



# MUSE DU VAL

## TASTING NOTES 2018

**92-93/100**

**JAMES SUCKLING**

A firm and silky red with polished texture and a delicious, medium to full-bodied palate. Very fine-grained tannins. Lovely. One of the best I have had from here. Half merlot and half cabernet franc.

**91-93/100**

**JEB DUNNUCK**

Made from equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the 2018 Famille Alloin Petit Val Muse du Val has some oak to integrate yet has impressive depth of fruit and good complexity. Medium to full-bodied, seamless, and elegant on the palate, it's nicely balanced and should certainly be an outstanding wine.

**90-93/100**

**ANTONIO GALLONI**

The 2018 Muse du Val, the château's top wine, is bold, punchy and expressive. Bright red and purplish fruit, floral notes and blood orange show the natural brightness of these clay/limestone soils.

There is terrific freshness here. A portion of the wine is aged in amphora, which likely adds punchiness to the fruit, but there is a touch of new oak as well.

**90-92/100**

**ANTHOCYANES – YOHAN CASTAING**

Boisé plus prégnant que Petit Val mais délicat et joliment toasté. Belle fraîcheur, de beaux arômes de fruits noirs, de fleurs avec un charnu juteux et savoureux. Belle bouteille au beau potentiel de garde.

**92-93/100**

**CHRISTER BYKLUM**

Not yet blended so just, a fifty fifty M and CF blend done at the estate for me to taste, and if this is the finished wine, it is gorgeous! 92-93 points potential. Brighter and far more expressive than I remember the Primeur sample.

**90-92/100**

**GAULT & MILLAU**

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**89-91+/100**

**WINE ADVOCATE – LISA PERROTTI-BROWN**

Made of equal portions Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the 2018 Muse du Val is deep garnet-purple in color and gives up notions of cedar chest, pencil shavings and fragrant earth over a blueberry and warm plums-scented core with a waft of bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, it has a good core of pure black and blue fruit with some cedar sparks and a grainy texture, finishing spicy.

**90/100**

**ROD SMITH**

Super concentrated black and red fruit aromas. Some beginnings of new oak. Very rich and concentrated fruit flavours on the palate. Rich tannins, fresh acidity. Very concentrated deep palate, with spices and sweet herbs. Good length.

**89-90/100**

**BERNARD BURTSCHY**

Cuvée de prestige du château Petit Val avec un peu plus de cabernet-franc. La robe est grenat sombre avec un nez boisé. Le vin est boisé aussi avec la belle fraîcheur du cabernet-franc.

**87/100**

**JEAN-MARC QUARIN**

Couleur rouge sombre, intense. Nez d'intensité moyenne, fruité, mûr, sur le bois, épicé. Bouche tendre, fruitée, agréable, avec un joli fruit et un corps tendre. Longueur moyenne. 2026 – 2033