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**Cave de la Côte
Vaud**

Red Wines

Gamaret-Garanoir "Expression" 2014 90 2016-20

Tasted at the Carlton Club September 2016

The mix of fruits on the nose is fresh the palate has blueberry and mulberry light at the start but richer and sweeter in the middle. The tannins are fine and integrated fresh fruit at the back but it finishes with the sweetness of ripe black fruits.

**Giroud Vins
Sion
Valais**

White Wines

Humagne Blanche de Chamoson 2008 89 2010-11

Tasted in Lilley September 2010

The mix of apricots and pears gives richness on the nose and flesh on the palate. Under this sweet fleshy mix of flavours is fresher grapefruit backed by crisp apple. The sweeter richer of apricot and pear is there on the back palate lending weight to the finish.

**Provins Valais
Valais**

White Wines

Petite Arvine Maître de Chais Réserve Speciale 2014 91 2015-19

Petite Arvine 100%

Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015

Apricots the nose has depth of fruit the palate starts with ripe peach richness. Fresh in the middle lime and lemon zest quite aromatic and although it fills out a little at the back the finish has mineral and citrus freshness.

Domaine du Chapitre 2010 92 2015-18

Armine Humagne Blanche Petite Arvine

Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015

Depth on the nose the start of the palate has the fleshiness of ripe apricots. Fresher in the middle apple and lime the freshness brings out a hazel nut character a complex mix of flavours. Sweet on the finish pears and apricot the flavours linger.

Sweet White Wines

Domaine Tourbillon 2011 92 2015-24

Marsanne 100%

Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015

The fruit on the nose is rich and ripe the palate fleshy with yellow peach and apricot. The mid richness fleshy sweetness is underpinned by some underlying citrus a lovely balance with layers of flavour. It fills out at the back with sweet fruit and candied peel.

Valais Mundi Valais

White Wines

Éclat 2014 93 2015-20

Petite Arvine 55% Paien or Heida (Savagnin Blanc) 45%

Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015

The nose has a citrusy mineral freshness the start of the palate lean crisp with lime and lemon. A hint of sweetness in the middle but it is lighter at the back flinty, steely and fragrant with the flavours lingering on the long finish.

Red Wines

Electus 2010 93 2015-22

Humagne Rouge Cornalin Diolinoir Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015

Depth on the nose the fruit is sweet ripe black fruits damsons and black cherries. Under the silky richness there are fresher fruits bramble and bilberry the layers of fruit underpinned by fine tannins. Depth and richness at the back yet the finish is lighter with a leathery spiciness.

Electus 2011 95 2015-26

Humagne Rouge Cornalin Diolinoir Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Cabernet Franc Syrah*Tasted in Mosimann's Restaurant London September 2015*

Power yet the fragrance of violets on the nose the palate has depth of flavour a mix of black fruits. Fleshy in the middle silky and supple the supporting tannins are fine the back has ripe black fruited richness. There is freshness on the finish leathery and spicy with hints of tobacco.

Staatskellerei Zürich
Rheinau
Zürich

Sparkling Wines**Etat Brut****89****Pinot Noir****Methode Traditionelle****Dégorgement November 2012***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

The nose is fresh with a mix of citrus fruits and the palate starts with lime and lemon. Sweeter in the middle some apricot, yellow peach and pineapple yet there is fresh fruit at the back giving a lighter feel on the finish.

White Wines**Räuschling 2009****91****2010-12***Tasted in Lilley August 2010*

The nose has a lovely mix of floral fragrances backed by fresh apple with sweeter pear and melon behind. There is a lovely weight of fruit on the palate with pineapple, melon and pear refreshed by grapefruit and lime. The back palate is a veritable fruit salad of flavour.

Riesling 2013**92****2014-18***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

The nose is rich full of tropical fruit and the start of the palate has the sweetness of ripe fruit. The apple and grapefruit in the middle refresh and although the back palate is richer some lovely sweet fruit the finish is bright and fresh.

Akkurat Weiss 2013**92****2014-17****Blauburgunder Riesling-Sylvaner Muscat****Vin de Pays Suisse***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Limes and grapefruit the nose is racy and fresh fruited and although the start of the palate is very citrus driven the mid palate has pineapple richness. The mix of fruits gives complexity the sweeter fruit underpinned by tangerine and grapefruit the finish has an attractive depth of flavour.

Pankraz 2013 Blanc Noble Prestige 92 2014-17

Sauvignon Blanc

Vin de Pays Suisse

Tasted in Lilley October 2014

There is a fragrant charm on the nose perfumed fresh limes and white flowers. Fresh fruited on the start of the palate an attractive citrus mix but the mid plate is richer more of a grapefruit character. The finish has length and a lively freshness.

Compleo Pinot Gris 2013 91 2014-17

Vin de Pays Suisse

Tasted in Lilley October 2014

The nose has richness and depth the palate a mix of ripe pear and peach. There is some underlying acidity a brighter feel on the back palate but the rich flavours give more depth and richness on the finish.

Staatsschreiber Cuvée Blanc Prestige 2009 90 2010-12

Riesling-Sylvaner Muskat Gewürztraminer

Tasted in Lilley August 2010

The floral character is backed by oranges, perfume and tropical fruits. There is rich fruit on the palate a touch of apricot, exotic fruits and melon refreshed by apple. Towards the back the richness of the flavours gives fleshy weight apricot and melon underpinned by fresher apple and scented tangerine.

Staatsschreiber Cuvée Blanc Prestige 2013 91 2014-18

Pinot Noir Riesling-Sylvaner Muscat Gewürztraminer

AOC Zürich

Tasted in Lilley October 2014

The nose is fragrant floral with a mix of oriental spices the palate quite rich peaches and oranges. Sweet in the middle supple and fleshy at the back there is a slight lack of underlying freshness. The finish has all the perfumed spiciness of the nose.

Rosé Wines

Pankraz Pinot Noir Rosé 2009 88 2010-11

Tasted in Lilley August 2010

Ripe strawberries give richness on the nose but behind the fleshiness is fresher raspberry and red cherry. There is sweetness on the mid palate still very red fruit in flavour but quite fleshy and then towards the back fresher flavours win through giving a crisper feel on the finish.

Pankraz Pinot Noir Rosé 2013**91 2014-17****Vin de Pays Suisse***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

The nose has a mix of fruits raspberry and wild strawberry quite fresh and fruity the palate very red fruited in character. There is more depth in the middle lovely rich mulberry with the back palate and finish bright lively fresh fruited.

Red Wines**Akkurat Rot 2011****92 2014-20****Pinot Noir****Vin de Pays Suisse***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

The black fruited mix on the nose the bramble and fresher bilberry have an attractive spiciness. The start of the palate is sweet a touch of dark chocolate ripe black plum the fleshiness balanced by freshness at the back.

Pankraz 2011 Rot Prestige Barrique**92 2014-22****Pinot Noir****AOC Zürich***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Rich on the nose the bramble and black cherry on the palate are backed by mulberry a complex mix of flavours. The fruit is ripe with under the richer flavours lots of spicy oak and although depth at the back the finish is lighter with more of a bramble influence.

Compleo Cuvée Noir 2008**92 2010-14****Pinot Noir Diolinoir Cornalin***Tasted in Lilley August 2010*

Blueberries underpinned by fleshy mulberries give lots of flavour on the nose. There is a lovely richness on the palate from the mix of ripe fruits and the underlying chocolate and cocoa. The dominant flavour on the back palate is blueberry but behind is a hint of vanilla giving a spicy twist to the finish.

Compleo Cuvée Noire 2012**91 2014-21****Pinot Noir Diolinoir Cornalin****Vin de Pays Suisse***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Lean and fresh on the nose the start of the palate is firm black fruited cherry and sloes the fruit backed by oak spiciness. There is a sweeter feel in the middle a touch of cocoa and although quite rich at the back the finish is firm and structured.

Staatsschreiber Blauburgunder 2012**91 2014-18**

AOC Zürich*Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

The nose is fresh the start of the palate quite light with an attractive mix of bramble and mulberry. It fills out in the middle with sweet fruit but the freshness is there at the back the finish bright with a lovely bramble and mulberry mix.

Gamaret Prestige Barrique 2008**93 2010-14***(The Gamaret grape is a cross of Gamay & Reichensteiner)**Tasted in Lilley August 2010*

There is a lovely mix of fruits on the nose red at first then sweeter black. Rich ripe bramble and blackcurrant flesh out the palate a lovely mix of flavours. The layers of fruit give complexity, fruit ripeness gives sweetness yet underpinning is freshness more raspberry and loganberry. The back palate is full of rich fruit balanced by freshness yet very lush.

Gamaret 2010 Prestige Barrique**96 2014-24****AOC Zürich***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Rich on the nose fleshy prunes black plum on the palate there is a supple chocolate richness in the middle. The sweet fruited power is balanced by fresher fruit all very black fruit in character some black cherry and bramble. The back palate has depth richness the finish spicy oak.

Pinot Noir Tête de Cuvée 2006**89 2010-13***Tasted in Lilley August 2010*

The black cherry has an underlying nuttiness. The palate has fragrance, plum stone, blackberry and black cherry flavours. Hints of maturity show on the mid palate backing the mix of fruits. There is good length with freshness showing right on the finish.

Pinot Noir Tête de Cru 2009**95 2014-22****AOC Zürich***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

There is some bramble some mulberry a fresh mix on the nose and the start of the palate is fresh and quite light. The mid palate has depth a rich mix of flavours layers of fruit giving complexity. The power the richness is balanced by freshness at the back.

ÉO Noir 2012**96 2014-25****Gamaret 75% Merlot 25%****Vin de Pays Suisse***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Rich on the nose a lovely depth of flavour and the palate has sweetness prunes, dark chocolate and coffee beans. The fleshy sweetness the suppleness of the mid and back palate is balanced by fresher black cherry and bramble the finish lighter long and elegant.

Sweet Red Wines**Vintage 2008****92****2014-26*****Pinot Noir*****Likörwein***Tasted in Lilley October 2014*

Perfumed on the nose rich ripe black fruited on the palate the fruit is backed by dark chocolate, coffee beans and caramel a lovely depth and sweetness of flavour. The rich sweet fruit is underpinned by some freshness a nice balance with the fleshy sweetness enriching the back palate.

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