



DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

PRIMEUR BLANC 2021

REVUE DE PRESSE / PRESS REVIEW

- ◆ [JAMES SUCKLING](#) : This is always an impressive white, with a lengthy, layered and compact palate. Lots of dried lemon, clove, fennel, green-apple and cedar. Flint and toast, too. Medium to full body. Very long. 70% sauvignon blanc and 30% semillon. **98-99 / 100**
- ◆ [TERRE DE VINS](#) : Agréable approche printanière, le vin garde de la tonicité. Il conjugue sagement finesse et volume mais jamais dans l'excès. De plaisantes notes de pêche, de petites fleurs blanches du verger et un léger boisé nous donnent un plaisir dans l'immédiat pour une belle gastronomie de printemps. **95-96 / 100**
- ◆ [DECANTER - GEORGINA HINDLE](#) : A rich honeyed apple and apricot nose with soft white blossom notes. So lifted and expressive on the palate, creamy lemon, pear, red apple and apricot. Gently round, this has a nice delicacy but also good weight - a refined palate with a soft creaminess. Easy to drink and enjoy with excellent structure and density for the vintage, you get enough acidity and texture to give a full mouthfeel without anything being too much or over the top but still with enough flavour that it's interesting and compelling. A top buy. **95 / 100**
- ◆ [ROBERTPARKER.COM / WILLIAM KELLEY](#) : The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc is shaping up brilliantly, bursting with aromas of citrus oil, gooseberries, crisp stone fruit, white flowers and pastry cream. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and layered, it's a concentrated, textural wine that displays terrific cut and tension, allying racy acidity with chalky, structuring dry extract. **94-96 / 100**
- ◆ [ANTONIO GALLONI / VINOUS](#) : The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc dazzles from start to finish. Bright, sculpted and sizzling with saline-infused vibrancy, the Blanc offers a beguiling mix of citrus, floral and mineral notes, delivering tremendous flavor intensity with no excess weight at all. There is a feeling of airiness and precision here that is simply mind-blowing. Readers will find a Blanc of tremendous pedigree that evokes the great vintages at this property. There was some variation in samples, but barrel samples are especially finicky at this stage, especially whites. This is a tremendous showing. **95-97 / 100**
- ◆ [MICHEL BETTANE](#) : **95-96 / 100**
- ◆ [MARKUS DEL MONEGO MW](#) : Bright yellow with green hue. Very aromatic nose with freshness and aromatic depth, fragrant fruit, grapefruit zest, fresh tangerine, peaches and hints of apricots, discreet tropical fruit in the background. Flavourful aromatic herbs, a whiff of basil and mint. On the palate well balanced and structured with great precision, elegance and depth, crisp acidity, rich fruit and excellent length and great freshness. A great wine. **97 / 100**
- ◆ [BERNARD BURTSCHY](#) : **97-98 / 100**

- ◆ [ALEXANDRE MA](#) : Domaine de Chevalier's white wine is amazing this year, with a fresh, gentle, oily, and delicate palate that is so balanced against the refreshing acidity. The most overwhelming character is the sudden burst of powerful energy on the palate, like a huge tsunami rising from the sea, quite powerful yet majestic. From my experiences with Domaine de Chevalier white wines, I must say that it is rare to find such a wonderful one as the vintage of 2021. There is no doubt that this wine will be among the top three best white wines of Bordeaux in 2021. **95-97 / 100**

今年骑士庄的白葡萄酒实在是太赞了，口感清甜温婉、油润细腻，在高酸度的衬托下显得是那么平衡有加。最让人震撼的是口中突然爆发出的强大能量，像是海上翻起的滔天巨浪，气吞山河，大杀四方。品过这么多骑士庄的白葡萄酒，像2021年份这么精彩的着实少见。毫无疑问，这款酒将位列2021年份波尔多最出色的顶级白葡萄酒前三甲。**95-97 / 100**

- ◆ [JANCIS ROBINSON](#) : Restrained, as it always is, on the nose. Though on the palate there's a certain blossomy opulence. And impressive persistence. Based on how this wine tastes and the track record of the château, this should be a real long-distance runner... Minerals and citrus and a light lanolin character with great undertow and interest. But still pretty youthful and unformed. **17 + / 20**
- ◆ [VINOUS - NEAL MARTIN](#) : The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, picked September 13–23 at 40hL/ha, has a captivating, complex bouquet of yellow flowers, white peach, wet limestone and just a faint hint of elderflower in the background. The taut palate is well-balanced with a superb line of acidity. Conveying tangible energy from start to finish, this builds in the mouth toward a persistent finish that fans out gloriously. One of the best Domaine de Chevalier whites that I have tasted in 20-plus years. **95-97 / 100**
- ◆ [JEAN-MARC QUARIN](#) : Couleur pâle. Nez intense, fin, fruité et floral. Délicat en entrée de bouche, avec beaucoup de goût entre le milieu et la finale, le vin grandit et vient s'achever ample, mûr, profond, sans aucune acidité mordante. C'est très bon. **17,5/20 [95/100]**
- ◆ [REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE](#) : Voici un vin intense, dont la puissance dynamique émerge avec autorité des limbes de l'élevage. L'équilibre entre le gras et la tension est un des plus aboutis que nous ayons goûtés cete année, même si le sémillon ne représente que 25 % de l'assemblage. C'est un vin d'avenir, dans le sillage des millésimes qui ont rendu le blanc du Domaine de Chevalie célèbre. **93-95 / 100**
- ◆ [JEB DUNNUCK](#) : I always love the white from this estate, and they've certainly hit a home run in 2021. It offers a vibrant, vivid bouquet of ripe limes, crushed citrus, and chalky minerality, which turns more salty and subtly marine-influenced on the palate. With terrific concentration, medium-bodied richness, and a great finish, it's one of the focused, pure, racy whites that still brings density and depth. Bravo. **95-97 / 100**
- ◆ [JANE ANSON.COM](#) : Impactful from the first moment, reinforcing the success they have had in both colours in the vintage. So much flavour and texture, with lemongrass, gunsmoke, orange peel, pineapple, mango, slate, apricot pit, offering grip and length. Tasted several times and it always delivered juice, control and excitement. One of the wines of the vintage. **95 / 100**
- ◆ [THE WINE DOCTOR - CHRIS KISSACK](#) : This has polished and lightly honeyed citrus fruits on the nose, clearly a good maturity here, with tangerine, white pepper, lychee and white peach. It suggests texture as well as energy, and that is just what the palate delivers, with a deliciously velvety presence of fruit, framed by surging waves of crushed minerals, and driven by shimmering acidity. This feels saline, gripped and energetic, and its precision and drive call to mind some of the very best white wines I have tasted from this estate. Such brilliant energy and acidity throughout, but it sits well within the body of the wine. Divinely pithy and energetic, and long too. Very well done! The alcohol is about 13.5%. Tasted three times. **95-97/100**
- ◆ [PANOS KAKAVIATOS](#) : Exhibits amazing grip with a brisk sensation, yet a texture both nuanced and smooth. Ageing 18 months with 30% new oak, it should turn into a racy wine, as the acidities are "well managed". Flavors/aromas include chamomile, jasmine, nectarine, kiwi, lemon peel, acacia and wet stone. Fresh and long, the wine benefits from deft oak ageing that lends density without being obvious. When tasted from barrel at the estate, owner Olivier Bernard explained care needed for winemakers in using new oak for Bordeaux whites according to the ripeness of the fruit and the level of acidity: "The more the acidity, the better the wine could stand up to new oak", he explained. And 2021 is just such a vintage by which oak ageing would work well. With lees stirring, the wine comes across seamlessly integrated: Buy without hesitation, with special mention for an admirable second wine. **95-97 / 100**