

# DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

## PRIMEUR ROUGE 2017

### REVUE DE PRESSE

- **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. **93-94**

- **MICHEL BETTANE :**

Finesse certaine, noblesse tannique garantie, vin harmonieux, long, très typé du domaine. **17**

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

Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Wonderful, almost ethereal fragrance, elegant fruit, hints blackberries and blackcurrants, discreet hints of dark chocolate and vanilla. On the palate well balanced with silky tannins, good structure and convincing length. a wonderful, quite classic style, rather elegant than sheer power. **95**

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

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Domaine de Chevalier opens with a cedary waft giving way to a good core of crushed black currants, blackberries and mulberries with suggestions of black truffles, tilled soil and black olives plus a hint of smoked meats. Medium-bodied with a good, solid frame of ripe, fine-grained tannins and oodles of freshness, it is elegantly fruited yet well sustained on the mid-palate and long finish. **93-95+**

- **NEAL MARTIN – VINOUS :**

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, 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”. **92-94**

- **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. **94-97**

- **REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE :**

Les Pessac à acheter en priorité:

Domaine de chevalier : taillé pour la garde, c'est l'un des vins les plus complets et racés de l'appellation.

17- 18/20. Son point fort réside une fois encore dans sa texture très élégante et l'admirable extraction de ses tannins. Son raffinement exemplaire et l'éclat de sa finale en font un modèle de grâce.

- **CHRISTER BYKLUM :**

Ruby. Blackberries, spices, nuanced, floral, fruity, elegant nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fruity, anise, spices, detailed, some minerals, long. **93-95**

- **TERRE DE VINS :**

Fruits noirs, épices, des notes florales pour une maturité "al dente" parfaite. Toucher de bouche tout en finesse, de l'éclat aromatique et de la brillance en bouche. Magnifiques tanins. Quelle délicatesse ! Pour les prochaines 25 années. **94-96**

- **JEFF LEVE :**

Smoke, incense, blackberry, dark cherry and a slight hint of fig in the background create an aromatic profile. This wine shows ripe fruits, sweetness, freshness and gentle tannins. In a perfect scenario the finish would be longer but this is truly a very fine wine that will shine with just a few years in the cellar. Made from a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot, the wine reached 13.5% alcohol. The higher than usual percentage of Cabernet in the blend is due to damage from the frost. **94**

- **DECANTER – JANE ANSON :**

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. **94**