

# DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

## PRIMEUR BLANC 2017

### REVUE DE PRESSE

- **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. **96-97**

- **JULIA HARDING (JANCIS ROBINSON.COM) :**

Subtle but complex aroma. There's mealy oak spice entwined with grapefruit and pear, fragrant in a restrained and serious style. Less subtle on the palate in drive and length. Firm texture and still super-fresh. Balance and persistence with a promising future. Cedary/spicy aftertaste. Will probably age a good deal longer if you are willing to be patient. (JH) **17,5**

- **NEAL MARTIN – VINOUS :**

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. **93-95**

- **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! **95/97+**

- **ROGER VOSS – WINE ENTHUSIAST**

94–96. Barrel Sample. Still tight and firmly closed, this has the potential to age for many years. With its concentration, rich apricot and spice flavors, it is rounded while also full of minerality. Drink from 2023.

- **MARKUS DEL MONEGO MW – BEST SOMMELIER IN THE WORLD :**

Bright yellow with green hue. Expressive nose with typical character, ripe yellow stone fruit (peaches and apricots), lemon peel, white blossoms and discreet hints of honey in the background. On the palate well structured with distinct minerality, elegant fruit and fine acidity, a quite classic vintage. **96**

- **BETTANE & DESSEAUVÉ – MICHEL BETTANE**

Beaucoup d'arômes complexes, pas encore complètement fondus, très grande intensité, finale saline. Grand millésime. **17 /17,5**

- **REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE :**

Très retenu, il possède néanmoins un éclat, un fond de premier ordre. **17- 18 / 20**

- **ANTONIO GALLONI – VINOUS :**

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. **92-95**

- **WINE ADVOCATE – LISA PERROTI-BROWN MW :**

A tentative blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon, the 2017 Blanc opens with vibrant notes of freshly squeezed lemons, pink grapefruit and yuzu, accented by touches of lime zest and green apple plus a waft of crushed stones. Medium-bodied with lively acidity and super-intense, wonderfully expressive citrus flavors, it finishes long and chalky. **(91-93)+**

- **DECANTER – JANE ANSON :**

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. **94**

- **CHRISTER BYKLUM :**

Pale lemon yellow. Apples, citrus, minerals, fruity and floral nose. Fresh acidity, fresh, detailed, intense, nuanced, minerals, crisp, layered, beautiful balance, incredible length. Superb! **95-97**

- **JEFF LEVE :**

Floral notes begin the experience, leading to the discovery of crushed stone and a generous offering of citrus. On the palate, this wine is fertile, fat and full of life and the finish is virtually unending with a mélange of pulpy citrus and bracing acidity. Made from a blend of 65% Sauvignon Blanc and 35% Semillon, the wine reached 13% alcohol. The high percentage of Semillon is due to the frost. **97**

- **TERRE DE VINS :**

Frais, légèrement mentholé mais assez fermé. Bouche charnue, juteuse, de la rondeur avec une fraîcheur finale qui tend l'ensemble. Moins dense qu'à son habitude ce qui lui va bien. Un Chevalier blanc racé. **94**