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TWO BEST SOMMELIERS OF THE WORLD TASTE BLIND

INTERVIEW WITH MARKUS DEL MONEGO AND ANDREAS LARSSON

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TASTED - According to which criteria did you rate the wines and which are the determining points of your evaluations?

Markus del Monego - We tasted using the international 100 points system, which is internationally well known and accepted.

Andreas Larsson - According to the international 100 point scale. I judge the wine for its overall quality that is to say purity, aromatics, structure, length, complexity, concentration, typicality, potential and longevity, but also its drinkability, something that I feel is very important.

TASTED - What are the features that really distinguish a correct from a good and a good from an excellent wine?

MdM - There are three aspects: first of all, the typicality of the colour for each grape variety, region and vintage. Secondly, the aroma profile. The more complex a wine is, the higher is the rating. Last, but not least, the taste. Mouthfeel and length are as important as balance. And in the end, the better wines show more typicality of terroir/origin than simpler wines.

AL - Correct wines are clean and fruity with a touch of character. A good wine must have more character, concentration and structure. A great wine should have more structure, character - it needs to display personality, to have a beginning, middle, and an end; often a great wine makes you say - wow!

TASTED - Could you please describe the conditions under which the wines have been blind tasted?

MdM - We have tasted in our tasting laboratory [caveCo / Essen / Germany]. Single boxes for the tasters guarantee a quiet tasting atmosphere without any influence from a third party. The wines have been served in glasses, so even the shape of the bottle was hidden, which guarantees a neutral tasting. In addition, the interior climate condition of the laboratory is controlled (temperature, humidity etc.). These conditions follow the DIN 17025 for blind tastings, therefore a high reproducibility of the results is provided.

AL - Markus has said it all.

TASTED - What influence do these conditions have on the reproducibility of the tasting conditions?

MdM - As the conditions are the same for every tasting, the reproducibility of the tasting results is made much more probable and therefore, more relevant. My company, caveCo, is accredited for organoleptic analysis; therefore we need these neutral conditions.

AL - It is a good way of tasting under completely blind conditions and not being influenced by the surroundings.

TASTED - What distinguishes a blind tasting under ideal conditions from a tasting carried out, for instance, directly at a winery?

MdM - Although good tasters can be quite objective even when knowing the name of a wine, there is a certain influence which will work subconsciously. Therefore an attractive label, a famous name or a well known vintner can influence the result. Blind tastings are the only way to have a really neutral tasting.

AL - It is very difficult to judge a wine if you taste it at a "great" winery, one will inevitably be biased by the atmosphere.

TASTED - Do you believe that even professional tasters can be influenced by things like the environment, a particularly friendly and luxurious welcome at a wine estate and if yes in which way? Or at the contrary, by specifically nasty and poor tasting conditions?

MdM - Tasting is a subjective art and there is the permanent battle of good tasters to be as objective as possible. I think that objectivity can be reached up to 80/85%, but there is always a hint of subjectivity remaining. The more a taster is influenced, the higher the level of subjectivity can be.

AL - Yes, as I just said. In addition, one is often confronted with tasting rooms that are too cold or too hot. I hate tasting with the air condition on as it is dehydrating, I hate tasting from bad wine glasses, and there are a few other things I don't like,... so yes there are many ways that can affect one's tasting. ■

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE, GIGONDAS & SOUTHERN RHÔNE

93,5 | FAMILLE PERRIN - LA GILLE

2010 Gigondas

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant and refined fruit on the nose, backed by a touch of mild spices and minerality. On the palate great freshness, complexity, richness and elegance with good length. **94**

MdM - High ripeness with very dark fruit, blackberry, dates and figs, attractive spiciness with black pepper, meat and smoke. The palate is full and intense, not jammy and without sweetness, excellent dark peppery fruit, lovely tannic backbone and very long spicy finish. Really good stuff! **93**

92,5 | VIGNOBLES MAYARD

LA CRAU DE MA MÈRE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromatic nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, blackberries with a meaty, smoky character. Rich and quite complex on the nose. On the palate clean and well balanced with ripe tannins, velvety mouthfeel as well as good structure and length. **94**

MdM - Very appealing and clean nose, good ripeness and a plethora of crushed berries, blackcurrant, raspberry with a hint of spice and smoke. Quite attractive with a full body, creamy and soft with ripe fruit and but no overripeness, good tannic backbone and a spicy length, very persistent and potent. Attractive. **91**

91,5 | DOMAINE DE BARVILLE

ROUSSANNE - BROTTÉ

2012 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Intense golden yellow colour. Opulent and ripe character on the nose. Hazelnuts and Mirabelle plum, apricots and a touch of candied orange peel. Toasted aroma in the background. On the palate aromatic character with tones of dried fruit, mild spices, a touch of vanilla. Good length. **91**

MdM - Very intense nose, aromatic with beautiful yellow fruit aromas, Roussanne like with peach, apricot, saffron, yellow plum and a hint of roasted nuts and vanilla - might be a hint of oak. The palate is seriously structured, unctuous and round with low acidity but plenty of extract that adds freshness, slightly tropical fruit notes - mango, papaya, good volume and appealing mouthfeel, long aftertaste, a serious and very interesting wine. **92**

91,5 | DOMAINE DE L'ARNESQUE

CUVÉE CAPELANE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Sweet fruit and mild spices in a rather restrained expression, almost elegant. On the palate clean and well structured with firm tannins, well balanced fruit and an almost crisp finish. **91**

MdM - Clean, sweet and ripe fruit on the nose yet not jammy, fine spiciness on the palate and plenty of rich dark fruit - cherry, blackcurrant, blackberry and freshly ground pepper, well balanced tannins add structure, very juicy and long finish, plenty of character, very well made. **92**

91,5 | FAMILLE PERRIN

VIEILLES VIGNES

2010 Gigondas

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant but expressive flavour, mild spices, fresh blackberries and strawberries balanced by a meaty character, mild spices. On the palate clean and elegant with good length. Freshness and elegance are balancing the full bodied character of this wine. **92**

MdM - Very pleasing aromatics, a plethora of fresh berries, dried flower, fine spices, meat and smoke. Very attractive palate with dense texture, quite massive but well balanced tannin, plenty of fruit, intense and very long finish. Slightly alcoholic on the finish, drink it slightly chilled. Still youthful but potent and highly promising. Give it some more time. **91**

91 | CHÂTEAU SIMIAN

LA FONT D'HIPPOLYTE

2008 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Intense yellow colour. Well balanced and aromatic nose, slightly spicy, incense, vanilla, charming fruit reminiscent of pear, dried apricots and exotic fruit. On the palate spicy and well balanced with good structure and length. A wine to decant a moment before serving to enhance its aromatic complexity. **92**

MdM - Attractive nose, good purity and intense aromas of apricot, yellow plum, flower and saffron, quite Roussanne like. The palate shows a good level of purity and freshness, round, creamy and unctuous with a fine balance, elegant fruit and long spicy finish with papaya flavours. A most pleasant example. **90**

91 | CHÂTEAU SIMIAN

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Classic nose with vanilla and a hint of cinnamon, blackberries, ripe plums and cherries. A touch of minerality. Soft on the palate with mature tannins and good structure. Length and complexity. **91**

MdM - Attractive clean and fruity nose with notes of blackcurrant, sweet herbs and dark cherry, the palate is full and substantial with sweet, although not jammy fruit, very supple and creamy with bright blackcurrant flavours and a long lingering finish. **91**

90,5 | VIGNOBLES MAYARD

DOMAINE DU PÈRE PAPE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Oak dominating the nose in the first moments, vanilla, cold smoke and meaty character. Fruit rather discreet. On the palate well structured with vibrant tannins, fresh character and good potential. This Châteauneuf shows a modern, oak driven style with rather convincing character. **92**

MdM - Youthful with some creamy notes, vanilla and plenty of red and dark berries, the palate is spicy with rich fruit and some spicy/herbal notes, the tannic presence is attractive, rather long and spicy finish. **89**

90,5 | FAMILLE PERRIN

LE CLOS DES TOURELLES

2010 Gigondas

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant character with mild spices and initially restrained fruit. Wine is extremely youthful, almost closed and takes advantage of being in contact with some oxygen in the glass. Dark berry fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate clean and elegant with good length and freshness. Complex finish. **93**

MdM - Clean and ripe nose with an abundance of fruit, dark plum, cherry and some floral notes. On the palate the wine is dense with sweet fruit, some hints of spices and confiture, good length. Charmingly fruity and straightforward. **88**

90,5 | DOMAINE DES 3 CELLIER

MARCEAU

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Meaty character, smoky flavour, Agen prune, black pepper and a floral touch of Wisteria. On the palate rather rich with spicy notes and good substance, touches of sweetness, but not jammy. **91**

MdM - Sweet and ripe nose with dark plum, blackcurrant, tobacco and spices. The palate is round, opulent and sweet without being jammy, some smoky notes, fine spices and a mixture of red and dark berries. Fine balance and good length in an attractive classic style with ripeness but not too much, good substance and backbone. **90**

90,5 | PAUL COULON ET FILS

BOISRENNARD

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Fine and elegant with an overall soft character, but still with structure and length. Mild spices and berry fruit in a charming match. **90**

MdM - Generous and opulent nose, a hint of new oak, dark berries, plum, spice and leather - it is still somewhat youthful on the palate, but potent with a pleasing structure and plenty of stuffing, clean dark fruit without being jammy, polished tannin and very attractive length. **91**

90 | CHÂTEAU MONT-REDON

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow with a green hue. The nose is clean but very closed, discreet fruit, a touch of citrus fruit and minerality. On the palate clean, opulent with notable alcohol yet well balanced by a crisp character. Well structured with good length, a rather charming, rustic character. **91**

MdM - Clean and fruity nose, discreet aromas of green apple, citrus, almond and a floral touch. The palate is rich and broad, quite unctuous structure, mild acidity and pleasant fruit, quite persistent finish and a warm aftertaste - there is a slight lemony bitterness that adds structure and spiciness, alcohol is noticeable on the finish. I would prefer to drink it rather chilled, well made with character. **89**

90 | CHÂTEAU CABRIÈRES

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow colour. Nose with almost crisp fruit, grapefruit peel and candied orange peel, fresh herbs and ripe peaches. On the palate clean with well balanced fruit, a touch of oak, almost crisp character in the finish. Charming and pleasant in a slightly mineral style. **91**

MdM - Young and medium intense nose, some hints of yellow fruit, citrus and some spicy notes reminiscent of mint and aniseed. The palate is quite full with citrusy flavours and a good level of freshness. Once again not really high acidity, but a balanced bitterness and spiciness that adds a sensation of freshness, rather long finish, well balanced and pleasantly drinkable. **89**

90 | ALAIN JAUME & FILS

DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR, "LA FONTAINE"

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright, intense yellow. Quite complex nose with aromas of dried apricots, orange peel, vanilla and a touch of caramel. On the palate clean and well balanced with opulent, but well integrated alcohol. Rustic charm demanding an opulent dish, such as a pheasant breast. **91**

MdM - Youthful nose, quite aromatic with notes of orange blossom, yellow fruit and yoghurt. The palate is broad and robust with stone fruit flavours, a plenitude of spiciness, finely balanced bitterness and good length. Pleasantly drinkable with plenty of character. **89**

90 | DOMAINE

DE FONTAVIN

2010 Gigondas

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced with restrained fruit and elegant spiciness. On the palate juicy and crisp with well balanced fruit and good length. **90**

MdM - This wine still seems very young, slightly restrained on the nose with notes of dark, fresh berries. The palate is still reserved but with good potential, dense dark fruit and bright freshness, very polished texture, juicy and long finish - will develop into something really appealing and attractive. **90**

90 | DOMAINE

BARVILLE OPTIMUM

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. On the nose intense spiciness, cardamom, cloves, cinnamon and vanilla. Roasted aroma, dark berry fruit. On the palate velvety character, well structured and mature tannins. A wine with convincing length, and for its vintage, exceptional backbone. **90**

MdM - Slightly more nuance and complexity on the nose than in most examples - leather, spices, dark fruit and tobacco. The palate is showing good density, there is a backbone of tannin and freshness, generous fruit and good length, soft and polished but yet with backbone that I miss in some of the other examples. **90**

90 | DOMAINE

LES GIRARD DE BOUCOU

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose aromas reminiscent of chocolate and Morello cherries, fine oak and vanilla. Red fruit character continues on the palate, rather elegant with fine tannins, good structure and aromatic length. **91**

MdM - More red fruited, almost Burgundian nose with hints of raspberry, clove and orange peel. The palate is soft and supple yet with good substance, rather elegant with very attractive length. A delicate and feminine example. **89**

90 | DOMAINE

DES 3 CELLIER

PRIVILÈGE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Exuberant character, ripe fruit, blackcurrant, black cherries and dark chocolate with a touch of white pepper, mild spices and balmy tones. On the palate clean and well balanced with convincing length. Good fruit and mild spices on the palate. Exuberant finish. A wine which improves with decanting. **91**

MdM - Sweet and fragrant nose, orange peel, red berries, clove and chocolate praline. The palate is sweet, rounded and rather elegant, slightly more Pinot like, supple and quite long finish. An elegant example. **89**

89,5 | VIGNOBLES MAYARD

DOMAINE DU PÈRE PAPE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Initially Port like character, but in contact with oxygen opening up in the glass and then releasing aromas reminiscent of smoke and mineral components, a touch of iodine influence and jammy fruit. On the palate sweet and velvety with good tannin structure and length. **90**

MdM - Quite classic nose, leather, spices and dark berries, rather full bodied and robust with dark plum, spice, liquorice and Garrigue notes, serious length and plenty of character. Slightly young today and should improve but still very well made and potent. **89**

89,5 | DOMAINE DE NALYS

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. On the nose rather restrained fruit but elegant ripe flavour. On the palate rich and soft with mild tannins and good length. **89**

MdM - Slightly more restrained nose, dark and brooding with plum, blackcurrant and dark cherry notes, the palate is rather dense and chewy, less sweetness and more structure, fine tannins and a good notion of freshness, a discreet spiciness and a very good length. **90**

89,5 | ALAIN JAUME & FILS

DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

LES ORIGINES

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with fine ripe fruit and juicy character on the palate. **90**

MdM - Clean and fruity nose, dark berries, blackcurrant and sweet spices, on the palate there is rich structure, polished and rounded with sweet fruit, not jammy and with a discreet spiciness, very good length, juicy finish, well made and drinkable. **89**

89 | PIERRE VIDAL

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices, smoky character and ripe berry fruit. On the palate quite elegant, tannins well integrated with a positive oak influence. **89**

MdM - Clean and ripe nose with hints of fig, dates, plum and blackcurrant. The palate is rich, ripe and round, yet with backbone and sensation of freshness, a hint of oak and some spicy notes, good length, clean, polished and rewarding, still youthful but potent. **89**

89 | JULIETTE AVRIL

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced nose with a blend of fruit and oak. On the palate well balanced, medium density and length. **89**

MdM - Youthful on the nose, a rather discreet wine with aromas of dark fruit - plum, blackcurrant, cherry and a gentle spiciness. The palate is showing appealing fruit, quite juicy with fine freshness, very soft tannins, but still enough to add backbone, good persistence and attractive aftertaste of ripe dark cherry and fine spices. **89**

89 | DOMAINE LA MILLIÈRE

VIEILLES VIGNES

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Spicy aromas on the nose, white pepper and Garrigue, restrained fruit. On the palate quite opulent with elegant spicy aromas, tones of white pepper also on the palate. Spicy style with good length. **89**

MdM - Traditional nose, some gamey notes, leather, dark berries, plum and wild herbs. The palate shows plenty of character, a herbal spiciness, elegant fruit and good backbone, fine persistence with a peppery spiciness. Attractive traditional style with good substance. Very pleasant and appealing. **89**

89 | VIGNOBLES MAYARD LA CRAU DE MA MÈRE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Smoky nose with mineral components, a touch of iodine influence, Port like character, jammy fruit. On the palate sweet and velvety with good tannin structure and length. **89**

MdM - Very sweet and fragrant nose with hints of blackberry, flowers, blackcurrant and mild spices. The palate is full and dense with a polished structure, plenty of sweet fruit, good length and overall balance, a well made, rich and modern style. **89**

89 | DOMAINE **DES 3 CELLIER** ALCHIMIE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Iodine aromas in the nose, then releasing lush fruit, especially dark berries and ripe plums. Pimento and toasted bread in the background. A fresh tasting experience on the palate with good length. **90**

MdM - Dark berries, plum, tobacco and brown sugar on the nose, sweet fruit but not jammy. The palate is balanced and offers a mixture of red and dark berries, good backbone and herbal spiciness, fine length and overall balance, plenty of character. **88**

89 | DOMAINE **DE BEAURENARD**

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. A wine with good evolution potential. Initially rather discreet, it opens up well in contact with some oxygenation in the glass, displaying lush fruit and mild spices. On the palate rather soft, however with good structure and length. **89**

MdM - Sweet dark berries, tobacco, brown sugar and mild spices, the palate is sweet and full but not jammy, good backbone of freshness and tannin, dark fruit and a rather long spicy finish. Fine balance, an attractive example between classic and modern. **89**

88,5 | CHATEAU SIMIAN **2010 Châteauneuf du Pape**

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of Port, vanilla and blackberry jam, on the palate well balanced with vibrant tannins and good fruit. **89**

MdM - Clean and fruity nose - rather warm and ripe with notes of dark cherry, berry jam and pepper. The palate is quite structured with an appealing presence of freshness, fresh berry fruit and a rather long clean finish, generous and drinkable. **88**

88,5 | JULIETTE AVRIL

CUVÉE MAXENCE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Charming nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla, caramel, fruit jam, blackberries and mild spices, toasted oak, slightly smoky. On the palate clean and well balanced in a rather elegant style. Medium density and quite good length. **90**

MdM - Young and spicy notes with hints of cedar wood, dry spices, herbs and dark berries. The palate offers generous fruit, not jammy, a rather high freshness and spicy dark berries, well balanced in a more restrained classic style, fine length. **87**

88,5 | BOSQUET DES PAPES

CHANTE LE MERLE - VIEILLES VIGNES

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose aromas of dried plums and black cherries, meaty character. On the palate opulent with well integrated alcohol and good tannin level. Charming, but robust in the finish. **87**

MdM - Rather intense and spicy nose with some meaty and peppery notes, attractive dark fruit, plum, cherry and a hint of oak as well. The palate is full bodied and intense, quite ripe and broad with intense dark fruit, oak and spices on the palate. It has good length but still seems somewhat young and robust - in fact; the wine deserves more time to come together. Let's wait! **90**

88,5 | CHÂTEAU SAINT JEAN

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with strong oak influence, aromas reminiscent of vanilla and caramel, mild spices and toasted oak. Oak backed by ripe fruit reminiscent of blackberries and plums. On the palate well structured with good length. **88**

MdM - The nose is quite warm and ripe, Port like with notes of blackberry, figs and dates, full bodied palate quite polished and intense with sweet dark fruit and plenty of extract, good length, well made in a modern, rich and fruity style. **89**

88,5 | CHÂTEAU CABRIÈRES

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe style with slightly jammy berry fruit, blackberries and mulberries, a hint of toasted oak, mild spices and vanilla in the background. On the palate juicy, classic style with velvety tannins and good length. **89**

MdM - Clean nose with sweet berries, plum and liquorice, the palate is generous with rich fruit and spicy liquorice notes, quite full but with soft texture and medium to long spicy finish. Pleasing and balanced classical style. **88**

88,5 | DOMAINE TOUR SAINT-MICHEL

CUVÉE DES DEUX SŒURS

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Spicy nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices such as vanilla and cloves. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **89**

MdM - Sweet and fragrant nose with notes of flower, berry jam, spices and a lush full body, on the sweeter side with red fruit, liquorice and Garrigue notes, not the most powerful wine, but polished and rather long aftertaste. **88**

88 | DOMAINE DES 3 CELLIER

L'INSOLENTE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Intense golden yellow colour. Impressive flavour reminiscent of orange peel, dried apricots and yellow plums. Aromas of vanilla and hazelnut in the background. On the palate well balanced with charming character, alcohol well integrated and good length. Mirabelle plum, apricots and a touch of candied orange peel. Toasted aroma in the background. On the palate aromatic character with tones of dried fruit, mild spices and a touch of oak. **89**

MdM - Fairly intense nose, quite ripe with hints of stone fruits, apricot, yellow plum and some floral notes. The palate shows good balance between fruit, acidity and structure, not the most powerful, but with fine length and drinkability, a hint of citrusy bitterness on the finish. **87**

88 | CHÂTEAU SIMIAN

GRANDES GERNACHIERES D'HIPPOLYTE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite opulent fruit with aromas reminiscent of plums and cherries, mulberries and elderberries. Mild spices in the background. Almost sweet character on the palate, well balanced with firm tannins. Good length. **90**

MdM - A slightly lighter style with hints of red fruit, confiture (jam preserve), smoke and spices, the palate is soft and well balanced, pleasant drinkability and a fairly long finish. **86**

88 | CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

2006 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with still violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with quite complex aromas, vanilla and cardamom, blackberries, mulberries and touch of tobacco. On the palate velvety character with good length. Elegant and ripe example. **90**

MdM - Tobacco, leather and dark plum on the nose, really full with complex spiciness, dark fruit and herbal spiciness, good length, quite intense in a classic style. Enjoyable drinkability today. **86**

87,5 | DOMAINE DU PEGAU **PAUL FERAUD ET FILLE**

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intensive nose with aromas reminiscent of fine leather, tobacco, lovage and thyme, ripe fruit such as plums and black cherries. On the palate well balanced with lush fruit and well integrated tannins. Good length. **90**

MdM - Rather gamey nose with hints of tobacco, leather and spices, the palate offers sweet red fruit and notes of Garrigue. Medium bodied, in a slightly rustic but balanced style, good length, an attractive example for lovers of classic Southern French wines. **85**

87,5 | CHÂTEAU **MONT-REDON**

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Ripe nose with aromas reminiscent of leather, coffee, oak spices, ripe dark berries and berry jam. On the palate clean and well balanced with well integrated tannins, well structured with rather good length. **90**

MdM - Quite oaky nose, dark jammy fruit with some hints of coffee and chocolate, the palate is really massive and full, quite tannic at present with marked oak. It shows good structure and length but is a bit dissipated at present, should improve. **85**

87 | DOMAINE **COMTE DE LAUZE**

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow with a green hue. Closed character, with slightly herbal aromas, a touch of apple and peaches in the background. On the palate clean, opulent with ripe fruit on the palate. Need time to open up. **88**

MdM - Clean nose with aromas of peach, citrus, flower and green apple, interesting, almost reminiscent of Riesling... the palate is on the lighter side, less bold than some of the other examples, good freshness and vivid citrus flavours, rather long and refreshing finish. **86**

87 | DOMAINE LA MILLIÈRE

VIEILLES VIGNES

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red. Clean nose with rather discreet fruit, mulberries and plums, a touch of spiciness and Garrigue. On the palate clean, rather rustic charm. **87**

MdM - Plum and dark fruity aromas, some herbal/Garrigue notes. The palate is skilfully restrained with good freshness and tannic presence, yet without hard edges, attractive fruit and a juicy finish. **87**

87 | VIGNOBLES PATRICK JAUME

DOMAINE DES CHANSSAUD

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of Port, vanilla and blackberry jam; on the palate well balanced with vibrant tannins and good fruit. **88**

MdM - Warm and spicy nose with hints of berry jam and some herbal/spicy notes. The palate is on the lighter side but balanced with sweet spicy fruit and soft tannins, medium long finish. **86**

87 | DOMAINE DE COMTE DE LAUZE

2009 Red Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of black pepper, vanilla, slightly smoky. On the palate meaty with firm tannins. A convincing style with youthful character - needs time. **88**

MdM - Generous and ripe nose, blackcurrant, berry jam and lavender; the palate is medium bodied, slightly more restrained than some of the bigger examples, a good level of freshness plenty of herbs and spices, sweet red fruit character and a medium to long finish. **86**

87 | PIERRE D'AMBRÉ

MOURIESSE VINUM

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Rich but still very closed. On the palate rich and opulent with rough tannins. Rustic character with a slight over extracted touch. **87**

MdM - Ripe nose almost Port like with blackberry, dates and figs, some hints of oak and spices; the palate is very concentrated with high extraction, still young - deserves some time to soften, plenty of fruit, some rustic notes on the finish. **87**

86,5 | DOMAINE TOUR SAINT-MICHEL FEMINESSANCE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Mature fruit and a touch of cacao and chocolate. On the palate firm tannins, rich style, Pumpernickel bread, touch of sweetness, good length. **88**

MdM - Lightly smoky and creamy nose with hints of fudge, vanilla, some wood and dark berries; the palate is very rich and ripe, a touch of high alcohol, but still fairly balanced, quite long but somewhat rustic finish. **85**

86 | VIGNOBLES PATRICK JAUME

DOMAINE DES CHANSSAUD

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet citrus fruit and a slightly earthy character. Ripe yellow fruit such as Mirabelle plum and peaches. On the palate clean, opulent, rather rustic style with medium length. **87**

MdM - Green apple, chamomile and some earthy notes on the nose; the palate is slightly rustic, nonetheless charming with a hint of spiciness, citrus and a rather opulent texture, medium length, and some spicy notes on the finish. **85**

86 | DOMAINE L'OR DE LINE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with rather discreet fruit, hazelnuts, vanilla and roasted aromas, typical oak influence. On the palate quite pleasant with discreet aroma, alcohol well integrated, well balanced medium length. **87**

MdM - The nose is intense and ripe; there is a hint of new oak and vanilla, generous fruit with hints of peach and ripe citrus. The palate is on the lighter side with citrusy, herbal and green apple flavours, moderate length but a fresh finish. **85**

86 | CHÂTEAU SIMIAN

LES GRANDES GRENACHIERES

D'HIPPOLYTE

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Rich character with sweet fruit and minerality. On the palate almost salty with a touch of ripe fruit. Tannins well integrated, however lacks that touch of elegance. **86**

MdM - Quite closed, dark fruit, herbs and liquorice; the palate is robust and full with an herbal spiciness, quite concentrated but slightly harsh and rustic. **86**

85,5 | DOMAINE DU VIEUX **LAZARET**

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit and some floral tones, slightly mineral and still quite closed. Opulent alcohol but still pleasant. This wine would profit from being decanted before service in order to aerate it. **86**

MdM - Rather youthful nose, some lactic notes of yoghurt, aromas of lemon and green apple. The palate is on the lighter side, discreet fruit and a rather round mouthfeel with a high degree of ripeness, spicy lemon flavours, noticeable alcohol on the finish - I would prefer to drink it slightly chilled. It still seems rather young and closed. **85**

85,5 | VIGNOBLES JÉRÔME **QUIOT**

DOMAINE DU VIEUX

LAZARET

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean fruit, quite restrained and slightly spicy. On the palate sweet with medium length and complexity. **86**

MdM - Quite discreet nose, jammy fruit, lavender and herbs; the palate is sweet and round, very soft tannins - I almost miss some structure here, yet balanced, but in a very soft and jammy style. **85**

85,5 | DOMAINE **DE L'ARNESQUE**

2009 Côtes du Rhône Villages

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very fine nose with aromas of mild spices and an almost exotic touch. On the palate well balanced with good length. **86**

MdM - Plenty of crushed berries and spices on the nose, soft supple and charming palate, balanced finish, pleasant and attractive. **85**

85 | DOMAINE **DE L'ARNESQUE**

FLEUR DE GARRIGUES

2010 Côtes du Rhône

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit, initially slightly reductive, the wine opens up in contact with some oxygen in the glass, displaying pleasant berry fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate clean, well balanced with medium density and length as well as convincing freshness. A straightforward wine. **86**

MdM - Rather light nose with fresh berry fruit; the palate is simple and straightforward with freshly crushed berries and agreeably, spicy finish. Pleasantly drinkable and straightforward. **84**

85 | CELLIER DES PRINCES

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean but rather discreet nose with restrained fruit. On the palate slightly rustic tannins and medium length. **86**

MdM - A lighter structured wine with pleasant clean fruit, plum, herbs and berries; the palate does not show the depth and concentration of the better examples, yet it is balanced and drinkable in a classic rustic style. **84**

85 | VIGNOBLES MOUSSET-BARROT

CHÂTEAU DES FINES ROCHES

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with ripe fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate however slightly Port style with sweet character and signs of maturation. **86**

MdM - A rather discreet nose, some creamy notes, vanilla, red berries, plum and Garrigue notes; the palate is medium bodied, balanced in a lighter straightforward style. **84**

84,5 | DOMAINE DE FONTAVIN

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with spicy aromas and discreet fruit. Slightly jammy character. On the palate medium density and length. Slightly sharp finish. **84**

MdM - The nose is sweet and ripe, indication of high ripeness, plum, dark berries, sweet spices and a touch of oak. The palate is soft, lush and round with layers of sweet fruit, very supple and generous, however today without nuance or complexity, warm and alcoholic finish. **85**

84,5 | DOMAINE TOUR SAINT-MICHEL

CUVÉE DU LION

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose discreet fruit and mild spices. Modern style with important oak influence. On the palate clean but rustic, lacks complexity and length. **85**

MdM - Slightly more modern nose, sweet almost jammy fruit, some new oak and liquorice; on the palate the wine is round, polished and sweet, medium length, quite easy to like but without backbone. **84**

84 | CLOS SAINT PIERRE URBI

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of pink pepper, mild spices, very ripe and opulent fruit, dried plums and vanilla. On the palate well balanced with lush fruit and mild spices. Important oak influence and good length. **87**

MdM - Nose is spicy and slightly gamey, stewed fruit and sweet spices, a hint of oak that is more noticeable on the palate, rather full but with a tannic sensation, a touch harsh, jammy fruit and a moderate finish. **81**

84 | CHÂTEAU SAINT JEAN

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Mature nose with jammy fruit, mild spices and a touch of vanilla. On the palate ripe and opulent, however slightly bitter in the finish. **84**

MdM - Sweet red and dark berries on the nose, Garrigue and liquorice. The palate is showing sweet red fruit, herbs and a soft texture, some rustic notes on the finish, more fruit than structure. **84**

83,5 | DOMAINE PAUL AUTARD

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape (WHITE)

AL - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. On the nose quite floral aromas of verbena and chamomile, dried apricots, touches of honey and vanilla. On the palate aromas of walnuts and honey, dried fruits and opulent alcohol. Very ripe style. **84**

MdM - Ripe nose with hints of orange peel, stone fruit and herbs; quite unctuous palate, a hint of oak in the background, rather spicy with some rustic notes, a hint of bitterness and medium long finish. Seems slightly dissipated right now, might improve. **83**

83,5 | DOMAINE PIERRE USSEGLIO & FILS

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. In the nose quite ripe character, restrained fruit, mild spices. On the palate quite sweet with Port like character and medium length. **87**

MdM - A rather rustic example, herbal with jammy fruit, and a light, hollow body, slightly lean finish. **80**

83 | DOMAINE L'OR DE LINE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Purple red with violet hue. Slightly lighter style with ripe character, aromas quite discreet on the nose; more prominent on the palate. There also spiciness with a slightly astringent character of rustic tannins. **83**

MdM - A slightly more rustic style, plum, red berries and herbal notes; the palate is on the lighter side with less ripeness and marked tannins, young red fruit and a moderate finish. **83**

83 | DOMAINE GILLES

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the palate aromas reminiscent of Port, candied Amarena cherries, cherry jam and coriander. On the palate medium density and length. Lacks complexity. **84**

MdM - Quite sweet, ripe and Port like nose with notes of berry jam and cherry liqueur; the palate is on the rustic side, rather harsh tannins and jammy fruit, the finish is medium long and hollow. **82**

82 | VIGNOBLES PATRICK JAUME

CHANSSAUD D'ANTAN

2009 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue. Soft fruit in the nose, a touch of spices, but lacks complexity. On the palate clean, initially soft fruit but slightly harsh finish with rustic tannins. **82**

MdM - Peppery and spicy nose, some leathery notes and sweet fruit, pleasant nose; however the palate is less complex and very soft without backbone and jammy fruit, slightly soupy finish. **82**

78,5 | DOMAINE DES 3 CELLIER

ETERNELLE

2010 Châteauneuf du Pape

AL - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of Port, pyrotechnical character, slightly vegetable character with a touch of volatility. Palate with astringent tannins, a touch of sugar and rather simple character. **79**

MdM - Very sweet nose, jammy, almost volatile with super ripe fruit and hints of balsamic vinegar. The palate has residual sugar and harsh tannin, very rustic, not balanced. **78**

PROVENCE

92 | DOMAINE DU MAS BLANC

RÉVÉRENCE

2007 Collioure

AL - Peppery, wild and spicy with dark cherry and Blackcurrant Cream liqueur; truffle, really full and well balanced palate with layers of dark fruit, fine tannin and a long complex finish, very good. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Peppery spiciness and dark berry fruit, blackcurrant, a touch of liquorice and violets. On the palate opulent fruit, ripe style with fine tannins and convincing length. **92**

90 | DOMAINES SACHA LICHINE

CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS - GARRUS

2009 Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - More ripeness and depth, stone fruits, nuts, minerals and honey; dense texture with a ripe acidity, persistent flavours of raspberry and pear, warm and rich finish, very good length and balance, one of the few examples with a good deal of complexity, very good. **90**

MdM - Onion peel colour. Ripe aromas, strawberries and marinated raspberries, honey and hazelnuts, brioche and vanilla. On the palate opulent and ripe with excellent length. Wonderful balance and mouthfeel. **90**

90 | CHÂTEAU GRAND BOISE

JADIS

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - There is some oak on the nose, elegant fruit, ripe citrus, grapefruit and some mineral notes; quite like a white Burgundy in texture, fresh, zesty and long finish, very appealing. **90**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant nose with citrus flavours and torrefied aromas, slightly smoky, grapefruit and pineapple. On the palate well structured and balanced with crisp character and good length. **90**

89 | CHÂTEAU LAUZADE

SENECLAUZE

2011 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Clean and young nose, zesty aromas of lemongrass, lime and ginger; quite good grip, youthful and fresh with medium to long finish, some creamy notes on the finish. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet fruit with tones of citrus fruit and white flowers. On the palate clean with fine mouthfeel, creamy texture but crisp character. **90**

89 | CHÂTEAU COUSSIN

2010 Côtes De Provence Sainte Victoire

AL - Sweet floral and fragrant notes with dark plum, prune and blackcurrant notes; attractive peppery notes on the palate, juicy dark fruit, good freshness and a long spicy finish. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Youthful and fresh fruit with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant and blackberries, also a touch of Garrigue and spicy tones. On the palate well structured with good length and firm tannins. **89**

88,5 | DOMAINES SACHA LICHINE

CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS

LES CLANS

2009 Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Very pale, almost like a white wine with a hint of copper; a certain complexity on the nose, nuts, almonds, grey pear and red berries; good substance on the palate, rich with good bite and fine persistence, elegant red fruit, more similar to a good white Burgundy in texture, fine and balanced. **88**

MdM - Onion peel colour. Ripe aromas, roasted almonds, touch of brioche, discreet fruit in the background. Well structured on the palate with good length. **89**

88 | CHÂTEAU COUSSIN

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Floral and fresh with fresh citrus, chamomile and pear; attractive palate, bone dry and zesty with elegant fruit, rounded texture and long fresh finish, pure and precise with fine balance. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean and fruity with aromas reminiscent of citrus fruit and discreet spices, fresh herbs an almost flowery notes. On the palate well balanced with crisp character and rather good length. **88**

88 | CHÂTEAU

GRAND BOISE

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2009 Côtes de Provence

AL - Dark fruity notes with hints of blackcurrant and ripe dark berries; good freshness on the palate, juicy dark fruit, well balanced tannin and attractive length, pleasing, pure and potent, if slightly young - drink from 2013. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Densely structured nose with ripe fruit and aromatic herbs. On the palate spicy and aromatic with luscious fruit and well integrated tannins, rather good length. **88**

87,5 | DOMAINES

SACHA LICHINE

CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS

WHISPERING ANGEL

2011 Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Very pale pink, appealing and pure nose; some red fruity notes and pink grapefruit, good substance, attractive citrusy bite, red berries and serious length. **87**

MdM - Pale rosé with almost violet hue. Clean nose with intense minerality and well expressed fruit. Needs some time to open up. On the palate creamy and juicy with discreet fruit and good length. **88**

87 | DOMAINES

SACHA LICHINE

CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS

DÉESSE

2009 Vin de Pays du Var

(WHITE)

AL - Gentle oak, some creamy notes and ripe citrus; medium weight on the palate, good bite, vivid citrus flavours and quite long finish. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant oak with notes of vanilla and a hint of torrefied aromas, fine citrus fruit, discreet tropical fruit and a touch of brioche. On the palate well balanced, crisp with rather good length. **88**

86,5 | CHÂTEAU DE BERNE

2011 Côtes de Provence

(ROSÉ)

AL - Clean nose, good purity, hints of red berries and pink grapefruit; medium bodied structure, generous and fruity with abundant, ample finish. **86**

MdM - Pale rosé with violet hue. Clean nose with elegant citrus fruit, a touch of cranberries and crisp character. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **87**

86,5 | DOMAINE

BOUISSE-MATTERI

HARMONIE

2011 Côtes de Provence

(ROSÉ)

AL - More mineral nose, discreet fruit, raspberry, citrus, touch of blood orange. Good freshness, pleasantly firm and restrained with a long juicy finish, attractive. **87**

MdM - Pale rosé; nose quite neutral character; on the palate clean and crisp but rather neutral style. **86**

86,5 | DOMAINE

DE LA CROIX

ELOGE PRESQU'ÎLE DE SAINT

TROPEZ CRU CLASSÉ

2011 Côtes de Provence

(ROSÉ)

AL - Clean and pure nose, zest, red berries; attractive and zesty palate with fresh berries, ripe citrus, and a clean long finish. **87**

MdM - Pale pink. Clean nose with slightly floral tones, grapefruit and red berries. On the palate clean and crisp with medium weight and length. **86**

86,5 | CHÂTEAU

LAUZADE

SENECLAUZE

2010 Côtes de Provence

AL - Youthful with notes of plum, crushed berries and spices; the palate is still rather young and restrained with spicy notes and young tannin, but with attractive freshness and juicy berries, good length. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black almost black centre. Discreet fruit, mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate medium weight and length. **86**

86 | LA BADIANE

DEUX SOEURS

2009 Cassis (WHITE)

AL - Clear and bright yellow; the nose displays some oak, citrus and vanilla notes; the palate is quite structured with balanced citrus bitterness, quite long with ripe citrus flavours, appealing balance in a riper and bold style. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow colour with golden hue. Clean nose with ripe aromas, honey, hazelnuts and candied yellow fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with a touch of oak in the finish. **86**

86 | CHÂTEAU

BARBANAU

ET CAE TERRA

2009 Côtes de Provence

AL - Dark purple colour, clean nose, quite Cabernet like with aromatic herbs, blackcurrant and dark cherry; the palate is medium bodied with elegant dark fruit, soft tannin and a rather long finish, attractive and drinkable - to be served slightly chilled. **87**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Blackcurrant, dark berry fruit and mild spices. On the palate well structured, slightly smoky, firm tannins and medium length. **85**

86 | CHÂTEAU SAINTE

ROSELINE

LA CHAPELLE DE SAINTE

ROSELINE

CRU CLASSÉ

2009 Côtes de Provence

AL - Quite ripe, liquorice and dark fruit, blackberry and plum; the palate is rich and ripe with soft tannins and juicy dark fruit, some tannic notes on the finish, which should vanish with bottle age. **86**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Pure flavour of blackberries and mulberries. On the palate clean and well structured, liquorice and firm tannins. **86**

86 | DOMAINE LA TOUR

DES VIDAUX

CUVÉE FARNOUX

2008 Côtes de Provence

AL - Some herbal and spicy notes of aniseed and fruit jam; medium bodied palate, soft and easy going with sweet fruit and a rather long spicy finish. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Spicy flavour, aromatic herbs, thyme and rosemary, vanilla, mild spices. On the palate juicy fruit with an almost velvety character. **86**

86 | CHÂTEAU SAINTE ROSELINELA CHAPELLE DE SAINTE ROSELINE
CRU CLASSÉ**2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)**

AL - Pale onion skin/copper; ripe citrus and some citrusy notes; slightly more substantial on the palate, a touch of creaminess and bright freshness, good length and balance, attractive. **85**
 MdM - Onion peel colour. Slightly yeasty character adds to aromatic complexity. Good fruit with well expressed berry aromas. On the palate creamy texture, good mouthweight and rather good length. **87**

85,5 | DOMAINE SAINT ANDRÉ DE FIGUIÈRE
LES CONFIDENTIELLES**2011 Côtes de Provence La Londe (ROSÉ)**

AL - Pale rosé colour; sweet aromatics, grapey notes, citrus and blood orange; dry, crisp and attractively firm palate with juicy fruit and fine length. **86**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour. Clean nose with elegant but discreet fruit reminiscent of raspberries. In the background a touch of citrus fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **85**

85,5 | CHÂTEAU DE CALAVON**2007 Coteaux d'Aix en Provence**

AL - Sweet nose, some herbal notes, blackcurrant and dark berries, some leathery notes; the palate is showing sweet fruit and a tannic backbone, some exotic notes and hints of mint, good length, still slightly tannic. **85**
 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Sweet nose with leathery aromas, slightly herbal. On the palate firm tannins, lovage and aromatic herbs as well as dark berry fruit, medium length. **86**

85,5 | CAVES D'ESCLANS

DÉESSE

2010 Vin De Pays du Var

AL - Dark plum, leather and herbal notes; full and juicy palate, blackcurrant, plum and dark fruit, some animal/leathery notes, youthful structure with good tannin/acidity, slightly closed but good fruit and fine length - drink from 2013. **86**
 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the palate stewed fruit, mild spices, however also quite tannic. Medium length. **85**

85,5 | DOMAINES SACHA LICHINECHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS
DÉESSE**2009 Côtes de Provence**

AL - Fairly dark ruby/purple, some notes of fudge and vanilla with dark berries and herbs; quite full palate, rather tannic at present but with pure fruit and decent finish. **86**
 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Spicy nose with aromatic herbs, rosemary, Garrigue; on the palate well structured and balanced with good length. **85**

85 | CHÂTEAU RASQUE

CLOS DE MADAME

2011 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Fresh nose with hints of grey pear and some herbal notes; the palate is rounded with a hint of sweetness, mellow acidity and medium length. **85**
 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe fruit in the nose, starfruit, slightly tropical fruit but not really complex. On the palate pleasant with a touch of sweetness, medium weight and length. **85**

85 | CHÂTEAU RASQUE

CLOS DE MADAME

2008 Côtes De Provence

AL - Sweet nose, hints of red berries, cedar wood, spices and confiture; soft fruit on the palate, medium weight, still with rather youthful tannins, medium length. **84**
 MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Jammy fruit, smoky character, almost gamey Syrah style. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and rather good length. Firm tannins but well integrated. **86**

85 | CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

ROUGE DE LÉOUBE

2010 Côtes de Provence

AL - Some new oak, red fruits, plum and spices; the palate has high freshness, slightly tannic touch and seems closed with red fruit flavours, medium length. **85**
 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue; quite ethereal notes in the nose; on the palate mature character with firm tannins and medium length. **85**

85 | DOMAINE BOUISSE-MATTERI

HARMONIE

2010 Côtes De Provence

AL - Slightly roasted and burned nose; sweet jammy fruit and some spicy notes; the palate is young, slightly marked by burnt oak, soft red fruit and medium weight, spicy roasted finish - it probably needs some time to shed the oak. **84**
 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Distinct oak influence on the nose, backed by well structured fruit. Luscious aromas of blackcurrant and ripe blackberries. On the palate clean and well balanced with rather good length. **86**

84,5 | CHÂTEAU COUSSIN**2011 Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire (ROSÉ)**

AL - Pale colour; grapefruit and tutti frutti notes; the palate is fresh and light with crisp finish. **84**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour. Elegant fruit, reminiscent of grapefruit and raspberries. On the palate medium weight and length with crisp and fruity finish. **85**

84,5 | CHÂTEAU DES BERTRANDS**2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)**

AL - Youthful aromas, citrus, red berries and some vanilla; the palate is on the lighter side, nonetheless fresh on the finish, straightforward and pleasant. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé with violet hue. Clean nose with elegant citrus fruit, candied raspberries and cranberries, crisp and fruity character. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **86**

84,5 | DOMAINE DE L'ANGUEIROUN

PRESTIGE

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Young and bright, slightly more complexity on the nose; some notes of honey, wax, nuts and yellow fruit, good grip on the palate, unctuous and creamy with attractive fruit and a fairly long finish, good. **87**
 MdM - Bright yellow colour with slightly golden hue. Spicy nose reminiscent of a touch of oak, medium density and almost medium length. **82**

84,5 | CHÂTEAU RIOTOR**2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)**

AL - Light pink colour; citrus and grapefruit dominates the nose; quite light and fresh palate with citrus notes, medium length. **83**
 MdM - Rosé with slight violet hue. Clean and aromatic with almost floral tones; on the palate well balanced with medium density and rather good length. **86**

84 | VIGNOBLE KENNEL

CLASSIC

2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Pale colour, aromatic and fragrant with citrus, red berry and grapey notes, a pleasant and balanced structure, juicy fruit and a fresh finish. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé with orange hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of citrus fruit, raspberries; on the palate medium weight and length. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

FORTS DE LÉOUBE

2008 Côtes de Provence

AL - Clean and fruity, crushed berries; well rounded with medium weight, tannic backbone, straightforward, fruity and enjoyable. **84**
 MdM - Dark purple red. Straightforward fruit with a touch of spiciness. On the palate medium weight and length. **84**

84 | DOMAINE OLIVIER D'AUGE

L'ARCOULE

2009 Les Baux de Provence

AL - Dark ruby red, clean and fruity nose with notes of dark cherry, blackcurrant and herbs; quite dense palate, which gives a slightly tannic impression, medium long finish - deserves some more time to soften the tannins. **83**
 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean but discreet nose; on the palate well structured with firm tannins, medium length. **85**

84 | CHATEAU DE JASSON

CUVÉE ELÉONORE

2011 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Light copper/pink nuance; generous young and fruity nose with hints of tutti frutti; round generous and fruity palate, decent length with some citrusy notes on the finish, young and balanced. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of pear drops and raspberries. On the palate crisp and fruity with a hint of raspberries, medium length and good mouthfeel. **85**

84 | DOMAINE

DE L'ANGUEIROUN

ENKHELIS

2010 Côtes de Provence**La Londe (ROSÉ)**

AL - Quite pale colour, rather yellow with a copper tinge; fairly intense and aromatic, grey pear and some raspberry notes; decent structure and mouthfeel, maybe even a touch of oak? Quite good length. **84**
 MdM - Onion peel colour; discreet, almost closed nose. On the palate slightly phenolic with ripe fruit and medium length. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

BLANC DE LÉOUBE

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Green apple, herbs and citrus on the nose; medium weight, bone dry and ripe with mellow acidity, creamy and fruity finish. **84**
 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Rather green fruit with discreet character. On the palate clean but simple with medium weight and rather short finish. **83**

83,5 | DOMAINE

DE LA NAVICELLE

PRESTIGE

2010 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Dark ruby/purple nuance; the nose exhibits some new oak, vanilla and dark fruits; palate shows plum fruit notes, chocolate and new oak, rather full but slightly dry on finish. **83**
 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Hint of oak and mild spices, ripe berry fruit, slightly balmy character. On the palate clean and well structured, firm tannins, a touch of bitterness in the finish. **84**

83,5 | DOMAINE

DE L'ANGUEIROUN

PRESTIGE

2011 Côtes de Provence**La Londe (ROSÉ)**

AL - Clear onion skin colour; lightly aromatic with grapefruit, citrus and floral notes; palate slightly more persistence and flavours of pink grapefruit, decent bite on the finish pleasant and well structured. **84**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour with almost orange hue. Clean nose with aromas of fresh red berries and a touch of mild spices. On the palate clean and smooth with medium length. **83**

83 | DOMAINE

DE LA SANGLIÈRE

PRESTIGE

2011 Côtes de Provence**La Londe (ROSÉ)**

AL - Very pale, light copper colour; lightly floral with notes of pear and melon; the palate is fresh and generous with some notes of red berries and citrus, medium length and a refreshing finish. **81**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of candied raspberries and fresh cranberries. On the palate crisp and fruity with a hint of raspberries, medium length and good mouthfeel. **85**

83 | ABBAYE

SAINT HILAIRE

CUVÉE PRIEUR

2011 Coteaux Varois**en Provence (ROSÉ)**

AL - Pale copper orange colour; lightly aromatic with green apple and pear aromas; fairly light structure with mild acidity and refreshing finish. **82**

MdM - Pale rosé; discreet nose with aromas reminiscent of raspberries and strawberries. On the palate quite juicy with well balanced character, medium length with lovely fruit. **84**

83 | CHÂTEAU BARBANAU

ET CAE TERRA

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Bright and pale copper nuance; rather neutral nose with zesty citrus aromas; crisp and fresh on the palate, simple and straightforward. **81**
 MdM - Pale rosé with orange hue. Clean character, raspberries and red currant, hint of lemon in the background. On the palate crisp with fresh berry fruit, medium length. **85**

82,5 | CHÂTEAU LAUZADE

SENECLAUZE

2011 Côtes de Provence

AL - Discreet nose, young fruit, citrus; crisp but light palate, refreshing and balanced with juicy red fruit on the finish. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé with almost orange hue. Rather restrained fruit and mineral character; on the palate clean with medium weight and light finish. **82**

82,5 | CHÂTEAU

DES SARRINS

GRANDE CUVÉE

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Pale partridge eye colour; some earthy notes, spice, flower and fresh grape aromas; the palate is bone dry and light, good freshness and discreet fruit. Medium finish. **82**
 MdM - Pale rosé colour with orange hue. Clean but discreet nose with slightly mineral tones. On the palate clean, however restrained fruit and a touch of minerality. **83**

82,5 | DOMAINE

DU VAL DE GILLY CUVÉE

ALEXANDRE CASTELLAN

2011 Côtes de Provence**(WHITE)**

AL - Very bright and limpid colour; youthful and fresh aromatics, green apple, quince and herbal notes; the palate is well rounded with mild acidity and green fruit flavours, medium length and a clean finish. **83**
 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean but quite discreet with a touch of lemon and starfruit. On the palate clean and crisp with medium length. **82**

82,5 | DOMAINE

DE LA NAVICELLE

ROUGE LA COLLE NOIRE

2009 Côtes de Provence

AL - A gentle hint of oak on the nose, dark cherry and blackcurrant, some herbal notes; good freshness and rather young, angular tannins, needs some more bottle age, medium length. **82**
 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose initially slightly reductive, pyrotechnical aromas, ripe blackberries and plums. On the palate almost juicy with firm tannins, medium length. **83**

82,5 | CHÂTEAU BARBANAU

L'INSTANT

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Light pink colour; some notes of pear and raspberry; medium bodied palate with good level of freshness, decent length. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé. Nose with minty flavour, spicy, with rather restrained fruit. On the palate clean in a rather reductive style. **82**

82,5 | DOMAINE

DU VAL DE GILLY

CUVÉE MARION

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Bright light copper nuance; fairly aromatic with green pear, raspberry notes; the palate shows good bite and zesty freshness, fine purity and finish. **83**
 MdM - Pale rosé, restrained flavour, pear drops and red berries, on the palate clean with restrained fruit and almost medium length. **82**

82 | CHÂTEAU

GRAND BOISE

MAZARINE

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Aromatically more like a white wine with green apple and citrus aromas; the palate is firm and restrained with high acidity and a light finish. **80**
 MdM - Pale rosé with almost orange hue. Rather reductive nose with pyrotechnical tones, rather restrained citrus fruit, grapefruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with almost salty minerality on the finish. **84**

82 | DOMAINE

LA TOUR DES VIDAUX

CUVÉE SAINTE MADELEINE

2011 Côtes de Provence**(WHITE)**

AL - Pale and clear; a young nose, slightly floral with notes of white flower and green apple; quite light on the palate, straightforward and refreshing. **82**
 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreetly aromatic nose, slightly minty and spicy. On the palate clean and crisp with medium length. **82**

82 | CHÂTEAU PAS DU CERF

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2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Rather pale pink nuance; hints of tutti frutti and citrus; good bite with hints of lemon zest and grape fruit, medium long and clean finish, easy and drinkable. **81**
 MdM - Pale rosé with orange hue. Nose clean however slightly dusty, slightly tropical fruit and red berries. On the palate juicy and well balanced with medium length. **83**

81,5 | CHÂTEAU RASQUE

CLOS DE MADAME

2011 Côtes de Provence**(ROSÉ)**

AL - Quite pale colour; some more spiciness on the nose; a hint of bitterness on the palate, medium bodied with a fresh finish. **81**
 MdM - Pale rosé with orange hue. Ripe but discreet, restrained fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight, a touch of bitterness, slightly rustic finish. **82**

81,5 | DOMAINE BOUISSE-MATTERI

HARMONIE

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Some oak, light fruit, tutti fruit; the palate is on the lighter side, quite marked by oak, fresh, simple and straightforward. **81**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. A hint of oak covers the rather light fruit. On the palate rather discreet, lacks depth and complexity to carry the oak. **82**

81 | DOMAINE CAVALIER

CHÂTEAU CAVALIER

2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Bright and light pink; pear, raspberry and some floral notes; a certain tannic bite on the palate, fresh and crisp finish, still very youthful. **82**
MdM - Pale rosé colour with almost orange hue. Quite reductive nose with restrained fruit. On the palate clean, smooth, with medium length and a slightly alcoholic finish. **80**

80,5 | CHÂTEAU DU GALOUPET

TIBUR CRU CLASSÉ

2010 Provence (WHITE)

AL - Pale straw colour; citrus, pear and apple aromas, some creamy notes; the palate is light and fresh with mellow acidity, quite neutral but refreshing, medium finish. **80**
MdM - Bright yellow with golden hue. Discreet nose with aromas reminiscent of pear and apple. On the palate clean, slightly mineral with almost medium length. **81**

80,5 | LA BADIANE

LES BOUISSONS

2008 Côtes de Provence

AL - Quite intense nose, some new oak, vanilla, gamey and leathery notes with sweet fruit, some volatile notes; rather robust and rustic palate, sweet fruit and warm finish. **81**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense influence of oak combined with volatility and Brettanomyces. Difficult, very animal nose. On the palate opulent, however slightly sharp in the finish. **80**

80,5 | CHÂTEAU PAS DU CERF

DIANE

2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Light pink/onion skin, fresh and clean nose, some green apple/citrus aromas; a hint of tannin on the finish, medium length. **81**
MdM - Pale rosé; quite discreet nose, chalky minerality but lacking fruit. On the palate clean but somehow neutral. **80**

80,5 | CHÂTEAU DES DEMOISELLES

2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Very pale with a light copper tinge; some notes of plum and pear, crisp and fresh; rather light palate, medium long finish. **81**
MdM - Onion peel colour; clean but rather restrained fruit; on the palate touches of minerality, lacking length. **80**

80,5 | ROCHER DES CROIX CHÂTEAU PAS DU CERF

2011 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Clear light copper nuance; pure nose of citrus and green apple; very light palate, rather short. **80**

MdM - Pale rosé colour with almost orange hue. Discreet fruit, lemon peel, grapefruit and raspberries. On the palate clean and crisp with medium length. **81**

80 | DOMAINES SACHA LICHINE

CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS DÉESSE

2010 Vin de Pays du Var (WHITE)

AL - Pale colour; rather neutral nose, some notes of almond and green apple; very light palate, simple fruit, refreshing but without substance. **80**
MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean but rather neutral style. On the palate touch of minerality. **80**

78,5 | SECRET DE LÉOUBE

CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

2010 Côtes de Provence (WHITE)

AL - Light colour; the nose is developed with vanilla and a hint of oxidation (oak?); the palate is round and opulent with a hint of bitterness and medium acidity. **79**
MdM - Golden colour with slight orange hue. Clean nose, but quite ripe and tired, lacks fruit. On the palate a touch of sweetness but also hints of oxidation. **78**

78,5 | DOMAINE LA TOUR DES VIDAUX

CUVÉE FARNOUX

2007 Côtes de Provence

AL - Very oaky on the nose, vanilla, coffee, coconut; quite attractive dark fruit but even on the palate the oak is dominating, slightly dissipated with dry finish. **78**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with intense oak character, covers fruit; on the palate firm tannins, high astringency, medium length. Very rustic. **79**

78 | DOMAINE D'EOLE

CUVÉE LÉA

2006 Coteaux d'Aix en Provence

AL - Quite developed, gamey and leathery nose; quite rustic palate with herbs, dry tannins and jammy fruit, rather short with faded fruit expression. **78**
MdM - Dark garnet red. Very ripe nose with aromas reminiscent of dried fruit. Balmy aromas, vanilla. On the palate ripe and smooth with still firm tannins in the background. **78**

77,5 | CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

2010 Côtes de Provence (ROSÉ)

AL - Very pale rosé, similar to a dark white wine; vanilla and spice on the nose, perhaps a touch of oak? A hint of oxidation, round and full palate, but slightly dissipated with fat, creamy notes and the hint of oxidation, which started on the nose, persists. **77**
MdM - Pale rosé with orange hue. Nose with aromas reminiscent of mushrooms, undergrowth; but body lacks fruit and seems to be too tired. **78**

BURGUNDY

95 | DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS

2009 Chevalier Montrachet

AL - Pale and bright yellow colour; very fine nose with great complexity and purity, mineral with roasted nuts, ripe citrus, and floral notes. Incredibly dense and textured with mouth watering acidity, elegant fruit, minerals and an incredibly long pure finish - a remarkable wine. **96**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very expressive nose, elegant flinty aromas, slightly smoky, complex and rich. Vanilla, toast and ripe fruit, apple, lemon and pineapple. Elegant minerality. On the palate clean and well balanced with great length. **94**

94 | DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS

2009 Corton Charlemagne

AL - Pale yellow and bright; the nose is almost tropical with roasted nuts, mineral, fine oak, vanilla and butter, yet very elegant despite the flamboyant bouquet. The palate is rich and powerful with immense concentration, really intense and vibrant fruit, incredibly long and rich finish - superb potential. **95**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very elegant nose with complex aromas, classic flavour profile.

On the palate clean and well balanced, good structure and length. Smooth with creamy texture. **93**

94 | DOMAINE CHAMPY

2010 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru

AL - Lightly roasted nose, hazelnuts, oak, vanilla and ripe citrus; bone dry and zesty with refreshing acidity, clear, mineral and long finish - lovely precision. **93**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Almost opulent nose with rather restrained fruit reminiscent of pear and citrus fruit, juicy apricots and also some torrefied notes and vanilla. On the palate very elegant, classic style with discreet minerality and fine fruit as well as excellent length. **95**

92,5 | DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS

2009 Beaune Grèves Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus

AL - Medium dark ruby red; the fruit is slightly darker, blackcurrant, herbs and cherry, some vanilla and gentle oak; the palate is rounded with sweet fruit, a hint of confiture jam, blackcurrant and cherry, darker fruit character; it has a bright freshness and sweet spiciness, it shows plenty of structure from fine tannins and the aftertaste is really long - it needs time to reveal its full potential, but should have a very long life ahead of it - great stuff. **93**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, blackberries and dark cherries. Mild spices, vanilla, toast. On the palate well balanced with intense fruit and good length. Ripe, almost sweet tannins. "Vin de Garde" - put this one away in your cellar. **92**

92,5 | DOMAINE BERTAGNA

2010 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

AL - Fresh nose of crushed red and dark berries, fine spices, juicy acidity; slightly unresolved on the palate but with fine texture and long finish - still young and not showing its full potential, but it has the purity, length and structure to develop well. **91**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Very serious wine with substantial fruit, reminiscent of blackberries, raspberries and dark cherries, chocolate and vanilla. On the palate firm tannins and elegant acidity combined with almost juicy fruit. Excellent length in a very classic style. **94**

92,5 | DOMAINE BERTAGNA

2009 Vougeot Premier Cru

Clos de la Perrière Monopole

AL - Fine spices, mild pepper, fresh red and dark berries, good purity, some meaty and complex notes; the palate is fresh and crunchy/crisp with red and dark berries, fine spicy notes, juicy raspberry and apricot, good length, most attractive modern style with moderate oak. **92**
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Very fine fruit, raspberries, blackberries and Morello cherries. Elegant, modern, torrefied aromas with a touch of mild spices. On the palate smooth and well balanced with ripe tannins and crisp acidity, good length and weight with fruit and mild spices in the finish. **93**

92 | DOMAINE BERTAGNA

2009 Vougeot Premier Cru Blanc Les Cras (WHITE)

AL - Quite ripe stone fruit aromas, some oak and almond paste, some mineral notes; good grip on the palate, broad and mouth filling with bright acidity, stone fruit flavours and a long nutty finish. **91**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of ripe pear and Mirabelle plum, citrus fruit, fine oak influence backing the fruit, vanilla and slightly torrefied aromas. On the palate very elegant, classic style, minerality and fine fruit. Good weight and excellent length. **93**

91 | HARMAND-GEOFFROY

2009 Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru

AL - Very dark ruby red; dark fruit character on the nose, blackcurrant, cherry, sweet liquorice and some earthy notes; rather full palate with dark fruit, young tannin, mineral and dark fruit confiture jam; it shows serious length and pure fruit, rather opulent and modern, however with good depth and complexity - should age really well - drink from 2014. **92**
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose with complex aromas, almost meaty character, intense berry fruit and mild spices. On the palate well structured, good length, ripe tannins and convincing fruit. However, quite modern and concentrated style. **90**

91 | FREDERIC MAGNIEN

2009 Chambolle Musigny

Premier Cru "Borniques"

AL - Medium to deep ruby red; the nose is intense, floral and dark fruity with notes of mineral, blackcurrant and fine spices; quite complex palate, really juicy and attractive fruit with raspberry and blackberry flavours, rounded and soft tannins, bright and fresh with a very long finish, really enjoyable already, although with fine potential for long aging. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red. Very convincing nose, ripe fruit, cherries and plums, mild spices, touch of oak, roasted aromas and vanilla in the background. Rather modern style with smooth tannins and good length. **91**

91 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD

2010 Chablis

Premier Cru Butteaux

AL - Light yellow nuance; the nose is slightly more profound with chalky mineral notes, stone fruit and nuts; very juicy palate, fresh acidity underlined by yellow fruity notes and crisp acidity, rather long finish with a hint of complexity. **90**
MdM - Intense yellow colour, Very good structure and profound nose, complex aromas of roasted hazelnuts, ripe apple and pear, elegant spiciness. On the palate complex, a wonderful example for what Chablis can achieve. **92**

90,5 | JOSEPH FAIVELEY

2009 Meursault

Premier Cru Blagny (WHITE)

AL - Fairly deep golden colour; lovely intensity on the nose, high ripeness with yellow fruit, fine oak, fresh butter and a hint of minerality; really full on the palate, intense and rich with layers of fruit and bright freshness, appealing texture, very smooth with long lingering aftertaste and a hint of complexity - fine potential. **90**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Opulent and rich nose which still shows an elegant use of fine oak, fine fruit, hazelnuts, butterscotch, toast and a touch of tropical fruit. On the palate clean and well structured with lovely length. **91**

90,5 | DOMAINE FAIVELEY

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin

Premier Cru

La Combe aux Moines

AL - Medium ruby nuance; fine purity and intensity on the nose, slightly mineral with red and dark berries, well defined use of oak; the palate is concentrated but smooth and silky with plenty of wild fruit, serious structure and a long lingering finish, gracious and attractive. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red. Very pure and fresh fruit, dark and red berries, mild spices and a touch of vanilla. On the palate clean and well made with good structure and length. Tannins with an almost smooth character. Shows good ageing potential. **90**

90,5 | DOMAINE

BERTAGNA

2008 Clos Saint Denis

Grand Cru

AL - Medium to dark ruby colour; attractive nose with floral notes, red and dark berries, cloves and a fine touch of oak and vanilla; quite full structure with sweet fruit, mellow but present tannin, bright freshness and some complexity on the finish, fairly long, well made and potent. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well balanced nose with ripe fruit, almost balmy character from the oak without the oak influence being upfront. On the palate well structured and well balanced with good length. Blackcurrant and black cherries in the finish. Opulent style despite the vintage. **92**

90,5 | DOMAINE

WILLIAM FÈVRE

2010 Chablis

Grand Cru Les Clos

AL - This gives an impression of youth, very pale; closed on the nose with a mineral notion; the palate indicates a high level of quality as it is rich, full and long with serious structure and potential, but, this truly needs time to open up. **90**
MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Slightly reductive, very closed character, good mouth-feel. A hidden treasure with potential. **91**

90 | DOMAINE FAIVELEY

2010 Mercurey

Clos Rochette Monopole (WHITE)

AL - Light yellow with a green hue; the nose is young with an emphasis on fruit and less oak, ripe lemon, grapefruit, almond and some mineral notes. Good structure, it combines ripeness and freshness, attractive fruit and a fairly long finish. **89**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of ripe yellow fruit, pear and Mirabelle plum, slightly smoky and toasted tones. On the palate creamy texture and elegant minerality, really good length. **91**

90 | HARMAND-GEOFFROY

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin

Premier Cru

AL - Quite dark colour; intense and young nose displaying fresh berries, blackcurrant, raspberry, sweet spices and a hint of oak; alluring structure on the palate, full and chewy with juicy dark fruit, a backbone of tannin, clean and fresh acidity all along, good length, appealing structured and potent wine. **89**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with complex aromas, ripe fruit and mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with fine structure, elegant acidity, well built length. Fruit and minerality in the finish. A wine already showing its charming character yet good potential for further evolution. **91**

90 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD

2010 Chablis Grand Cru

Les Clos

AL - Very pale and bright colour; the nose is refined and mineral with a certain complexity, good purity, stone fruits and lemon confiture jam; the palate is rich, full and mouth watering, seriously structured with fine length and elegant young fruit - should be tucked away for at least 3-4 more years. **90**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very closed nose, but an excellent structure with good length. **90**

90 | LA CHABLISIENNE

2009 Chablis Premier Cru Mont de Milieu
AL - Pale and limpid; attractive purity on the nose, rather sweet and ripe with lemon, stone fruit and mineral aromas, perhaps a touch of oak; very full and structured with juicy freshness and mouth watering acidity, long, rich and lingering finish - still very youthful but with great potential, should be tucked away for at least 3-4 more years. **89**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with a touch of flint stone and some toasted aromas, minerality and almost smoky character backed by elegant fruit. On the palate quite complex with good length. **91**

90 | DOMAINE DU ROURE DE PAULIN

2010 Pouilly Fuissé

AL - Still youthful and restrained, almonds, ripe citrus and some floral notes; the palate is charmingly rounded and creamy with young white skinned fruit, a bright freshness and medium to long finish, well balanced. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Modern style with expressive aromas, substantial fruit, ripe pear and candied lemon. On the palate elegant roasted flavours and ripe, almost tropical fruit. Well balanced with good length. **92**

89,5 | MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

2010 Beaune Clos Des Mouches (WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour; the nose is displaying a certain complexity, gentle oak, some nutty notes, lemon custard and fresh butter. The palate is full and structured with good combination of ripe fruit and a crisp long finish, well balanced. **89**

MdM - Yellow with slightly green hue. Clean nose, initially slightly reductive, later opening up towards flinty aromas, ripe yellow fruit and toast. On the palate clean and well balanced with almost good length. **90**

89,5 | MAISON SYLVAIN LOICHET

2008 Corton Charlemagne

AL - Light golden colour; intense nose of tropical fruit, roasted oak and almond paste; the palate is graciously structured with slight presence of a hint of oak; otherwise, rather full and creamy with elegant fruit, firm freshness and long finish. **89**

MdM - Bright yellow with almost green hue. Ripe aromas in the nose with elegant fruit and an obvious touch of oak, well balanced, Mirabelle plum and lemon peel. On the palate clean and well balanced with a touch of smokiness. Good length. **90**

89,5 | DOMAINE BRINTET

2009 Mercurey Premier Cru La Levrière

AL - Medium deep ruby red colour; very charming fragrance, red berries and rosehips, just a hint of oak in the background; very gratifying density, juicy fruit and mellow tannin, good length and overall, fine balance. **89**

MdM - Deep purple red with slightly garnet red hue. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of black cherries and dark berry fruit, rosehip jam, slightly toasted aroma. On the palate intense fruit, opulent and smooth with excellent tannin structure and rather good length. **90**

89,5 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD

2010 Chablis Premier Cru Fourchaume

AL - Clear and bright but slightly more yellow colour; very fine nose, mineral and flinty with roasted nuts and yellow fruit; good substance and length, a hint of complexity. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Slightly flinty in the nose, backed by elegant fruit. On the palate creamy and well structured with good length. Good example of Chablis with some class. **91**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU DE POMMARD

2009 Pommard

AL - Medium deep ruby colour; clean and fresh nose of red berries, cherry and some earthy spicy notes; good grip, very attractive classic structure, medium to long finish - should gain complexity and roundness from further aging, classic style - drink from 2014. **90**

MdM - Purple red with slightly garnet red hue. Nose with aromas reminiscent of Morello cherries, plums and raspberries. A touch of chocolate in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, medium weight and rather good length. **89**

89 | DOMAINE FAIVELEY

LA FRAMBOISIÈRE

2009 Mercurey

AL - Rather dark ruby red; very pure nose, good intensity and ripeness, beautiful aromas of raspberry and red fruits, gently spicy with cloves and orange peel; the palate is round and silky with layers of ripe red fruit and peach, very juicy and attractive with perfectly soft tannins balanced acidity and long smooth finish - I love the drinkability of this Mercurey. **90**

MdM - Deep purple red. Very typical nose with aromas reminiscent of black cherries, Morello cherries, raspberries and mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with smooth tannins and well structured medium length. **88**

89 | DOMAINE DES MALANDES

2010 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

AL - Young and pale colour; fragrant and floral, chamomile, lemongrass and stone fruit; the palate is rather full and firm, still young and restrained but it displays fine potential - should have at least 2-3 more years in the cellar. **88**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean nose with a very closed character, however good balance on the palate with a certain potential. **90**

89 | DOMAINE BILLAUD-SIMON

2009 Chablis Premier Cru

Montée de Tonnerre

AL - Pale and limpid yellow; I love the nose; firm, mineral and restrained with roasted nuts, a gentle smokiness and lemon confiture jam; good bite on the palate, really persistent, freshness backed up by ripe fruit, one feels a hint of oak on the palate, very long finish, elegant fruit - still rather youthful, but a highly potent wine. **89**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with ripe character, well balanced, hint of quince and lemon. Well expressed mineral character. On the palate well structured with convincing length. **89**

89 | DOMAINE BILLAUD-SIMON

2009 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot

(Vieille Vigne)

AL - Limpid and bright straw colour; the nose is rather neutral, but fine with mineral notion and almond like notes; the palate is fresh and restrained, perhaps rather young and not revealing its full potential - it has the length of a Grand Cru, but today appears slightly closed. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Aromas reminiscent of sweet almonds, chalky minerality and ripe yellow fruit. On the palate well expressed minerality and rather good length. **90**

89 | LA CHABLISIENNE

CHÂTEAU GRENOUILLES

2009 Chablis Grand Cru Grenouille

AL - Bright and clear straw colour; the nose is ripe and displays lemongrass, minerals and fresh almond; zesty and fresh palate, quite persistent, still on the lighter side but with good flavour intensity, fine length too, an elegant wine, which needs 2 more years in the cellar. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with greenish hue. Clean nose with a touch of oak, slightly flinty, ripe yellow fruit and candied lemon; on the palate clean and well structured with good length. **90**

88,5 | ERIC FOREST

LES CRAYS

2010 Pouilly Fuissé

AL - Youthful straw yellow; the nose is young and offers, ripe pear, vanilla and melon; the palate is more restrained and charmingly firm with high level of freshness, young fruit and a zesty finish, quite long and well balanced. **88**

MdM - Golden yellow colour; ripe fruit with tropical character, butterscotch and tones of vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with relatively crisp acidity and well structured medium length. **89**

88,5 | ERIC FOREST

2009 Pouilly Fuissé Les Crays

AL - Medium to deep golden colour; alluring nose that combines tropical ripe fruit with nutty notes, fine oak, vanilla and a hint of chalk. Full and creamy texture, ripe but with attractive presence of freshness, good length and balance. **89**

MdM - Medium intense yellow with green hue. Clean nose with quite typical character, hint of butterscotch and ripe yellow fruit. On the palate clean with creamy texture and well structured medium length. **88**

88,5 | JEAN-MARC

BROCARD

LES VIEILLES VIGNES DE
SAINTE CLAIRE

2010 Chablis

AL - Pale golden nuance; the nose is displaying some complexity, hazelnut, almond, pineapple and ripe citrus; good bite, a hint of minerality and fine length. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow. Clean nose with some aromatic power, ripe pear and citrus fruit, ripe hazelnuts, elegant minerality. On the palate well balanced with good length. Well integrated acidity and creamy texture. Serious wine. **90**

88,5 | LAMBLIN & FILS

2010 Chablis Premier Cru

Fourchaume

AL - Young and pale colour; slightly more ripeness on the nose, yellow fruity notes, pineapple; the palate is attractively balanced, mineral and firm but with rather more fruit and flesh, good length and a fine overall poise, some minerality on the finish, nice. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Almost tropical fruit, citrus fruit and elegant minerality. On the palate juicy with good length. Aromas reminiscent of hazelnuts and yellow fruit. Typical and well expressed. **89**

88,5 | DOMAINE CHAMPY

2009 Volnay Premier Cru

Les Taillepieds

AL - Slightly spicy with some dusty notes, cherry and red berries; rather full and peppery palate with raspberry and red cherry fruit, good structure and length, but rather unresolved and indeterminate at present. **88**

MdM - Deep purple red with almost violet hue. Discreet fruit of blackberries, blackcurrant and black cherries. On the palate elegant with almost silky tannins and elegant acidity. Well balanced with discreet spiciness in the finish. **89**

88 | CHEVALIER

PÈRE & FILS

2010 Ladoix Premier Cru

Les Gréchons (WHITE)

AL - Light yellow with a green hue; young, intense and pleasing nose that displays notes of roasted nuts, gentle oak and ripe citrus; good bite on the palate, bone dry and crisp with lemon confiture jam and some mineral notes on the finish, quite good length. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with greenish hue. A typical Burgundian nose with ripe fruit and minerality; on the palate juicy with mineral tones and well structured medium length. **88**

88 | DOMAINE BRINTET

LA PERRIERE

2009 Mercurey

AL - Medium to dark ruby red; the nose is slightly closed, still young, offering a hint of oak, spices and a mix of red and dark berries; the palate shows attractive concentration and quite high level of tannin for a Burgundy, although the tannins are ripe which that adds structure, freshness and length to the wine, elegant fruit, gentle spiciness and long finish, most pleasing. **88**

MdM - Deep purple red with almost violet hue. Ripe fruit in the nose, black cherries and blackberries, almost balmy character. On the palate strong, but non aggressive tannins, ripe fruit and medium length. **88**

88 | DOMAINE

MICHEL JUILLOT

2009 Mercurey Premier Cru

Clos les Barraults

AL - Quite dark ruby colour; the nose offers some wood, dry spices and crushed berries; the palate is still rather austere with tannic presence and high freshness, good length and potential - should improve but needs another 1-2 years in the cellar. **87**

MdM - Deep purple red with slight violet hue. Initially closed on the nose, this wine opens up very well in contact with some oxygen in the glass, displaying ripe fruit reminiscent of blackcurrant and mild spices. On the palate well structured, ripe fruit and good, aromatic length. **89**

88 | DOMAINE

MICHEL MAGNIEN

CLOS DE LA ROCHE

2009 Morey Saint Denis

Grand Cru

AL - Very dark colour for a Burgundy; the nose is fairly modern displaying new oak, dark fruit, plum, blackcurrant and cherry; the palate is more restrained with rather elegant dark fruit with attractive clean freshness, soft tannins and a long persistence, juicy blackcurrant flavours on the finish - should still develop its full fine potential. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red. Intense oak influence and ripe berry fruit. On the palate clean and well structured with ripe tannins and good acidity. Good length. **88**

88 | CHAPUIS FRÈRES

LES CHAILLOTS

2010 Côte De Nuits Villages

AL - Dark ruby red colour; the nose is young and offers some earthy notes, cherries and plum; the palate is on the lighter side with a high level of acidity, rather soft fruit and medium length, today slightly lean and hollow. **81**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Cherries and cherry stone, a touch of dried fruit character. On the palate clean but light, lacks depth and length. **80**

88 | DOMAINE

BILLAUD-SIMON

2009 Chablis Premier Cru

Mont de Milieu

AL - Pale and limpid colour; some floral notes and white fruity character; medium bodied structure, still rather warm and accessible, with pleasant fruit and a rather long finish. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant flavour, aromas reminiscent of pear and citrus fruit, minerality and a touch of nuts. Good structure and length. **89**

88 | DOMAINE

LOUIS MOREAU

2010 Chablis Premier Cru

Les Fourneaux

AL - Pure nose, some notes of grape fruit, almonds and yeast; the palate has medium weight, young, fresh and unresolved with citrusy fruit and a medium to long finish. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe pear and lemon in the nose, backed by aromas of hazelnuts, sweet almonds and mineral notes as well as fresh brioche. On the palate crisp with citrus fruit, medium weight and length. **88**

88 | MAISON

SYLVAIN LOICHET

2008 Côte de Nuits Villages

AL - Pure and fresh nose, fresh raspberry, peach and fine spices; the palate is young, restrained with high tannin and fresh acidity, good length but slightly tight and restrained. **88**

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Slightly pyrotechnical aromas and smoky with rather restrained fruit. On the palate firm tannins, finishing rather harshly, but medium weight and relatively good length. **88**

87,5 | COLLOVRA

& TERRIER

2010 Pouilly Fuissé

Vieilles Vignes

AL - Light golden colour; young aromas with tropical fruit hints and some roasted nutty notes; the palate is full and robust, still youthful with some hints of oak, spice and vanilla, creamy and fairly long finish, albeit slightly young - should be allowed some time to settle. **87**

MdM - Intense yellow with green hue. In the nose obvious influence of oak, attractive toasting, ripe yellow fruit, pineapple, and tones of vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with opulent character, appealing structured and medium length. **88**

87,5 | JAFFELIN

2010 Pernand Vergelesses

(WHITE)

AL - Straw colour; the nose is young and fruity with gentle oak, toast, almonds and yellow fruit; well balanced palate with firm acidity and crisp fruit, quite attractive length. **87**

MdM - Medium intense yellow colour. Nose with aromas reminiscent of toast and brioche, candied lemon and pear. On the palate clean and well balanced with good structure and medium length. **88**

87,5 | DOMAINE

MICHEL JUILLOT

2010 Mercurey Premier Cru

Les Vignes de Maillonges

(WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour; young and intense nose - yellow fruit, citrus, vanilla and butter; good structure on the palate, crisp and fresh with lemony fruit, some creamy notes and a medium long aftertaste. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit, apricot and lemon, pear and hazelnuts, notes of toast. On the palate well structured with crisp acidity and quite good length. **89**

87,5 | DOMAINE

BELLEVILLE

2009 Rully Premier Cru

Chapitre (WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour; quite pleasing nose, stone fruit, lemon, fresh butter and fine oak; crisp and fresh palate, yellow fruit and good bite, quite a powerful extraction yet rather long. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Initially rather closed, opens up in contact with some oxygen in the glass, elegant fruit, lemon, pear and hazelnuts. On the palate clean and well balanced, crisp acidity, well structured medium length. **88**

87,5 | MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

2009 **Beaune Premier Cru Clos**

Des Mouches

AL - Slightly closed on the nose, very youthful with freshly crushed red berries and some floral notes; the palate is offering sweet fruit with hints of confiture jam, still shows a good level of freshness and young tannins, some spicy notes of ginger and orange peel, good length - should have fine potential - drink from 2013-2014. **86**

MdM - Deep purple red. Very reductive character. It opens up very slowly in contact with oxygen in the glass, discreet fruit and spicy aroma. On the palate well structured with sweet tannins and medium length. **89**

87,5 | DOMAINE

THIERRY VILOLOT-GUILLEMARD

2009 **Pommard Premier Cru La Platière**

AL - Medium deep ruby colour; the nose is young, floral and red fruited; the palate is rather elegant with red berries, fine spices, citrus and ginger notes, fairly long, it has good freshness but shows sweet fruit on the finish, quite attractive. **87**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices, vanilla, berry jam; opulent character on the palate with smooth tannins and good length. **88**

87,5 | DOMAINE AF GROS

2009 **Richebourg Grand Cru**

AL - Light ruby colour, fairly developed, red fruit aromas, ginger, spices and some gamey notes; the palate is soft and rounded with elegant sweet fruit, good freshness, raspberry, ginger and good persistence. **87**

MdM - Dark garnet red. Discreet Brettanomyces influence, a touch of blackcurrant and blackberries, spicy tones in the background. On the palate well structured, ripe fruit, touch of "sweetness", good length. Great terroir shines through. **88**

87,5 | DOMAINE DES MALANDES

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru Fourchaume**

AL - Bright and pale with pure aromas of stone, citrus and nuts; the palate is slightly broader and more voluminous than some of the other examples in this flight, well balanced with fine length. **87**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. In the nose discreet citrus fruit and a slight touch of peardrops. On the elegant but restrained fruit, medium length. **88**

87,5 | DOMAINE WILLIAM FÈVRE

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru Montmains**

AL - Pale straw colour; the nose is herbal with some notes of lemongrass and minerals; appealingly restrained on the palate, flavour intense but still light and elegant with a mouth watering acidity, a mineral notion and quite a long finish. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Restrained fruit in the nose, elegant minerality, tones of hazelnuts. On the palate clean with creamy texture and good structure. Well balanced with medium length. **88**

87,5 | JEAN-MARC BROCARD

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru Vaulorent**

AL - Light golden colour; fine nose, a hint of complexity, flinty and mineral, lemongrass, nuts and stone fruit; good bite on the palate, crispy and juicy with good texture and fine length, attractively balanced. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with slightly golden hue. Yeast character, hint of minerality, floral tones and a touch of ripe, almost tropical fruit. On the palate well structured with good length. **87**

87,5 | DOMAINE BILLAUD-SIMON

CUVÉE TÊTE D'OR

2009 **Chablis**

AL - Very pale and clear appearance; the nose shows some oak and creamy lactic notes and a rather sweet fruity character; good bite on the palate, rather warm but still with sufficient freshness, there is some oak and vanilla on the finish, yet it remains quite long. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow with golden hue. A discreet oak influence on this wine, some lactic aromas and caramel, restrained fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with rather smooth character. **88**

87,5 | JAFFELIN

2010 **Givry Premier Cru Les Grandes Vignes**

AL - Pure and fresh nose, raspberry, peach, some mineral notes, light and delicate; palate clear and juicy with red fruit, fine spiciness and long finish, still young and tight - drink from 2014. **88**

MdM - Ruby red with violet hue. Clean nose with fine fruit, raspberries and blackberries. On the palate fine fruit, fresh acidity, medium weight and length. **87**

87 | AU PIED DU MONT

CHAUVE

2010 **Chassagne Montrachet**

Premier Cru Les Vergers

(WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour; the nose is showing some roasted notes, yellow fruit and vanilla. Good bite on the palate, bone dry and crisp with some creamy notes and lemony fruit on the finish, decent length and after-taste. **86**

MdM - Intense yellow colour. Clean nose with well balanced flavour, mild spices, toasted aromas, ripe yellow fruit and a touch of tropical fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **88**

87 | PIERRE NAIGEON

2009 **Charmes Chambertin**

Grand Cru

AL - Light ruby red colour; the nose is showing red fruit, vanilla and quite present oak; the palate is on the lighter side, fairly elegant fruit but at present the oak feels rather too dominant right, medium long finish. **86**

MdM - Dark garnet red. Elegant fruit slightly dominated by oaky spices. On the palate well structured with good length and an almost sweet finish. **88**

87 | DOMAINE MICHEL

MAGNIEN

2009 **Morey Saint Denis**

Premier Cru Les Chaffots

AL - Dark colour, fairly deep for a Burgundy; modern nose with new oak, chocolate and dark berries; however, the palate is more restrained, good freshness in combination with red and dark berries, fairly long and juicy finish, rather good; slightly excessively dominated by oak at present. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with almost black centre. Aromatic nose with complex character, minerality, spiciness and well developed fruit. Intense oak influence. On the palate well done with rather medium length and a slightly dryish tannin structure. **87**

87 | PIERRE NAIGEON

2010 **Gevrey Chambertin**

Premier Cru

Lavaux Saint Jacques

AL - Light ruby colour; the nose is already forward and generous with some development, sweet red berries, a hint of spices, vanilla and oak; the palate is on the lighter side with delicate red fruit, quite flavour intense but rather lean on the finish, although it shows good length. **84**

MdM - Purple red with almost violet hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit, cherries and blackberries. On the palate clean, medium weight and length. **84**

87 | DOMAINE

BILLAUD-SIMON

2009 **Chablis Grand Cru**

Vaudésir

AL - Very pale white colour; young and closed on the nose, a hint of mineral, almond and yeast, the palate shows bright freshness, a rather light body but with good length, perhaps slightly closed - should have a fine potential, but at present appears a touch backward. **86**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Very fresh character, in the nose clean with elegant fruit, Sake like notes; on the palate good structure and well built, medium length. **88**

87 | DOMAINE

LOUIS MOREAU

2009 **Chablis Premier Cru**

Vaillons

AL - Young, pure nose, lemony notes and almonds, quite neutral; a lighter structure, high acidity, zesty and vibrant but a touch unresolved without fruit today - needs to gain some roundness from further aging. **87**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet nose with aromas reminiscent of hazelnuts, citrus fruit and pear. Pure style with rather restrained fruit on the palate, medium weight and length. **87**

86,5 | ALAIN GEOFFROY

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru**

Beauroy

AL - Young and pale; a hint of floral notes, lemongrass and nuts; light bodied and restrained with good freshness and crisp finish. **84**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Elegant flavour reminiscent of citrus fruit and elderflowers, well balanced. On the palate clean and well made with good structure and attractively built, medium length. **89**

86 | VIGNERONS DE BUXY

2010 **Montagny Premier Cru**

Tête de Cuvée

AL - Pale yellow with a green hue, the nose is mineral with lemony notes and a hint of ripe pear. The wine is bone dry and firmly built, attractive level of freshness and young fruit, fairly good length and a clean finish. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, apricots, Mirabelle plum and peaches, elegant minerality. On the palate clean and elegant with rather discreet fruit and medium length. **86**

86 | DOMAINE

DES MALANDES

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru**

Montmains

AL - Pale straw colour, appealing clean nose with some mineral notes, yellow fruit and ripe citrus; light to medium bodied with attractive substance and bright clean freshness, fairly long and balanced finish. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Aromas reminiscent of flint stone and ripe fruit. On the palate clean with well structured character, medium length. **86**

86 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru**

Vaudevey

AL - Light yellow colour; very pleasing nose, flinty and mineral, a hint of roasted notes and lemon confiture; the fruit is slightly restrained on the palate, high acidity, I feel that the wine lack a firmer expression of the mid palate, however the wine is good with fine length. **86**

MdM - Intense yellow colour, well structured with medium length. Good level, however could be more complex. An attractive wine with charm. **86**

86 | DOMAINE

DU CHARDONNAY

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru**

Vosgros

AL - Light golden nuance; pure nose that suggests wet stone, lemongrass and stone fruit; the palate is medium bodied, juicy and fresh with zesty notes and decent length. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit, tones of starfruit and white plums; on the palate clean and crisp with good structure and length. Minerality on the finish. **88**

86 | LA CHABLISIENNE

LES VÉNÉRABLES

VIEILLES VIGNES

2009 **Chablis**

AL - Pale straw colour; more evolution on the nose, lemon, pear and green apple notes. The palate is rather full, perhaps with a touch of oak?, but decent structure and length, today quite accessible. **85**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. The nose suggests some ageing in oak. The palate is well structured but length is only medium. **87**

85,5 | DOMAINE

DES PONCÉTY

LES CHAILLOUX

2010 **Saint-Véran**

AL - Light golden and bright; quite ripe and tropical nose with vanilla, pear, melon and a hint of oak; round and creamy palate, generous and straightforward with medium length. **85**

MdM - Golden yellow colour; slightly toasted, vanilla and ripe apple, pineapple and pear. On the palate quite opulent with creamy texture, medium density and length. **86**

85,5 | AU PIED

DU MONT CHAUVE

2010 **Chassagne Montrachet**

Premier Cru Clos Saint Jean

(WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour; the nose is fresh and fruity with ripe pear, melon and citrus notes. Good balance on the palate, firm, yet with good fruit and a balanced finish. **86**

MdM - Medium intense yellow colour. Clean and ripe fruit with citrus tones and ripe yellow fruit. On the palate rather restrained fruit, medium length. **85**

85,5 | DOMAINE

REMI JOBARD

2009 **Meursault Premier Cru**

Les Genevrières (WHITE)

AL - Pale yellow colour; clean aromas of chamomile, lemon and pear; alluringly restrained and fresh palate, on the lighter side but well balanced with fine length and balance. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue; discreet flavour, restrained fruit and tones of minerality. On the palate clean, slightly dry finish and medium length. **85**

85,5 | JACQUES & NATHALIE

SAUMAIZE

LES COURTELONGS

2009 **Pouilly Fuissé**

AL - Medium deep golden colour; quite ripe with some citrusy notes, attractively balanced palate with an emphasis on freshness, decent length and fine balance straightforward and drinkable. **85**

MdM - Medium intense yellow with green hue. Straightforward nose with discreet fruit, fresh character, tones of hazelnuts and minerality. On the palate well balanced with medium length. **86**

85,5 | CHÂTEAU

PHILIPPE LE HARDI

CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY

2009 **Mercury**

AL - Medium deep ruby red; youthful nose with red cherry, raspberry and vanilla notes; pure and light on the palate with juicy red fruit, an appealing level of freshness and polished tannins, gently spicy on the finish. **86**

MdM - Deep purple red with slightly violet hue. Restrained fruit but elegant minerality. On the palate well integrated tannins and good structure, rather medium length. **85**

85,5 | DOMAINE AF GROS

2009 **Pommard Premier Cru Les Pézerolles**

AL - Dark ruby colour; the nose is young displaying wild berries, leather blackcurrant and some herbal notes; the palate is quite full but with a soft texture, slightly darker fruit character, a hint of confiture jam and sweet spices, quite long finish, today seems rather young - should best be drunk after 2013. **86**

MdM - Deep purple red. Dark berries and tones of leather, discreet spiciness. On the palate well balanced and structured, clean with medium length. **85**

85,5 | HENRI DE VILLAMONT

2009 **Chambolle-Musigny Premier Cru**

Les Feusselottes

AL - Medium ruby colour; the nose shows a fragrance of intense floral notes, mineral red berries and rosehips; the palate is young and restrained, it shows quite an attractive structure and length but needs some time to open up, slightly oaky on the finish. **85**

MdM - Dark garnet red. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of caramel and vanilla, ripe cherries and blackberries. On the palate well balanced with good tannin structure and medium length. **86**

85,5 | CHEVALIER PÈRE & FILS

2009 **Ladoix Premier Cru Les Corvées**

AL - Medium deep ruby red; some hints of oak, red and dark berries; the palate has medium weight and high freshness, quite attractive dark and red fruit, gentle spiciness and decent length in a traditional style - deserves some more time in bottle. **85**

MdM - Dark purple red. Well structured but slightly closed fruit; on the palate clean, slightly rustic, but pleasantly made. Medium length. **85**

85,5 | PIERRE NAIGEON

VIEILLES VIGNES

2010 **Chambolle Musigny**

AL - Light ruby red; the nose is pure with delicate red fruit, a hint of oak and spices; light bodied on the palate but still with good flavour intensity, medium length. **84**

MdM - Purple red. Clean nose but quite closed; on the palate well structured, medium intense fruit, medium length. **83**

85,5 | LAMBLIN & FILS

2010 **Chablis**

AL - Bright and pale colour; youthful and fine aromas of almond, fresh butter and lemon zest; fairly good bite on the palate, on the lighter side but with alluring purity, freshness and finish. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant fruit with aromas reminiscent of green apple and citrus flavour. On the palate clean with medium density and length. **85**

85 | JACQUES & NATHALIE SAUMAIZE

LA MARÉCHAUDE

2010 **Pouilly Fuissé**

AL - Light yellow colour; the nose indicates ripeness, yellow fruit, a hint of fresh butter, citrus and minerality; the palate is bone dry but well rounded with a creamy finish, attractive and drinkable. **85**

MdM - Bright yellow with a greenish hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit reminiscent of pear and ripe apple, hazelnut and a touch of vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. Smooth finish with creamy texture. **85**

85 | AU PIED DU MONT CHAUVE

2010 **Saint Aubin Premier Cru Le Charmois**

(WHITE)

AL - Clean and fresh nose; ripe citrus and some mineral notes; the palate is on the lighter side, crisp with high acidity and some creamy notes, balanced with a fresh, creamy aftertaste. **84**

MdM - Yellow with slightly green hue. Clean nose with elegant flavour reminiscent of toasted bread, brioche, pear and lemon; on the palate clean with elegant minerality and medium length. **86**

85 | JAFFELIN

2009 **Meursault (WHITE)**

AL - Light golden colour; quite shy nose with some citrus and pear notes; the palate is light, quite creamy and round with mild acidity and a soft finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow. Clean nose with rather restrained fruit and tones of honey; on the palate clean with medium density and length. **86**

85 | DOMAINE REMI JOBARD

2008 Mersault Premier Cru Poruzot Dessus (WHITE)

AL - Clear and pale yellow with nuts, citrus, fresh butter and a gentle hint of oak on the nose; medium bodied palate with high freshness and citrusy fruit on the palate, straightforward with a medium long finish. **84**

MdM - Golden yellow colour. Rustic charm, hazelnuts and butterscotch on the nose; on the palate well structured with medium length. **86**

85 | COLLOVRAY & TERRIER

CHARDONNAY GRAND VIN 2008 Macon (WHITE)

AL - Deep golden colour; unctuous, ripe and tropical nose, pineapple, mango and honey; the palate is full and chewy, generous fruit backed up by a decent freshness, no elegance or complexity but attractive straightforward Chardonnay. **85**

MdM - Intense golden colour. Ripe nose with aromas of pear and apricots, pineapple and roasted aromas; on the palate a touch of sweetness, creamy texture and medium length. Lacks elegance but is attractively done. **85**

85 | JAFFELIN

2009 Beaune Premier Cru Les Cents Vignes

AL - Medium deep ruby red; some roasted oak on the nose, red fruits and sweet spices; the palate is on the lighter side, slightly austere at present with high freshness, juicy red fruit and a medium long finish - drink from 2013. **84**

MdM - Deep purple red with slight violet hue. Discreet aromas reminiscent of dark berries and a touch of toasted oak. On the palate well balanced, fresh acidity and ripe tannins, aromatic with medium length. Wood slightly too prominent. **86**

85 | CHEVALIER PÈRE & FILS

2009 Aloxe Corton

AL - Light ruby colour; the nose is slightly more traditional with some gamey notes, spices, leather, red fruit and some oak; rather structured palate, still somewhat tannic, rather elegant red fruit, decent finish, a rather traditional style with a hint of rusticity - should improve from further bottle aging. **85**

MdM - Dark purple red. Nose with ripe fruit, cherries and cherry stone, ripe character. On the palate clean, however somewhat rustic in the finish. **85**

85 | CHÂTEAU DE MELIN 2010 Maranges Premier Cru Clos des Rois

AL - Young nose of plum and cherry, some oak, liquorice and earthy notes; rather light palate with high freshness, decent length but overall a quite lean and rustic impression. **81**

MdM - Purple red. Spicy flavour, incense, old oak; dry on the palate, lacks length. **80**

85 | DOMAINE LAROCHE-PIERRE

2010 Petit Chablis

AL - Young, clear and pale appearance; still rather closed aromatically with some green apple, almond and buttery notes; good bite and juicy freshness, quite lingering aftertaste, dry, firm and mineral finish, good. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Rather restrained fruit with citrus flavour and a touch of yellow fruit. On the palate clean with almost creamy texture, medium density and length. **84**

84,5 | CHÂTEAU PHILIPPE LE HARDI

CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY, 2009 Baume Premier Cru

AL - Dark ruby red; the nose is floral and shows sweet fruit, confiture jam and raspberry, the palate is a bit more restrained with high freshness and present tannin, elegant fruit and a medium finish. **84**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Very mineral character, iodine, plum, cherries, slightly jammy character. On the palate medium density, lacks some length. **85**

84,5 | FREDERIC MAGNIEN 2009 Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

AL - Medium deep ruby red; youthful aromas of flower, raspberry and red currant; presence of some wild and leathery notes on the palate, quite light structure and high acidity, slightly rustic style - should be allowed some more time in bottle. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red. Initially, the nose shows a reductive character, later displaying pleasant fruit and slightly leathery tones. On the palate clean with well integrated tannins and charming fruit. On the palate more convincing than on the nose. **85**

84,5 | JAFFELIN 2009 Auxey Duresses Premier Cru Les Duresses

AL - Quite developed colour, light ruby; the nose is showing red fruit, dry spices and plenty of oak; today the palate is slightly tight and austere today, high freshness and young tannin, fairly elegant fruit and a decent length - although it should be allowed some bottle age before revealing its best side. **83**

MdM - Dark garnet red. Ripe flavour in the nose; on the palate good structure and length with rather restrained fruit. Lacks depth in the finish. **86**

84,5 | DOMAINE BERTAGNA 2008 Vougeot Premier Cru Clos de la Perrière Monopole

AL - Medium deep ruby with a hint of development; the nose displays red berries, citrus, ginger and some new oak; the palate is nicely structured with juicy red fruit, raspberry, redcurrant and sweet spices, fine length, attractive and drinkable, although with fine potential in the background. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red. Ripe aromas on the nose, dark fruit, cherries and mulberries, mild spices, minerality in the background. Juicy character on the palate with tight tannins and a good potential, good length. **90**

84,5 | DOMAINE PETITJEAN

2010 Côtes d'Auxerre

AL - Medium deep ruby red; the nose shows some spicy notes, red berries and fresh grapes; very light on the palate, high acidity, needs some more time but lacks the substance to be interesting. **82**

MdM - Purple red with garnet hue. Slightly jammy fruit, yet not very expressive; on the palate light with almost medium length. **81**

84,5 | DOMAINE DES MALANDES 2010 Petit Chablis

AL - Very clear and pale colour; elegant nose with some chalky notes, green apple and citrus; the palate is light bodied with vivid freshness and lemony notes, pure finish. **84**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean nose with discreet citrus fruit, slightly mineral and a touch of hazelnuts. On the palate clean and crisp with medium length. **85**

84,5 | DOMAINE LAROCHE-PIERRE 2010 Chablis

AL - Bright and light straw colour; youthful aromas of citrus and almond: clean and fresh palate, light to medium bodied, decent length and finish. **85**

MdM - Bright yellow. Clean nose with discreet flavour, hints of ripe apple and citrus fruit; on the palate typical minerality, medium density and length. **84**

84,5 | DOMAINE LAROCHE-PIERRE 2010 Chablis Premier Cru L'Homme Mort

AL - Pale straw colour; at present quite neutral and closed on the nose; some hints of lemon and green apple on the palate, high freshness and a rather light body, well balanced in a lighter fresh style. **83**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Chalky minerality in the nose, discreet fruit; on the palate well structured with good mouthfeel and medium length. **86**

84,5 | DOMAINE LOUIS MOREAU 2010 Chablis

AL - Young and reductive, quite closed; some hints of citrus and green apple on the palate, high acidity, rather light structure, medium length. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very closed nose with a hint of citrus fruit and ripe pear. On the palate crisp, lemon peel, green hazelnuts and notes of minerality. Medium weight and length. **85**

84 | DOMAINE DES PONCÉTYS LE CLOS DES PONCÉTYS 2010 Saint-Véran

AL - Medium deep yellow; quite ripe with some vanilla notes, quince and pear; the palate is fresh and bone dry, although the fruit is ripe and therefore it displays more sweet and tropical notes, medium long and round finish. **85**

MdM - Intense yellow colour. Clean but quite discreet. On the palate medium weight and length, lacks fruit. **83**

84 | DOMAINE THIERRY VIOLOT-GUILLEMARD EN MONTAGNE SAINT-DÉSIRÉ 2010 Beaune (WHITE)

AL - Light yellow with a green hue; clean and fruity nose that indicates pineapple, grapefruit and some mineral notes; the palate is bone dry and fresh, built in a firm style with a crisp finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with a green hue. Clean nose with elegant flavours, hint of minerality, rather restrained fruit. On the palate well structured, restrained fruit and medium length. **84**

84 | DOMAINE SALLET RAPHAËL CLOS DES RAVIÈRES 2009 Mâcon Uchizy (WHITE)

AL - Fairly deep golden colour; quite intense nose of ripe citrus, tropical fruit, butter and vanilla; the palate is combining ripe fruit and high acidity, a hint of bitterness or tannin on the finish, straightforward and generous. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow. Clean nose with rather restrained fruit, a touch of butterscotch and yellow fruit. On the palate clean with medium density and length. **84**

84 | VIGNERONS DE BUXY 2009 Montagny Premier Cru Tête De Cuvée

AL - Pale yellow colour; young nose of green apple, pear and vanilla; the palate is fresh and balanced however with slight bitterness making itself felt. **83**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Tropical fruit, passion fruit and pineapple; on the palate clean and crisp with rather well expressed fruit, but slightly bitter in the finish. **85**

83,5 | DOMAINE JEAN PIERRE SEVE SELECTION VIEILLES VIGNES 2010 Pouilly Fuissé

AL - Light yellow colour; fresh and vibrant nose with hints of ripe citrus; quite full on the palate with juicy and attractive fruit, rounded finish. **84**

MdM - Medium yellow colour with green hue. Oak influence with slightly toasted aromas, touches of vanilla, discreet fruit. On the palate medium density and length with slight minerality. **83**

83,5 | DOMAINE BRINTET VIEILLES VIGNES 2009 Mercurey (WHITE)

AL - Medium deep golden colour; slightly tropical nose with roasted nuts and butter; rather full and fruity on the palate with a creamy texture, ripe fruit and balanced acidity, although slightly short on the finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Restrained character, minerality but lacking fruit. On the palate slightly salty on the palate, but lacks length. **83**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU PHILIPPE LE HARDI CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY 2009 Mercurey Premier Cru

AL - Medium to dark ruby colour; the nose is sweet and offers hints of confiture jam, raspberry, vanilla and some wood; the palate is on the lighter side, high acidity and a slightly austere finish, well made, but today rather closed. **83**

MdM - Deep garnet red. Ripe aromas in the nose with spicy tones. On the palate smooth with medium density and length. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU PHILIPPE LE HARDI CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY 2009 Aloxe - Corton

AL - Medium deep ruby colour; the nose is ripe showing hints of jammed fruit, raspberry and vanilla; the palate is soft and rounded with sweet red fruit and spices, easy and drinkable with a medium length. **84**

MdM - Garnet red. Quite jammy character, vanilla, in the background aromatic herbs; on the palate clean, soft and round but lacks complexity. **83**

83,5 | JAFFELIN 2010 Pernand Vergelesses Premier Cru En Caradeux

AL - Light ruby red colour; spices, vanilla, new oak and red fruit emanates from the glass; a light structured wine with sweet red fruit, rather high freshness and average length, decent but on the light side. **82**

MdM - Purple red. Discreet fruit in the nose, mild spices. On the palate rather light. **82**

83 | DOMAINE DES DEUX ROCHES VIEILLES VIGNES 2010 Saint Véran

AL - Light golden colour; the nose is generous and combines tropical fruit with some lightly roasted notes, pineapple and ripe citrus; the palate is slightly lighter than the nose indicates, high acidity but not a lot of mid palate, rather short aftertaste. **81**

MdM - Golden yellow colour. Very well balanced nose with quite complex aromas. Toast, pear and yellow fruit. On the palate well structured, however less convincing than the nose. Medium length. **85**

82,5 | MAISON SYLVAIN LOICHET 2008 Ladoix Village (WHITE)

AL - Deep golden colour; rather developed with secondary aromas, butter and caramelized fruit; the palate is fresh and austere with some development and a restrained dry finish. **83**

MdM - Intense golden yellow. Nose with lactic aromas, lacks fruit. On the palate clean, still with high acidity, drying out in the finish. **82**

82,5 | DOMAINE DES MALANDES 2010 Chablis

AL - Clear, bright and very pale; youthful aromas of green fruit and tutti frutti; light palate, good freshness and very light fruit, refreshing but rather short. **82**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean nose with restrained fruit, very discreet; on the palate clean with crisp acidity and medium length. **83**

82,5 | DOMAINE DU CHARDONNAY 2010 Chablis Premier Cru Montmains

AL - Bright colour, attractive purity on the nose, some mineral notes, lemon zest and fresh almond; dry, fresh and zesty palate, light and balanced with a decent finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Slightly lactic nose, lacks fruit and expression. On the palate clean, however quite short. **81**

82,5 | JEAN-MARC BROCARD 2010 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses

AL - Young and pale colour; quite neutral nose with a hint of lemon and minerals; the palate is restrained with high freshness, classic style, rather restrictive and firm finish. **83**

MdM - Intense yellow with green hue. Clean nose, quite neutral character on nose and palate. **82**

82 | CLOS PHILIPPE LE HARDI CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY MONOPOLE 2010 Hautes Côtes de Beaune (WHITE)

AL - Light yellow with a green hue; wine nose offers young fruit, lemon zest and grapefruit; the palate is on the lighter side, quite restrained and firm, pleasing freshness but moderate fruit. **82**

MdM - Bright yellow, green hue; straightforward fruit and touches of minerality on the palate. **82**

82 | JAFFELIN 2010 Santenay Premier Cru Passetemps

AL - Light golden colour; youthful and fruity nose with hints of pear and melon; dry and crisp palate with a hint of bitterness and medium length. **82**

MdM - Medium intense yellow with green hue. Clean nose with elegant toast aromas, pineapple, pear, caramel and vanilla. On the palate clean rather mono-dimensional. **82**

82 | CHÂTEAU DE DAVENAY 2010 Montagny Premier Cru Clos Chaudron

AL - Straw yellow with a green hue; the nose is rather flamboyant with roasted notes vanilla and tropical fruit; the palate is dry with a hint of bitterness and young fruit, rather short finish. **81**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with slightly smoky character, candied lemon fruit. On the palate rather lean structure. **83**

82 | HENRI DE VILLAMONT 2008 Chassagne Montrachet Premier Cru Morgeot (WHITE)

AL - Fairly deep golden colour; rather ripe and developed, creamy notes, butter and lemon curd; the palate is already developed and seems rather tired. **81**

MdM - Golden colour. Nose with ripe aromas, honey and quinces. On the palate lacking fruit, seems somewhat tired. **83**

82 | DOMAINE MICHEL PICARD 2008 Saint Aubin Premier Cru Le Charmois

AL - Medium deep golden colour; some minty and vegetal aromas, citrus and creamy notes; the palate is austere with high acidity, rather restrained with a fresh dry finish. **81**

MdM - Golden yellow colour; wet wool, difficult flavour. On the palate slightly sharp, medium density and length. **83**

82 | ALAIN GEOFFROY

2010 **Chablis**

AL - Clear and pale; the nose is clean and mineral with chalky notes and fresh almond; the palate is pleasantly restrained and firm, high freshness and a clean mouth watering finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Very closed in the nose, slightly vegetal flavour. On the palate clean, but lacking fruit and expression. **80**

82 | DOMAINE SYLVAIN MOSNIER

VIEILLES VIGNES

2010 **Chablis**

AL - Clear and bright straw colour; quite neutral nose; the palate is backward and firm, very high acidity and slightly green unripe fruit, currently somewhat bitter on the finish - needs some more time. **80**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with cool fruit, pear and a touch of green hazelnuts. On the palate clean with crisp acidity and medium length. **84**

82 | HENRI DE VILLAMONT

2009 **Santenay**

Les Champs Claude

AL - Light ruby colour,; red fruity nose with a clear presence of oak; a hint of dustiness, very light structure, high acidity and red fruit, medium length - for early drinking. **82**

MdM - Dark purple red. Quite difficult nose with aromatic herbs and minerality, lacks fruit. On the palate dryish tannins, medium length. **82**

81,5 | ERIC FOREST

“AME” FOREST

2010 **Pouilly Fuissé**

AL - Young and pale golden appearance; some gentle notes of vanilla, roasted nuts, oak and ripe melon; the palate is quite light with a high acidity, slightly lean mid palate, more acidity and less fruit, rather short on the finish. **81**

MdM - Intense straw yellow colour. The nose starts rather closed, opening up towards flavours of vanilla and caramel, butterscotch and yellow fruit. On the palate however quite lightweight. **82**

81,5 | AU PIED DU MONT CHAUVÉ

2010 **Chassagne Montrachet En Pimont (WHITE)**

AL - Straw yellow colour; young nose with some woody notes, pear and green apple; the palate is fresh with restrained fruit and a hint of bitterness, average length. **81**

MdM - Medium intense yellow colour. Clean nose with slightly mineral character, discreet fruit. On the palate clean with rather restrained fruit. Medium length. **82**

81,5 | DOMAINE DU CHALET POUILLY

2009 **Pouilly Fuissé**

AL - Quite deep golden colour; aromas of pineapple and orange zest; the palate is on the lighter side, straightforward and fresh but without complexity. **81**

MdM - Medium intense yellow colour. Clean and ripe nose with aromas reminiscent of honey, candied apricots and dried pear. On the palate medium density and length. **82**

81,5 | DOMAINE DU CHARDONNAY

2010 **Chablis**

AL - Clear and bright pale colour; the nose is young and pure displaying young green fruit, chamomile, almond and some mineral notes; fairly light palate with a certain bitterness, quite short finish. **81**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with rather restrained fruit, discreet citrus flavour, and slight minerality. On the palate clean, however not very long. **82**

81,5 | ALAIN GEOFFROY

2010 **Chablis Premier Cru Vau-Ligneau**

AL - Pale and watery colour; the nose is youthful with chamomile, lemon and green apple; the palate is very light and straightforward, somewhat short. **81**

MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Elegant flavour with restrained fruit and mineral tones; on the palate clean but lean. **82**

81,5 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD

2010 **Chablis**

Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre

AL - Light golden,; the nose indicates some sweetness, honey, lemon and quince; the palate is slightly more robust with a chewy texture, high acidity and medium length. **81**

MdM - Dark yellow with golden hue. Opulent character with expressive nose, vanilla and hazelnuts, toast, minerality and a touch of ripe yellow fruit. On the palate rather discreet with medium length. Rather rustic character. **82**

81 | DOMAINE AF GROS

2009 **Vosne Romanée Aux**

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AL - Medium deep ruby colour; the nose is showing some gamey notes, leather, Brettanomyces and red fruit,; the palate is rather soft with red fruit and spicy barnyard characters, slightly rustic - one’s appreciation depends upon one’s sensitivity towards Brettanomyces. **81**

MdM - Dark garnet red with almost violet hue. Intense Brettanomyces influence, blackcurrant and mild spices. On the palate medium weight, slightly leathery, farmyard character and blackcurrant. **81**

81 | DOMAINE LOUIS MAX

2009 **Mercurey**

Premier Cru Les Vasées

AL - Light colour; presence of some raspberry, peach and ginger notes on the nose; the palate shows light structure, fairly elegant fruit and bright freshness, medium to long finish. **84**

MdM - Purple red. Nose with restrained fruit but Pinot typicity; on the palate discreet fruit and almost medium length. **83**

81 | JEAN - MARC BROCARD, DOMAINE DE LA BOISSONNEUSE

2010 **Chablis**

AL - Slightly deeper colour, pale golden; the nose is rather intense with notes of lemon zest and fresh butter; the palate is slightly lean with very high acidity and light fruit, rather dissipated on the finish. **80**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with discreet aromas reminiscent of lemon, green hazelnuts and slightly vegetal aromas. On the palate clean with high acidity, medium density and length. **82**

81 | PIERRE NAIGEON

CUVÉE PRESTIGE

2008 **Bonnes Mares**

AL - Medium deep and fairly developed colour; quite rustic nose, some gamey notes and quite abundant oak, light red fruit character; the palate is light and straightforward, dominated by oak at present, quite hollow finish. **80**

MdM - Garnet red. Rustic character, discreet fruit. On the palate medium length with fresh acidity. Lacking fruit. **82**

80,5 | DOMAINE DE L'ECHELETTE

2010 **Mâcon Cruzille (WHITE)**

AL - Light yellow with a green hue; young and lemony nose with some tropical notes; the palate is more restrained than the nose indicates, high freshness, bone dry with zesty flavours, slightly dull on the finish. **81**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Nose with aromas reminiscent of pear drops, artificial lemon flavour; on the palate mono - dimensional. **80**

80 | DOMAINE DU CHATEAU DE MESSEY

LES CRETS DU CHATEAU DE MESSEY

2010 **Mâcon-Chardonnay (WHITE)**

AL - Medium deep golden colour; some woody and lactic notes on the nose; decent freshness on the palate, but rather rustic overall. **80**

MdM - Medium intense yellow. Nose with strange, lactic aromas, caramel, lacks fruit. On the palate slightly sharp alcohol, medium length. **80**

80 | CHÂTEAU PHILIPPE LE HARDI

CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY

2009 **Mercurey (WHITE)**

AL - Light yellow colour; some lactic notes and grapefruit; the palate has some bitterness and a high freshness, rather hollow finish. **80**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Quite lactic aromas and slightly artificial fruit, aromas of pineapple. On the palate rather sharp and bitter. Lacks length. **80**

75,5 | DOMAINE SAINT-DENIS

2010 **Mâcon-Chardonnay**

AL - Youthful and bright with lemony, floral aromas with a hint of minerality, the palate is disappointing in comparison with the nose, light and dull with a short finish. **76**

MdM - Bright yellow, Nose with restrained fruit, almost botrytis influence? **75**

75 | CHÂTEAU DE FUISSÉ

2010 **Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos**

AL - Quite intense golden colour; the nose is rather developed, some dusty notes; somewhat flat on the palate with tired fruit. **75**

MdM - Intense yellow with green hue. Quite musty aromas on the nose; on the palate dull and alcoholic. Bottle problem? **75**

CRÉMANTS DE BOURGOGNE

88 | BAILLY LAPIERRE

ÉGARADE

2009 **Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)**

AL - Pure nose with some nutty notes, green apple and pear aromas; good bite on the palate, fresh and zesty with attractive fruit, a creamy texture and fine length. **88**

MdM - Yellow with green hue. Elegant and crisp nose with ripe pear and lemon, a touch of minerality. On the palate clean and crisp with medium weight and length. Elegant style. **88**

88 | LOUIS BOUILLOT

PERLE D'AURORE

Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Gently spicy nose, pear, red berries and a hint of yeast; the palate is creamy with red berries, citrus and a good freshness, balanced and rather long, good. **88**

MdM - Bright rosé. Nose with aromas of raspberries and cranberries, a touch of citrus fruit in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length, creamy texture. **88**

87,5 | VEUVE AMBAL

PRESTIGE

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Light golden colour, some nutty and yeasty notes together with stone fruit; quite full palate, creamy and vinous with citrus and nutty notes, good length. **87**

MdM - Straw yellow, good perlage. Clean nose with crisp character, citrus fruit and ripe pear, elderflowers and hazelnuts. Slightly yeasty with mineral tones. On the palate clean and juicy with medium weight and length. Good mousseux. **88**

87,5 | CAVE DE LUGNY

BLANC DE BLANCS NV

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Intense nose, some roasted notes together with lemon zest and pineapple; the palate is attractively firm with appealing creaminess, balanced acidity and fine length. **88**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of brioche and ripe yellow fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with elegant character and a touch of minerality. Medium weight and length with crisp acidity. **87**

87 | BAILLY LAPIERRE

CHARDONNAY

Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - Pure, floral and fruity nose with hints of green apple and chamomile. Attractively balanced palate in a lighter youthful style, creamy with pleasant fruit and a generous finish. **87**

MdM - Yellow with green hue. Clean nose with fresh fruit and a touch of lemon peel. On the palate well balanced and crisp, appetizing style. Medium weight and length, the ideal aperitif. **87**

86,5 | VEUVE AMBAL

GRANDE CUVÉE

Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Quite deep rosé colour; citrus and red cherry on the nose; the palate is fresh, vibrant and juicy with a creamy finish. **85**

MdM - Intense rosé colour. Minerality upfront backed by red berry fruit and a touch of citrus fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. **88**

86,5 | BAILLEY LAPIERRE

CAGOULE

Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Sweet pear, citrus and red berry aromas; the palate is fresh and vibrant with a light mousse, balanced with medium length, pleasant and refreshing. **86**

MdM - Bright rosé. Clean and elegant fruit with aromas reminiscent of white blossoms, raspberries, tones of cranberries. On the palate clean and floral with medium weight and length. **87**

86,5 | BAILLEY LAPIERRE

VIVE-LA-JOIE

2007 **Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)**

AL - Slightly more developed colour; the nose evokes aromas of pain, gingerbread and red berries; slightly mature, fresh palate, slightly younger than the nose, good length and some complexity. **87**

MdM - Rosé with orange hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, raspberries, blackberries and tones of citrus fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. **86**

86 | CAVE DE LUGNY

MILLÉSIMÉ

2008 **Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)**

AL - Quite rich golden colour; aromatic and ripe nose of yellow fruit; the palate is generous, bold and fruity with a creamy texture, rich fruit, warm ripe finish. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant minerality and fine fruit on the nose; on the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. **86**

86 | BAILLY LAPIERRE

GOGAILLE

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Floral and green fruity nose; some fine spices; the palate is slightly sweet, but generous and fruity, still with freshness and a generous finish. **85**

MdM - Yellow with golden hue. Fine, initially slightly restrained fruit, but then opening up. On the palate fine mousseux, elegant sweetness and medium weight and length. **87**

86 | BAILLY LAPIERRE

RÉSERVE

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Clean and fresh nose with a hint of complexity, nuts, almonds, pear and citrus notes; the palate is firm and bone dry, yet balanced with elegant fruit and a fine length. **86**

MdM - Bright yellow with almost green hue. Clean nose with restrained fruit, lemon peel and a touch of elderflowers. On the palate clean and well balanced with light finish. **86**

86 | LOUIS BOUILLOT

PERLE D'OR ROSÉ

2008 **Crémant de Bourgogne**

AL - Rather deep colour; the nose displays cherry and pear aromas; pleasing crisp palate with notes of blood orange, a creamy texture and pleasant finish. **86**

MdM - Light rosé with almost orange hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of pear and raspberries, discreet minerality and a touch of hazelnuts. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and almost medium length. **86**

85,5 | MAISON

LOUIS PICAMELOT

JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAUTARD

2007 **Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)**

AL - Light golden; rich nose, aromatic with a rather tropical fruit character, mango, peach, citrus; the palate is fresh and vibrant, it feels like a lower dosage, well balanced mousse and a fresh finish. **86**

MdM - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. Discreet nose with aromas reminiscent of hazelnuts and elderflowers, as well as ripe apple. Brioche in the background. On the palate medium weight and length with crisp acidity and good foam. **85**

85,5 | BAILLY LAPIERRE

2008 **Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)**

AL - Discreet nose with some depth, yeasty notes, nuts and ripe citrus. The palate is fresh and crisp with a nutty and citrusy character, gentle mousse and a creamy finish. **86**

MdM - Yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit; on the palate almost chocolaty character, medium weight and length. **85**

85 | CAVE DE BISSEY

BLANC DE NOIRS

Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - Young and pale colour; the nose is displaying green apple, chamomile, lemon and almonds; the palate is zesty and fresh, on the lighter side with young green fruit and a bright finish, pleasant. **85**

MdM - Golden yellow. Aromatic character, displaying aromas reminiscent of white blossoms, lilies, yellow fruit, Mirabelle plum and pear. On the palate medium weight and length with elegant fruit and good moussoux. **85**

84,5 | VEUVE AMBAL GRAND CUVÉE

Crémant De Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Young and pale colour; light mousse and aromas of citrus, green apple and chamomile; pleasant structure on the palate, gently creamy with young fruit and a medium finish. **84**

MdM - Straw yellow, good perlage. Clean nose with elegant fruit, pear and apple, slightly yeasty with mineral tones. On the palate clean and juicy with medium weight and length. Good moussoux. **85**

84,5 | CAVE DE BISSEY BLANC DE BLANCS

Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - Pure and aromatic on the nose, grey pear, some vanilla and citrus; the palate is crisp and juicy with a light body and creamy mousse, balanced with a juicy finish. **85**

MdM - Yellow with green hue. Clean nose with crisp character, rather restrained fruit and discreet mineral tones. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **84**

84,5 | BAILLEY LAPIERRE VIVE-LA-JOIE

2006 Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Rather developed colour, partridge eye; fine spices, honey, patisserie and pear aromas; the palate is mature, on the lighter side with a creamy finish. **84**

MdM - Onion peel colour. Very ripe character with signs of evolution, quinces, brioche and a touch of red berries. On the palate medium weight and length. **85**

84 | VITTEAUT-ALBERTI BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Aromatic with tropical undertones, mango, citrus, blood orange; the palate is vibrant and creamy with citrus notes, zest and a fine length. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with elegant aromas, reminiscent of ripe pear, citrus fruit, elderflowers and brioche. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. **84**

84 | LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE D'OR

2007 Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - A fairly deep colour; the nose is showing some maturity, hints of yeast, bread, nuts and ripe citrus; the palate is bright and fresh with young fruit, lemony notes and a medium length. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with almost golden hue. Clean but ripe on the nose, aromas of brown apple and a touch of yeast. On the palate clean and ripe with rather restrained fruit and medium length. **84**

84 | SIMONNET-FEBVRE CHARDONNAY

2008 Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - Very pleasant nose, ripe and tropical with yellow fruit, pineapple, mango and some yeasty notes; the palate is rather full but still dry, attractive creamy finish. **84**

MdM - Golden yellow. In the nose ethereal aromas, ripe flavour, spicy. On the palate spicy with expressive acidity and a touch of minerality but lacking length. **84**

84 | LOUIS BOUILLOT

LES GRANDS TERROIRS LES TROIS SAINTS

2003 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Aromatic and developed nose with gingerbread, honey and sweet fruit; the palate is firm and bone dry, generous and creamy with a quite long finish. **84**

MdM - Dark golden colour; ripe nose with aromas reminiscent of candied lemon peel, cloves and mild spices, very ripe style. On the palate clean but rather light in the finish. **84**

84 | SIMONNET-FEBVRE

Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Rather deep rosé colour, generous red fruited nose, the palate is rich with a hint of bitterness and blood orange, fresh and rather light finish. **83**

MdM - Intense rosé colour; ripe fruit with rather restrained character; on the palate cherries and blackberries with an almost sweet character. Medium length. **85**

83,5 | BAILLY LAPIERRE PINOT NOIR

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Discreet nose, youthful with green apple and lime aromas; the palate is medium bodied, rather dry, low dosage, good crisp finish and pleasant fruit. **85**

MdM - Bright yellow; clean nose with rather discreet fruit; on the palate medium weight and light finish. **82**

83 | CAVE DE BISSEY Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Slightly roasted nose, firm and restrained with citrus and nutty aromas; medium bodied with some roasted notes, soft and creamy with a light finish. **83**

MdM - Yellow with green hue. Quite reductive character, pyrotechnical aromas, restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight and length with rather restrained aromatic potential. **83**

82,5 | LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE DE VIGNE

Crémant De Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Pleasant and pure nose, some yeasty notes, yellow fruit and zesty aromas; attractive balance on the palate, creamy and fresh texture with young fruit and a light finish. **83**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Crisp but rather restrained aromas on the nose. On the palate lacking fruit, displaying rather high acidity with a discreet finish. **82**

82,5 | BAILLY LAPIERRE VIVE-LA-JOIE

2007 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Slightly developed on the nose; ripe fruit and some yeasty notes; the palate is full but somewhat on the rustic side with a generous mousse and finish. **82**

MdM - Dark yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with ripe aromas reminiscent of pear, brioche. On the palate rather light with restrained fruit and minerality. **83**

82,5 | BAILLEY LAPIERRE Crémant de Bourgogne (ROSÉ)

AL - Medium to deep rosé colour; the nose shows red fruit fragrances, chamomile and fine spices, fresh palate, light mousse and a quite short finish. **82**

MdM - Rosé with almost pink character. Clean nose with crisp fruit, red berries and a touch of floral tones. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length and a slightly rustic finish. **83**

82 | MAISON LOUIS PICAMELOT JEANNE THOMAS

Crémant De Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Generous and slightly tropical nose with hints of pineapple, ripe citrus and some floral notes, high acidity on the palate, quite soft mousse and pleasant fruit, light and fresh finish. **82**

MdM - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. Discreet nose with rather mineral character, hazelnuts and a touch of citrus fruit in the background. On the palate medium weight and length, acidity quite expressive, good moussoux. **82**

82 | LOUIS BOUILLOT

LES GRANDS TERROIRS DES-SUS DES VERMOTS

2005 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Slightly developed colour; the nose is still young with green fruity and floral notes; the palate is bone dry and austere with high freshness, young fruit and light finish. **82**

MdM - Yellow with copper coloured hue. Clean nose with ripe character, brioche, slightly floral tones and ripe yellow fruit. On the palate clean with intense minerality but light finish. **82**

81,5 | SICA LES VIGNERONS DE HAUTE BOURGOGNE

CUVÉE PINOT NOIR & CHARDONNAY

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Rather discreet nose, some hints of almond and citrus; the palate is light and fresh, some notes of citrus bitterness, gentle creaminess and average finish. **82**

MdM - Straw yellow with golden hue. Clean but ripe nose, aromas reminiscent of brown apple with a slightly yeasty character. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and almost medium length. **81**

81 | MAISON LOUIS PICAMELOT

TERROIR DE CHAZOT

Crémant De Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Quite discreet nose, some hints of citrus and green apple; the palate is on the lighter side, some bitterness, high acidity, citrus, green apple and a light finish. **81**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Crisp aromas in the nose reminiscent of green apple and citrus fruit. On the palate crisp character, medium weight and length with a touch of bitterness in the finish. **81**

80,5 | SICA LES VIGNERONS DE HAUTE BOURGOGNE

CUVÉE CHARDONNAY

Crémant de Bourgogne

AL - Young and aromatic with hints of green apple, pear and almonds, some creamy notes; the palate is on the lighter side with high acidity and light finish. **81**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. In the nose rather ripe aromas, almost balmy, apple and pear. On the palate slightly green flavours, light finish. **80**

80,5 | SIMONNET-FEBVRE 2008 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Quite deep golden colour; rather mature with a hint of oxidation, honey and autumn apple; slightly a bit rustic palate, old fashioned with a medium finish. **81**

MdM - Dark golden colour; ripe nose with aromas reminiscent of candied pear and dried apple, slightly oxidised style. On the palate clean but rather light in the finish. **80**

80,5 | SIMONNET-FEBVRE 2007 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Quite ripe tropical nose with a hint of oak/oxidation; the palate is full, on the rustic side, a hint of bitterness on the finish. **79**

MdM - Golden yellow. In the nose ripe aromas, reminiscent of ripe yellow fruit, Mirabelle plum and brown apple. On the palate spicy with expressive acidity and a touch of minerality, medium weight and length. **82**

79,5 | BAILLY LAPIERRE RAVIZOTTE

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Floral, green and herbal nose; the palate is bone dry and fresh, slightly austere and firm with light fruit and a rather abrupt finish. **79**

MdM - Bright yellow; clean nose with rather floral tones, white blossoms, pear and Mirabelle plum on the background. On the palate medium weight, austere style with rather short finish. **80**

79 | BOUHÉLIER SYLVAIN CUVÉE CELTISSEME

Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Medium deep golden colour; some notes of green apple, pear and citrus; creamy and fruity with tutti frutti character, no depth or length. **79**

MdM - Intense straw yellow. Ripe aromas, honey, sweet fruit, candied lemon; on the palate medium density and length. Good moussoux. **79**

78,5 | BOUHÉLIER SYLVAIN

2008 Cuvée Trésor Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Rather pale with a young and vivid mousse, some floral notes, citrus and chamomile, some volatile notes; the palate is light and grapey with very high acidity, lacks depth and texture, simple and straightforward to drink extremely chilled. **78**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Aromas of fresh grape juice, citrus fruit. On the palate slightly green, quite short. **79**

77,5 | BAILLY LAPIERRE VIVE-LA-JOIE

2006 Crémant de Bourgogne (WHITE)

AL - Slightly buttery, creamy and developed nose; slightly dissipated and aged palate, faded finish. **77**

MdM - Bright yellow with almost green hue. Quite ripe on the nose with hints of oxidation, lacks fruit. On the palate medium weight, finishing in a rather austere style. **78**

BORDEAUX

93 | CHÂTEAU LA DOMINIQUE

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé

AL - Appealing roasted nose, hints of espresso and dark berries, still young and close; very structured palate, high level of concentration and extract but finely tuned without hard edges, slightly massive and monotone at the moment, but this wine has all of the components to develop well, impressive length - should become very lovely. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Slightly closed aromas on the nose reminiscent of blackcurrant and chocolate as well as vanilla. On the palate smooth start but slightly dry in the finish. Firm tannins give a good backbone - needs time. **93**

92 | CHÂTEAU FOMBRAUGE

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Very dense with plenty of dark fruit, blackberry and blackcurrant with a hint of wood; quite massive structure with young tannins, still rounded and balanced but rather tight, attractive fruit, very good length - deserves some time in the cellar, but should become very good. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven aromas on the nose, ripe dark berries, discreet spiciness, chocolate and almost mocha. On the palate good structure with firm tannins. Luscious fruit, but still slightly dry in the finish. Needs time. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU CANTIN

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Very profound with fine aromatic complexity, elegantly toasted notes, cacao bean, coffee, vanilla with ripe dark berries and Blackcurrant Cream liqueur notes; the palate is rich and concentrated, yet finely tuned with fine tannin, plenty of freshness and an abundance of ripe dark berries, very persistent and long finish, still youthful and massive - should develop a fine level of complexity with age. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the nose quite concentrated, still slightly closed, but with substantial fruit. On the palate well balanced with spicy tones and luscious fruit, almost velvety character and silky tannins. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU BALESTARD LA TONNELLE

2009 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

AL - Sweet nose with some earthy notes, dark plum and blackcurrant; quite dense structure with youthful tannins and high freshness, chewy dark fruit, attractive balance and a rather long finish, still slightly young and tight on the end of the palate, but with alluring fruit and purity. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant nose, densely woven with ripe fruit, mulberries and elderberries, vanilla and a touch of toasted oak. On the palate substantial structure and good length, smooth and ripe tannins. Classic style with polished character. **93**

92 | CONCERTO

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Very charming perfume, intense with some hints of mineral, truffle and wild berries; very attractive structure with concentrated dark fruit, yet with fine freshness and polished texture, already with some complexity on the finish, good length - a splendid wine. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Expressive fruit with aromas reminiscent of ripe plums and dark cherries, ethereal with tones of black truffles. On the palate elegant and fresh with finely grained tannins and good length. **92**

91,5 | CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

2009 Pauillac

AL - Some animal notes, leather, very dark ripe fruit, blackcurrant and plum; the palate is dense, inky and ripe with plenty of dark fruit, rounded tannin and a long rich finish, very tight and packed - needs time to develop, but fine potential. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with good structure and elegant fruit; on the palate well balanced with fine tannins and rather good length. **91**

91,5 | CHÂTEAU CARTEAU CÔTES DAUGAY

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Rich and intense nose, youthful with some roasted notes, coffee beans, violet, dark plum, blackcurrant and blackberry, very full and concentrated palate, high but polished tannins, very chewy dark fruit, chocolate and a fine integration of oak, seriously structured with a very long finish, highly potent, rich and powerful. 92

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with ripe fruit, almost juicy character, hints of aromatic herbs. On the palate velvety and smooth with ripe tannins, good length and depth. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU LA COURONNE RESERVE

2009 Montagne Saint Emilion

AL - Quite intense and roasted nose, wood, vanilla, roasted coffee, a hint of burnt nose at present; the palate is very ripe but more balanced than the wood on the nose, juicy dark plum and blackberry, fine tannin and good freshness, long and juicy finish with plum and blackcurrant flavours. 92

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated fruit in the nose, elegant spiciness. On the palate juicy with almost velvety character and good length. 90

91 | VIEUX CHÂTEAU PALON

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Young intense and ripe nose, roasted notes, coffee, dark plum, blackcurrant and spices; the palate is powerful and ample, rich backbone of tannin and freshness, pleasant and promising with a serious length. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant fruit, persistent aroma with a touch of minerality. On the palate juicy fruit and well structured character with good length. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU GACHON

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Sweet and ripe nose with pure blackberry fruit; full palate with soft extraction and good freshness, beautiful fruit, Blackcurrant Cream liqueur and blackberry, very good length, pure and stylish. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Luscious sweet fruit, blackcurrant and Blackcurrant Liqueur, pure blackberries aroma and a touch of violet. On the palate ripe fruit, well balanced with mature tannins and good length. 91

90,5 | CHÂTEAU FONBADET

2009 Pauillac

AL - Generous nose of sweet fruit, some oak, coffee and tobacco; good structure, youthful with firm tannin, crushed berries and serious length, classic style which deserves a few years in the cellar, but fine potential. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Torrefied aromas in the nose and ripe fruit; on the palate mature fruit with firm tannins and smooth finish. Lovely length. 91

90,5 | GALIUS

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Clean pure and dark fruity nose, finely integrated oak, fine spices, blackcurrant and wild berries, a light smokiness and mineral notes; very full and structured palate, packed with dark fruit, blackcurrant, plum and fine tannins, very good length and concentration. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Substantial flavour with an elegant edge, however tannins with strong character and slightly dryish on the finish. A serious wine with some potential. 90

90 | CHÂTEAU BELLEGRAVE

2009 Pauillac

AL - Young nose of leather, dark berries, blackcurrant, a hint of new wood and spices; the palate is fresh and medium to full bodied with inky dark fruit, attractive freshness and polished tannins, good length and purity. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with discreet fruit and a touch of spiciness. On the palate well balanced with fine tannins and rather good length. 90

90 | AURELIUS

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Quite heavy toasting on the nose, dark roasted coffee and smoke, yet with plenty of fruit and fine spices; the palate is rich and fruity, good integration of the wood, balanced tannin, high level of freshness and juicy dark berries, blackberry and spicy flavours, very good length, clean and fruity finish. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean fruit with aromas reminiscent of blackberries and blackcurrant. Juicy style. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and quite good length. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU TOUR DE YON

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Lightly roasted nose with hints of coffee and toast but underlined by plenty of fruit - dark plum, blackcurrant, blackberry and fine spices; the palate is ripe and juicy with a good backbone of tannins and acidity, but with an emphasis on fruit, juicy and long finish, clean attractive and drinkable. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fresh fruit and elegant roasted aromas, discreet minerality. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins and good structure. 88

89 | ROYAL-SAINT-EMILION CUVÉE PRESTIGE

2009 Saint Emilion

AL - Youthful and generous with plum, redcurrant and some notes of wood and vanilla; the palate is quite full with youthful structure and present, yet ripe tannins, good freshness and hints of freshly crushed berries, good clean finish, medium to long. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Slightly roasted flavour backed by ripe fruit. On the palate well structured with ripe but firm tannins and good weight. 89

88,5 | CÔTES ROCHEUSES

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Pure and ripe nose with clean fruit, plum, blackcurrant and blackberry notes; no oak noticeable, clean and juicy on the palate rather soft texture with good level of freshness and medium to long, pure finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant, fresh berry fruit in the nose backed by some roasted aromas. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and quite good length. 89

88,5 | VIEUX CHÂTEAU DES COMBES

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Clean, sweet and fruity nose with hints of dark plum and crushed berries, there is some herbal notes; the palate has good concentration, clean and dark fruity with an attractive level of freshness and young tannin, well balanced with juicy fruit and rather fine length. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre.

Clean nose with rather restrained fruit. On the palate skilfully structured with firm tannins, medium weight and well controlled medium length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU CHEVAL NOIR

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Sweet nose of prunes and plum, high ripeness; the palate is young, tight and closed, attractive fruit and freshness, still rather on the tannic side, quite long with dark fruit and spices on the finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose quite closed but well structured; on the palate almost floral aromas and good length with firm tannins. 89

88 | CHÂTEAU

LA FLEUR PEYRABON

2009 Pauillac

AL - Some hints of wood and vanilla, young fruit, plum blackcurrant and some herbal notes; quite high concentration, young tannin and high freshness and some green herbal notes, quite good length with some herbal and leafy notes on the finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Discreet fruit reminiscent of blackberries and dried fruit, aromatic herbs and a touch of tobacco leaves. On the palate juicy and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU

FERRAND LARTIGUE

2009 Saint Emilion

Grand Cru

AL - Roasted nose with a mix of red and dark berries; pleasing clean fruit on the palate, medium weight, juicy and fresh with notes of crushed berries, some wood is still present, medium to long finish - needs another 2 years to soften. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fine fruit with ripe character, discreet spiciness, medium weight and length. Rather traditional style. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU

MONTLABERT

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Rather sweet and forward nose with hints of spices and confiture; the palate is soft and supple with stewed fruit, some spicy notes and medium length. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Balmy aromas, fruit jam with a touch of leather and tobacco, ripe fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced with good length and well integrated tannins. 89

88 | CHÂTEAU FAIZEAU

2009 Montagne Saint Emilion

AL - Quite woody on the nose, although with pleasing dark fruit; quite full structure with young tannin, brightly expressed freshness and crushed berries on the finish, medium to long finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ripe fruit slightly dominated by new oak. On the palate distinct oak influence, ripe fruit, firm tannins and quite good length. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU LA CROIZILLE

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Quite dominated by oak at present; on the nose dark fruit; full but rather extracted on the palate, pleasing fruit but tannic with medium length - it really needs some time to soften, today rather dry on the finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense oak influence slightly dominating the fruit. On the palate slightly lighter structure but elegant aroma. Medium weight and length. 89

87,5 | CHÂTEAU GRAND LARTIGUE

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Clean and classic nose with less oak; dark plum and mellow structure with soft tannins, juicy freshness and dark plum fruit, fairly long, pleasingly juicy and drinkable. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Pleasant fruit and discreet spices; on the palate soft with ripe tannins but showing a slightly rustic charm. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU ROLLAND MAILLET

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Quite floral and leafy nose with hints of red berries and herbs: the palate has medium weight, rather rounded tannin and sweet stewed fruit character, medium length, quite accessible but simple. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly reductive character, blackcurrant leaves and mineral aromas. On the palate medium density and length, minerality and a touch of iodine aroma. 88

87 | CHÂTEAU LA COURONNE

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Quite classic nose of fine spices and freshly crushed berries; less oak, high acidity and young tannin on the palate, elegant red fruit, medium weight and length - should gain complexity from further aging. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet aroma, quite classic style, ripe and juicy on the palate, but firm tannins creating a slightly rustic aftertaste. 87

86,5 | CHÂTEAU GUADET PLAISANCE

2009 Montagne Saint Emilion

AL - Young and closed on the nose; rather full palate with young dark fruit, plum and youthful tannin, rather restrained and tight - should develop but finishes somewhat dry. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Classic nose with a rather closed character; on the palate slightly dryish style with medium length. 87

86,5 | 1901

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Very ripe nose, Port like with some new oak, blackcurrant and confiture jam; the palate is rich and rather extracted, high tannin and acidity, it has a good length and plenty of fruit, but today it seems rather dissipated and dry - should develop, but wait for 2 more years at least. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated nose displaying aromas in a Port style way. On the palate highly extracted, ripe tannins, sweet fruit but with jammy character. Should be re-tasted at a later stage as there is some potential. 86

86 | CHÂTEAU DU VAL D'OR

2009 Saint Emilion Grand Cru

AL - Some creamy notes, fresh red berries, a hint of oak and vanilla; the palate is quite soft and supple with fresh berries, a hint of confiture jam and a medium long finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe, slightly stewed fruit, plums and cherries. Sweet character on the nose with discreet tones of vanilla. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins, medium weight and length. 86

85,5 | CHÂTEAU CALON

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Slightly lighter structure with red fruit, herbs, medium weight, soft and drinkable with a medium long finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet fruit, peppers and spices, presenting itself in a rather austere style. Medium weight and length, but quite ripe tannins. 85

85 | CHÂTEAU

ROC DE CALON

2009 Montagne Saint-Emilion

AL - Fresh berries and new wood on the nose; a slightly lighter structure with sour red fruit, plum and high tannin, medium length. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Torrefied aromas in the nose, backed by ripe and almost sweet fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and relatively good length. 85

COGNAC

96,5 | COGNAC L'HÉRAUD

Petite Champagne 1973

AL - Deep golden colour; beautiful aromas, almost like a Sauternes, honey, tropical fruit, fine spices and vanilla. Incredibly intense and lingering with a plethora of fruit, spice and a sensation of sweetness, great complexity and depth, fine integration of oak and alcohol, superbly long finish, exceedingly good. 96

MdM - Almost dark amber colour. Nose like a mature sweet wine, starting with an almost discreet character and then displaying complex aromas. Vanilla, dried apricots and elegant minerality. Tones of roasted flavours. On the palate excellent structure and great length, complex and rich but still maintaining plenty of elegance. A Cognac which is almost wine, perfectly balanced. 97

95,5 | HENNESSY

PARADIS IMPÉRIAL

AL - Medium amber with a hint of green. Appealing nose - complex with fine spices, dried fruit, acacia honey and damp tobacco. Elegant structure, sweetness from maturity, elegant fruit and a very long nutty finish, great complexity and depth. 95

MdM - Elegant amber colour. Complex aromas reminiscent of toast and dark chocolate, vanilla and mild spices, a touch of honey and floral tones. On the palate well balanced with excellent length and great structure, complex in the finish, rich and elegant. 96

95 | HENNESSY

PARADIS RARE

AL - Medium deep amber colour; nuanced and elegant with good maturity, dried fruit, honey, fine spices, vanilla and chocolate praline. Intense, complex and lingering with attractive fruity notes, a refined spiciness, balanced alcohol and very long finish. 94

MdM - Dark amber colour with mahogany hue. Complex and elegant on the nose, vanilla and mild spices, "crème brûlée", slightly floral tones, hints of dark chocolate. On the palate well balanced with excellent length, complex, rich and elegant. 96

94,5 | COGNAC L'HÉRAUD

XO CHARLES VII

Petite Champagne

AL - Medium deep amber; the nose has depth and maturity, some roasted notes of caramel, hazelnut, fine spices and dried fruit. Very intense and persistent on the palate, pleasing sweetness, roasted notes spices and a long complex aftertaste, very good. 94

MdM - Dark amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Clean and very elegant nose, aromas of vanilla, tones of "crème brûlée", dried apricots, orange zest; on the palate clean with elegant minerality and great structure, good length with an almost fruity finish reminiscent of blackcurrant. Great length. 95

94 | COGNAC AUDRY
RÉSERVE ARISTIDE**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium deep amber; nutty, woody and mature aromas, reminiscent of an Oloroso sherry, good maturity; the palate is rich and intense with good depth and a huge concentration, very fine length, high alcohol but perfectly balanced, most appealing. **94**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Balmy nose with intense aromas, "ran-cio" flavour, oak influence, toast, vanilla and mild spices, quite complex and rich. On the palate medium weight, cask strength character, good length. **94**

94 | COGNAC LOUIS ROYER
37 YEARS OF AGE**Grande Champagne**

AL - Clear light amber with a green hue. Most appealing complexity on the nose, dried fruit, fine spices, molasses and less woody notes. Very intense, mature and lingering on the palate with an aged sweetness, very fine depth, complexity and length. **93**
MdM - Intense amber colour. Complex nose with balmy character, vanilla, elegant fruit and roasted flavour. On the palate aromatic and long with complex character, very fine length and excellent finish. **95**

93,5 | COGNAC
MAXIME TRIJOL
ANCESTRAL**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium to deep amber colour. Very mature and intense nose, deep and complex, dried fruits, walnuts, leather and Oloroso sherry like notes; very intense and lingering flavours without being heady, cedar wood, dried fruit and nuts on the finish, good complexity and depth. **93**
MdM - Very dark amber colour. Opulent nose with complex aromas, vanilla, roasted chestnuts, honey, dried plums and candied orange peel. On the palate well structured with convincing length, blackcurrants in the finish. **94**

93,5 | COURVOISIER
INTIALE EXTRA

AL - Medium deep amber nuance. The nose is complex and intense with a plethora of nutty notes, fine wood, dry spices, chocolate and tobacco. The palate is intense and structured with good bite and superb persistence, mature and nutty finish, very good. **93**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Aromatic nose reminiscent of vanilla, toast, "crème brûlée", dried pear and apricots, caramelized apple, hints of chocolate in the background as well as mild spices. On the palate aromatic and complex with good length. **94**

93 | HENNESSY
THE ORIGINAL
XO

AL - Deep amber colour. Good level of complexity on the nose, dark chocolate, hazelnut, dried fruit, prune, tobacco and gingerbread. Most attractive depth and structure, intense and lingering with a fine maturity, layers of flavour and very good length. **93**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Complex nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla and chocolate, dried prunes and a touch of minerality. Candied orange peel and mild spices in the background. On the palate well balanced with good structure and length, complex aromas on the aftertaste. **93**

93 | COGNAC GROSPELLIN
DE COLLECTION 1969**Petite Champagne**

AL - Medium to deep golden colour; on the nose there is roasted nuts, fine wood and damp tobacco; it shows an intense palate, very fine grip and persistent as well as complex flavours, deep and profound with a very long finish. **94**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Nose with balmy character, dried apricots, vanilla and mild spices in the background. On the palate well structured with good length. **92**

92,5 | COGNAC HINE
1975 VINTAGE**Grande Champagne**

AL - Deep golden colour; aromatic and intense with dried fruit, pralines, orange zest, cedar wood, tobacco and fine spices; very alluring grip on the palate, balanced and very long with a rich, nutty aftertaste. **91**
MdM - Almost dark amber colour. Elegant and complex aromas, reminiscent of chocolate and toast, vanilla and dried pear as well as discreet mild spices. On the palate well balanced with excellent length and quite complex character. **94**

92,5 | COGNAC
RAGNAUD SABOURIN
FONTVIEILLE**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium deep golden. Quite elegant and discreet nose with a whiff of honey glazed fruit, damp tobacco and fine spices. Intense and lingering on the taste without heaviness or headiness, very fine length, complex. **92**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices and candied orange peel. On the palate elegant with restrained sweetness, complex aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, vanilla and mild spices. Lovely length. **93**

92,5 | COGNAC AUDRY
EXCEPTION**Fine Champagne**

AL - Some roasted and woody notes, vanilla and "crème brûlée"; very intense and rich with high, but balanced alcohol, caramelized fruit, dry spices and splendid length. **92**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Rather closed nose; on the palate medium density and lovely length. Cask strength character, quite complex finish. **93**

92 | COGNAC FRAPIN
CHÂTEAU FONTPINOT XO**Premier Cru Grande Champagne**

AL - Deep golden colour; intense nose that displays candied orange, honey, almond paste and chocolate; rather elegant on the palate, pure, fruity and nutty with well defined bite, a discreet spiciness and long lingering finish. **91**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Opulent but elegant nose with intense aromas reminiscent of toasted oak, dark chocolate, vanilla, "crème brûlée". On the palate clean and well made with superb structure and length. **93**

92 | COGNAC HINE
ANTIQUÉ XO**Premier Cru Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium deep amber. Elegant aromas of vanilla, hazelnut, cedar wood, fine tobacco and spices. The palate is rich and flavour intense, warm but balanced with fine spiciness, roasted nuts, "crème brûlée" and refined spice, very persistent aftertaste. **93**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Discreet nose with aroma reminiscent of white blossoms, vanilla, roasted hazelnuts and a touch of nougat. On the palate clean and well balanced, subtly integrated alcohol. Rather lovely length. **91**

92 | COGNAC MAXIME TRIJOL
EXTRA**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium deep golden, alluring purity on the nose, less wood, elegant with dried fruit and prune notes; elegant style with fine spiciness, appealing sense of freshness and fruit, refined, subtle spice on the finish, impressive length. **92**
MdM - Amber colour. On the nose well structured, balmy character with tones of vanilla. On the palate elegant with delicious, well expressed fruit, reminiscent of blackcurrants. Lovely length. **92**

92 | COGNAC COURVOISIER
21 YEARS OLD

AL - Medium deep golden/amber nuance. The nose is complex with refined maturity and complexity, dried fruit, nougat and honey; the flavours expand on the palate and offers great richness, intensity and length. Fine complexity. **92**
MdM - Dark amber colour. In the first moments, quite closed character, and then opening up in direction of elegant fruit and tones of mild spices. On the palate elegant and fine fruit, blackcurrant in the finish. Quite complex. **92**

92 | COGNAC AUDRY
RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE**Fine Champagne**

AL - Medium deep amber. Very elegant and mature nose, honey glazed fruit, fine wood, tobacco and gingerbread. Rich, intense and full palate, yet restrained with lovely integration of oak and alcohol, very gratifying length and a long lasting nutty finish. **91**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Elegant nose which opens up slowly. Mild spices, but also a touch of mild pepper, dried fruit. On the palate roasted aromas, vanilla and mild spices. Well structured and finely balanced with great length. **93**

91,5 | COGNAC PRULHO
ECLAT XO**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium to deep amber with a sweet nose that displays prune, chocolate praline, vanilla and honey. Mature flavours yet with a sense of freshness and fine spiciness, elegant and balanced with a long finish. **91**
MdM - Dark amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Clean and very expressive nose, aromas reminiscent of roasted oak, vanilla, "crème brûlée" and dried fruit. On the palate a touch of minerality, superb structured with lovely balance and great length. **92**

91,5 | DOMAINE DES BROIX
VIEILLE VILLE

AL - Medium golden/amber; intense and mature nose with nutty notes, reminiscent of an Amon-tillado sherry, deep and complex; very fine palate, elegant with medium weight, nutty and lingering flavours, a hint of honey and dried fruit, appealing length and a complex finish. **92**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Aromas reminiscent of vanilla, dark chocolate, dried fruit. On the palate attractively balanced with rather fine length, flavour reminiscent of "crème brûlée", vanilla and chocolate. **91**

91,5 | COGNAC
GROSPELLIN
DE COLLECTION 1973**Petite Champagne**

AL - Medium to deep golden colour; very elegant nose, fruity and vinous with honey, glazed fruit, vanilla and pralines. The taste is intense and rich with lingering flavours, nutty and almond like notes with splendid length. **92**

MdM - Almost dark amber colour. Aromas rather restrained reminiscent of vanilla and "crème brûlée", dried apricots and candied orange peel. On the palate sweet impression with rather restrained aromas and great length. **91**

91,5 | SIGNATURE
P. FRAPIN**Premier Cru Grande Champagne**

AL - Deep golden colour; more vinous nose, honey, tropical fruit, nuts and sweet spices. Generous palate, a hint of sweetness, yet on the elegant side with good maturity and long complex finish. **91**
MdM - Amber colour. Clean nose with rather discreet character, however opening up. On the palate attractively balanced with a touch of sweetness and aromas of mild spices. Great length. **92**

91 | ABK6**XO FAMILY RESERVE**

AL - Medium deep golden nuance; the nose is discreet, oak, vanilla, hints of orange zest and hazelnut. The palate is alluringly balanced, lighter structure but attractive flavour intensity, spicy and nutty finish, fine length and elegance. **90**
MdM - Amber colour. Clean and elegant nose, hints of orange blossoms and vanilla and slightly roasted flavour. On the palate clean and elegant with minerality and good structure. Most attractive balance with lovely length. **92**

91 | COGNAC PRULHO
ECLAT EXTRA**Grande Champagne**

AL - Deep golden/amber; the nose is fine and complex with an aged sweetness, honey, gingerbread and dried fruit. The palate is full and lingering with almond notes, warm but balanced texture, nuttiness and rather long aftertaste. **91**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Discreet oak influence, vanilla, "crème brûlée"; on the palate well structured with fine weight and length. **91**

91 | COGNAC HINE
TRIOMPHE**Grande Champagne**

AL - Deep golden with an amber tinge; the nose is mature and developed with hints of walnut, leather, chocolate and Oloroso sherry like notes. The palate is full, rich and rather warm with attractive length and mature flavours. **90**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Elegant and complex nose; well balanced character; fine length on the palate with complex aromatic finish. **92**

91 | COGNAC MARTELL
CORDON BLEU

AL - Dark amber with a green hint; intense and mature aromas, walnuts, wood, leather, cedar wood and smoke; very mature and robust on the palate with layers of lingering flavours and a very long nutty aftertaste. **92**
MdM - Very dark amber colour. Opulent character with aromas reminiscent of toffee, chocolate, vanilla; on the palate clean and well balanced with good length. **90**

91 | COGNAC AUDRY
MÉMORIAL**Fine Champagne**

AL - Medium deep amber/orange colour. Elegant nose, mature with a discreet spiciness, dried fruit, honey and cedar wood; good grip on the palate, fruity and generous with a discreet spiciness, medium weight and long aftertaste. **90**
MdM - Dark amber colour. On the nose rather closed, opening up only slowly. Elegant flavour on the mild and spicy side. On the palate clean and well balanced with excellent length, an almost fruity finish and mild spices. **92**

90,5 | COGNAC LOUIS ROYER
EXTRA**Grande Champagne**

AL - Amber/green colour. The nose is displaying a nice maturity and depth with notes of hazelnut, cedar wood and spices; the palate is slightly more robust with dry spices and pepper, intense and long, high but balanced alcohol. **90**
MdM - Dark amber colour with almost mahogany hue. Opulent with good structure and length. **91**

90 | COGNAC BIRKEDAL
HARTMANN**HALFDAN EXTRA GAMMEL**

AL - Deep golden colour; rather dried aromas of dried fruit and dry spices; medium bodied with a peppery character and dry wood, good length and balanced alcohol. **90**
MdM - Amber colour. Clean nose with dried fruit character, dried apricots, almost smoky in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with good and long length. **90**

90 | COGNAC COURVOISIER
XO IMPERIAL

AL - Medium deep amber; dried fruit, prune, almonds and gingerbread dominates the nose; medium weight, a slightly more elegant style with good length and balance, good integration of oak, stylish and generous. **91**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Clean nose with elegant flavour, medium intensity, vanilla, dried apricots and a touch of roasted flavour. On the palate clean and well balanced with rather good length. **89**

90 | LOUIS ROYER
XO

AL - Quite deep amber; mature nose, walnuts, Oloroso sherry like aromas, dried fruit and molasses; the palate is rich, intense, warm, nutty and sweet, good depth and fine spiciness, rich, long and spicy finish. **90**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Clean nose with discreet and elegant flavour. Mature character. On the palate sweet taste with round and almost creamy texture, butterscotch in the finish. **90**

90 | COGNAC BARON OTARD
EXTRA 1795

AL - Deep golden/amber nuance. Spices, vanilla, wood and "crème brûlée"; the palate is rich and generous, warm but balanced with a medium long nutty finish. **89**
MdM - Dark amber colour. Excellent nose with quite complex character, aromas reminiscent of roasted hazelnuts, dried fruit, chocolate and balmy character. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and good length. **91**

90 | COGNAC FRAPIN
EXTRA**Premier Cru Grande Champagne**

AL - Light amber with a mature nose that displays candied orange, chocolate praline, wood and vanilla. Quite intense on the palate, it starts out discreetly, but expands on the palate rather warmer and robust finish with good length. **90**
MdM - Dark amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Minerality on the nose, touch of vanilla, slightly lacking in complexity. On the palate quite mineral. Well structured with a touch of sweetness and good length. **90**

90 | COGNAC A.E D'OR
HORS D'AGE N°6**35 Years Old**

AL - Medium amber. Dried fruit character, prune, raisin, honey, walnut and tobacco. The palate is warm, intense and rich in a mature, robust style, good length and depth. **89**
MdM - Intense amber colour. Very elegant nose with discreet aromas. On the palate elegant with a certain character of fruit, elegant sweetness and good length. **91**

89,5 | TESSENDIER

COGNAC PARK XO 6

AL - Medium to deep amber; the nose is spicy showing vanilla, dry spices, marzipan and chocolate; rich and warm palate with mature flavours, spicy bite and nutty finish, quite long. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Aromas reminiscent of vanilla and tones of chocolate, dried prunes. On the palate well balanced with rather good length, alcohol quite strong but integrated. **90**

89,5 | COURVOISIER

VSOP EXCLUSIF

AL - Deep gold/amber; complex nose with fine spices, candied orange, chocolate and fine oak; the palate has good grip, firm and intense with mature flavours and a long complex finish. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Elegant aromas reminiscent of candied orange peel, vanilla, slightly roasted flavours. A VSOP displaying some depth. On the palate opulent with good structure and length. Strong alcohol but rather well integrated. Showing certain length. **90**

89,5 | COGNAC CAMUS

ILE DE RÉ

AL - Dark amber; very mature nose with aged aromas, dried fruit, wood, spice and caramel; good depth and complexity on the palate, intense and lingering, very fine length with spicy, sweet and aged aromas. **91**

MdM - Dark amber colour; ethereal nose, quite balmy character; on the palate medium weight with quite good length. **88**

89 | COGNAC AUDRY

XO

Fine Champagne

AL - Medium deep amber colour; the nose is fruity, almost Calvados like, mature with fine oak, nuts and vanilla. Good grip on the palate, flavour intense, spicy and lingering with nutty notes, good maturity and some depth. **90**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Discreet fruit, vanilla and "crème brûlée". On the palate butterscotch, quite sweet taste with rather good length. **88**

89 | PIERRE FERRAND

SÉLECTION DES ANGES

AL - Medium amber nuance. Intense and mature nose, wood, nuts, vanilla and dried fruit; the palate is full and robust with nutty, dried fruity and warm flavours, rather long and peppery finish. **88**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Nose with almost balmy character, dried prunes and discreet tones of chocolate. On the palate well balanced with tones of sweetness, butterscotch. Relatively good length. **90**

89 | MARTELL XO

AL - Deep amber. Complex nose, walnuts, brown sugar, tobacco and gingerbread. The palate is rich, slightly heady with spicy notes and a nutty finish. Slightly alcoholic on the finish. **88**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Opulent nose with roasted flavours, chocolate and vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with rather good length. **90**

89 | ABK6

VSOP GRAND CRU

AL - Light amber; quite elegant nose, complex with discreet oak, honey, stone fruit and hazelnuts; intense and elegant palate, very persistent with complex nutty flavours, good length. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Intense nose with aromas reminiscent of coconut, vanilla, toasted oak, chocolate and mild spices. On the palate aromatic and well balanced with a touch of sweetness and rather good length. **89**

89 | DOMAINE DES BROIX

VIEILLE VILLE EXTRA

AL - Deep golden/amber; mature nose with aged notes - wood, dried fruit, glazed nuts and a balsamic hint; rather sweet palate with wood and vanilla notes, creamy with a soft texture and fine spices, long warm finish. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Distinct oak influence, vanilla and "crème brûlée", a touch of dried fruit. On the palate well balanced but in the finish with a slightly sharp alcoholic impression. **89**

89 | DOMAINE DES BROIX

Grande Champagne

AL - Dark amber nuance with a hint of green. The nose is displaying notes of molasses, nuts and dark chocolate. The palate is slightly on the sweet side; almond and nougat flavours, a hint of oak and vanilla on the finish, rather long. **89**

87,5 | COGNAC FRANÇOIS PEYROT

XO

Premier Cru Grande Champagne

AL - Medium to deep amber; dried sweet fruit, oak and spices on the nose; the palate is intense, warm and round, spicy notes, warm and generous finish with medium to long persistence. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour with brown hue. Clean nose but rather discreet flavour; on the palate aromas reminiscent of walnuts and roasted tones and vanilla, opulent character with sweetness in the finish, rather good length but quite alcoholic. **88**

87,5 | COGNAC CAMUS

XO ELEGANCE

AL - Deep golden/light amber. Medium intense nose, more elegant with notes of nougat, almond paste, candied orange; medium bodied, gently spicy and balanced palate, good length. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Clean nose with elegant character, orange peel, hints of "crème brûlée". On the palate clean, well balanced, touch of sweetness with rather good length. **88**

87,5 | COGNAC CAMUS

ILE DE RÉ CLIFFSIDE CELLAR

AL - Deep golden/amber. The nose is relatively fruity with some notes of honey, vanilla and sweet spices.

A rather elegant structure, gently spicy and fairly long, still seems slightly young though. **88**

MdM - Amber colour. Discreet nose with a certain minerality. On the palate clean and well structured, cask strength character, however alcohol slightly upfront. **87**

87 | COGNAC LAURENT JOUFFE

XO

Premier Cru Grande Champagne

AL - Medium deep amber; sweet and spicy nose with notes of acacia honey and gingerbread. Rounded and sweet palate, soft with medium weight and a medium long, sweet finish. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Rather closed nose - lacks complexity. On the palate clean with tones of sweetness, but slightly sharp alcohol in the finish. **87**

87 | COGNAC HINE

RARE VSOP

Fine Champagne Cognac

AL - Medium golden/amber; the nose displays aromas of prune, honey and cedar wood; spicy bite on the palate, rather warm, round and spicy in the mouth, good length but slightly alcoholic on the finish. **86**

MdM - Dark amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Elegant nose with quite complex aromas reminiscent of vanilla, roasted notes, dried pear and apricot as well as "crème brûlée". On the palate clean with strong alcohol, medium weight and rather good length. **88**

86,5 | COGNAC GROSPERRIN

DE COLLECTION 1982

Fins Bois

AL - Medium golden colour; the wine gives a youthful impression with hints of grapes, yellow fruit, almond and wood. Rich and warm palate, but not yet quite complex, medium to long finish. **86**

MdM - Dark golden colour with amber hue. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of hazelnuts, tones of dried fruit and slightly mineral. On the palate medium density and length. **87**

86 | LE ROCH LA GABARE

VSOP

Petite Champagne

AL - Medium to deep golden colour - far lighter than most others; fruitier nose, candied orange, spices and cedar wood; quite elegant palate with less wood and drier finish. **86**

MdM - Golden yellow. Clean nose with discreet fruit, pear and a touch of vanilla as well as fresh hazelnuts. On the palate well balanced with a slightly rustic finish, but appealing with some elegant aromas. **86**

86 | COGNAC LAURENT JOUFFE

VSOP

Premier Cru Grande Champagne

AL - Dried fruit, brown sugar and candied orange on the nose; quite soft and round palate with a hint of vanilla and wood, rather elegant finish, balanced. **86**

MdM - Amber colour. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla and white chocolate, a touch of hazelnuts and slightly mineral. On the palate well presented with smooth, almost sweet character, very pleasing balanced with medium length. **86**

86 | COGNAC GROSPERRIN

DE COLLECTION 1990

Grande Champagne

AL - Medium deep golden colour; aromatic with notes of Muscat, almond, flower and honey. Quite alcoholic, seems rather young with some woody notes on the finish. **86**

MdM - Dark golden yellow.

Aromas reminiscent of hazelnuts and nougat, fresh grapes - rather discreet character. On the palate quite firm structure, alcohol still present, cask strength character. **86**

85,5 | LE REVISEUR XO

AL - Lighter colour, medium golden. Sweet and intense nose with notes of chocolate, nougat and nuts. The palate has medium weight, smooth, mellow and rather sweet with a warm finish. **85**

MdM - Dark amber colour.

Discreet aromas reminiscent of vanilla and brown sugar. On the palate sweet character with medium length. **86**

85,5 | COGNAC DE LUZE

VSOP

Fine Champagne

AL - Medium deep amber; sweet nose of chocolate, prune, wood and fine spices; intense flavour but balanced alcohol, complex and spicy finish. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Clean nose with discreet flavour, a touch of vanilla, chocolate and "crème brûlée"; on the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. **84**

85,5 | RÉMY MARTIN

VSOP MATURE CASK FINISH

AL - Medium deep amber; attractive nose with layers of hazelnut, chocolate, marzipan, fine wood and vanilla. Pleasing flavour intensity, round and warm, spicy, quite long finish. **86**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Very closed nose, just in the background a touch of mild spices. On the palate a touch of sweetness, medium weight and length, but rather restrained flavour. **85**

85,5 | COGNAC GUY

PINARD & FILS

XO 1990

Single Vineyard/Single Cask

AL - Deep golden/apricot colour; sweet fruity nose with some notes of wood, medium bodied with some grapey notes, a hint of nutmeg, spicy finish and medium length. **85**

MdM - Amber colour with golden hue. Very discreet nose with a touch of apricots and vanilla. On the palate clean with fine fruit, medium weight and length. **86**

85 | COGNAC

PRULHO ECLAT

VSOP

Fine Champagne

AL - Deep golden with an amber rim; notes of caramel, oak and dried fruit; quite intense and warm mouthfeel, balanced and rather long finish, fine oak and a complex spiciness. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour.

Intense aromas reminiscent of dried raisins and roasted nuts, a touch of vanilla in the background. On the palate slightly sharp alcohol with medium length. **83**

85 | COGNAC

PIERRE FERRAND

RÉSERVE VSOP

AL - Medium deep amber; the nose is sweet with notes of molasses, brown sugar and candied orange; the palate is soft, sweet with integrated alcohol and light spiciness, medium long aftertaste. **85**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Discreet nose with rather restrained spiciness; on the palate almost sweet taste with medium length. **85**

84,5 | COGNAC DE LUZE

XO

Fine Champagne

AL - Medium golden/amber, rather discreet nose; more intensity on the palate, warm and robust with notes of wood and spices, dry and slightly alcoholic finish, medium length. **84**

MdM - Dark amber colour.

Slightly rustic character with balmy notes but also some dusty flavours. On the palate well balanced with a touch of sweetness and medium length. **85**

84,5 | COGNAC

BARON OTARD

VSOP

AL - Dark golden/amber colour; discreet nose with elegant oak, vanilla and sweet spices; good bite on the palate with dried fruit, oak and marzipan flavours, medium long, warm finish. **84**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of roasted hazelnuts, nougat, vanilla and a touch of "crème brûlée". On the palate smooth with a touch of sweetness and medium length. **85**

84 | RÉMY MARTIN

COEUR DE COGNAC

AL - Deep golden colour. The nose shows dried fruit, prune and apple, almost Calvados like; the palate is on the sweet side, slightly heady on the finish, less complexity. **83**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Rather closed nose, lacks complexity. On the palate clean with some sweetness but slightly sharp alcohol in the finish. **85**

84 | LE REVISEUR

VSOP

AL - More mature on the nose, dried fruit, wood and vanilla; the palate is robust warm and spicy with a medium long finish. **83**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Initially rather closed, opening up in contact with some oxygen in the glass, dried yellow stone fruit, such as for instance apricots. On the palate slightly sweet with strong alcohol and medium length. **85**

84 | COGNAC LOUIS ROYER

VSOP

AL - Medium deep amber; a rather neutral nose with hints of wood and dry spices; more flavour on the palate, robust and spicy with a fairly long finish. **84**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Clean nose with discreet flavour, restrained fruit and aromas. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. **84**

83,5 | DOMAINE DES BROIX

VIEILLE VILLE VSOP

AL - Light amber colour; notes of chocolate, nuts and some oak; a slightly drier style, some oak, chocolate and medium long finish. **83**

MdM - Amber colour with golden hue. Clean nose but very discreet aromas; on the palate medium weight and length, alcohol well integrated, but rather discreet flavour. **84**

83,5 | MAISON GUERBÉ VSOP**Grande Champagne**

AL - Medium to deep amber; the nose is sweet displaying notes of praline, candied orange, nuts and dry spices. Sweet, round and nutty, but rather alcoholic finish. **84**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Nose with slightly woody character, hazelnuts and walnuts. On the palate clean, but rather rustic character. **83**

83,5 | COGNAC CAMUS ILE DE RÉ

AL - Medium deep amber; a hint of oxidation, buttery with notes of vanilla; light palate, lacks complexity and depth, medium length. **83**

MdM - Amber colour. Nose with mineral character, aromas reminiscent of butter and butterscotch and some oxidation flavour. On the palate well structured, however alcohol slightly sharp on the finish. **84**

83 | COGNAC CAMUS VSOP ELEGANCE

AL - Medium to deep golden; notes of stone fruit, honey and wood; a slightly lighter structure, a hint of sweetness and discreet spiciness, medium length. **83**

MdM - Slightly dark amber colour. Rather closed character, displaying little aroma. On the palate clean with a touch of sweetness and rather strong alcohol in the finish. **83**

82,5 | COGNAC A.E. D'OR VSOP (8 YEARS OLD)

AL - Intense and mature nose; vanilla, wood and dried fruit; the palate is round, sweet and soft with spicy caramel flavours, pungent but rather long finish. **83**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Oxidative influence - lacks complexity. On the palate almost sweet with slightly sharp finish. **82**

82 | COGNAC FRANÇOIS VOYER

XO GOLD

AVERAGE AGE 25 YEARS

Grande Champagne

AL - Muted nose, some balsamic notes and wood; more fruit on the palate, medium weight, spicy and nutty on the finish, medium length, slightly alcoholic after-taste. **82**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Ethereal aromas - slightly dull. However, on the palate quite well balanced with medium length. **82**

81 | COGNAC RAGNAUD SABOURIN

VSOP

Grande Champagne

AL - Quite neutral nose; a lighter structure, dry wood, quite simplistic with a short, heady finish. **81**

MdM - Bright amber colour. Rather discreet nose; on the palate a touch of sweetness but slightly aggressive alcohol on the palate. **81**

75 | MAISON GUERBÉ XO**Grande Champagne**

AL - Slightly volatile nose, some oxidation and mushroom character, dull and flat taste, heady and short. **75**

MdM - Very dark amber colour. Pungent nose, ethereal character, "pattex" (German brand of glue) and volatility. On the palate dull, sweet - not 100% clean. **75**

ARMAGNAC**95 | ARMAGNACS GELAS Bas Armagnac 1952**

AL - Dark amber; highly complex nose, mature with notes of fruitcake, figs, dates, sweet tobacco, acacia honey and fine wood. Structured and intense palate with layers of complexity, harmonious and mature with very persistent aftertaste and immense structure, truly beguiling. **96**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Mature aromas reminiscent of walnuts, roasted hazelnuts, dark chocolate. On the palate balmy character with well integrated alcohol and excellent length. **94**

93 | DOMAINE D'OGNOAS Bas Armagnac 1994

AL - Medium deep amber; an appealing level of complexity on the nose, fine spices, cigar box, pralines and hazelnut; the palate is intense and lingering, elegant textured with fine spice, balanced alcohol and a long finish. **93**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Very pleasant nose with balmy character and mature aromas reminiscent of dark chocolate and roasted hazelnuts, white nougat and a touch of honey, dried prunes and mild spices. On the palate elegant fruit, well structured with good length. **93**

93 | ARMAGNACS GELAS Bas Armagnac 1962

AL - Amber colour; beautiful aromas, mature and intense fragrance of dried fruit, pralines, spice box and tobacco; very intense and lingering on the palate, rich and warm yet with very good integration of alcohol and oak, superbly long finish. **94**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of balmy spices, vanilla and dried raisins. On the palate almost sweet with well balanced character and good length. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU GARREAU CUVÉE DU SIÈCLE**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Deep amber with a green tinge; the nose is mature with some balsamic notes, dried fruit, wood, molasses and hazelnuts; the palate is rich, warm and mature with dried fruit, woody and nutty notes, very long with complex finish. **92**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Ripe and mature flavour, dried prunes, balmy character, vanilla in the background. On the palate quite mature with ambrosial character, quite complex in the finish and well balanced. An opulent pleasure. **92**

92 | BARON DE LUSTRAC 1977 FOLLE BLANCHE FROM DOMAINE NOTRE DAME DE BOÛT**Bas-Armagnac**

AL - Deep golden colour; fine aromas more on the fruity vinous side, honey, dried fruit, pralines and a complex spiciness. The palate manages to combine power with elegance, very lingering, aged sweetness, complex notes and a truly long finish, quite splendid. **94**

MdM - Amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Discreet and elegant aromas reminiscent of vanilla and mild spices, rather discreet. On the palate strong and well structured with good length. **90**

92 | DOMAINE ENTRAS VIEILLE RÉSERVE 15 YEARS OLD**Armagnac-Ténarèze**

AL - Deep golden colour; mature and rather complex nose, fine spices, dried fruit, cedar wood, tobacco and candied orange aromas; the palate is rich and warm, fine spiciness and grip, persistent and intense aftertaste, a fine and mature example. **92**

MdM - Amber colour. Elegant and persistent nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices, vanilla, roasted hazelnuts, dark chocolate and balmy notes. On the palate well balanced with complex character, well balanced with excellent length. **92**

91 | CHÂTEAU LABALLE Bas Armagnac 1990

AL - Mahogany/orange colour; intense and mature aromas of gingerbread, chocolate, orange zest, smoke and caramel. Very intense and persistent on the palate, finely spicy with an elegant texture, very rich and lingering finish, fine balance and complexity. **92**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Ethereal nose, discreet flavour. On the palate smooth in the beginning with a dry finish. Good length. **90**

91 | ARMAGNACS GELAS Bas Armagnac 1982

AL - Amber/green colour; the nose is very mature displaying notes reminiscent of Oloroso sherry, wood, dried fruit, molasses and dried fruit; the palate is powerful and mature with layers of spice, fruitcake and a long lingering finish, slightly warm and robust, but with a great deal of complexity. **92**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Mature aromas in the nose reminiscent of walnuts, dried Agen prunes, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate well balanced with rather elegant finish. **90**

90,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LACQUY**Bas Armagnac 1991**

AL - Medium deep amber; aromatic with developed aromas of prune, chocolate, tobacco and sweet spices; the palate has some aged sweetness and intense flavours of dried fruit, honey and mild spices, appealing integration of oak and alcohol, long finish and a decent level of complexity. **90**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Balmy character and mature aromas reminiscent of vanilla, toast and nougat. On the palate rich and well structured with good length. **91**

90 | CHÂTEAU DE LAUBADE INTEMPOREL N°5**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Medium to deep amber colour; a rather elegant nose of dried fruit, cigar box and fine spices. The palate is smooth and mellow, persistent with dried fruit and mild spices. Elegant style. **90**

MdM - Amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Mature aromas in the nose reminiscent of vanilla, "crème brûlée", mild spices and dried yellow fruit. On the palate well balanced with typical character and good length. **90**

90 | BARON DE LUSTRAC 1993 UGNI BLANC FROM DOMAINE LE CHÂTEAU**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Medium deep golden nuance. A rather elegant and complex nose with good depth and discreet layers of spice, vanilla, wood and dried fruit. The palate is rich and powerful with spicy notes and opulent length, warm and spicy finish. **89**

MdM - Amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Slightly ethereal in the beginning, aromas reminiscent of vanilla and mild spices, rather discreet. On the palate strong and well structured with good length. **91**

90 | ARMAGNACS GELAS Bas Armagnac 1972

AL - Amber with a green rim; the nose is mature with notes of dark chocolate hazelnut and fine spices. The palate is rich and intense with fine maturity, aged sweetness, almond paste, spice and a rich, long, warm finish, admirable complexity. **92**

MdM - Amber colour, rather dark. Balmy aromas on the nose; slightly rustic character on the palate, however complex and rather well structured. **88**

89 | ARMAGNAC CASTAREDE

1979

AL - Mahogany colour. Very intense nose with notes of oak, nuts, marzipan and caramel. Rich and warm, nutty flavours, on the palate some oak, very mature and great long finish. Complex. **90**

MDM - Dark amber colour with spice and nuts on the nose, a touch of dried fruit, sweet palate with wonderful aftertaste of almonds. and almond paste. **88**

89 | ARMAGNACS GELAS 18 YEARS OLD XO

100% UGNI BLANC

Bas Armagnac

AL - Light to medium amber colour; the nose is intense and spicy, displaying fine spices, nuts and dried fruit; the palate is warm and intense, plenty of spice and almond paste, some complexity and a long finish. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla, "crème brûlée", nougat, mild spices, dried apricots. On the palate very aromatic, but dry finish. Well structured with good length. **89**

89 | CHÂTEAU DE PELLEHAUT

1979

Armagnac Ténarèze

AL - Dark amber colour with golden hues. Some rancio on the nose, very nutty and rather spicynotes some cinnamon and nice dried fruit. Round, yet spicy palate. **89**

MdM - Dark amber colour with golden hues. The nose is spicy with notes of dried fruits such as apricots. Some spicy notes reminiscent of cinnamon, some hints of rancio, rather long after-taste. **89**

89 | DOMAINE D'OGNOAS Bas Armagnac 2000

AL - Medium deep amber; discreet nose, mature with emphasis on dried fruit and fine spices; the palate is warm with good grip, hints of almond paste, rather elegant and fine with a long finish. **89**

MdM - Amber colour with copper-coloured hue. Slightly ethereal in the beginning, aromas reminiscent of vanilla and mild spices, rather discreet. On the palate strong and well structured with good length. **89**

88,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LAUBADE

XO

Bas Armagnac

AL - Medium deep golden colour; discreet nose with hints of dried fruit, fine spices, cedar wood and tobacco; good grip on the palate, spicy and warm with a rather elegant, long finish. **88**

MdM - Amber colour. Discreet but elegant nose, fine flavour, a touch of vanilla and raisins; on the palate well balanced with impressively integrated alcohol and good length. Elegant and persistent. **89**

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LACQUY

1996

Bas Armagnac

AL - Deep golden colour; some hints of butter, vanilla, fine wood and caramelized fruit; a rather spicy and robust style, rather heady with a long warm finish. **87**

MdM - Amber colour. Mature aromas in the nose, reminiscent of heady, subtle spices and roasted nuts. Dried prunes in the background. On the palate well structured with typical dry finish and good length. **88**

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LAUBADE

1982

Bas Armagnac

AL - Deep golden/orange; discreet and nuanced nose with layers of fine spices, wood, tobacco, dried fruit and vanilla. The palate is intense and warm, marked alcohol and some woody notes, good length and a hint of complexity, but slightly hot on the finish. **88**

MdM - Amber colour. Mature aromas in the nose, reminiscent of dried apricots, mild spices and vanilla. On the palate strong alcohol and dry finish. **87**

86,5 | DOMAINE D'OGNOAS 10 YEARS OLD**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Slightly more mature and sweet with hints of molasses, spices and wood. The palate is warm and robust with nutty and woody notes, intense with a rather long, but slightly alcoholic finish. **86**

MdM - Very dark amber colour. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of dark chocolate, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate dried fruit character, strong alcohol and dry finish. **87**

86 | CHÂTEAU GARREAU 15 YEARS OLD XO**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Deep golden colour; sweet nose of candied orange, wood and fine spices. The palate is warm and robust, nutty with good grip and fairly long finish. **86**

MdM - Dark amber colour; ripe aromas on the nose, tones of vanilla and "crème brûlée", on the palate quite aromatic with mild spices and dried fruit. **86**

86 | ARMAGNAC J. GOUDOU LIN ORUM EXCEPTIONAL BLEND**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Light amber; the nose is sweet, displaying hints of marzipan, pralines and prune; the palate is rather full and warm, some woody notes and a powerful finish. **87**

MdM - Dark amber colour; opulent aroma on the nose, balmy character, roasted aromas, vanilla and ethereal components. On the palate quite aromatic with mild spices and dried fruit. **85**

84,5 | CHÂTEAU LABALLE VSOP VIEILLE RESERVE**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Medium deep amber; the nose displays fine wood, vanilla and mild spices; round and spicy palate with nutty notes, marzipan and medium long, warm finish. **84**

MdM - Dark amber colour. Ripe flavour in the nose, almost balmy, dried fruit and mild spices. On the palate clean and well made with rather strong alcohol. **85**

82,5 | ARMAGNAC DE MONTAL VSOP**Bas Armagnac**

AL - Medium deep golden colour; discreet notes of orange zest and "crème brûlée"; rich and warm palate, rather robust and spicy style. **82**

MdM - Amber colour. Discreet flavour with tones of vanilla and dried raisins. On the palate rather well balanced with medium length. **83**

VINS DES CÔTES DE GASCOGNE

91 | DOMAINE DE PELLEHAUT ESCOUBASSO

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Great purity on the nose, yellow fruit, slightly tropical with notes of peach and mango; generous, opulent and fruity with a hint of sweetness, lush fruit and a rich finish, very pleasant. **90**
MdM - Dark yellow with golden hue. Excellent nose with intense fruit reminiscent of quince and pineapple, tropical fruit and tones of mild spices. On the palate opulent with elegant acidity, well balanced with good length. **92**

88 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COLOMBELLE SOLEIL GASCON

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Clean fresh and slightly neutral nose, green apple, lime, lemon and a slightly sweet palate, good freshness and length. **86**
MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean nose with crisp fruit, grapefruit, citrus fruit, apricots and peaches. On the palate well balanced sweetness and crisp acidity. **90**

85 | DOMAINE CHIROULET GRANDE RESERVE

2009 Côtes de Gascogne
AL - Ambitious nose, generous with dark cherry, vanilla and spice, freshly crushed red and dark berries on the palate. Good structure, still slightly tight and tannic but with pleasant fruit and length. **85**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Mild spices, vanilla and cloves, blackberries and black cherries. On the palate some spice, roasted components, firm tannins and well structured medium length. **85**

85 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COLOMBELLE L'ORIGINAL

2011 Côtes de Gascogne
AL - Appealing nose of juicy dark berries and blackcurrant; the palate has medium weight, fine structure, fresh berries and balanced tannin with quite good length. **85**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit in the nose, blackberries and blackcurrant, slightly spicy. On the palate juicy with well integrated tannins, medium weight and length. **85**

84 | DOMAINE CHIROULET TERRES BLANCHES

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Young, intense and aromatic nose, Sauvignon like with herbs, grass, lemon and gooseberries; appealing palate, distinct and fresh with good bite and plenty of lemon zest, good length, light but refreshing and bright. **84**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Slightly reductive tones in the start, covering the fruit. Later, displaying grapefruit and pineapple in the background. On the palate aromatic with crisp character and medium length. **84**

84 | DOMAINE DE PELLEHAUT FAMILY RESERVE

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Youthful and restrained with roasted nuts and ripe citrus on the nose; the palate is dry and firm with some buttery notes and citrus flavour, decent length and structure. **84**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Initially slightly reductive, then opening up towards crisp citrus fruit with flinty tones, a touch of mild spices. On the palate juicy and well balanced with medium weight and length. **84**

84 | PLAIMONT TERROIRS ET CHÂTEAUX DOMAINE DE CASSAIGNE

2010 Côtes de Gascogne
AL - Freshly crushed berries on the nose, a hint of oak, medium weight, young tannin, some spicy notes, vanilla and juicy fruit on the finish. **84**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Touch of oak, vanilla and roasted flavours, ripe fruit, blackberries and mulberries. On the palate oak spices, discreet fruit and medium length. **84**

84 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS FLORENBELLE (ORGANIC WINE)

2010 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Young and pure nose of citrus and some herbal notes, Sauvignon like; the palate is on the lighter side with high freshness and decent length, a pleasant "vin de soif" - quaffing (thirst-quenching) wine. **83**
MdM - Straw yellow. Aromatic nose reminiscent of grapefruit and physalis, on the palate clean and crisp with medium weight and length. **85**

83 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COROLLE

2011 Côtes de Gascogne du Condomois
AL - Clean nose of dark cherry fruit; balanced palate, emphasis on fruit, balanced tannin, no oak, juicy and fresh finish. **83**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet fruit in the nose, slightly spicy. On the palate juicy with well integrated tannins, medium weight and length. Clean and well balanced. **83**

82,5 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COLOMBELLE GRAND LILAS

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Another young, clean example with green fruit and lemon zest; slightly richer body and a bright freshness on the end, a pleasant quaffing (thirst-quenching) wine "vin de soif". **83**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Rather restrained fruit in the nose; on the palate juicy and crisp with medium weight and length. **82**

82,5 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COLOMBELLE L'ORIGINAL

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (ROSÉ)
AL - Aromatic and youthful with red berries, pink grape and tutti frutti; the palate is medium bodied with high freshness and red berry fruit on the finish. **83**
MdM - Pale rosé with almost violet hue. Clean nose with restrained fruit, raspberries. On the palate clean with a light finish. **82**

82 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COROLLE

2011 Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne du Condomois (ROSÉ)
AL - Blood orange and strawberry aromas, a pleasant and straightforward wine with decent structure and some bitterness. **82**
MdM - Bright rosé. Clean nose with slightly ripe fruit. On the palate medium length and weight. **82**

82 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS COLOMBELLE L'ORIGINAL

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Clean and fresh nose, some notes of chamomile and green apple; light palate, high acidity and a light finish. **81**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Crisp citrus fruit, grapefruit, peaches and gooseberries. On the palate juicy and well balanced with medium weight and length. **83**

81,5 | DOMAINE DE PELLEHAUT HARMONIE DE GASCOGNE

2011 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Young and pure with citrus and almond notes; the palate is pure and crisp with green fruit, however very light, clean and well made. **81**
MdM - Pale yellow with green hue. Clean in the nose with aromas reminiscent of grapefruit and gooseberries, fresh and crisp. On the palate clean and crisp with medium weight and length. Well balanced on the palate, a refreshing summer wine. **82**

81 | RIEUTORT CHARDONNAY

2011 Côtes De Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Young and fresh nose with some grassy and lemony notes. The palate is crisp and zesty, on the lighter side with a clean finish. **81**
MdM - Straw yellow. Clean nose with a touch of citrus fruit, mandarin, pear drops. On the palate lighter style with almost medium length. **81**

81 | DOMAINE DE PELLEHAUT AMPÉLOMÉRYX

2010 Côtes de Gascogne (WHITE)
AL - Slightly reductive, neutral fruit character, citrus and green apple, high acidity and light body, straightforward and simple. **80**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Rather reductive style on the nose, pyrotechnical aromas, a touch of citrus fruit and minerality. On the palate clean and crisp with medium weight and length. **82**

81 | PLAIMONT PRODUCTEURS FLORENBELLE (ORGANIC WINE)

2010 Côtes de Gascogne
AL - A light and discreet nose, fresh and fruity with light structure, some herbal notes and soft finish. **81**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet fruit, slightly vegetal components; on the palate discreet fruit and medium length. **81**

80,5 | RIEUTORT

2011 Côtes de Gascogne
AL - Youthful and simple with strawberry fruit; a light, soft palate and fresh finish. **80**
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Slightly smoky in the nose, gunpowder, blackcurrant and dark berries. Rather reductive style. On the palate well balanced with well integrated tannins, medium weight and length. **81**

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