is like any

*fruit that is best mature!
Integrated farming, lower revenues and respect for nature are important to us because this is our land, our products and our heritage. Finally our Champagnes are somewhat our children.*

We must not forget that we are the first consumers of our wines from Champagne, we do not want poison ourselves.

V.d.V.: What is the signature of the Champagne Petit & Bajan house ?

Currently we have three vintages on the market: Ambrosia, Nuit Blanche (100% Chardonnay) and Nymphaea (90% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Noir).

The first, Ambrosia, comes from the Greek mythology. It was the nectar of the Gods which was guarded by the nymphs. This liquid had the virtue of making immortal those who drank it.

The name of the wine 'Nuit Blanche' was born following a tasting at Epernay. We did share this wine with friends to ask them for help in the name. After tasting they answered that it was so good that they could drink it all night and in French Nuit Blanche it's when you don't sleep during a night.

Nymphaea, our blended rosé is a wine that is highly appealing to women. So we wanted to find him a feminine name, which also had a mythological source.

V.d.V.: If you had to describe what Champagne is to you in a few words what would you say ?

I would say that for us the Champagne represents conviviality, pleasure and our work. It's our passion. We are living thanks to it and thanks for it.

V.d.V.: Do you have futures plans ?

We would like for our brand to continue to take off. At the end of 2016 we will also release a new wine, a Blanc de Noirs. This new Champagne has no name yet but its commercialization is planned for December.

Also next year we should get a Ratafia. We could not get it out earlier for administrative reasons but it should be released in 2017.

In the longer term my husband would also like to try the wine on tap but not for now.

Thanks to Veronique Bajan and Richard Petit for their warm welcome

J.C.C.

Focus on Veronique Petit and Richard Bajan



We were born in Champagne. My husband's family comes from a long tradition of wine-growers. His great grandfather was even a founder of the Syndicat Général de Champagne (General Champagne board). My family comes from the Polish immigration. My paternal grandparents came here in the 1930s and began working for a large Champagne house. Over the years they have bought parcels of vines to form a family vineyard.

We met in 1992 and were married in 1997. From the beginning we worked together on our respective family estates. We take care of the vineyards and the winery, me all the communication part, commercial and relational. Since 2008 we also work for our own champagne house (Ed. Champagne Petit & Bajan). The first thing we did when creating it was a study of the soil and replanting work.

It has a production capacity of 35 / 40.000 bottles but we currently produce 10,000 bottles that fall into three vintages. The other part of the harvested grapes are sold to traders. Eventually we would like to increase our production regularly. Our wines are available in France but most of our Champagne wines sold for export (US, Japan, Poland ...)

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VINTAGE PORTO



Dows' 2011 Vintage Port



Score 19

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, harmonious, finely powerful and offers great delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, fine touches of cassis and hints of plum red berries associated with discreet hints of dried fig points, fine hints of spices, dark chocolate as well as a discreet hint of pepper, and tea. The palate is fruity, harmonious, elegant, fine, nicely balanced, finely gourmand and offers a good volume, a small juiciness and an acid

frame. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and fine hints of dried associated with a hint of red fruit / crushed strawberry as well as discreet hints of spice and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence. Beautiful aging potential.

(Bottled in 2013).

Quinta do Noval 1996 Vintage Port Nacional



Score 17.25

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and velvety. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and fine notes of cassis, small berries associated with touches of strawberry as well as discreet hints of spices, cardamom, racy minerality (terroir), chocolate and an imperceptible hint of cigar. The palate is fruity, elegant, perfectly balanced, relatively powerful and offers a beautiful finesse and a fine acid

frame. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of blackberry jam and raspberry associated with a hint of cherry, crunchy cassis as well as discreet hints of berries, chocolate, caramelized oak and a (very) discreet hint of dried fig on the finish. Tannins are fine, powerful and harmonious. Good length and persistence. (To store)

(Bottled in 1998)

Sao Pedro Das Aguias Colheita 1987



Score 16

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and relatively fresh.

It reveals notes of apple and dried raisin associated with fine hints of dried fig and a discreet hint of dried fruit (almond ...). The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, relatively gourmand, a bit fat and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of apple associated with fine notes of candied lemon, caramelization as well as discreet hints of dried tangerine and discreet hints of dried fruits (hazelnut, almond). Good length. Sugar, alcohol, but the wine is well balanced.

(Bottled in 2016)

Fonseca 1985 Vintage Port



Score 16.5

The nose is elegant, finely incisive and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of cassis jam, cherry and fine notes of Quetsche plum associated with discreet notes of strawberry, discreet notes of dried fruit as well as a few fine wood notes and a discreet note of coconut. The palate is fruity, suave, fine and offers a nice freshness, a nice volume and a nice elegance. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and fine

notes of raspberry, cassis, Quetsche plum associated with discreet hints of chocolate as well as slight notes of hazelnuts (very discreet) and a hint of coconut on the finish. Tannins are soft. Good length.

(Bottled in 1987).

Cruz Colheita 1985



Score 15.25

The nose is fresh, aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of honey apple associated with fine notes of tarte Tatin, marmalade, dried fruit / hazelnut, hints of exotic fruit as well as a discreet touch of cinnamon and almond. The palate is fruity, gourmand, relatively fat and offers an acid frame, suavity and a good volume. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of candied lemon, honey apple and hints of marmalade, orange associated with discreet

notes of caramel, hints of exotic fruits and a discreet touch of hazelnut / nuts. Good length.

(Bottled in 2015)

Ramos Pinto 1983 Vintage Porto



Score 17.75

The nose is fruity, full, gourmand and elegant. The nose is a bit closed. I advice to aerate this Port wine before enjoying. It reveals notes of cassis pie and a hint of strawberry associated with fine hints of recurrent, blackberry, cherry as well as hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmand, velvety, unctuous, relatively fleshy and offers a beautiful definition, an acid frame, a fine freshness as well as a nice fruit. In the mouth this

Port wine expresses notes of cassis pie, blackberry and red fruit jam (strawberry) combined with slight notes of cigar / tobacco, cherry as well as slight notes of hazelnut (very discreet). Good length and persistence. Nice balance between sugar and acidity.

(Magnum)

VINTAGE PORTO

Real Companhia Velha Royal Oporto Colheita 1977



Score
15.5

The nose is fine, suave, slightly gourmand and offers the sweetness and a discreet freshness. It reveals notes of Tatin tart and caramelization associated with discreet notes of pineapple, Zante currant as well as fine notes of lemon and dried fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, nicely fat and offers a nice acid frame.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, tarte Tatin, honey and discreet notes of mandarin, cigar associated with hints of apple and hazelnut / almond. Good length.

Andresen Colheita 1968



Score
17.25

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers freshness and a certain complexity. It reveals notes of apple and fine notes of marmalade, lemon associated with discreet notes of hazelnut, dried fruits as well as a hint of tobacco and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, racy, elegant, complex, relatively rich, relatively powerful and offers a beautiful minerality, a good volume, a nice acid frame, a nice roundness and a nice balance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of

lemon, marmalade, oak and fine notes of dried fruit associated with hints of dry apricot, discreet notes of hazelnut as well as a hint of walnuts, tobacco, chocolate and caramel. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. The finish is suave.

(Bottled in 2015)

Poças Junior Colheita 1967 - Aged in Cask



Score
17.5

The nose is rich, gourmand, full, quite elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of lemon and tarte Tatin associated with a hint of apple, dried fruits and a hint of caramelized orange. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, relatively fat, slightly aerial and offers a nice freshness, a nice matter. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of lemon, marmalade and fine notes of tarte Tatin associated with hints of caramel, exotic fruits, wood, hazelnut as well as a fine hint of chocolate and cigar. Good length and persistence.

(Bottled in 2016)

Dalva - Golden White 1963 Colheita



Score
17.75

The nose is fine, powerful, well-balanced and offers freshness. It reveals notes of citrus associated with a hint of lemon, orange marmalade, dried fruit, caramel, exotic wood / cedar as well as a fine note of flowers, a discreet hint of pâtisserie and an imperceptible hint of anise. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, complex and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth this Porto expresses notes of lemon associated with fine notes of marmalade, caramel and nuts (hazelnut, a discreet hint of walnuts)

(Bottled in 2015)

Ferreira 1952 Vintage



Score
16

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of marmalade, lemon and flowers associated with fine notes of tobacco, cigar box and honey. The mouth is fine, suave, unctuous, well-balanced and delicate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, marmalade and mirabelle plum associated with slight notes of plum, tobacco, cigars and exotic woods. Good length.

Niepoort Colheita 1952



Score
16.5

The nose is elegant, fine and finely powerful. It reveals notes of lemon, tea and fine notes of tangerine associated with a hint of applesauce, wood, spicy, rancio and a discreet hint of walnuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers freshness and a nice acid frame. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of caramel, marmalade, lemon and honey combined with fine notes of apple, caramelized wood as well as a discreet touch of tea. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful.

(Bottled in 1987)

VINTAGE PORTO



Borges 1935 Vintage



Score 15.75

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of citrus candy and a hint of cane sugar associated with discreet notes of dried fig, plum as well as touches of caramel, cocoa and a discreet hint of date. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, finely rich and offers roundness and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon candy and fine notes of caramel associated with hints of citrus, dried fruit as well as a discreet hint of figs, dates, walnuts, cinnamon and cedar wood. Good length.

(37,5 cl bottle)

Kopke White Colheita 1935



Score 18

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively dry. It reveals notes of marmalade and tarte Tatin associated with a discreet note of tobacco, wood as well as slight notes of dried fruit, hazelnut and a discreet note of dried fig. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced and offers a beautiful freshness and a nice acid frame. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of marmalade, lemon, fine notes of caramelization and discreet notes of apricot associated with a (very) discreet note of fig, quince as well as discreet notes of tobacco and wood. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length and nice persistence. A «dry» style Port wine. Good job!

(Bottled in 2016)

Bulas Very Old Port



Score 20

The nose is fruity, gourmand, suave, rich and aromatic. It reveals notes of caramel, tobacco and tarte Tatin associated with fine notes of citrus (orange ...), figs, walnuts as well as slight spicy notes and an imperceptible hint of dried apricot. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, straight, suave, nicely fleshy, nicely fat, gourmand and offers a beautiful acid frame, sweetness, a nice finesse and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this Very Old Port expresses fine notes of lemon and mandarin marmalade associated with fine touches of caramel, tobacco, dried fruit and a discreet note of mocha. Good length and beautiful persistence.

(Wine from the second half of the 19th century, around 1860. Bottled in 2015)

4 questions to Manuel de Novaes Cabral President of the Port and Douro Wine Institute, IDVP



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What does mean this 260th anniversary to you personally?

The 260th anniversary of the Douro Demarcated Region (DDR) relates the importance of the history and evolution of the world's oldest demarcated and regulated wine region. The Douro is the result of the relationship between Nature, human toil and culture. The DDR encompasses two designations of origin – Port and Douro – with its wines receiving many international accolades which place them amongst some of the best. In 2001, the DDR was classified by UNESCO as a world heritage site. Tourism has since greatly increased, which has also resulted in its recognition abroad.

The daily mission of the IDVP is to protect and defend both designations of origin, Port and Douro, as well as the Duriense geographical indication: celebrating this date in a significant manner is, therefore, a tribute to one of the most traditional, forward-thinking and renowned wine regions in the World.

How did you fall in love with Port? If you have to describe what Port Wine is for you in a few words?

If I had to describe Port in one word, I would say "passion".

My family's is closely connected with the Douro region. I remember as a child waking up in a room over the lagares, where the must was fermenting. The whole harvest process and the cycle of the vineyard has always has a meaning for me. Having lived and breathed the Douro along with my role in international organizations means I have always maintained a strong connection to the region, and the companies, this giving me a deep knowledge of its reality. This passion developed naturally and quickly.

Do you have futurs plans for Port ? What is your main wish for the future of Port?

My greatest wish for Port is for people to have a better understanding and appreciation of its diversity – they will certainly fall in love with it once they do. Port is prized by many but I would very much like increasingly more people to better know the qualities that make it the unique wine that it is.

Please can you give only one advice to consumer ?

If I could give one piece of advice, it would be "discover and enjoy Port, you'll be amazed!"



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NICOLAS FRION

Chef of Le Gabriel

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

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

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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 accompany the wines. Dishes and wines that tantalize our taste buds!



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Wine & Food pairing

by Nicolas Frion



Langoustines
marinées aux
piquillos, pulpe
de chou-fleur et
caviar d'Aquitaine¹



Enjoy it with a Champagne Michel Gonet - Cuvée Authentique 2005 - Fût de Chêne - Grand Cru - Brut (score : 15.25)

1 Langoustine marinated with 'piquillo' peppers, cauliflower pulp and Aquitaine caviar.



Pressé de foie gras et anguille fumée,
pomme granny marinée au Porto et
compotée de pomme au Porto
et Balsamique²



Enjoy it with a Quinta Dona Mafalda - Vinhas Velhas 2013 - Douro (score : 15.75)

2 Foie Gras and smoked eel, Granny apple marinated with Port and apple compote with Balsamic and Port

Wine & Food pairing

by Nicolas Frion



Caneton croisé au sang, cuit sur l'os, la cuisse braisée, déclinaison autour du navet et de la figue, jus de cidre³



Enjoy it with a Château Haut-Bacalan 2010 - Pessac-Léognan (score : 15.25)
3 Crossed Duckling with blood, cooked on the bone, braised leg, declination around the turnip and fig, cider juice.

Finger chocolat lacté, meringue à la menthe et noisettes caramélisées⁴



Enjoy it with a Kopke - Colheita 1981 - Porto (score : 16.5)
4 Milk chocolate fingers with mint meringue and caramelised hazelnuts.





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Le Défi de Fontenil 2008

Vin de France

The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite charming. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis combined with fine notes of black fruit cream, crushed strawberry, licorice, spice as well as a hint of undergrowth and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively depth and offers minerality, freshness, a nice definition as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes

Score
16.5

of cassis, blackberry, slight notes of plum and fine touches of strawberry associated with discreet notes of chocolate, liquorice as well as fine hints of spices, discreet notes of coffee (in the background) and slight touches of licorice on the finish.

Tannins are fine and elegant. A beautifully harmonious and gourmand wine ! Good length as well as a nice, suave and gourmande persistence.

Le Défi de Fontenil 2009

Vin de France

The nose is aromatic, fresh, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of small berries, blackberry and small notes of ripe black fruits, underbrush associated with touches of wood, licorice, chocolate, cassis as well as discreet notes of pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid

Score
16.75

frame, a nice freshness as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberries and cherries combined with slight notes of raspberry, chocolate, oak and discreet hints of spices / tobacco. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Le Défi de Fontenil 2014

Vin de France

The nose is fruity, elegant, charming, rich and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and fresh cassis associated with slight notes of licorice, caramelized oak as well as hints of lilac. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh and offers juiciness, a good volume, a nice acid frame as well as a nice matter / texture. On the palate

Score
16.5

this wine expresses notes of fresh cassis and redcurrant associated with slight notes of boysenberry, juicy plum as well as a discreet hint of strawberry jam, slight notes of licorice, cardamom and toasted oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence. Beautiful suavity and gourmandise on the finish.



Yacochuya 2008 Cafayate, Salta

Argentina (100% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, concentrated, fresh and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed strawberry and licorice associated with discreet notes of dried berries, red fruits, chocolate as well as slight notes of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of truffle. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, quite gourmand and offers fluidity, a good volume, a good definition, a good structure, an acid frame as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and cassis combined with fine notes of fleshy Gariguetta strawberry, licorice, toasted oak, discreet notes of caramelization as well as a hint of cardamom and black tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score
16.25



Val de Flores 2008 Valle de Uco, Mendoza

Argentina (100% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, fresh as well as relatively fine, elegant and rich / full. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with discreet notes of red fruits, spices and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, harmonious and offers freshness, a nice definition as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with discreet notes of raspberry jam, chocolate, toasted oak, vanilla and a discreet note of caramel. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score
16.5



Mariflor - Malbec 2013 Valle de Uco - Mendoza

Argentina (100% Malbec)

The nose is fruity. It reveals fine notes of cassis, blackberry and gray pepper / spice associated with discreet notes of flowers (violets ...) in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers fat, a good volume as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and strawberry associated with slight notes of gray pepper, black pepper as well as hints of tobacco and mocha. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score
15.5



Buying guide

Wines (and spirits) to discover... and savor!

Quinta do Pôpa Vinhas Velhas 2011 Douro

Score
15.75/20
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READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of raspberry associated with fine hints of wild strawberry, plum as well as a discreet note of grove, eucalyptus and a discreet touch of spice. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, racy and offers a nice freshness, a mineral frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and raspberry combined with a hint of wild red berries, sage, grove as well as a few slight wood notes and a discreet note of olive. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and slightly dry. Good length.

Price : €



Vieira de Sousa Branco Reserva 2015 Douro

Score
16.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity as well as relatively elegant, fleshy / gourmand. It reveals notes of lemon and fine hints of apple, exotic fruits (papaya, quinine) associated with fine touches of tangerine zest. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, intense, relatively gourmand and offers juiciness, a small acid frame and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zest / grapefruit and exotic fruit combined with a fine hint of oak, vanilla as well as very fine notes of eucalyptus and discreet hint of pine resin. Good length.

Price : €



Score
16/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

Bestheim Gewurztraminer 2013 Vendanges Tardives - Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and gourmand. It reveals notes of quince, honey, candied lemon and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with discreet notes of kumquat, spices and a discreet touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers freshness, an acid frame, a good definition and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, dried apricots and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of pear in syrup, honey as well as a discreet hint of crystallized clementine and Zante currants.

Price : €€



Score
16.25/20
Vertde
Vin

TO
KEEP

Château Tour Peyronneau Pierrick Lavau 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is concentrated, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose, strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of licorice, plum as well as slight notes of sweet spices and toasted notes. The palate is fruity, elegant, relatively gourmand and offers fat and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry jam, cassis and slight notes of cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry as well as touches of licorice, a slight toasted note and a slight note of chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Price : €€€

Château La Commanderie 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Score
15.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

or

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KEEP

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and hints of cassis bud associated with slight notes of blueberry, flowers as well as small notes of spice and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, suave, sleek, harmonious, well-built and offers a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and fine notes of juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of cherry as well as a hint of zan, chocolate, toasted oak and fine touches of spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length.

Price : €



Clos des Jacobins 2010 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

or

TO
KEEP

The nose is complex, elegant and subtle. It reveals notes of flowers, jammy black fruit and slight notes of chocolate. The palate is fleshy, "aerial", deep, mineral, complex, silky, elegant and offers a beautiful smoothy matter/texture. There is a small mineral/fresh frame that leads the tasting. In the mouth it expresses notes of fresh black fruit, blueberry, blackberry and plum associated with a touch of fig, tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Price : €€



Wines (and spirits) to discover... and savor!

Château Lafon-Rochet 2009 Saint-Estèphe

Score
17.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

or
TO KEEP

The nose is fruity, fine, fresh, powerful, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis, gravel minerality (terroir), crushed strawberry and fine notes of wild berries associated with hints of blueberry, fig, dried flowers (blueberry, rose) as well as fine notes spices, wood, roasting, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a discreet note of menthol licorice. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral, well defined, racy and offers a beautiful matter, a small fat, a good volume and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, juicy plum and red fruit (berries, raspberry) associated with fine touches of fig, toasted oak, roasted cocoa. Beautiful suavity and gourmandise !

(Read online the full review). Price : €€€



Château Pierrail Sauvignon Blanc & Sauvignon Gris 2015 Bordeaux

Score
15.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of citrus (grapefruit, tangerine) and exotic fruits (passion fruit, litchi, pineapple) associated with slight notes of flint and a discreet vegetal note. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, tight, relatively gourmand and offers a small acid frame (that leads the tasting), tension as well as a good and unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and white fruit (nectarine, apple) combined with notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon) as well as slight notes of passion fruit and pineapple. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Price : €



Santa Maria La Nave Millesumare 2014 Sicilia Bianco

Score
16/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is fruity, elegant, relatively fresh and gourmand. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and slight notes of fleshy white fruits, minerality associated with discreet notes of citrus as well as a discreet hint of lemon zest and a hint of oceanic minerality. The palate is fruity, gourmand, juicy, relatively gourmande and offers a nice fat, suavity, roundness, a nice definition, a nice freshness, an acid frame and a good volume. On the palate it expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and fines notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a hint of vine peach tip (in the background) as well as small mineral / oceanic notes. Good length. Nice gourmandise ! A good value wine !

Price : €€

Santa Maria La Nave Calmarossa 2014 Etna Rosso

Score
15.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The nose is concentrated, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose, strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of licorice, plum as well as slight notes of sweet spices and toasted notes. The palate is fruity, elegant, relatively gourmand and offers fat and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry jam, cassis and slight notes of cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry as well as touches of licorice, a slight toasted note and a slight note of chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Price : €€

Mas des Etoiles Une étoile est née... 2012 Cahors

Score
15.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, full and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, flowers (violets, a discreet hint of cornflower) and blueberry associated with fine notes of red berries in the background (strawberry, raspberry), clay minerality as well as discreet toasted hints. The wine needs to be aerated. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, quite gourmand, quite fleshy, relatively powerful and offers a good definition and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry and a hint of plum associated with a fine touch of crushed strawberry, raspberry, toasted oak, sweet spices and a discreet note of licorice / zan. Tannins are fine, slightly firm and structuring. Good length.

Price : €



L'Âme de Fontbaude 2014 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
15/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and quite full. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and fine notes of plum, strawberry, cassis associated with discreet touches of sour cherry, spice as well as a hint of toasted oak and a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, sleek and offers a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cherry associated with fine notes of cassis, sweet spices as well as a few slight wood notes and very fine hints of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and currently slightly young. Good length.

Price : €



Buying guide

Wines (and spirits) to discover... and savor!

Robert Mondavi - To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2013 Oakville - Napa Valley

Score
18.75/20
Vertde
Vin

TO
KEEP

The nose is fine, elegant, nicely straight and offers freshness and subtlety. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and touches of Boy-sen associated with fine touches of wild berries, cocoa, wood as well as fine touches of caramelization. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, harmonious, unctuous, delectable, velvety, melodious, nicely powerful and offers a beautiful matter, a beautiful definition, a nice tannic structure and a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, red cherry and touches of blackberry jam associated with fine touches of cocoa. An amazing and powerful wine. It's currently very young but very promising. of olive. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and slightly dry. Good length.

(Read online the full review). Price : €€€€€



Toquade Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

Score
15/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is elegant, fine and fruity. It needs a slight aeration. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (litchi ...) associated with a few notes of grapefruit zest, lemon as well as a slight note of lemon seed. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, round and offers a silky and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, zest associated with a few notes of flowers (in background), lychee, citrus, pomelo as well as a few slight notes of grape seed and nectarine. Good length and persistence. A good wine!

Price : €



Château Filhot 2003 2nd Grand Cru Classé Sauternes

Score
16.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is complex and fruity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (mango, passion fruit, quénette and a touch of papaya) associated with a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, quite rich/opulent but still with a well-balance / tension (Château Filhot style). In the mouth it expresses notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, quénette, mango, passion fruit) associated with hints of orange marmalade and slight notes of dried fruit with a touch of walnuts on the finish. Good length. Good concentration/richness in this vintage but always with a beautiful freshness.

Price : €€



Château Rabaud-Promis Raymond-Louis 2013 Sauternes

Score
15.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of candied citrus (tangerine, lemon), grapefruit and fine notes of pear in syrup associated with a discreet touch of apricot in syrup, a discreet touch of pineapple in syrup as well as hints of spices and slight notes of honey. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, round, relatively gourmand and offers a good volume, a good precision, tension and a fine acid frame in the background. In the mouth it expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and candied peach associated with discreet hints of pear in syrup, honey, spices and a hint of pâtisserie. Good length. An "easy-drinking" wine.

Price : €



Champagne Billecart-Salmon Nicolas Francois Billecart Brut 2002

Score
18.5/20
Vertde
Vin

TO
KEEP

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and hints of cassis bud associated with slight notes of blueberry, flowers as well as small notes of spice and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, suave, sleek, harmonious, well-built and offers a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and fine notes of juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of cherry as well as a hint of zan, chocolate, toasted oak and fine touches of spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length.

Price : €€€€€



Champagne Pierre Trichet Le Caractère Blanc de Noirs

Score
16.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

A beautiful mousse. The nose is gourmand and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, apple and slight notes of nectarine associated with slight notes of citrus and a discreet hint of wild strawberry (in the background). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave, well built and offers tension. The effervescence is very fine and relatively creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of strawberry, apple and nectarine associated with slight notes of citrus and a touch of pear. Good length. A harmonious and elegant Champagne!

Pricing : €€



Wines (and spirits) to discover... and savor!

Jean Cavé 1987 Bas-Armagnac

Score
17.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of candied peach and clementine zest combined with a touch of rancio as well as notes of spice (Sichuan pepper, a touch of cinnamon and a discreet touch of cocoa). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and well balanced. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses fine notes of dried apricot, citrus and a touch of peach combined with a touch of caramel, slight notes of almond, discreet notes of hazelnut, a fine touch of rosewood as well as a discreet note of date and discreet grilled notes on the persistence. Good length and aromatic persistence. Good job!

Price : €€€€



Vieira de Sousa 20 Years Old Tawny Port

Score
16.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers a good precision. It reveals notes of candied orange and small notes of candied lemon, dried fruit associated with fine notes of spices, cardamom as well as a slight hint of caramelized apricot and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, gourmand, slightly aerial and offers a fine acid / mineral frame and a good concentration. In the mouth this Porto expresses fine notes of caramelized clementine and a hint of candied lemon associated with a discreet hint of apple, dried fruits as well as fine notes of vanilla, wood, a discreet note of muesli and discreet hints of walnuts. Good length.

Price : €€€



Score
16.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

HSE Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux 2005 Sauternes Finish - Martinique

The nose is fruity, relatively incisive, relatively gourmand and offers a fine freshness and a delicate sweetness (maybe come from Sauternes casks). It reveals notes of candied grape, candied lemon and a discreet hint of candied pear associated with fine notes of brown sugar, slight notes of caramelization, quenette as well as discreet notes of toasted oak, gingerbread and tarte Tatin. The mouth is fruity, elegant, aerial, fine, precise and offers a fine freshness, a nice fat as well as suavity. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of candied citrus (tangerine, lemon, kumquat) associated with fine notes of Tarte Tatin, honey, apple as well as discreet notes of sugarcane, caramel, dried fruit and slight notes of toasted oak. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Price : €€€€



Score
17.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

Butler Nephew & Co Port 30 years Old Tawny

The nose is fine, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of prunes, caramel and small notes of candied fruit combined with a touch of dried fruit and a discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-structured, relatively gourmand and offers minerality, fat, suavity and a beautiful volume. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of caramel, candied fruit (plum, tangerine, strawberry) and slight notes of dried fruit associated with a hint of Zante currant, a hint of wood, a discreet touch of chocolate, a slight hint of espresso as well as discreet notes of almond on the finish. Good length and persistence. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Price : €€€€

Dartigalongue 1977 Bas-Armagnac

Score
17.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of caramel, Pomme d'Amour and a touch of citrus combined with delicate notes of fig (discreet) and a touch of spice (pepper, cardamom, a discreet note of liquorice). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful matter, fat and a small fruity frame. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy fruit and a touch of peach associated with a hint of apple, slight notes of crystallized clementine (in the background), almond as well as slight woody notes and a touch of rosewood. Good length.

Price : €€€€€



Thompson's Arran 1996 Single Malt Scotch Whisky 18 Years Old Sauternes Cask 1834 Isle of Arran

Score
16.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of rancio, citrus (orange, candied zest), honey and slight notes of caramel associated with fine notes of grape as well as a few slight touches of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, suave, gourmande, well structured, relatively powerful and offers a quite soft matter. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of rancio, candied peach and slight notes of citrus associated with small notes of zest, pear as well as fine notes of caramel, honey, oak and a touch of peat. Good length and persistence. A nice Whisky!

Price : €€€€€



Champagne Rosé

Champagne Petit & Bajan Nymphaea Brut Rosé - Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fine, elegant, aromatic and relatively exuberant. It reveals notes of rose and raspberry combined with a touch of citrus zest (lemon, lime) and a discreet note of cocoa. The mouth is fine, fruity, gourmande, straight, elegant, well built, slightly fat and offers a little creaminess. The effervescence is very fine, bright, slightly creamy, not aggressive and tight. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of citrus (lemon, lime), peach and fines touches of red fruit associated with a discreet touch of apple, slight / discreet notes of cocoa on the finish. Good length and good persistence. The finish is gourmande, creamy and fruity (ripe fruit).

Score : 16.25

Champagne Pierre Trichet L'authentique rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of crushed / fleshy strawberry and a hint of raspberry associated with fine notes of ripe white fruit (peach, pear) as well as discreet hints of mandarin and exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, precise, quite "melodic" and offers a fine tension, an acid frame, a small creaminess as well as a nice volume. The effervescence is well-balanced and very fine. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of crushed strawberry with sugar, raspberry and fine notes of pear associated with discreet notes of blackberry, citrus as well as a hint of green apple and a very discreet hint of lime zest on the finish. Good length. Good job !

Score : 16.25

Champagne Paul Goerg Rosé - Brut - 1er Cru

The nose is creamy and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of red berries, lemon peel and fine notes of white fruit associated with slight oaky hints. The palate is fruity, dynamic, well-built, straight, finely gourmand and offers a certain finesse, a good volume, tension and an acid frame. The effervescence is very fine and dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, small red berries and slight notes of lime / yuzu associated with discreet notes of white fruit. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Dom Caudron Le Meunier Conjugué en Rosé - Fascinante Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity, aromatic and finely incisive. It reveals notes of raspberry, lemon cream and fine notes of white fruit associated with a hint of nectarine. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers a good volume, a small freshness, a small acid frame and a racy / incisive minerality. The effervescence is fine and well-built. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, flat peach and fine notes of tangerine associated with discreet points of blackberry and raspberry. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Philippe Gamet Rosé - Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity and relatively gourmand. The nose reveals notes of red fruit (redcurrant ...), lemon and discreet notes of peach associated with a discreet hint of clementine. The palate is fruity, dynamic, suave and relatively fat. The effervescence is very fine and relatively abundant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of crushed strawberries combined with touches of white fruit as well as discreet hints of citrus and zests of yuzu / lemon. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Champagne Xavier Alexandre Cuvée Rubis - Brut Rosé - 1er Cru

(35% Pinot Noir, 35% Meunier, 30% Chardonnay)

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of raspberry, lemon and white fruit (pear, apple) associated with discreet notes of vine peach and a hint of cassis. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant and offers freshness, dynamism, roundness and an acid frame. The effervescence is fine and well conducted. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, peach, pear and fine notes of lemon associated with discreet notes of mandarin, lemon zest, as well as slight touches of cherry and cassis. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Champagne Piot Sévillano Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively creamy. It reveals notes of red fruit cream, white fruit and discreet notes of lemon associated with small touches of egg cream. The palate is fruity, fresh, dynamic, unctuous and offers minerality, a small tension and acidity. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of white nectarine associated with discreet notes of pear, lemon and a very discreet hint of spice. Good length. There are small notes of egg creams on persistence.

Score : 14.75

Champagne Pierre Launay Rubis Millésime 2012 - Brut

The nose is fruity, relatively full and relatively fat. It reveals notes of raspberry sherbert and fine notes of strawberry associated with small touches of lemon and a discreet note of peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine and offers freshness, fat, dynamism and a well-built effervescence. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry sherbert associated with slight notes of cherry, lemon zest and a discreet hint of clementine zest. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Champagne Rosé

Champagne Philippe Gamet Saignée - Brut

(100% Pinot Meunier)

The nose is fruity, gourmand and full / sweet. It reveals notes of acidulous redcurrant candy, strawberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of white fruits and flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, fine, elegant and offers a nice freshness, an acid frame, smoothness, suavity and a good structure. The effervescence is well-conducted. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of redcurrant candy, lemon, raspberry and slight notes of acidulous raspberry candy associated with hints of cassis and plum. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Ayala Rosé Majeur - Brut

The nose is fruity, quite creamy and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of lemon and white fruits combined with slight notes of red fruits (strawberries, raspberries), blackberries as well as discreet notes egg cream. The palate is fruity, dynamic, fat and offers suavity, creaminess and ension. The effervescence is fine, straight and relatively abundant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry candy and slight notes of cherry associated with slight notes of lemon, mandarin, redcurrant and a discreet note of egg cream. Good length.

Score : 16

Champagne Marin & Fils Rosé - Brut

The nose is fresh and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of raspberry and white peach associated with discreet notes of white fruits, lemon and a discreet hint of grapefruit zest. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, quite elegant and offers a fine effervescence. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, vine peach and a discreet hint of citrus zest associated with touches of sweet raspberries and a discreet hint of candied cherry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Champagne Dauby Mère & Fille Cuvée Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of raspberry and slight notes of candied cherry associated with slight notes of lemon, white peach as well as discreet notes of chalk, apple and a discreet hint of blackberry. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, straight and offers tension. The effervescence is very fine and quite elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, apple and slight notes of pear associated with discreet notes of crunchy white peach, discreet notes of black fruits as well as slight touches of brioche on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Champagne Charles Legend Brut rosé

The nose is fruity and finely gourmandise. It reveals notes of raspberry and cherry associated with discreer notes of lemon as well as a touch

of pear and a very discreet touch of rose. The palate is fruity, fat, suave, slightly aerial and offers freshness, a good volume and a fine acidity. The effervescence is very fine. In mouth this Champagne expresses notes of candied strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of cherry associated with touches of lemon and a discreet hint of lime. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Champagne Bourdairre Gallois Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity, creamy and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fresh cherries and fine notes of fresh fruit (apple, vine peach) associated with a touch of raspberry, quince, lemon and a very discreet touch of pink grapefruit. The palate is fruity, dynamic, relatively fine, relatively suave and offers fat, a good volume and roundness. The effervescence is very fine and dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry, white peach and lemon associated with fine touches of mandarin and fresh small red berries. Good length.

Score : 15.5



Champagne Waris-Larmandier Rosé - Brut - NV

(80% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Noir)
The nose is fresh and elegant. It reveals notes of stone fruit, red fruit (especially raspberries), brioche and a few discreet citrus notes. The palate is fruity, fresh and relatively fat and mineral. The effervescence is fine. It expresses notes of red fruit (especially raspberries) and blackcurrant leaf combined with a touch of citrus and brioche. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Champagne Lutun Rosé - Brut

The nose is fine, gourmand and quite charming. It reveals notes of egg cream and slight notes of lemon, raspberry associated with a discreet touch of rose as well as a discreet touch of white fruit and orange (very discreet). The palate is fruity, suave, quite elegant, mineral, harmonious, gourmande, large, relatively fat, finely dynamic and offers a fine juiciness. The effervescence is fine and well-conducted. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry and fine notes of small wild berries, lemon, white fruits combined with a discreet touch of peach / nectarine, tangerine and a discreet note of quenette. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Champagne Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Elisabeth Salmon 2006 Brut Rosé

(Pinot Noir 50%, Chardonnay 50%)

The nose is very fine, delicate, subtle, and offers a small creaminess sensation. It reveals notes of lemon cream, mandarin and red fruit (especially raspberries) associated with slight touches of peach as well as a discreet note of pâtisserie and crushed almonds. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, creamy, delicate, suave, ample, gourmand and offers an acid frame and a beautiful volume. The effervescence is creamy. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon and grapefruit associated with a touch of tangerine, nectarine, a slight note of lime as well as discreet touches

Champagne Rosé

of cherry and slight hints of macadamia nuts on the finish. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave.

Score : 17.25

Champagne Michel Gonet Rosé - Brut

The nose is fresh, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of strawberry, redcurrant and citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a touch of white peach. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, mineral, supple, well built and relatively straight. The effervescence is very fine and elegant. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of lemon and mandarin combined with slight notes of lemon zests, papaya and a touch of white fruits (white peach, apple). Good length. A gourmand and harmonious Champagne.

Score : 16

Champagne J. de Telmont Grand Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of raspberry and fresh cherry associated with a few notes of redcurrant and citrus. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave, dynamic, relatively fat and offers a beautiful acid frame. The attack is fresh. The effervescence is very fine, tight and dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of

raspberry, redcurrant and slight notes of fresh strawberries combined with a touch of citrus (lemon, orange). Good length.

Score : 15.75

Champagne Goutorbe-Bouillot Rosé

The nose is lively, clear and fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry and redcurrant associated with a few notes of lemon, mandarin and a slight note of pear. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, round, relatively fat and offers a fruity / acid frame. The effervescence is fine, creamy and slightly unctuous. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of raspberry and lemon associated with a hint of redcurrant, mandarin and a discreet hint of peach compote.

Score : 15

Champagne Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé

(40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier.)

The nose is elegant, aromatic / fruity, fine and offers a creaminess sensation. It reveals notes of crème pâtissière, citrus (pink grapefruit) and a touch of lemon cream associated with slight notes of mandarin, a slight hints of flowers (in the background) as well as a discreet note of redcurrant and red fruits. The palate is fruity, elegant, quite creamy, quite gourmande and offers suavity and a fruity frame. The effervescence is creamy, elegant and delicate. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of pink grapefruit and slight notes of lemon, white fruits associated with discreet floral notes as well as slight touches of red fruit (especially raspberries) and a very discreet hint of lime. Good length.

Score : 16

Champagne Louis Dousset Rosé de Saignée 2007 Brut Nature - Grand Cru

The nose is quite aromatic and a bit dusty. It reveals notes of redcurrant, peach, orange zests and slight notes of leather associated with a few slight chalky notes. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, fluid and relatively suave. The effervescence is well-made. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of citrus (orange, lemon) associated with touches of grapefruit zest, peach, grape, a discreet hint of quenette as well as a touch of white fruits and quince on the finish. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Champagne Christian Briard Cuvée Rubis Rosé - Brut

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fleshy cherry and fine notes of white fruit associated with a hint of fresh lemon zest, fine notes of raspberry as well as a discreet hint of rose and beeswax. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers minerality, a small suavity and freshness. The effervescence is fine, abundant and dynamic. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry and fine notes of tangerine associated with a discreet note of citrus, cherry as well as a hint of yellow peach and a discreet touch of spice. Good length.

Score : 15



Alsace (late harvest)

René Fleck Vendanges Tardives 2010 Pinot Gris Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and full. It reveals notes of candied lemon, pear in syrup, white fruit and slight notes of citrus zest (lemon, mandarin) associated with a hint of honeysuckle, white flowers and a hint of honey. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, round and offers a beautiful acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and pineapple in syrup combined with a touch of apricot in syrup, crystallized clementine as well as a discreet note of green apple, passion fruit and slight notes of honey. Good length.

Score : 15

René Fleck Vendanges Tardives 2011 Riesling Alsace

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of white fruit associated with discreet notes of lemon, apple, flint and a fine hint of botrytis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers a good freshness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and clementine associated with fine notes of peach, apple, apricot as well as discreet notes of passion and quenette (discreet). Good length.

Score : 14.75

Domaine Schoffit Clos Saint-Théobald Pinot Gris 2008 Vendanges Tardives Rangen Grand Cru - Alsace

The nose is fruity, delicate and fresh. It reveals notes of quince, apricot and yellow peach associated with fine notes of honey, candied lemon and a discreet note of tangerine zest. The palate is fruity, gourmande, fine, fresh, aerial and offers a beautiful acid frame, fat and a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup, pineapple in syrup and apricot combined with notes of candied lemon as well as discreet notes of mandarin, slight notes of honey and a (very) discreet hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Schoffit Clos Saint-Théobald Gewurztraminer 2011 Vendanges Tardives Rangen Grand Cru - Alsace

The nose is fruity, elegant and quite dynamic. It reveals notes of white fruit (apple, white nectarine) and fine notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with a hint of exotic fruit, kumquat as well as discreet notes of lime zest and mineral / flint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fine, fresh, well-balanced, aerial and offers a nice fat, suavity and a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vines peach compote, apple and slight notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin associated with a hint of kumquat, discreet notes of mango, quenette as well as fine notes honey and pâtisserie (discreet). Good length.

Score : 16.25

Claude et Christophe Bléger Gewurztraminer 2012 Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity as well as relatively fresh and elegant. It reveals notes of exotic fruit, citrus (tangerine, lemon), candied grapefruit and slight notes of honey associated with slight notes of white flowers and a hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, gourmande, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, freshness, suavity and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, mango, quenette) associated with fine notes of candied citrus (tangerine, kumquat, pink grapefruit) as well as touches of honey and minerality. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Bott Geyl Gewurztraminer 2014 - Vendanges Tardives Sonnenglanz Grand Cru - Alsace

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of lemon and yuzu zest associated with discreet notes of honey, pineapple in syrup and a touch of verbena / blossoms. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a nice acidity, a silky matter and a fine racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized tangerine associated with fine notes of apricot, pineapple in syrup, honey as well as a discreet hint of cereals. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5



Domaine Bott Geyl Pinot Gris 2010 Vendanges Tardives Sonnenglanz Grand Cru - Alsace

The nose is dusty. It reveals fine notes of white flowers (in the background) and flint associated with slight notes of fruit, kumquat and a discreet note of almond. After aeration there are slight notes of honey and green apple. The palate is fruity, dynamic, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acid frame as well as a nice and juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and crystallized clementine associated with fine touches of juicy orange, apple, discreet notes of pear as well as discreet notes of quenette and pâtisserie / honey (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Bott Geyl - Clos des 3 Chemins Gewurztraminer 2014 Vieilles Vignes Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and well built. It reveals notes of candied apricot, candied peach and fine notes of candied citrus (lemon, orange / tangerine) associated with fine notes of flowers as well as a discreet note of honey and a hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, gourmande, dynamic, well-balanced and offers bold, sweetness and a nice acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses candied lemon, candied clementine and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of apricot, nectarine (discreet) as well as fine notes of honey, flowers and a hint of green tea. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Alsace (late harvest)

Signature de Colmar Gewurztraminer 2013 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, rich and full. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, pineapple in syrup and lemon paste associated with a discreet touch of gingerbread, lychee, apricot in syrup as well as a touch of spices cake and rose. The palate is fruity, round and offers an acid frame, fat, juicy fruit and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied mandarin combined with touches of mango, apricot in syrup, pineapple and green apple. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Humbrecht 1619 - Gewurztraminer 2011 Vendanges Tardives Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, intense, incisive, well defined and relatively gourmande. The wine needs to be aerated. It reveals notes of lemon, clementine paste and fine notes of orange zest associated with fine notes of pineapple, vine peach and honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a small acidity and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and mandarin paste associated with touches of pear, vine peach, pineapple as well as discreet touches of Granny Smith apple and small notes of acacia honey. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Lucien Albrecht Gewurztraminer 2011 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers freshness. It reveals notes of honey, tarte Tatin and touches of candied lemon associated with hints of quince, litchi and spices (clove ...). The palate is fruity, gourmande, well-defined, a bit aerial and offers a good harmony, an acid frame and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and orange paste associated with fine notes of kumquat, quenette / lychee as well as fine touches of honey, gingerbread and fresh pineapple. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave and gourmande.

Score : 16.25

Signature de Colmar Pinot Gris 2009 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration. It reveals touches of leather and quince associated with a hint of apple as well as a discreet touch of mirabelle plum, pear, honey, a very discreet hint of smoke and a discreet touch of acacia / resin. The palate is fruity and offers minerality and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of honey, apple, pear and slight hint of quince associated with a hint of kumquat. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Albert Hertz - Gewurztraminer 2012 Eichberg - Vendanges Tardives Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and honey associated with discreet notes of lemon and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit gourmande and offers a good matter and a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized orange, kumquat and quince associated with slight notes of yellow plum, crystallized lemon and apple blossom honey. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Wolfberger Gewurztraminer 2012 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, quince and green tea combined with slight notes of flowers and green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers a mineral / acid frame and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, pear in syrup and fine notes of crystallized clementine associated with a discreet hint of pineapple, honey and gingerbread. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Jean-Baptiste Adam Gewurztraminer 2012 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of leather / spices, lemon and a hint of mango associated with a discreet hint of linden, candied citrus as well as touches of lime zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fluid, relatively straight and offers minerality and a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, mango and quince associated with discreet touches of kumquat, orange, honey as well as hints of gingerbread. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Fleck Vendanges Tardives Gewurztraminer 2012 Alsace

The nose is fruity, quite delicious and aromatic. It reveals notes of white fruits, flowers and juicy citrus associated with fine notes of candied fruit and a hint of acacia. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fine, well-balanced and offers suavity, freshness, dynamism, smoothness, a good definition as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach compote, flat peach and fine notes of candied lemon associated with discreet notes of mandarin, zest as well as a discreet hint of grapefruit, acacia and honey. Good length.

Score : 15.5

René Fleck Vendanges Tardives 2011 - Gewurztraminer Alsace

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of green apple and discreet notes of acacia associated with fine notes of citrus, hints of exotic fruit, a discreet note of tangerine as well as a discreet hint of kumquat and rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively depth and offers freshness, fat and small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarin and fine notes of white fruit (nectarine, flat peach, apple) associated with slight notes of acacia and honey. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15

Arthur Metz Gewurztraminer 2013 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively incisive and a bit rich. It reveals notes of mango / apricot and candied citrus (lemon, orange) combined with hints of honey and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good freshness and a nice acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and fine notes of dried apricot associated with touches of green apple, pineapple as well as fine notes of beeswax and discreet hints of botrytis.

Score : 15



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Alsace (late harvest)

Willm Gewurztraminer 2012 Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fruity, gourmand as well as relatively incisive and rich. It reveals notes of fresh pineapple, crystallized lemon and slight notes of peach combined with a touch of honey, spices and mango. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, relatively gourmande and offers a nice freshness, a good volume and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, quince jelly and fine notes of candied orange combined with touches of honey and a discreet hint of mango. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Wolfberger Riesling 2014 Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of honey, white flowers and fine notes of candied citrus (mandarin, quince) combined with a touch of apple and a discreet touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers freshness, an acid frame (citrus) and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, tangerine and Granny Smith apple associated with hints of pineapple, exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of spices and a small note of honey. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Wolfberger Pinot Gris 2012 Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fruity, discreet and slightly rich. It reveals notes of nuts, candied pear and slight notes of quince associated with a hint of apricot and a discreet touch of gingerbread. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande, fresh, mineral and offers a mineral / acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized tangerine and slight notes of candied pear associated with touches of apricot and a hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Arthur Metz Pinot Gris 2008 Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of mango, peach, quince and nuts associated with slight notes of honey and a discreet note of brioche. The palate is fruity, round and offers minerality, freshness and a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mango and nuts associated with slight notes of peach in syrup and honey. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Humbrecht Pinot Gris 2012 - Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fruity, finely rich and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied yellow peach and pear combined with notes of honey, discreet notes of almond as well as a hint of spices and botrytis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers juiciness, a beautiful acid frame and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup and slight notes of candied clementine associated with a hint of quenette, honey and pâtisserie. Good length and persistence with notes of spices and fruit.

Score : 16.25

Arthur Metz Gewurztraminer 2014 - Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fairly aromatic. It reveals notes of quince, candied orange zest and honey combined with fine notes of flowers as well as a discreet hint of pear compote, lemon and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well defined, supple and offers a beautiful acid frame (citrus), a good definition, suavity, roundness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized orange and pineapple associated with notes of Granny Smith apple and honey. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Bestheim Gewurztraminer 2013 - Vendanges Tardives

Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and gourmand. It reveals notes of quince, honey, candied lemon and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with discreet notes of kumquat, spices and a discreet touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers freshness, an acid frame, a good definition and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, dried apricots and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of pear in syrup, honey as well as a

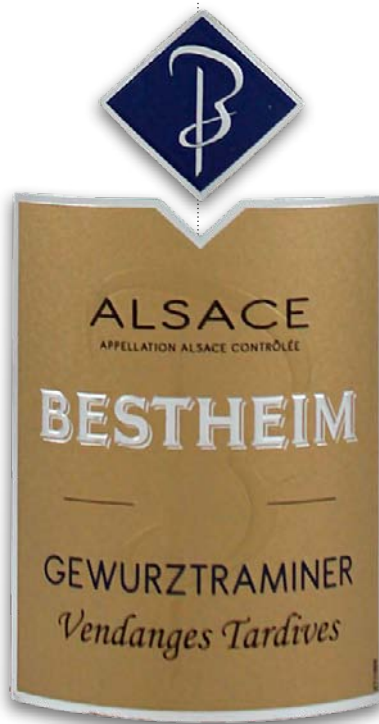
discreet hint of crystallized clementine and Zante currants .

Score : 16

Domaine Schoffit - Clos Saint-Théobald Riesling 2006 - Vendanges Tardives Grand Cru Rangén - Alsace-Than

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and botrytised. It reveals notes of yellow fruit, candied apple and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with slight notes of honey and apricot. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, racy, round, suave, well-balanced, aerial and offers an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup, nectarine and crunchy apple associated with slight notes of candied mandarin, discreet notes of candied lemon as well as touches of exotic fruits, kumquat, honey and discreet notes of spices / almond. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5



Alsace (late harvest)

Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Gris 2010 Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, gourmande, rich, quite elegant and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of honey, candied lemon, botrytis and slight notes of orange paste combined with hints of pineapple in syrup, apricot as well as discreet hints of spices and (very) discreet hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, aerial, nicely balanced and offers an acid frame and a beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon quince, candied clementine and fine notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a hint of peach as well as slight notes of apricot, honey, gingerbread and a discreet hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.75

Domaines Schlumberger Cuvée Christine 2013 Gewurztraminer Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is aromatic, elegant and expressive. It reveals notes of aca-cia flowers, rose, peony and fine notes of stewed white fruits associated with discreet notes of candied lemon, quince as well as a discreet hint of kumquat, mango and a discreet note of lilac. The palate is fruity, round, suave, fat, nicely well-balanced and offers a nice volume, a fresh frame, a fine acidity (in the background) and a discreet minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy nectarine, candied pear and fine notes of candied citrus (tangerine, lemon) associated with a hint of pineapple, mango as well as fine hints of flowers and an imperceptibly hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Saint-Rémy Riesling 2009 Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fresh, aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of citrus, honey and slight notes of almond slightly associated with discreet notes of peach, fig and quince. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acid frame and a nice dynamism (acidity). On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and exotic fruits associated with discreet notes of lime, vine peach as well as discreet notes of almond, honey and spices. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Saint-Rémy Gewurztraminer 2011 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of mandarin zest, lemon zest and fine notes of citrus combined with touches of white fruits, a hint of exotic fruits as well as touches of honey and spices. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, relatively fat, slightly aerial and offers a good volume and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (passion, quenette), pineapple in syrup and candied citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with discreet hints of honey, white peach as well as a discreet touch of gingerbread. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Saint-Rémy Pinot Gris 2008 Vendanges Tardives Alsace

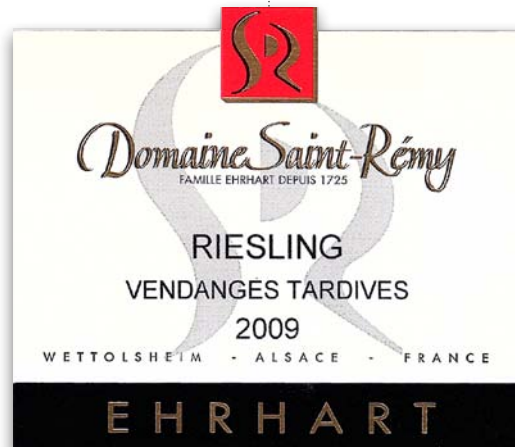
The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of stewed white fruits, quince, pineapple in syrup and apricot in syrup associated with fine notes of almond and a discreet note of nuts / Zante currants. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince and crystallized lemon associated with fine notes of mandarin, honey, baked apple as well as a discreet note of peach in syrup and a (very) discreet a hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Stoeffler Gewurztraminer 2014 Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of flint, lemon zest and candied lemon associated with fine notes of honey as well as discreet notes of quince jam. The palate is fruity, fine, straight and offers tension, a good volume as well as a nice acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, yuzu and fine touches of clementine associated with slight notes of candied yellow fruits, honey, flint as well as touches of apricot in syrup. Good length.

Score : 15



Domaine Stoeffler - Se- lection de Grains Nobles - Gewurztraminer 2011 Grand Cru Kirchberg de Barr Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and aromatic / powerful. It reveals notes of Golden apple, honey and candied lemon (lemon, mandarin) combined with fine notes of fresh almond and botrytis / cereals. The palate is fruity, round, soft, gourmande, well-balanced, suave and offers minerality, a fine acidity, fat, a nice fresh frame, a good

structure as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Golden apple, pineapple in syrup and pears in syrup associated with fine touches of candied mandarin, kumquat, honey as well as fine mineral notes and fine touches of cereal / muesli. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.5

Sick Dreyer Gewurztraminer 2013 - Vendanges Tardives Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of flowers, exotic fruits and peach combined with fine mineral notes as well as slight notes of vine peach compote. The palate is fruity, fresh, fine, well-balanced, relatively gourmande, relatively fat and offers an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and candied vine peach associated with slight touches of candied apricot and a fine / discreet hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Jura

Domaine Grand - Vin de paille 2010

Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of honey, roasted almond and fruit in syrup (quince, lemon, pear) combined with slight notes of hazelnut as well as a few discreet notes of oak. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, well-balanced, relatively powerful and offers a fine / discreet acid frame (in the background) and a very discreet minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple caramel, hazelnut / cashew associated with slight notes of peanut and honey. Good length and persistence with notes of dried fruits, dried apricot and a discreet touch of pineapple dry.

Score : 15

Domaine Grand - Trousseau 2015

Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of red fruit, sour cherry associated with a hint of plum as well as a few discreet oaky notes and a few discreet notes of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, suave and offers fat and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, sour cherry, black cherry jam and plum associated with slight oaky touches and a few discreet toasted notes. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.25

Domaine Grand - Chardonnay 2015

Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, relatively full and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of pear, peach compote and fine notes of quince associated with discreet notes of mandarin zest, lime and a (very) discreet note of beeswax. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, fat and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin, pear and fine / discreet notes of grapefruit combined with notes of quince, beeswax and a very discreet note of oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Grand - En Beaumont 2009

Vin Jaune - Château-Chalon

The nose is aromatic, fruity, elegant as well as relatively fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals fine notes of pear and white fruits combined with touches of menthol / licorice, discreet notes of straw, exotic fruits as well as a fine note of flowers and dried fruit. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, silky, racy and well-balanced and offers a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow fruit, kumquat, apple and quince associated with slight notes of beeswax as well as fine notes of hazelnut / dried fruit on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Mouillard Jean-Luc

Chardonnay 2015

Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of quince, beeswax and slight notes of yellow fruits associated with a hint of lemon. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced and offers fat, smoothness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes quince, lemon and discreet notes of clementine associated with a hint of peach and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Mouillard Jean-Luc

Maevin du Jura

The nose is aromatic, racy and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of yellow fruit, mirabelle plum, quince and candied fruits associated with fine notes of anise, minerality (discreet) as well as slight notes of spice, honey and an

imperceptible hint of warm prune. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, relatively elegant and offers a fine freshness, suavity and fat. In mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, honey, candied fruit (pear, apple) associated with fine notes of dried fruit, hazelnut as well as discreet note of candied quince, candied lemon and a discreet hint of spice. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Mouillard Jean-Luc

Sélection 2012 - L'Etoile

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals fine notes of pear, exotic fruit and fine notes of kumquat associated with discreet notes of quince, flowers as well as discreet notes of green almond and anise. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced and relatively elegant. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple and slight notes of papaya associated with fine notes of kumquat, pear, quenette, racy minerality, flowers as well as slight notes of menthol / anise. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine De Montbourgeau 2013

L'Etoile - Vin de Paille

The nose is fruity and fine, reveals notes of dried fruit, honey, quince and hazelnut associated with a discreet note of Zante currant, fruit in syrup as well as a hint of fig, spices and a slight hint of cashew / walnuts. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, mineral, elegant, straight, slightly aerial and offers gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of honey, candied quince and honey combined with fine Zante currant, dried apricot as well as slight notes of dried figs, spices and a discreet note cashew/hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine De Montbourgeau

Savagnin 2012 - L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, fresh, elegant and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of flowers and subtle notes of anise, apple associated with slight notes of quince and yellow fruit. The palate is fruity, fresh, harmonious and offers fat, a racy minerality and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, hawthorn / anise, flowers, white fruit and a discreet hint of exotic fruits associated with discreet notes of yellow fruit. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Domaine De Montbourgeau

En Banode 2012 - L'Etoile

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals fine notes of menthol / anise / hawthorn, flowers and white fruits associated with discreet hints of yellow fruit, quince, beeswax and straw / hazelnut. The palate is fruity, mineral, unctuous, well-balanced, elegant, racy, fat and offers a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, straw and yellow fruit associated with fine notes of flowers and a discreet note of green apple skin and a touch of anise / herbs. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Grand - Maevin Du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, flowers / anise and fine notes of candy associated with slight notes of mirabelle plum as well as a discreet note of quince and an imperceptible note of oak. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave and offers fat, a fine acid frame, a fine minerality and creaminess. In mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruit, quince and fine notes of apple, flat peach associated with fine / discreet notes of honey, menthol (very discreet) as well as slight note of candy, discreet notes of dried fruit / hazelnut on the finish. There is a slight hint of nougatine on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15

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Madiran

(70% Tannat, 30% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is aromatic, fresh as well as relatively powerful and fine. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, flowers (cornflower, lily) associated with fine notes of blackberry, red fruit as well as a discreet note of Sichuan pepper and tea. The palate is fruity, gourmande, sleek, delicate and offers a nice acid frame, a fine juiciness, a good structure as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy Quetsche plum associated with slight notes of raspberry / red berries / cherry as well as discreet notes of vanilla oak and a discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15

Odé d'Aydie 2013

Madiran

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of strawberry, raspberry and cassis combined with a touch of plum, blackberry as well as discreet notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, mineral, relatively gourmande and offers juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, strawberry and fine notes of plum associated with a discreet touch of cherry, fine notes of sweet spices as well as a discreet touch of chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Aydie 2011

Madiran

The nose is fruity, full, racy and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and spices associated with discreet notes of plum, raspberry, green pepper (discreet), oak and rosewood. The palate is fruity, gourmande, silky, suave, full, nicely depth and offers a good volume, freshness, fat, a good definition and a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, fresh plum and fine notes of raspberry associated with discreet hints of cherry, cassis as well as slight notes of toasted oak and a discreet note of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, well-built and (very) slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. The finish is nicely suave.

Score : 15.75

Château Peyros 2012 Greenwich 43N

Madiran

The nose is fine, relatively aromatic, relatively powerful and offers a fine density. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with fine notes of cassis, blueberry, spice, black tea and a discreet touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a fresh frame, a fine acidity and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and fine notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry associated with touches of oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of coffee, cassis bud and discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Peyros Tradition 2012

Madiran

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of cassis and cassis bud associated with fine notes of plum, blackberry, a discreet note of red fruit as well as hints of spices, pepper, dark chocolate and tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, fine, well-balanced, relatively fat and relatively gourmande. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with touches of cassis bud, wild strawberry, slight notes of plum as well as oaky touches, slight notes of mocha and a discreet touch of tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. The finish is slightly suave and offers a fine saline hint.

Score : 14.75

Château Peyros Vieilles Vignes 2012

Madiran

The nose is fruity, relatively fine, mineral and finely powerful. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, a hint of cornflower), blackberry and fine notes of racy minerality associated with notes of fresh small fruits as well as discreet notes of spice and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fine, a bit unctuous, slightly powerful and offers a certain harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and notes of plum associated with fine touches of cassis, strawberry, fine notes of toasted oak as well as a discreet note of mocha and tobacco. Good length. Presence of very discreet iodine touch on the persistence.

Score : 14.75

Domaine Sergent 2013

Madiran

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively powerful, full and slightly dusty. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and fresh black cherry associated with fine hints of leather and spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, silky and offers freshness, a fine mineral frame as well as a fine acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and fine notes of red fruit (red berries, raspberry) associated with hints of cassis as well as discreet toasted notes and vanilla. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

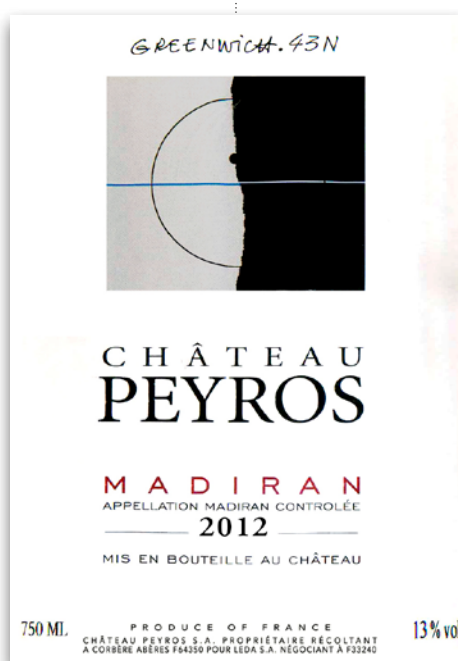
Score : 14.75

Domaine Sergent Cuvée élevée en fûts de chêne 2013

Madiran

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of blueberry, plum and blackberry cream associated with fine notes of red fruits, chocolate as well as a touch of liquorice and a discreet hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmande, unctuous, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, freshness and fat. Beautiful mouth ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and fleshy Quetsche plum associated with touches of raspberry, small red berries as well as hints of toasted / vanilla oak and licorice / chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15



Madiran

Château Bouscassé 2011

Madiran

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of pepper (black and green), spices and a very discreet hint of grove / flowers. The palate is fruity, velvety, soft, suave, relatively fat, relatively gourmande and offers an acid frame, a good structure and juicy fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with discreet hints strawberry, blueberry, toasted oak as well as fine touches of sweet spices (vanilla, coconut). Tannins are fine, racy and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Bouscassé Menhir 2006

Madiran

The nose is aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of leather, cassis and fine notes of ripe black fruit combined with a hint of spice, strawberry jam and a discreet touch of pepper, smoke, undergrowth, flowers and minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, unctuous, elegant, racy and well-structured. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of plum, blueberry associated with a hint of raspberry, small red berries as well as touches of oak, minerality and vanilla. There are discreet notes of caramelization / hazelnut on the finish / aftertaste. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Bouscassé Vieilles Vignes 2007

Madiran

The nose is aromatic, fine and elegant. The wine needs time to open. It reveals notes of blueberry, underbrush and dried flowers associated with discreet notes of spice, cigar and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, a bit fleshy, relatively gourmande and offers a small mineral frame, a fine acidity, fat as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, jelly plum and fine notes of blueberry associated with a hint of raspberry, cassis, red berries as well as discreet notes of toasted oak / sweet spices. There is a very fine saline hint on the finish / aftertaste. Tannins are fine, supple and slightly dry. The finish is suave. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Château Montus 2011

Madiran

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant, racy and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of raspberry, flower (violet and a hint of peony) as well as discreet notes of tobacco, black pepper, Cubeb pepper, spices and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, powerful, harmonious, charming, racy and offers a good structure, minerality as well as a beautiful and velvety matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis combined with touches of mocha, raspberry as well as discreet notes of strawberry, oak, spices, a few slight touches of tobacco and a hint Cubeb pepper. Tannins are fine, structuring and firm. Good length and aromatic persistence with juicy fruit, notes of toasted oak as well as notes of dark chocolate.

Score : 16.25

Château Montus 2005

La Tyre

Madiran

The nose is fruity, elegant, finely perfumed and offers minerality. It reveals notes of ripe black fruit, strawberry and fine notes of red berries associated with slight notes of mocha, minerality and licorice. The palate is fruity, elegant, powerful and offers a fine minerality, a good concentration, a beautiful structure, suavity and a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, plum and fine notes of berries associated with slight notes of licorice, undergrowth, truffles as well as small notes of saline minerality on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17.5

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Domaine de Beurenard Boisrenard 2006

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant, ripe and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of raspberry, blackberry and fine notes of racy minerality associated with a discreet hint of salinity, graphite, mushroom, slight woody notes as well as slight hints of undergrowth and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, fleshy, silky, soft, aerial, round, finely gourmande and offers a beautiful racy minerality, a nice freshness, a fine tension, delicacy, harmony and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with hints of saline minerality, graphite as well as hints of toasted oak, sweet spices and a very discreet notes of caramelization. Tannins are elegant, well-structured and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine de Beurenard 2014

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (red)

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and refined. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and shale associated with slight notes of cassis, spice and flowers. The palate is fruity, elegant, silky, suave, relatively gourmand, slightly aerial and offers a beautiful definition, a racy minerality, tension, a good volume, harmony, fat, a nice softness and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and ripe strawberry associated with fine notes of raspberry, cherry, cassis as well as slight hints of spices, shale, a very discreet notes of flowers (on the mid palate), slight touches of blackberry cream and mocha on the finish. There is a slight touch of minerality. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.25

Domaine de Beurenard 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (white)

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand, elegant, full and fresh. It reveals notes of fresh fruits, quince and pear combined with fine notes of minerality, fresh lemon, fresh apple as well as a hint of flat peach and slight floral notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, racy, well-defined, well-structured and offers an unctuous matter, a fine acidity as well as a nice freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and quince associated with discreet notes of peach, pear as well as fine hints of rose, white flowers, minerality, a discreet hint of mandarin and apple. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine de Nalys 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (white)

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of Golden apple and quince associated with slight hints of mirabelle plum, lemon, white flowers as well as fine touches of minerality and a discreet hint of pear. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, quite elegant, dynamic / lively, relatively fat and offers a nice freshness, suavity and a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince, lemon

and mirabelle plum associated with discreet notes of apricot, honey as well as a fine hint of apple compote and discreet mineral notes. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine des Sénéchaux 2014

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (white)

The nose is fruity, gourmand offers a certain richness and minerality. It reveals notes of ripe peach, tropical fruit and ripe pear associated with slight notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) and a slight note hawthorn. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmande, relatively fat, slightly aerial and offers a racy minerality (terroir), a fine juiciness, roundness, a nice acid frame and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits, ripe peach and slight notes of citrus associated with discreet hints of zest, pear, spice and a discreet note of butter in the background. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Domaine des Sénéchaux 2012

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

(red)

The nose is fruity, fresh, fine, charming and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of violet plum, cherry and flowers (lilies and violets) associated with discreet notes of racy minerality, liquorice and a fine spicy note. The palate is fruity, harmonious, aerial, racy and offers juiciness, concentration, gourmandise, a fresh frame, a good structure, minerality as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and fine notes of purple plum, cherry, blueberry, raspberry associated

with fine / discreet notes of sweet spices as well as a discreet touch of sweet spice and caramelized hazelnuts. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and nice gourmande persistence.

Score : 16.5

Domaine de Nalys 2015

Cuvée Eicelènci

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and elegant. It reveals fine notes of lemon zest, small yellow fruit, apple and mineral notes associated with a discreet touch of clementine. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, elegant, racy, relatively fat and offers a beautiful matter, a beautiful mineral structure and a small acid. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, apple and small yellow fruits associated with a touch of pear as well as slight notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit ...), vanilla, flowers and a hint of coconut. Good length.

Score : 16.25



Bordeaux

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux (Red)

Château Haut Grelot Coteaux de Methez 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful, refined and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with discreet notes of cassis, small berries as well as a discreet hint of blueberry cardamom and Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, relatively gourmande and offers a racy minerality, a good volume, juiciness and a beautiful fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of wild strawberry, small berries, blueberries as well as slight notes of toasted oak and discreet notes sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Good job !

Score : 15.25

Quartet de Château Ricaud 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic, relatively full and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small wild berries associated with a discreet touch of red fruit as well as a hint of laurel, graphite and oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness and a fine racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and wild berries associated with discreet notes of cassis, cherry, strawberry, hints of cassis bud as well as discreet notes of toasted oak and discreet touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château des Matards - Cuvée Nathan 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of boysenberry, strawberry and fine notes of cassis combined with touches of spices as well as a discreet hint of black tea and a hint of underbrush. The palate is fruity and offers a racy minerality, a good definition, a good structure, volume and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry and fine notes of wild strawberry, raspberry associated with discreet notes of juicy wild black fruits as well as fine touches of sweet spices, oak and a fine salinity. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Château La Raz Caman 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of saline minerality, blackberry, fresh cherry and slight notes of black fruit combined with a hint of strawberry and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers a fine freshness, a fine acidity and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes boysenberry, cassis, fleshy cherry and touches of cassis bud associated with fine hints of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a slight bitterness on the finish.

Score : 14.5

Château Frédignac La Favorite 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine hints of cherry associated with discreet touches of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced, a bit silky, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberries and fine touches of cherry associated with a hint of cassis buds, sweet spices and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Tutiac Sélection Excellence 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis, flower (violet, a hint of cornflower) and blackberry associated with discreet notes of clay-minerality, plum and a very discreet touch of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a good volume and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, boysenberry and discreet touches of red fruit combined with hints of sweet spices, cardamom as well as a hint of cocoa and flowers. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Graves 2012 Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry and crunchy cassis associated with a hint of cassis bud and a fine hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively fine, well-balanced, racy, relatively fat and offers a fine juiciness and harmony. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of blackberry and crunchy cassis associated with slight notes of cassis bud, fleshy raspberry as well as slight touches of sweet spices and a hint of tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Lieu-Dit Le Pin 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

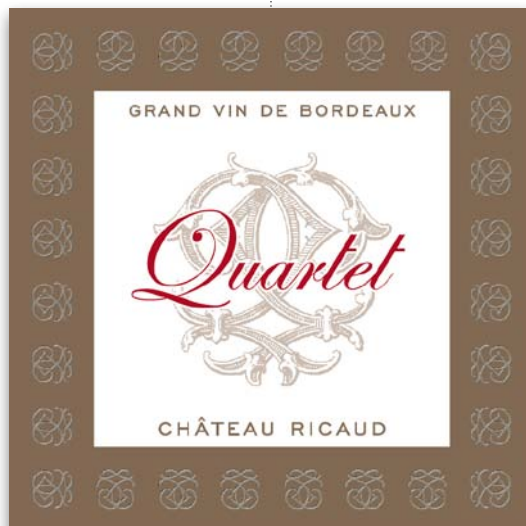
The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of cassis bud combined with hints of sweet spices, toasted oak as well as a discreet touch of vanilla and cocoa (very discreet). The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, fat, a bit powerful and offers a good definition, volume and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry and cassis combined with fine notes of cherry, raspberry and hints of toasted oak, vanilla and a discreet touch of cardamom. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Haut Colombier 2009

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite charming. It reveals notes of black fruits, blackberry, black berries and slight notes of strawberry associated



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with fine touches of spice, woods as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and dried blueberries. The palate is fruity, soft, silky, fleshy and offers a good volume, a nice fat, suavity, a fine juiciness, minerality, harmony and a slight / discreet acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fine notes of cassis and a hint of strawberry associated with discreet spicy notes as well as a fine hint of cassis bud. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Sainte Clotilde 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, structured and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with a slight touch of cassis bud, plum, with discreet notes of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, soft, velvety and offers juiciness and a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of black cherry, a fine hint of salinity as well as slight notes of vanilla / toasted oak on the finish. Tannins are fine. The finish is suave. I advice you to serve this wine in carafe.

Score : 14.5

Château Gontier 2012

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, well structured and a bit powerful / concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis bud associated with a discreet hint of raspberry jam, fine spicy notes as well as a discreet hint of flowers / violets and vanilla oak. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, a silky matter and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and fine notes of wild strawberry, raspberry associated with woody touches and sweet spices. There is a slight salinity in the mouth. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux (White)

Château La Raz Caman 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette, guava) and hints of lemon associated with a discreet hint of tangerine. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, finely gourmande and offers minerality, a fine freshness, a good definition and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, passion fruit and quenette associated with a hint of tangerine and a discreet hint of pear. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Barbé 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and fines notes of white fruits combined with a hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, bright and offers a beautiful mineral structure, a good definition / dynamism and a nice fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Golden apple, lemon, mandarin and hint of quince associated with a discreet note of exotic fruit, crushed pear and mirabelle plum. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château des Matards

Cuvée Tradition 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of lemon and Granny Smith apple associated with fine notes of tropical fruit and pear. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and relatively gourmande. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, mandarin and exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette) associated with slight notes of Granny Smith apple as well as hint of vanilla / toasted oak and a very discreet hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Siffle Merle 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of exotic fruit combined with hints of lemon and a very discreet touch of white fruits. The palate is fruity, supple, finely gourmande and offers minerality, a fine acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (mandarin) and fine notes of passion fruit associated with a hint of guava, green apple as well as a very discreet vegetal hint and a discreet hint of pineapple. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Graves 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of leather and fine notes of fresh citrus associated with discreet notes of white fruit (apple and a hint of quince). The palate is fruity and offers a racy minerality, a small freshness, a small tension and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus and white fruits associated with slight notes of quenette, Granny Smith apple, lemon and a discreet hint of clementine. Good length. There is a discreet touch of pink grapefruit on the finish. I advice you to serve this wine in carafe.

Score : 15

Château Lacaussade Saint-Martin

Cuvée Trois Moulins 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of citrus, quince and discreet notes of beeswax associated with slight notes of toasted bread and a discreet touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande and offers a fine acid frame, a good definition and a nice fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and passion fruit combined with a discreet note of quenette, pineapple, crushed pear and a fine / discreet hint of oak / vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Bel-Air

La Royère 2014

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is relatively fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon ...) and fine notes of white fruit (pear) combined with discreet notes of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity and offers a nice minerality (frame), a small acidity, a nice fat, a good harmony as well as a nice definition and volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit (pear), quince and fine notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin, a discreet hint of kumquat) associated with a hint of quenette and a discreet note of beeswax.

Score : 15.5

Bordeaux

Château Haut Grelot Cuvée Sélection 2015

Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, Williams pear) associated with discreet notes of quince, lemon and a fine hint of toasted oak. The palate is fine and offers a nice fat (probably due to lees bâtonnage), a fine acid frame, harmony, a nice minerality, a fine acide frame and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear and quince associated with fine notes of Williams pear, exotic fruits as well as small notes of lemon, citrus zest, quenette and a very discreet hint of oak. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux (Red)

Château Garbes Cabanieu 2012

Elevé en fûts de chêne
Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and fine notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of red berries, plum as well as a few very discreet toasted notes. The palate is fruity, racy, relatively fat, relatively silky and offers minerality, a small suavity and good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry, cassis associated with fine notes of cherry, raspberry and a hint of plum. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Hauts de Palette 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is quite aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of cassis bud, flowers, blackberry and cassis. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, blackberry and fine notes of wild red berries associated with slight notes of cherry as well as a discreet touch of flowers and a few discreet toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Lagrange 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis purée, crushed strawberry and fine notes of cherry associated with fine notes of vanilla and toasted bread. The palate is fruity, sleek, well-balanced, finely fleshy and offers a very fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and plum associated with a hint of cherry, redcurrant as well as discreet notes of vanilla oak and a slight hint of toasted bread. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Château Lamothe de Haux Cuvée Valentine 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and discreet notes of cornflower associated with fine hints of sweet spices, sour cherry and a very discreet hint of bell pepper. The

palate is fruity, elegant, racy, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame as well as a good and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of plum, cherry associated with a hint of toasted oak as well as a discreet note of bell pepper and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château de Lardiley 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe fruit and cassis combined with a discreet note of bell pepper as well as a hint of spice and a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fluid, relatively ample and offers a fine acid frame, a certain harmony and a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and discreet notes of red fruit (redcurrant, raspberry) associated with a hint of toasted oak and a discreet note of cardamom. Tannins are

slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15

Château de Birot 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and black berries combined with fine notes of raspberry, spices as well as a discreet toasted notes. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively fleshy, racy, finely gourmande and slightly silky. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of raspberry, wild red berries as well as discreet woody notes. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Château de Ricaud 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively fine and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and flower associated with fine touches of oak as well as a very discreet note of bell-pepper, licorice and a hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well defined, straight, elegant, fine and offers a beautiful matter and a small mineral structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cassis combined with fine notes of crushed raspberry, cherry as well as discreet notes of redcurrant, flowers, toasted oak as well as discreet notes of sweet spices and a slight hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Les Guyonnets Héritage 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with fine notes of strawberry, toasted oak, vanilla as well as hints of cardamom and mocha. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a good structure and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with fine hints of redcurrant, cassis bud, cherry as well as hints of flowers, sweet spices and cardamom. Good length. The finish is suave. There is a fine note of chocolate on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15.25

Bordeaux

Grand Vin de Château de Ricaud 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis bud and fine notes of crushed blackberry associated with a hint of raspberry as well as fine notes of spice, oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a fine minerality and a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh cherry and cassis combined with fine hints of plum, chocolate and a (very) discreet hint of bell pepper and spices. Tannins are well built and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château de Garbes Cuvée Sélection 2012

Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild fruit and discreet notes of wild strawberry associated with a discreet hint of bell pepper as well as fine / discreet hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers good definition, a certain elegance and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of wild red fruit combined with a hint of strawberry, redcurrant, a discreet hint of bell pepper as well as discreet notes of toasted oak and a discreet note of toasted bread on the persistence.

Score : 15.25

Pessac-Léognan (White)

Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is aromatic, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of quince, lemon and discreet notes of exotic fruits, flowers associated with a discreet hint of clementine, racy minerality, peach as well as notes of oak, vanilla and a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, elegant, quite straight, nicely fine and offers tension, fat and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and slight notes of lemon associated with a touch of tangerine as well as fine notes of exotic fruit, toasted oak, vanilla and a discreet hint of white fruit and almond. Good length and aromatic persistence. The finish is suave and gourmande. There is a very discreet iodine hint on the finish.

Score : 17.25

Château Pape Clément 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant and fine. It reveals fine touches of passion fruit and a hint of pear associated with a fine note of citrus as well as slight notes of wood / oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, unctuous, ample and offers a beautiful matter, a small freshness, a nice fat, a good definition and a small mineral/acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin, passion fruit, quenette and hints

of apple associated with slight notes of oak and vanilla. Good length. A beautiful and elegant wine!

Score : 17

Château La Louvière 2012

Pessac-Léognan

(90% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Semillon) The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of pear, apple and fine notes of lemon zest associated with a hint of exotic fruits, oak and musk. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a racy minerality, a fine acid frame and a fine smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, pear and citrus associated with discreet notes of exotic fruit as well as slight hints of oak. Good length.

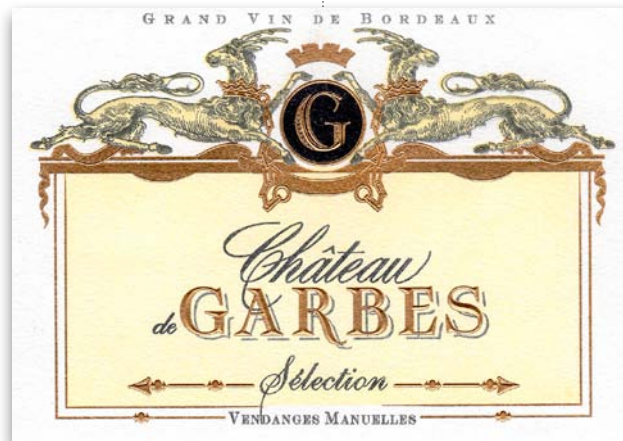
Score : 15

La Clarté de Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, crunchy and fresh. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, pear) and slight notes of citrus associated with a hint of mirabelle plum, a fine touch of honeysuckle as well as a discreet touch of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, relatively gourmande and offers suavity and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (orange, lemon, clementine) associated with a fine hint of pear, peach as well as a discreet touch of exotic fruits (mango, quenette) and a very discreet hint of toasted oak.

Score : 16



Château la Mission Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small freshness and finesse. It reveals notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon, a hint of orange) associated with a slight toasted note as well as a discreet hint of vanilla / almond and a very discreet hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fresh and offers tension, a small acid frame (in the background), fat, suavity as well as a nice unctuous, ample and bright matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine and ripe citrus (tangerine, lemon) associated with slight notes of ripe fruit as well as small notes of exotic fruits (quenette, mango ...) and a fine toasted hint on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17.5

Château Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, fine, racy, relatively powerful and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of white fruit (apple, pear) and a touch of nectarine associated with slight notes of citrus, a discreet touch of pineapple (in the background) as well as a fine hint of oak and a discreet hint of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fine, sleek, suave, round, relatively fat, relatively powerful and offers a good density, a good acidity as well as a beautiful and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, ripe citrus and a hint of exotic fruits (pineapple, quenette) combined with a touch of tangerine, a small touch of candied orange as well as a discreet touch of vanilla and oak. Good length.

Score : 18.5

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Château Carbonnieux 2012

Grand Cru Classé de Graves, Pessac-Léognan

The nose is aromatic, fresh, quite intense and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, mandarin and slight notes of yuzu associated with fine notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, guava), beeswax, pear, white peach compote, a hint of grapefruit as well as a few discreet notes of toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, voluptuous, quite aerial, gourmande and offers a beautiful racy minerality, a nice suavity, an acid frame, a good expression as well as a nice volume and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin, yuzu and slight notes of sweet clementine associated with small notes of passion fruit, quenette, guava, vine peach as well as a hint of ripe Williams pear, toasted oak, vanilla and small notes of almond. Good length and lingering aroma. The finish is suave.

Score : 16.25

Château le Sartre 2012

Pessac-Léognan

(90% Sauvignon and 10% Semillon)

The nose is aromatic. It reveals fine notes of lemon zest, ripe fruit (lemon, orange ...) and exotic fruits associated with very fine / discreet notes of pine resin / pine needle as well as mineral notes (in the background) and a discreet oaky note. There are fine notes of eucalyptus after aeration. The palate is fruity and offers an acid frame (in the background), minerality, fat, harmony and roundness. There is a small acidity on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zest and a hint of ripe peach, exotic fruits associated with discreet notes of mandarin, lemon, a hint of tangerine seed as well as discreet hints of salinity and a discreet hint of oak on the persistence. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15

Château Pape Clément 2006

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of citrus associated with fine notes of quince, pear as well as a few discreet oaky touches. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a nice volume, dynamism, tension and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus fruit (quince, lemon) associated with a discreet note of zest, apple, exotic fruits as well as a very discreet touch of mandarin, toasted oak and a discreet hint of almond. There is a slight saline touch in mouth. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Château La Louvière 2006

Pessac-Léognan

(85% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Semillon)

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of quince and citrus associated with fine hints of oak, musk / almond as well as a discreet hint of lemon zest and honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and fine notes of pear associated with fine touches of exotic fruit, honeysuckle as well as discreet hints of beeswax and oak. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Malartic Lagravière 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

(75% Sauvignon Blanc, 25% Semillon)

The nose is fruity, elegant and dry. It reveals notes of tropical fruit, green apple and slight notes of papaya associated with touches of flowers, citrus zest and an imperceptible hint of toasted oak / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, straight, tight, relatively fat, a bit fleshy and offers suavity, freshness, elegance and a small smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit (apple, brugnion) associated with fine notes of pear, grape, touches of citrus (lemon, clementine), hints of exotic fruits (lychee, papaya) as well as a discreet note of pineapple, zests and a few discreet hints of toasted oak / vanilla (brings roundness, complexity and suavity on the finish). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75



Pessac-Léognan (Red)

Château Haut-Bacalan 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively rich and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of concentrated blackberry, fig and cassis associated with discreet notes of blueberry jam, raspberry, sweet spices as well as slight notes of vanilla and a discreet note of cardamom. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a good structure and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry and cherry associated with fine woody notes. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Léognan 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is gourmand, aromatic, well-built and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of crushed blackberries, crushed Garrigette strawberry and touches of liquorice associated with a hint of undergrowth as well as slight notes of cassis and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a small freshness, a good definition, fat, suavity as well as a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry, cassis jam and raspberry combined with slight notes of licorice and discreet notes of sweet spices / vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. Good potential!

Score : 15.75

Château Pape Clément 2012

Pessac-Léognan - Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, fresh raspberry and fine notes of cassis associated with touches of zan, discreet touches of undergrowth as well as a touch of flowers and discreet hints of flint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, sleek, mineral, racy and offers a mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), fat, a nice definition and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and touches of cassis associated with a hint of Quetsche plum as well as fine hints of zan, oak, licorice and a very discreet hint of cassis bud. Tannins are elegant. Good length

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and persistence with notes of licorice, a hint of blackberry jam and fleshy strawberry. Good potential!

Score : 16.75

Château Haut-Bailly 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and a hint of plum associated with touches of spices, a discreet hint of strawberry and a fine touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, gourmande, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, juiciness of the fruit, freshness, precision, a nice roundness, a nice density, a good definition as well as a silky and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry and a hint of fresh red cherry red associated with a fine touch of cassis, a hint of blueberry, a discreet hint of violet fig as well as a fine hint of flowers, small fresh berries, a discreet touch of liquorice and a discreet touch of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, tight and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château Ferran 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fine, aromatic and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of violet combined with spicy notes (support the fruit), Sichuan pepper, tobacco, a discreet hint of tea, discreet notes of cardamom as well as a very discreet touch of cinnamon and underbrush. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively gourmande, relatively fleshy and offers fat, freshness, suavity, a good volume, a fine acidity as well as a nice mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and blackberry associated with fine notes of cherry, black berries, liquorice as well as a discreet note of (slightly) caramelized oak. Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence with fine notes of cocoa / caramelization. Good job!

Score : 15.5

Château le Sartre 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic, finely powerful and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and a discreet hint of plum associated with slight notes of red fruits, violets, liquorice as well as a fine note of minerality and discreet notes of vanilla. There is a discreet hint of mocha after aeration. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers a good definition, an acid frame, elegance and a good tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fresh strawberry and fine notes of cassis associated with fine notes of minerality, oak, caramelization, licorice and crushed / jammy strawberry. Tannins are fine, structuring and a bit firm.

Score : 15.5

Château Le Sartre 2006

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, slightly rich and offers a small minerality. It reveals fine notes of blackberry and small black berries combined with fine notes of minerality, crushed raspberry, flowers, a discreet hint of strawberry, discreet notes of undergrowth as well as hints of sweet spices / oak and caramelization. After aeration the wine reveals a discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers fat, freshness, a good structure, a fresh frame, a good volume and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and fine notes of strawberry associated with touches of cassis, fine notes of saline minerality as well as discreet touches of liquorice and violet. Tannins are fine and slightly firm.

Score : 15.25

La Chapelle de la Mission Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, fine and a bit strict. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and flowers associated with a touch of black cherry, red fruit, spice and oak. The palate is fruity, gourmande, well-built, racy and offers a small tension, a nice smoothness, fat and a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and a hint of cassis associated with touches of red fruits, spices, a hint of blond tobacco as well as a small hint of oak and a touch of salinity. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château De France 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, fine and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry, fine notes of cassis cream and touches of undergrowth associated with hint of mocha, spice, licorice as well as a discreet hint of violet and a very discreet hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, racy and offers suavity, fat, minerality as well as a tight and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and fine notes of blackberry associated with touches of cassis, wild strawberry, fine notes of undergrowth, liquorice as well as a hint of bell pepper and oak. Tannins are fine, well built and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence. The finish is gourmande and suave.

Score : 15.5

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Château d'Eyran 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is quite aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine touches of undergrowth, leather and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, sleek, well-balanced, racy and offers fat as well as a fleshy and a bit unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy strawberry associated with slight notes of blueberry, cornflower, flint, cassis buds, violets as well as fine touches of zan and tobacco. Tannins are fine, ripe and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château La Louvière 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, small berries, redcurrant and hints of blackberry associated with slight notes of spice, discreet notes of flowers as well as a hint of oak and smoke (in the background). The palate is fruity, quite elegant, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers fat as well as a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of black cherry associated with touches of wild strawberry, minerality as well as a hint of caramelization, violets and a discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and strawberry fine tip associated with a discreet touch of plum, sweet spices, chocolate as well as fine notes of minerality. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fat, straight, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with touches of cassis jam, black cherry, a hint of red fruits as well as touches of toasted oak, a hint of caramel and a discreet touch of liquorice / chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant, racy and straight. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.5

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, gourmand and reveals a certain exuberance. It reveals notes of blackberry and small wild fruits combined with a touch of blueberry, flowers, red fruit (strawberry, redcurrant) as well as a hint of toasted oak and a fine hint of sweet spices. The mouth is nicely fruity, gourmande, elegant, well-balanced, harmonious, suave and offers roundness, freshness, a small juiciness as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of black cherry associated with a hint of cassis, fig as well as slight touches of oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Haut-Brion 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, fine, elegant, fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with a hint of fig, spices as well as a hint of violet flowers, liquorice and green pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, sleek, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful precision of fruit, a nice definition, a small juiciness, a racy minerality, tension, a fine acidity (in the background) as well as a beautiful, fleshy and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry jam and cassis associated with a touch of redcurrant, raspberry as well as a hint of wild strawberry, licorice, a discreet hint of chocolate and slight touches of oak. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence with a discreet hint of truffle.

Score : 18.5

Château de Rouillac 2012

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, relatively concentrated and racy. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and fine notes of blueberry combined with touches of ripe red fruit (strawberry, cherry), discreet notes of graphite, a note of flint as well as discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, mineral, silky, tight, relatively fleshy, relatively fat and offers a fine smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum and fine notes of cassis associated with slight notes of fresh strawberry, raspberry as well as touches of oak, mocha / cocoa, tobacco, a fine hint of gravel (terroir, on the finish) and fine notes of spices (cardamom, clove, an imperceptible

hint of vanilla). Tannins are integrated. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.5

Château Malartic Lagravière 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy, finely powerful and finely rich. It reveals notes of blackberries, wild fruits combined with slight notes of minerality (terroir), cassis as well as slight notes of blackberry cream, cherry, licorice, a hint of cassis bud, a few discreet touches of toasted oak and discreet hint of cubeb pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, suave, gourmande and offers tension, a fine acid frame (brings dynamism) as well as a nice matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of black cherry associated with a discreet note of blueberry, red fruit (strawberry and berries), fine notes of licorice as well as a discreet note of chocolate, toasted oak, a hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château Olivier 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, racy / mineral and rich. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and fine touches of blueberry associated with a hint of black cherry, wild strawberry, a discreet note of raspberry, fine spicy notes as



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well as a hint of cardamom and Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, sleek, harmonious, quite straight, finely gourmande and offers a fine acid frame and a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of black cherry associated with touches of red fruit (wild strawberry, cherry, a hint of redcurrant), fine notes of chocolate, liquorice as well as a hint of cigar and oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. There is a fine hint of salinity on the finish. Good length and persistence with fine notes of dark chocolate, blackberry and a hint of toasted oak.

Score : 16.25

Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2012

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of mocha, oak associated with a hint of wild red fruits, cassis bud, fine touches of violets as well as slight notes of fresh cherry, minerality / flint (terroir), spices and a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky, harmonious, slightly aerial and offers a beautiful definition, a nice acid frame, a nice definition, tension, a fine suavity as well as a nice freshness. On the palate this wine expresses blackberry, cassis and fine notes of plum associated with touches of cherry, raspberry, oak, mocha, flint as well as discreet notes of tobacco and cloves . Tannins are fine, elegant and (very) slightly firm / youth. Good length. There are fine notes of cocoa grilled on persistence.

Score : 16.5

Château Pape Clément 2006

Pessac-Léognan - Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, full and quite gourmand. The wine need to be serve in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and crushed strawberry associated with fine notes of flowers, blueberry, licorice, mocha as well as a fine hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fine, fluid, mineral, racy and offers a nice volume, a good definition, a nice freshness, an acid frame as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry, cassis and discreet hints of blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, mocha as well as a fine hint of chocolate and fine hints of oak. Tannins are well-built and supple. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Château Haut-Bailly 2006

Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, powerful and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and plum combined with touches of undergrowth, truffle and a fine note of roasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious, tight, relatively fleshy, relatively silky and offers a fine racy minerality (terroir), a small juiciness, a nice fresh frame as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry jam and Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of strawberry, a discreet hint of raspberry and licorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 17



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Château La Louvière 2006

Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fine and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of undergrowth, dried black cherries as well as a hint of oak and a discreet touch of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a small suavity, minerality, freshness as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy strawberry and fine touches of black cherry associated with slight notes of mocha, violet, leather and a fine hint of oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15

Saint-Émilion (Red)

Fleur De Fonplegade 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of gray pepper combined with fine / discreet notes of licorice and a discreet hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a very fine salinity and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of plum associated with touches of liquorice and a discreet hint of tobacco and fine notes of red pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Château Moulin du Cadet 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and red fruit (strawberry) combined with a small touch of berries, flowers as well as slight notes of caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of hazelnut and sweet spices (nutmeg ...). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well built, relatively fat, slightly aerial and offers harmony, a fine minerality as well as a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and fine notes of plum associated with slight notes of strawberry, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of mocha and toasted oak. Tannins are fine, supple and well-built. Good length. The finish is suave.

Score : 15

Château Sansonnet 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, powerful, aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry and small berries associated with slight notes of truffle, red fruits, spices (gray pepper ...) as well as a few slight notes of oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice structure, suavity as well as a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with fine notes of cassis, a touch of raspberry, a discreet hint of blueberry as well as slight notes of toasted oak, cocoa and discreet hint of spices (tea, Sichuan pepper...). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave and gourmande.

Score : 16

Château Quintus 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, relatively fine and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cherry and cassis associated with a hint

of strawberry, raspberry as well as a touch of spice, oak and discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, sleek, relatively fat and offers a nice finesse, freshness, roundness, a racy minerality, a small juiciness and fresh fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry, raspberry, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, a discreet hint of fig, a touch of mocha as well as a fine hint of oak and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. There is a slight touch of salinity on the persistence.

Score : 16

Château Rolland-Maillet 2012

Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity, delicate and relatively mineral. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and touches of blackberry associated with a hint of strawberry as well as a fine hint of undergrowth, mocha and fine touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmande, quite elegant, well structured, relatively fat and offers a beautiful precision of the fruit, volume as well as a good and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberries and fine notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of cherry, fine notes of licorice, tobacco, a hint of oak, a discreet hint of bell pepper as well as a discreet touch of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Le Carillon D'Angélu 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, plum and black cherry associated with small notes of cassis, a fine hint of strawberry as well as small notes of spices, roasted coffee, a discreet touch of liquorice and a discreet hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers a mineral frame, a good volume, suavity as well as a relatively silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and fine notes of black cherry associated with a hint of cassis, red fruits as well as slight notes of licorice, dark chocolate, woody touches and a discreet/slight hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence with fine notes of coffee, black fruit and a discreet hint of bell pepper.

Score : 15.5

Château Fonplegade 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine hints of plum, blueberry associated with a discreet touch of violet, cassis bud, a hint of mocha as well as discreet hints of spices and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fine, well-balanced, large, aerial, well-defined and offers a mineral frame and a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum associated with fine notes of cassis, crunchy wild strawberry, cassis bud (discreet), violets as well as touches of zan, tobacco, discreet hints of chocolate and discreet hints of toasted oak. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château Laniote 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with a touch of cassis bud, red fruits as well as fine hints of bell pepper and plum. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine,

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mineral, relatively fat, relatively gourmande and offers suavity and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum jelly and fine notes of raspberry, strawberry associated with touches of licorice as well as fine hints of chocolate and a few fine touches of toasted oak. Tannins are fine, supple and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Bernateau 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry and touches of blueberry associated with a few slight notes of red berries (in the background), chocolate, liquorice, oak and a touch of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, racy, fat, ample, relatively mineral and a bit fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and cassis combined with touches of juicy blueberry as well as slight notes of chocolate (in the background) and a slight note of Zan on the finish. Tannins are fine, well-conducted and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Fombrauge 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, fine, elegant, gourmand and relatively full. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and wild strawberry combined with touches of zan, flowers, black tea as well as hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fine, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a mineral frame and a fine acidity in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, strawberry and fine notes of plum associated with touches of zan (discreet), blond tobacco as well as a discreet touch of tea and oak in the background. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Château Bellevue 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, fruity, powerful, elegant and straight. It reveals notes of boysenberry, plum and slight notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, a hint of oak, caramelization, bell peppers (discreet) as well as hints of sweet spices, a discreet touch of Bourbon vanilla and a fine hint of flint. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, round, large, relatively fat and offers a nice suavity, a nice fresh / mineral frame and a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of plum, cassis, cherry jam and fine notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, caramelized oak as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.75

Château Mangot - Cuvée Todeschini 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cherry and cassis associated with small touches of flowers (blueberry, violet) as well as fine notes of toasted oak,

sweet spices and a hint of licorice candy. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, racy, fine, well-balanced, powerful, relatively fat and offers a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crunchy Gariguet strawberry and fine notes of cassis associated with a touch of flowers, blueberry, mocha, oak as well as discreet hints of coffee (in the background) and licorice (discreet). Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Château Mangot 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fine, aromatic and a bit powerful / concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine notes of flowers, truffles as well as hints of mocha and a discreet hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, suave, racy and offers juiciness, an acid frame, a good definition and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and fine notes of cassis associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as slight notes of licorice, caramelized oak and chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Le Dragon de Quintus 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

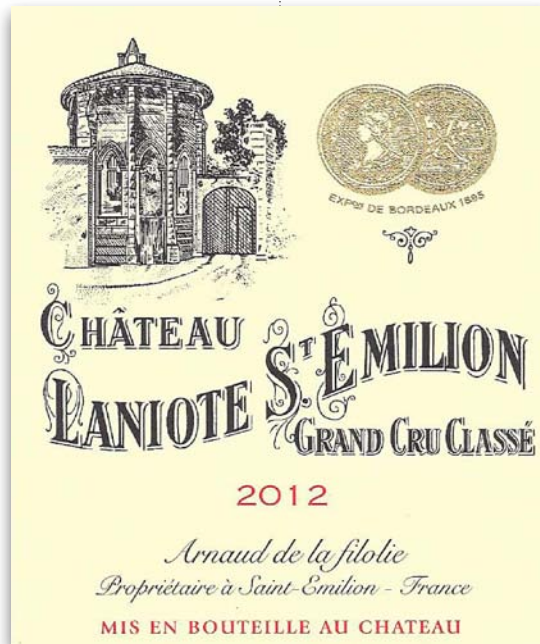
The nose is fruity, gourmand, fine and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with notes of violet, spices and a hint of cedar. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, nicely fleshy and offers freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, plum and a hint of strawberry associated with a touch of cherry, toasted oak as well as a hint of caramel and a fine touch of salinity. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave.

Score : 15

Château La Commanderie 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and hints of cassis bud associated with slight notes of blueberry, flowers as well as small notes of spice and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, suave, sleek, harmonious, well-built and offers a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and fine notes of juicy wild strawberry associated with touches of cherry as well as a hint of zan, chocolate, toasted oak and fine touches of spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75



Bordeaux

Clos des Jacobins 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, fine, relatively juicy and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine notes of black cherry, small red berries, bell pepper as well as hints of flowers, mocha, spice and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively fat, relatively gourmand and offers freshness, complexity, an acid frame, juiciness as well as a nice silky, suave and voluminous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe juicy, fresh red fruit and fine notes of plum, cassis associated with small touches of mocha, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization, licorice and spices. Tannins are fine, well built, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Château Canon 2012

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

The nose is fruity, fresh, gourmand and offers richness, generosity and opulence. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of red fruit (strawberry ...) associated with a hint of licorice and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, relatively powerful and offers a nice freshness, nice volume, righteousness, a nice fat, fleshy fruit, a nice structure as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry, juicy cassis and blackberry associated with very fine woody notes, a fine toasted note as well as a slight hint of pepper and mint. Tannins are fine and well built. Beautiful aromatic persistence with notes of blueberry, cocoa and a very discreet hint of cornflower. A beautiful wine ! Nice potential ! (2020-2030).

Score : 17.75

Château Canon 2006

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

The nose is fruity, fresh, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse and freshness. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, red fruit and fine notes of mocha associated with touches of cornflower, juicy blueberry, fine touches of undergrowth, a few discreet oaky notes as well as a discreet note of zan. The palate is fruity, gourmand, beautifully elegant, fat, suave, harmonious, a beautiful finesse, tight and offers a beautiful freshness, a good density, a beautiful finesse of the grain and a beautiful frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and strawberry associated with fine touches of Garriguet strawberry, very slight notes of mocha, oak, hints of dried red fruits as well as a discreet hint of dried rose and licorice. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and persistence with touches of cocoa and grilled oak. Beautiful harmony! The wine must be decanted before tasting.

Score : 18

Clos des Jacobins 2006

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, dried cherry and cassis combined with slight notes of undergrowth, truffle as well as slight notes of mocha and a hint of oak. The palate is fruity, gourmande, sleek, racy, relatively fat and offers an

acid frame, a freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and wild fruits combined with fine notes of blueberry, raspberry as well as touches of mocha, undergrowth, fine hints of chocolate, cherry and a discreet hint of olive on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Château Fombrauge 2006

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of truffle, underbrush as well as discreet notes of mocha, a hint of oak and a discreet touch of liquorice. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande, well-balanced, elegant, slight aerial, relatively fat and offers a mineral frame and a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed /dried strawberry and cassis associated with slight notes of blackberry cream, licorice and a discreet touch of mocha, tobacco and toasted / caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Château Laroze 2006

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, powerful and structured. It reveals notes of blackberries, blackberry jam, wild strawberry and cassis associated with fine notes of wild berries, bell pepper, a hint of Ceylon tea as well as slight hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a mineral structure, freshness, roundness and volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry, fine notes of blueberry and slight notes of red fruit associa-

ted with a hint of plum, touches of mocha, a hint of toasted oak as well as slight hints of sweet spices and a fine salinity on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and integrated. Good length and aromatic persistence with woody notes and notes of coffee.

Score : 16

Château Laroze 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry, plum and fine notes of cassis associated with a touch of undergrowth, mocha and flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fleshy, full, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral structure, roundness, suavity and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fine notes of strawberry, plum combined with touches of liquorice, chocolate, tobacco as well as a few slight touches of caramelized oak and a discreet touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Good job!

Score : 16.25



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Italian Piedmont

**Grasso Fratelli
Vallegrande 2011
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is aromatic and relatively rich / opulent. It reveals notes of flowers and cassis bud associated with fine notes of minerality (flint), dried cherry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, harmonious, sleek, relatively fat and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried cherry, raspberry and slight notes of plum associated with fine notes of cassis, mocha, earth and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry / youth. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

**Pelissero
Tulin 2012
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is fruity, elegant as well as relatively powerful and intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small black berries associated with small notes of spice, pepper, "terroir", a touch of licorice stick, discreet notes of dark chocolate as well as slight notes of red fruit and garrigue. The palate is fruity, elegant, unctuous, racy, relatively voluminous and offers a small fat, suavity, minerality and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of dried strawberry, red berries associated with small notes of spice, oak, black tea, licorice as well as very discreet touches dark chocolate powder in the background. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16.25

**Socré
Roncaglio 2011
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively intense. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and blackberry associated with fine notes of dried red fruit, dried plum skin as well as a hint of saline minerality and scrubland. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, gourmand, dense, tight, relatively fat and offers juicy fruit as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry, cherry and slight notes of black fruits associated with slight woody notes, sweet spices and a discreet note of fig. Tannins are fine and dry but young. Good length.

Score : 15.75

**Grasso Fratelli
Bricco Spessa 2007
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is elegant, aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of cassis buds, blueberry, cornflower as well as a discreet note of coffee and earth. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, racy and offers an unctuous and gourmand matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of plum associated with fine notes of cherry, raspberry, fruit jam as well as slight toasted touches and sweet spices. Good length and gourmandise. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

**Grasso Fratelli
San Stunet 2008
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of wild flowers, dried red fruits and earth associated with slight notes of cassis and red fruit. It need time in the glass to open. The mouth is fat, elegant, mineral, racy, relatively fleshy and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight notes blueberry cream as well as discreet notes of raspberry. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15

**Socré 2012
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is relatively aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of cherry, red fruit and slight notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of saline minerality as well as a hint maquis and violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively fresh and offers a small mineral / fruity frame and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry jam and blackberry associated with discreet notes of blueberry. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. The finish is relatively suave.

Score : 15.25

**Castello di Verduno
Rabajà 2012
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry associated with a touch of scrubland / garrigue, dried rose as well as small notes of spices (a hint of Sichuan pepper). The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a relatively silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry jam

and slight notes of plum associated with fine touches of garrigue. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

**Rivetto
Cé Vanin 2012
Barbaresco DOCG**

The nose is relatively fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and fig associated with fine notes of blackberry cream and a touch of scrubland. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek, silky, racy, relatively fat and harmonious. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and slight notes of plum associated with a touch of blueberry and slight notes of scrubland. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15





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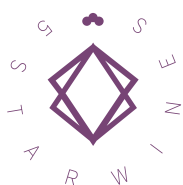


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Italian Piedmont

**Ciabot Berton
Roggeri 2011
Barolo**

The nose is relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and dried fruits associated with discreet notes of cassis leaves, dried rose as well as a discreet touch of dried strawberry and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fat, voluminous, suave and offers a small minerality, a good structure as well as a beautiful and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, sweet raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of blueberry, fig and a touch of roasting / mocha on the finish/persistence. Good length and persistence. The finish is gourmande and reveals notes of sweet spices, vanilla, fruits and discreet hint of coconut tip.

Score : 16.5

**Josetta Saffirio 2012
Barolo DOCG**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and blackberry associated with small notes of wild strawberry as well as discreet notes of violet and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, gourmand, sleek and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with discreet notes of cassis as well as a discreet notes of wood and licorice. Tannins are very fine and slightly dry. Good length and aromatic persistence (sweet spices, toasted notes, fruit). The finish is a bit gourmand.

Score : 14.75

**Rivetto
Serralunga d'Alba 2012
Barolo DOCG**

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cherry candy, blueberry and blackberry combined with a touch of raspberry and a discreet note of violet candy. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, silky and offers a beautiful matter, volume and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, slight notes of Garriguetta strawberry and cherry, blackberry associated with a small touch of salinity, a few slight woody notes as well as slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and racy. The finish is fruity and suave. Good length.

Score : 16

**Ciabot Berton 2011
Barolo**

The nose reveals notes of ripe red fruit and slight notes of blueberry combined with a touch of flowers (violet, a discreet touch of rose), fig, a discreet hint of scrubland as well as a few discreet notes of wood. The palate is fruity, gourmand, mineral, relatively fat and offers a small freshness, suavity, a nice volume as well as a relatively silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and fine notes of strawberry associated with discreet notes of blackberry as well as a touch of chocolate, toasted oak and Bourbon vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.5

**Anna Maria Abbona 2011
Barolo**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe red fruit (cherry, raspberry) and

slight notes of blackberry associated with fine notes of cassis leaf, undergrowth, lichen as well as a hint of truffle, balsamic and flint. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, tight and offers a fresh frame, fat as well as an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, fresh cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, berries, blackberries, black fruit cream, mocha and sweet spices / discreet liquorice (vanilla, toasted). Tannins are fine, well-built and racy. Good length and persistence. The finish is relatively suave.

Score : 16

**Castello di Verduno
Massara 2011
Barolo**

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of cherry, grove and slight notes of cassis, blackberry associated with a few notes of spices as well as a few discreet woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, fleshy, well-balanced, quite elegant, relatively fat and offers freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with touches of blueberry cream and a hint of fig. Good length.

Score : 16

**Malvirà 2010
Barolo**

The nose is fine and elegant. It reveals notes of spices, black fruit and cassis associated with a hint of Sichuan pepper, flowers (violet, cherry blossoms), cherry and a touch of garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively unctuous, full, tight and offers a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black fruit associated with fine notes of cherry, spices and a discreet hint of oak. The tannins are fine, racy and dusty.

Score : 14.75

**Pelissero
Long Now 2012
Langhe Rosso**

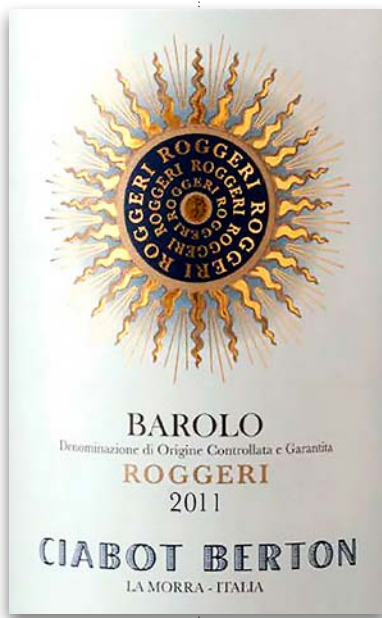
The nose is fruity as well as relatively elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and slight notes of sour cherry associated with slight notes of dried red fruit and a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, dense, silky, balanced and offers minerality and fluidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of sour cherry associated with touches of cassis, discreet notes of red fruits, licorice, mocha / wood as well as slight notes of spices. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length and persistence with notes of toasted oak.

Score : 15

**Rivetto
Nebbiolo 2013
Langhe**

The nose is fruity as well as relatively gourmand and easy to access. It reveals notes of raspberry, ripe plum, a touch of cherry associated with slight spicy notes as well as touches of pepper, black tea, Sichuan pepper and a hint of Zan. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, relatively gourmand, a bit aerial and offers a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with a touch of redcurrant jelly as well as slight woody notes and a few cery slight toasted notes. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Italian Piedmont

Anna Maria Abbona Nebbiolo 2013 Langhe

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with touches of cassis, fine notes of spices as well as a hint of garrigue and a hint of rocky minerality. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, well-balanced, silky and offers a good juicy fruit and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, black cherry and raspberry combined with slight notes of blackberry, strawberry and small oaky notes. Good length and persistence with slight notes of licorice.

Score : 14.5

Malvirà Nebbiolo 2013 Langhe

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of black berries, blackberry and wood associated with slight notes of cherry, black cherry and spice. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, racy, mineral and offers a silky matter and a fine acid frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, black cherry and raspberry combined with slight notes of blackberry, purple fig as well as touches of toasted oak and a discreet hint of Zan. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. The finish is slightly suave.

Score : 15.25

Poderi Moretti Nebbiolo 2014 Langhe Rosso

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of dried red fruit combined with a hint of blackberry, plum, tobacco, spices as well as a discreet touch of flowers and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, round, gourmand and offers a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, strawberry and a touch of redcurrant) associated with hints of blackberry, plum, licorice as well as touches of sweet spices, tobacco and woody touches. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Poderi Moretti Ginis 2010 Roero Riserva

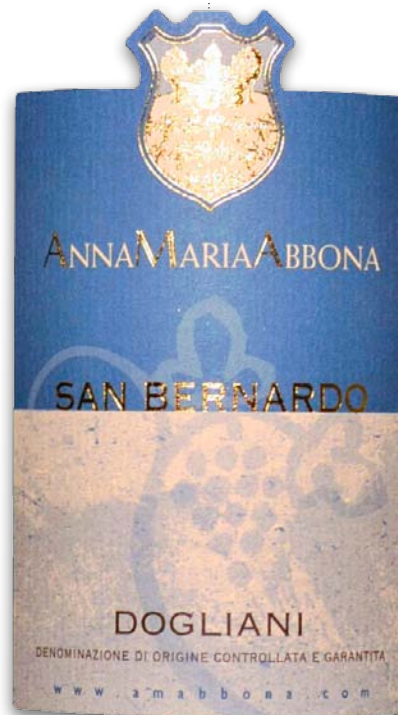
The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cherry, dried strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of dried cassis, raspberry, hints of tobacco as well as fine notes of violet, a discreet hint of scrubland and a hint of olive. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with slight notes purple fig, black olive as well as fine touches of licorice, sweet spices and garrigue. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. A nice and "easy-drinking" wine.

Score : 15

Malvirà Riserva 2011 - Mombeltramo Roero

The nose reveals notes of ripe red fruits combined with slight / discreet notes of cassis, spice and scrubland. The palate is fruity, juicy, unctuous, round, balanced, relatively fat and offers a fine minerality (terroir), a fine acid frame as well as a nice and suave matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of fig, black cherry, spices, a few slight toasted notes as well as a discreet note of cassis bud and Zan on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, well-built and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Anna Maria Abbona San Bernardo 2012 Dogliani Superiore

The nose is aromatic and fine. It expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, raspberry and small black berries combined with slight notes of cherry, spice, pepper as well as a hint of black olive, coffee and garrigue. The palate is fruity, fleshy, unctuous, gourmand and offers a certain tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with touches of red fruits as well as a touch of liquorice, a discreet hint of chocolate, a few slight notes of oak and a touch of black olive. Tannins are well-built and very slightly dry. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Poderi Moretti Occhetti 2011 Nebbiolo d'Alba

The nose is fruity, full and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and slight notes of cassis jelly associated with a touch of liquorice, a hint of black olive, a discreet hint of spice as well as a fine hint of laurel a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, racy and offers minerality,

a small freshness, density, volume, a nice fat as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, dried strawberry, plum and slight notes of sour cherry associated with a discreet touch of cassis jam as well as a hint of black olive, tobacco, cardamom, Zan and a few slight notes of oak. Tannins are supple and well built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Spain

¡Me Gustas Tú! Tempranillo 2013 Catalunya D.O.

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively fine. It reveals notes of cassis, berries and fine notes of red fruits associated with discreet notes of flowers, slight notes of minerality as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and tea. The palate is fruity, round, suave, well-balanced, quite gourmande and offers a nice volume and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of boysenberry and slight notes of cassis associated with fine notes of cherry, red berries, strawberry as well as touches of minerality and a discreet hint of tea and discreet notes of oak / sweet spice.

Score : 14.75

Sirenes 2012 Vinya Ivo Catalunya D.O.

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite precise. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, tangerine) and fine notes of clementine zest associated with fine touches of quince and fresh fruit. The palate is fruity, fine, fat, relatively gourmande and offers a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, kumquat and clementine associated with fine notes of orange zest, quince as well as a touch of butter, applesauce and a fine touch of passion fruit. Good length.

Score : 15

Pirata 5 especial Catalunya D.O.

The nose is aromatic, incisive and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and spices associated with fine notes of flowers as well as a vegetal hint, strawberry and a very discreet toasted note. The palate is fruity, mineral, fine, gourmand, quite elegant, well-balanced and offers harmony, a good volume and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberries and slight notes of cassis associated with fine notes of plum skin, jammy strawberry as well as a touch of flowers and a toasted touch. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Pago del Vicario Años 2007 - Tempranillo - Garnacha Tinta Vino de la Tierra de Castilla

(70% Tempranillo, 30% Garnacha)

The nose is fruity, aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of dried strawberries, crushed raspberry and a hint of cassis associated with hints of mushrooms, spices as well as a discreet touch of mocha and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmande, well-balanced and well-built. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis jelly and fine notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of fig as well as a discreet touch of rose and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Pago del Vicario Bancal del Rio 2014 - Petit Verdot Vino de la Tierra de Castilla

The nose is fruity, relatively rich and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and black cherry associated with discreet notes of raspberry, violets and a fine hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, well-balanced and offers a good structure, juiciness as well as a nice, silky and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, plum, chocolate as well as discreet notes of tobacco and spice. Tannins are a bit firm and dry.

Score : 14.75

Pagodel Vicario Monagos Syrah 2007 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla

The nose is aromatic, fresh, fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, redcurrant, truffles and fine notes of red fruit (in the background) associated with discreet notes of spice, cigar box, minerality and dried flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, mineral, well-balanced, well structured and offers a beautiful definition, a nice volume, roundness, juiciness, fat, suavity and an acid frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry associated with a hint of blueberry, fine notes of spice, cigar box, cardamom as well as a discreet note of Zan and violet flowers. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Soto del Vicario Men de Mencia 2012 D.O. Bierzo

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and fine. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry and fine notes of plum associated with slight notes of red fruits (raspberry ...) as well as a touch of minerality, spice and fine notes of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande and offers finesse, suavity, fluidity as well as a nice, silky and harmonious matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy Gariguetta strawberry and fine notes of cassis combined with spicy touches as well as a hint of cigar box and mocha / liquorice on the finish / persistence. Tannins are medium grains and a bit dry.

Score : 14.75

Recoveco - Coleccion Privada Cosecha 2011 Rioja - Rioja Alavesa

The nose is fruity, incisive and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cherry and berries associated with a hint of redcurrant, cassis bud as well as fine notes of spice, a hint of cigar, fine notes of mushroom and a discreet thint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, racy, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers a fleshy and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, dried cherry and blackberry associated with fine notes of liquorice, spice and a discreet note of mushroom. Tannins are fine and dry.

Score : 15



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Spain

**Akutain
Reserva 2012
Rioja**

The nose is fine, incisive and concentrated. It reveals notes of garrigue, olive and blackberry associated with fine notes of strawberry notes (in the background), flowers as well as a few notes of spice and a discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers juiciness and a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, juicy blackberry and fine notes of cassis, cherry associated with a hint of fig as well as slight notes of Zan and an imperceptible hint of grilled oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

**Akutain
Cosecha 2015
Rioja**

The nose is fruity, fine and a bit rich. It reveals notes of blackberries, fleshy Gariguette strawberry and hint of cassis associated with discreet notes of flowers, cardamom, licorice (discreet) and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity (nice fruit), juicy, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers fat, roundness and a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberries, fleshy Gariguette strawberry and fine notes of raspberry, fig associated with a discreet note of blueberry, a fine / discreet note of licorice and a hint of sweet spice. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length and persistence with fruity notes. A promising wine!

Score : 15.5

**Don Jacobo
Cosecha 2015
Rioja**

(Viticultura ecologica) The nose is fine, fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry, fig and cassis associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, fine notes of liquorice as well as a discreet note of chocolate. The palate is fruity, silky, racy, relatively gourmande and offers juiciness, fat, a good volume as well as an acid / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, fine notes of licorice and a discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There are discreet notes of raspberry balsamic on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15

**Recoveco
Vendimia Seleccionada 2012
Rioja Alavesa**

The nose is powerful, incisive and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of scrubland, cassis and blackberry combined with spicy notes. The palate is fruity, soft, silky, elegant, well-built, harmonious and offers a small minerality, juiciness, fat, roundness, a good definition and a nice juicy / acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and black cherry associated with a hint of crunchy strawberry, blueberry as well as fine notes of spices, oak and a discreet hint of cardamom.

Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

**Don Jacobo
Reserva 2010
Rioja**

The nose is aromatic, full and relatively rich. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with fine notes of spices, a hint of undergrowth and a discreet note of licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine freshness, an acid frame, fat, suavity as well as a fine saline minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry and fine notes of blackberry associated with discreet touches of cassis, licorice as well as a discreet notes of dark chocolate, sweet spices and oak. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15

**Alma Pura
Cosecha 2012
Rioja**

(85% Tempranillo, 15% Graciano) The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and fine notes of juicy blueberries combined with spicy touches, a hint of oak, a hint of Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet touch of mocha, flint and flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fat, racy, powerful and offers a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum, raspberry and fine notes of blueberry associated with a hint of cherry, figs as well as fine / discreet notes of spice and a few oaky notes. Tannins are fine but dry. Good length.

Score : 14.25

**Don Jacobo
Crianza 2012
Rioja**

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and discreet notes of blackcurrant associated with fine notes of mocha, dark chocolate, liquorice as well as a discreet note of truffle, garrigue and cherry. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively fat and offers suavity and a certain harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and fine notes of plum associated with discreet notes of cassis, truffles, oak and a hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. There is a small hint of saline minerality on the finish and a hint of raspberry balsamic on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75



Australia

Wirra Wirra - Church Block Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz/Merlot 2014 McLaren Vale - Australia

The nose is powerful, concentrated and intense. It reveals notes of cassis, bell pepper and blackberry associated with small notes of mocha, toasted oak as well as discreet notes of Ceylon tea, graphite and a discreet touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, round, well-balanced, silky and offers a small freshness, a mineral frame, fat and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, redcurrant, cassis and fine notes of Quetsche plums associated with slight notes of raspberry, chocolate / cocoa, toasted oak, caramelization and discreet touches of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm.

Score : 15

Wirra Wirra - RSW Shiraz 2014 McLaren Vale - Australia

The nose is aromatic, fine, concentrated and quite elegant. It reveals notes of sour cherry, red cherry and Quetsche plum jam associated with slight notes of raspberry, blackberry, chocolate, tea as well as slight notes of tobacco and oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, relatively gourmande and offers freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry, cherry and juicy strawberry associated with fine notes of cocoa, oak, caramelization as well as discreet hints of Bourbon vanilla and tobacco. Tannins are fine, elegant, firm and slightly young. Good length.

Score : 16

Wirra Wirra - Woodhenge Shiraz 2014 - Basket-Pressed McLaren Vale - RGT Collection - Australia

The nose is fruity, powerful and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry, juicy plum and slight notes of strawberry associated with small notes of wild berries, flowers as well as slight notes of spice, black gray pepper (discreet) and a fine hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, fleshy, relatively depth and offers minerality, a small frame acid and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of raspberry, strawberry associated with small notes of dark chocolate, toasted oak, caramel as well as discreet hints of black tea. Tannins are fine, a bit young / dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Penfolds Bin 8 Cabernet Shiraz 2013 South Australia

(60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Syrah)
The nose is fruity, powerful, fresh and slightly elegance. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, cassis and fine notes of berries, graphite associated with a hint of fresh strawberry, cherry and spice. The palate is fruity, unctuous, well-balanced, relatively powerful, nicely fleshy, relatively gourmande and offers a nice freshness, a small frame acid, fat and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of strawberry, plum associated with a very discreet hint of redcurrant as well as slight notes of chocolate, toasted oak and vanilla / caramel. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16

Penfolds - Koonunga Hill Chardonnay 2015 South Australia

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of yellow nectarine and hints of pear associated with discreet notes of quince, clementine peel, grapefruit, flowers as well as very discreet hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, unctuous, well-balanced and offers freshness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and fine notes of vine peach compote associated with discreet hints of citrus and a hint of clementine zest. Good length.

Score : 15

Penfolds - Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2012 South Australia

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of undergrowth and leather combined with small notes of blackberry, cassis as well as a fine touch of strawberry (discreet), oak, fine spicy notes and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a good volume, fat, suavity, juicy fruit and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and black cherry associated with discreet touches of raspberry, cherry, chocolate, oak, a fine hint of liquorice as well as discreet hints of toasted oak / sweet spices (vanilla...) and an imperceptible hint of caramel.

Score : 15

Penfolds - Bin 28 - Kalimna Shiraz 2012 South Australia

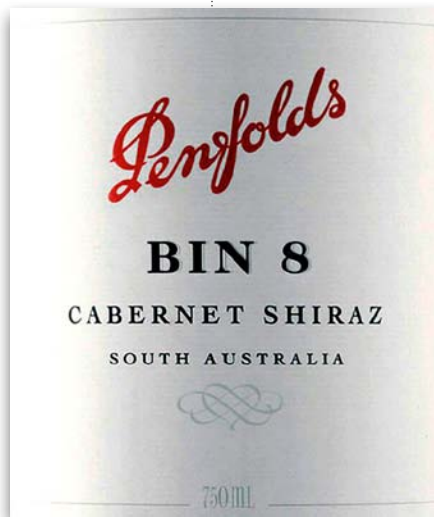
The nose is fruity, quite harmonious and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry jam, blackberry and fine notes of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant as well as fine notes of tobacco, spice and oak. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, relatively fat and offers a good volume, minerality, suavity, fine freshness, a silky matter and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis jam, fine notes of raspberry and redcurrant associated with a slight touch of fig, dark chocolate, toasted oak as well as discreet hints of vanilla and fine touches of sweet spices. Tannins are fine.

Score : 15.75

Tyrrell's wines - Rufus Stone Heathcote Shiraz 2013 Victoria

The nose is fruity, juicy and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cherry, sour cherry, redcurrant, slight notes of blackberry and small notes of spices associated with slight touches of garrigue / thyme, black tea as well as a discreet hint of olive, pepper and mocha. The palate is fruity, gourmande, relatively elegant, racy, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers minerality, juiciness as well as a quite precise fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry and crushed blackberry associated with slight notes of cherry, cassis, mocha as well as hints of toasted oak, liquorice, black tea and spices. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Australia

Tyrrell's wines

Shiraz 2013

Hunter Valley

The nose is fruity, fine and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of cherry, wild red berries and cassis combined with a hint of flower / juniper, Ceylon tea, spices and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, silky, harmonious, well-balanced, fat, suave and offers a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy red fruit (raspberry, cherry), fine notes of redcurrant and blackberry combined with a touch of plum, slight notes of flowers, black tea as well as discreet notes spices, toasted oak and a discreet hint of vanilla / praline.

Score : 15.5

Tyrrell's Wines - Vat 1 Semillon 2011

Hunter Valley - Australia

The nose is aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of quince and fine notes of citrus combined with hints of white fruit and a discreet touch of acacia blossom. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, elegant, mineral and offers a fine acid frame, juiciness and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy green apple, peach and citrus fruit (quince, lemon, mandarin) combined with slight notes of peach and an imperceptible note of hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 16

Tyrrell's Wines - Vat 47 Chardonnay 2012

Hunter Valley - Australia

The nose is aromatic and relatively full. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, pear and white peach associated with discreet notes of almond, lime, beeswax and a hint of fresh citrus. I advice to serve this wine in carafe. The palate is fruity, mineral, harmonious, sleek, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, pear and citrus (lemon, quince, a hint of lime) associated with a hint of beeswax and peach. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Deep Woods - Ivory Semillon Sauvignon blanc 2015

Margaret River

The nose is fruity, relatively intense and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of apple and citrus combined with a touch of almond, a discreet touch of exotic fruits and a hint of warm apple. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, mineral, round and offers suavity and a racy acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit and a touch of pineapple, passion fruit, lemon combined with a touch of tangerine, slight notes of zest as well as a hint of vanilla, apple and a toasted hint. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Deep Woods Estate Chardonnay 2014 Reserve

Margaret River

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers, vanilla and white fruit (apple) associated with a few notes of yellow fruits (in the background),

minerality as well as touches of butter. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fresh and offers a mineral structure and a racy acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple and pear associated with a touch of yellow fruit, vanilla, minerality as well as a discreet hint of zest and a hint of oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Hentley Farm 2014 H-Block

Barossa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and relatively full. It reveals notes of plum and cherry associated with a hint of red fruits, prune as well as a touch of cocoa, licorice and a discreet touch of spice. The palate is fruity, gourmand, ample, racy, unctuous, elegant, precise and offers a fresh frame and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe black fruit and strawberry combined with a touch of chocolate, licorice and tobacco. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.75

Hentley Farm The Old Legend 2015 Grenache

Barossa Valley

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of redcurrant and cherry combined with a touch of raspberry as well as slight notes of pink flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, racy, suave, round and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied cherry, redcurrant and raspberry combined with a hint of cassis, fresh strawberry as well as small hints of cassis bud and a oaky touch. Good length.

Score : 15

Landaire - Vermentino 2015 Single Vineyard

Padthaway - Australia

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals fine notes of green apple associated with fine touches of fresh citrus, fresh grapes as well as a discreet hint of fresh pineapple, lemon blossoms and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, finely "perlante", well-balanced and relatively fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple and Williams pear associated with discreet notes of kumquat, citrus, fresh pineapple and a fine hint of quince. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Landaire Shiraz 2013

Padthaway

The nose is fruity, powerful, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and wild red berries combined with slight mineral notes, small spicy notes as well as a hint of gray pepper, tobacco, licorice and a discreet hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, voluminous, silky, relatively fleshy, relatively fat and offers juiciness, a good structure and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, black cherry, blackberry and juicy raspberry associated with small notes of dark chocolate, zan as well as discreet hints



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of spices / black tea and a discreet touch of coffee. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence on oaky / cocoa notes. The finish is juicy.

Score : 15.75



Landaire Tempranillo Single Vineyard 2014 Padthaway

The nose is fruity, racy and quite powerful. It reveals notes of redcurrant / cranberry, cassis and fine notes of blackberry associated with a hint of black cherry, small spicy notes as well as a hint of flowers and a discreet hint of cocoa. The mouth is fat, suave, silky, fleshy, relatively gourmande and offers a good volume, a good density, fat, harmony, a good minerality, a nice juiciness as well as an acid frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, strawberry and berries associated with touches of blackberry, cassis, small notes of spice, slight notes of cocoa / dark chocolate as well as a hint of coffee, roasted oak and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Landaire Shiraz 2012 Padthaway

The nose is fruity, fine, full as well as relatively powerful and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed strawberry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of raspberry, touches of spice as well as a hint of mocha, rosewood, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a fine hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmande, mineral, fluid, unctuous, sleek, relatively fleshy, relatively fat and offers a good density, juiciness as well as an acid frame in the background. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, juicy blackberry, plum and touches of cassis associated with a hint of black cherry as well as small notes of chocolate, licorice and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length and persistence on notes of chocolate, coffee and juicy fruit.

Score : 15.5

Landaire Tempranillo 2015 Padthaway

The nose is aromatic, fruity and fat. It reveals notes of red berries, raspberry and discreet notes of cassis associated with notes of dark chocolate / cocoa as well as a discreet note of cedar and licorice. The palate is fruity, gourmande, quite elegant, well built, racy and offers minerality, fat, a good density, a small acid frame in the background (discreet) as well as a silky and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries, blackberries and a hint of cherry associated with fine spicy notes as well as a few discreet oaky notes. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Landaire Chardonnay 2014 Padthaway

The nose is aromatic, fresh, relatively fine and relatively rich / intense. It reveals notes of fresh apple, pear, brioche and peach compote associated with discreet notes of lychee as well as slight notes of vanilla and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, gourmande, well defined, relatively fat and offers suavity and an acid frame. The mouth is dynamic thanks to the acid structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, crystallized clementine), vine peach and apple combined with fine touches of litchi, butter brioche as well as a discreet hint of vanilla oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

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South Africa

Red wines

Remhoogte Estate Bonne Nouvelle 2006

Cape Blend - Stellenbosch

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

Score : 16.25

Remhoogte Estate Bonne Nouvelle 2004

Cape Blend - Stellenbosch

The nose is a slightly dusty. It reveals fine notes of liquorice, cassis and blackberry associated with discreet notes of dried red cherries as well as discreet notes of spices and a very discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness as well as a nice acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, redcurrant and dried cherry associated with fine notes of strawberry jam, zan as well as discreet notes of flowers and a discreet oaky touch. Tannins are a bit firm.

Score : 15

Avondale Jonty's Ducks 2013 Pekin Red

Paarl

The nose is fruity, aromatic as well as relatively powerful and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with fine notes of concentrated cassis, iris as well as touches of black olive keys and scrubland. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, juiciness as well as a beautiful, fleshy and silky matter. There is acidity on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, black cherry, slight notes of crunchy Garriguetta strawberry and a touch of plum associated with hints of licorice, chocolate, sweet spices, vanilla as well as discreet notes of caramelized oak. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Avondale Samsara 2009 - Syrah

Paarl

The nose is fruity, fine, racy and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis and red fruit (cherry ...) associated with slight notes of blackberry jam, wild strawberry, liquorice, undergrowth as well as fine hints of flowers and a discreet touch of spices (white pepper ...). The palate is well-balanced, racy, elegant, harmonious, relatively fat and offers precision, juiciness, a good structure, an acid frame as well as a beautiful matter and definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry jam and plum associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, slight notes of licorice as well as a hint of cherry, chocolate and a very

discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and well done. Good length.

Score : 16

Avondale - La Luna 2010

Paarl

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite incisive. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis bud and blackberry associated with slight notes of spices, flowers (violet, iris) as well as slight / discreet hints of sweet spices and a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, relatively fat, nicely fleshy and offers suavity, a beautiful silky matter and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes cassis jam, blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with touches of redcurrant as well as slight notes of licorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well done. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Lemberg - Nelson 2013

Tulbagh

(97% Syrah, 3% Carignan)

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and concentrated. It reveals notes of iris, violet and cassis combined with notes of blackberry, redcurrant and a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, relatively elegant, relatively fat and offers a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and rose combined with slight notes of red fruit (strawberry, redcurrant), licorice, black olive and rosemary / scrubland. Tannins are fine and well done. Good length.

Score : 15

Lemberg - Spencer 2013

Tulbagh

(Pinotage)

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and fine notes of Quetsche plums associated with touches of chocolate, sour cherry as well as a hint of rosemary and discreet earthy notes. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant,

racy, voluminous, relatively fat and offers a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, cherry, fine notes of redcurrant and licorice associated with slight touches of toasted oak, vanilla, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and Bourbon vanilla. A nice and gourmand wine!

Score : 15.75

Springfield Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Robertson - Methode ancienne

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of leather, earth, discreet notes of red fruit and blackberry associated with slight notes of minty licorice as well as slight notes of spice, pepper (discreet) and oak. The palate is fruity, quite gourmand, voluminous, relatively fat and offers an acid frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry, cherry, raspberry jam, fine notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight touches of liquorice, small red berries as well as discreet woody notes, sweet spices and a discreet hint of black olive.

Score : 15



South Africa

Sonop Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2015 Western Cape

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, Gariguet strawberry, rosemary and scrubland associated with slight notes of flowers (violet, iris), licorice and a discreet hint of cassis. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, quite fleshy and offers a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, plum and crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of licorice, flowers and a hint of black olive. Tannins are fine and well done. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

White wines

Sonop Chardonnay Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Western Cape

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of vine peach associated with slight notes of white fruits, flowers, citrus as well as a discreet touch of exotic fruit and acacia. The palate is fruity, mineral, unctuous, racy, relatively fat and offers a nice matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, peach and fine notes of citrus combined with hints of pink grapefruit, white fruits, flowers as well as discreet toasted notes. Good length.

Score : 15

Avondale Jonty's Ducks Pekin White 2015 Paarl

The nose is fine, full and quite discreet. It reveals notes of apple, pear and discreet notes of peach associated with a fine hint of flowers, lime as well as a discreet hint of citrus and a discreet oaky note. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, unctuous, harmonious, precise, incisive and offers juiciness, purity and a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach and pear compote associated with discreet notes of citrus and flowers / honeysuckle. Good length.

Score : 16

Avondale - Cyclus 2013 Paarl

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of citrus associated with fine notes of exotic fruit, peach and white fruit. The palate is fruity, elegant, soft, harmonious, unctuous, straight and offers a beautiful definition and purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quenette and slight notes of passion fruit combined with touches of clementine, lemon, pineapple, pink grapefruit and peach. Good length.

Score : 16

Avondale Anima 2014 - Chenin Blanc Paarl

The nose is aromatic / fruity, relatively fine and incisive. It reveals notes of apple, peach, lime and fine notes of yellow fruit / pineapple associated

with a hint of pear, honey and a discreet hint of quince. The palate is fruity, fine, bright, straight, delicate, elegant and offers a nice definition, purity, a beautiful definition, a fine acid frame (in the background), a fine juiciness, precision and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stewed peach and pear combined with slight notes of mirabelle plum, quince, minerality as well as a discreet touch of citrus. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Lemberg Lady 2013 - Tulbagh South Africa

(59% Viognier, 33% Hárslevelü, 4% Sauvignon blanc, 4% Semillon)

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of pear, almond, nectarine and slight touches of fresh citrus associated with slight floral notes and toasted notes. This wine should be aired before tasting. The palate is fruity, fresh,

mineral, tight, slightly smooth and offers a small acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh grape, fresh peach and citrus associated with fine notes of pear, quince and a discreet hint of mirabelle plum. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Springfield Estate Life From Stone Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Robertson

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of lemon, mandarin and slight notes of pink grapefruit associated with hints of vine peach and hints of minerality / flint. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced, concentrated and offers an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pink grapefruit, pomelos, lemon and

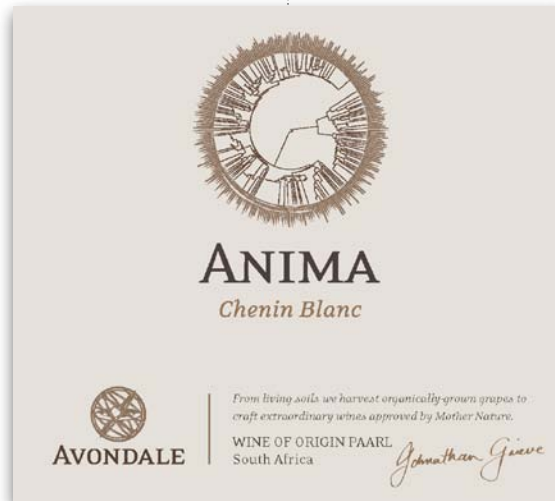
slight notes of tangerine associated with a discreet hint of Williams pear, flint and peach.

Score : 15

Springfield Estate Wild Yeast Chardonnay 2014 Robertson

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively full. It reveals notes of Williams pear, quince and discreet dusty notes associated with a few discreet notes of citrus (in the background) as well as a woody hint and almond. The palate is fruity, aromatic, fat, well-balanced, mineral, relatively elegant and offers a fine creaminess, a fine juiciness as well as a fine acid frame. The palate is slightly "perlant" (slightly sparkling) on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and slight notes of Granny Smith apple associated with discreet notes of clementine. Good length.

Score : 15



Napa Valley

Napa Valley (Red wines)

Alpha Omega Era 2013

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, attractive and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and black fruit cream associated with fine notes of strawberry as well as touches of Sichuan pepper, cornflower and fine touches of wood. The palate is fruity, fleshy, suave, a bit aerial, nicely gourmand and offers an acid frame, a beautiful definition, a nice volume, a beautiful grain, tension as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis, blackberry cream and touches of fresh strawberry associated with slight notes of fresh raspberry, fine touches of wood, mocha as well as delicate notes of dark chocolate, a discreet hint of toasted oak and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla in the background. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence with notes of licorice, juicy black fruit and a hint of chocolate. A beautiful and promising wine. However it's currently to young.

Score : 18.5

Alpha Omega Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon 2013

Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, relatively powerful and a small juiciness and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and red fruits associated with slight notes of oak, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of graphite and cigar box / tobacco. The mouth is nicely fruity, well - balanced and offers a nice freshness, a nice volume, a good structure, fat, a mineral frame, roundness, suavity as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy fruits, cassis, blackberry and fine touches of red fruit (red berries, cherry, raspberry) associated with (very) fine notes of toasted oak, mocha (in the background) as well as a discreet hint of zan and a slight note of hazelnut / caramelization. Tannins are elegant, structured and nicely supple for their age. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful wine ! Good job !

Score : 18

Alpha Omega Proprietary Red Wine 2012

Napa Valley

(61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc)
The nose is fruity, intense, aromatic and offers intensity. It reveals notes of cassis cream and notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of red fruit (berries ...), liquorice stick as well as fine notes of wood, discreet notes of vanilla, nutmeg and slight notes of mocha / dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well structured, relatively gourmand and offers tension, finesse and a nice acid / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fine notes of red fruits, strawberry jam and touches of plum associated with slight notes of wood, sweet spices, chocolate, caramelization and a discreet note of hazelnut on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.75

Alpha Omega Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Napa Valley

(79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot)

The nose is fruity, fine, structured, relatively powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and touches of spice associated with a hint of Sichuan pepper, fine notes of red fruits and a very discreet vegetal hint. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well - structured and offers a nice freshness, tension / acid frame as well as a good and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream, juicy small wild fruits and fine touches of strawberry jam associated with a touch of raspberry as well as small notes of licorice, a few slight notes of toasted oak and a (very) slight hint of caramelization. Tannins are elegant, medium grain, straight, structuring and a but firm. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Armanino Cabernet Sauvignon Re- serve 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand, generous and offers finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, fresh cassis and discreet touches of fresh small fruits associated with slight notes of licorice as well as a touch of mocha and hints of vanilla oak. The palate is fruity, relatively powerful and offers freshness, fat, a nice juiciness of the fruit, suavity and a nice matter. There is a small acidity on the palate. The fruit explodes on the palate. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and touches of raspberry associated with small notes of juicy red fruit as well as slight notes of licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and fruity persistence.

Score : 15.75

B Cellars - Blend 25

Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah 2012

Napa Valley

(70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah)

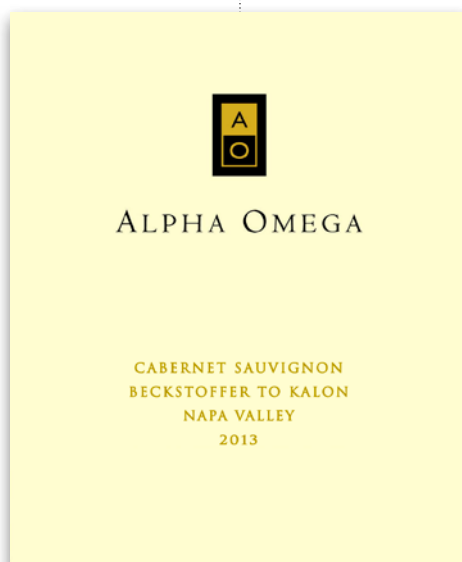
The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis cream and touches of boysenberry associated with a hint of dark chocolate, espresso, Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of red bell pepper (in the background) and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, a bit gourmand and offers fat and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and boysenberry associated with touches of black cherry, plum as well as fine touches of chocolate, licorice, toasted oak, a touch of coconut and a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and well - built.

Score : 16.5

B Cellars - Ehrlich Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and racy (hardness from Cabernet). It reveals notes of blackberry, boysenberry and fine touches of wild fruits associated with discreet touches of truffles, a hint of cocoa, wood and



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a discreet touch of coconut. The palate is fruity, gourmand, relatively elegant, sleek, tight and offers a silky matter as well as a small fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black fruits, cassis and blackberry associated with discreet touches of wild strawberry, a fine hint of sour cherry as well as a fine touch of plum, small notes of chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length.

Score : 16.25

B Cellars Blend 24 - 2014

Napa Valley

(52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Sangiovese, 12% Petite Sirah)

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and boysenberry associated with a fine touch of blackberry and a discreet hint of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, sleek, well - balanced and offers fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and a touch of boysenberry associated with a hint of black cherry, a discreet touch of prune, strawberry as well as a fine touch of liquorice (in the background). Tannins are well - built. Good length.

Score : 15

Brandlin Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - Estate Grown

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively powerful and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and fine touches of plum associated with hints of small wild berries, Sichuan pepper, fine notes of flowers (violet) as well as fine touches of cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, silky, fluid, sleek, relatively fleshy and offers a nice definition, harmony, a mineral frame and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cassis combined with touches of black cherry, a hint of cassis skin, flowers as well as fine notes of spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and aromatic persistence with notes of blackberry and violet.

Score : 16

Cain Concept 2012 The Benchland

Napa Valley

(73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is fruity, aromatic and incisive. It reveals fine notes of wild flowers, cassis and blackberry associated with fine hints of Sichuan pepper, vegetal hints as well as discreet touches of jammy raspberry, discreet hints of spice and a fine touch of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, fleshy, fresh, well structured and offers a small acidity, fat, a good volume, suavity as well as a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fine hints of raspberry / fresh red berries associated with (very) discreet hints of Zan / cola as well as discreet touches of tobacco and spices (discreet). Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length and persistence with notes of cola / zan, ripe black fruit and a (very) slight hint of blackberry jam.

Score : 16.25

Cain Five 2011 Spring Mountain District

Napa Valley

(68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and fine hints of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry associated with

slight touches of violet, black olive as well as a fine touch of mushroom, fine notes of garrigue and discreet hints of wild flowers. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers a nice freshness, an acid frame, finesse as well as a nice volume and good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, fresh raspberry and fine notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, sweet spices, olive as well as discreet hints of wild flower and a hint of cornflower. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length and persistence with notes of fruits and discreet toasted hints and sweet spices.

Score : 16

Cardinale Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely powerful and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine touches of plum associated with discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, aerial and offers freshness, a great finesse, a fine juiciness, a good structure, a good fat, suavity and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum and discreet touches of fresh red fruit, very fine notes of Zan associated with a hint of cardamom, sweet spices, slight touches of cornflower, a discreet hint of cinnamon as well as touches of toasted oak, licorice, (very) slight hints of dried red fruit (on the finish) and a discreet touch of mocha. Tannins are fine, firm and slightly dry but we forgive. Good length.

Score : 18.25

Cardinale Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fine, racy, quite elegant and intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of spices, Sichuan pepper combined with discreet hint of bell pepper, (very) slight hints of violet and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, beautifully elegant, aerial, suave and offers minerality, a beautiful structure, juiciness, finesse, a good volume as well as an unctuous and velvety matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, strawberry and a hint of cherry associated with a (very) discreet hint of crunchy bell pepper, sweet spices as well as a discreet touch of cardamom, Bourbon vanilla and a discreet touch of wood. Tannins are fine, elegant, straight and slightly firm. Good length and nice persistence with a discreet hint of cocoa / dark chocolate, licorice and blackberry cream.

Score : 17.75

Cardinale - La Jota Vineyard Howell Mountain Estate - Merlot 2012 W.S. Keyes Vineyard

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine as well as quite elegant and concentration. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry and slight notes of licorice candy associated slight notes of cornflower, cassis, wild strawberry as well as small notes of Ceylon tea, licorice, a discreet hint of halzelnut, caramelization and a discreet hint of oregano. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, quite aerial and offers freshness, an acid frame, juiciness, a nice finesse as well as a nice matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry jam, touches of blueberry, a hint of cassis and a discreet hint of purple fig associated with touches of liquorice, toasted oak (very discreet) as well as slight touches of caramelization and a hint of dried fig on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant, well - built, structuring and slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 17.5

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**Caymus Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum jam, creme de cassis and fine notes of red fruit combined with hints of chocolate as well as slight notes of coffee and violet (in the background). The palate is fruity, concentrated, relatively rich, relatively gourmand, a bit aerial and offers a good structure and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, plum and touches of blackberry cream associated with fine notes of cherry, small notes of crushed strawberry as well as fine touches of chocolate / cocoa, zan, discreet notes of cardamom, sweet spices and a hint of Bourbon vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

**Caymus Vineyards
Special Selection
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis and blackberry associated with a hint of blueberry, chocolate as well as hints of sweet spices, zan / licorice and an imperceptible hint of anise. The palate is fruity, perfectly balanced, elegant, racy, relatively rich, a bit aerial and offers a good structure, an acid frame, fat, suavity, a beautiful juiciness, a good definition and a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis jam associated with touches of crushed strawberry s well as fine notes of chocolate, spice, tobacco and hints of liquorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Beautiful mouth ! Good length.

Score : 17.75

**Charles Krug
Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Vintage Selection
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, structured, quite powerful (well managed) and offers finesse and precision. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of red berries, strawberry associated with fine touches of violets, a touch of spice as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper, Ceylon tea and a few discreet notes of wood. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers suavity, fat as well as a beautiful unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of blueberry, cherry as well as fine touches of grilled oak and hints of coffee. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and good persistence with notes of caramel.

Score : 16.75

**Charles Krug
Generations 2012 Family Reserve
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively fleshy, relatively powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis cream and fine touches of blueberry associated with a hint of violet, licorice as well as (very) slight hints of oak. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively fleshy and offers a beautiful harmony, fat, suavity, a mineral frame,

freshness, precision, a good structure, a beautiful harmony, juicy fruit and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum and cassis associated with touches of raspberry cream, chocolate as well as slight touches of coffee, wood and a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm / young. Good length and beautiful persistence with notes of grilled oak, coffee as well as touches of black fruits. The finish is relatively suave. (2019+)

Score : 16.25

**Charles Krug
Zinfandel 2013 Limited Release - St Helena
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, finesse, quite straight and a certain elegance. It reveals notes of cherry and candied cherry associated with touches of raspberry candy, a fine hint of strawberry, cassis as well as very fine touches of licorice, spices and an imperceptible hint of anise. The palate is fruity, fluid, tight, a bit fleshy and offers minerality and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherries and raspberries

associated with slight touches of strawberry, cassis as well as touches of chocolate, cedar wood and a discreet hint of black tea. Good length.

Score : 15

**Charles Krug
Malbec 2013 Limited
Release - Estate Grown
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, fine and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of sour cherry associated with notes of spice, fine touches of roasted herbs as well as a discreet touch of flowers (cornflower, rose) and a fine hint of strawberry jelly. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fluid, harmonious and offers freshness, finesse, fat, a good structure as well as a nice, a bit unctuous and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and black cherry jelly associated with touches of sour cherry,

strawberry, licorice, zan as well as small notes of spice and a discreet hint of menthol / rosemary. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence.

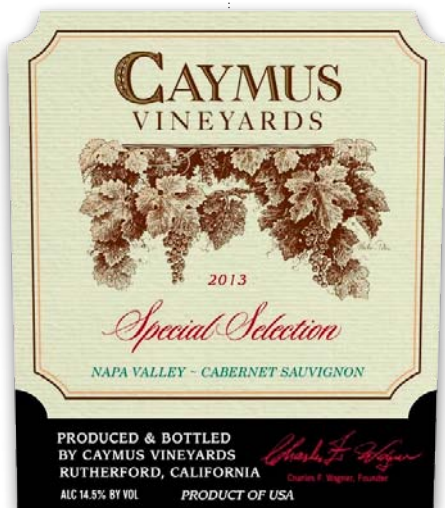
Score : 16.25

**Clark - Claudon Vineyards
Eternity 2012
Napa Valley**

(97% Estate Cabernet, 3% Estate Petit Verdot)

The nose is fruity, intense, relatively powerful and offers a certain juiciness of the fruit. It reveals notes of black fruits, cassis and boysenberry associated with slight notes of very ripe wild strawberry, wood, sweet spices and a discreet hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity, rich and offers suavity, a nice juiciness, a good tannic structure, opulence as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberries, fine notes of strawberry and a touch of cassis associated with slight hints of cherry and touches of liquorice. There are notes of coffee, toasted oak, fine notes of hazelnut and caramelization on the finish / persistence. Tannins are elegant, harmonious and firm. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.5



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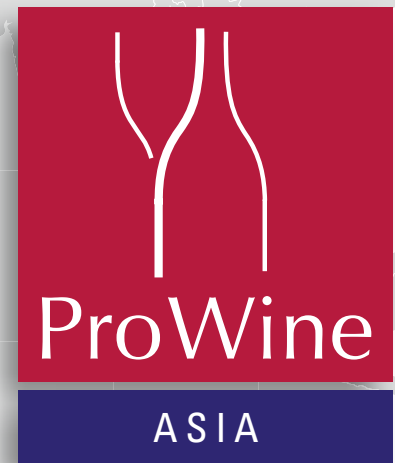
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Clark - Claudon Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - Estate Grown Napa Valley

The nose is intense, powerful and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with fine touches of wild fruits, black cherry as well as hints of spice and touches of oak. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers precision, juiciness and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, juicy wild strawberry combined with touches of juicy blueberry, discreet notes of wood and a hint of licorice stick. Tannins are well built. Good length. There are hints of toasted / caramelized oak and coffee on the persistence.

Score : 15.25

Clos du Val Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Stag Leaps District Napa Valley

(78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.)

The nose is fruity, fine and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam, violets, cassis, fine notes of black cherry and touches of wild strawberry associated with fine notes of spices, Sichuan pepper, a discreet hint of zan as well as a fine touch of Ceylon tea and licorice. The palate is fruity, fat, elegant, fluid and offers an acid frame acid (in the background), minerality, opulence, a good volume, a fine juiciness, suavity as well as a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, strawberry, juicy berries, blackberries, cassis associated with a touch of cherry, raspberry as well as discreet touches of licorice, vanilla and a hint of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm.

Score : 16.5

Clos du Val Merlot 2013 - Block 6 Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits, cassis and crème de cassis associated with small notes of black cherry, spice, a hint of Sichuan pepper as well as a touch of licorice stick and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, round, supple, relatively fat, a bit silky and offers tension, a fine freshness, a good volume, a mineral frame as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small red fruit (raspberry, cherry) associated with slight notes of sweet spices and a fine hint of cardamom / cinnamon. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Clos du Val Estate Pinot Noir 2014 - Block 73 Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, small notes of cherry and a hint of wild strawberry associated with touches of raspberry, licorice as well as a discreet hint of flower and a very discreet wood hint. The palate is fruity, silky, suave, relatively fleshy and offers minerality, an acid frame, fat and a nice volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, cherry and touches of wild strawberry associated with a hint of juicy Quetsche

plum as well as discreet hints of Zan and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, well - built and supple. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Corison - Helios Cabernet Franc 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers finesse. It reveals notes of sour cherry, cassis and blackberry associated with fine notes of Ceylon tea, graphite, flowers and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, a fresh frame, a fine acidity in the background as well as fat and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and touches of blueberry associated with a hint of zan and colas. Tannins are fine and well - built.

Score : 16

Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a nice finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and fine notes of flowers associated with touches of zan, black tea as well as slight notes of spice, a hint of wood and a hint of resin. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a nice freshness, fat, tension, an acid frame, juiciness and a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry and fine notes of cassis associated with touches of licorice, cigar box as well as a discreet touch of chocolate and flowers. Tannins

are fine, elegant and (very) slightly firm. The finish is aromatic. Good length and persistence. On the aftertaste there are very fine hints of mocha, fruit and flowers.

Score : 16.5

Corison Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of bell pepper, graphite as well as a few notes of spice and a discreet touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, round, voluminous, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers suavity, minerality, an acid frame and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of black cherry / sour cherry associated with slight notes of juicy plum as well as discreet hints of spice (in the background), tobacco and slight touches of cola. Tannins are well - built, fine and structuring. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Corison Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. The wine need to be aerated in the glass or to be served in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe red fruits and mushroom associated with fine notes of underbrush, cassis cream as well as fine touches of licorice and a slight touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, nicely built and offers an acid frame,



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a nice freshness, a nice juiciness, roundness, a good volume and a beautiful elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis, touches of plum and hints of prune associated with fine notes of red fruits (raspberry, cherry), fine touches of liquorice, undergrowth (discreet) as well as hints of sweet spices and tobacco. Good length and persistence with notes of black fruits, dried fruits as well as slight notes of cola / zan and spices (cardamom, mocha).

Score : 17.5

Cosentino Meritage Rutherford 2011 - Barrel Select Napa Valley

(55% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot)

The nose is relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits combined with fine notes of red fruits balsamic, a hint of blackberry as well as a discreet hint of plum juice, leather and discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively gourmand, silky and offers a good volume, fat and a nice suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red fruits (dried strawberry, raspberry) and fine touches of blackberry associated with fine hints of plum juice as well as slight notes of cornflower and discreet notes of sweet spices. Tannins are well built. Good persistence.

Score : 15.5

Cosentino Cabernet Franc Reserve 2013 - St Helena Napa Valley

(80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot)

The nose is fruity as well as relatively fine and fresh. It reveals notes of cassis concentrate, blackberry and touches of blueberry associated with discreet hints of raspberry and flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, well - balanced, relatively fat and a good volume, juiciness and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and touches of plum associated with a hint of blueberry, cassis as well as a very discreet hint of bell pepper and fine touches of pepper. Tannins are fine, well - built and very slightly firm. Good length and juicy persistence.

Score : 15.25

Cosentino The Poet Meritage 2012 Napa Valley

(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, well - built and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of red fruits, cassis and fine notes of blackberry associated with small hints of spice and a fine note of cigar. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, a nice freshness, fat and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and fine touches of raspberry associated with discreet hint of wild berries as well as fine hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well built. Good length and persistence. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15

Cosentino Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 - Oakville Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, quite intense and offers concentration and freshness. It reveals notes of dried strawberry associated with touches of cassis, raspberry and a hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, a bit fleshy, a bit silky and offers a nice fresh frame and suavity.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy red fruit and touches of blackberry associated with a hint of dry red fruits, fine touches of Zan, a discreet note of mushroom as well as a fine notes of toasted oak and slight notes vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and fruity persistence. The finish is finely powerful.

Score : 15.25

Cuvaision Vin Gris of Pinot Noir 2015 - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of strawberry, redcurrant as well as slight touches of cassis and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, quite fresh, fat, suave, well - balanced and offers an acid frame, a good expression and a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and touches of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of cassis in the background. Good length.

Score : 15

Cuvaision Spire Pinot Noir 2014 - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, quite fine and a bit rich. It reveals notes of violet, cornflowers, lily and hints of plum, sour cherry associated with a hint of blueberry, raspberry, blackberry as well as touches of spice, tea and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, harmonious, sleek, racy, well - balanced and offers a nice freshness, a nice definition, a mineral frame, finesse, a beautiful matter, a good definition, fat, a good precision and good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, plum and flowers (violet, lily) associated with hints of plum, raspberry as well as slight notes of tea, cardamom and (very) slight notes Zan. Good length.

Score : 16

Cuvaision Pinot Noir 2013 Estate Grown 2013 - Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of violet and cornflower associated with small notes of black cherry, blueberry and a touch of plum. The palate is fruity, harmonious, silky, sleek, relatively suave, fat and offers a very fine acidity in the background (frame) and intensity / concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry, strawberry, black cherry, plum and violet associated with slight touches of cornflower, raspberry as well as a discreet touch of sweet spice and cardamom. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Dariouh Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot)

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, well structured, racy and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with touches of blueberry jam, spice and liquorice. The palate is fruity, racy and offers minerality, freshness, an acid frame as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry associated with touches of cassis, plum as well as slight notes of graphite, wood and a very discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are fine, elegant and young. Good length. (2018+)

Score : 16.25

Napa Valley

Darioush Merlot 2013

Napa Valley

(97% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of sour cherry associated with a touch of cassis, blackberry jam as well as touches of strawberry, red cherry as well as a hint of zan and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, minerality and a certain juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with fine touches of wood and licorice. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence with notes of chocolate and wood.

Score : 15.25

Darioush Duel 2013

Napa Valley

(65% Shiraz, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose is fruity, dense, powerful and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, sour cherry and touches of Quetches plum associated with a hint of blackberry, cassis, cassis jam, fine notes of liquorice as well as a discreet touch of orange marmalade, cherry jam and a slight note of violet. The palate is fruity and offers a small minerality (in the background), juiciness, suavity, a small concentration as well as a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, cassis, blackberry and cassis jam associated with touches of raspberry, fine notes of licorice, a discreet touch of spice as well as a hint of grilled thyme and a few slight/discreet notes of wood. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. There are notes of roasted oak on persistence.

Score : 15

Darius II Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Napa Valley

(90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 4% Malbec)

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively powerful and offers a small intensity, elegance and a certain charm. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis, black cherry and touches of plum associated with a discreet touch of cornflower as well as a fine hint of Ceylon tea, incense and a very discreet hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, sleek and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, suavity, a good structure, tension and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and touches of raspberry associated with hints of black cherry, fine notes of cornflower, liquorice as well as discreet hints tea and touches of spice. Tannins are fine, elegant and young. Good length and persistence. To drink from 2020.

Score : 16.75

Decades 5 Petit Verdot 2012 - Stagecoach Vineyard

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, lily, a hint of lavender) and touches of blackberry, small black berries combined with notes of minerality, spice, pepper, liquorice and a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, a nice mineral frame, tension, juiciness, fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, juicy cassis and touches of fig, red fruit (raspberry, cherry) associated with slight notes of raspberry jam, toasted oak, coffee and a grilled hint. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Delectus - Petit Syrah 2009 Spring Mountain District

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, a bit powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and cassis cream and hints of balsamic, red fruit combined with touches of licorice as well as a hint of tobacco, Sichuan pepper, cardamom, graphite and a discreet hint of Lapsang Souchong. The palate is fruity, suave, well - balanced and offers a nice volume, fat, a good definition of the fruit as well as a beautiful silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy Quetsche plum associated with a discreet touch of prunes, chocolate, red fruits, slight notes of licorice as well as touches of Ceylon tea and zan. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length and nice aromatic persistence with notes of chocolate and juicy blackberry.

Score : 16

Delectus Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Sacrashe Vineyard

Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, concentrated and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and very ripe black cherry associated with a hint of red fruit, touches of mocha, spices, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of caramel. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, precise, a bit aerial and offers a nice fresh frame, a nice volume, a nice fat and a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and juicy plum associated with slight touches of strawberry, fine notes of liquorice, colas as well as discreet hints of wood, cocoa and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and a bit dusty. Good length.

Score : 17

Duckhorn Vineyards - Patzimar Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and racy. It reveals notes cassis jam, blackberry and fine notes of crushed strawberry, bell pepper combined with a discreet hint of violet, gray pepper and a touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, silky, relatively gourmand, nicely depth and offers a beautiful finesse, minerality, a nice crunchy fruit, a good structure and a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, strawberry jam and raspberry associated with discreet touches of gray pepper, spices as well as fine touches of wood. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score : 17

Duckhorn Vineyards Monitor Ledge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, relatively gourmand and offers opulence. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine / discreet notes of bell pepper combined with touches of spice, licorice as well as slight notes of sour cherry, black cherry jam and touches of zan. The palate is fruity, racy, elegant, sleek and offers minerality, a fine acid frame, a nice harmony as well as a beautiful silky, voluminous and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, cherry, blackberry and fine notes of blueberry associated with a hint of violet, a discreet touch of bell pepper as well as fine notes of juicy black cherry and caramelized oak on the finish. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 17

Napa Valley

Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Vineyards Merlot 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant, racy, relatively gourmand and offers finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis, sour cherry, violets and cassis candy associated with a fine hint of gray pepper as well as touches of zan and a hint of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively powerful, relatively gourmand and offers minerality, freshness, a nice roundness, suavity, fat and concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of plum associated with discreet hints of purple fig spices as well as slight notes of cardamom and graphite. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Duckhorn Vineyards The Discussion 2012 Napa Valley

(64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot)

The nose is fruity, concentrated and finely powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry and blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry jam, cranberry, wood as well as discreet notes of coffee, gray pepper, anise and slight notes of wild flowers. The palate is fruity, suave, elegant, relatively depth and offers juiciness, a beautiful harmony as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cranberry, cassis and discreet touches of wild strawberry associated with hints of small wild berries as well as touches of spices, graphite, Lapsang Souchong tea and discreet touches of oak. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. There are slight touches of toasted / caramelized oak on the finish.

Score : 17.5

Duckhorn Vineyards Rector Creek Vineyard Merlot 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of cassis and small black berries combined with touches of cranberry, a hint of cherry, spice as well as a slight touch of Ceylon tea and a hint of cigar. The palate is fruity, fine, beautifully harmonious, well defined, relatively gourmand and offers a nice volume, freshness, a racy minerality as well as a nice silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, cranberry, blackberry jelly and touches of crushed wild strawberry associated with small notes of liquorice, chocolate, black tea as well as discreet notes of cardamom and spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length with slight touches of caramelized oak. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 16.5

Edge Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity as well as relatively fine and mineral. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and blueberry associated with fine notes of red fruits, bell peppers as well as hints of spice. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively silky and offers juiciness, an acid frame, fat and good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry and fine notes of cherry and blackberry associated with fine touches of black berries, juicy figs as well as fine notes of licorice and hints of toasted / caramelized oak. Tannins are fine, velvety and well - built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Emmelo Merlot 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and plum associated with touches of cardamom as well as hints of sweet spices / toasted oak. The palate is juicy, well - balanced and offers richness, precision, a beautiful definition of fruit and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy Quetsche plum associated with slight touches of liquorice, discreet toasted hints as well as a very fine hint of cardamom, vanilla and a discreet hint of caramelized sugar cane. Tannins are fine and slightly dry.

Score : 15.25

Fait - Main Las piedras vineyards 2013 Napa Valley

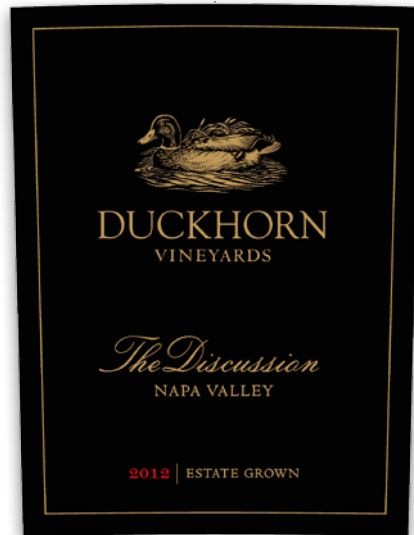
The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, generous and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with touches of blackberry jam, blueberry, liquorice, black cherry as well as hints of black tea and spices. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well - structured, relatively powerful, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful finesse, a nice acid frame, a beautiful harmony, fat, a beautiful freshness, precision, tension, minerality and a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis jelly and touches of raspberry, red cherry associated with small touches of fresh fruit as well as fine notes of dark chocolate, toasted oak and discreet hints of licorice. Tannins are fine and velvety. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17.25

Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is a bit closed and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with fine notes of cherry, licorice and a touch of red cherry, oak and roasting. The palate is fruity, silky, fat, well - balanced and offers suavity and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with fine hints of blueberry, toasted oak, sweet spices and a hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length and persistence.

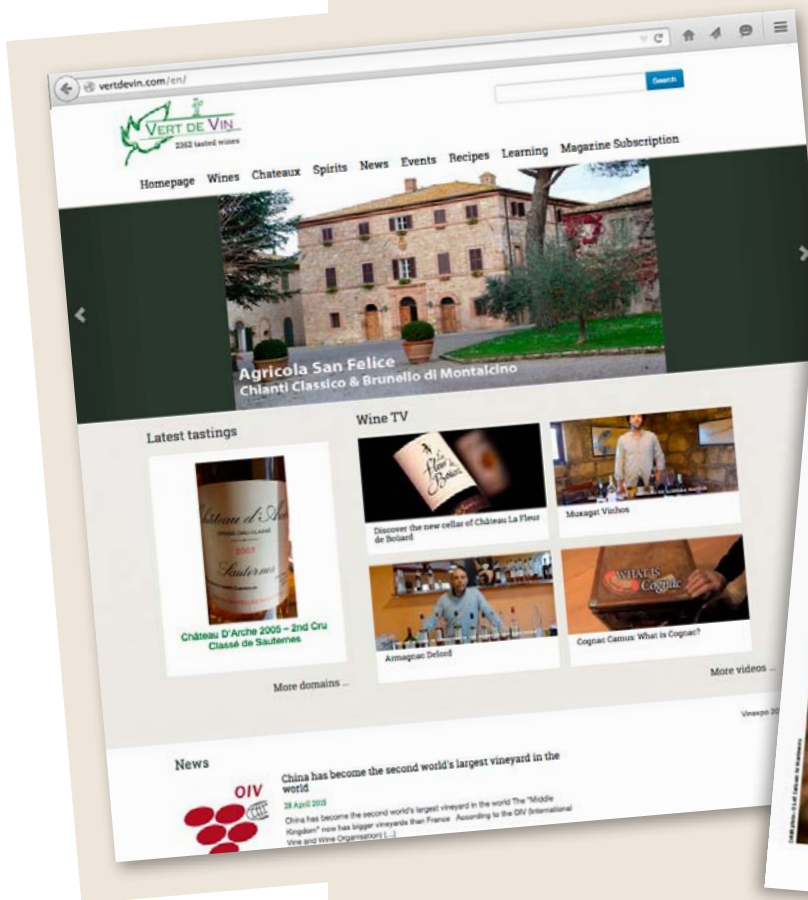
Score : 15.5





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Harlan Estate 2012

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The nose is fruity, fresh, fine, nicely aromatic, very elegant and offers a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful harmony. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, flint and touches of cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry, blueberry, flower (violet, cornflower), slight touches of licorice stick, tea as well as slight touches of chocolate. The palate is fruity, harmonious, melodious, finely powerful, relatively aerial, nicely depth and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness, a great finesse, concentration, fat, suavity, a good structure, juiciness, complexity as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry and black fruit cream associated with small notes of chocolate, toasted oak as well as touches of black tea and discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are very fine, relatively numerous, elegant and structuring. Good length and amazing persistence with notes of ripe fruit, coffee and a few slight roasting notes. The finish is finely powerful. An amazing wine ! Good job !

Score : 19.5

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fine, fresh and offers minerality. It reveals notes of blueberry jam, cassis and fine touches of wild strawberry associated with hints of cardamom, rocky minerality, spice, a hint of graphite and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The wine needs to be worked/aerated in the glass. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well - defined, well - structured and offers finesse, a good freshness, a nice fresh frame as well as a nice unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy blackberry and hints of strawberry, cherry, fresh fruits associated with touches of chocolate / mocha, licorice as well as a hint of black olive, sweet spices and small touches of toasted oak. Tannins are young and medium grain. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Chimera 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively fine and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, plum and a hint of cassis jam associated with fine touches of chocolate, cardamom, a discreet hint of tea and a very fine / discreet hint of balsamic. The palate is suave, fleshy, well - balanced, a bit aerial and offers freshness, smoothness, tension and a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, Quetsche plum and fine touches of black berries, red fruits associated with slight notes of blueberry, touches of chocolate, toasted oak as well as fine notes of caramelization, hazelnut and a discreet hint of cardamom on the finish. Tannins are fine as well as relatively firm and young. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave.

Score : 16.25

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Chimera 2013

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively exuberant and offers juicy fruit. It

reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and cherry combined with a discreet touch of fig, a hint of lavender as well as touches of zan, spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is sleek, mineral, well - balanced, well structured and offers freshness and a small juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh cherry and touches of cassis associated with slight notes of flowers (discreet hints of violet and lavender ...), slight notes of wood, mocha as well as hints of sweet spices and tobacco. Tannins are a bit firm, slightly dry and young. Good length and persistence with notes of dark chocolate.

Score: 15.5

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Chimera 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers freshness. It reveals notes of fresh fruits, flowers (cornflower, a hint of violet) and blueberry combined with touches of blackberry, fine touches of cassis, a hint of balsamic and a discreet touch of mocha, vanilla and oak. The attack is fleshy. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, a bit powerful and offers a mineral frame, tension as well as a fleshy and relatively unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, raspberry as well as (very) slight hints of oak, mocha and a discreet touch of cocoa. Tannins are firm, straight and medium grain. Good length and persistence with notes of chocolate.

Score : 15.75

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

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The nose is fruity, mineral, fresh and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine hints of black berries combined with a discreet touch of lavender, black olive as well as a hint of liquorice (discreet), wood, cedar wood and fine touches of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fleshy and offers juiciness, precision, a big freshness and a silky matter. The wine needs time to open. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of blueberry associated with hints of Quetsche plum, fleshy wild strawberry, a hint of raspberry jam as well as touches of toasted oak and licorice chocolate. Tannins are fine and young. Good length and good persistence with notes of chocolate and fleshy black fruit. The finish is suave and reveals (very) slight notes of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16

Jericho Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

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The nose is fruity (ripe fruit), relatively powerful and offers minerality and freshness. It reveals notes of black berries, boysenberry, cassis and fine touches of black fruit jam associated with small notes of strawberry, touches of liquorice, sweet spices as well as slight notes of violet, a hint of zan and a touch of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well defined and offers suavity, minerality, a good definition, tension, a racy minerality (terroir) and a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses



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notes of ripe fruit, fresh fruit, blackberry, cassis, strawberry and small wild fruits combined with touches of licorice / zan, violets as well as discreet touches of blueberry and hints of oak. Tannins are firm, straight and slightly young / slightly dry. There are notes of wood, dark chocolate and discreet touches of sweet spices on the finish.

Score : 15.75

**Jericho
Canyon Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite full. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of black cherry jam associated with slight notes of raspberry, chocolate as well as a hint of a cedar wood and a discreet hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers a good structure, a small tension, suavity, juiciness as well as a mineral frame and a small creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe black fruit (plum, blackberry ...) and fine touches of red berries combined with touches of chocolate, fine hints of fresh raspberry as well as discreet touches of toasted oak and (very) slight hints of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.5

**Jericho
Canyon Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, relatively powerful and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of rocky minerality, blackberry, cassis and small black berries combined with a discreet touch of spice, garrigue, a discreet hint of salinity as well as a hint of chocolate and wood. The palate is fresh, well - balanced and offers lots of minerality, a good structure, fresh fruits and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, wild berries and fine touches of boysenberry associated with discreet touches of red fruit, a fine hint of blueberry, very fine notes of sweet spices as well as discreet hints of licorice. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length and good persistence with notes of wood as well as fine grilled notes.

Score: 15

**Joseph Phelps
Backus Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Oakville Napa Valley**

(93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot)

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, well - built, relatively rich and offers concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis, Quetsche plum and fine notes of cherries combined with touches of liquorice, toasted oak as well as a few slight touches of caramelization, a hint of cardamom and discreet touch of coconut. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well - balanced and offers harmony, a mineral frame, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful, suave and a bit silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum jam,

blackberry cream and touches of cassis associated with slight notes of wild strawberry, fine notes of chocolate (in the background) as well as discreet hints of sweet spice. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Beautiful harmony !

Score : 17.75

**Joseph Phelps
Insignia 2012
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, aromatic and offers concentration. Beautiful expression ! It reveals notes of cherry jam, blackberry, cassis and a touch of redcurrant associated with fine hints of cornflower (discreet) and a touch of coconut / wood. The mouth is nicely fruity, gourmand, elegant, incisive, beautifully balanced and offers an acid frame, a beautiful aromatic expression as well as a beautiful and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, plum, blueberry cream and touches of cherry associated with slight notes of cherry, strawberry as well as discreet toasted hints, caramelization and a fine hint of hazelnut on the finish. The tannins are elegant and fine. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.75

**Joseph Phelps
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, structured, relatively rich and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and a fine touch of cherry associated with hints of red fruits as well as discreet notes of spice. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well - balanced, relatively fleshy and offers a mineral frame, a good freshness, a good density as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of strawberry, blueberry associated with slight touches of liquorice, small notes of minerality as well as fine touches of caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and

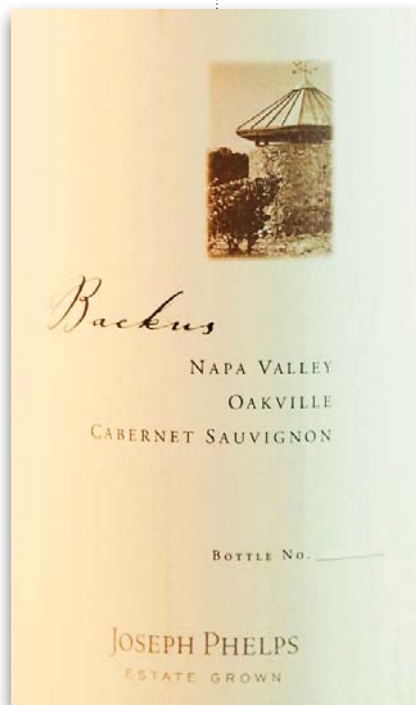
(very) slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16.5

**Kata
Beckstoffer Bourn Vineyard 2014
Napa Valley**

The nose is fresh as well as relatively aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and wild violet flowers combined with touches of red berries, red pepper berries, touches of cranberry as well as fine hints of resin, cola / zan and a hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful definition, a good volume, fat, precision, juiciness as well as a nice acid frame (red fruit acidity) in the background and a nice, silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and cranberry associated with fine touches of raspberry / fresh cherry, a discreet hint of juicy blueberry as well as slight touches of licorice stick, cola and discreet hints of caramelized / toasted oak. Tannins are very fine. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17



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Levy & McClellan Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, elegant, gourmand and offers concentration and minerality. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and ripe black fruits associated with fine touches of red fruit, strawberry, roasting, spices, a fine hint of black pepper as well as fine touches of cardamom, spices and wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, powerful, relatively depth and offers a beautiful structure, a fine acidity, a nice juiciness of the fruit, a beautiful harmony, fat, suavity as well as concentration and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small black berries jelly and cassis combined with slight notes of raspberry, chocolate, roasted oak as well as slight touches of liquorice and dark chocolate (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.
Score : 17.75

Lokoya Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - Mount Veeder Napa Valley

The nose is fine, aromatic, elegant, relatively velvety and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh cassis and fine touches of fresh strawberry associated with hints of bell pepper, touches of spice as well as fine touches of Sichuan pepper and a hint of Lapsang Souchong tea. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, powerful, relatively fat and offers a beautiful volume, a good minerality (in the background), tension as well as a beautiful unctuous and harmonious matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and a hint of cassis, wild red berries associated with discreet hints of green fig, bell pepper, Lapsang Souchong tea, liquorice, zan and a (very) slight hint of wood. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence with notes of licorice, blackberry and a touch of dried strawberries.
Score : 18.75

Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fine, racy, finely powerful and offers freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam, red cherry jelly and fine notes of pepper (gray, black) associated with fine touches of grilled oak and a discreet touch of racy minerality (rock). The palate is fruity, fluid, silky, well - balanced, relatively fat and offers a good structure and a fine minerality (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, cranberry, raspberry and blackberry associated with fine notes of dark chocolate / mocha and wood on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence.
Score : 15.5

Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. it reveals notes of red fruits, blackberry, bell pepper and cassis jam associated with fine spicy notes and a hint of anise. The palate is fruity and offers fat, a good structure, a small mineral frame, suavity and a good silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fine notes of plum associated with discreet hints

of liquorice and spices (cinnamon ...). Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.
Score : 15.25

Luna Vineyards Reserve Sangiovese 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of red cherry jelly, cranberry, blackberry and Quetsche plum associated with fine notes of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively gourmande, relatively powerful and offers minerality, an acid frame as well as a good matter and volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, juicy Quetsche plum and touches of cranberry, red cherry associated with fine touches of liquorice, slight touches of dark chocolate / cocoa as well as fine touches of sweet spices, cardamom and spices. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length and persistence with fine touches of coffee.
Score : 16

Luna Vineyards Sangiovese Classico 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, red cherry and cranberry associated with notes of spice, Sichuan pepper, discreet hints of tea as well as a hint of tobacco and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively

gourmand and offers finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied red cherry, cranberry and crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of black fruit (cassis, blackberry) and fine touches of liquorice. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence.
Score : 15

Luna Vineyards Reserve Estate Pinot Grigio 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and quite fruity. It reveals notes of quenette, passion fruit and juicy clementine associated with fine notes of citrus as well as discreet touches of stone fruits and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, fat, roundness and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, crystallized mandarin and touches of lemon associated with fine hints of stone fruit, small notes of quenette as well as fine hints of lime zest in the background. Good length.
Score : 14.75

Melka Métisse 2013 - Jumping Goat Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, a bit gourmand and offers freshness and concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry cream associated with fine notes of redcurrant, wild strawberry, plum, zan as well as slight hints of dried purple fig, violet and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well - defined, well - balanced and offers a good precision of the fruit, a fresh frame, juiciness, a nice expression, a nice definition as well as a creamy matter. Beautiful freshness on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, strawberry and fine notes of small wild berries combined with touches of strawberry jam as well as



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slight notes of dark chocolate, liquorice, black tea and fine touches of spice. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm / dusty. Good length, intensity and good persistence. There are slight notes of cocoa / dark chocolate and grilled notes of the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5

Melka CJ Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

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The nose is fruity, delicate and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry jam and touches of cassis associated with fine notes of cassis balsamic, touches of violet as well as fine notes of spice, tobacco and a vegetal hint. The palate is fruity, round, well - balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness as well as a good and silky matter.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fine notes of cherries combined with touches of dark chocolate, a few discreet wood notes as well as hints of rose. Tannins are very fine and slightly dusty. Good length.

Score : 16

Michel Rolland 2012

Napa Valley

(100% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose is elegant, fine, powerful, charming and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and a touch of cassis associated with a hint of flowers (lilac, cornflower), notes of spice as well as a discreet hint of Ceylon tea, pepper and a touch of zan. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively powerful and offers a nice freshness, a good structure, fat, suavity and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black fruits, blackberry, cassis and a hint of Quetsche plum associated with a touch of violets, notes of liquorice as well as a hint of sweet spice. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and nice aromatic / fruity persistence.

Score : 18

NV 11 Cain Cuvée

Napa Valley

(46% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot. 76% 2011 Vintage & 24% 2010 Vintage)

The nose is fruity, fresh, incisive and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe wild strawberry and flower associated with touches of raspberry, cassis as well as slight notes of spice and discreet earthy touch. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, quite silky and offers minerality, an acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red cherry and fine notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of juicy black berries, raspberries as well as very discreet hints of garrigue (in the background). Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. Good length and persistence with notes of juicy fruits.

Score : 15.5

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The nose is fruity, racy and a bit powerful. It marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and cassis cream associated with notes of concentrated licorice, cherry as well as fine hints

of Sichuan pepper and menthol. The mouth is nicely fruity, gourmand, round, quite elegant, silky, suave, voluminous and offers fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of raspberry, blueberry (on the finish) and fine touches of chocolate. Tannins are fine, supple and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

OVID

Hexameter 2013

Napa Valley

(64% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot)

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers a small freshness and a certain exuberance. It reveals notes of blueberry jam, cassis and touches

of cherry, sour cherry, liquorice combined with a discreet touch of Sichuan pepper, discreet touches of wood as well as slight notes of flowers (rose, cornflower, a touch of lily) and chocolate powder. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fine, racy and offers a nice freshness, tension, fat, suavity as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of blueberry jam associated with a hint of crushed wild strawberry, chocolate, fine touches of wood as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly dusty. Good length.

Score : 18.5

OVID 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and subtle. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and a touch of boxwood associated with fine points of cherry, liquorice, discreet notes of wood as well as a hint of rose, tobacco and a fine hint of violet. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fine, nicely defined, well - balanced, harmonious, subtle and offers juiciness as well as a small acid frame

and a beautiful silky matter. The attack is relatively tight. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and touches of Quetsche plum associated with hints of fresh blueberry, wood, blueberry cream as well as a discreet touch of chocolate and violet. Tannins are very fine, elegant and supple. Good length.

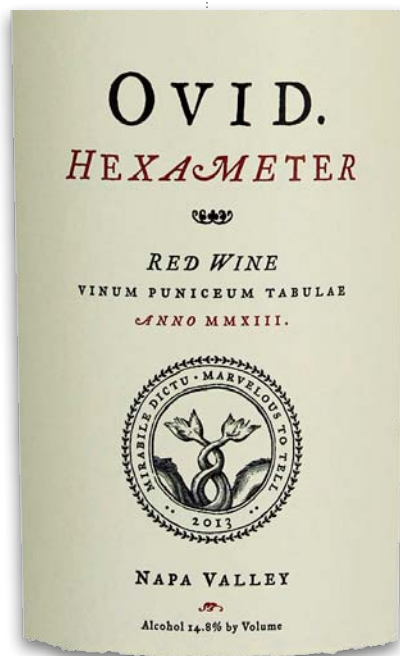
Score : 17

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The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful freshness as well as a nice and fine richness. It reveals notes of boysenberry, blackberry and cassis jam associated with fine touches of licorice, mint, sage as well as a hint of cocoa and fine hints of flowers. The mouth is fine, elegant, well - balanced, silky and offers suavity, fat, a nice freshness, a fine richness, a fine minerality, tension and a nice fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry, cassis, boysenberry and a touch of plum associated with fine hints of raspberry, cocoa as well as a touch of liquorice and a few discreet notes of wood. Tannins are fine and polished. Good length. A beautiful wine !

Score : 17.25



Napa Valley

Paraduxx Proprietary Red Wine 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful and relatively intense. It reveals notes of red fruit, redcurrant, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of plum, blueberry cream, licorice as well as hints of spices and a hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, gourmand, suave, fluid and offers a nice silky matter, fat, a good structure and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Gariguetto strawberry, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of fig, fine touches of cherry as well as slight notes of chocolate, licorice and tea. Tannins are fine, relatively numerous and slightly firm / dry. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Pine Ridge Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, structured and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of sour cherry and small black fruits associated with touches of coffee, blackberry as well as fine notes of liquorice, spice and a touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, a good structure and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and fine notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of juicy plum, zan as well as discreet touches of wood. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Pine Ridge - Stag Leaps Distict Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, concentrated and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and touches of liquorice associated with a hint of gray pepper, touches of tobacco and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well structured, relatively depth and offers a good volume, harmony, juiciness as well as a good matter and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, candied strawberry, cassis, fine hints of purple fig associated with fine touches of liquorice, cola as well as slight touches of graphite and cardamom. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Raymond Vineyard & Cellar Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 District collection Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and quite fruity. There one finds notes of blackberry, small plum and fine notes of violet associated with fine touches of red fruit and small notes of spice. The mouth is nicely fruity, well structured and offers juiciness, a good structure, a good volume and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchy Gariguetto strawberry and fine notes of juicy plum associated with a touch of blackberry as well as small touches of toasted oak, licorice and juicy black cherry. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Raymond Vineyard & Cellar Generations 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful and finely dusty. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of wild red berries as

well as notes of spice, Sichuan pepper and a discreet touch of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, sleek, well - balanced, well structured and offers a small complexity, a good volume, freshness as well as a nice unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry, blackberry cream, small notes of blueberry and a hint of purple fig, violet associated with fine notes of chocolate, mocha, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and tobacco. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence on chocolate.

Score : 16

Robert Mondavi - To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2014 Oakville Napa Valley

(Barrel sample)

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine touches of violet. The palate is fruity, harmonious, well - balanced, relatively gourmand and offers a good structure, a beautiful precision of the fruit, a mineral structure as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with fine touches of cassis, black cherries as well as a touch of raspberry, chocolate, minerality and a few discreet notes of toasted / caramelized oak. Tannins are young and fine. Good length ! Good potential !

Score : 17.75

Robert Mondavi - To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2013 Oakville Napa Valley

(88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petite Verdot)

The nose is fine, elegant, nicely straight and offers freshness and subtlety. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and touches of Boysen associated with fine touches of wild berries, cocoa, wood as well as fine touches of caramelization. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, harmonious, unctuous, delectable, velvety, melodious, nicely powerful and offers a beautiful matter, a beautiful definition, a nice tannic structure and a small mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, red cherry and touches of blackberry jam associated with fine touches of cocoa on the finish, a fine hint of wild strawberry as well as a discreet hint of coconut and wood. Tannins are fine, elegant, polished and structuring. Good length and persistence. An amazing and powerful wine. It's currently very young but very promising.

Score : 18.75

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville 2012 Napa Valley

(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot)

The nose is fruity, well - defined, refined, relatively rich (well - balanced) and offers a beautiful finesse, subtlety and elegance. It reveals notes of violets, cassis, plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with discreet touches of minty licorice. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well - balanced and offers a fresh frame, a small acidity as well as a beautiful, silky and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plums associated with fine touches of black cherry, sour cherry, cassis as well as fine / discreet touches of wood and a discreet toasted hint. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence with fine notes of coffee and cocoa / dark chocolate.

Score : 16.5

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**Robert Mondavi
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
Napa Valley**

(87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc)
The nose is elegant and offers a certain hardness (Cabernet). It reveals notes of cassis and a touch of blackberry, cassis bud associated with a very discreet hint of bell pepper, a fine touch of flowers (violets) as well as touches of sweet spices. The Cabernet Franc brings all its elegance. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, a good definition and a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with touches of cassis cream, black cherries as well as a fine touch roasting, coffee (on the finish) and a hint of cornflower. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

**Robert Mondavi
Cabernet Sauvignon Re-
serve 2010
Oakville Napa Valley**

(88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, 1% Malbec)
The nose is aromatic, fine and offers concentration and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of cassis associated with fine touches of bell pepper, plum, a hint of sour cherry as well as a discreet hint of violet, cassis cream, mocha and rose (very discreet). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, refined, slightly tight and offers a beautiful minerality, freshness, a nice harmony, finesse as well as a beautiful, suave and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and touches of plum associated with fine touches of chocolate, zan as well as hints of licorice and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. Tannins are fine, elegant and velvety. Good length.

Score : 17

**Sequoia Grove
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 - Rutherford
Napa Valley**

The nose is fine, relatively powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of black tea associated with a hint of black pepper as well as fine notes of black plum. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well structured and offers a certain harmony, a small juiciness and a small minerality (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and touches of plum associated with discreet hints of raspberry (in the background) as well as touches of wood, mocha and a discreet hint of cola. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length and persistence with notes of the dark chocolate powder and juicy blackberry.

Score : 15

**Sequoia Grove
Syrah 2013 - Stagecoach Vineyard
Napa Valley**

The nose is fruity, powerful, concentrated and offers finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with slight notes of licorice, discreet notes of wood as well as hints of spice, Sichuan pepper and fine touches of black tea. The palate is fruity, sleek,

well - balanced and offers fat and a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small black cherries combined with hints of plum, hints of licorice as well as slight notes of toasted oak and coffee (discreet). Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length and persistence with notes of coconut, wood and slight touches of chocolate.

Score : 15.25

**Signorello Estate - Padrone 2012
Proprietary Red Wine
Napa Valley**

(91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc)
The nose is fruity, powerful and juicy. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy red berries associated with notes of raspberry, fine notes of spice, chocolate, oak as well as a hint of strawberry, blueberry, black pepper, black tea and liquorice. The palate is fruity, fat, well - balanced, well - structured, deep, quite elegant, relatively aerial and offers a mineral frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and red fruit (strawberry, cherry) combined with touches of wild berries, oak, coffee as well as slight notes of liquorice and tea Ceylon. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 17



**Signorello Estate
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
Napa Valley**

(82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc)
The nose is fine, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and fine notes of jammy red fruit combined with spicy notes and a hint of blond tobacco, Ceylon tea, black cherry (discreet) and chocolate (discreet). The palate is fruity, elegant, silky, voluminous, fleshy,

well - balanced and well structured. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and red berries associated with fine notes of cassis, wild berries as well as fine notes of dark chocolate in the background. Tannins are fine, slightly dry and currently a bit young. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

**Silver Oak
Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
Napa Valley**

The nose is aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis bud and flowers associated with slight notes of red bell pepper as well as a discreet touch of tobacco and a discreet grilled touch. The palate is fruity, fat, well - balanced, relatively suave, a bit silky and offers small fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of plum associated with a discreet touch of oak, fresh red fruit and a fine touch of coffee. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length.

Score : 15

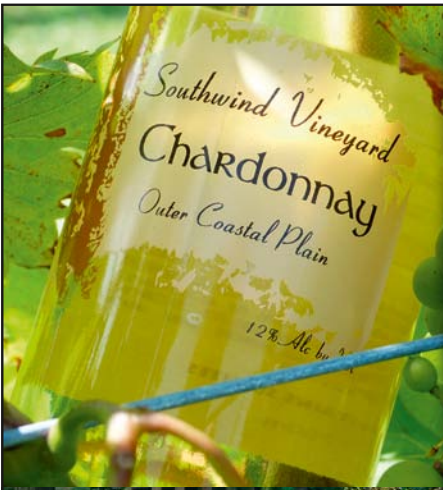
**Spring Mountain Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Napa Valley**

(Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Merlot 10%, Petit Verdot 6% Cabernet Franc 5%, Malbec 3%)

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The nose is fruity, powerful, incisive and elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis jam associated with fine notes of cherry, minerality / flint, flowers (cornflower, iris) and a hint of green bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, aerial, well - balanced, racy and offers an acid frame, fat, freshness and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry, raspberry and a hint of redcurrant associated with small notes of strawberry, cassis as well as a hint of tobacco, chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and supple.

Score : 16.5

Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 30th anniversary Selection Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, intense, fine, beautifully built, nicely powerful and offers finesse and concentration. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry, flowers (cornflower, violet) and slight notes of blueberry jam associated with touches of zan, sweet spices, camphor and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, elegant, precise and offers a nice freshness, a nice volume, suavity, a nice structure, a fresh fruit as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, blueberry, juicy cassis and touches of juicy Quetsche plum associated with slight notes of raspberry, violet, touches of dark chocolate as well as a hint black tea, licorice, a discreet hint of cherry and (very) slight notes of caramelized oak in the background (discreet). Tannins are elegant. Amazing persistence with notes of dark chocolate, coffee, grilled oak as well as discreet roasted notes. An amazing wine ! Beautiful juiciness and harmony ! Good job !

Score : 19

Staglin Family Vineyards Salus Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand, quite fine, relatively powerful and offers complexity and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe black berries, blueberry, blackberry cream and slight notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, a hint of sour cherry, notes of Ceylon tea as well as a hint of black tea, Sichuan pepper, touches of Zan and a hint of flower candy. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well structured, relatively fleshy and offers a nice freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, tension, juiciness, harmony, a certain purity of fruit as well as a beautiful and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and a hint of blueberry, dried fig associated with small touches of Zan, Ceylon tea, fine notes of spices as well as very discreet hints of chocolate, toasted oak and slight note of grilled oak on the finish. Tannins are elegant, well - built, structuring and integrated. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

St Supery Elu 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of red fruit and touches of cassis jam associated with a hint of blueberry, discreet hints of black-

berry, fig as well as slight notes of spice, graphite, an imperceptible hint of espresso / coffee and a hint of herbs. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, unctuous, relatively fleshy and offers a mineral frame and a nice freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blueberry jam, cassis, touches of plum and a hint of black cherry associated with a fine hint of cherry cream as well as a discreet hint of chocolate, licorice and toasted / caramelized oak. Tannins are young, fine and slightly firm. The finish is suave. Good length and nice persistence. Good potential !

(2019 - 2030)

Score : 16.5

St Supery Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic, relatively fine and a bit rich. It reveals notes of sour cherry, plum and blackberry jam associated with touches of spices as well as discreet notes of Sichuan pepper, graphite and Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, well - balanced, silky and offers freshness, fat and a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, blackberry and fine touches of cherry associated with hints of red berries / redcurrant as well as slight touches of caramelized oak and a discreet hint of coconut / vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly dusty. Good length.

Score : 15.75

St Supery - Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blueberry and blackberry jam associated with hints of figs, small notes of spices, Sichuan pepper, a fine note of tobacco, graphite as well as a fine / discreet touch of bell pepper/herbs. The palate is fruity, fluid, sleek, well - balanced and offers fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and fine touches of black cherry associated with a hint of fig, a discreet

hint of crushed strawberry, raspberry as well as small notes of spice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 15.25

St Supery Dollarhide Estate vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small minerality. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and blackberry associated with fine touches of violets, spices as well as fine / discreet hints of grilled oak. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fluid, sleek, mineral and offers freshness, fat, suavity, minerality and a silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry jam and fine touches of fresh berries combined with touches of red fruit, liquorice as well as discreet notes of toasted oak, caramelization and hazelnut. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length. Good potential !

(2019+)

Score : 16.5



Napa Valley

St Supery Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fine, relatively complex, relatively gourmand and offers density and a small minerality. It reveals notes of cassis and notes of blackberry associated with touches of bell pepper, spices as well as fine touches of red fruits and an imperceptible hint of espresso / coffee. The palate is fruity, well - balance, relatively gourmand, relatively fleshy and offers suavity, a good structure, a nice definition, fat as well as a beautiful fresh / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and fine touches of cherry, strawberry associated with discreet notes of raspberry jam, small notes of licorice as well as a discreet hint of Ceylon tea, zan and wood (discreet). Good length. There are discreet hints of toasted oak and hazelnut on the finish / persistence. (2019+)

Score : 16.75

The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Beckstoffer To Kalon

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers concentration and generosity. It reveals touches of black fruit, cassis, blackberry and hints of raspberry associated with discreet hints of toasted oak, a discreet hint of cornflower as well as very slight notes of caramelization and sweet spices (vanilla...). The palate is fruity, elegant, relatively fleshy and offers fat, suavity, freshness, a silky matter, a nice tannic structure, a juicy fruit as well as a small fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fresh fruit associated with slight notes of caramelization and wood. Tannins are fine.

Score : 17.5

Napa Valley (White wines)

Alpha Omega Chardonnay 2013 Reserve Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand, a bit rich offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of apple and fine touches of pear associated with touches of ripe citrus, apricot, brioche, fresh butter as well as (very) slight touches of quince. The palate is fruity and offers a nice volume, roundness, a small acid frame, tension, suavity, finesse, a nice fat as well as a nice and fleshy matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with fine touches of nectarine, fresh butter, pear, apple compote and fine touches of fresh fruit. Good length and good persistence. A nice, fine and gourmand !

Score : 16.5

Alpha Omega 1155 Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fine and offers intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, zest and fine touches of Granny apple associated with fine hints of mineral / flint, mango as well as a very discreet note of pineapple and a discreet touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, small freshness, a fine acid frame, harmony, fat, suavity, tension as well as a nice, sleek and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit (nectarine, pear) and slight notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a discreet touch of fresh apricot and pineapple. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave.

Score : 16

Cardinale Intrada Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, passion fruit) and a discreet hint of peach associated with small notes of citrus as well as slight notes of fresh Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively gourmand and offers a nice freshness, fat, tension, finesse, a small acid frame and an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus and exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette and a hint of mango) associated with slight notes of ripe tangerine and lemon. Good length and beautiful fruity persistence with notes of citrus.

Score : 16

Charles Krug - Sauvignon Blanc Limited Release 2015 - Estate Grown - St Helena Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fine, rich and offers the delicacy and freshness. It reveals notes of passion fruit, quenette and slight notes of pear, white peach combined with hints of lemon and a discreet touch of herbs. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, quite gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse, fat, a good definition and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, ripe peach and touches of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with fine notes of white fruit as well as discreet touches of quenette and a very discreet hint of apricot. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Clos du Val - Chardonnay Estate Chardonnay 2014 Block 5A Carneros

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, full, fresh, quite elegant and fat. It reveals notes of white fruit compote and peach combined with a touch of honey, quince as well as discreet hints of fresh citrus, flowers as well as fine hints of stone fruit. The palate is fruity, suave, well defined, relatively fat, a bit incisive and offers a nice acid frame and a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of berries, stewed white peach and crunchy yellow peach associated with slight notes of citrus as well as touches of exotic fruit (mango, quenette, lychee) as well as slight hints of rose. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Clos du Val - Three Graces White 2014 Winemaker's Signature Series

Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, quite intense and offers freshness. It reveals notes of small stone fruits, zest and glazed Granny Smith apple associated with fine touches of exotic fruits and a discreet hint of tea / infusion. The palate is fruity, suave, well - balanced, round, fat and offers freshness, an acid frame as well as a nice and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh apple and vine peach combined with touches of papaya, flowers as well as small notes of stone fruits and small notes of wild mirabelle plum. Good length.

Score : 16

Clos du Val Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of passion fruit, quenette and a hint of flint associated with touches of citrus, white peach and a hint of fresh Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity

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and offers freshness, a nice acid frame, a pretty fat as well as a nice and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, juicy clementine and lemon associated with a hint of mango, vine peach as well as touches of lime zest. Good length.

Score : 16

Cuvaison Kite Tail Chardonnay 2013 Carneros

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, incisive and racy (terroir). It reveals notes of citrus zest and touches of nectarine associated with slight hints of pear, minerality and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, suave, relatively gourmand and offers a good definition, fat, a nice frame as well as a nice acid matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, nectarine, lemon and fine touches of clementine associated with (very) discreet hints of minerality (terroir) as well as slight touches of quince and honeysuckle. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Cuvaison - Chardonnay 2013 Estate Grown - Carneros

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of fresh citrus and crunchy Granny Smith apple associated with touches of crunchy nectarine and a hint of herbs. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear compote, crunchy apple and touches of citrus associated with slight notes of quince, lemon and discreet touches of papaya / flowers. Good length.

Score : 15

Darioush Chardonnay 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of apple and apple blossoms associated with slight touches of stone fruit, white peach as well as fine hints of orange and orange zest. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, fat, a small suavity as well as a certain intensity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh white fruit (peach ...), minerality and a hint of lychee associated with slight hints of apple, flowers as well as fine notes of fresh butter and slight touches of papaya / Granny Smith apple skin (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25

Darioush Viognier 2015

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and ripe peach associated with hints of exotic fruits candy and hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers minerality, suavity, fat, a small mineral frame as well as an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits, nectarine and a hint of crystallized clementine associated with touches of citrus as well as fine notes of applesauce. Good length.

Score : 15

Emmelo Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, a bit rich and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of quince, zest and green apple combined with a fine touch of linden, fresh apple and touches of pear. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, an acid frame and a nice juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, clementine and juicy vine peach combined with touches of pineapple, yuzu zest as well as a fine hint of clementine. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Fait - Main Toyon Farm Chardonnay 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of pear, quince and fine notes of stewed fruits associated with discreet notes of yellow fruit as well as fine notes of toasted oak and a discreet hint of butter. The palate is fruity, fine, well - balanced, elegant, aerial, bright, relatively fat and offers an acid frame, a nice definition, freshness, a fine acidity as well as an unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and discreet hints of marmalade, lemon associated with fine touches of tangerine and toasted oak / vanilla. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.5

Joseph Phelps Viognier 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a certain vivacity. It reveals notes of lemon, white flowers, honeysuckle and

touches of vine peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits, apricot as well as fine wood notes. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well - structured, fat and offers finesse, a good expression and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of tropical fruit, lemon and fine touches of clementine associated with hints of white fruit compote, small notes of minerality, peach as well as slight touches of vanilla oak (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Joseph Phelps Sauvignon blanc 2014 St Helena

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and fat (batonnage). It reveals fine notes of citrus combined with a touch of lemon zest, white fruit, nectarine, exotic fruits (passion fruit and a hint of pineapple) as well as touches of coconut / vanilla oak. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers an acid frame, tension, freshness, harmony, fat and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon and ripe white fruits combined with fine touches of passion fruit, nectarine and lemon zest. Good length.

Score : 16



Napa Valley

Raymond Vineyard & Cellar Generations Chardonnay 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of white fruits, toasted oak and coconut associated with fine notes of fresh citrus as well as small touches of flowers and a hint of zest. The palate is fruity, creamy and offers a fine acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe white fruit and crushed nectarine associated with fine notes of citrus as well as small notes of coconut, oasted oak and slight notes of caramelization. Good length.

Score : 15

Robert Mondavi Oakville Fumé Blanc 2013

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The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite fine. The nose is complex and accessible. It reveals notes of citrus, white fruit (pear, nectarine, a touch of Granny Smith apple) associated with fine notes of lime zest as well as discreet touches of flowers and a hint of papaya. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well - balanced, suave and offers a racy minerality, a beautiful freshness, a nice definition, an acid frame as well as a beautiful and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe white fruit (pear, apple) and a touch of nectarine associated with fine notes of zest on the persistence. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.25

Robert Mondavi Fumé Blanc 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of citrus associated with fine touches of white fruits, lemon as well as discreet hints of white flowers, a discreet touch of minerality and discreet a hint of exotic fruits (pineapple ...) . The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, harmonious, accessible, well - balanced and offers fat, suavity and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, orange) associated with small notes of white fruit, discreet touches of mandarin, pineapple, zest and a hint of exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Sequoia Grove Chardonnay 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of white fruit associated with discreet hints of zest, flowers as well as fine touches of linden / acacia and a (very) discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, relatively fleshy, a bit aerial and offers minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple and nectarine compote associated with slight notes of lemon zest, lemon as well as fine touches of wood, coconut and small touches of stone fruit. Good length and persistence with notes of oak.

Score : 15

Sequoia Grove Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, quite aromatic and fat. It reveals notes of lemon and sweet clementine associated with touches of lemon zest, fine hints of ripe nectarine and a discreet touch of apple. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers minerality and an acid frame. The attack is lively. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zest, green apple and lime

combined with touches of ripe white fruit as well as hints of exotic fruit (quenette, lychee). Good length.

Score : 15

Signorello Estate Hope's Cuvée Chardonnay 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum and fine notes of pear, beeswax associated with discreet notes of rocky minerality as well as fine toasted hints, flowers and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well - balanced, relatively fat and offers minerality, a mineral frame and a fine smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and fine touches of plum / yellow fruits associated with hints of flat peach as well as fine notes of toasted oak / vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16

Staglin Family Vineyards Chardonnay Estate 2014

Rutherford, Napa Valley

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

Score : 16.25

Staglin Family Vineyard Salus Chardonnay Estate 2013

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, a bit gourmand and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of butter, ripe fruit, white fruit (Williams pear...) and citrus combined with touches of flowers, fresh fruit, small stone fruit as well as fine notes honey and wood (light). The palate is fruity, well - balanced, well defined, a bit aerial and offers minerality, a fresh frame, acidity as well as a silky, fleshy and a slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stone fruit, pear, apricot and touches of citrus associated with a hint of exotic fruits, papaya, lemon as well as fine touches of honey, (very) slight notes of butter, minerality and a discreet hint of lemon zest. Good length.

Score : 15.5

St Supery Oak Free Chardonnay 2015

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively elegant, relatively full and a bit rich. It reveals notes of apple, pear and a discreet touch of yellow apple associated with fine touches of citrus as well as discreet hints of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, quite fleshy (probably due to bâtonnage) and offers fat, a fresh frame and a good acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit and touches of pineapple associated with touches of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a discreet hint of acacia flowers and applesauce. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Napa Valley

**St Supéry
Virtu 2014**
Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of apple, pear and fine touches of linden associated with touches of citrus, a small minerality and a hint of acacia. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively suave, a bit fleshy and offers minerality, freshness and fat (probably due to bâtonnage). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, white peach and fine touches of passion fruit, quenette associated with a discreet hint of lemon, slight touches of Golden apple as well as an imperceptible hint of honey and a few (very) slight notes of toasted oak on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

**St Supéry
Dollardhide Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2015**
Napa Valley

The nose is fine, mineral, dry and offers a small fat. It reveals notes of white fruit compote, lemon and grapefruit combined with a hint of zest, touches of flowers as well as touches of green apple, a discreet hint of exotic fruits and a discreet hint of herbs. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, a mineral frame, fat as well as a nice unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple and white nectarine associated with touches of peach, pear, small notes of citrus as well as touches of quenette, flowers and a few very discreet notes of wood (in background).

Score : 16

**St Supéry
Sauvignon Blanc 2015**
Estate Grown
Napa Valley

The nose is fruity as well as relatively full and aromatic. It reveals small notes of green apple, papaya, citrus and citrus zest associated with fine touches of quenette, lemon as well as a discreet touch of exotic fruit and linden. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, fine and offers fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, clementine and fine touches of vine peach, white nectarine associated with a hint of green apple, quenette, passion fruit as well as a discreet touch of pineapple and a hint of citrus zest. Good length.

Score : 15

**St Supéry
Moscato 2014**
Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, opulent and aromatic. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette and a discreet touch of kumquat) and ripe citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with discreet hints of vine peach and flowers (lilacs, a hint of lavender). The palate is fruity, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers suavity, an acid frame as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits, nectarine, pear and citrus associated with discreet hints of lemon paste, crystallized tangerine and a discreet touch of lavender on the finish. Good length.

Score : 14.75

**Toquade
Sauvignon blanc 2015**
Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of lemon and touches of zest associated with fine notes of green apple, small mineral notes, a touch of exotic fruit as well as a hint of kumquat and a discreet vegetal hint. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well - balanced

and offers suavity as well as a nice and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) and slight notes of kumquat, exotic fruits combined with touches of white fruit as well as fine notes of minerality and a discreet touch of passion fruit. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Napa Valley (Rosé wines)

**B Vineyards & Winery
Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé 2015**
Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and quite gourmand. It reveals notes strawberry candy, raspberry and fresh strawberry associated with a fine hint of cassis as well as a discreet touch of exotic fruits and rose. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, relatively fat and offers freshness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, raspberry and fine touches of blueberry associated with a discreet touch of fleshy nectarine. Good length.

Score : 15.5

**Jericho Canyon Vineyard
Estate Rosé 2015**
Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and quite fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry and touches of cherry associated with a touch of raspberry, redcurrant as well as (very) slight touches of red fruits candy. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, fat, an acid frame and suavity. There is a small acidity on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry and fine touches of redcurrant associated with a discreet touch of red plum and toasted oak on the finish. There are (very) slight hints of saline minerality on the finish. Good length. The finish is fleshy and suave.

Score: 15.25

**Luna Vineyards
Minuet Sangiovese Rosé 2015**
Napa Valley

The nose is fresh. It contains notes of currant and herbal notes of candied red cherry associated with fine hints of fleshy raspberry and fine vegetal hints. The palate is fruity, finely gourmand and offers an acid frame, fat, roundness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry and touches of cherry, strawberry associated with slight notes of cranberry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

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Other Californian wines

B Cellars **Chardonnay 2013** **Dutton Ranch**

Sonoma - Russian River Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively fat and offers freshness. It reveals notes of ripe white fruit (nectarine ...) and a touch of kumquat associated with a hint of orange as well as a touch of lemon zest, flowers and orange paste. The palate is fruity, fluid, well - balanced and offers fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit and touches of white nectarines associated with hints of citrus, a discreet touch of kumquat as well as a fine touch of honeysuckle and a discreet hint of orange paste. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Charles Heintz Vineyard **Migration** **Chardonnay 2013** **Sonoma Coast**

The nose is fruity, a bit powerful and a bit rich. It reveals notes of ripe white fruit, small stone fruit and fine notes of quince associated with a hint of straw, papaya, lemon and a fine hint of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, relatively fleshy offers a small acid frame, fat as well as a good matter. In mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe small stone fruits and fine notes of white fruit associated with slight touches of quince, honey, honeysuckle as well as discreet hints of toasted oak / almond. Good length and persistence with notes of toasted oak / coconut.

Score : 15.25

Corazon **Gewurztraminer 2013** **Anderson Valley**

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, violet, a hint of rose) and citrus notes (tangerine, lemon) associated with touches of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, finely gourmand, a bit aerial and offers a nice freshness, minerality, an acid frame, fat as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and tangerine associated with hints of flowers as well as discreet touches of quenette, lychee and a discreet touch of herbs. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Cosentino **The Novelist** **Meritage 2014** **Napa County**

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers small freshness. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and ripe vine peach associated with small touches of citrus fruits as well as a hint of passion fruit and a discreet hint of quince. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a small acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, pear, wild fruits and fine notes of apple notes associated with touches of citrus (lemon ...), lemon zest as well as a touch of quenette and a discreet touch of lychee. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Delectus **Cabernet Franc 2009** **Knights Valley**

The nose is fruity, fresh, beautifully harmonious and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry and crunchy cassis associated with a hint of

plum, balsamic as well as slight notes of mocha, oak and discreet notes of cornflower. The palate is fruity, suave and offers a beautiful, unctuous and harmonious matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of black cherry, raspberry associated with touches of chocolate as well as a discreet touch of blueberry, liquorice and wood. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Delectus **French Wedding 2010** **Knights Valley**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of bell pepper, blackberry, cassis, violet and touches of cassis jam associated with touches of wood and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fresh frame, a nice harmony as well as a nice, suave and silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of wild small red fruit associated with touches of zan and a discreet hint of bell pepper. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Goldeneye **Ten Degrees** **Pinot Noir 2013** **Anderson Valley**

The nose is fruity and relatively juicy. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and discreet hints of plum associated with fine / slight cornflower as well as a discreet touch of spice and a hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively fleshy, relatively powerful and offers a small juiciness, crunchy fruit, a nice definition of fruit as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry jam, fine notes of cassis and juicy strawberry associated with slight hints of saline minerality (in the background) as well as fine notes of caramelized oak on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Joseph Phelps **Pinot Noir 2013 Freestone Vineyards** **Sonoma Coast**

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of fleshy cherries, of Quetsche plum and a touch of sour cherry associated with a discreet hint of fig. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand, a bit silky and offers fat, a good structure and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, plum, juicy cassis and fine touches of strawberry associated with a discreet touch of flowers as well as a discreet hint of Ceylon Tea and a fine hint of saline minerality. Tannins are well - built and integrated. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Melka **Majestique** **Paderewski Vineyard 2013** **Paso Robles**

(100% Syrah)

The nose is fruity, powerful, incisive and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of cassis and sour cherry associated with slight notes of crushed wild strawberry, gray pepper as well as slight notes of cardamom, graphite and slight notes of raspberry jam. The palate is fruity, sleek, well - balanced, relatively fleshy and offers minerality and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fine touches of cassis and

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hints of blueberry associated with slight touches of cranberry, a hint of strawberry as well as slight notes of spices, cocoa and a slight touch of oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length.

Score : 16

**Melka
Mekerra
Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Block 7**

Knights Valley

(97% Sauvignon Blanc, 3% Muscadelle)

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of passion fruit and citrus (yuzu, lemon) associated with fine hints of clementine, beeswax as well as a hint of acacia / flowers and a delicate hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well - balanced, relatively fat and offers roundness, a very fine mineral frame and smoothness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon associated with slight notes of clementine, pineapple, passion fruit, lemon as well as discreet hints of quenette and rose. Good length and persistence with very delicate notes of oak / toasted oak.

Score : 16

**Mer Soleil - Silver
Unoaked Chardonnay 2014
Monterey**

The nose is fresh, fruity and relatively fat. It reveals notes of lemon, crunchy white fruit and touches of yellow peach fruits associated with fine notes of lychee and slight touches of apricot. The palate is fruity, fresh, well - balanced, relatively fat and offers suavity, an acid frame, juiciness as well as precision and richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow peach and touches of lemon associated with slight notes of white fruit as well as fine notes of juicy mandarin. Good length.

Score : 15

**Pine Ridge
Chenin blanc + Viognier 2014
California**

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite fine. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette, a hint of pineapple) and ripe citrus associated with a hint of crystallized lemon. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, relatively gourmand and offers suavity, minerality, a good volume and a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, quenette and passion fruit combined with slight notes of pineapple and tangerine. Good length.

Score : 14.5

**Tolosa
No Oak Chardonnay 2014
Central Coast**

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers intensity. It reveals fine notes of citrus and lemon associated with slight notes of Williams pear, mirabelle plum and a (very) slight notes of linden. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers freshness, suavity, fat, a small fresh / acid frame (in the background), tension as well as a fleshy and relatively unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruit (crushed nectarine, pear) and fine touches of zest associated with a discreet touch of butter and papaya. Good length and persistence. There is a small bitterness on the finish.

Score : 15

**Tolosa
Pinot Noir Estate 2013
Edna Valley**

The nose is fruity, a bit intense/powerful and offers a small juiciness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and a touch of cassis associated with slight notes of wild strawberry as well as a very fine hint of cornflower and fine touches of spice. The palate is fruity, a bit gourmand and offers minerality, juiciness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and a touch of cassis associated with small notes of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of blueberry cream and Ceylon tea. Good length.

Score : 15

**Trim
Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
California**

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with fine notes of bell pepper and a fine hint of violet. The palate is fruity, well - balanced and offers juiciness, an acid frame and a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with fine notes of redcurrant, plum and licorice. Tannins are fine and well - built. Good length. An "easy - drinking" wine.

Score : 14.25

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Vintage Armagnac

Château de Laubade 1988 - Brut de Fût Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, suave and elegant. It reveals notes of candied citrus (lemon, clementine) and slight notes of apricot Tarte Tatin associated with slight notes of peach, toffee and spices (cardamom, a touch of cinnamon, a hint of vanilla and a discreet note of bergamot). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fat, suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful matter and a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of pear in syrup, crystallized citrus (lemon, clementine) and slight notes of Tarte Tatin, caramel, marshmallow associated with fine woody notes as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices (Bourbon vanilla ...). Good length and persistence.

Score : 18

Jean Cavé 1966 Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, powerful, elegant and offers beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of crystallized clementine, orange zest and slight notes of yellow peach skin associated with a touch of almond, slight woody / roasted notes as well as a discreet touch of cinnamon and dried flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fat, suave, well-balanced, powerful and offers beautiful fresh frame as well as a beautiful and fleshy matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of citrus candies, acidulous candy, fine notes of apple and fine touches of pear associated with discreet notes of date, rancio, a discreet hint of flowers, oak as well as slight notes of almonds and dried fruit. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.5

Jean Cavé 1986 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, complex and fine. It reveals notes of pear in syrup associated with fine notes of peach, citrus and a touch of orange zest, crystallized tangerine, slight touches of flowers as well as fine woody notes, cocoa and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave, well-balanced, well-built, round, relatively gourmand and offers a beautiful matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of peach in syrup, slight notes of pear and a hint of candied citrus (lemon, orange) combined with a hint of caramel, rancio as well as small touches of coffee and spices. Good length and nice persistent with notes of caramelization and Quetsche plum. There is a small sweetness on the finish.

Score : 16.75

Jean Cavé 1987 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of candied peach and clementine zest combined with a touch of rancio as well as notes of spice (Sichuan pepper, a touch of cinnamon and a discreet touch of cocoa). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and well balanced. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses fine notes of dried apricot, citrus and a touch of peach combined with a touch of caramel, slight notes of almond, discreet notes of hazelnut, a fine touch of rosewood as well as a discreet note of date and discreet grilled notes on the persistence. Good length and aromatic persistence. Good job !

Score : 17.5

Jean Cavé 1992 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, relatively elegant, powerful and offers complexity. It reveals notes of peach in syrup and fine touches of dried plum, rancio associated with a hint of Brugnion as well as a hint of caramel, almond and flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced and offers a suave matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of peach in syrup,

pear and a touch of dried fig associated with a discreet note of date, rancio, very slight notes of spices, almonds and a touch of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 17

Jean Cavé 1996 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is concentrated, quite rich, powerful, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of rancio and orange zest associated with fines notes of cedar as well as slight notes of spices and a discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave, soft, well-balanced and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized tangerine, candied peach and slight notes of pear associated with fine notes of caramel, sweet spices, oak as well as slight notes of tobacco, a hint of almond and very slight / discreet notes of cocoa powder on the finish. Good length. Beautiful potential!

Score : 17.5

Jean Cavé 2002 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, quite powerful and offers elegance. It reveals notes of lemon and peach combined with a touch of grape, orange zest as well as a hint of vanilla and oak. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced and offers fat and complexity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of grape, apple and a touch of citrus associated with very slight notes of dried lemon zest, white fruit (in the background), fine touches of lemon, slight spicy notes, oak as well as a touch of almond, dried plum and a few slight grilled notes. Good length.

Score : 17

Dartigalongue 1972 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of caramel, Pomme d'Amour and slight notes of candied orange zest associated with slight notes of spices (Sichuan pepper, cardamom) and a discreet touch of anise. The palate is fruity, gourmand, round, delicate, fine, gourmande, relatively fleshy and offers a beautiful matter, fat as well as a certain smoothness. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of candied white fruit and a touch of crystallized mandarin associated with a hint of caramel, a touch of compote as well as slight notes of licorice, oak and fine notes of flowers. Good length. There is a small freshness on the finish.

Score : 17.25

Dartigalongue 1977 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of caramel, Pomme d'Amour and a touch of citrus combined with delicate notes of fig (discreet) and a touch of spice (pepper, cardamom, a discreet note of liquorice). The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful matter, fat and a small fruity frame. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy fruit and a touch of peach associated with a hint of apple, slight notes of crystallized clementine (in the background), almond as well as slight woody notes and a touch of rosewood. Good length.

Score : 17.5

Dartigalongue 1979 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and quite fine. It reveals notes of caramel and crystallized orange associated with a hint of yellow peach in syrup, a touch of rancio and a hint of cedar. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a nice intensity, depthness and a good matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of peach in syrup, a touch

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of Pomme d'Amour and fine notes of citrus associated with touches of caramel, delicate notes of sweet spices and a hint of oak. Good length.

Score : 17.75

Dartigalongue 1981

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is gourmand, elegant and relatively rich. It reveals notes of caramel associated with touches of preserved lemon, white fruit as well as a hint of almond and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, round, relatively powerful and offers a nice fruity / acid frame and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of caramel, crystallized lemon and slight notes of peach in syrup associated with touches of apple, a hint of dried fruit and a few very discreet woody notes.

Score : 17.5

Dartigalongue 1984

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand as well as relatively fine and relatively rich. It reveals fine notes of candied fruit and a touch of rancio associated with a fine touch of caramel with salted butter and a thin notes of dried fruits (hazelnut, almond) and a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave and offers a beautiful matter, a small freshness and a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of crystallized mandarin and a touch of candied citrus (orange, lemon) associated with a hint of peach in syrup, a discreet touch of rancio as well as a few discreet / delicate woody notes. Good length.

Score : 17.25

Dartigalongue 1987

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, relatively rich, powerful and offers a slight note of alcohol. It reveals notes of candied pear and a touch of peach in syrup associated with a hint of candied lemon. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave and offers a nice freshness, fat as well as a beautiful and silky matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of pear, white and a touch of candied citrus fruit combined with a hint of almond and a discreet hint of crème pâtissière. Good length.

Score : 17

Dartigalongue 1989 Single Cask

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fine, quite elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals a touch of orange, caramel and fine notes of rancio associated with slight / discreet notes of candied fruit, oak and flowers. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand and offers a small freshness as well as a beautiful, fleshy/unctuous matter. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of caramel and rancio combined with a touch of orange, pear, slight notes of dried fruit / walnut (in the background) as well as a discreet note of pâtisserie and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16.75

Dartigalongue 1990

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and powerful. It reveals touches of candied orange associated with slight notes of rancio, lemon, a touch of sweetness and a hint of crystallized lemon. The palate is fruity, elegant, suave and offers roundness, a nice sweetness and a good maturity. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of orange, rancio and a touch of caramel associated with fine/discreet notes of oak, a discreet hint of violet fig and a hint of menthol. Good length.

Score : 17

Dartigalongue 1997 - Single Cask

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, suave, gourmand, straight and relatively dry / powerful. It re-

veals notes of dried lemon zest, dried grapefruit zest and discreet notes of candied citrus associated with a hint of dried apple as well as discreet notes of tobacco and rancio (very discreet). The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, soft, well-balanced, well built, straight, suave, gourmand, relatively depth and offers a fine fresh frame, fat, a good structure and a nice definition. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of citrus dried, roasted cocoa and a hint of coffee, apple, white fruit combined with a discreet note of pear, lychee as well as a fine notes of rose, oak, slight notes of spice and a hint of gray pepper. Good length and good persistence. A powerful but perfectly balanced Armagnac !

Score : 18

Dartigalongue 1984 - Single Cask

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is elegant, fine, powerful, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of candied fruit (lemon, mandarin) and a hint of apricot, quenette associated with discreet hints of nougat / caramel, cedarwood, Zante currant, dried peach as well as of slight notes of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, fine, a bit aerial and offers fat. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of peach in syrup, candied apricot and slight notes of candied citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a discreet hint of candied grapefruit, cedar, cigar, discreet touches of woods as well as discreet notes of cardamom, cloves and discreet hints of caramel. Good length.

Score : 17.5

Darroze - Domaine de Petit Lassis 1987

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fine, very elegant and offers a bit powerful. It reveals notes of dried peach, dried apricot and fine notes of pear compote associated with fine notes of caramel, pâtisserie, candied lemon and slight notes of rancio and spices. The palate is fruity, smooth, silky, mineral and offers a good definition and finesse. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied peach, candied citrus and pear compote associated with a fine hint of lemon, fine notes of caramel as well as hints of espresso, wood (discreet) and slight notes of spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Darroze - Domaine de Bernadotte 1973

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and relatively rich. It reveals notes of peach compote, pear, citrus, tangerine and lime zest associated with hints of exotic fruits, pralines as well as slight notes of salted butter caramel, woody and cedar point. The mouth is delicate, fruity and offer bold, sweetness and a fine mineral structure. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of tropical fruit, lemon and fine notes of nectarine associated with fine points of clementine, salted butter caramel, fine touches of rancio as well as a discreet hint of nougatine, cardamom and tobacco. Good length.

Note : 16.25

Darroze - Domaine de Bellair 1968

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, fine, powerful, dry and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of salted butter caramel, crystallized lemon and slight notes of white fruits, exotic fruits (quenette, lychee) combined with fine hints of nougatine, caramelized oak and a discreet note of fresh hazelnut / almond. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers a small smoothness and a fine fresh frame in the background. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes candied nectarine, Pomme d'Amour, candied citrus (lemon, clementine, a hint of quince) and a hint of pear associated with slight notes of rancio, caramel, cedarwood as well as a discreet touch of tobacco, roasted cocoa and fresh hazelnut. Good length and persistence. Small suavity on the finish.

Score : 16.5



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Cognac

Cognac Boutinet VSOP

Fins bois

The nose is fruity, round and offers a fine sensation of sweetness. It reveals notes of dry yellow raisin and fine notes of quince associated with discreet notes of dried tangerine, a discreet hint of yellow fruit as well as a hint of fresh almond, spices and an imperceptible hint of rancio. The palate is fruity, powerful, relatively fat and offers suavity, tension, a beautiful acid frame and roundness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of quince, dried citrus and a discreet note of dried apricot associated with hints of almond as well as a discreet note of nutmeg, hazelnut and slight notes of alcohol. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Paul Giraud Grande Champagne 1er Cru de Cognac V.S.O.P.

Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine and complex. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied orange zest and a hint of peach associated with fine notes of pear in syrup, caramel, rancio, spices and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced and relatively gourmande. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of peach in syrup, pear and fine notes of citrus (orange, mandarin, lemon) associated with discreet notes of pâtisserie as well as a fine hint of apricot (discreet) and crème brûlée. Good length.

Score : 16

Prince Hubert de Polignac VSOP - Fine Cognac

Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of peach in syrup, dried yellow grape and fine notes of yellow peach associated with discreet hints of quince, orange, praline and pâtisserie. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, elegant, fine, aerial and offers a good definition as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of yellow peach in syrup, pear in syrup and fine notes of lemon, quince associated with discreet notes of caramel, dry yellow raisin as well as discreet hints of caramel, spices and very discreet notes of chocolate. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Prince Hubert de Polignac Reserve - Fine Champagne

Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant as well as relatively fine and powerful. It reveals notes of Zante currant, candied lemon and candied tangerine associated with discreet hints of pear in syrup, vine peach as well as a touch of honey, rancio, spices and a very discreet hint of flowers. The

palate is fruity, fine, elegant, round, harmonious and a bit aerial. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear in syrup and peach in syrup associated with discreet notes of honey, toffee, candied citrus (lemon...) and a hint of candied tangerine zest. Good length and persistence. The finish is rich and the aftertaste is relatively powerful.

Score : 15.75

J & L Charlemagne VSOP Authentic

Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively incisive and fresh. It reveals notes of lemon, yuzu, candied orange zest and lychee associated with fine notes

of Zante currant, cigar (discreet) as well as a fine touch of caramel and fine notes spices. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, aerial, relatively fat and offers a small fresh frame (in the background) and a nice unctuous matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear in syrup, peach in syrup, fine notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) and fine notes of candied orange zest associated with notes of pâtisserie, caramel as well as fine notes of spice and chocolate. Good length and persistence. Beautiful harmony and freshness in the mouth!

Score : 16

Frapin - Cognac Grande Champagne 1er Cru de Cognac - V.S.O.P.

Cognac

The nose is fine, powerful and quite elegant. It reveals notes of quince, candied pear, peach in syrup and fine notes of crystallized tangerine associated with fine notes of Zante currants, flowers, vanilla and salted butter caramel. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande, elegant, fine, relatively fleshy and a bit aerial. In the mouth this Cognac expresses fine notes of pear in syrup, a touch of peach in syrup and slight notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) combined with touches of caramel, a touch of mirabelle plum as well as touches of brioche / pâtisserie and a very discreet hint of cocoa. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Larsen - V.S.O.P Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful and exuberant. It reveals notes of lemon zest, quince and mirabelle plum associated with fine notes of honey, small notes of spices as well as discreet notes of Sichuan pepper, cinnamon and cardamom. The palate is fruity, suave, relatively fat and a bit aerial. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of peach in syrup, mirabelle plum and quince associated with fine notes of candied lemon, caramel, honey, fine notes of flowers, discreet notes of apricot as well as a discreet touch of candied orange zest and spices. Good length and persistence. The aftertaste is finely suave.

Score : 15



Cognac

Delpech Fougerat V.S.O.P.

Cognac

The nose is fruity, full and relatively exuberant. It reveals notes of yellow peach, apricot and citrus (especially lemon) associated with hints of orange zests, a fine hint of stewed white fruits as well as fine notes of Bourbon vanilla, caramel, pâtisserie and a slight hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave, relatively elegant, well-defined / precise, relatively fat and relatively gourmande. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of peach in syrup and pears in syrup associated with a fine hint of apricot / mango, citrus (tangerine, lemon), caramel, pâtisserie and Bourbon vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Laurent Jouffe 1er Cru de Cognac Grande Champagne VSOP

Cognac

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of caramel, Bourbon vanilla and raisin associated with small notes of citrus as well as a fine touch of mirabelle plum and fine touches of spice. The palate is fat, round, soft, sleek, finely gourmande and offers suavity and a nice matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of caramel, Bourbon vanilla, crêpe, raisin, candied lemon and fine notes of candied orange zests associated with fine notes of cocoa oak (very discreet) and vanilla. Good length, harmony and gourmandise. The finish is suave, gourmande and round. Beautiful and fruity persistence.

Score : 16

Roussille VSOP

Cognac

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of candied mandarin, yellow peach and fine notes of candied lemon associated with touches of rancio, praline, tobacco, spices, cardamom and a discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers roundness and fat. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of fruit in syrup (pear, apple, peach) and fine notes of orange zest, cocoa associated with fine notes of caramel, spice as well as a hint of tangerine and small notes of alcohol on the finish.

Score : 14.5

R. Delisle VSOP

Cognac

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of orange zests and rancio associated with notes of caramel, candied lemon and a discreet hint of leather, mocha and dried apricot. The palate is fruity, suave, sleek and offers a mineral frame, precision and

a small juiciness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized tangerine and yellow peaches in syrup associated with a hint of pear in syrup, caramel, pâtisserie as well as a fine hint of chocolate and a few discreet oaky notes. Good length and persistence with notes of caramel, fruits as well as fine notes of alcohol.

Score : 15.5

François Voyer - Age D'Or Grande Champagne Cognac

The nose is fine, relatively powerful, incisive and full. It reveals notes of raisin and dried yellow peach associated with fine notes of candied citrus, orange zest as well as a discreet hint of caramel, flowers and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, suave, supple and offers fat and a good definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and raisin associated with discreet notes of apricot as well as a discreet hint of dates, almond, caramel and pâtisserie. Good length.

Score : 16

J. Dupont Art Nouveau - VSOP Grande Champagne 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively complex and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, vine peach, lemon and hints of white flowers (lemon, apple) associated

with slight notes of fruit in syrup, candied orange zest, caramel / de pâtisseries as well as a very discreet note of chocolate and a discreet hint of cedar wood. The palate is fruity, elegant, charming, gourmande, relatively fleshy and offers a good definition and a small fresh frame in the background. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits in syrup (pear, apple) associated with touches of peach in syrup, dry yellow grapes, candied citrus as well as fine touches of cigar, Bourbon vanilla and pâtisserie / caramel. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.25

De Luze - Fine Champagne V.S.O.P

Cognac

The nose is powerful and quite fruity. It reveals notes of yellow peach in syrup and citrus fruit (quince, lemon) associated with a discreet hint of peach skin, jammy apricot, dry yellow grape as well as discreet notes of rancio, cocoa and a discreet touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, suave, relatively gourmande, well-balanced, relatively fleshy and offers a beautiful matter as well as offers a small warm sensation. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of yellow peach in syrup, a hint of pear in syrup and discreet notes of apricot associated with discreet notes of candied lemon, clementine crystallized, caramel, vanilla and a fine hint of rancio. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Cognac

Cognac Park Very Supérieur Old Pale VSOP

Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant, quite fine and relatively gourmand and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of raisin and yellow peach combined with touches of candied orange, rancio as well as fine notes of white flowers and discreet touches of spices (cardamom, bergamot ...). The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, well defined, a bit aerial and offers freshness, suavity and a good definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized citrus, white peach in syrup and fine notes of pear associated with notes of nougat, rancio as well as discreet notes of white flowers and spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Augier - VSOP Le Singulier Cru Grande Cham- pagne Cognac

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of dried citrus, a touch of dried apricot and a touch of Zante currant associated with discreet touches of yellow peach, rancio as well as discreet notes of tobacco, spices and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, round, relatively fat, relatively fleshy and offers suavity, a good precision and a good definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of mirabelle plum, dry citrus (orange, lemon), dried lemon zest and quince associated with fine notes of yellow peach, rancio, tobacco, a hint of pear as well as a discreet hint of cedar wood, oak and caramel. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of Bourbon vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 16.25

Augier - VSOP Le Sauvage Cognac

Cru Petite Champagne

The nose is fruity, gourmand, fat, a bit incisive and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of orange zest, nuts and fine notes of citrus (lemon, quince) combined with touches of spices, Sichuan pepper and a hint of flint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, round, well-balanced, elegant, relatively fat and offers a good volume as well as a nice and fleshy matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of quince, pear in syrup and nuts (walnuts, almonds) associated with fine notes of candied citrus, a discreet touch of orange zests as well as fine touches of rancio, caramel and oak. Good length.

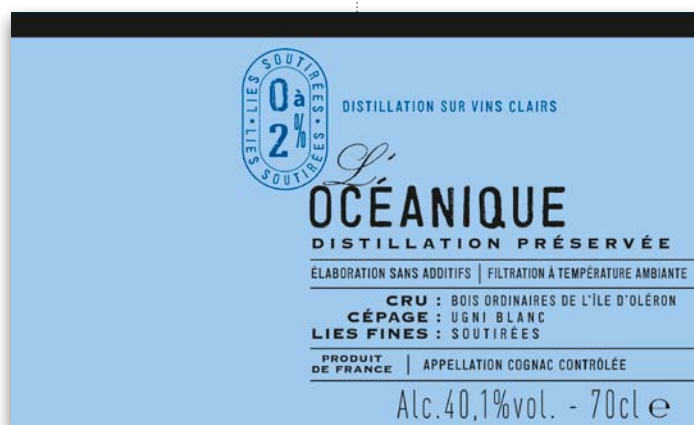
Score : 15.75

Augier - VSOP L'Océanique - Cognac

Cru Bois Ordinaires de l'Île d'Oléron

The nose is fine, fresh, incisive and mineral. It reveals notes of flint, lime zest, lemon and fine notes of flowers associated with a discreet hint of salinity / iodine, crunchy apple, rancio as well as a fine hint of oak and praline. The palate is fruity, round, well-balanced, racy, aerial, relatively fat, relatively gourmande and a bit incisive. The attack is frank. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, candied apple and fine notes of white flowers, mirabelle plum associated with a discreet touch of candied orange zest, minerality as well as discreet touches of spice. Good length and persistence with spices, fruit / citrus, caramel and a hint of gray pepper. The finish is gourmande.

Score : 15.25



Hardy - Fine Champagne V.S.O.P

Cognac

The nose is fruity, gourmand and exuberant. It reveals notes of caramel / crème brûlée, Zante currants and dried citrus (lemon, mandarin) combined with slight notes of warm brioche, white fruit (pear) and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmande, round, fat, elegant, aerial, a bit smooth / fleshy and offers a good definition as well as a fine fresh

frame. The matter is a bit less voluminous than on the Cuvée Organique. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear in syrup, crystallized lemon, praline / caramel, nectarine in syrup and spices associated with slight notes of tobacco and cedar. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Hardy - Organic Cognac VSOP

Fine Cognac

The nose is fruity, full, gourmand, elegant and precise. It reveals notes of dried peach, dried citrus and a touch of dried apricot associated with hints of lemon, a hint of pear as well as a discreet touch of ripe pineapple and fine notes of rancio. The palate is fruity, round, fat, fleshy, elegant, aerial, relatively gourmande and offers a nice volume, a nice roundness, harmony as well as a nice matter and an acid frame. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of jammy pear, candied citrus fruits (quince, a touch of lemon) and fine notes of mirabelle plum combined with hints of vanilla, praline, rancio, hazelnut and slight notes spices. Good length and (very nice and powerful) persistence.

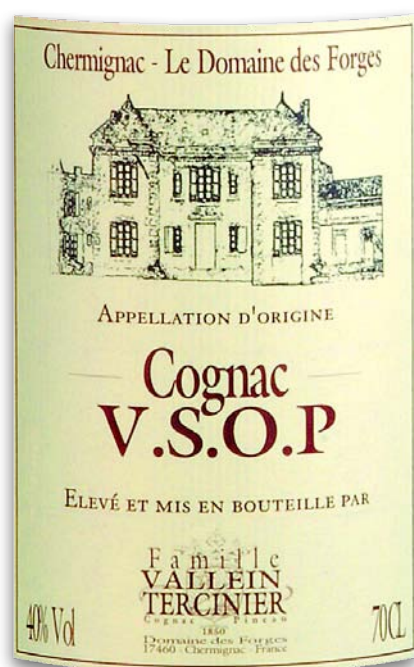
Score : 16.75

Cognac

Famille Vallein Tercinier Domaine des Forges VSOP Premium Selection Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, round and powerful. It reveals notes of rancio, Zante currants, fresh grape and lime zest combined with a hint of yuzu zest, caramelized orange zest, caramel as well as discreet notes of vanilla and notes of alcohol. The palate is fruity, fluid, relatively gourmande and offers suavity and fat. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of jammy pear, candied lemon, quince and notes of mirabelle plum associated with slight notes of caramel, rancio, vanilla as well as a hint of cardamom and pâtisserie. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Renault - Carte Noire V.S.O.P Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively fat and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of yellow peach in syrup, pear and quince associated with slight notes of mirabelle plum, crème brûlée as well as a discreet hint of cocoa and spices. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande, well-balanced, elegant, suave and offers a nice finesse. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear in syrup, vine peach in syrup and fine notes of mirabelle plum associated with a discreet touch of apricot, candied lemon as well as slight notes of praline, spices and fine notes of cocoa on the finish. Good length and persistence. A harmonious Cognac. The persistence is suave.

Score : 16.25

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VSOP Rums

Rhum J. M Rhum Vieux Agricole VSOP Martinique

(Bourbon casks) The nose is fine, quite elegant, relatively incisive and finely rich. It reveals notes of lychee, papaya and quenette associated with slight notes of flowers, apple, spices as well as a discreet note of plum, roasted coffee, slight notes of brown sugar and a discreet note of lime zest. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-defined, well-conducted, relatively gourmand and offers suavity and a fine acid / fresh frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of quenette, exotic fruit and discreet notes of kumquat associated with a discreet touch tangerine as well as slight notes of caramel, pâtisserie, vanilla, cinnamon and oak.

Score : 16

Clément - Select Barrel Rhum Agricole des Antilles Françaises

The nose is fine, relatively powerful and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of cooked brown sugar, fine notes of dried lemon zest and fine notes of cherry associated with discreet notes of caramelized, a hint of Bourbon vanilla as well as a discreet hint of pepper and a discreet note of flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, sleek / soft, nicely fleshy and offers a fine freshness as well as a good and silky matter. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of raisin, plum, slight notes of quenette and discreet notes of lychee associated with slight notes of white fruit (pear), caramel, pâtisserie / brioche as well as discreet notes of sugar cane, oak and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Clément VSOP - Rhum Vieux Agricole-Vieilli en Fûts de Chêne Martinique

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers fine freshness. It reveals fine notes of caramel, Zante currants and fine notes of dried cherries associated with a hint of dried lemon as well as discreet notes of spices (cinnamon ...) and a discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, relatively gourmand, well-balanced and offers fat and a fine freshness. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of creme brûlée, raisin and dried cherry associated with slight notes of plum / strawberry jam, discreet notes of quenette, a hint of exotic fruits as well as slight notes of caramelized oak and a discreet touch of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Trois Rivières VSOP Reserve Spéciale Rhum Vieux Agricole Martinique

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and a bit fat. It reveals notes of caramel, pear in syrup and candied citrus associated with a hint of peach, brown sugar, honey and a hint of zest, spices, blond tobacco and flowers. The palate is fruity, nicely gourmand, round, suave and offers a nice fat, a nice sweetness and a good definition. In mouth this Rum expresses notes of candied citrus (lemon, clementine) and a hint of zest combined with notes of peach in syrup, caramelized brown sugar, dried fruit (almond ...) as well as notes of honey, oak and spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

XO Rums

Virgin Gorda The Poshmakers British Caribbean Rum British Virgin Islands

The nose is relatively fine, powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of dried lemon, fine notes of raisin and discreet notes of dried tangerine zests associated with small notes of spices, vanilla, caramelized oak and a discreet iodine hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers finesse. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of yellow raisin, fine notes of candied clementine and candied orange zest associated with a fine hint of caramel, spices (Bourbon vanilla...) and blond tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Angostura 7 Premium Rum Aged Seven Years Trinidad & Tobago

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of raisin and fine notes of dried yellow plum associated with discreet notes of candied citrus, a fine touch of caramel, cocoa, spices as well as a discreet note of licorice and honey. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine and dynamic acid frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of raisin and dried yellow plum associated with slight notes of candied lemon, pâtisserie, caramel as well as a discreet note of cardamom, cocoa, coffee and slight / discreet spicity notes. Good length. This Rum is nicely gourmand !

Score : 16

Angostura 1919 - Premium Gold Rum Deluxe Aged Blend Trinidad & Tobago

(8 Years Old)

The nose is fine, elegant, dry and finely powerful. It reveals notes of dry lemon and discreet notes of crystallized clementine associated with fine notes of quince, yellow plum as well as a hint of tarte Tatin, a fine note of caramel, molasses, discreet notes cardamom / vanilla and a discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers suavity, a good matter and a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of yellow plum jam, fine notes of Zante currants purée and discreet notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with slight notes of brown sugar caramel, a hint of tarte Tatin as well as discreet notes of cardamom, vanilla and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Angostura 1824 Premium Rum - Aged Twelve Years Trinidad & Tobago

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of yellow raisin and discreet notes of candied clementine zest associated with discreet notes of mirabelle plum jam, slight touches of quince as well as slight notes of caramel, honey, molasses and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, suave, powerful and offers a fine and dynamic acid frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of yellow raisin and mirabelle plum jam associated with slight notes of Pomme d'Amour, caramel, pâtisserie as well as discreet notes of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Rums

Rhum J. M XO - Très Vieux Rhum Agricole Martinique

(Bourbon casks)

The nose is fine, powerful, elegant, quite fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of caramel, plum, kumquat and mandarin zest associated with fine notes of caramelized oak, discreet notes of peat as well as slight notes of papaya, quenette and a discreet touch of gray pepper / spices. The palate is fruity, relatively suave, gourmand, fine, elegant, well-balanced, round and offers a fine acid frame and a good definition. In mouth this Rum expresses notes of citrus (orange, mandarin, kumquat), quenette, exotic fruits and caramel associated with fine notes of vanilla, sweet spices as well as a discreet touch of gray pepper and spices (vanilla, cinnamon). Good length and persistence. A beautiful, well done, precise and gourmand Rum !

Score : 16.5

Les Plantations Saint-James XO - Rhum Vieux Agricole Martinique

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine freshness. It reveals fine notes of brown sugar, quenette, exotic fruits and discreet notes of green apple associated with fine woody touches, exotic woods as well as discreet notes of spices and flowers. The palate is fruity, gourmande, relatively fat, well-balanced and offers suavity. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of cane sugar and raisin associated with discreet notes of lemon, apricots tart Tatin as well as slight woody notes (discreet), caramel and discreet notes of sweet spices / vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Clément - Single Cask Edition Limitée Très Vieux Rhum Agricole Martinique

(100% Blue Cane)

The nose is elegant, fine, relatively powerful and quite charming. It reveals notes of dried citrus (lemon, mandarin), discreet notes of kumquat, tarte Tatin, a fine touch of brown sugar caramel and a hint of exotic fruits combined a few slight touches of oak, fine notes of sweet spices, a hint of tobacco as well as a very discreet touch of white pepper and almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a good definition and a fine acid / fresh frame in the background. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of Zante currants, plum and citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a discreet note of clementine zest, lychee, a hint of passion fruit / papaya as well slight notes of oak, almond and tarte Tatin caramel. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.75

HSE - Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux Grande Réserve XO Martinique

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

and slight notes of brown sugar caramel / pâtisserie. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Trois Rivières Rhum Vieux Agricole Hors d'Âge Triple millésime 1998 - 2000 - 2007 Martinique

The nose is fruity, fine, subtle and relatively intense. It reveals notes of dry lemon and lime zest associated with discreet notes of quenette, exotic fruit, white fruit in syrup (discreet) as well as a hint of brown sugar, prunes, discreet spicy notes, dried flowers and a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well defined, a bit aerial and offers a small fat. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of quenette, tropical fruit and lychee associated with discreet notes of citrus, candied fruit as well as a fine hint of oak, sweet spices and a discreet touch of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16

Vintage Rums

HSE - Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux 2005 Sauternes Finish Martinique

The nose is fruity, relatively incisive, relatively gourmand and offers a fine freshness and a delicate sweetness (maybe come from Sauternes casks). It reveals notes of candied grape, candied lemon and a discreet hint of candied pear associated with fine notes of brown sugar, slight notes of caramelization, quenette as well as discreet notes of toasted oak, gingerbread and tarte Tatin. The mouth is fruity, elegant, aerial, fine, precise and offers a fine freshness, a nice fat as well as suavity. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of candied citrus (tangerine, lemon, kumquat) associated with fine notes of Tarte Tatin, honey, apple as well as discreet notes of sugarcane, caramel, dried fruit and slight notes of toasted oak. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.25

HSE - Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux 2005 Single Malt Finish Martinique

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of Zante currant, candied citrus zest (mandarin, lemon) and white fruit associated with hints of oak, fine notes of brown sugar caramel as well as a discreet hint of peppermint and a very discreet hint of cocoa (appears after aeration in the glass). The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, elegant, well-built, well-structured, aerial, precise and relatively fat. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of dry white grape, dried apple and fine notes of dried lemon notes associated with a hint of soft caramel as well as fine notes of exotic fruit, quenette, spice, a few discreet oaky notes and very discreet hint of cocoa. Good length and finesse.

Score : 16

Trois Rivières - Rhum Vieux Agricole Grande Réserve - Millésime 2000 Martinique

The nose is elegant, charming, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of cooked sugar cane and white grape associated with discreet notes of quenette, apple, slight touches of litchi as well as a discreet hint of oak, spices (cinnamon ...) cedar, tobacco, gray pepper and flowers / rose. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, voluptuous, aerial, per-

Rums

fectly balanced and offers a small acid frame, a fine freshness and a good dynamism. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of quenette, passion fruit, a hint of apple and discreet notes of lime / yuzu associated with slight touches of toasted oak, vanilla, sweet spices, cane sugar as well as a discreet note of caramel, honey and a very discreet hint of pepper. Beautiful length and persistence. Beautiful balance!

Score : 17.5

Trois Rivières - Rhum Vieux Agricole Millésime 2006 - Cask Strength Martinique

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, charming, voluptuous, complex and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of quenette, fine notes of kumquat and a hint of quince associated with discreet notes of exotic fruits, lemon, slight notes of brown sugar and a hint of caramelization / pâtisserie. Zante currants, tobacco (discreet) and a few discreet oak notes. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, round, suave, well built, relatively fat and offers finely gourmand, richness as well as a fine / discreet acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this Rum expresses fine notes of quenette, exotic fruit and Zante currants combined with a discreet note of kumquat, candied tangerine zest, lemon as well as slight notes of cane sugar caramel, gingerbread, honey, a few slight discreet oak notes and a discreet note of pâtisserie on the finish.

Score : 16.5

Spiced Rums

Pusser's Rum - Gunpowder Proof Barbados

The nose is aromatic, quite powerful and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and tangerine zests associated with slight notes of caramel, raisins, dried fruits, dates, slight notes of exotic wood as well as a hint of cedar, nutmeg and a discreet touch of liquorice. The palate is fruity, rich, relatively gourmand and offers suavity. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of candied mandarin, candied lemon and fines notes of tarte Tatin associated with a discreet note of white fruits, a fine hint of caramel as well as slight notes of pâtisserie and discreet notes of oak (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Pusser's Rum - Spiced Barbados

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of spice, cinnamon and clove associated with a discreet touch of vanilla, cardamom (in the background), ginger, as well as discreet notes of black pepper, caramel, yellow grape, orange zest and a hint of candied mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, relatively fat and offers suavity and a good volume. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of raisin and four-spices (cinnamon, cloves...) associated with fine notes of cardamom, cedar wood, discreet notes of lychee as well as a discreet hint of papaya, candied fruit and oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

DeSilver - White Rum St-Barth - French West Indies

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of lychee, tropical fruit and flowers associated with a discreet hint of white rose, spice and peppery licorice. The palate is fruity, fat, suave, well-balanced, aromatic, relatively depth and offers a good matter. In mouth this Rum expresses

notes of lychee and a discreet hint of quenette, apple combined with a discreet note of exotic fruit, flowers as well as slight notes of licorice, spice and discreet notes of peppermint on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Dark Rums

Pusser's Rum - Original Admiralty Rum Barbados

The nose is fruity, fine, a bit powerful and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of dried fruit and fine notes of plum associated with a hint of candied kumquat, molasses and caramel. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively elegant, well-balanced and offers a silky matter. In mouth this Rum expresses notes of candied kumquat and candied quince associated with slight notes of quenette, caramel as well as discreet hints of cedar wood, discreet notes of spices and a hint of tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15

Pusser's Rum - Overproof Barbados

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of tarte Tatin and Zante currants associated with fine notes of candied clementine, brown sugar caramel and slight notes of apricot. The palate is fruity, powerful, warm and well-balanced. In mouth this Rum expresses notes of caramel and tarte Tatin associated with discreet notes of candied citrus, candied apricot as well as hints of spices and fine woody notes. Good length.

Score : 15

HSE - Rhum Vieux Agricole American Barrel - Black Sheriff Martinique

The nose is fine, relatively powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of raisin, dry plum and slight notes of dry lemon / kumquat associated with fine notes of blond tobacco, spices as well as a discreet touch of gray pepper and a discreet note of licorice. The mouth is fine, suave, unctuous, aerial, fat, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of raisin, tarte Tatin and pâtisserie associated with slight notes of quenette, lychee, a discreet touch of citrus (in the background) as well as slight woody notes, spices, cardamom, clove and toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 16

Trois Rivières Rhum Agricole Élevé sous bois - Ambré Martinique

The nose is fruity, fine, subtle and elegant. It reveals notes of sugar cane, rancio, oak and a hint of smoke associated with slight notes of lychee, quenette as well as a discreet note of white fruits and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, fat, suave, supple, well-built, relatively aerial and offers a small freshness as well as a good and unctuous matter. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of quenette, pear and fine notes of exotic fruits associated with small notes of cooked brown sugar as well as slight notes of toasted oak and a discreet hint of peat on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15

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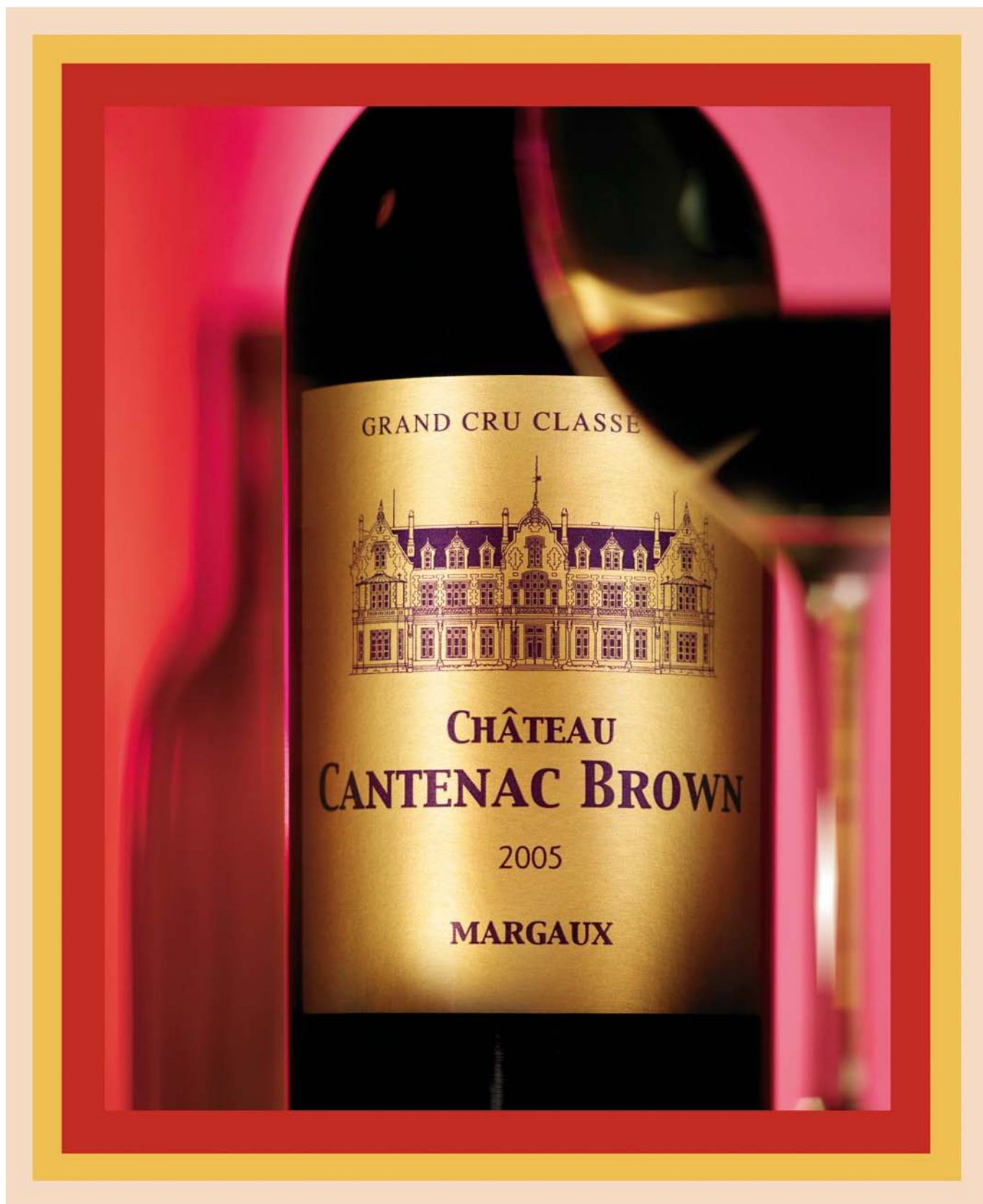
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