

CHÂTEAU
ALCÉE



2017

Dégustations en bouteille

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Alcee rolls out of the glass with expressive notions of baked plums, Black Forest cake and black raspberries plus hints of lavender, baking spices and fragrant earth. Medium-bodied, the palate has lovely poise with plush tannins and plenty of juicy black fruits, finishing on a spicy note.”

Score: 91/100

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, Mars 2020

“The 2017 Alcée has turned out beautifully. Espresso, mocha, sweet red cherry, red plum, mint, cedar and spice give the 2017 very pretty aromatic brightness. Pliant and racy. This mid-weight Nicolas Thienpont’s Côtes de Castillon has so much to offer. A touch of whole clusters adds nuance and vibrancy to this very pretty and expressive red. I would give it another year in bottle. There is plenty to look forward to, that is for sure. Tasted three times.”

Score: 91/100

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Mars 2020

“Fresh and pure, with a beam of cassis and cherry puree flavors, gilded with light floral and mineral hints. Sleek in feel. Drink now through 2027. 875 cases made.”

Score: 90/100

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Mars 2020

“A pretty expression of Castillon with plum, walnut and volcanic-salt character. Medium to full body. Firm, chewy tannins and a fresh, flavorful finish. Needs a little time to soften. Better after 2020.”

Score: 90/100

James Suckling, jameessuckling.com, 2020

« En 2017 la nature n’a pas été clémente envers cette propriété puisque les parcelles de Saint-Philippe d’Aiguilhe ont particulièrement souffert du gel. Ainsi ce sont les parcelles du plateau de Monbadon qui assurent l’essentiel d’Alcée 2017. Le bouquet est agréable, invitant et révèle de fines notes de myrtilles. La mise en bouche est friande, sapide et crémeuse. Les tannins se révèlent lentement et présentent un grain fin. Ils sont en accord avec la structure acide. Cette dernière confère du caractère et de la fraîcheur.

Belle intensité fruitée en finale. »

Score: 90/100

Yves Beck, Beckustator, Janvier 2020

“Dried herbs, sandalwood, tobacco, and both red and black currant notes emerge from the 2017 Chateau Alcee, which has lots of classic minerality, medium body, silky tannins, and a balanced, straight-up delicious style. Made from 100% Merlot (there usually are small amounts of Cabernet Franc), it plays in the more elegant, streamlined end of the spectrum (which is the vintage) yet has plenty of fruit and richness. The Castillon region was walloped by the springtime frost but this is nicely done and well worth seeking out. Tasted twice.”

Score: 88/100

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, Mars 2020

Primeurs

“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, Avril 2018

« 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

“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, Avril 2018

“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, Avril 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

“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, Avril 2018

“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, Avril 2018

« 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

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