

## La Dame De Montrose 2016

**Michel Bettane** 

95-96 pts

Net, tendu, presque plus « Montrose » que le grand vin, dont la densité magique dépasse le rapport à la tradition. Si le prix ne flambe pas, ce sera un must dans ce millésime.



93 pts

Le meilleur jamais fait. Couleur sombre et intense. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur et même subtil. Bouche moelleuse à l'attaque, se développant extrêmement fruitée et particulièrement savoureuse. Très bien construit, le vin s'étire en finale et s'achève avec beaucoup de goût dans une belle longueur à la tannicité un brin appuyée rappelant Saint-Estèphe. Un grand succès.

90-92 pts

**Neal Martin** 

It is often a difficult Deuxième Vin to taste en primeur, and it often meliorates considerably during its élevage. Here, the aromatics took some time to coalesce in the glass: blackberry, graphite and a noticeable oyster shell aroma. The palate is medium-bodied with a gentle grip in the mouth, grainy in texture with very fine balance towards the finish where the quality of the vintage showed through. Doubtless those aromatics will improve and gain harmony by the time it is in bottle, and indeed, when I returned for a second visit I discerned a little more finesse and prettiness on the finish. This is a delightful La Dame. Tasted twice



## - Jancis Robinson

Exceptionally deep blackish crimson. Not especially expressive on the nose but really deep and intense on the palate Very dense for a second wine but with a good raciness and energy. Rather elegant and flattering without resorting to sweetness. Quite cool on the end. Lighter and less dense than the grand vin.



Eric Riewer

16-18/20

Rosé, floral, épicé, réglisse à l'aération. Très frais, juteux, croquant aussi avec du velouté, une très belle matière, un vin charmeur au possible. Ce n'est plus un second vin, c'est un vin à part entière.

## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

92 – 94 pts

There is a sapidity of fruit, lift and focus, along with concentration and length that makes it hard to believe this is a second wine . The finish gifts you with luscious dewy fruits for all your sensory receptors to enjoy.



- Chris Kissack

94-96 pts

The picking was from September 23rd to October 14th, using an expanded team of 90 pickers. as per the grand vin. This is a finished blend, the alcohol is 13.3%, and it accounts for 42% of the crop. The rest (another 21% by my calculations) has been demoted into a third wine. Beautiful aromatics here, all black plum and dark chocolate, with a plush, creamed-damson polish and confidence, with smoke and pepper behind. This is such an impressive start. The palate has harmony and a relaxed confidence, with a supple but gently grained powdery texture, within which there sits a seam of very fine-grained, taut and sinewy tannins, ripe, wrapping the fruit, helped along by bright acidity. This feels beautifully composed, with dark and savoury flavour profile, and a well-judged structure. It has a long finish, wrapped in fine-grained tannins. It reminds me of the 2010 La Dame. In other words, it is delicious.