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Rhône Red wines

Cave Saint Désirat - Cuvée Côte-Diane 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity and offers power, a good finesse of the grain, concentration as well as tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild strawberry, wild red berries as well as hints of violet, Cuben pepper and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small crunchy wild black berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of crunchy cherry as well as hints of violet, nutmeg, garrigue and olive tree. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Bernadette et Gilbert Colombet 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of olive tree associated with touches of crushed raspberry, a discreet hint of strawberry jam, violet as well as a hint of Cuben pepper and rosewood. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, racy minerality as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small crunchy red berries, olive tree and small notes of bulb/violet associated with touches of crunchy raspberry, chocolate as well as hints of graphite.

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

Domaine Lucien Tramier 2018 Cairanne

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries, small notes of olive tree associated with touches of black cherry, crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, rosemary and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, small fleshy/juicy berries and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of rosemary, violet, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Clos des Sources - Anaïs 2016 Côte du Rhône

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power and racy minerality. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of grey pepper, crunchy raspberry as well as a discreet hint of garrigue and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small red berries, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as hints of garrigue and cornflower.

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

Domaine de Coste Chaude - L'Argentière 2017 Côte du Rhône Villages, Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity, a bit restrained and offers concentration as well as freshness. It reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of racy minerality, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of olive tree / local copse and very discreet hints of blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, fine tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, crunchy wild berries and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of faded violet, faded cornflower, tobacco as well as discreet hints of spices. Good length.

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

Domaine de Coste Chaude - La Rocaille 2017 Côte du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is fruity, racy, fresh and offers a small crunchiness and a small intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy red berries, bigarreau cherry, small notes of grey pepper, garrigue as well as a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand and offers a good definition, suavity as well as a beautiful fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, small fleshy/juicy red berries, small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with a touch of juicy blackberry as well as discreet hints of violet and garrigue. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Coste Chaude - Madrigal 2018 Côte du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, concentration and a small deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, violet, lily, small notes of small wild berries associated with a touch of cassis as well as a discreet hint of garrigue/grilled thyme and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cherry, juicy/ripe raspberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of small fleshy/juicy berries as well as hints of liquorice and caramelization. Tannins are structuring.

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

Domaine La Visitation 2018 Côte du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine grain and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy bigarreau cherry, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of small berries, garrigue, nutmeg as well as notes of rose, blueberry and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a good definition, juiciness, finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, juicy/crunchy red cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy blackberry, chocolate, garrigue as well as touches of fresh lilac. Tannins are elegant, structuring and offer a fine straightness. Good length.

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



RHÔNE WHITE WINES

Domaine de Coste Chaude - L'Octave 2018 Côte du Rhône Villages Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, intensity as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of kumquat, ripe brugnion and small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of zests as well as a hint of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, gourmandize as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy kumquat, mandarine and small notes of fleshy brugnion associated with a touch of apricot, lemon as well as discreet hints of zests and elderflowers (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de Coste Chaude - Trilogy 2018 Côte du Rhône Villages Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small elegance, a small intensity as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of ripe mandarine associated with a touch of quince, quenette as well as a hint of mandarine flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy Mirabelle plum, juicy mandarine as well as a subtle hint of quenette and mandarine flowers. Good length.

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

Rhône

White wines

Domaine Mourgues du Grès – Terre d'Argence 2018 Pont du Gard IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of zests, small yellow fruits, small notes of crunchy Mirabelle plum associated with touches of dry orange zests as well as small hints of racy minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity as well as roundness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed lemon, crunchy Mirabelle and small notes of small yellow berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality, garrigue as well as a discreet hint of flowers and rosemary. A hint of varietal bitterness on the persistence.

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

Cave de Tain – Grand Classique 2018 Saint-Péray

The nose is fresh, fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of brugnion, juicy pear and small notes of fresh/juicy Mirabelle plum associated with very fine touches of flint, racy minerality, lemon as well as fine hints of zests and a very discreet hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine tension, roundness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe pear and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of racy minerality and a very fine hint of zests. Good length. An imperceptible hint of salinity and sweet spices on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Héritier Gambert – Fleur de Roc 2018, Sélection parcellaire Saint-Péray

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of juicy quince, ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of peach flowers, fresh lychee, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a crunchy/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy plum, quince and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of white flowers, verbena and an imperceptible hint of sage (in the background). Good length.

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

Cave Saint-Désirat – Cuvée Amandine 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine richness, a small minerality as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with touches of apple, mango as well as very fine hints of almond flowers and orange flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, finesse of the grain, tension, dynamism, small fat as well as fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy yellow apple and small notes of mango associated with small touches of apricot as well as a subtle hint of crushed kumquat, racy minerality and almond flowers. Good length. A very fine varietal bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

Cave Saint-Désirat 2017 Condrieu

The nose is fruity and offers a small complexity as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of crushed yellow peach associated with touches of white flowers, citrus zests, a hint of pink lychee, rose as well as very discreet hints of honey and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, roundness, fat as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, crushed yellow peach and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of white flowers, elderflower as well as an imperceptible hint of honey and garrigue. An imperceptible hint of varietal on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Vin de Mme la Comtesse de Montfaucon 2017 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of pineapple, apple as well as discreet hints of racy minerality as well as zests. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a food definition, a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy lemon, quince and small notes of small crushed yellow plum associated with touches of kumquat as well as hints of pear and honey. Good length and persistence on a discreet hint of varietal bitterness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Boucarut – Cuvée Victor 2018 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers power. It reveals notes of quince, dry lemon, mesocarp and small notes of yellow nectarine associated with a hint of racy minerality and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, yellow peach and small notes

of juicy/fleshy pear associated with touches of kumquat, citrus zests as well as hint hints of beeswax, butter and discreet hint of garrigue/rosemary and white flowers. Good length.

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

Domaine Jocelyn Raoux 2018 Lirac

The nose is racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of garrigue, racy minerality and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of zests as well as mesocarp and green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of lemon zests, mandarine zests as well as a subtle hint of grapefruit, quenette and a discreet hint of peach/peach flowers.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Castel Oualou 2019 Lirac

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power, richness, density as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes

of quince, yellow apple and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of garrigue, lily of the valley as well as discreet hints of small crushed yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine tension, richness as well as an aerial side. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy quince, fleshy Mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of apple, juicy mandarine as well as a subtle hint of yellow flowers, almond and toasted.

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

Château de Montfaucon Comtesse Madeleine 2018 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, crushed yellow plum, small notes of citrus zests associated with small touches of apple, grapefruit as well as fine hints of racy minerality and sense of the palate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy plum, quince and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of crushed yellow peach, juicy/crunchy pear as well as a subtle hint of mango, quenette and beeswax. Good length.

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

