

CHÂTEAU
ALCÉE



2017

“This is very intensely salty with white pepper and dark fruits. Firm and linear. Lovely fruit.”

Score: 91-92/100

James Suckling, jamesuckling.com, Avril 2018

“Nicolas Thienpont’s Alcee comes from a two-part vineyard, but the section that is by La Prade didn’t get frosted, and these vines were exclusively used to make this 2017 Alcee. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it opens with intense cassis, chocolate-covered cherries and blackberry preserves notes with touches of baking spices and lilacs. The palate is medium to full-bodied and packed with black fruits and spice layers, framed by ripe, plush tannins and finishing with impressive length.”

Score: 90-92+/100

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

« Vin structuré, élégant, juteux et énergique, tannins ronds, belle finale graphite. »

Score : 16/20

Frédéric Durand-Bazin, Le Figaro Vin, Mai 2018

« Il se caractérise par une forme élancée, longiligne, très précise dans sa construction. Très joli tanin ciselé, parfaitement intégré et finale d’une grande fraîcheur. »

Score: 90-92/100

Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, Mai 2018

“Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Excellent nose with good concentration, fine fruit, blackberries and dark cherries, strawberries, discreet spiciness, hints of roasting aroma with dark chocolate. On the palate sweet and juicy fruit, ripe but firm tannins, elegant and fresh with good depth and length.

Score: 90/100

Markus del Monego, Avril 2018

“Produced from 100% Merlot, the wine is sweet, juicy and already open. If you like the idea of licorice and ripe cherries with silky tannins and lift -- then you came to the right place. Drink this on release for sure.”

Score: 89-91/100

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider

“Fresh and pure, with a beam of blackberry and black cherry fruit inlaid with a light savory thread. A good chalky spine and bright acidity hold the finish.”

Score: 89-92/100

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

“The 2017 Alcee is gorgeous. Bright, floral and delineated, the 2017 possesses terrific energy to play off the bright red-toned flavors. One of the two fermentation vats included a dollop of whole clusters, which gives the wine perceptible vivacity and energy. There is a lot to like here.”

Score: 89-91/100

Antonio Galloni, Vinous

“The 2017 Alcée, part of Nicolas Thienpont’s portfolio, was picked from 27 to 29 September from the three hectares of vine next to Monbadon, the two parcels on Saint-Philippe d’Aiguilhe having suffered from severe frost damage. It has a very confit-like bouquet: raspberry preserve, marmalade and fig aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with quite succulent tannins, again, just a little confit-like although not to the same degree as the aromatics, veins of black pepper and clove emerging towards the finish. What survived the frost has turned out well this year. 875 cases produced. »

Score: 89-91/100

Neal Martin, Vinous

« Très floral, myrtille, de la fraîcheur, des notes de lys. Bouche tannique, un peu serrée et dominée par les notes de malo en barriques. Un Alcée plus tendu qu’à l’habitude avec une précision de grain. »

Score: 89-91/100

Yohan Castaing, Anthocyanes, Avril 2018

“Nice healthy looking colour; full; attractive Merlot aromatics; round and attractive; good entry; perfumed; nicely balanced with harmony; good palate; needs to full out a little but has genuine finesse. Lost one of the plots that usually adds weight. Chocolate on the finish. Works well.”

Score: 89-91+/100

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Jeremy Williams, Wine, Words and Videotape, Juin 2018

“From a property purchased by Nicolas Thienpont in 2010, the 2017 Château Alcee is 100% Merlot planted on a limestone plateau east of Saint Emilion. Black raspberries, violets, spring flowers, and hints of minerality all flow to a medium-bodied, elegant, silky 2017 that has beautiful purity of fruit, integrated acidity, and a great finish. Tasted twice.”

Score: 87-89/100

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, Avril 2018