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**DOMAINE
VINCENT RICARD**

LES TROIS CHÊNES
2006
TOURAINE

SWEDEN : C - Clear, light golden. N - Quiet complex, minerals, herbs, citrus and yellow fruits, ripe. P - Hint of sweetness backed up by fresh acidity, yellow fruits, crisp and long, good balance and fine persistence.

FRANCE : C - Medium intense, yellow gold. N - Touch of smooth oak, very delicate aromas of vanilla with white peach, fresh pear. P - The touch of oak marks the wine elegantly, does not take away the freshness, great acidity, long finish of pineapple, lime, and kiwi.

JAPAN : C - Brilliant, little consistency, pale, yellow green. N - Calcareous minerality, fluid, flowing bouquet, nice quality, firm, but rather neutral. P - Quite voluminous in the mouth, less acidity that it should have, caressing on the tongue, elegant, quite balanced, floral nuances on end, medium persistence.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, straw yellow, golden reflections. N - Flowers, honey and hint of chalky minerality, intense bouquet, well put together. P - Powerful attack, ample expression of flavors, full bodied, slightly alcoholic in the mouth, fine quality, nice, restrained elegance, well balanced, long persistence.

USA : C - Medium viscosity, pale, yellow center, green flecks. N - Beautiful nose! Stones and minerality, great freshness, lemon, flinty, gun flint notes, excellent, smoky, "terroir" driven bouquet, elegant and complex with nice intensity. P - Juicy, great, fresh flavors with lime and lemon candies, mineral and stony notes, very elegant, excellent quality, well balanced medium + acidity and medium alcohol, long and balanced persistence. Great example of Touraine wine with complementing minerality.



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**CHÂTEAU
MEYNEY**

SAINT ESTEPHE
2004

SWEDEN : C - Clear, intense purple ruby. N - The bouquet is elegant and offers blackcurrants, tobacco, mocha and spices. P - Nice and structured palate with black fruits, leather and firm tannins, balanced, quiet long persistence.

FRANCE : C - Very dense opaque. N - Intense floral violets with aromas of plum, black cherry, very delicate and persistent. P - Mouth less appealing, bitter tannins, dry finish, spices, high earthiness, good potential for aging all the same.

JAPAN : C - Dark, dense, black red. N - Hint of vanilla, licorice, ripe blackcurrant and pencil lead, attractively elegant and nice quality, complex and intense. P - Caressing attack with hint of quite attractive astringency, lovely acidity, well marked spicy notes, elegant expression of nice quality flavors overall, well balanced and medium persistence.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, medium high density, dark cherry red. N - Profound, very generous bouquet of cooked cherry and figs, notes of coffee beans with a final touch of licorice, very good intensity and quite nice quality. P - Fresh, fruited with tannic presence, needs to mellow together and round off, medium persistence.

USA : C - High viscosity, opaque. N - More, ripe, dark fruits, "terroir" driven, spicy oak, good quality, medium + intensity. P - Very jammy fruits, smoky oak, above average quality, well balanced, youthful tannin, long + persistence. Nice wine, drinking well now, needs time to show potential.

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**CHÂTEAU
PATACHE D'AUX**

*CUVÉE FLORA
MEDOC*
2004

SWEDEN : C - Clear, purple towards ruby. N - Modern bouquet, new oak and ripe berries. P - Rich and round with dark fruit, tannic backbone and good length. "Good modern Claret."

FRANCE : C - Clear, purple towards ruby. N - Elegant woodiness, roasted coffee beans, smoked ham, great black fruit, spices, vanilla, long. P - Caressing, enveloping the mouth, silky, tannins, sweet black fruits, rich in Kirsch, cherry, licorice, tobacco box. Wonderful for the appellation.

JAPAN : C - Dark, dense, black red. N - Cinnamon, lightly fruited, wood aromas, light and discreet. P - Light, vanilla nuances, discreet quality, lacking fruit and balance, average finish.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, high density, intense, Bigarreau cherry red. N - Medium intensity, very well fruited, fresh plum and nicely marked wood aromas, attractive bouquet. P - Powerful, well employed techniques to prevent heaviness, well integrates, fully fleshed, opulent wine, very good quality flavors, quite elegantly expressed, finely balanced with lactic notes on the aftertaste, medium persistence.

USA : C - Medium +viscosity, purple center, pink rim. N - New, French oak, black and dark fruits, truffle and aniseed, very good quality, moderate + intensity. P - Yummy, ripe fruit and spicy oak, nice truffle notes, high quality, good elegance in spite of weight, well made wine of very nice balance, long and ripe persistence. Good use of ripe fruit and oak spice.

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**CHÂTEAU
PICARD**

SAINT ESTEPHE
2004

SWEDEN : C - Clear, purple towards ruby. N - Elegant bouquet, leather, tobacco and dark fruit, oak. P - Very rich palate, blackcurrants, tannins, fine and long this wine."

FRANCE : C - Dark, dense, black red. N - Hint of light spices, oregano, notes of cedar in mouth with round texture appears but moderate finish but good

JAPAN : C - Dark, dense, black red. N - Blackcurrant and hint of spice and pine, quite discreetly expressive and elegant to somewhat astringent, and well structured with average balance and persistence.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, low density, pale, chestnut, dried cherry with hint of stalk, toasted coffee bean, medium intensity bouquet. P - Medium good fruit charge and fruited tannins, notes of wood, very nice quality and very well balanced long persistence.

USA : C - High viscosity, purple center, pink rim. N - Tobacco, dark fruits, average quality, medium + intensity. P - Grippy, earth, red tobacco and cherry notes, good Cru Classé 4th level, balanced, long persistence showing better than before



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**CASA
VINICOLA CECCHI**
**VILLA CERNA RISERVA
2004
CHIANTI CLASSICO**

SWEDEN : C - Medium intense ruby. **N** - Dark berries, white pepper, medium intense. **P** - Medium bodied, cherry-fruity, classical, some spiciness, medium long persistence.

FRANCE : C - Very intense. **N** - Notes of fermentation, yeasty, dusty with black cherry, alcohol dominant.

P - Good attack, spices, grey pepper, cloves, tannins firms and not aggressive, good volume but lacks finesse, great acidity in the end.

JAPAN : C - Clean, dense, black garnet. **N** - Licorice, crushed olives, elegant, good quality, very discreet bouquet. **P** - Spicy notes, well marked hint of chocolate, quite astringent, good quality, medium balance and persistence.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, medium high robe of Bigarreau red cherry with ruby reflections. **N** - Ripe, red fruit, lactic notes, lovely mellow oak tones, toasted aromas with a hint of cacao, medium intense bouquet. **P** - Powerful attack, passage rather astringent in the mouth with little polished tannin. Slight notes of greenness. Medium quality aftertaste.

USA : C - Moderate viscosity, medium center, faded pink rim. **N** - Clean, red cherry, plum, cranberry and licorice, mushroom, oak and spice. Nice, well balanced, very good quality bouquet. Hint of earth and fruits work well. Riserva? **P** - Clean, red cherry and fruit, integrated spice, earth and dust. Well balanced fruit and spice. Medium alcohol, medium + tannins, oak and acidity. Long and lingering persistence. Very good wine, ready to drink.

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LE FIEF DUBOIS
**Cuvée Tradition Champ Geffroy
Vieilles Vignes 2005 - Muscadet
Sèvre et Maine sur Lie**

SWEDEN : C - Clear, clean, pale. **N** - Clear elegant aromas, citrus, mandarin, minerals, quiet elegant bouquet. **P** - Dry, light bodied with fresh acidity, some minerality, quite good persistence.

FRANCE : C - Medium intense yellow gold. **N** - Ripe bouquet of almonds, yeasty, sweet apple, medium persistence. **P** - Good attack, smooth, fresh acidity with vegetable flavors, mineral finish.

JAPAN : C - Brilliant, slight consistency, yellow green. **N** - Lemon aromas, fresh biscuits, well expressed minerality, elegant, neat, pure bouquet. **P** - Caressing in the mouth, voluminous, fruited, hint of freshly baked bread, lovely freshness, good quality and elegance, well balanced, long finish.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, pale, golden yellow. **N** - Note of honey, apple compote, white flowers, pine, not very intense bouquet. **P** - Fresh, light, huge acidity with a surging of yeast flavors, low persistence.

USA : C - Medium viscosity, pale yellow center, flecks of green. **N** - Lemon and lime, mineral touches, low quality and intensity. **P** - Fruit and some minerality, low expression, mediocre quality, medium balance and persistence. Mediocre showing for this category.

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**LE VILAIN PETIT
ROUGE**
**TOURAINE
2005**

SWEDEN : C - Dark purple. **N** - Spicy and herby, dark berries. **P** - Medium bodied, acidic fruit, decent structure. Fair persistence. Appropriate to accompany a plate of "steak frites"!

FRANCE : C - Very intense purple. **N** - Intense cardboard bouquet, yeasty, not very pleasing, more floral than fruit. **P** - Kirsch, prune, expressive but not complex, good balance, despite sweet tones of overripe Kirsch, acidity medium.

JAPAN : C - Clear, dense, purple red. **N** - Red fruit, hint of florality, freshness, elegant quality, rather light on intensity. **P** - Caressing, supple, fruited, good quality, some elegant aspects, quite balanced, average persistence.

SPAIN : C - Clean, brilliant, medium robe, intense, cherry red. **N** - Ripe, red fruit, hint of aniseed, animal aromas, wet hide and stable. **P** - Light, silky, but without attraction, full body, but little quality, animal notes return on the aftertaste. Very weak finish.

USA : C - Medium + viscosity, dark purple core, ruby center. **N** - Black fruit, green peppercorn, smoky oak tones, rustic notes, Brett? "Terroir" driven, Brett., rather intense. **P** - Barnyard notes, earthy style, Brett? Lacks quality and balance, but lingering persistence. Brettanomyces style, which is not liked by many.