



January 10th, 2015



2013 red Burgundies (Côte de Nuits)

Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2013 : 16

Bottled. Deep crimson. Lots of charm and flesh. Not mean at all. Absolutely ready. 2014 - 2016

Vosne-Romanée 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 17

Some real depth and energy here on the nose. Lots of lovely direct fruit. At this point not much subtlety but really racy, pure, appealing stuff. 2018 - 2026

Nuits-St-Georges Premier Cru 2013 - *Château Gris* : 16.5

Monopole with a rather different label from the rest of the range. Pale ruby. Warm, relatively rich, ripe nose. Some sweetness and lots of energy. Still quite a bit of tannin and acid on the finish. 2017 - 2026

Morey-St-Denis Les Sorbets Premier Cru 2013 : 15.5+

Light but well-balanced nose. Lots of sweet, ripe fruit and a hint of oak. Just a little oak-dominated at the moment. 2018 - 2025

Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaut St-Jacques Premier Cru 2013 : 16.5

Very deep crimson. Heady, even slightly gamey nose. Sweet start and then lots of freshness on the finish. Very correct and well sculpted. The acidity is notable but not aggressive. A pretty wine. 2020 - 2030

Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots Premier Cru 2013 : 17

A relatively rarely seen premier cru billed as 'just next to Amoureuses'. Mid ruby. Very appealing nose with breadth, fruit and interest. Lovely lift on the finish. You could almost enjoy this already, so great is the charge of ripe fruit. 2017 - 2029

Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses Premier Cru 2013 : 17

Deep ruby. Pale rim. Very perfumed. If you were picking holes, you might say it is very very slightly tarty - is this an oak thing? There was clearly beautiful fruit but at the moment I'm just slightly too aware of the oak. But that is just to compare it with the three finest exponents. All in all it is very creditable. 2020 - 2034

Vosne-Romanée Aux Malconsorts Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 17

Deep crimson. Sweet, dramatic nose. Great palate impact. Wow. Some griottes cherries and massive energy. Clearly these Clos Frantin wines are the jewels in Bichot's crown. 2020 - 2032

Chambertin Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 17.5+

Solid crimson. Scented, medicinal nose. Lots of pure fruit on the front palate and then a bone-dry finish. Very ambitious and muscular. Very embryonic. This tastes as though the fruit had been allowed to speak. Long and reverberant. 2022 - 2035

Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2013 : 17+

Mid ruby. Pale rim with some evolution already. Very juicy and fruity with a hint of oak. A little raw on the finish at this point. Another ambitious wine that needs time in a cellar. 2020 - 2032

Bonnes Mares Grand Cru 2013 : 18

Dark crimson. Very rich and layered. Some subtlety and real intensity. Great energy and muscularity. Great stuff with real power. 2019 - 2033

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 17.5

Dark crimson. Fragrant and racy, without the depth of some of the Bichot grands crus. Racy and fresh. The oak has been kept in check. Good spine and ripe fruit. 2020 - 2032

Échezeaux Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 17

Dark crimson. Sweet and rich on the nose. Confident and sleek even if not very subtle. 2020 - 2030

Grands Échezeaux Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 18

More lift on the nose than the Échezeaux. Lots of luscious fruit and structure too. Well constructed with the fruit dominating everything. Lots of energy. 2022 - 2035

Richebourg Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : 18

Broad and fruity. Less definition than the Grands Échezeaux but lots of opulent fruit. Still embryonic but with impressive ripeness so that the telltale acidity of the vintage is almost hidden. Lots of impact. 2020 - 2035



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2013 red Burgundies (Côte de Beaune)

Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16+

Mid crimson with a hint of blue. Intense, sweet nose. Hint of boiled sweets and very direct hit of fruit between the eyeballs. Lots of acidity but good persistence. 2017 - 2026

Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16.5+

Notably deep crimson. Quite heady and ethereal. Another impressive 2013 Corton! Dense and chunky. Definitely the house style. Not much finesse at this point but it delivers an accessible, if very slightly tart, interpretation of Corton. 2020 - 2030

Pommard Clos des Ursulines 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16

Purplish crimson. Very direct fruity nose. Rounded fruity attack on the palate and then the acidity made itself felt. Then the tannins. Something to age with a medicinal hint. 2019 - 2027

Pommard Les Rugiens Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16.5

Scented, tight and neat on the nose. Quite dense and vibrant. A hint of chestnuts about this, with quite marked acidity on the finish. 2020 - 2030

2013 white Burgundies

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16.5

Bottled. Lemony and lively. Good attention-grabbing intensity and real fruit weight. Really quite racy. 2017 - 2021

Puligny-Montrachet 2013 : 15.5

Bottled. Very cool, middle-of-the-road nose. Solid and chewy with a hint of lemons and wet stones. 2016 - 2019

Meursault Charmes Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine du Pavillon* : 16.5

Bottled. Good grip and raciness. Very much new Meursault style. Good constitution and structure. 2018 - 2024

Chassagne-Montrachet Vide Bourse Premier Cru 2013 : 16.5

Bottled. Lively crystalline fruit and some richness. This may be better value than the grands crus as it seems well up to the standard. Racy and sculpted. 2016 - 2020

Chablis Beugnons Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 16

Pale greenish straw. Correct and fine. Still extremely youthful. Racy and satisfactory. 2017 - 2022

Chablis Vaillons Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 16

Lots of lift and freshness. Crunchy green fruit. Very sleek texture means that this could actually be drunk quite young though of course there is no great urgency. Good fruit weight. 2015 - 2022

Chablis Vaucoupin Premier Cru 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 16+

Great extract and intensity on the nose. Very pure and sleek with just a hint of sweet ripeness on the front palate. 2016 - 2023

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 17.5

Pale greenish straw. Really gets the saliva flowing! Just a hint of wet wool and real depth and extract. A little bit more forward than some. Admirably long. 2018 - 2030

Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 17

Real steely delicacy on the nose. Spread of fruit weight on the palate. Sinewy and something much more mineral than vegetable on the palate. 2020 - 2030

Chablis Grand Cru La Moutonne 2013 - *Domaine Long-Depaquit* : 18

Real sinewy intensity. Quality shines through. Great depth and then diamond-cutting sharpness. Great stuff. 2018 - 2032

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