



**Bordeaux 2017**

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## Pauillac

### **CHATEAU BATAILLEY** – Pauillac

Basispreis 44,45 Euro (59,27 €/l)

- 95 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO: *"Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black core. Quite closed character, slowly opening up, displaying aroma reminiscent of dark berries, ripe tannins, elegant, velvety texture, fine acidity, excellent length."*  
 - 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This smoky wine is full of dark fruits and ripe tannins. It has spice and intense acidity as well as concentrated tannins. It will be a rich wine as it develops. Drink from 2023."*  
 - 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is a classically structured young Pauillac with tannins that roll over the finish. Medium to full body and a bright aftertaste."*

- 91-93 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Blended of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon 17% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Batailley gives profound notes of crème de cassis, preserved plums and licorice over a core of espresso, tapenade and Marmite toast. Medium-bodied with a ripe, firm backbone of grainy tannins and plenty of freshness supporting the vivacious, sustained fruit, it finishes long with a red fruit lift."*

- 93 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is good, showing less dominant oak than in some recent years and with a good level of fruit and extraction. It's a good year for appellation typicity up in this part of the Medoc, and this displays firm Pauillac tannins, well held together, with savoury and juicy fruit. I get the impression that this will close down, because those tannins are pretty serious, and with good levels of freshness this will age very well. They are doing great work at this estate at the moment. 52hl/ha yield. 60% new oak. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"*

- 91-93 Punkte JEFF LEVE: *"Cigar box, tobacco, crème de cassis and forestry create the aromatic profile. On the palate, the wine offers soft, polished, dark red fruits, spice, blackberry and tobacco. Nearly forward in style, this is a charming Pauillac that will age for at least 2 decades with little effort. The wine was made from blending 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, reaching 13.6% alcohol."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Batailley was picked between 19 and 27 September at 52hl/ha. Like the deuxième vin, the nose demands coaxing from the glass, initially quite restrained with cedar and cigar box infused black fruit that finally begin to unfold after five minutes. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannin, fine depth and balance, well judged acidity and a precise, quintessential Pauillac finish. This feels long on the aftertaste – a fine follow-up to the 2015 and 2016 and it may well land at the top of my banded score. Tasted three times with consistent notes."*

- 90-92 CHRIS KISSACK

### **CHATEAU BELLEGRAVE** – Pauillac

Basispreis 21,60 Euro (28,80 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Bellegrave (Pauillac) explodes with flamboyant cassis and blueberry pie notes with touches of cedar chest, unsmoked cigars and charcuterie. Medium-bodied with a very firm frame of chewy tannins and lively acid, it has great length if it is a little grippy at the end."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A layered and flavorful red with currant and sweet-berry character. Medium to full body and silky tannins."*

### **CHATEAU CROIZET BAGES** – Pauillac

Basispreis 35,10 Euro (46,80 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Layers of black currant and plum fruits give this wine a bright character. It has some ripe tannins, although they do not intrude on the fine fruitiness. Its should age well over the medium term; drink from 2023."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Shows good fruit and depth for the vintage with plenty of juicy tannins, fine acidity and a medium to long finish."*

### **CHATEAU FONABDET** – Pauillac

Basispreis 31,20 Euro (41,60 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A tight and juicy red with blackberry and black-cherry character. Medium-bodied, tannic and focused."*

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Dense with layers of black currant, this is a fine wine that is full of opulent tannins and rich fruit. Ample acidity cuts through the richness expressing the freshness of the vintage. Drink from 2023."*

- 91-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Fonbadet is positively stellar. Plump, juicy and impeccably refined, the 2017 has so much to recommend it. Silky tannins wrap around a plush core of bright, red-toned fruit in this super-expressive inviting Pauillac. Fonbadet is not the most complex Pauillac readers will come across, but its balance and sense of harmony are simply impeccable. Tasted three times."*

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"A 70/30 split of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the Peyronie family, the 2017 Château Fonbadet is a serious effort revealing a deep purple color as well as abundant aromas and flavors of blueberries, cassis, graphite and spring flowers. It has the classic cool minerality of the vintage, medium to full-bodied richness, and ripe tannin. Give it a few years and it should keep for two decades."*

### **CHATEAU HAUT BATAILLEY** – Pauillac

Basispreis 55,80 Euro (74,40 €/l)

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This has good currant and damson fruit lined with tobacco and iron notes. Offers slightly dusty tannins but remains fresh and focused overall."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"The first year under the Cazes family, and we can expect big changes over the next few years with an extensive replanting programme planned. But for now, let's look at 2017, where production has been split 33% second wine and*

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66% grand vin, with no frost to hamper them. It's rich and deep, with a sense of forward motion and flexible tannins pushing the cassis fruit from start to finish, joined by focussed and lively brambled fruits and gentle cedar smoking. The austerity is clear, and it's a little lighter-framed than the Lynch Bages, and very different in personality, but it has real promise and I like it enormously. Expect a new label with the Tour d'Aspic tower and the JM Cazes family name. 60% new oak. Drinking Window 2025 – 2036"

- 94-95 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "This is very structured and serious. Full-bodied, tannic and powerful. Boom. This is one of the best Haut-Batailleys in years. From the new owners, who also own Lynch-Bages."

- 90 Punkte JEAN MARC QUARIN

**CHATEAU HAUT BAGES LIBERAL – Pauillac**

Basispreis 38,30 Euro (51,07 €/l)

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 94-95 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "Tannic and linear with blackberry and currant character. Full body, tight and chewy with a polished texture and excellent length. Shows toned muscles for the vintage. Demeter certified biodynamic."

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "Solid, with dark plum and currant fruit forming the core, while tobacco and iron accents add bass and cut through the finish. Has the fresh cut of the vintage."

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Barrel Sample. This is a solid, foursquare style of wine with some firm tannins that should soften as the fruit develops. There is brightness and plenty of fruit at the core, waiting its turn. Drink from 2024."

**CHATEAU HAUT BAGES MONPELOU – Pauillac**

Basispreis 23,10 Euro (30,80 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "The medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Haut-Bages Monpelo (a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc) opens with pronounced cassis, black plum and blueberry notes with hints of anise, yeast extract and tar. The palate is medium-bodied with a solid frame of chewy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing on an earthy note."

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "The 2017 Haut-Bages Monpelo, which is vinified at Château Batailley, has a clean and fresh, mint-tinged bouquet that opens nicely in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, plenty of tightly wound black fruit laced with tobacco towards the saline finish. Enjoy this well made, lesser known Pauillac over the next four or five years. Tasted twice with consistent notes."

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: "The Casteja family owns this 15ha estate on the gravelly plateau of Batailley, between châteaux Grand Puy Lacoste and Batailley. The vines were part of Duhart Milon until the 1860s, so was in fact classified in 1855 before being sold off separately and losing its classified status. The wine is vinified at Batailley. It takes its time to open, but has a lovely richness once it does, showing subtle but rich black fruit flavours with soft tobacco notes. It has strict tannins and is full of Pauillac character, a little more austere than Lynch Moussas but clearly one that is going to settle into itself. It's an excellent wine that's worth knowing about. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036."

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "This is very Pauillac with graphite, blackcurrant and mint character. Medium bodied, tight and focused. Shows energy and precision."

- 91 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU LYNCH MOUSSAS – Pauillac**

Basispreis 34,90 Euro (46,53 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "The 2017 Lynch Moussas, composed of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot, is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with a very pretty nose of red roses and chocolate box over a core of crushed blackcurrants, blackberries and wild blueberries with touches of garrigue and wood smoke. The palate is medium-bodied with a firm, grainy backbone and oodles of freshness, finishing with great length and a mineral character coming through."

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Barrel Sample. This is a bright, fruity wine, with attractive tannins and plenty of black currant and spice flavors. It shows great medium-term aging potential. Drink from 2022."

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: "Arnaud Durand, technical director since 2003, learnt under Denis Dubourdieu and they now work with Axel Marchal as consultant. This is really a success this year, not quite as concentrated as some but hugely enjoyable and drinkable. It has good Pauillac character and should be relatively good value. It's not the most broad-shouldered or intense, but charming and good quality. A well-handled, impactful and Pauillac signature with tarry, grilled notes that have suggestions of oak, but they have taken it down a peg from the last few years. There's a bit more clay in the soil here that gives a roundness in the mouth compared to Batailley. 60% new oak, A healthy 51hl/ha yield, harvested 19-16 September. A fairly high 30% press wine in the blend. Wait six to eight years before drinking. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036"

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): "(22% Merlot, 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 51 hl/ha) Samtenes, süßes, kräftiges Bouquet, Brombeeren, schwarze Kirschen, dunkles Caramel, Kaffeebohnen, Rauch. Samtener, fein opulenter Gaumen mit cremiger Frucht, viel feinem Tannin, kräftiger, süßerer Aromatik, dichter Struktur, langer, aromatischer Abgang mit süßen Rückaromen. Kann noch zulegen."

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "This is precise and linear with a very pretty center palate of tannins and a bright finish. Fresh acidity. Some hazelnuts just at the end, but it's not from the wood. Elegant and refined."

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU PIBRAN – Pauillac**

Basispreis 31,50 Euro (42,00 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "A fresh red with lots of white pepper and salt. Blackcurrants and blueberries. Full-bodied, tight and focused. Ripe tannins. Nice sweetness at the end. Bright finish."

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Solid, featuring plum cake and fig notes at the core, with a finish streaked with warm tobacco and charcoal notes. Relatively soft and plush in feel."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Pibran is aged in 50% new oak for 18 months. It has a crisp, pure blackberry and graphite-scented bouquet that is very precise, one of the most detailed that I have come across with respect to this property. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp, chalky tannin. It is not a powerful or deep Pibran, but it is very tensile with an almost flinty finish. Given the reasonable price asked for this Pauillac, this could be one of the buys of 2017. Tasted twice with consistent notes."*

## Saint Julien

### CHATEAU BEYCHEVELLE – Saint Julien

Basispreis 73,30 Euro (97,73 €/l)

- 92-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Beychevelle is absolutely gorgeous. Creamy and beautifully layered on the palate, Beychevelle exudes exotic richness in its ripe red/purplish berry fruit. Even though the 2017 is rather flamboyant in style, it retains quite a bit of brightness to play off its more extroverted leanings. Beychevelle was impressive on the several times I tasted it."*
- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is a fine expression of St-Julien, with extremely pretty aromatics and brambly, juicy black fruits that remain soft and persistent through the palate, with the tiniest hint of acidity tightening the tannins. It's not as expressive as in 2016, but that was exceptional, though this is certainly a wine to recommend in 2017. Drinking Window 2026 – 2040"*
- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Very fine tannins already with a solid core of blackberry and blueberry character. Hints of flowers. Full-bodied, well-integrated and tight, not to mention fresh and long."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Beychevelle was cropped at 54hl/ha between 18 September and 3 October, matured in around 60% new oak with 13.4° alcohol. It has a very ripe blueberry, almost iodine-scented bouquet that is much more extroverted than its peers (like the 2016 last year.) The palate is medium-bodied with sweet black cherry and boysenberry fruit, and plenty of crushed violet. The palate is ripe and succulent; a sweet core of blue and black fruit here although perhaps its neighbor across the road, Branaire Ducru, displays a little more terroir at this early stage. Maybe that is because of the saignée? I would just like to see a little more restraint come through in bottle while I noticed greater precision developing during the 30 minutes the sample spent in my glass."*
- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Beychevelle opens with gregarious cassis and blackberry pie notes with touches of baking spices and underbrush plus a waft of lavender. Medium-bodied with a great core of ripe black fruits, it has a firm frame of ripe, grainy tannins and balancing freshness, finishing long. The final blend is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 4 Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This has a soft core of pure plum and cherry preserve flavors. Light cedar, vanilla and tobacco notes fill in on the finish. Very rounded, displaying a jammy feel rather than the vintage's overt freshness. A bit of an anomaly."*

### CHATEAU BRANAIRE DUCRU – Saint Julien

Basispreis 46,60 Euro (62,13 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Crisp fruit and intense acidity are the hallmarks of this bright wine. Its tannins are a backdrop to the nervy fruit character and vein of minerality and refreshing acidity. Drink from 2023."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"The plum and cherry paste flavors show good energy, with floral lift and sleek graphite accents adding to the sense of range and definition. Well done."*
- 91-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Branaire-Ducru offers lovely depth and density. The characteristic dark red/purplish fruit character of Branaire comes through beautifully. As always, Branaire is a wine of polish and finesse. Stylistically, the 2017 comes across as a smaller scaled and more accessible version of the 2015. If that sounds appealing, well, it is. The 2017 is really quite lovely. Tasted three times."*
- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Würziges, leicht mineralisches, herbes Bouquet, Zwetschgenghaut, Himbeeren, Schiefer. Leichter, frischer Gaumen mit zarter Frucht, feinem Tannin, süsser Aromatik, langer, feiner, duftiger Abgang."*
- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The deep purple-colored 2017 Château Branaire-Ducru offers a fresh, focused, classic style in 2017. Beautiful spring flowers, black and blue fruits, and a kiss of minerality all emerge from this medium-bodied effort that has nicely integrated acidity, a balanced, clean texture, and plenty of mid-palate depth. My money is on this ending up being an outstanding wine."*
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very tight and focused with a precise depth of blackberry and blueberry fruit. Full body, melted tannins and a fresh and vivid finish. Shows a compacted style."*

### CHATEAU LANGOA BARTON – Saint Julien

Basispreis 44,00 Euro (58,67 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine is ripe and generously structured. It is well balanced between powerful dark tannins and attractive fruitiness. The concentration and density promise to age well. Drink this fine wine from 2024."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A solid core of cassis and plum fruit fills out nicely here, with graphite and tobacco notes coursing underneath. Shows good cut and drive. Textbook St.-Julien."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Langoa Barton is absolutely gorgeous. A wine of unusual depth and richness*

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for the year, Langoa Barton is creamy, pliant and incredibly inviting. Super-ripe red and blue fruits, new leather, and dried flowers fill out the wine's frame effortlessly. The blend is 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc. In 2017, Langoa Barton is a lovely under the radar gem. Don't miss it. Tasted two times."

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "The 2017 Langoa Barton was picked from 15 to 18 September with respect to the Merlot and from 22 to 29 September for the Cabernets, matured in 60% new oak. It has a ripe, brine-tinged bouquet, not complex compared to previous vintages, but pure and developing light smoke and truffle scents with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with quite sharp tannin to create a tensile Langoa-Barton, saline with moderate depth, just a touch of pencil lead that surfaces towards the finish. It is exactly what I expected, which is a good thing given the track record of this Saint-Julien."

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: "There is no doubt that this offers a good expression of the appellation in the medium to long term, but there's a slightly wider gap between Léoville and Langoa this year - the first time I've felt that in several years, and perhaps a reflection of the slightly cooler terroir here. It's impressively structured and well held together, with black fruits which aren't as concentrated as the estate has displayed in the previous two vintages, but it displays an innate St-Julien elegance. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"

- 17 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: "Healthy cherry red. Inviting and elegant dark-fruit aroma with just a light char. Here, after several left-bank wines that lacked enough fruit depth in the middle, is one that has weight and depth on the mid palate that gives a rounded, fresh and complete wine. Succulent, juicy and well-structured for the longer term but still elegant."

- 18 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): "(54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 45 hl/ha) Samtenes, fruchtiges, frisches Bouquet, Brombeeren, schwarze Kirschen, Tabak, Zeder, Lakritze. Dichter, ausgewogener, fruchtiger Gaumen mit samtener Frucht, feinem Tannin, kräftiger Aromatik, langer, aromatischer Abgang mit süßen Rückaromen."

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: "The 2017 Château Langoa Barton showed beautifully both times I was able to taste it. Black cherries, plums, leafy herbs and spring flowers all emerge from this medium-bodied, ripe, lively Saint-Julien that shows the pretty, charming, elegant style of the vintage. As with all the wines from this vintage, it's not massive by any means, yet it is nicely concentrated and impeccably balanced. The blend is 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc, with harvest stretching between the 15th and 18th of September for the Merlot and the 22nd to the 29th of September for the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. It's still aging in 60% new oak."

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "This is very solid and tannic with a beautiful core of blueberries, blackcurrants and other blue fruits. Crushed stones, to boot. Full body and a flavorful finish. Serious for the vintage."

#### **CHATEAU TALBOT – Saint Julien**

Basispreis 51,60 Euro (68,80 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "This is solid and structured with blackberry and currant character. Full-bodied, muscular and dialed-in."

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "Solid, with currant and plum fruit at the core flanked by focused, chalky tannins. Savory and tobacco notes score the finish. A touch austere but shows impressive drive."

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "The 2017 Talbot was picked from 18 to 4 October using manual and optical sorting, matured in 50% new oak. It has a relatively light but well-defined, floral bouquet, pressed flower filtering through that blackberry and boysenberry scents, a little clove and bay leaf lending complexity as it opens in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine but firm tannin that frame the slightly savory black fruit, just a little earthiness developing towards the finish. It is a classic Talbot really, exactly what you would expect for the vintage."

#### **CHATEAU TALBOT CAILLOU BLANC – Bordeaux Blanc**

Basispreis 29,90 Euro (39,87 €/l)

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: "A very good Caillou Blanc with wonderfully intense finessing on the aroma and on the attack. An intense sunflower yellow in colour, with some definite oak influencing on the palate. I'm surprised, in fact, by quite how rich this is - undoubtedly a successful, powerful, layered Sauvignon character, but with a silky texture through the palate and good juicy lift on the finish. Drinking Window 2018 – 2025"

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "The 2017 Caillou Blanc de Talbot has quite an earthy nose of wet pebbles and struck flint over a core of lemon juice and white grapefruit. The palate is medium-bodied with fantastic intensity and bags of minerals on the long refreshing finish."

### Saint Estephe

#### **CHATEAU BEAU SITE – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 17,85 Euro (23,80 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte WEINWISSENER: "Der einladende Beau-Site wurde mit 40 hl/ha gearbeitet und besteht aus 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot und 2% Cabernet Franc. Sehr tief und fein, mit distinguerter Frucht, frisch, klar und kraftvoll. Jugendlich verschlossen mit sehr guten Anlagen und ausgezeichneter geradlinig animierender Struktur."

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "Pretty spice and dark berries with hazelnuts and walnuts. Medium to full body, tight and integrated tannins and flavorful finish. A beauty. Lovely center palate."

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: "On an outcrop just behind Calon-Ségur, this property is owned by the Castéja family, with slopes facing east towards the Garonne river. This is a little tight for the vintage, serious and not quite as juicy as some I have tasted. It's still extremely well-constructed, dripping with cassis notes and floral edging. It's aged in 50% new oak, but the light toast gives a

*smoked edge without overpowering it. This is usually excellent value, and there's no need to wait too long before drinking. Consultants are Axel Marchal and Valérie Lavigne. Drinking Window 2022 – 2034"*

- 88-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Beau Site offers terrific density and breadth. Inky dark fruit, grilled herb and licorice flesh out in this resonant, pleasantly rustic Saint-Estèphe. 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot."*

**CHATEAU COS LABORY – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 31,60 Euro (42,13 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Cos Labory is deep garnet-purple colored and scented of blackberry pie, cassis and pencil shavings with touches of violets, garrigue and mossy bark. Medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of ripe, grainy tannins, it has lovely freshness and impressive length."*

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Bold tannins mark this dense wine, though it has plenty of ripe black fruit to balance. It's a wine that is set for medium-term aging. Spice, ripe berry flavors and acidity are coming together well. Drink from 2023."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Cos-Labory has a commendable bouquet with clean, crisp aromas of blackberry, smoke and light tobacco scents. There is no greenness here, a trait that can spoil some vintages of this Saint-Estèphe. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, plenty of ripe brambly black fruit with a sense of mineralité on the finish. Hey...is this the moment when Cos-Labory produces a great wine? Looks that way here. I look forward to re-tasting this once in bottle and will keep my fingers crossed."*

- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"Tight, intense dark fruits and good weight are joined by bristling tannins. 50% new oak shows a little more than is strictly necessary, but it should settle in over the next few years - be sure to give it 5 to 6 years before opening. Drinking Window 2023 – 2034"*

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Fruchtiges, samtenes, dichtes, fein opulentes Bouquet, schwarze Beeren, schwarze Kirschen, Lakritze, Tabak. Fruchtiger, voller Gaumen mit süsser Frucht, feinem Tannin, breiter Struktur, dunkler Aromatik, langer, aromatischer Abgang."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Rather sophisticated for the vintage, this is velvety and linear with fresh acidity, firm tannins and a juicy finish."*

**CHATEAU HAUT MARBUZET – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 35,50 Euro (47,33 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Haut-Marbuzet has a typical plump, fruit-forward bouquet with red plum, strawberry preserve and dark chocolate aromas. If you appreciate this property's forward, fruit-driven style then this will suit you to the ground. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannin and moderate depth. It is a little more conservative towards the finish and oaky at the moment, a vintage constrained by the growing season unlike in 2016. Whilst not as complex as the top tier Saint-Estèphes, I feel there is some drinking fun to be had here given three or four years of ageing."*

- 89-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Haut-Marbuzet is terrific. Wild flowers, grilled herbs, sage, mint and sweet red cherries are laced throughout. Distinctly floral and medium in body, Haut-Marbuzet captures the personality of the vintage nicely. The 2017 is pleasantly rustic and full of character."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A firm and chewy young red with a solid center palate of berry and currant character. Fresh finish."*

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU LA HAYE – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 16,00 Euro (21,33 €/l)

**CHATEAU LAFFITTE CARCASSET – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 16,50 Euro (22,00 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The inky-colored 2017 Château Laffitte Carcasset gives up a tight, compact bouquet of black raspberry and cassis fruit, hints of sweet oak, medium-bodied richness, and ripe, yet present tannin. It's a beautiful, concentrated, impressive Saint Estèphe that has outstanding potential, and then some."*

**CHATEAU LILIAN LADOUYS – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 19,10 Euro (25,47 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Lilian Ladouys is deep garnet-purple colored and very plummy on the nose with hints of red and black currants, dusty soil and Marmite toast. It's soft, medium-bodied and plush with plenty of juicy fruit and good length. The blend is currently 50% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot."*

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. The opulence of this wine balances the serious layers of tannins to give a wine with rich potential. Its spice and firm tannins will allow it to age. Drink from 2023."*

- 88-91 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lively, with a mix of red and black cherry fruit lined with lightly chalky tannins and flickers of savory and lilac. Has a touch of toast and light twinge of austerity at the very end."*

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Lilian Ladouys was picked from 20 to 29 September and matured in 40% new oak. It has a perfumed, floral bouquet with blue and red fruit, a subtle chalkiness in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannin, pinched on the mid-palate with a tightly wound, slightly austere finish. Not bad but it will need three or four years in bottle. I would like more charm to develop and indeed, when I encountered this growth towards the end of my trip, I felt that it was beginning to show more personality."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"From the same family who own Pedesclaux - and, I believe, new owners of several additional St-Estèphe estates. This has bright, juicy fruit in an unfussy and disarming style. It's a very nice wine, and good value too, with*

plenty to enjoy: uncomplicated berry fruits with touches of cherry and cedar oak. Another St-Estèphe win in 2017. 40% new oak. Yield 50hl/ha. Drinking Window 2022 – 2034"

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"This Saint-Estèphe estate continues to produce a ripe, sexy wine from their 45-hectare vineyard located on sandy, gravelly, clay soils. The 2017 is a blend of 50% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Petit Verdot, all aging in 40% new oak. It's a plump, rounded, sexy beauty that boasts a deep purple color as well as loads of ripe cherry and currant fruits, underbrush, and floral nuances. It can be drunk on release or cellared for 10-12 years."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A red with very primary fruit aromas and flavors of currant and green olive undertones. Medium body, juicy and savory. Salty aftertaste."*

**CHATEAU MEYNEY – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 25,30 Euro (33,73 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Meyney has a clean and fresh bouquet with blackberry and raspberry fruit mingling with cedar and light cigar humidor aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent, ripe tannin and a fine bead of acidity. I find this surprisingly juicy in style that probably belies the structure underneath. This will be one of the more approachable Saint-Estèphe wines in this vintage, but one that I find well made."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is more proof of the consistency of Meyney. It has clear oak finessing, well held together with a cinnamon dusting and white pepper spicing, giving a gourmet edge with its own character. This feels finessed, contemporary and accomplished; a pretty complete package. This perhaps doesn't quite have the generosity of 2016, as the tannins are a little more tightly-drawn, but this is still good. Retasted several times and it stands out for its quality. Harvested 15 September to 5 October. Hubert de Bouard is consultant, with Anne Le Naour technical director. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036"*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very nicely done with a lithe yet structured core of dark fruit and round, juicy tannins. Medium to full body, a driven line of acidity and a long finish."*

- 18,5 Punkte WEINWISSENER

**CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ – Saint Estephe**

Basispreis 26,80 Euro (35,73 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This finely structured wine is balanced with nothing in excess offering attractive acidity and a light touch of tannin. It is fruity, bright and developing quickly. Drink from 2023."*

- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Les Ormes de Pez was matured in 45% new oak with 13.42% alcohol. None of the vines were touched by frost. Cropped at round 50hl/ha, it has a clean, pure red cherry, blackcurrant and cedar-scented bouquet, more Pauillac in style than Saint-Estèphe. The palate is well balanced with ripe tannin that feel more malleable than previous vintages at this stage, a little saline in the mouth with a silky smooth finish. This will be delicious over the next couple of decades and I suspect it will be more approachable than the 2016. Don't ignore this."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"Ormes has managed another good vintage after a run of them. This is a lovely wine and a buy for me. Succulent, bristling and charming, it has juicy brambled fruit extraction and tension. It doesn't take itself too seriously, just asking to be loved. The fruit spectrum is rich with blueberries and damsons, with integrity and a swirl of vanilla bean oak. Includes 6% Cabernet Franc in the blend. No need to wait too long for this. 45% new oak. Drinking Window 2022 – 2035"*

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"(42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 51% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, 13.42% vol. Alkohol) Herbes, leichtes Bouquet, rote und blaue Beeren, Johannisbeeren, Tabak, Rauch. Mittelkräftiger, gut kerniger Gaumen mit mittlerer Frucht, gutem Tannin, muskulöser Struktur, feiner Aromatik, gut trockener Abgang."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"The density for the vintage is impressive with dark-berry and cherry character. Medium to full body, velvety tannins and a fresh and bright finish. Linear and driven."*

**Margaux**

**CHATEAU DESMIRAIL – Margaux**

Basispreis 36,60 Euro (48,80 €/l)

- 93 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Plenty of blueberries and blackberries with hints of spices and green tea. Medium-bodied, tight and focused. Outstanding depth of fruit for the vintage."*

**CHATEAU FERRIERE – Margaux**

Basispreis 39,90 Euro (53,20 €/l)

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A very precise and center weighted red with very attractive blackberry and blueberry character. Tight and long. Demeter certified biodynamic."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A sanguine note leads off here, giving this a lively feel, while gently mulled cherry and plum fruit glides in behind. Floral nuances check in on the elegant finish."*

- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. There are plenty of firm tannins here as well as fine blackberry fruit. It is a crisp wine, with the intense acidity of the vintage. Spice and a dry core show the need for aging. Drink from 2024."*

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Ferrière has a deep garnet color. Surprisingly, the bouquet is driven by the oak at the moment, a trait that I rarely find with respect to this Margaux during en primeur, though the weather may have accentuated that at the time of my tasting. The palate is medium-bodied with densely packed black fruit laced with cedar and graphite. It is a solid Margaux, perhaps just missing the finesse of the 2016 and it needs to muster just a little more*

*refinement once this is in bottle. If it does then you should have a fine Margaux on your hands."*

- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Ferrière is a decidedly powerful wine. Succulent black cherry, plum, new leather, menthol, gravel and smoke flesh out in this dense, pliant Margaux. Even with all of its forward fruit, the 2017 possesses terrific supporting structure and tannic backbone. There is a good bit of depth and intensity to back things up. The 2017 is beautifully done. Frost damage was minimal at just a few percent."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is fairly austere on the attack, really pulled in, but then it opens with time in the glass. Excellent dark spicy cassis notes lead into an elegant and juicy palate. I can see a real comparison to 2014 - a very good wine with lots to enjoy, real vivacity and persistency. It's aged in concrete vats (lying on their side). 40% new oak. Certified organic since the 2015 vintage and undergoing biodynamic conversion. Drinking Window 2025 - 2038"*

**CHATEAU LABEGORCE** – Margaux

Basispreis 24,70 Euro (32,93 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Beginning with the 2009 vintage, Labégorce Zédé was folded into Labégorce, both of which are owned by the Perrodo family (as is the recently acquired Marquis d'Alesme). Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Labégorce gives pronounced black fruits, blackberries and black plums with suggestions of underbrush, lavender and bay leaves. The palate is medium-bodied, ripe, plump, juicy and expressive with plush tannins and good length. The current blend is 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 6% Petit Verdot."*

- 89-91 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. High amounts of wood mark this wine from the start, giving a more toasty impression than fruity. It is austere, only hinting at the fruit that should develop. WHold until 2024."*

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Fresh and lively, with red and black currant fruit gilded with lilac and sandalwood notes. A fresh mineral edge shows on the finish. Nicely rendered."*

- 90-92 VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Labégorce was picked 15 September to 4 October and matured in 45% new oak. It has a perfumed bouquet with rose petal and violet aromas infusing the dark cherry and raspberry pastille notes. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a fine line of acidity. There is some vanillary oak to be subsumed during the élevage, wood tannins just lining the mouth on the aftertaste. But this is a finely made Margaux that should age well over the next 15 to 20 years."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"An excellent Labegorce, full of rich black fruits, textured and layered. A great success in the vintage, with a mouthwatering delivery that holds itself with confidence. It's not hugely intense, as is often the case this year, but makes up for it with a poised delivery and firm, juicy tannins. Drinking Window 2025 - 2038"*

- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Labégorce checks in as 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot (which is slightly more than normal), 8% Cabernet Franc and the rest Petit Verdot, aging in 45% new French oak. Its vibrant purple color is followed by a beautiful bouquet of crème de cassis, crushed flowers, classy oak, and graphite. With medium to full-bodied richness, an awesome texture, and ripe tannin, it's up with the top wines from the appellation. Tasted twice. This is an estate readers need to have on their radar."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A juicy and rich red with lots of fruit and wet-earth character. Medium to full body, ripe tannins and a fresh finish."*

**CHATEAU LA GURGUE** – Margaux

Basispreis 20,80 Euro (27,73 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is a really beautiful wine with a clarity that delivers gorgeous dark fruit and firm and silky tannins. Long and polished. Demeter certified biodynamic."*

- 88-91 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Focused, with a beam of dark currant fruit flecked with anise and singed alder hints. Maintains good energy through the stylish finish."*

**CHATEAU LA TOUR BESSAN** – Margaux

Basispreis 16,50 Euro (22,00 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. A finely crafted wine from an estate owned by a member of the Lurton family. It is dense, pure with great black-currant fruit and layers of firm tannins. Developing well, the wine should be ready to drink from 2023."*

**CHATEAU LA TOUR DE MONS** – Margaux

Basispreis 18,30 Euro (24,40 €/l)

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"Dark cherry and plum fruit are nicely pushed forward in the 2017 La Tour de Mons. Pliant and succulent in the glass, with soft curves and plenty of juiciness, La Tour de Mons is quite pretty in 2017."*

**CHATEAU MALESCOT SAINT EXUPERY** – Margaux

Basispreis 48,30 Euro (64,40 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Malescot St. Exupéry is scented of crushed red and black cherries, warm plums and mulberries with touches of roses and wood smoke. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of vibrant red and black fruits and soft, plush tannins, with a long, perfumed finish."*

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"Malescot Saint Exupéry comes across as very ripe in 2017. There is no shortage of depth or intensity, but ripeness is pushed to the edge, while the wine's structure - arguably its greatest signature - seems to be lacking. I don't see much typicity in the 2017. Malescot Saint Exupéry is often one of my personal favorites in Margaux, but the 2017 left me wanting more of its typical character and personality. Tasted two times."*

- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Malescot St. Exupéry has a simpler bouquet than recent vintages with high-toned red cherry and raspberry fruit, quite "warm" compared to its peers and it would benefit from a little*

more delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin. It is not a complex Malescot St. Exupéry but I admire the balance and focus. There is plenty of tightly wound red berry fruit laced with cedar and smoke, quite finessed towards the finish with a long spicy aftertaste. I would just like the aromatics to step up to the grade of the palate, so let's see how this shows once in bottle."

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "A breezy and fresh style, with pretty damson plum and cherry fruit lined with high-pitched floral and savory notes. Elegant mineral details run through the silky finish. Pure and graceful, showing sneaky length."
- 95-96 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "A fantastic 2017 from Margaux with a deep and ripe core of fruit in the center palate. Silky and juicy tannins. Full body, plenty of fruit and a long, flavorful finish."
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: "This is fairly substantial on the palate, although the fruit is just a notch below full ripeness. They have done a good job here, producing an enjoyable wine. There is evidence of winemaking on show which is skilfully carried out, but it just finishes a little short. Enjoyable medium term drinking from owner Jean-Luc Zuger. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"
- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Barrel Sample. This is a fruit-driven wine, packed with a strong black-currant character and bright acidity. The tannins are light, though they lend ample structure for medium-term aging. It is more about freshness and attractive fruit. Drink from 2023."

**CHATEAU MARQUIS D'ALESMÉ – Margaux**

Basispreis 36,60 Euro (48,80 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "Blended of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot, the 2017 Marquis d'Alesme Becker is very deep purple-black in color with lovely baked plums, black forest cake and tapenade notes with suggestions of grilled meat and wild thyme. The palate is medium-bodied and intense with very firm, grainy tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing with great length and depth."
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "Warm and friendly plum sauce and blackberry puree flavors drape easily while light licorice snap and black tea accents fill in the background. The fresh acidity is nicely embedded."
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: "The 2017 Marquis d'Alesme offers terrific depth and resonance, but with a bit more freshness than has been the norm in recent years. Bright red stone fruit and expressive floral notes abound in this very pretty Margaux, but what impresses most is the wine's sense of balance. For that reason, I won't be at all surprised if the 2017 turns out even better than this note suggests. Tasted two times."
- 92 Punkte DECANTER: "Rich in colour, with spicy cinnamon and black pepper notes followed by a silky texture in the mouth with good persistency. It's a success in the vintage, layered and appealing with a gourmet dash of grilled oak. It's confident and extends its hand, with a nod to Margaux typicity. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"
- 18 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A Kunz): "Mineralisches, würziges, kräftiges Bouquet, blaue und schwarze Beeren, Kohle, Lakritze, Tabak. Dichtverborener, klassischer Gaumen mit viel gutem Tannin, fein muskulöser Struktur, kräftiger Aromatik, samtener, dichter Frucht, langer, aromatischer, herber Abgang."
- 93-95 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: "Brought into the US exclusively by Jeffrey Davies, the 2017 Château Marquis d'Alesme Becker might just be the finest wine from this estate to date. Made from 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and the rest Petit Verdot, aged in 65% new French oak, its deep purple color is followed by a gorgeous perfume of crème de cassis, black cherries, crushed violets, and cedary spice. Possessing terrific purity of fruit, medium to full body, building tannin, and a great finish, this balanced, impeccably made 2017 will need 2-4 years of cellaring and keep for two decades or more. It's a gem in the vintage and readers owe it to themselves to check out this estate, which has an undeniably gorgeous terroir."
- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "A very solid Marquis with dark-berry and dark-cherry character. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. Very pretty."

**CHATEAU MARQUIS DE TERME – Margaux**

Basispreis 41,60 Euro (55,47 €/l)

- 91-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: "The 2017 Marquis de Terme is wonderfully deep, fleshy and seductive. A wine of real charm, the 2017 possesses striking depth and nuance. Black cherry, plum, licorice, menthol and chocolate are all fused together in this decidedly racy, succulent Margaux. The 2017 was super-polished and exceptionally beautiful both times I tasted it. In a word: terrific."
- 91 Punkte DECANTER: "This is almost caramel on the nose, with a clear damson sweetness in the mouth along with dark cassis notes that add some welcome acidity. It shows good cohesiveness and is rich, dark and concentrated. The oak is used liberally but effectively. It may close down fairly tightly for the next six to eight years, but there is good potential here. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036"
- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "Solid Margaux for the vintage with currant and berry character. Medium to full body and a juicy finish. Mineral and dark-chocolate undertones."
- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "The 2017 Marquis de Terme has a clean, conservative, slightly tertiary bouquet with touches of black truffle and smoke. It just needs a little more energy. The palate is medium-bodied with fine definition, quite focused and poised, albeit missing the depth of the previous two vintages. I noticed a lick of dark mocha appearing towards the finish that just blurs its definition. It is quite an easy-drinking Marquis de Termes to enjoy over the next 10 to 12 years."
- 88-90+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "The medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Marquis de Terme offers delicate raspberry tart and blackberry pie notions with hints of potpourri, baking spices and dusty soil. Medium-bodied with a velvety texture and just enough red and black fruits in the mouth, it finishes on an earthy note."
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "Enticing, offering ripe plum and raspberry fruit that has melded nicely with light incense and black tea hints. Stylish through the finish, with fine acidity letting this hang prettily."

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**CHATEAU MONBRISON – Margaux**

Basispreis 29,70 Euro (39,60 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Monbrison comes across as a bit compact today. There is good persistence, but the mid-palate is a bit lean. It will be interesting to see if the 2017 fleshes out a bit. The red berry and floral flavors are attractive."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Elegantly styled, with a sanguine thread running through the core of gently mulled plum and cherry fruit. Light sandalwood and black teas notes weave in."*

**CHATEAU PALMER – Margaux**

Basispreis 266,00 Euro (354,67 €/l)

- 92-95 WINESPECTATOR: *"This is solidly ripe, with juicy energy adding extra lift to the mix of plum, cherry and blackberry fruit. A super-fresh iron streak checks in, along with mouthwatering bay and savory notes. This stands out from the pack."*

- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Ripe black fruits are held aloft by a core of firm tannins. The juicy black-currant flavors are full, rich, generous and structured. This wine is already beautifully balanced, harmonious and with a fine, medium-term future, nothing in excess. Drink from 2024."*

- 97-98 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is a sexy and well-formed 2017 with very velvety and suave tannins that go on for minutes. Full-bodied, soft and round. Extremely long and last for minutes."*

- 95 Punkte DECANTER: *"It's very interesting to watch a 'super-second' risk scaling back the muscular attributes of its wine. The key, says director Thomas Duroux, was building the blend carefully and using the press wines to preserve the mid-palate (12% press in this wine, around the same as the 2015). It's less powerful and concentrated than the last few vintages, and yet the wine feels sculpted and sewn into place. The fine tannins are extremely clear and precise, and there's a purity of fruit expression that gives an overwhelming initial impression. The aromatics are really striking, offering an abundance of violet notes on the nose with huge finesse. It just gets better and better in the mouth,, and the tannins do that slow-build thing that is so disarming. This has clear ageing potential. Very low SO2 use for the past few years, in keeping with their biodynamic principles. Just one plot of Petit Verdot for the grand vin was hit by frost. Harvested 20-29 September. 11,000 cases of Palmer, representing 55% of the crop. Drinking Window 2026 – 2040"*

**CHATEAU PALMER ALTER EGO – Margaux**

Basispreis 66,50 Euro (88,67 €/l)

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lively, featuring lots of lavender and savory hints mixed with black cherry and plum flavors. Shows a light bramble note. Open-knit, with juicy energy on the finish."*

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Soft and silky, this is a rounded, ripe wine. It has just enough gentle tannins to sustain the generous black fruits and acidity. This is going to be a ripe, fruity wine as it develops. Drink from 2022."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This shows excellent body and depth of fruit. Rich and very deep. Layered and flavorful. Solid and chewy. Serious second wine."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"The blends for the grand vin and second wine are similar this year. This is carefully presented, accomplished and precise, with fresh mint and peony notes on the nose followed by bright and vibrant black fruit flavours. It's extremely pretty, with some lovely floral notes. The yield was 38hl/ha as they lost a few plots to frost over to the west of the appellation. 13.5% press wine. 45% of overall production, representing 9,000 cases. IPT 66. Drinking Window 2024 – 2038"*

**CHATEAU SIRAN – Margaux**

Basispreis 25,50 Euro (34,00 €/l)

- 90-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Siran should certainly be an outstanding wine. Giving up lots of black fruits, charcoal, and graphite notes, it's medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated, and with solid ripeness and depth. It's an impressive effort from Margaux."*

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Sleek, with dark cherry and plum pâte de fruit notes stretched out over a licorice thread. Offers an elegant, spice-infused finish."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A beautiful red with dark berries, hints of chocolate and hot stones. Full body, tight and polished tannins and a clean finish. Well done."*

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This producer needs to be careful with the wood aging lest it smother the fruit. However, the good news is that the fruit is there, as well as fine, firm tannins. Together, they give this juicy wine great aging potential. Drink from 2024."*

**Pessac Leognan**

**CHATEAU BARET – Pessac Leognan**

Basispreis 20,20 Euro (26,93 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Ripe and intense with sliced cooked apples, lemons, limes and peach pie. Dense, full and layered. Vivid acidity."*

**CHATEAU BROWN ROUGE – Pessac Leognan**

Basispreis 22,90 Euro (30,53 €/l)

- 88-90 Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Brown is deep garnet-purple in color with quite a spicy nose, offering black cherries and blackberries at the core plus a waft of potpourri. The palate is medium-bodied with elegant fruit and well-played, soft tannins, finishing with a lively lift."*

- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A fresh Pessac with notes of citrus and blackcurrants. Grainy and tight on the palate, following through to a medium finish."*
- 88-90 VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Brown offers a mélange of red and black fruit on the nose, not quite as well defined as the best Pessac-Léognans that I have encountered en primeur, but it delivers satisfying intensity. The palate is fleshy on the entry with a fine bead of acidity, slightly sharp tannin with a strict and quite linear, iodine-tinged finish."*
- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is a spicy wine with firm tannins that are deliciously integrated with the ripe black currant flavors. It has enough structure, as well as smoky wood flavors, to age well. Drink from 2022."*
- 89-92 WINESPECTATOR: *"Lively, featuring a mix of damson plum, cherry and currant flavors, with savory hints and a light tar streak. Fresh through the finish. Well-knit overall."*

**CHATEAU BROWN BLANC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 26,60 Euro (35,47 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The Brown 2017 Blanc is a little closed, with lemon juice and fresh pears notes plus coriander seed and white pepper. The palate is medium-bodied, elegant and very mineral in the mouth, with a racy backbone and nice length."*
- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A bright and vivid white with sliced-apple and -lemon character. Some white pineapple, too. Medium body and a fresh finish. Very good depth."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Brown Blanc, matured in 60% new oak, has an appealing, tropical-tinged bouquet a tad oaky compared to its peers, though I feel that will be absorbed with time. The palate is creamy in texture, offset by a fine thread of acidity, not the most complex kid on the block and yet there is a caressing, almost lilted, honeyed finish mixed almond and praline that you cannot stop yourself falling for. Yes, it leans a little towards the commercial side, but its drinkability and potential enjoyment it will give cannot be denied."*
- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is a finely perfumed wine, with a creamy texture of ripe yellow-stone and pineapple fruits. It is also crisply imbued with tight citrus flavors and a mineral character. Drink from 2020."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A plump style, with a brioche frame forming around the core of yellow apple and white peach flavors. Shows a light flash of macadamia nut."*
- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU CLOS MARSALETTE** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 20,30 Euro (27,07 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"A blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc, the 2017 Clos Marsalette sports a deep ruby color as well as medium-bodied, perfumed notes of blackberries, crushed violets, leafy tobacco, and bay leaf. It's seamless, elegant, and incredibly polished, with ripe tannin. It shows the more charming, forward style of the vintage, yet should age nicely on its balance and purity."*
- 90-92 Punkte JEFF LEVE
- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Tight center palate of dark fruit and hints of dark chocolate. Walnuts, too. Medium to full body and firm and silky tannins. Smart winemaking."*
- 91 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lovely dark plum and cassis flavors are creamy and alluring in this red, while dark tea and iron notes flow underneath. The long finish is quite suave, with a nice mineral note throughout."*

**CHATEAU COUHINS LURTON ROUGE** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 26,60 Euro (35,47 €/l)

- 93-95 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine is rich in ripe, juicy black currant notes. Finely integrated tannins already promise ripe fruitiness and a generous future. Drink from 2023."*
- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Fresh and pure, with a tasty beam of cassis and cherry puree flavors flecked with a light iron hint. Sleek finish."*
- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Some pretty cool fruit to this young wine with blackberry and mineral character. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a delicious finish. Very well done for the vintage."*
- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU COUHINS LURTON BLANC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 28,30 Euro (37,73 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The Couhins-Lurton 2017 Blanc opens with aromas of apples, pears and peaches with a touch of baking bread. The medium-bodied palate is zesty with plenty of pear and stone fruits flavors in the mouth, finishing long."*
- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is a bright, crisp wine, with intense citrus acidity as well as rich apricot and quince flavors. It is textured and full of minerality, with a crisp finish. Drink from 2020."*
- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Very fresh, with verbena, tarragon and mâche notes streaking to the fore while lemon curd and white peach fruit catches up quickly. Really solid."*
- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is lovely, bright and mouthfilling. Firm stone fruit flesh is joined by a saline lick on the finish. A lot to get your teeth into. Drinking Window 2019 – 2028"*
- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The white at this estate appears to be better than the red. The 2017 Château Couhins is all Sauvignon and offers a brilliant bouquet of white peach, tart pineapple, toast, and ample minerality. Fresh, focused, and lengthy on the palate, it's a beautiful wine."*
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"The sauvignon blanc character is popping out of the glass. Sliced lemons with green-apple character. Full-bodied, flavorful and long."*

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**CHATEAU LA LOUVIERE ROUGE** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 25,80 Euro (34,40 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Dark and dense, this wine has an impressive structure behind concentrated blackberry flavors. It is rich, full and with a fine future. Drink from 2024."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Bright and juicy, with good plum and cherry compote notes lined with dried anise and tar details. Has a grippy feel. Slightly gutsy in style and well done."*
- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A pretty core of fruit to this with a mineral, dark-fruit and crushed-stone character. Medium body, firm tannins and a clean finish."*

**CHATEAU LA LOUVIERE BLANC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 25,80 Euro (34,40 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 La Louviere Blanc is scented of grapefruit, peaches and lemon curd with ginger hints. The palate is medium-bodied, zesty, intense and crisp with a long finish."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Very fresh, showing nice cut to the mix of lemon pith, white peach and verbena notes. Offers a light fleur de sel hint, with crunchy energy through the finish."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 La Louviere Blanc has a reserved bouquet at first, one that requires encouragement from the glass, eventually revealing light orange blossom and lemon zest notes. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, quite sharp but with persistent length and a residual spiciness that lingers in the mouth. I suspect this will have more to give once in bottle."*
- 93 Punkte DECANTER: *"The Lurton whites are all a success this year, and this is a lovely bright, zippy and well-defined example. It has some excellent white pear and peach flesh flavours that persist right through the palate. It's great quality with real personality, and should be excellent value. Buy. Drinking Window 2019 – 2026"*
- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Frisches, duftiges, kräftiges Bouquet, Pomelo, fein Zitrus, frisches Gras, Pfirsich. Seidener, eleganter Gaumen mit guter, feiner Frucht, frischer Säure, feingliedriger, fein cremiger Struktur, kräftiger Aromatik, langer, feiner, frischer Abgang. Kann noch zulegen."*
- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"I loved the 2017 Château La Louvière Blanc, a juicy, perfumed, yet also textured and concentrated beauty that offers lots of spice, citrus, and orange blossom characteristics. Even in a vintage where the region was slammed by April frost, the Pessac-Léognan region continues to produce a bevy of brilliant whites."*
- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Some cream and apple character. Full to medium body and a soft and velvety texture. A friendly and delicious wine already."*

**CHATEAU LATOUR MARTILLAC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 30,80 Euro (41,07 €/l)

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This sports some dark plum and fig fruit flavors allied to a gentle and silky structure. A light licorice snap hint echoes through the finish, with sweet spice notes. The polished finish shows a gloss of toast."*
- 91-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"Deep, fleshy and expressive, but in a deceptively medium-bodied style. Succulent blackberry, new leather, licorice, lavender and spice flavors are nicely pushed forward in the 2017. The Cabernet speaks with distinction, while the long, persistent finish makes it hard to resist a second taste. There is a good bit of underlying tannin and structure. The blend is 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot."*
- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has clearly used some oak finessing, giving it an attractive grilled edge that is not at all overpowering, but deepens the overall aromatic expression. It's fairly broad-shouldered, with lovely deep plum and damson flavours. It has the slightest of dips through the mid-palate, but it gathers itself together again to display attractively deep black fruits and tannins that turn chewy but not drying on the finish. Austere, as is the byword of the vintage, but a success. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"*
- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The inky-colored 2017 Château Latour-Martillac is another terrific wine from this consistent estate. Blackberries, crushed rocks, espresso, and ample herbal notes give way to a medium-bodied, nicely concentrated 2017 that has ripe tannin and a focused, firm style on the palate. Give it 2-4 years and it should keep for a decade."*
- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A dark-berry and dark-chocolate character with spices. Medium body and a delicious finish."*

**CHATEAU LATOUR MARTILLAC BLANC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 31,60 Euro (42,13 €/l)

- 90-92+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The nose of the Lespault-Martillac 2017 Blanc simply sings of honeyed white peaches, waxed lemons, orange blossoms and allspice with touches of elderflower and ripe pears. The palate is medium-bodied, bright, refreshing and lively with wonderful persistence. The final blend is 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Sémillon."*
- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is a classic wine, lightly herbal, textured, crisp in acidity and with an undertow of ripe yellow fruits. It will age well. Drink from 2023."*
- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This sports a profile of crunchy chive, tarragon and mâche flavors, with good energy through the finish. For fans of the brisk style."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Latour-Martillac Blanc is a powerful, intense wine that carries with it quite a bit of structure as well. Sauvignon Blanc gives the wine its bright, focused aromatics, while the Sémillon is felt in the wine's mid-palate depth and creaminess."*
- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"A touch of reduction on the first nose clears to reveal a tight and austere wine that gathers steam through the palate and finishes with bright, juicy, mouthfilling stone fruits. Drinking Window 2019 – 2030"*
- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"Lovely white peach, citrus rind, and white flower notes all jump from the glass of the 2017 Château Latour-Martillac. Possessing a rounded, pure, layered style on the palate, with bright acidity and a clean finish, it's another incredibly high-quality white from the Pessac-Léognan region."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A dense and salty white with loads of apple, lemon and lime character. Medium to full body. Vivid finish."*

**CHATEAU LESPULT MARTILLAC ROUGE** – Pessac Leognan Basispreis 21,60 Euro (28,80 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Lespault-Martillac opens with pretty red and black currants, rose hips and dried herbs notions with touches of underbrush and smoked meats. Medium-bodied, elegant and with a lively line, it has a chewy finish featuring red and black fruit layers. The final blend is 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon."*

- 91-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Lespault-Martillac is powerful, bold and seductive, with gorgeous up-front fruit, silky tannins and lovely curves. It will be a number of years before the 2017 hits its stride, but all the elements are in the right place. The purity of the flavors alone is striking. This is a gorgeous wine in the making."*

- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Lespault-Martillac, which is made by the team at Domaine de Chevalier, is a Merlot-dominated cuvée that includes 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, all aged in 35% new French oak. It offers a ripe, expansive, nicely concentrated profile to go with classic red and black fruits, smoked earth, chocolate, and dried herb-like aromas and flavors. It's a medium-bodied Pessac-Léognan that will drink nicely on release and over the following 10-15 years."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A firm and silky red with blueberry and currant character. Hints of smoke and spices. Medium to full body, firm tannins, a solid center palate and a fresh finish."*

**CHATEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIERE ROUGE** – Pessac Leognan Basispreis 44,90 Euro (59,87 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The tentative blend of the 2017 Malartic Lagraviere is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple colored, it is a little closed, offering hints of tar, tilled black soil and yeast extract over a core of blackberries and warm red plums plus a waft of bay leaves. Medium-bodied with a good amount of elegant red and black fruits plus delicately played chewy tannins and a lively backbone, it finishes on an earthy note."*

- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. An impressively concentrated wine this is full of rich tannins and dark black plum notes. Its structure and smoky character meld with rich black fruits and spice flavors; this is a wine for aging. Drink from 2024."*

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Juicy, with a supple feel to the cassis and cherry compote flavors. Offers a bright iron note, fresh acidity and a long, polished finish."*

- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Malartic Lagravière is dense, powerful and explosive. Succulent dark cherry, raspberry jam, chocolate, sweet spice and heavy toast notes give the 2017 its extroverted, racy personality. Malartic Lagravière is one of the more flamboyant wines readers will taste in 2017. Tasted four times."*

- 93 Punkte DECANTER: *"A carefully extracted, well constructed palate delivers a sense of finesse and freshness. The fruit is not particularly expressive on the attack - you need to sit down with this for a while and wait, allow those retracting tannins to soften and unwind. Eventually, a gorgeously pure expression of cassis comes curling through, with liquorice and woodsmoke notes rounding things off. Needs time. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"*

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"(65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 22 hl/ha) Seidenes, elegantes, frisches Bouquet, Heidelbeeren, Cassis, Zedern, Moccajoghurt. Dichterverwobener, mittelkräftiger Gaumen mit feiner Frucht, gutem Tannin, kräftiger Aromatik, fein muskulöser Struktur, langer, feiner Abgang."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A firm and silky wine with a creamy freshness and firm tannins. Dark berries and wet earth. Medium to full body. Linear and tight."*

**CHATEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIERE BLANC** – Pessac Leognan Basispreis 56,60 Euro (75,47 €/l)

- 90-92+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The tentative blend of the 2017 Blanc is 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Sémillon. It opens with pretty lemon curd, white peach and fresh pineapple notes with suggestions of honeysuckle and mandarin peel. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh and zippy with wonderful purity and a long, zesty finish."*

- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Rich and warm, this generous wine balances a strongly mineral texture and acidity with ripe quince, apple and pear flavors. It is a wine for aging, likely to be ready to drink from 2023."*

- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Really bracing and pure right now, featuring lively lime zest, kiwifruit and tarragon notes. The long, rapierlike finish lingers, with mouthwatering chive and sel gris accents."*

- 92-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc has a clean, precise and mineral-driven bouquet with touches of smoke and flint hovering like errant school-kids in the background. The palate is very well balanced and full of energy. The acidity neatly counterbalances with saline apply fruit with great persistence on the finish, and touches of lemongrass that linger on the aftertaste. This is one of the best Pessac-Léognan whites that you will find in this vintage."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"Powerful and intense, this has clear Sauvignon character without being grassy. There's excellent depth of expression and a bright, zippy character that leads you through the palate. High, bright aromatics and great persistency. Drinking Window 2019 – 2030"*

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"(80% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Sémillon, 20 hl/ha) Fruchtiges, feines, frisches Bouquet, fein Grapefruit, reife Ananas, Vanillepuder, grüne Kräuter. Eleganter, feingliedriger Gaumen mit guter Frucht, reifer Säure, kräftiger Aromatik, herber Abgang."*

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc comes from deep gravelly soils in the Pessac-Léognan region and is 80% Sauvignon and 20% Sémillon brought up in 50% new French oak. It's another terrific white from this vintage. Racy white grapefruit, citrus, and ample minerality all flow to a medium-bodied, exceedingly elegant, crisp, yet balanced white that's going to put on weight with time in barrel and bottle."*
- 94-95 Punkte JAME SUCKLNIIG: *"Sollid as a rock with so much zest of limes and lemons. Crush stones and limestone. Full-bodied, driven and bright."*
- 93 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT ROUGE** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 85,40 Euro (113,87 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The current blend of the 2017 Pape Clement is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot. Deep garnet-purple colored, it sings of crushed black cherries, black raspberries and mulberries with hints of lilacs and dusty soil. Medium to full-bodied with a firm, grainy frame and wonderful freshness, it possesses great elegance and effortless intensity with a mineral-tinged finish."*
- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is a hugely dense, extracted wine, possibly too much so, displaying a hard edge that smothers the ripe fruit. Giving it the benefit of the doubt, it certainly will not be drinkable before 2024."*
- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This has solid ripeness, with plum and cassis notes flowing through, along with an ambitious oak regimen that results in ample toasted vanilla hints. This clamps down a touch on the finish, but there's good purity and freshness, with fresh acidity buried within, leaving me optimistic."*
- 94-97 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Pape Clément is fabulous. One of the rare 2017s with a real sense of structure, Pape Clément possesses dazzling intensity from start to finish. A rush of dark cherry, plum, chocolate and grilled herb notes hits the palate as this majestic, towering wine shows off its personality. Time in the glass brings out a brighter and more floral set of flavors. The 2017 is the first vintage made with a portion of whole clusters, an inspiration Bernard Magrez takes from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where he recently bought a small property. Quite simply, the 2017 Pape Clément is a magnificent wine by any measure. Don't miss it. The only problem with the 2017 is that yields are down 40% because of frost."*
- 18 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot) Samtenes, dichtes, komplexes, dunkles Bouquet, Pflaumen, Lakritze, Tabak, Korinthen, Minze, Graphit. Konzentrierter, kraftvoller, an der Grenze extrahierter Gaumen mit dichter Frucht, viel gutem Tannin, muskulöser Struktur, konzentrierter Aromatik, langer, aromatischer Abgang."*
- 94-96 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The Grand Vin 2017 Château Pape Clément is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot still aging in 60% new French oak. Harvest ran from the 15th of September to the 3rd of October, and I was able to taste this beauty on three separate occasions. Its deep purple color is followed by a blockbuster bouquet of ripe black cherries, blackberries, blueberries, graphite, and licorice. One of the more powerful, concentrated wines in the vintage, this medium to full-bodied effort has terrific purity of fruit, a mouthfilling texture, and present, ripe tannin. Too many 2017s lack excitement, but that's not the case here. Give bottles 2-3 years and enjoy over the following 15+ years."*

**CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT BLANC** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 135,70 Euro (180,93 €/l)

- 94-96+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"A blend of 55% Sauvignon Blanc and 45% Sémillon, the Pape Clement 2017 Blanc gives up profound notes of apricots, spiced pears and apple tart with suggestions of orange blossoms, fresh ginger and beeswax. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of tightly wound, intense stone fruit and spicy layers supported by fantastic freshness, finishing very long."*
- 93-95 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine is a rich, toasty and spicy pour. With generous and well-concentrated yellow fruits as well as intense minerality, it is set for long-term aging; don't drink before 2023."*
- 93-96 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Enticing, with a lush brioche frame taking shape around a core of yellow apple, pear, green fig and straw flavors. Shows a long echo of macadamia nut on the finish. Will be on the exotic side and a winner when bottled."*
- 93-96 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"A white of real distinction and class, the 2017 Pape Clément Blanc is textured, racy and super-inviting. Stylistically, the 2017 is more citrus and floral driven than in the past. Tropical notes and the more unctuous feel that are typical of the Blanc are present, but less overt than in the past. Above all else, in 2017 the Blanc stands out for its exceptional purity, nuance and delineation. The Blanc has been nothing else than deeply impressive on the four occasions I have tasted it so far."*
- 94 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has a tautness and an intensity to it, with extremely well placed citrus and white peach flesh, a lick of fresh slate and some wet stones. Good quality. Drinking Window 2020 – 2030"*
- 94-96 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"From a 6.7-hectare parcel of the Pessac vineyard and made from 55% Sauvignon and 45% Sémillon, aging in 55% new French oak, the 2017 Château Pape Clément Blanc offers a powerful, medium to full-bodied profile as well as smoking good notes of pineapple, lychee nut, and exotic flowers. None of the oak its aging is noticeable, it has bright acidity, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish. It's more elegant and focused than the blockbuster styled 2015, and has a chiseled, elegant style capable of lasting for two decades or more. Tasted three times."*

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER** – Pessac Leognan

Basispreis 58,30 Euro (77,73 €/l)

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is really delicious and round with soft and ripe tannins. Full body and juicy fruit. Shows ripeness and balance. A pretty wine to watch for the future."*
- 95 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 93-95+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE
- 92-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge was cropped at 34hl/ha between 11 and 29 September and is matured in 35% new oak for 18 months. It has a vivacious bouquet with quite generous black fruit,*

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*raspberry, brine and black olive that is well-defined and focused, if not possessing the complexity of the previous two vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, slightly edgy tannin – layers of black fruit interlaced with melted tar and graphite, closing in a little towards the finish with a gentle grip. I appreciate the deft manner in which this fans out and leaves a mineral residue on the finish. A Domaine de Chevalier of refinement rather than power, one with "buvabilité" or "drinkability"."*

- 94-97 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"Tasted no less than four times, the 2017 Domaine de Chevalier is going to be up with the crème de la crème of the vintage. Based on 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot aging in 35% new French oak, its deep purple color is followed by an incredibly classic bouquet of crème de cassis, crushed rock, pipe tobacco, smoked earth, and leafy herbs. Similar in style to the 2008, yet with more generosity and charm, it's medium to full-bodied, silky, and elegant, with ripe tannin. Give it a few years and enjoy over the following two decades or more."*

- 94 Punkte JEFF LEVE

- 94 Punkte DECANTER: *"This stands out among many of the Pessacs this year, with plenty of depth on evidence, and a more obvious personality than most. The liquorice root, cigar and grilled almond notes are perfectly woven through the cassis and bilberry fruit, and here you can feel a slight ripple through the palate, while the tannins have presence and are alive. This feels poised, like it can stretch its wings and go the distance. A great job in this vintage. Drinking Window 2025 – 2040"*

#### **DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC – Pessac Leognan**

Basispreis 93,20 Euro (124,27 €/l)

- 96-97 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is a dense and beautiful DC with serious density and a fabulous layering of fruit. Phenolics are there but they melt into the wine already. Love the acid/fruit balance. A solid and serious white."*

- 93-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc was picked from 31 August until 15 September via several tries through the vineyard that yielded 46hl/ha, with 13.5° alcohol. It has a very attractive, estuarine influenced bouquet with scents of cockle and oyster shell infusing the vivacious citrus fruit. This opens up very nicely with aeration in the glass. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity. It feels quite saline and spicy in the mouth with a rather intense citric finish that is very persistent, the aftertaste again, quite saline."*

- 95-97+ Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"I was able to taste the 2017 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc on three separate occasions and it never failed to impress. It should match, if not exceed, the 2015. Gorgeous notes of lemon curd, mint, citrus, white peach, and salty minerality all emerge from this medium to full-bodied white. It doesn't have the sheer scale or sexiness of a sunnier year, yet its purity is off the charts, it has riveting acidity, and a great, great finish. The blend is currently 70% Sauvignon and 30% Sémillon, and it will spend 16 months on lees in 35% new French oak. Don't miss it!"*

- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST

- 96 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 92-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc is fabulous, but it is also going to need a number of years to be at its very best. Powerful and dense in the glass, the 2017 offers terrific brightness and cut, all backed up with serious structure. Smoke, melon, orchard fruit and mint are some of the many notes that develop as this gorgeous wine shows off its personality. Quite simply, the 2017 has class to burn, but readers will have to be patient. Tasted three times."*

- 91-93+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE

- 94 Punkte DECANTER: *"As with the red, this really does punch at the top end of the appellation. It's more herbal than some, showing attractive fresh herb notes of rosemary and sage. High quality white peach and nectarine flavours run through the palate, with slatey edges on the finish that are scraping the sides. It's a great wine that is going to age and develop. Oh - and there was a touch of frost here, but Domaine de Chevalier was, of course, well prepared, being located in a vulnerable spot. One-third new oak. Drinking Window 2025 – 2040"*

- 97 Punkte JEFF LEVE

## Graves

#### **CHATEAU CLOS FLORIDENE – Graves**

Basispreis 14,90 (19,87 €/l)

- Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Clos Floridene is deep garnet-purple colored and scented of smoked meats and chargrill over a core of blackcurrants and blackberries with a waft of violets. Medium-bodied, firm and with lovely purity, it finishes savory."*

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. There is an attractive spicy character at the back of this wine, which brings out the richness of the tropical-fruit flavors and the balance with the wood aging. It should age well, and be ready to drink from 2021."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Black cherry and black currant fruit glides through, with light anise and tar accents, staying graceful through the finish."*

- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Clos Floridène Rouge has a well defined bouquet with blackberry, raspberry, singed leather and light cedar aromas that gain intensity in the glass whilst remaining classic in style. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, plenty of pencil lead infused black fruit with just the right amount of dryness on the finish to beckon another sip. Very fine."*

## Haut Medoc

### **CHATEAU CAMBON LA PELOUSE** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 13,90 Euro (18,53 €/l)

- WINESPECTATOR: *"Gentle cassis and cherry preserve flavors are carried by light chalky tannins. A floral note runs through the finish."*

- 90-92 WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This spicy wine is structured and firm, with concentrated yet juicy cassis flavors. The tannins at the end promise plenty of aging. Drink from 2022."*

### **CHATEAU CANTEMERLE** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 27,30 Euro (36,40 €/l)

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This shows a polished yet encompassing structure of solid tannins, which support flavors of mulberries and black cherries. Medium-bodied, velvety with rather chewy. Long finish."*

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Dry tannins and juicy fruit give this wine its structure while also bringing out the freshness of the vintage. There is a fine, juicy character that is already attractive. Drink from 2023."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is a very attractive wine that has been carefully extracted in this vintage. It has a damson fruit expression with real elegance and restrained power, followed by a dusting of cocoa powder and cinnamon (more evident on the second tasting). A little shorter than in 2016, but full of elegance and fine tannins. Drinking Window 2022 – 2038"*

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Cantemerle gives up lovely crushed black and red currants notes with hints of kirsch, underbrush and cinnamon stick plus a waft of roses. Medium-bodied with plenty of freshness and a fine-grained frame, it is elegantly expressed and finishes with beautiful harmony."*

### **CHATEAU CHARMAIL** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 14,70 Euro (19,60 €/l)

- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Light and fresh with succulent tannins, some nice berry fruit and a pretty finish. A bit dilute now but may fill out during the élevage."*

### **CHATEAU LA LAGUNE** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 42,40 Euro (56,53 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 La Lagune was picked from 12 September until 30 September at 31hl/ha, matured in 50% new oak. It has a very clean and pure bouquet, quite floral in style, with scents of raspberry confit, crushed stone, a touch of mint and pressed flowers. This is precise and focused, one of the most refined bouquet that I have encountered on a La Lagune at this early stage. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chalky tannin on the entry that presage a tensile, mineral-driven La Lagune. There is almost a flint-like element to this wine, like the nose, the palate extremely precise with a sustained Pauillac-inspired finish with pencil lead on the aftertaste."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has clear damson flesh to the fruit, a good plummy wine with an elegance and freshness to the tannins. It's good, linear with a precision that you don't find everywhere. This is still not quite at the 2015/16 level of completeness, but delivers from start to finish, and is a wine that should age well. It has a 2001 type of elegance and lift with a tension to the tannins that gives confidence in its ageing ability. Now certified organic, in conversion for biodynamics. Drinking Window 2035 – 2038"*

### **CHATEAU PALOUMEY** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 14,20 Euro (18,93 €/l)

- 87-90 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Offers a tangy feel, with a mix of cranberry, damson plum and pomegranate fruit laced liberally with savory and chalk notes. Shows good energy but remains a bit skinny in the end."*

### **CHATEAU SOCIANDO MALLET** – Haut Medoc

Basispreis 29,90 Euro (39,87 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine offers a blackberry fruit flavor framed by crisp acidity and fine-grained tannins. It has a dry core, with plenty of spice and fruit tones to broaden it out."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Sociando Mallet has quite a high-toned bouquet with macerated black cherries, boysenberry jam and top end violet scents. This is a more showy Sociando than of late. The palate is medium-bodied with soft tannin, moderate depth, a more refined wine than I was expecting with a smooth, supple blackberry and bilberry finish laced with white pepper. There is a word I never expected to use apropos Sociando Mallet...gentle."*

- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"One of the most iconic names in Haut-Médoc, this has depth, linearity and good fruit. It is well-handled, with slatey minerality providing a springboard for the cassis fruits, but finishes a little too rapidly. A touch of Cabernet Franc adds a floral touch to the near-even pairing of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. I'd still go with the 2016, but this will be ready to enjoy sooner. Drinking Window 2022 – 2035"*

- 18 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Dichtes, samtenes, dunkles Bouquet, Pflaumen, schwarze Kirschen, Korinthen, Tabak, Lakritze. Dichtverwobener, aromatischer Gaumen mit samtener Frucht, muskulöser, dichter Struktur, kräftiger, dunkler Aromatik, viel gutem Tannin, langer, dichter, voller Abgang."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This shows focus and brightness for a 2017 with firm and silky tannins and a vivid character. Fine and polished texture. Beautiful. Close to the 2015."*

## Medoc

### **CHATEAU CLOS MANOU** – Medoc

Basispreis 20,20 Euro (26,93 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A very balanced and refined wine with freshness and brightness. Medium body, fine tannins and a juicy finish."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"Françoise and Stéphane Dief continue to apply a maniacal attention to detail at this estate - destalking by hand, for example - in an appellation that doesn't always reward in terms of price per bottle. This wine has good structure and depth of fruit, and they have clearly worked hard to get intensity without overpowering the basic flavours of cassis and bilberry. Soft liquorice and cedar notes come from the 70% new oak, where some of the wine will stay for 17 months. The rest goes in cement eggs and a small number of clay amphoras. They work organically but are not certified. Drinking Window 2022 – 2032"*

### **CHATEAU LES GRANDS CHENES** - Medoc

Basispreis 13,80 Euro (18,40 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A very pretty and tight 2017 with dark-berry, blueberry and dark-chocolate character. Medium body, solid tannins and a fresh finish."*

### **CHATEAU LOUSTEAUNEUF** – Medoc

Basispreis 11,00 Euro (14,67 €/l)

### **CHATEAU POTENSAC** – Medoc

Basispreis 23,20 Euro (30,93 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Potensac is a blend of 47% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it gives lovely red and black plums notes with touches of red currants, pencil shavings and underbrush. The palate is medium-bodied with great freshness and well-judged, chewy tannins, finishing with a lively herbal lift."*

- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Balanced and structured, this wine has plenty of ripe black fruits and attractive acidity. It is juicy, with a black currant flavor and a touch of Cabernet Franc perfume. Already delicious, it will develop quickly."*

- 88-91 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A bright, high-pitched style, featuring cherry and pomegranate fruit laced with floral and chalk hints. On the leaner side, with the mineral edge holding sway on the finish, but this remains fresh and pure."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"This successful wine feels zippy and bright, with good fruit definition. I really like how this takes shape over the course of the palate, starting off with fresh, summery red fruits and slowly expanding through the palate to develop blackberry and hawthorn notes. It's not up to the standard of 2016, but sits between the '14 and '15 in my opinion. Enjoy that waft of coffee smoke on the finish. 54% of grand vin compared to 65% in 2016, so they were being extremely selective. 1% Petit Verdot makes up the blend. Drinking Window 2023 – 2035"*

- 17 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: *"Only 54% grand vin (usually 60–65%). 47% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. TA (sulphuric) 3.61 g/l, pH 3.7, IPT 62. Working with more small parcels than in the past. Deep cherry red. Lovely bright fruit aroma, really fragrant, almost a touch floral. This has lovely freshness in both the acidity and the tannic structure. Extremely fine tannins, almost delicate, and yet there is an underlying power and persistence. Tannins much finer than I recall from previous vintages. One of my favourite wines of the primeurs tastings. Should be GV."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A bright and vivid young red with currant, berry and floral aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, tight and concentrated. Fine tannins."*

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## Listrac Medoc

### **CHATEAU FONREAUD** – Listrac Medoc

Basispreis 14,40 Euro (19,20 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This estate is situated at the highest point in the Médoc, yielding fine, ripe wines. The wood is showing strongly, but so is the fruit. That makes for a ripe, full wine with plenty of blackberry flavors that will age well. Drink from 2023."*

### **CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE** – Listrac Medoc

Basispreis 13,00 Euro (17,33 €/l)

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"This is tasting beautiful this year, very enjoyable fruit extraction that manages to be intense but not overdone. The tannins are firm but could perhaps be a little more pliable to fully open up the structure of the wine. Classic, with lovely menthol notes and a good example of the work being done in Listrac right now. Planted to 44% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon with the rest Cabernet Franc and a splash of Petit Verdot. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038"*

- 91-93 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. There are layers of tannins in this wine which offer plenty of structure, while leaving room for the black currant fruit. On the finish, there is a dry core which will allow the wine to age. Drink from 2023."*

## Moulis

### **CHATEAU BRANAS GRAND POUJEAUX** – Moulis

Basispreis 29,70 Euro (39,60 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Dense and concentrated, this wine has great richness, spice, sweet tannins and layers of opulent black fruits. It will be ready to drink relatively soon, so enjoy from 2022."*
- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Blackberry and blueberry character predominate. Medium body, medium chewy tannins and a fresh finish."*
- 90-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"One of the most concentrated Moulis I've tasted (and that's saying something in 2017), the 2017 Château Branas Grand Poujeaux sports a saturated purple color as well as a ripe, sexy, opulent style. Ripe cherries, raspberries, strawberries, spice, and hints of graphite all emerge from this beauty that I'd happily drink over the coming 4-7 years. What a smoking little gem of a wine!"*
- 91-92 Punkte BERNARD BURTSCHY

### **CHATEAU CHASSE SPLEEN** – Moulis

Basispreis 29,10 Euro (38,80 €/l)

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

### **CHATEAU POUJEAUX** – Moulis

Basispreis 29,10 Euro (38,80 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very pretty for the vintage with berries, currants and hints of nutmeg. Medium to full body. Savory finish already."*
- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Poujeaux has a generous, slightly smudged bouquet with cranberry, raspberry and cedar aromas, just a little greenness in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, dark berry fruit, black pepper and a little graphite. It just misses a sense of energy that I have found on the finest vintages of this Moulis, although there is a pleasant sappiness that develops."*

## Pomerol

### **CHATEAU CLINET** – Pomerol

Basispreis 77,90 Euro (103,87 €/l)

- 96 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 95-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Alluring, offering fleshy layers of fig, boysenberry and plum compote notes lined with anise and roasted apple wood accents, this is nicely integrated already, with fresh acidity embedded throughout."*
- 92-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Clinet was picked from 19 to 26 September for the Merlot and on 29 September for the Cabernets at 35hl/ha. It is matured in 72% new oak and the remainder one year old. The alcohol is 13.1° compared to say 14.4° for 2016. It has a perfumed bouquet with mainly red berry fruit, top notes of loam and a touch of violet. It is certainly well defined. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well delineated, and saline in the mouth. It is quite open towards the finish, perhaps with less grip than other Pomerols that I have tasted, but it is undeniably elegant and well balanced with a hint of cured meat cropping up on the aftertaste. Classic Clinet!"*
- 92-93 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Clinet opens slowly to reveal vibrant red and black fruits: red currants, black cherries, plums and cassis with touches of roses, yeast extract, wood smoke and crushed rocks. Medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins and a taut, muscular palate of tightly wound fruits and compelling mineral accents, it finishes long with wonderful purity and fragrant earth accents."*
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Some green-olive and herb character. Medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. Shows some solid and linear length on the finish."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Clinet packs a serious punch. Dense, rich and explosive, the 2017 offers tons of pure power, but it also comes across as oaky and lacking the detail of the best years, at least at this stage. A rush of black cherry jam, inky fruit, grilled herbs, lavender, licorice and smoke builds into the pliant, enveloping finish. The 12% Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend speaks with a loud voice. Tasted two times."*
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"High colour extraction with grilled damson on the nose, but the intensity through the palate is a few notches below the brilliant levels they have been achieving at Clinet over the past few vintages. They suffered around 15% frost to their vines, although did not use any second generation fruit in the first wine. Appreciate their extremely careful extraction, and lovely soft black fruits. Drinking Window 2025 – 2036"*

### **CHATEAU CLOS TOURMALINE** – Pomerol

Basispreis 136,80 Euro (182,40 €/l)

- 93-96 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The flagship 2017 Enclos Tourmaline comes from a tiny, one-hectare parcel of vines (purchased from Château La Patache in 2012) located right across the road from Château Clinet. This is all clay soils and the wine is 100% Merlot brought up in new French oak. As always, this is a blockbuster styled effort that boasts a saturated purple/black color as well as a huge nose of chocolaty black and blue fruits, licorice, graphite, and earth. With full-bodied richness, a ripe, opulent texture, and sweet tannin, it's a powerhouse from this vintage that mostly produced mid-weight, elegant wines. The vineyard manager and winemaker here is the talented Jérôme Aguirre, who previously worked at Christine Péré-Vergé's vineyards in Pomerol."*
- 95-96 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very structured and dense with ripe tannins and an encompassing mouthfeel for the vintage. Full-bodied, layered and rich. Beautiful fruit and intensity. Only 2,500 bottles made."*

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**CHATEAU DU DOMAINE DE L'EGLISE – Pomerol**

Basispreis 40,20 Euro (53,60 €/l)

- 94 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO: *"Purple red with violet hue. Elegant and expressive nose, fine fruit, well expressed, great length with wonderful density, elegance and ripe tannins, a great wine"*
- 93 Punkte DECANTER: *"25% frosted but no second generation fruit used. The grapes here are planted on the deep gravels of the Pomerol plateau, and it has definitely come out of the difficult early season strongly. It's extremely powerful, and very complex in its dark fruit and menthol layering, with a tight tannic structure and an austere character - this is not a vintage for hedonists like 2015 was but is a serious wine with good ageing ability. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038."*
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is fresh and intense with blueberry and dark-fruit character. Minerals and stones. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a bright finish."*
- 91 Punkte JEFF LEVE: *"Dominated by Merlot with a bend of 97% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, the wine opens with flowers, chocolate and plums. Medium/full bodied with soft, silky tannins and more chocolate covered plums in the finish, the wine has freshness and should age reasonably too."*
- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Domaine de l'Eglise lost one quarter of its production to frost, the final yield clocking in at 32 hl/ha. It is matured at 51% new oak. This has a more precise bouquet than the La Croix du Casse that is also owned by the Castéja family of Borie-Manoux offering scents of blackberry, redcurrant, truffle and light brine aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine core of graphite-tinge black fruit that segues into a nicely detailed, almost flinty finish that was much more precise in the sample shown at Trottevieille towards the end of my visit. It should drink well for up to 12 years, possibly more, although I would have liked to see more flair, more complexity. 2012-2032."*

**CHATEAU GAZIN – Pomerol**

Basispreis 79,90 Euro (106,53 €/l)

- 94 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 94-95 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A dense and flavorful red already with dark-berry, seaweed and wet-earth undertones. Full body and round and chewy tannins. Green olives on the finish. Serious for the vintage."*
- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Focused, with cherry and cassis notes driving through, flanked by singed vanilla accents and a light briar edge. Just a touch toothy through the finish, but should fill out well enough."*
- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Gazin has a very classic Pomerol bouquet with black brambly fruit infused with black truffle and subtle raspberry confit notes. Then, as it opens, there are loamy aromas that lend more complexity. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin and a fine bead of acidity. There is a slightly powdery texture, feeling quite saline. White pepper and fennel notes become more conspicuous towards the finish. Just a classic Gazin from proprietor Nicolas de Bailliencourt and his team."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Gazin is lush, sensual and enveloping, with lovely palate presence and tons of pure class. Bright floral notes perk up the red berry fruit in a seductive, open-knit Pomerol that captures the best the vintage has to offer. In 2017 Gazin is quite giving today, but also has a good bit of freshness and aromatic nuance that should allow it to develop nicely for years to come. Tasted three times."*

**CHATEAU LA CABANNE – Pomerol**

Basispreis 33,60 Euro (44,80 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 La Cabanne gives up black cherries and black plums on the nose with wafts of anise, chocolate box and tilled earth. Medium-bodied, plushly textured and with plenty of density, it finishes pleasantly fruity."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 La Cabanne is a Pomerol cru that flies just under the radar. This latest release continues to prove that François Estager owns some serious terroir, located right next to Trotanoy in fact. It has a nicely detailed bouquet with scents of blackberry, pencil lead and undergrowth aromas. It is not as complex as the 2015 or 2016 but there is palpable focus and good vigor. The palate is medium-bodied with well-defined red berry fruit laced with brown spice and a discrete, almost cola-like tincture. This feels nimble, poised and for want of a better word, joyful. It might not be the most profound Pomerol that François Estager has ever made but I can see this drinking beautifully over the next decade."*
- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Kräftiges, fein opulentes Bouquet, Erdbeergelee, Moccajoghurt, Vanille, Minze. Samtener, mittelkräftiger Gaumen mit süsser Frucht, feinem Tannin, molliger Struktur, guter Aromatik, mittlerer, süsser Abgang."*
- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Some nice juicy fruit with mineral and salt undertones. Medium body, silky tannins and a succulent finish. Shows balance and finesse for the vintage."*

**CHATEAU LA CROIX DU CASSE – Pomerol**

Basispreis 24,10 Euro (32,13 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Fifty percent of the vineyards for this wine were affected by frost this year. The 2017 La Croix du Casse, a blend of 94% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc, is medium garnet-purple in color with a lovely nose of wilted roses and violets with touches of spice box and Provence herbs over a core of red currants and blackberries plus a waft of fertile loam. The palate is medium-bodied, soft and plush with a racy acid line lifting the floral-accented fruit on the finish."*
- 88-91 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Modest damson plum and cherry fruit is laced with a mulled spice hint, picking up savory and incense notes on the finish. The savory edge lingers longest."*
- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 La Croix du Casse is soft, fruity and accessible, all of which make it a good choice for drinking now and over the near and medium term. Cedar, tobacco, mint and dried cherry are laced into the soft, pliant finish. Yields are down a punishing 50%."*
- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU LA CROIX SAINT GEORGES – Pomerol**

Basispreis 47,60 Euro (63,47 €/l)

- 94+ Punkte IZAK LITWAR
- 91-92 Punkte YVES BECK

**CHATEAU MAZEYRES – Pomerol**

Basispreis 26,40 Euro (35,20 €/l)

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Bright and fresh, featuring charming plum and anise notes gliding through on a silky structure. Long, with a floral hint on the finish. Pretty and pure."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Mazeyres has a very refined bouquet, nicely focused with lifted red fruit, hints of truffle and sous-bois. I like the stylishness of this Pomerol. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well-judged acidity and seamlessly integrated oak. This is often one of the strongest performers from the western flank of the appellation and the 2017 is no different – a little gem from Alain Moueix."*

**CHATEAU ROUGET – Pomerol**

Basispreis 42,40 Euro (56,53 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is really pretty with a whole berry character to it with berry, chocolate and wet earth character. Medium body, round tannins yet subtle and fine. Impressive."*
- 89-91 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Dry tannins give this wine its structure and shape, with flavors of licorice and dark chocolate. Its black plum fruits will need to balance with this firmer structure. Drink from 2024."*
- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Rouget is another rocking Pomerol, and this appellation delivers some of the sexiest, most textured wines in the vintage. Plums, blueberries, incense and spice notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, rounded, sexy beauty that has sweet tannin and an already approachable style. Drink it over the coming 10-12 years."*
- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has depth and juiciness, making it an enjoyable, bright, if a little austere Pomerol. Tasted twice, and both times it showed well, with slightly backwards tannins that need time in the glass to unfurl. They use a touch of whole-cluster fermentation at Rouget, which may be adding to this early tightness, but there is a lovely freshness alongside a sense of juicy bramble fruits. A small section of the vineyard was affected by frost, meaning there is no second wine, Carillon de Rouget, this year. The rest of the grapes were brought in between 20-29 September, with harvesters going through each plot several times to pick the fruit when ripe. Drinking Window 2024 – 2035"*
- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Rouget is very deep purple-black in color with a nose of preserved plums, blueberry compote and mocha with suggestions of wood smoke and beef drippings. Medium-bodied, quite firm and chewy in the mouth, it has just enough black fruit preserves flavors and a grippy finish."*
- 92-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Rouget is gorgeous. Bright, aromatically lifted and pliant, with tremendous depth and intensity, the 2017 hits all the right notes. Bright red cherry, plum and pomegranate are pushed forward. In 2017, Rouget has an extra level of aromatic intensity and overall finesse that makes it compelling. Tasted three times."*

**CHATEAU SACRE COEUR – Pomerol**

Basispreis 27,30 Euro (36,40 €/l)

- 100 % Merlot
- Von Jean-Philipp Moueix, dem Besitzer von Chateau Croix Mouton und Chateau La Confession

**CHATEAU TAILLEFER – Pomerol**

Basispreis 23,80 Euro (31,73 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Taillefer has a slightly closed nose, revealing crushed black plums, blackberries and licorice with touches of garrigue and tree bark. The palate is medium-bodied with a firm frame and good mid-palate weight, finishing long and savory."*
- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Spice and ripe fruit flavors gives this wine an opulent, full character. It is generous, with layers of black fruits, rich tannins and an open, juicy finish. Drink from 2023."*
- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Stylish, offering a mix of cherry preserves and mulled damson plum flavors, laced with hints of anise, and a flash of cedar detail, though this stays fresh on the finish."*
- 89-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Taillefer is a very pretty wine with lovely lifted aromatics, bright red fruit and terrific balance. I very much like the sense of energy and brightness that serve to balance the juiciness of the fruit. All the elements fall into place effortlessly. Tasted two times."*
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"The blend of this wine usually has a higher percentage of Cabernet Franc but the 12ha estate suffered around 60% loss to frost in 2017, giving a yield of 18hl/ha, so the blend is a little unusual this year. It has lovely fresh fruit aromatics, perky but not overly ripe, and good intensity on the palate with some vanilla-tinged oak notes. A touch of heat suggests the overall balance is not quite there, but it's an enjoyable early-to-medium drinker. Drinking Window 2023 – 2035"*

**CHATEAU TOUR MAILLET – Pomerol**

Basispreis 27,30 Euro (36,40 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Tour Maillet is deep garnet-purple in color and has open and expressive scents of black plums, black cherries and blueberries with touches of cloves, vanilla and cinnamon stick. The palate is medium to full-bodied with firm, velvety tannins and tons of juicy fruit, with a refreshing lift to the finish."*
- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Tour Maillet offers tightly knit blackberry and black plum notes on the nose, nicely focused but it needs to just loosen up during the élevage and develop more generosity. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, and pretty red fruit that are nicely rounded in texture and a soft landing on the finish. Just a lovely Pomerol, no more, no less."*

- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Tour Maillet (Lagardere) should be an outstanding Pomerol. Revealing a deep, inky color as well as classic notes of ripe black cherries, scorched earth, and roasted herbs, this beauty hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, a ripe, rounded texture, loads of sweet fruit, and a good finish. Give bottles 2-3 years."*
- 91-92 JAMES SUCKLING: *"A linear and tight 2017 with plum and berry character. Medium body and compacted layers of fruit and tannins. Juicy. Nicely done for the vintage."*

## Saint Emilion

### **CHATEAU BALESTARD LA TONNELLE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 27,50 Euro (36,67 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Balestard de Tonnelle has an impressive bouquet: quite intense but not over-powering with scents of blackberry, boysenberry and a touch of iodine all well defined. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, nicely integrated oak with a svelte finish that is really quite classy. You know, this is the best Balestard de Tonnelle that I have tasted in recent years. Excellent."*
- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is at once a subtle yet structured wine with really plush yet lithe tannins, a medium body, lots of dark fruit and a chewy finish."*
- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Balestard la Tonnelle gives up crushed cherries, wild blueberries and violets on the nose with chocolate box and anise nuances. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a great core of pure, spice-accented black fruits, supported by grainy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long."*
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"Good, rich aromatics are evident on the nose, showing notes of grilled oak and cloves with damson underneath. They have done a good job here, producing a broad-shouldered wine. It's a little oak-led, but has personality and well-placed fruits, and they have delivered a wine with their own signature in a vintage where that was not the easiest of things to do. Drinking Window 2026 – 2038"*
- 93 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 93-94 Punkte VERT DE VIN
- 91-93 Punkte WEINWISSER

### **CHATEAU BARDE HAUT** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 34,70 Euro (46,27 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Barde-Haut didn't see any frost this year due to the altitude of the vineyards. Composed of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Barde-Haut gives notions of baked blackberries, blueberry compote and Black Forest cake with touches of potpourri, dusty soil and cast iron pan. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of grainy tannins and great freshness, finishing long and minerally."*
- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lovely plum, cassis and boysenberry fruit flavors glide through here, with polished toast and a bright red licorice accent on the finish. Nice energy."*
- 92-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"A rich, unctuous wine, the 2017 Barde-Haut is endowed with magnificent concentration and richness. Inky black fruit, chocolate, menthol, licorice and spice infuse this spectacularly rich, voluptuous Saint-Émilion. The 2017 saw 4-5 days on cold soak about four weeks on the skins, with no SO2 during fermentation. Most of the wine is aging in 300L barrels, which is a bit larger than the norm in Bordeaux."*
- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Kräftiges, fein florales, süßes Bouquet, Damassinepflaumen, Kirschen, fein Mocca, Tabak. Fruchtiger, samtener, fein opulenter Gaumen mit kräftiger, süßere Frucht, feinem Tannin, cremiger Struktur, kräftiger Aromatik, langer, fein üppiger Abgang. Kann noch zulegen."*
- 92-94 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The deep, inky-colored 2017 Barde-Haut is a seriously good 2017 from Héléne Garcin-Lévêque that offers tons of kirsch, ripe black cherries, and spice aromas and flavors in a rounded, silky, sexy style. It has wonderful purity of fruit, no hard edges, and a great finish. I suspect it will be reasonably approachable on release yet capable of lasting for 10-15 years. The blend is 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc which will spend 18 months in 80% new French oak."*

### **CHATEAU BELLEFONT BELCIER** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 46,40 Euro (61,87 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Bellefont Belcier is deep garnet-purple colored and scented of baked plums and dried mulberries with touches of fragrant earth and underbrush. Medium-bodied, soft and plush, it has plenty of fruit and a gorgeous texture, finishing long. The tentative blend is 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon."*
- 89-91 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Ripe red fruits give this wine a luscious character balanced by firm tannins. The dry core is firmly dominant at this stage although there is plenty of fruit for the future. Drink from 2024."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Bellefont-Belcier, which was purchased by Peter Kwok last year (see Haut-Brisson, Tour St. Christophe, La Patache etc), was fermented without SO2. It has an extremely rich, decadent bouquet that seems to be trying too hard to make an impression instead of reflecting its propitious terroir. The palate is almost viscous on the entry, extremely concentrated and opulent. One bottle tasted just too ostentatious although another indicated that there is some composure, linearity and tension that prompted a more optimistic view and a higher banded score."*
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has impact and weight, and a good overall structure. It hasn't reached the heights of recent years, being more austere on this occasion, but is still extremely accomplished. There's an elegance to the carefully extracted, bright fruit. Drinking Window 2026 – 2038"*

- 92-95 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"Coming from a 13.5-hectare vineyard sitting on the plateau and south-facing hillside of the Cote Pavie (right beside Larcis-Ducasse), the 2017 Bellefont-Belcier is a screaming success in the vintage. Loaded with beautiful dark fruits, violets, and salty, rocky minerality, this beauty hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, sensational purity of fruit, and perfect balance. The tentative blend is 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and it hit a solid 14.6% natural alcohol. It's certainly worth your time and money. Tasted three times."*

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Very focused and compacted, showcasing extremely polished and firm tannins. Medium-to full-bodied and finely glossy and precise. Dark fruits, wet earth and an intense finish. Excellent length."*

**CHATEAU CAP DE MOURLIN** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 25,90 Euro (34,53 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is already shaping up to be a very well-made wine with ripe yet structured tannins, refreshing acidity, lots of plum and dark-cherry flavors and a chewy, rather long finish."*

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Cap de Moulin, which I compared to the Balestard de Tonnelle since they share the same owner (Vignobles Capdemoulin), did not convey the same definition on the nose as its "sibling" and felt rather over-egged by comparison. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, fine tannin, quite dense towards the finish but missing the tension and complexity of the top tier wines in Saint-Émilion. I prefer the Balestard in 2017."*

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU CAP SAINT GEORGE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 17,50 Euro (23,33 €/l)

Von Jean-Philippe Moueix, dem Besitzer von Chateau La Confession und Chateau Croix Mouton

**CHATEAU CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 33,60 Euro (44,80 €/l)

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A juicy and minerally red with a medium to full body, firm tannins and a savory finish. Nicely crafted and integrated. Soft hand in winemaking."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Juicy, with good energy to the mix of damson plum, cherry and raspberry fruit, flecked with mineral and savory notes. Shows crunchy acidity on the finish."*

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Clos de l'Oratoire is an incredibly elegant, medium-bodied, lively effort that has a sappy, tight, energetic profile. Strawberries, blueberries, flowers, and spicy notes as well as a distinct limestone-like minerality all emerge from the glass, and while it's not a heavyweight, it's pure, long, and balanced."*

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Clos de l'Oratoire is composed of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Note there is no Cabernet Sauvignon this year, as the low part of this vineyard was damaged by the spring frosts, affecting in total about 70% of the production this year. Therefore, this vintage contains a large proportion of second-generation crop. It has a nose of baked cherries, plum preserves and spice cake with wafts of black pepper and tapenade. The palate is medium-bodied and elegantly fruited with great freshness and well-played chewy tannins, finishing long and earthy."*

- 91-93 Punkte JEFF LEVE

**CHATEAU DE FERRAND** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 26,60 Euro (35,47 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 de Ferrand is deep garnet-purple and scented of blueberry compote and black berry pie with hints of licorice, violets and mocha. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of chewy tannins and plenty of black and blue fruit layers on the long finish."*

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This is ripe, full-bodied and concentrated. Dusty tannins, bold black fruits and a rich structure give it both power and long-term potential. Drink this spicy wine from 2023."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Quite fresh, offering a streak of mint amid the sleek plum and cherry preserve flavors. Shows polished toast on the finish, with an echo of red licorice."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"Extremely spicy, this is loaded with cassis and black pepper on the attack, until the velvety tannins, cinnamon swirl and high alcohol kick in. It's the first vintage with Gonzague de Lambert heading up the property, and the estate is currently undergoing a programme of replanting that will eventually see more Cabernet Franc in the vineyard, replacing some Cabernet Sauvignon that was planted on clay-limestone soils. There was no frost impact here in 2017, and harvest was between 25 September and 5 October, yielding 38hl/ha. Owned by Philippe and Pauline Chandon-Moët. Drinking Window 2023 – 2035"*

- 89-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"Based on 81% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Franc, the 2017 Château De Ferrand is a plump, ripe, seductive 2017 that has ample black cherry fruit, nicely integrated sweet oak, medium to full body, and a rounded, charming style on the palate. It's showing plenty of oak at the moment, but I love its density and depth, and it certainly has potential. Tasted twice."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A firm and silky red with blackberries, dark chocolate and some lemon and mineral undertones. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh finish."*

- 92 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU DE PRESSAC** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 26,20 Euro (34,93 €/l)

- 92-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 de Pressac is terrific. Mocha, raspberry jam, mint and dried flowers give the 2017 its distinctive aromatic signatures. In 2017, Pressac is a bit more slender than it typically is. Nevertheless, Pressac remains one of the most under the radar wines in all of Bordeaux. Savvy consumers won't want to miss it. The blend is 74.5% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot and 1.5% Carmenere, with the aromatic brightness of the Cabernets"*

*very much in evidence. Tasted three times."*

- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"This succeeds within the framework of the vintage, showing firm, brambly black fruits and a perky freshness that manages to feel lively rather than austere - no mean feat with Carménère, Malbec and Cabernet Franc in the blend. It's in fact a little less broad-shouldered than it has been in recent years, although it doesn't have as much punch as 2015 or 2016. 50% new oak. There was no frost here, but September rains meant picking took place just a little earlier than ideal. Yield 33hl/ha. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036"*

- 18 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"(74% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec, 2% Carménère) Frisches, elegantes, seidenes Bouquet, Erdbeeren, Johannisbeergelee, Minze, Lakritze, Graphit. Dichter, samtener, fruchtiger Gaumen mit kräftiger Frucht, viel feinem Tannin, kräftiger, vielfältiger Aromatik, dichter Struktur, langer, aromatischer, samtener Abgang."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Serious wine here with a solid concentration of fruit and firm and silky tannins. Long finish. Well done for the vintage."*

**CHATEAU FAUGERES** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 36,20 Euro (48,27 €/l)

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A solid and layered red with blackberries, wet earth and spices. Cloves. Medium to full body, ripe tannins and a juicy finish."*

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Solid plum and boysenberry compote flavors form the core. Licorice snap and fruitcake notes fill in the background. Lively acidity pulls all the elements together."*

- 90-92+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The current blend is 85% Merlot, with smaller portions of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Faugeres is a little shy to begin, revealing crushed black cherries, mulberries and red currants with coaxing plus hints of lavender, bay leaves and tilled soil. Medium-bodied with a firm frame of grainy tannins and just enough freshness, it delivers oodles of black fruit and a refreshing lift to the finish."*

- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Ripe and juicy, this wine is going to develop quickly. It has plenty of attractive fruitiness and is lightly spiced, with a crisp, fruity aftertaste. Drink from 2022."*

- 91 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU FLEUR CARDINALE Magnum 1,5 l** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 80,30 Euro (107,70 €/l)

-91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A fresh and bright red with plum and currant character. Medium-bodied, tight and focused. On it. Only 1,000 mags made."*

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This has a toasty profile, featuring ganache and warm tobacco notes surrounding a core of lightly steeped plum and blackberry fruit. Shows good flesh and depth, with a graphite accent buried through the finish. A very solid version of the style."*

**CHATEAU FOMBRAUGE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 23,40 Euro (31,20 €/l)

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Offers nice flesh, with a mix of black currant and plum fruit inlaid with subtle black tea, graphite and anise notes. Reveals a tobacco edge on the finish. Well done."*

- 93-95 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine is immense, dense in powerful, solid tannins and dark, black fruits. It has great concentration, a dusty texture and final notes of chocolate, black plum and spice. Drink from 2024."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A tight and elegant red with very fine tannins, a medium body and a fresh finish. Shows tension and freshness. Solid for the region."*

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"Magrez has done a good job in 2017 pretty much across the board - these are wines that have the natural austerity of the vintage, but with clever use of oak that rounds out the fruit that can otherwise appear a little thin. There is power here, no doubt, but the finish is shorter than in the past two vintages. A dash of Cabernet Sauvignon finishes off the blend. At 58ha, this is one of the biggest St-Émilion estates. Drinking Window 2025 – 2037"*

**CHATEAU FONROQUE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 30,40 Euro (40,53 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This biodynamic estate has produced a rich, dense and generous wine, with solid yet fine tannins and powerful, pure black-fruit flavors. Drink from 2024."*

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Tight and fruity with chocolate and dark-berry character. Medium-to full-bodied and layered. Very pretty. Better than 2016."*

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Subtle, with alluring tobacco and charcoal hints amid the core of gently steeped plum and black currant fruit. Reveals a light mineral hint on the finish. Shows a pretty tug of earth throughout."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Fonroque has a perfumed bouquet with redcurrant and crushed strawberry fruit, a touch of vanilla and a faint touch of cedar and dark chocolate. It opens nicely with aeration but never gets carried away (as Alain Moueix's wines tend not to!) The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, fresh and tender in the mouth with quite a long, silky finish. Delightful!"*

**CHATEAU HAUT BRISSON** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 24,90 Euro (33,20 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The tentative blend of the 2017 Haut Brisson is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Very deep purple-black in color, it has a decadent nose of crème de cassis, baked blackberries and black forest cake with hints of licorice, tapenade and roses. The palate is big, rich, full-bodied and full-on ripe with tons of black fruit*

*preserves, spice and savory layers supported by plush tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long."*

- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Haut-Brisson has a very concentrated bouquet with liquorice and aniseed tinged red fruit, quite high-toned and more floral than the Tour Saint-Christophe, albeit not delivering quite the same degree of delineation. The palate is sweet and powerful on the entry, dense and grippy tannin with layers of black fruit, although I would have liked to see more freshness and poise towards the finish."*

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"One of the more sexy and voluptuous wines in the vintage, the 2017 Château Haut-Brisson comes from Hong Kong-based financier Peter Kwok, who also owns Tour Saint Christophe and spares no expense when it comes to quality. The vineyard is located on the limestone plateau of St. Etienne-de-Lisse. The 2017 is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc that will see 18 months in 35% new French oak. This deep, inky-colored effort reveals beautifully pure blue fruits and hints of strawberries, spice, and loads of floral notes. Rounded, sexy, and impressively textured, give bottles a few years and enjoy over the following decade or more."*

- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This shows a tightness and firmness that is unique for this estate with dark-berry and white-pepper character. Full-bodied, compacted and polished. Very long and polished. This came from only the vineyards on top of St.-Emilion. 50% of normal production."*

**CHATEAU LA CONFESSION** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 29,00 Euro (38,67 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Layered and flavorful with a medium to full body, velvety tannins and a long and intense finish."*

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 La Confession is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with a nose of crushed black plums and mulberries with touches of baking spices and mocha. Medium to full-bodied with great concentration and firm, rounded tannins, it has just enough freshness and a long spicy finish."*

**CHATEAU LASSEGUE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 27,90 Euro (37,20 €/l)

- 93-95 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Lassegue displays a deep garnet-purple color and quite a spicy nose giving up black pepper, cinnamon and cloves notes over a core of crème de cassis and preserved plums with a waft of dusty soil. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of chewy tannins and tons of black fruit layers, finishing long and spicy."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Lassègue was tasted twice, one sample not representative as it was too old. The second sample taken the day before, has a perfumed bouquet with iris and light incense aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin and ample, tobacco-tinged black fruit. I really appreciate the balance and freshness of this Lassègue. It feels nicely poised with just a light graphite note poking its head above the surface towards the finish. This property, owned by the Jackson family of Kendall-Jackson/Verité fame, has great terroir and this 2017 shows it off well."*

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Pretty core of black fruits enveloped in a ball of tight yet muscular tannins. Solid concentration, but it's married with acid drive and finesse."*

- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"This estate covers 36ha in total, with the grand vin coming from 24ha along the côtes, unaffected by frost. The vines grow on south-facing slopes on a mix of hard asteries limestone and softer molasses du Fronsadais. This is a rather lovely 2017 from winemaker Pierre Seillan, showing excellent density with touches of well-textured raspberry and crushed damson fruit. The austerity is evident, but it unwinds itself beautifully through the palate, and the harmony makes it one of the successes in St-Émilion. Harvested 21 September to 5 October. 80% new oak, a touch more than in 2016. 3.7pH. Drinking Window 2023 – 2036"*

**CHATEAU LA VOUTE** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 36,00 Euro (48,00 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 La Voute delivers notes of chargrill, tar and black soil over a core of blackberries and red and black plums. The palate is medium to full-bodied with firm, ripe tannins and a compelling racy line lifting the intense red and black fruits, leading to a long finish."*

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 La Voûte has pretty black cherry and blueberry fruit on the nose that opens nicely in the glass. The oak here is well managed. The palate is medium-bodied with pastille-like black fruit, slightly lower acidity than its peers with a silky smooth finish that lingers nicely. It is not a complex Saint-Émilion but it is well crafted."*

- 89-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château La Voute is a serious Saint-Emilion that shines for its incredible elegance, complexity, and charm. Offering up a pretty bouquet of sweet cherries, spice box, and dried flowers, it hits the palate with medium-bodied depth and richness, ripe tannin, and a clean, silky finish. It doesn't beat you over the head with power or richness, yet grows on you with time in the glass. It should drink nicely for 7-8 years."*

- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A tight and solid 2017 with subtle wet earth, dark fruit and fresh herbs. Medium body and a clean finish."*

**CHATEAU LES GRAVIERES** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 17,80 Euro (23,73 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte YVES BECK

**CHATEAU LYNSOLENC** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 30,30 Euro (40,40 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"More linear, young St.-Emilion with dark-fruit and mineral undertones. Medium-to full-bodied, firm and silky. Driven."*

- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Lynsolence has a high-toned bouquet with blueberry and light cassis fruit, just a touch of iodine in the background. It feels modern in style but manages to retain decent definition. The palate is medium-bodied with pretty black cherry and blackcurrant notes matched by a fine thread of acidity and a discrete pencil lead tincture on the finish. Very fine."*
- 89-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Lynsolence is powerful, racy and voluptuous, with soft curves that enhance the red berry and floral-infused flavors. Beautifully vivid and nuanced to the core, this supple, open-knit Saint-Émilion has a lot to offer. All of the elements are very nicely balanced."*
- 91-93 Punkte YVES BECK

**CHATEAU ROL VALENTIN** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 31,80 Euro (42,40 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A firm and silky red with dark berries, hints of chocolate and hazelnuts. Medium body. Tight and integrated."*
- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"I loved the 2017 Château Rol Valentin, which has a deep, rounded, sexy texture as well as a great bouquet of cassis, leafy herbs, plums, and exotic flowers. It's medium-bodied, has ripe tannin, and integrated acidity, and is certainly going to be an outstanding wine. This estate covers close to 12 acres and the blend is 80-85% Merlot with the balance Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc."*
- 88-90+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Rol Valentin gives expressive cassis and warm black plum notes on the nose with underlying cedar chest, unsmoked cigars and black olives suggestions. Medium-bodied with a firm backbone of grainy tannins and lovely freshness, it has a good amount of taut, muscular fruit and nice purity to the finish."*
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Rol Valentin is occasionally a little overdone at primeur however, fair dues, this was showing more composure and refinement than I anticipated allowing the attractive raspberry and mulberry fruit to really blossom in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with svelte tannin, well judged acidity, harmonious and certainly silky smooth in texture, rendering this very sensual. It is one of the best Rol Valentin that I have tasted at this stage. All it needs now is a careful, prudent élevage."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Rol Valentin is polished, lifted and quite a bit more nuanced than it usually is. In 2017, only the best parcels - those at the top of the hillsides and on the plateau - survived the frost. Sweet red berry, chocolate, mocha and floral notes are all laced together. There is freshness and silkiness to the 2017 that I find especially appealing. I can't wait to taste this in bottle."*

**CHATEAU SAINT GEORGES** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 30,80 Euro (41,07 €/l)

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Very sophisticated with a full body, fresh acidity, chewy tannins and a long yet savory finish. Regal and dialed-in, and the tannin quality is very velvety despite the concentrated fruit."*
- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"There's lots to like here as this budding red sports raspberry and boysenberry compote flavors, with streaks of anise and violet, maintaining good energy all the way through."*
- 91 Punkte DECANTER: *"A dry but coolish summer combined with limestone soils certainly sends those pH levels pretty low. Although fairly tight and austere, this unfolds prettily with a good focus of brambly and bristling black fruits, and a clear sense of lift through the palate. Gentle liquorice and bitter dark chocolate notes are extremely well done. The acidity is high, but just about controlled and balanced by the other elements. It's not a hedonistic experience, for sure - it's a wine that you need to sit down with. Intellectual and promising. Drinking Window 2024 – 2036"*

**CHATEAU SANSONNET** – Saint Emilion

Basispreis 28,90 Euro (38,53 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The present blend of the 2017 Sansonnet is 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it offers up notions of crushed blackcurrants, wild blueberries and black raspberries with wafts of pencil shavings, tobacco leaf and lavender. Medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of grippy tannins and just enough freshness, it has just enough vibrant fruit to flesh out the structure and good length."*
- 89-90 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This wine has solid tannins balanced with juicy acidity and ripe fruit flavors. The rich texture blends admirable structure with luscious fruit. Drink this delicious wine from 2021."*
- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Shows a light coffee and ganache frame around a core of lightly steeped plum and blackberry fruit. Toast drapes on the finish. Offers more heft than cut, but remains solid."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Sansonnet is a rich, explosive wine endowed with real depth and intensity. I have seen Sansonnet blossom with a few years in bottle, and suspect that may very well happen here as well. Lavender, menthol, crushed rocks, spice, chocolate, smoke and tobacco add layers of nuance to the inky dark fruit. This is a terrific showing from proprietors Christophe and Marie Lefèvre. Tasted two times."*
- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Sansonnet was cropped at 21hl/ha from 6.96-hectares of vine on limestone soils surrounding the Maison. It was picked from 19 September to 1 October and it is matured in 100% new oak and two 7.5hl amphora used for the Merlot. It has a fresh bouquet with red cherries, crushed strawberry and a touch of black truffle. This is quite refined. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, crisp acidity, conveying a fine sense of energy with a precise finish that disguises the new oak with some style. Excellent."*
- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"This 7ha estate owned by Marie-Bénédicte Lefèvre is one to watch and is often good value for the terroir, something that is increasingly rare in St-Émilion. This has a lovely rich expression of tight but fresh blue fruit and white pepper, courtesy of the two Cabernets. It doesn't have the generosity of 2015 or 2016, but it's a well-handled wine with an attractive saline finish. Drinking Window 2023 – 2036"*

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"A perennial overachiever, the 2017 Château Sansonnet is a hidden gem in this complex, irregular vintage. Black cherries, blueberries, violets, and hints of underbrush give way to a medium-bodied, rounded, supple, beautifully polished red that has sweet tannin and nicely integrated acidity. This estate was relatively unaffected by the April frost. The rough blend is 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc, harvested between the 19th of September and the 5th of October, representing roughly 65% of the total production. It's still aging in 100% new French oak."*
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Iodine and dark fruit with blackberry and blueberry character. Hints of moss. Medium to full body and firm tannins."*

**CHATEAU SOUTARD CADET – Saint Emilion**

Basispreis 28,40 Euro (37,87 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Soutard-Cadet is deep garnet-purple colored and features expressive black cherries, blackberries and kirsch scents with underlying baking spices and lavender notions. Medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins and plenty of freshness, it has lovely intensity of black fruits and a perfumed finish. The tentative blend is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc."*
- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Soutard-Cadet, which was bought by the Lefèvre family in 2015, was picked on 22 and 23 October at 30hl/ha and it is matured in 100% new oak for 16 to 18 months (malolactic fermentation in barrel). This was showing just a little over-ripeness on the nose, not an enormous amount, with just a hint of dried prune infusing the red berry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, very smooth in texture, fleshy red cherry and strawberry fruit with a pinch of spice towards the finish. It will require three or four years to fully absorb the new oak. Just 400 cases will be produced."*
- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"Located just beside Sansonnet, Château Soutard-Cadet covers a tiny 2.1 hectares of vines on the limestone plateau just outside the village of Saint-Emilion. Their 2017 is a rough blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, all aging in new oak. This beauty shows plenty of oak, yet also plenty of cassis and blueberry fruit, medium to full-bodied richness, and impressive concentration. I was able to taste this on three separate occasions and it showed outstanding potential each time. I suspect 2-4 years of bottle age will be your friend."*
- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Shows lots of salt and mineral character. Medium to full body, chewy tannins and a juicy finish."*

**CHATEAU TAUZINAT L'HERMITAGE – Saint Emilion**

Basispreis 11,90 Euro (15,87 €/l)

- 90 Punkte DECANTER: *"There's a firm but fresh feel to this wine. It's clearly very carefully extracted, showing brambly fruits with subtle coffee beans on the finish. Perhaps those tannins are a touch squeezed, but this is a good wine for medium drinking. The estate is owned by the same family who own Château Taillefer in Pomerol - a new generation as of 2013. They dealt with the frost at both properties by eliminating all of the secondary growth and just bottling the unaffected vines. Eric Boissenot is consultant. Drinking Window 2022 – 2032"*

**CHATEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE – Saint Emilion**

Basispreis 29,60 Euro (39,47 €/l)

- 89-91+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The tentative blend of the 2017 Tour Saint-Christophe is 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it's purely scented of fresh blackberries, blackcurrants and mulberries with touches of pencil shavings and lavender. The palate is medium-bodied, finely crafted and refreshing in the mouth with firm, fine-grained tannins and an herbal lift on the finish."*
- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Tour Saint Christophe, owned by Peter Kwok, showed much more delineation and terroir expression compared to Bellefont-Belcier tasted alongside. The aromatics are packed with black cherries, cassis and bilberry, just a light touch of the sea emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannin, plush black cherry and boysenberry fruit laced with orange rind and quince towards the fresh and focused finish. Very fine"*
- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"I tasted the 2017 Château Tour Saint Christophe on two separate occasions and it never failed to impress. A rough blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that hit 14.3% natural alcohol, it has a rocking sense of minerality to go with big, broad, expansive aromas and flavors. Blueberries, black raspberries, flowers, and violets characteristics, medium to full-bodied richness, fine tannin, and excellent purity all make this a terrific 2017 that will drink nicely for 10-15+ years."*
- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Dense and layered red with dark berry, volcanic ash and white pepper. Full-bodied, layered and chewy. Muscular."*

**CHATEAU TROTTEVIELLE – Saint Emilion**

Basispreis 83,30 Euro (111,07 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"About 20% of the vines were affected by frost this year. A blend of 56% Cabernet Franc, 43% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2017 Trotte Vieille is medium to deep garnet-purple in color and redolent of warm plums, crushed blackberries and blackcurrant cordial with touches of Indian spices, violets and a hint of menthol. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins and great freshness, with an expressive core and long finish."*
- 93-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Barrel Sample. Always a serious style of wine, this vintage has added intense fruits as well as tannins. Its concentration and dry core promise long aging while its fruit weight and fine acidity result in a bright finish. Drink from 2024."*
- 90-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"Cabernet Franc takes the leading role in the 2017 Trotte Vieille. Vibrant and succulent, with terrific depth, the 2017 has so much to say. It is also one of the most unique wines in all of Saint-Émilion. There is plenty to*

admire. The 2017 spent approximately four weeks on the skins. New oak is 100%, light toast barrels. The 2017 has the potential to surprise down the line."

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): "(56% Cabernet Franc, 43% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34 hl/ha) *Kräftiges, würziges Bouquet, Brombeergelee, Himbeerstauden, junges Holz. Mittelkräftiger, seidener Gaumen mit süßer Frucht, feinem Tannin, eher schlanker Struktur, langer, aromatischer Abgang.*"
- 94-95 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*This shows wonderful depth and tannin quality with incredible elegance and completeness. Medium to full body and racy tannins. Strength, too. It's the acid that drives the the tannins and keeps them serious and fine.*"
- 96 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 92-94 Punkte ANTHOCYANES
- 17,5 Punkte WEINWISSER
- 17-17,5 Punkte RVF
- 93 Punkte REBECCA GIBB

**CHATEAU VALANDRAUD** - Saint Emilion Basispreis 136,80 Euro (182,40 €/l)

- 94-95 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*Lots of beautiful blueberry and blackberry fruits here. Medium to full body, round and very polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Wet-earth undertones. Velvety mouthfeel at the end.*"
- 95-97 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "*Barrel Sample. Bold tannins and rich fruit combine to give this wine a dense structure, yet with a great sense of freshness. Black currants and a firm tannic backdrop promise excellent aging potential. It's impressively structured and should be held until 2025.*"
- 93-96 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "*Gorgeous blackberry, boysenberry and raspberry compote flavors flow out from the core, enveloping the apple wood, anise and black tea frame as they move. Offers a gorgeous feel, ample depth, lovely polish and fine underlying acidity throughout. A terrific effort.*"
- 95 Punkte JEAN MARC QUARIN
- 98 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

**CHATEAU VALANDRAUD VIRGINIE** - Saint Emilion Basispreis 32,80 Euro (43,73 €/l)

- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*A firm and focused second wine from Valandraud. Medium body, firm tannins and a medium finish.*"
- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "*Barrel Sample. Firm tannins dominate this wine from the Valandraud vineyard, though they are just a part of the rich, powerful package. Its also shows a fine balance between crisp acidity and ripe, juicy black fruits. Drink from 2024.*"

**CHATEAU VILLEMAURINE** - Saint Emilion Basispreis 38,60 Euro (51,47 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: "*Barrel Sample. Rich and fruity, this wine shows a fine balance between its dense tannins and ripe black fruits. The acidity and the tannins both promise fine aging. At the end, spice comes through the blackberry fruit. Drink from 2023.*"
- 93 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 92-93 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*A firm and silky red with a solid core of ripe tannins and savory fruit. Cherry and berry undertones. Pretty texture.*"
- 91-93+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "*The current blend of the 2017 Villemaurine is 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it features wonderfully expressive black plums and warm blackberries notes with hints of truffles, damp soil and wood smoke. The palate is medium-bodied with a great core of ripe, rich fruit supported by rounded tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with lingering truffles and savory notes.*"
- 90-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "*The 2017 Villemaurine, picked from 25 to 29 September, offers fine complexity on the nose with subtle blackberry and oyster shell aromas surfacing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, lightly spiced with a gentle, almost caressing, unassuming finish that bodes well for when this Saint-Émilion is bottled.*"

**VIEUX CHATEAU PALON** - Montagne Saint Emilion Basispreis 19,70 Euro (26,27 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: "*The big, spicy, exuberant 2017 Vieux Château Palon dishes up serious amounts of black raspberries, vanilla bean, spice, and orange blossom notes in its exotic, medium to full-bodied personality. It has considerable charm, notable complexity, and ripe tannin, and I suspect will certainly be an outstanding wine.*"

## Cotes de Castillon

**CHATEAU CAP DE FAUGERES** - Cotes de Castillon Basispreis 11,00 Euro (14,67 €/l)

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*Fresh and clean red with mineral and dark-berry character. Medium body and fine tannins. Nice cocoa powder character.*"
- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "*The 2017 Cap de Faugères, owned by Silvio Denz (Lafaurie-Peyraguey) has a fresh blackberry, mulberry and allspice-scented bouquet. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, quite fresh in*"

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*style with a sense of energy conveyed by the pencil-lead infused finish. Give this a couple of years once in bottle and it should evolve into one of the better Côtes de Castillon wines from this difficult vintage."*

- 88-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Cap de Faugères is absolutely delicious. Fresh, perfumed and inviting, the 2017 has a good bit of aromatic lift melded into a core of fleshy raspberry jam and red cherry fruit. The 2017 is a bit fresher and more vibrant than has been the norm for Cap de Faugères in the recent past, but that has been achieved while maintaining plenty of depth. This is really quite lovely. Tasted four times."*

**CHATEAU D'AIGUILHE** – Cotes de Castillon

Basispreis 20,30 Euro (27,07 €/l)

- 91-93 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc brought up in 30% new barrels, the 2017 Château d'Aiguilhe offers a gorgeous perfume of framboise, blueberries, strawberries, and flowers. Possessing medium body, fine, silky tannin, impeccable balance and obvious minerality on the finish, it's seriously good Côtes de Castillon that over-delivers."*

- 91-93 Punkte JEFF LEVE

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lively, with fun raspberry and blackberry fruit that stays bright and engaging throughout, backed by light anise and floral notes on the finish. This should fill out nicely."*

**CHATEAU MONTLANDRIE** – Cotes de Castillon

Basispreis 19,90 Euro (26,53 €/l)

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very minerally with crushed stones and dark fruit. Medium body and tight and firm tannins. Excellent."*

- 91-93 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"A blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Montlandrie gives up notes of crushed black plums, red currants and black cherries with suggestions of cigar box, yeast extract, tapenade and underbrush. Medium-bodied with a solid backbone of firm, grainy tannins, it has beautiful freshness and a mineral-tinged finish."*

- 91-92 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Montlandrie was picked from 13 to 28 September. It boasts an utterly charming bouquet with blackberry, raspberry and just a hint of crushed violet. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, dark fruit but fresh and lively, very precise with a welcome dash of black pepper towards the graphite-tinged finish. Denis Durantou described this as one of his favorite wines of 2017 and I can understand why."*

## Cotes de Francs

**CHATEAU DE FRANCS LES CERISIERS** – Cotes e Francs

Basispreis 10,80 Euro (14,40 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A deep and dark red with dark-berry and -plum character. Medium to full body and a silky finish."*

## Lalande de Pomerol

**CHATEAU LES CRUZELLES** – Lalande de Pomerol

Basispreis 23,20 Euro (30,93 €/l)

- 90-91 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This shows a pretty center palate of dark fruit and hints of salt. Medium-bodied, firm and silky."*

- 89-91 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Blended of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Les Cruzelles opens with crushed blackcurrants and blackberry compote notions with underlying menthol, pencil lead, anise and tobacco notes plus a waft of black pepper. Medium-bodied and quite minerally in the mouth, it has a firm frame of grainy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing with persistent earthy nuances."*

## Fronsac

**CHATEAU FONTENIL** – Fronsac

Basispreis 19,10 Euro (25,47 €/l)

- 90-92 Punkte JEFF LEVE

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"A solid red for the vintage with dark berries, dark chocolate and some crushed-stone character. Medium body, a pretty core of fruit and a clean finish."*

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 89-91 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Fontenil is well defined, and quite focused compared to the previous two vintages. It has a rather conservative bouquet that nevertheless has fine intensity with attractive black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannin, just a nagging green vein towards the second half that just discombobulates the finish"*

*and lingers unwanted on the aftertaste. That may dissipate during the élevage – we will see."*

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: "*Ripe and forward plum and blueberry fruit sails through, featuring a light charcoal spine for balance. Shows flashes of herb and spice, with some sneaky length.*"

**CHATEAU LES TROIS CROIX** – Fronsac

Basispreis 16,80 Euro (22,40 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "*Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Les Trois Croix has a very pretty nose of rose hip tea, lavender and lilacs over a core of red and black currants plus a waft of underbrush. Medium-bodied, it possesses soft, plush tannins in the mouth with great freshness and a mineral accent on the finish.*"

- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: "*The 2017 Les Trois Croix initially felt a little overdone on the nose like one or two of its Fronsac brethren. That said, it seems to "calm down" in the glass and attain more definition. The palate shows more composure with supple tannin, well judged acidity and a precise, detailed finish that bodes well for the future. The more this aerates, the more composed and refined it becomes. This is a muscular yet paradoxically, refined Fronsac from Patrick Léon.*"

- 88-91 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: "*A hidden gem, the 2017 Château Les Trois Croix sports a deep purple color as well as a classic bouquet of crème de cassis, black raspberries, toasted spices, and an undeniable minerality. This medium-bodied, ripe, beautifully textured 2017 has plenty of fruit, notable balance, and a charming style that's going to allow it drink nicely for 8-10 years.*"

- 89-90 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: "*A solid Fronsac with dark-berry, bark and wet-earth character. Medium body. Shows focus and precision for the vintage already.*"

**CHATEAU MOULIN HAUT LAROQUE** – Fronsac

Basispreis 17,70 Euro (23,60 €/l)

- 90 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: "*Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Moulin Haut-Laroque opens with blackberry preserves and black plums notions with hints of Sichuan pepper and yeast extract. The palate is medium-bodied with a well-sustained mid-palate and nicely balanced frame, finishing on a savory note.*"

- 91 Punkte DECANTER: "*One of the more bouncy wines, making a positive out of the fresh fruit character. Dark spice and black cherry is in evidence. There's great intensity but also a sense of freshness. It's a wine that accompanies you all the way through the palate, holding your interest as it goes. With vines situated up in Saillans, the yields were at 30hl/h, which is fairly typical. A good 5% of 100-year-old Malbec vines makes up the blend. This is austere, but it has energy and will age well. The first wine was 70% of production for this vintage. 35% was frost affected. Drinking Window 2022 – 2024"*

- **88-90 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK:** "*Lots of spice, graphite, and assorted red and black fruits define the 2017 Château Moulin Haut Laroque. It's medium-bodied, has nicely integrated acidity, and solid mid-palate depth, which isn't a given in the vintage. It should benefit from a year or two in bottle and keep through 2027.*"

## Bordeaux Superieur

**CHATEAU CROIX MOUTON** – Bordeaux Superieur

Basispreis 9,90 Euro (13,20 €/l)

Von Jean-Philippe Moueix, dem Besitzer von Chateau La Confession und Chateau La Croix Saint Georges

## Cadillac

## Bordeaux AOC

**CHATEAU DE LA COUR D'ARGENT** – AOC Bordeaux Superieur

Basispreis 8,30 Euro (11,07 €/l)

- 88-90 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): "*The 2017 de la Cour d'Argent, a Bordeaux Supérieur from Jean-Luc Thunévin's stable, has an attractive blackberry and sous-bois scented bouquet with touches of mineral and tobacco coming through with aeration. The palate is medium bodied with grippy tannin, a light marine influence coming through and fine delineation towards the finish. Frankly, I prefer this to some of the more self-aggrandizing wines that I tasted on the Right Bank.*"

- 89-91 Punkte BECKUSTATOR

## Sauternes

### **CHATEAU CANTEGRIL** – Sauternes

Basispreis 18,30 Euro (24,40 €/l)

- 89-92 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A racy and fresh style, with focused pineapple, white peach and blanched almond notes. Pretty honeysuckle and chamomile hints appear through the finish."*
- 92 Punkte DECANTER: *"A rich but well-measured Sauternes, this is packed full of nectarine pits, rich peaches, grilled almond and tobacco notes, joined by the saffron and white pepper spice that marks it as a good quality Sauternes. Slightly higher levels of acidity would balance things out, but this is impressive stuff, with a ribbon of silk running through the middle. Drinking Window 2020 – 2030"*
- 16,5 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: *"85% Sémillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc. Honeyed lemon aroma. Sweet and rich in almond-paste flavours, with pears and creamy rich texture, and a fine mealy character. Long."*

### **CHATEAU COUTET** – Sauternes

Basispreis 38,60 Euro (51,47 €/l)

- 93-94 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Lots of powdered mushrooms, dried lemons and apricots. Full-bodied, dense and layered. Beautiful finish. A top sweet white for the vintage."*
- 95-97 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"This wine shows great balance and poised elegance. Its botrytis fruit gives it rich intensity, with a ripe orange-marmalade flavor and layers of tight acidity. This will be a wine for serious aging and not ready to drink before 2024."*
- 92-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Bright pineapple and white peach flavors rush forth, with a zip of tangerine running through the creamy finish. Shows lots of honeysuckle accents on the finish. Youthfully tight, but delivers wonderful length."*
- 96 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO
- 17 Punkte JEAN MARC QUARIN

### **CHATEAU DE MALLE** – Sauternes

Basispreis 33,30 Euro (44,40 €/l)

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Medium body, a sweet and dense palate and sliced apples, peaches and caramel on the finish. Bright acidity."*
- 90-92 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Rich while also intensely structured, this wine is already showing a delicious, open character. The acidity shines through the wine's sweetness, giving lift to the decadent spiced fruit tones. Drink from 2023."*
- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 de Malle gives up lovely lemon mint and orange peel notes with wafts of musk perfume and lime leaves. Lively, pure, layered and refreshing in the mouth, it has bags of class and great length."*
- 92-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 de Malle has a lighter bouquet than I expected, one that was missing some energy compared to its peers although it does seem to gain intensity with aeration. The palate is well balanced, very energetic with pure botrytis fruit. This is a sophisticated second growth Sauternes with impressive clarity and detail on the finish. Excellent."*

### **CHATEAU DE RAYNE VIGNEAU** – Sauternes

Basispreis 43,40 Euro (57,87 €/l)

- 92-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Intense and on the tropical side, featuring melon, fig and pear flavors draped with maple and apricot accents. Shows depth and power, with a toasted coconut finish."*
- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. This indulgent wine is rich, opulent and concentrated. At the same time, the core of botrytis and rich fruit will allow the wine to age well. The finish boasts an acidic lift and a touch of ginger flavor. Drink from 2024."*

### **CHATEAU DOISY DAENE** – Barsac

Basispreis 36,60 Euro (48,80 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Doisy Daëne has a slightly closed nose with ripe apples and fresh pears accented with sparks of lemon and orange peel plus a touch of fungi. It's very rich and bold in the mouth with balancing freshness and a long earthy finish."*
- 92-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A bold, ripe, unctuous style in the making, with lots of spicy orange, tangerine and peach notes that roll through an exotic, hazelnut-filled finish."*
- 93-95 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Doisy-Daëne is a little richer on the nose compared to recent vintages, quite pure with acacia honey, melted wax and touches of almond filtering through with aeration. The palate is well balanced with a viscous opening, finely judged acidity, borrowing some of the weight usually expressed by Doisy-Védrines to create a very satisfying and opulent finish. It does not give the live-wire tension that is common in this Barsac, but it does give plenty of depth and length."*
- 94 Punkte DECANTER: *"As with its next door neighbour, this benefits from limestone soils in what is a late-onset botrytis vintage for the sweet wines of Bordeaux. It means it has some fresh, fine, blooming acids, just scraping through the mid-palate and balanced by gorgeous notes of candied ginger, white flowers, honeysuckle, jasmine and a seam of freshness. It really grows on me, and has great persistency. Drinking Window 2020 – 2036"*
- 17 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: *"Barsac. 85% Sémillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc. RS 124 g/l, TA (sulphuric) 4.5 g/l. Ripe and expressive on the nose, already complex with almond, bitter orange, vanilla and spiced pear. Viscous and generous on the palate but still beautifully fresh. Powerful almond-paste flavour on the palate but finishes with citrus and apricot."*

- 93-97 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Doisy Daëne is a seriously decadent, thick, opulent beauty that packs serious sweetness in its canned peach, lime peel, and exotic tropical fruit aromas and flavors. While it's a big wine, it has terrific balance, good density and concentration, and a huge finish. It's a potential blockbuster Barsac that's going to have a long life."*

**CHATEAU DOISY DAENE EXTRAVAGANT Demi 0,375 l** – Sauternes Basispreis 191,50 Euro (510,67 €/l)

- 95-97+ Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 L'Extravagant comes charging out of the glass with pure grapefruit and pineapple notes with hints of straw, fresh ginger and lime zest. Super sweet, super crisp and with incredible layers, it is completely packed with citrus and tropical layers, finishing very long."*

- 93-96 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"This is lovely, with lots of tangerine, peach and orange flavors laced with piecrust, hazelnut and bitter almond notes. The long finish flows nicely. Should be lovely."*

- 95-97 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 L'Extravagant de Doisy-Daëne comes from two tries, one at the end of September and the second during the first week of October. Although it has between 195 to 200g/L residual sugar, it has a less flamboyant bouquet than recent vintages. This feels much more controlled and focused with pure honeyed fruit laced with white peach, yellow plum and a light resinous scent. The palate is medium-bodied with sumptuous, unctuous honeyed fruit, mango, persimmon and a little lemon peel that lends tension towards the powerful, show-stopping finish. It lives up to its name. (Readers should note that there is just one and a half barrels instead of the normal three or four.)"*

- 95 Punkte DECANTER: *"It's very hard not to be impressed with this wine. Extremely silky, this has an almost pure mandarin flavour, shot through with some lovely blood orange bitterness. Following on are darkly spiced, tightly-expressed stone fruits. I wish there was a touch more lime on the finish, but this is a fantastic example of accomplished winemaking. Extravagant. Drinking Window 2020 – 2035"*

- 18 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: *"Barsac. RS 204 g/l. They made just 1.5 barrels and Bordeaux Gold had one half-bottle sample. Intense, spiced pineapple aroma. So viscous it is physically hard to spit. Rich in botrytis flavours of orange and apricot with a bitter-orange flavour adding to the freshness on the finish. Voluptuous and a real achievement in this vintage."*

**CHATEAU GUIRAUD** - Sauternes Basispreis 41,30 Euro (55,07 €/l)

- 90-93 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Lively, featuring white peach, lemon zest and thyme notes zipping along. Very pretty, with a refreshing finish."*

- 94-96 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Ripe, botrytized fruit currently dominates this wine with its rich concentration. It is a full and liquorous wine that will age for many years. Drink from 2025."*

- 91-92 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"Pretty deepness and ripeness to this with honeydew, dried-melon and lemon character. Medium body. Bright finish."*

**CHATEAU LAFAURIE PEYRAGUEY** - Sauternes Basispreis 46,50 Euro (62,00 €/l)

- 92-95 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"A plump, open and forward style, with lots of white peach, apricot and pineapple fruit flavors backed by creamed melon and honeysuckle notes. Very flattering."*

- 93-95 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Great acidity gives this wine a really fresh character. Ripe yellow fruits complement the wine's freshness, with a lingering spice note on the close. It is complex, with considerable aging potential. Drink from 2024."*

**CHATEAU RAYMOND LAFON** – Sauternes Basispreis 38,00 Euro (50,67 €/l)

- 92-94 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Raymond-Lafon has a nose of musk perfume, truffles and wet pebbles over a core of applesauce and spiced pears. The palate is full, rich and earthy with bags of depth and a very long finish."*

- 92-94 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Ripe and honeyed, this is a dense, opulent wine. Layers of botrytis combine with rich orange marmalade and apricot. It will age well; drink from 2023."*

- 91-94 Punkte WINESPECTATOR: *"Bright, featuring a flash of honeysuckle and orange blossom notes leading off, followed by a core of almond and ginger cream flavors, with a rounded, polished finish."*

- 91-93 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Raymond-Lafon has to shake off a bit of SO2 however, underneath lies plenty of ripe botrytized fruit with grapefruit and melon aromas. The palate is well balanced with fine definition on the entry although, it just lacks some tension towards the finish to counterbalance the richness and residual sugar. This wine often improves during its élevage and this is factored into my score."*

- 93 Punkte DECANTER: *"This has a lovely intensity of quince, citrus and bright stone fruits, with a very attractive balancing acidity. The aromatics are not quite as sharp as in 2001 or 2007, but it has a lovely richness to it, more like the 2009 vintage. They suffered 30% frost here. Picking took place between 25-28 September, and 6-13 October - by which point the botrytis had really got going and the temperature had reached 25°C. 60% of production went into the grand vin. 135g/l residual sugar, 3.83pH. Drinking Window 2020 – 2036"*

- 17 Punkte JANCIS ROBINSON: *"Sauternes. 80% Sémillon, 20% Sauvignon. RS 135 g/l, TA (sulphuric) 3.9 g/l. Distinctive aroma in this line-up. Spiced lemon and orange. Really zesty. And that comes through on the palate too, with a rich, creamy honeyed finish. Deep in texture and flavour. Gorgeous orangey aftertaste."*

**CHATEAU RIEUSSEC** – Sauternes Basispreis 55,80 Euro (74,40 €/l)

- 96-98 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"Blended of 83% Sémillon and 17% Sauvignon Blanc, the 2017 Rieussec gives up beautiful notes of orange marmalade, beeswax, acacia honey and yuzu with touches of lemon tart, grapefruit pastilles and*

*musk perfume. The palate is full, rich and unctuous with incredible layers of citrus and honeyed fruits, finishing very long and perfumed."*

- 97-98 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"This is very focused and an intense with so much spice and dried lemon character with cloves and dry mushroom too. Full body and very sweet yet finishes dry and spice. Harmonious and great."*

- 95-97 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Hugely rich, this wine has great intensity. Ripe mango and peach flavors boast a strong botrytis flavor, giving it full-bodied concentration. With its larger-than-life richness, it needs many years to calm down. Drink from 2025."*

- 96 Punkte MARKUS DEL MONEGO

- 95-97 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Rieussec is a killer Sauternes that shows the fresh, chiseled style of the vintage while still packing awesome fruit. Huge notes of orange blossom, honeyed citrus, mints and exotic flowers flow to a full-bodied, viscous 2017 that has beautiful purity, a clean, perfectly balanced texture, integrated acidity and a great finish. It's a rockstar effort."*

- 92-94 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Rieussec was affected by the frost, losing around 15% of the production although, it was more located in parcels that are designated for the dry white R de Rieussec. Eric Kohler told me that it was a relatively rapid picking. It has around 125gm/L residual sugar. It has a clean but slightly distant bouquet, does not really exude the richness that you expect from Sauternes. The palate is medium-bodied and more promising than the nose: a viscous opening, quite spicy and slightly Auslese in style. The acidity is well balanced and it becomes increasingly lively towards the lychee and fennel-tinged finish, as if compensating for the nose."*

- 94-97 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni: *"The 2017 Rieussec captures the natural intensity of the year, while also remaining faithful to the house style that is now favored by the estate. A high percentage of Sauvignon Blanc (17%) adds freshness and lift to the passionfruit, pineapple, mint and lemon confit flavors. Beautifully harmonious and persistent in the glass, the 2017 has so much to offer. In this tasting, it is simply tremendous."*

**CHATEAU SUAU 0,5 l – Sauternes**

Basispreis 16,70 Euro (33,40 €/l)

- 89-91 Punkte WINE ENTHUSIAST: *"Barrel Sample. Soft, already open and generous, this is a lightly textured and crisp wine. It has a bright character along with some tangy spice and pepper flavors. Drink from 2022."*

- 17 Punkte R. GABRIELS BORD. TOTAL (A. Kunz): *"Samtenes, mittelkräftiges Bouquet, gekochte Äpfel, Kreide, Limettencreme, Vanille. Ausgewogener, voller Gaumen mit kräftiger Süsse, cremiger, fein opulenter Struktur, guter Aromatik, feiner Säure, duftiger Abgang. Kann noch zulegen."*

- 94-96 Punkte JEB DUNNUCK: *"The 2017 Château Suau is a bombastic dessert wine that might just be the biggest, baddest sweet wine in the vintage. Offing up a huge nose of caramelized peach, orange blossom, and honey, it's fat, thick and opulent on the palate, yet holds it together with terrific purity and freshness. This primordial Barsac is going to need a cold cellar but is a beauty!"*

**CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT – Sauternes**

Basispreis 63,60 Euro (84,80 €/l)

- 97-98 Punkte JAMES SUCKLING: *"What a crazy Sauternes. The density and sweetness are amazing, yet at the same time it's fresh and bright with an inspirational energy and dryness at the end. Phenolic and textured."*

- 94-96 Punkte VINOUS Antonio Galloni (Neal Martin): *"The 2017 Suduiraut was picked via three tries, with 75% of the crop picked in the second tries from 4 to 15 October. The harvest finished on 19 October, one of the last in Sauternes and after Yquem. "We were touched by the frost but not in the top terroir," winemaker Pierre Montegut told me. It is matured in around 50% new oak. It has an expressive, harmonious bouquet with dried honey, white flowers and a touch of gripe water (a children's medicine for those in the United States. I have been informed there is no equivalent on the other side of the Atlantic). The palate is well balanced with a viscous opening, well judged acidity, plenty of botrytized fruit with a long, lightly spiced finish that feels so fresh and vital. This is a superb Suduiraut from Pierre Montegut and his team."*

- 93-95 Punkte Robert Parkers WINE ADVOCATE: *"The 2017 Suduiraut has a compelling brinness to the nose with a core of lemon curd, lime cordial and green mango with touches of musk perfume and chalk dust. The mouth is very rich and packed with decadent layers, with just enough freshness and great length."*

Die Subskription bietet Ihnen die Möglichkeit, Sonderformate abfüllen zu lassen. Es kann passieren, dass sich Chateaux entscheiden, das kann auch zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt als bei der Rechnungsstellung durch uns an Sie als unseren Kunden sein, gewisse Sonderformate nicht abzufüllen. Daher gelten die Angebote zu den Sonderformaten unter Vorbehalt. Manche Weine werden von den Chateaux in Kartons verpackt, und nicht in Holzkisten. Bei Bestellungen, die von 12er Einheiten abweichen, besteht kein Anspruch auf das Originalgebilde. Wir sind jedoch sehr bemüht, Ihre Wünsche diesbezüglich zu erfüllen. Die Bestellungen von Einzelflaschen ist grundsätzlich nicht vorgesehen, in Einzelfällen sind jedoch Ausnahmen möglich (bitte nachfragen). Für die Sonderformate gelten die nachfolgenden Preisaufschläge auf die Basispreise inklusive MwSt.:

<i>Einheit</i>	<i>Flaschengröße</i>	<i>Preisberechnung pro Flasche</i>
6er	0,75 l	Normalflasche + 0,65 €
3er	1,50 l	Normalflasche x 2 + 3,20 €
1er	3,00 l	Normalflasche x 4 + 40,00 €
1er	6,00 l	Normalflasche x 8 + 55,00 €
12er	0,375 l	Normalflasche / 2 + 1,00 €

Normalflasche = Preis pro Flasche in der 12er-Einheit