

GREAT WINE SEMINAR 2004

CHÂTEAU PALMER

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Alter Ego de Palmer 2001 *(+)**

Moderately dense black purple. Soft, clean, pure nose, still undeveloped. Fresh, clean attack. Medium-bodied. Very well-balanced. Soft impression with a touch of integrated ripe tannin. Youthful yet approachable. 2012-2016. (Note: In 2012, this wine was supple and layered, with good depth and expression. Thoroughly enjoyable!)

Palmer 2001 *(*)**

More density of color than Alter Ego. Restrained nose, fresh and clean. Reveals more inherent complexity than 2nd wine. An immediate impression of pure dark fruit. Very polished. Faint, high-caliber fine tannin. Aromatic black fruits in the finish. 2015-2020.

Palmer 2000**(*)**

Dense dark purple red. The quality of the black fruits is striking. Has density and perfect integration of high-caliber French oak. Ripe and dense on attack. Quite compact at this stage. Powerful yet ripe, sweet tannins. Very young overall. Leaves a lingering overlay of smoky oak. A superb wine. 2013-2017.

Palmer 1999 *(*)**

Dense black purple. Pure, ripe dark fruit in the very youthful aroma. Striking ripe black fruits on attack, then a sense of harmony and integration. Silky finale. A lovely, quite generous 1999. 2011-2014.

Palmer 1996 *(*)**

Moderately dense dark red with purple rim. Rather muted, restrained aroma with good underlying concentration. Fresh and reserved on the palate, with notable definition. Firm, dry finale with a subtle aromatic lift. Rather backward. 2010-2013.

Palmer 1995 *(*)**

Moderately dense dark red. Fresh and restrained nose. Very good concentration and structure. Still held back. Lasting, fresh aftertaste albeit muted in its expression. 2010-2014.

Palmer 1990 **(+)**

Moderately dense garnet. Very fine fragrance with developing complexity: subtle notes of maturing red fruits and tea leaf. Ripe and fleshy. Shows some attractive notes of evolution in its tea leaf and blond tobacco accents. Lasting although subtle finish with complex notes. 2006-2010.

Palmer 1989 **(+)**

Nearly dense dark garnet. Sweet bouquet of spice, leather and compote. Ripe and chewy taste marked by pronounced dried spice. Tannins are still rather prominent. Lingering tobacco note. Contrasting mature expression and unresolved structure. 2006-2009.

Palmer 1986 *(*)**

Moderately dense garnet. Restrained nose with a red fruit tone. Closed on entry to palate. Sweet fruit at the center, but little development. Firm structure holds it in check. In need of aging to show. 2008-2012.

Palmer 1983 ****

Moderately dense dark garnet. Very attractive, ample nose. Has flesh and generosity, with good weight for the vintage. Expansive finish. Very attractive, over-achieving 1983. Now-2008.

Palmer 1982 *****

Moderately dense dark garnet with brick rim. Superb, very expressive fragrance: tobacco, cedar and balsamic notes. Shows the ripeness of the year. Lovely mature aromatic characteristics, notably tobacco and spice. Very slight tannic bite suggests further development. Now-2008.

Palmer 1978 ****

Paling garnet with tawny highlights. Mature bouquet offering classic Médoc notes of tobacco and cedar. Has developed an appealing delicacy – light on its feet. A beautiful, mature expression. Now-2006.

Palmer 1975 *(+)**

Moderately dense garnet, less developed than '78. The nose exhibits cedar and red fruits. Quite rich, warm attack and center. Tannins remain and are slightly bitter and rough, but may fall away with more time. 2008-2012.

Palmer 1970 *****

Moderately dense dark garnet – quite youthful. Still surprisingly reserved, with subtle accents of bottle development, particularly a coffee accent. Shows excellent concentration and harmony on the palate. Comparatively little evolution. Perfect equilibrium. High class and vital wine. 2007-2010.

Palmer 1966 **+**

Moderately dense plus dark mahogany-garnet. Fragrant bouquet dominated by tobacco. Very rich and generous. Sweet, multidimensional finish expressing tobacco, cedar and an inky note. Now-2007.

Palmer 1961 *****

Moderately dense mahogany with a faint red aspect. Still intense nose revealing cedar and a Sherry note. Shows its original richness and substance, now resolving. Tremendous layered finish. Seems younger than the '66. A beautiful example of a legendary vintage. Now-2008 or longer?