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# 100% BLIND

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Best Sommelier of the World 1998  
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# BURGUNDY RHONE VALLEY BEAUJOLAIS SWITZERLAND

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## THE BLIND TASTING CONDITIONS

**A**LL WINES WILL BE BLIND TASTED BY CATEGORY (WINE STYLE, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, REGION, APPELLATION, VARIETY/BLEND, VINTAGE) IN THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL TASTING ROOMS OF CAVECO IN ESSEN, GERMANY. FOR PROFESSIONAL BLIND TASTINGS THE ENVIRONMENT IS AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE, WITH VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS WHICH MUST BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE PERFECT TASTING CONDITIONS: THE LOCATION, TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY OF THE AIR, AIR PRESSURE, NOISE, SMELLS, COLOURS, AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, THE LIGHT.

THESE CRITERIA ARE IN PLACE AT CAVECO'S TASTING FACILITIES, LOCATED IN THE ISOLATED BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING. THE ROOM TEMPERATURE OSCILLATES AROUND 20°C (+/-2°C), THE HUMIDITY OF THE AIR IS PERMANENTLY CONTROLLED AND IF NECESSARY ADJUSTED. ALL PARAMETERS ARE REGISTERED AT REGULAR INTERVALS. NOISE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY NUISANCE THAT COULD INTERRUPT THE TASTERS. THANKS TO THE LOCATION DISTURBING SOUNDS FROM OUTSIDE ARE MOSTLY EXCLUDED. IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THE TASTING ROOM REMAINS A NEUTRAL PLACE IN TERMS OF SMELL, TO ENSURE THIS THE ROOM IS AIRED FREQUENTLY. AS FOR THE LIGHT, EACH INDIVIDUAL TASTING CABIN IS EQUIPPED WITH A DAYLIGHT LIGHT BULB, ASSURING PERFECT AND CONSTANT LIGHT CONDITIONS. THE TASTING ROOMS ARE ALARM SECURED HENCE ONLY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AUTHORISED PERSONAL HAVE ACCESS TO THE LOCATION. THE WINES ARE STORED IN TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED WINE CABINETS SET AT THE APPROPRIATE TEMPERATURE FOR THE CATEGORY OF WINE. THE INDIVIDUAL TASTINGS CABINS ARE STRICTLY ISOLATED FROM ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT THE TASTERS CANNOT SEE THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS TASTING NOTES OR COMMENTS. THE TASTERS CANNOT SEE THE PREPARATIONS OF THE TASTINGS, NOR THE BOTTLES.

THE WINES ARE SERVED TO THE TASTERS DIRECTLY BY STAFF AND EACH WINE IS IDENTIFIED BY A CORRESPONDING NUMBER. THIS NUMBER IS MATCHED TO THE SAMPLE NUMBER OF THE WINE. IF EVER ONE OR BOTH TASTERS EXPRESS A DOUBT ON THE OVERALL QUALITY OF A WINE (CORKED, OXIDISED,...) THE SECOND SAMPLE OF THE WINE WILL BE RE-TASTED BY BOTH SOMMELIERS. SHALL THE SECOND BOTTLE REPRESENT THE SAME DEFAULT, THE PRODUCER WILL BE INFORMED AND THE COMMENTS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. ALL THE OTHER COMMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TASTED JOURNAL. EACH WINE WILL BE COMMENTED BY BOTH SOMMELIERS AND WILL RECEIVE A SCORE BY BOTH OF THEM (ON A 100 POINT SCALE), AS WELL AS AN AVERAGE SCORE.

## ANDREAS LARSSON

Andreas Larsson's passion for food and wine dates to his teenage years, a period in which he "was always hungry", as he says - not astonishing for someone of his stature. After having graduated from restaurant school, Andreas started his career as a chef in 1990. He then alternated cuisine with his other passion - playing jazz. Afterwards he committed himself entirely to the world of wine and graduated from "Restaurangakademien" in Stockholm in 1999 as a sommelier. He won the title, Best Sommelier of Sweden in 2003, becoming Best Sommelier of Europe the following year. Andreas Larsson reached the summit having won Best Sommelier of the World in 2007. Besides his activities as international wine consultant, teacher, conference lecturer, and fervent writer, Andreas still works for PM & Vänner restaurant in Vaxjö Sweden ([www.pmrestauranger.se](http://www.pmrestauranger.se)). He is a member of TASTED magazine's editorial board and is an active blogger ([www.andreaslarsson.org](http://www.andreaslarsson.org)). He also maintains his personal video blog on his homepage ([www.andreaslarsson.org](http://www.andreaslarsson.org)) in order to share his passion for wine with wine enthusiasts and amateurs. Andreas has appeared in numerous TV and radio programs, in Europe, the US and Asia.

## MARKUS DEL MONEGO

Markus Del Monego, the first and only German to hold the title of Best Sommelier of the World, as well as also the coveted title of Master of Wine. This makes him the first person in the history of these two qualifications to hold both titles at once and highlights his outstanding wine knowledge. Markus, who comes from Baden, successfully passed the Master of Wine Exam in 2003 ([www.mastersofwine.org](http://www.mastersofwine.org)). This examination is recognized as being the most difficult and the most demanding in the world. For Markus Del Monego the historic win of the Best Sommelier of the World title in 1998 was the launch of his career as an independent Sommelier. In the same year he was also awarded the title of Master of Sake "Kiki Sakeshi" in Japan, a title which has only been granted to one other European ([www.meiyo-kikisakeshi.com](http://www.meiyo-kikisakeshi.com)). Markus Del Monego is currently manager and owner of the expanding service and consultancy company caveCo in Essen and he offers all aspects of wine consultancy for business and private customers around the world ([www.caveco.de](http://www.caveco.de)). Markus Del Monego has made his hobby into a very successful career ([www.delmonego.de](http://www.delmonego.de)).

**84 | DOMAINE CATHERINE ET DIDIER TRIPOZ PRESTIGE DES TOURNONS 2011****Macon Charnay** (*white*)**AL** - Young and restrained, rather light with green apple, citrus and a light finish. *84***MdM** - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, pear and apricots. On the palate medium weight and length. *84***84 | CLOTILDE DAVENNE 2012****Pinot Noir** (*rosé*)**AL** - Light rosé colour, citrus and pear on the nose, bone dry and fresh with a crisp finish, pear and citrus notes. *84***MdM** - Pale rosé colour. Discreet fruit, raspberries and slightly floral note. On the palate well balanced in a lighter style, medium weight and length. *84***83,5 | DOMAINE CATHERINE ET DIDIER TRIPOZ - PRESTIGE DES TOURNONS 2010****Macon Charnay** (*white*)**AL** - Young and rather neutral, green apple, citrus, some bitter notes, light palate and finish. *83***MdM** - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with rather restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight and length, with a hint of bitterness on the finish. *84***82,5 | DOMAINE PORCHERON LES ESSARDS 2011****Macon-Bray** (*white*)**AL** - A rather light example with citrus, green apple and almond notes, quite soft and light finish. *83***MdM** - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with restrained fruit. On the palate lighter style with malty finish. *82*

# RHONE VALLEY

**97 | E.GUIGAL - LA TURQUE 2009****Côte Rôtie****AL** - Lovely perfume of flower, dark berries, blackberry-confiture, smoke, spices and cigar box. Very dense and chewy palate, plenty of fine tannin, almost like cocoa powder, tobacco notes, black fruit, fine spices and a vibrant freshness all along, excellent grip and potential. Very long and complex, spicy finish, great stuff. *97***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very intense and complex nose, meaty, smoky, hints of vanilla, rich fruit, mature blackberries and blackcurrants. On the palate excellent length with complex aromas, powerful but also with signs of freshness. A great wine. *97***97 | E.GUIGAL - LA LANDONNE 2009****Côte Rôtie****AL** - Very inky and dark colour, the nose is young and closed with layers of black fruit, incense, bitter chocolate, leather and tobacco, good grip on the palate, very full and concentrated with massive amounts of firm tannin in the background, rather massive and dense fruit, truly long and lingering finish and lovely spicy dark fruit, will develop well with further ageing. Should age for an eternity, excellent potential. *98***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very intense spicyness, incense, vanilla, cardmom, concentrated and closed character, slowly displaying fruit. Dark berries and cherries in the background. On the palate rich structure, excellent length with complex aromas, powerful, with firm tannins, a great wine demanding time. *96***96 | E.GUIGAL - LA MOULINE 2009****Côte Rôtie****AL** - Intense young palate, new oak on the nose, spices, smoke, blackberries, and a clear presence of minerality, the palate has a very high concentration, with layers of chocolate coated black fruit and fine spices, very intense and lingering finish, long and promising, still youthful and restrained though, drink from 2015. *97***MdM** - Dark purple red with slightly violet hue and black centre. Very opulent but elegant nose, smoky notes, toasted oak, rich fruit such as elder berries, blackberries and mulberries. On the palate well structured, balanced tannins, excellent length with spicy notes and a meaty finish. *95***96,5 | MAISON M. CHAPOUTIER - DE L'ORÉE 2010****Ermité** (*white*)**AL** - Medium deep golden colour. The nose has an excellent purity with stony mineral notes and plenty of ripe yellow fruit, apricot, nuts, flower and butter. The palate is powerful and persistent with a great intensity and complexity, fat and opulent yet with a biting freshness, clear minerality and extremely long finish, truly a grand vin. *96***MdM** - Golden yellow colour. Opulent and complex with aromas reminiscent of apricots, hints of pineapple, elegant minerality, toasted aromas, rich style with elegance. On the palate well structured with excellent weight and length, complex minerality in the finish, toasted aromas. *97***95,5 | E. GUIGAL - CHATEAU D'AMPUIS - EX VOTO ERMITAGE 2009****Ermité****AL** - Very dark and inky fruit, tar, incense, blueberry, blackberry, liquorice, and sweet spices. Very massive and concentrated palate, plenty of extract, powdery tannin, layers of cassis and blackberry, roasted notes and a an extremely long, vibrant finish. Needs much more time, excellent potential. *96***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very elegant but persitant nose, complex fruit and elegant minerality. On the palate multilayered flavours, minerality, good weight and excellent length. At the moment a bit closed, shows this wine a great potential. *95***94,5 | M&S OGIER D'AMPUIS - LA BELLE HELENE 2010****Côte Rôtie****AL** - Some new oak, vanilla, clove, blackberry, casiss, plum and some smoky, meaty notes, very dense and concentrated palate, layers of black fruit, fine and silky tannin, fine spices, smoke, chocolate, very tempting and appetizing with a long, mineral and pure finish, sexy and appetizing. *96***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet heu and black centre. Elegant nose with hints of dark berries, plums and cherries, mild spices, meaty, almost smoky nose. On the palate well structured with peppery spicyness on the palate, good weight and length. *93***93,5 | CAVE DE TAIN - GAMBERT DE LOCHE 2010****Hermité****AL** - Very dark and inky colour. Ripe nose of blackberry, plum, cassis, ginger and sweet spices. The palate is rich and dense, quite high concentration and layers of dark spicy fruit, young but ripe tannin, spicy, bold and lingering aftertaste. Good potential. *93***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very concentrated nose, hints of mild spices and minerality, meaty and spicy, backed by well expressed fruit. On the palate well structured with persistent taste. Young and closed style with promising ageing potential. *94***93 | DOMAINE FAURY - ST-JOSEPH HEDONISM 2010****Saint Joseph****AL** - Lovely nose, of smoke, incense, bacon, flower, violet, apricot and blackberry, excellent grip on the palate, good freshness and plenty of crushed fruit, lovely spiciness, meatiness, perfume, well settled tannin and a long, juicy finish, very inviting and attractive. *93***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent nose, intense spicyness, white pepper, vanilla and a hint of petroly notes, meaty in the background. Intense mature fruit backing the spicyness. On the palate elegant and spicy with excellent length and weight. *93***92,5 | DOMAINE GILLES FLACHER - LES REINES 2010****Saint Joseph****AL** - Dark purple nuance. Intense and modern nose of ripe dark fruit, blackberry, pepper, spice, cassis and some roasted smoky notes. The palate is dense and concentrated, great balance between ripe dark berries and a present freshness. Elegant spiciness, polished texture, a hint of minerality and a long, fresh finish. Nice purity, spiciness and fruit. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of cloves, incense and vanilla, toasted oak, dark chocolate and mocha. White pepper in the background. On the palate rich character, spicy notes, medium weight and good length. *93***92 | DUMIEN - SERRETTE 2011****Cornas****AL** - Very dark and inky colour, the nose is deep and dark with. Leather, spices, smoke, some animal notes, dark plum and cassis. Very dense and concentrated with inky black fruit, a good level of freshness and fine tannin, very dense and lingering finish, very good in a traditional style. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aromas reminiscent of blackcurrants, milds spices, hints of oak and leather. On the palate quite rich, with meaty structured and good length. *92***92 | DOMAINE FAURY - REVINISCEANCE 2010****Côte Rôtie****AL** - Floral and dark fruity nose, with violet, blackberry, fine oak, liquorice, apricot and meaty, smoky notes. The palate has a very good structure, settled oak, layers of crushed berries, a fine spiciness and long vibrant finish, very good. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of figs and blackberries, meaty notes and distinct minerality. On the palate well structured with good weight and length, but still elegant and fresh in the finish. *92***92 | DOMAINE FAURY ST-JOSEPH LA GLORIETTE VIEILLES VIGNES 2010****Saint Joseph****AL** - Dark fruit and sweet spices, cinnamon, clove, blackberry, cassis and violet notes, the palate is full and unctuous but rounded with a soft texture, very juicy with plenty of crushed berries, fine spices and a long, lingering, sweet finish, very good. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Meaty and spicy, but on a rather elegant side. On the palate well expressed with soft tannins and excellent length. *92***92 | ARNOUX & FILS - VACQUEYRAS 1717 2010****Vacqueyras****AL** - Medium ruby colour with some development, the nose is fairly complex with a fine spiciness, sweet fruit, apricot, ginger, pepper and crushed berries, good volume and juiciness, layers of red berries, fine spices and a backbone of fine tannin. Well integrated oak, elegant fruit and a long persistence. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Balmy nose with opulent aromas, mild spices and toasted flavour. Mulberries and blackberries, vanilla, slightly smoky notes and hints of minerality. On the palate well balanced with good weight and length, rather elegant character and aromatic finish. *92***92 | CAVE DE TAIN - GAMBERT DE LOCHE 2011****Hermité****AL** - Medium to deep dark ruby, young nose of red and dark berries, clove, vanilla, pepper and some meaty notes. Yood grip and weight, fine spices, young but balanced tannin, layers of fruit and a nice spiciness all along. Good length and harmony. *92***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Very elegant style with distinct minerality, slightly meaty character and intense ripe berry fruit. Quite complex character also on the palate, well balanced medium weight and convincing length. *92***91,5 | DOMAINE DES 3 CELLIER - PRIVILÈGE 2010****Châteauneuf Du Pape****AL** - Medium to dark ruby red colour, rich nose, rather modern with some new oak, spices, leather, coffee, dark plum and spices. Good weight, quite structured with a backbone of fine tannin, dark fruit, chocolate, and a long lingering finish. *91***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with ripe fruit, blackberries and blackcurrant, vanilla and hints of mild spices, slightly balmy notes, toasted aromas. On the palate well structured and balanced with powerful character and good length. *92***91 | ARNOUX & FILS VACQUEYRAS 1717 2011****Vacqueyras****AL** - Dark colour and a modern nose of roasted oak, coffee, vanilla and dark berries. The palate is rich, full and opulent with roasted notes, blackberry and cassis underlined by a vibrant acidity. Warm and ripe with a polished texture and long lingering finish. *90***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Balms nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla, cloves and incense, dark chocolate, coffee and cold smoke. In the background juicy and opulent fruit. On the palate well balanced with balmy notes, distinct oak influence, juicy fruit and excellent length. *92***91 | CAVE DE TAIN - LES HAUTS DU FIEF 2011****Crozes Hermité****AL** - Dark ruby red. Modern nose of roasted oak, dark berries, spices. A rich full palate, good density and concentration, fresh and vibrant fruit, red and dark berries, dry spices and an intense and lingering finish, good. *91***MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with smoky notes, hints of toasted oak, mild spices, white pepper and succulent berry fruit. On the palate well structured, quite elegant style with weight and length. *91***91 | DOMAINE ROGER SABON PRESTIGE 2010****Châteauneuf Du Pape****AL** - Dark colour, sweet prune, fresh berries, liquorice and spices, full and vibrant palate with freshly crushed fruit, dry spices, sweet fruit and a rounded unctuous texture, good purity and length. *91***MdM** - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite closed nose with juicy fruit, discreet spicyness. On the palate quite powerful with rich fruit and a hint of minerality. Good weight and length. *91*



