

Louis Latour Agencies

2016 Wine & Spirit Competition Results

International Wine Challenge (Tranche 1 and 2)

Silver IWC				
Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Chablis Premier Cru Montmains	2014	Simonnet Febvre	White	Chalky and floral nose. Gutsy and sexy on the palate with zingy acidity giving elegant harmony. A very honest style.
Côteaux Bourguignons	2015	Henry Fessy	Red	Vibrant aromas of red cherries and raspberries. Good generosity of bold sweet fruit and a refreshing finish.
Macon-Lugny Les Genièvres	2014	Louis Latour	White	This wine is precise and taut with a mineral, citrus core and flinty edge, it has a rounded and satisfying mid palate.
Exquisite Collection Riesling	2015	Wakefield	White	Vibrant floral aromas, nectarine and lemon, gentle and fleshy, young and promising. Great finish.
Exquisite Collection Limestone Coast Chardonnay	2014	Wakefield	White	Bright tropical fruits with nectarine. Bright and vibrant. Creamy vanilla and spice texture. Great refreshing finish.
Estate Shiraz	2015	Wakefield	Red	Sappy red fruits, lots of plush plum and raspberry flavours. Lively wine. Great intensity and balance.
Estate Riesling	2015	Wakefield	White	Expressive notes of grapefruit zest, bright, lovely and fragrant lime character and a touch of orange peel.

Silver IWC continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
St Andrews Shiraz	2013	Wakefield	Red	Lively ripe black fruit. Subtle oak giving complexity. Concentrated. Good mid palate. A fruit drive style but with a spicy finish and a hint of mint.
St Andrews Riesling	2012	Wakefield	White	A wonderful example of Clare Valley Riesling moving into its tertiary development. Limes with white floral and fusil notes. Toasty notes follow on to the palate that are both rich and tight. super wine.
Jaraman Shiraz	2014	Wakefield	Red	Vibrant cassis and dark berries. Dark chocolate & sweet spices. Minty and full bodied with a long and elegant finish.

Bronze IWC

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru Les Chaillots	2012	Louis Latour	Red	Charming light red fruit aromas, soft and supple mid-palate, very approachable.
Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons	2014	Simonnet Febvre	White	Apple aromas, crisp and crunchy palate, vibrant and youthful with a pleasantly dry finish.
Côtes du Rhône	2013	Vidal Fleury	Red	Deep dark with plush fruit, a touch of black peppercorn, fine integrated tannins and a sweet core. Scented palate.
Côtes du Rhône Villages	2012	Vidal Fleury	Red	Light fruit on the nose; white pepper, soft tannins and a supple finish.
Grand Blanc de Blancs Brut	NV	Gosset	White	Nice, biscuity, mushroom nose. Juicy citrus palate with a zingy finish.

Bronze IWC continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Grande Réserve Brut	NV	Gosset	White	Complex aromas of undergrowth with hints of reduction, leading to a complex palate and a clean, fresh finish.
Estate Chardonnay	2015	Wakefield	White	Fresh nose of tropical fruit - nicely rounded and easy drinking.
St Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	Wakefield	Red	Raspberry, expressive, fruit dominant with soft feel. Refreshing acidity.
St Andrews Riesling	2015	Wakefield	White	Very taut, clean and tight, restrained lime with soft overtones of white flowers.
Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	Wakefield	Red	Pronounced notes of mint and eucalyptus with blackcurrant and liquorice on the palate. Chewy tannins on the finish.
Secret Malbec	2014	Viu Manent	Red	Fresh and lively with bright fruit, reined-in tannins and a slightly smoky finish.
Secret Sauvignon Blanc	2015	Viu Manent	White	Passion fruit, gooseberry, fresh herbs. Zippy, refreshing palate with lime flowers.
Gran Reserva Chardonnay	2015	Viu Manent	White	Smoky whiff of match sticks, leading to a concentrated fruit salad of a wine. Lovely mouthfeel and finish.
Gran Reserva Carmenere	2014	Viu Manent	Red	Blueberry and spicy aromatics. Sweet core followed by elegant herbaceousness and some bold juicy finish.

Commended IWC

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Brouilly	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	
Fleurie	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	
Irancy	2014	Simonnet Febvre	Red	
Meursault Premier Cru Château de Blagny	2010	Louis Latour	White	
Ventoux	2014	Vidal Fleury	Red	
Estate Merlot	2015	Wakefield	Red	
Jaraman Chardonnay	2014	Wakefield	White	
Grand Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	Viu Manent	Red	

International Wine and Spirit Competition

Gold IWSC

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Jaraman Shiraz	2014	Wakefield	Red	Deep opaque crimson core. Aromas of morello cherries dipped in chocolate, autumnal bramble fruits, pepper and vanillin oak spice, Full on in the mouth, rich and fleshy with a delicious spicy bite. The tannins are firm and ripe, very lovely textures here, bright and juicy, chocolate creamy, with a pleasant bitter coffee ground note. They combine together so well that the finish is exceptionally long, lingering and just pure delicious.

Gold IWSC continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
VIP XO		Frapin	White	Delicate intriguing nose of citrus blossom, rose and iris. This is followed with delicious vanilla, crème brûlée, dried apricot and figs, roasting hazelnut and warm humus. The palate is a perfect balance of superb eau de vie, perfect oak integration and wonderful captured flavours. Huge complexity of flavours and warm textures herald this as a fantastic example of how Grande Champagne can taste.

Silver Outstanding IWSC

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Cognac 1991	20YO	Frapin	White	Delicate and refined, with tempting hints of spicy oak. There's a definite citrus touch on the palate, melding perfectly with honey flavours and carrying through to the very end.
VSOP		Frapin	White	There's a delicious overture of chocolate and apricot, with a main event of perfectly integrated oak and spice; a clever ensemble.

Silver IWSC

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Riesling	2016	Wakefield	White	
Merlot	2015	Wakefield	Red	
Jaraman Chardonnay	2015	Wakefield	White	
St Andrews Chardonnay	2015	Wakefield	White	

Silver IWSC continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
St Andrews Shiraz	2014	Wakefield	Red	
The Pioneer Shiraz	2013	Wakefield	Red	
Merlot	2012	Morgenhof	Red	
Extra		Frapin	White	

Bronze IWSC

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Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	Wakefield	Red	
Shiraz	2015	Wakefield	Red	

Decanter World Wine Awards

Platinum DWWA - Best Red Rhône under £15

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Côtes du Rhône	2013	Vidal Fleury	Red	95/100 Enjoys a deep nose with white pepper, graphite notes and bright red fruits. The palate is powerful and intense with black cherry and dark, muscular berry fruit, crisp acid and some neat, grippy, slightly salted tannins. The finish is long with berries and spice.

Silver DWWA

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Morgon	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	90/100 A charming, moreish wine with very inviting aromas of cherries augmented by wild roses and violets, preceding elegant flavours of pomegranate and lemon-blossom lifted by a pronounced thread of freshness. Easy-drinking, and very pleasant.
Meursault Premier Cru Château de Blagny	2010	Louis Latour	White	92/100 A satisfying nose of ripe citrus fruits and hints of fresh flowers and herbs. Creamy and buttery palate underpinned by rich and piquant intense lime fruit with smoky oak and fine complex length.
Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons	2014	Simonnet Febvre	White	91/100 Lovely citrus fruit intensity with limestone and oyster shell nuances. This is followed on the viscous palate by layers of wild field fruit and a fine mineral persistence. The acidity is mellow and friendly.
St Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	Wakefield	Red	91/100 Alluring and inviting, with beautiful deep berry fruit, dark chocolate and rich, soft, spicy oak all lifted by heady mint aromas. Beautifully full and rich on the palate, with poised fruit, supple oak and soft spice notes.

Bronze DWWA

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Grand Blanc de Blancs Brut	NV	Champagne Gosset	White	89/100 Fresh notes of Golden Delicious apples with hints of nuttiness and buttery toast. The palate is fresh and fragrant with autumn apple and white peach flavours.
Grande Réserve	NV	Champagne Gosset	White	87/100 An engaging bouquet of lively citrus and strawberry fruits with lovely smoky minerality. The palate shows fresh citrus fruits together with light minerality and a lovely toasty finish.
Fleurie	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	88/100 A subtle though full, harmonious and charming wine, with a satisfying juiciness enriched by an herbaceous quality and an attractive bitter quinine note.
Brouilly	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	87/100 Earthy-fruit aromas followed by a palate with a firm yet supple texture and refreshed throughout by pebbly-mineral characters and bright acidity. Cheerful and well made.
Aloxe Corton Premier Cru Les Chaillots	2012	Louis Latour	Red	86/100 A mature and delicate nose of blackberries, blueberries, cedar wood and caramel. A mineral driven palate followed by ground coffee bean characters.
Macon-Lugny Les Genièvres	2014	Louis Latour	White	88/100 Zesty and smoky lime and nice dash of flintiness and aromatic herb on the nose. A generous and fleshy palate and impressive length. Well made wine.
Chablis Premier Cru Montmains	2014	Simonnet Febvre	White	89/100 An exuberant white with pineapple and green asparagus balanced by wet meadow characteristics. A well structured palate that is viscous and complex with a fine length.

Bronze DWWA continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Ventoux	2014	Vidal Fleury	Red	86/100 Rich black cherry dominates the nose with a hint of roast beef and spice. The palate is dry with liquorice, spice and fine chewy tannins.
Estate Shiraz	2015	Wakefield	Red	86/100 Luscious, ripe red currant is underpinned with a herbal, tomato leaf note, while the palate is bright with fresh fruit and framed with well extracted tannins.
Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	Wakefield	Red	89/100 Bright minty nose augmented by notes of sweet black fruit and chocolate, while the palate boasts ripe fresh juicy raspberry fruit, nicely-judged oak and fine tannins.
St Andrews Riesling	2015	Wakefield	White	88/100 Vibrant grassy, lemon and lime aromas, with the citrus characters driving the palate: medium in body, of crisp structure, with lovely long, refreshing acidity.
St Andrews Shiraz	2013	Wakefield	Red	89/100 Warm, rich and enticing with jammy raspberry and spicy blackberry aromas. Generous, textured and fruit filled, with hints of cool menthol and bourbon vanilla.
Jaraman Shiraz	2014	Wakefield	Red	87/100 Softly perfumed on the nose, with full, ripe berry and hints of smoky oak and spice. Bags of fruit and spice on the palate, softly textured with silky tannins.
Exquisite Collection Riesling	2015	Wakefield	White	89/100 Pretty, light, blossom and mandarin aromas, leading to a beautifully fresh, crisp palate expanded by complex mineral undertones - classy, long, and very decent for the money.

Commended DWWA

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Côtes du Rhône Villages	2012	Vidal Fleury	Red	84/100 A rustic nose of Christmas cake and brandy snaps with sweet red fruit on the palate.

Sommelier Wine Awards

Silver SWA

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Grande Réserve Brut	NV	Gosset	White	While Avenue Restaurant's Andrés Ituarte said: 'Very good, with bright acids, bread dough and light spice, this is rich and elegant, with a long length,' Sue Jones of The Harrow at Little Bedwyn found this to be good value for money, showing 'richness and colour depth, with baking aromas, savouriness and creaminess, along with layered depth of flavour and texture'.
Viré Clessé	2014	Louis Latour	White	Lovely enticing nose, nicely balanced palate with reasonable length,' began Michael Fiducia of Drake's Restaurant, with consultant sommelier Emily Bonsor continuing: 'Ripe fruit with notes of melon, good complexity with rounded finesse. Great for drinking or with food.'

Silver SWA continued

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons	2014	Simonnet Febvre	White	Very bright and clean in the glass. Fresh, lightly fruity nose with soft lemon juice and pear notes. Well textured, with even fruit weight across the palate, with baked lemon and toasty mineral notes on the finish.
ViBo Vinedo Centenario	2011	Viu Manent	Red	'Black fruits covered with dark chocolate, complemented by spice and leather on the palate, with good balance and a long finish,' said Carlos Ferreira of The Sign of the Don of this Cabernet/Malbec/Petit Verdot blend. 'Steely, with a good minerality and good tannins,' added Jonathan Kleeman of Social Eating House.
Sauvignon Blanc	2015	Morgenhof	White	'Ripe citrus on an elegant nose, really fruity and juicy with lovely minerality on the palate and some good complexity,' said Matthieu Longuère MS of Le Cordon Bleu, while consultant Sumita Sarma noted: 'Lots of pear, peach and apricot aromas with a delicate burst of vegetal notes – green pepper, tomato and asparagus. Food friendly.'

Bronze SWA

Wine Label	Vintage	Producer	Wine Colour	Tasting Note
Grand Blanc de Blancs Brut	NV	Gosset	White	Complex and accomplished. Our judges appreciated the plentiful citrus notes, the savoury, yeasty hints and the long finish. Rich pastry notes on the nose suggest some serious time spent on the lees. Delightful.

Bronze SWA continued

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Beaujolais-Villages	2014	Henry Fessy	Red	Team leader Tom Forrest highlighted its 'cherry skin aromas' on the nose, and 'some earthy characters on the palate, with softly balanced tannins and a gentle finish', while Cafe Murano's Mark Gurney found it an 'understated' style.
Crozes Hermitage	2013	Vidal Fleury	Red	Mark Gurney of Cafe Murano found this a 'savoury red with hints of tobacco and spice', while team leader Tom Forrest noted: 'Violet floral and mineral notes, smoky spices with grippy tannins and sweet berry fruit on the palate, with good length and concentration on the finish.'
Pouilly-Fumé Majorum	2012	Michel Redde	White	'Oak is quite prominent, but it has attractive aromas, some complexity on the palate and stays clean and fresh,' said Richard Brooks of Caroline Catering, adding: 'Interesting food possibilities.'
Estate Pinot Noir	2015	Wakefield	Red	Northcote's Tamas Czinki found 'very bright blue fruits and not much oak' on the nose, with 'young fruit, red and dark cherries' on the palate, while Portland's James Fryer noted 'warmer, slightly stewy fruit, and a nice rich earthiness'.

Commended SWA

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Grande Reserva Chardonnay	2015	Viu Manent	White	
Secret Viognier	2014	Viu Manent	White	
ViBo Punta del Viento	2013	Viu Manent	Red	
Single Vineyard Malbec	2013	Viu Manent	Red	
Hazel's Vineyard Zinfandel	2013	McHenry Hohnen	Red	



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The Pioneer Shiraz	2012	Wakefield	Red	The Wine Merchant Top 100 is a competition devoted to wines in the independent trade and is judged by specialist independent wine retailers.