

# NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION 2021

#### 93/100 FORBES (TOM MULLEN)

Toffee, dark fudge and wet grass in an enigmatic set of aromas for this 100% Cabernet Franc from 35-year-old vines that ages six months in amphorae. This year's Margo is stellar due to the Cabernet Franc having been favored by weather conditions. A supple and elegant midpalate of slight menthol, red cherries, some black pepper and eucalyptus. Fine tannins well enfolded into a chunky matrix of red fruit and clean acidity. A lovely wine. Pair with mint brittle or even lamb chops with mint sauce. 700 bottles produced.

#### 92-93/100

# VALEURS ACTUELLES (BERNARD BURTSCHY)

## 90-92/100

## **CHRISTER BYKLUM**

Ruby. Spices, dark fruits, anise, liquorice, blackberries nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, dark fruits, anise and spices. All the proceeds of this wine goes to cancer research program.

## THE DRINKS BUSINESS

This is the first time I've tasted Chateau Petit Val's small production monocépage Cabernet Franc cuvée. It is vinified in amphora and bottled without added sulphur after just 6-months of élevage. This is, presumably, the finished wine. The fruit is very pure and there's a pleasing honest earthiness to the nose, alongside the classic cassis, redcurrant, blueberry and pyrazine elements. On the palate this may lack a certain complexity, but it compensates with lots of energy, great freshness and a tight, compact fruit stretched out along the fine tannic backbone. Accessible, easy and unpretentious.

## 85/100

## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE)

Medium-bodied, floral, earthy, spicy and a bit reductive, this dark cherry dominated wine will be best over the next few years. The is the top of the line special cuvee from Petit Val is produced from100% Cabernet Franc without any sulphur. Only 800 bottles are produced in any vintage and all the proceeds go to charity



## 88/100 ROD SMITH

Very savoury and meaty spice aromas, perhaps more from the vineyard than the oak, with beef stock and brooding black fruit underneath. This tiny cuvee is destined entirely to raise money for charity and is laudable for that. In the mouth it has sweet deep fruit and a certain creaminess of texture, with good depth. It's very good, but I must confess

I prefer the property's cuvée more. Perhaps the 'sans sulfites' aspect has defined the wine more than it should, to my taste anyway.

## 86-87/100

#### JAMES SUCKLING

Some dried and fresh berry, smoke and spice. A little fluid.

#### 83-85/100

## **ANTHOCYANES (YOHAN CASTAING)**

Nez typique des fermentations malolactiques en barriques avec des notes de carton, de bois blanc et d'épices. Bouche extraite, lactée, pas en place pour moi. A revoir.