

REVUE DE PRESSE – PRESS REVIEW

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER PRIMEUR ROUGE 2012



ROBERT PARKER – WINE ADVOCATE

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER RED : 92-95
One of the stars of the vintage, it boasts a dense purple color as well as a big, sweet bouquet of red and black currants, graphite, subtle flowers and well-integrated, toasty oak. Impressively built rich and medium to full-bodied without losing the quintessential elegance and finesse for which this famous estate is renowned, the 2012 Domaine de Chevalier is filled with purity, equilibrium and balance. The tannins are sweet enough that this wine should be accessible when released, and will last for 15-20 years. Is this a modern day clone of their brilliant 1953 ?

JAMES SUCKLING

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER RED, 2012 93-94
This shows wonderful depth of fruit with blackberries, blueberry and spice. Minerals too. Full body, with beautiful and silky tannins and a long, long finish. Superb finish. Sensational for the vintage.

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

17,5 - 18,5 /20 **DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE**
C'est l'un, si ce n'est le plus beau rouge dégusté dans les Graves! Il forme l'expression la plus classique et vibrante d'un cabernet-sauvignon (65%) de tout premier ordre, réhaussé de 30 % de merlot et de 5 % de petit verdot. Son expression aromatique est légèrement fumée et d'une grande concentration de fruit, sa bouche soyeuse, d'une remarquable expression de tanins. Il ne présente aucun stigmate des difficultés de l'année. Voilà un cru qui ne s'est pas laissé aller dans la difficulté du millésime. Bravo ! *Ph. M.*

DECANTER

Velvety black-red, impressive concentration of ripe, slightly leafy fruit, good depth and clarity, slight green 17.5/20pts (91/100pts) Drink: 2016 – 2030 - Taster: Steven Spurrier

WINE SPECTATOR - JAMES MOLESWORTH

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Pessac-Léognan 2012 Score: 90-93
Fresh and nicely polished, with a rounded feel to the mix of plum skin, cherry preserve and currant notes. Alluring spice and dark tea notes fill in the finish. Sneakily long. —J.M.

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 16,25 /20 ; 91/100
Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez fruité, un peu discret et crémeux. Jolie entrée en bouche puis le vin se développe plutôt ample au milieu, savoureux et particulièrement fruité. Juteux, puissant pour le millésime, il prend un bon goût de cabernet sauvignon dans la persistance et s'achève sur des tannins enveloppés. Vin très bien construit. Un succès.

WINE ENTHUSIAST – ROGER VOSS

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2012 Barrel sample
Review: 93–95. Barrel sample. Firm, wood-aged character shows strongly here. The wine is dense and very firm, with a dark feel of extraction, but the juicy fruitiness underneath shows enormous potential. - R.V. **Rating:** 94

JEANNIE CHO LEE

A polished, supple red with velvety tannins and a wonderful array of flavours - plums, blackberries and sweet spices. There is good depth here with tannins that are round, supple and ripe. Not one of Domaine de Chevalier's best vintages, but there is plenty of approachable flavours here to enjoy over the next 8-12 years. (91)

BERRY BROS & RUDD

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 17/20
This is one of my top five 'must haves' this year...again! I have bought it for my own cellar every year since 2004. It's just heavenly and you know, because Olivier Bernard is a pragmatic realist, that it is going to be priced at a level where we can all indulge ourselves a little. It is multi-layered, sophisticated but still generous. Pure yet decadent, it has such silky tannins that you have to go digging about in the glass to find any at all. *It also has the honour of having the longest finish of any wine we tasted during the en primeur tasting week.* This is an *outstanding wine from 2012*. Drink 2018-2035. *Simon Staples, Asia Director*

NEAL MARTIN

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 92-94
Tasted from a barrel sample at en primeur. The Domaine de Chevalier has a lovely understated, very pure, quite feminine bouquet with seamlessly integrated oak that neatly encases the blackberry and blueberry fruit. There is a floral note that emerges with time. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins. There is a real backbone to this Pessac-Leognan, although the structured is disguised behind layers of velvety tannins. Gorgeous – but it deserves several years in the cellar. Tasted April 2013.

TIM ATKIN : 95

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