



## PRIMEURS 2018



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### NOTATIONS

#### Primeurs / Futures

Jean-Marc Quarin (FR)	: 83	/ 100
Markus Del Monego (DE)	: 93	/ 100
James Suckling (USA)	: 93-94	/ 100
Jane Anson (UK)	: 92	/ 100
Chris Kissack (UK)	: 90-92	/ 100
Yohan Castaing (FR)	: 90-92+	/ 100
Tjark Witzgall (DE)	: 90-91	/ 100
Lisa Perrotti-Brown (USA)	: 88-90	/ 100
Adrian Van Velsen (CH)	: 90-91	/ 100
Christer Byklum (NO)	: 89-91	/ 100
Rod Smith (UK)	: 86	/ 100
Jeb Dunnuck (USA)	: 90-92	/ 100
René Gabriel (DE)	: 17	/ 20
Antonio Galloni (USA)	: 91-94	/ 100
Panos KAKAVIATOS (USA)	: 91-93	/ 100
Yves Beck (CH)	: 88-89	/ 100
Jonathan Chicheportich (FR)	: 93-94	/ 100
Jacques Perrin et Nicolas Herbin (FR)	: 90-92	/ 100
Xavier Lacombe (FR)	: 95	/ 100
Peter Moser (All)	: 92	/ 100
Ulrich Sautter (All)	: 91- 93	/ 100



## Deliverables

Yves Beck (CH)	: 88	/ 100
Markus Del Monego	: 93	/ 100



## Primeurs / Futures

**Markus del Monego**, Avril 2019

Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Expressive nose with aroma reminiscent of ripe plums, black cherries, mild spices and elegant roasting aroma. On the palate balanced, sweet fruit, plums and black cherries, ripe tannins, very charming and rich with excellent length.

**James Suckling**, Avril 2019

Lots of bright and luscious fruit here, with fantastic crushed-raspberry and blueberry character. Full body, smooth and refined tannins and a long and beautiful finish.

**Jane Anson**, Decanter

This has depth and a little kick of glamor with good quality on display showing rich black fruits, graphite and some bitter almonds on the finish. It's modern, slick Pomerol as this property often is but with a sense of restraint. Owned since 2004 by Hervé Laviale. The harvest took place between 24 september and 10 october. Oak and amphoras were used for ageing. A yield of 26 hl/ha

**Chris Kissack**, Avril 2019

This is a blend of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. It starts with a nose of pretty and perfumed hedgerow fruits, touched with a little red cherry skin and pomegranate. The palate is composed, fresh, showing a little more substance through the middle, with a peppery energy, but also a rather loose wrapping of dark fruits. There is a core of grippy tannin which shows through here. This barrel simple is pure, polished and plump, with delightfully piquant red fruits sitting within a richly textured midpalate, dusted with black pepper, and a fresh fruit profile. Long, grippy and bright, this is a very nice effort from this less well-known estate.

**Yohan Castaing**, Avril 2019

Slightly smoky bouquet, spicy while remaining elegant with hints of ripe black fruits. Dense and suave on the palate, soft and elegant tannins, volume for a relatively massive wine but well coated.

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**, Avril 2019

A blend of 73% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep purple-black colored 2018 Vieux Maillet rolls out of the glass with vibrant scents of crushed blueberries, warm black cherries and raspberry pie with a plum preserves undercurrent and wafts of red roses, tobacco and garrigue. Medium to full-bodied, it has a firm, chewy texture and plenty of freshness backing up the muscular black fruits, finishing on a stewed tea note.



**René Gabriel**, April 2019

2018 Vieux Maillet : (85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) Tart, fragrant bouquet, blackberries, tobacco, medium-bodied, full-bodied palate with fairy tannins, good structure, tart finish. 2025-2036.

**Adrian Van Velsen**, Mars 2019 vvwine.com

Dense ruby. Intense nose, tea, dried flowers, herbs, black berries, round kick-off, mellow texture, tannins to pack, the wine has a well-integrated structure and acidity, alcohol does not dominate, black Fruchter finish with notes of Christmas spices. To mature: 2026 - 2040 +

**Christer Byklum** – B My Bordeaux

Ruby. Blueberries, anise, some spices, liquorice nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, blueberries, anise, some spices, detailed, structured, good length.

**Rod Smith** – timatkin.com

Red fruit aromas with redcurrant and strawberry. Floral hints. Inviting. Soft and rounded, with light tannins, fresh acidity. Balanced and elegant, with just enough structure on the finish. enjoyable

**Jeb Dunnuck**

A step up over the 2016 (at least at this young stage), the 2018 Château Vieux Maillet is another rounded, sweetly fruited, sexy Pomerol that stays fresh and lively. Loaded with sweet blue fruits, damp earth, and tobacco notes, it has terrific purity of fruit and a clean finish. It should keep for over a decade.

**Antonio Galloni**

The 2018 Vieux Maillet is a powerful, dense Pomerol endowed with striking depth. Crème de cassis, chocolate, sweet spice and new leather are pushed to the foreground. Despite its considerable richness and size, Vieux Maillet has quite a bit of energy as well as supporting structure and persistence. The 2018 is a big, rich wine, but it is also impeccably balanced. Tasted three times.

**Panos KAKAVIATOS**, The wine Chronicles

This blend of 73% Merlots the rest Cabernet Franc displays refined tannin and an approachable warmth to the palate. While not as fresh and lifting as, say, Château Clinet, the barrel sample is rather delicious, if just not as lifting on the finish as the top wines here.



**Yves Beck** (Mars 2019)

Purplish purple. Pleasant, inviting bouquet with notes of blueberries and blackcurrant. Pleasant, tasty appetizer. The wine has body and is endowed with robust tannins which ensure the rear. Breeding will have to smooth things over a bit. Fruity finish.

**Jonathan Chicheportich**

The nose is fresh, flowery, fruity, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of cornflower, fresh/fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh red fruits associated with small touches of violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, gourmandize, precision, an acidulous frame, a fine richness/concentration, a fine firmness, a fine fleshiness/pulpiness as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy/fresh raspberry, fresh/juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of juicy/fresh blue fruits, hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of vanilla, liquorice and a subtle hint of toasted. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. There are hints of vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence.

## **Deliverables**

**Yves Beck**, Novembre 2020

Dense garnet red color. Elegant bouquet, subtly fruity. On the palate, the wine reflects the bouquet; elegant, balanced and inviting. A Pomerol to savor in its youth. Now - 2028

**Markus Del Monego**, Novembre 2020

Intense purple colour with slightly violet hue and blackcore. Opulent nose with multi-layered fruit, blackcherries, mulberries, ripeplums, hints of prunes and mild spices in the background, elegant touch of oak. On the palate well structured and balanced with ripe tannins, fine acidity, sweet dark berries and cherries, a very typical Pomerol with excellent length.