

2015 BURGUNDY, A VINTAGE NOT TO MISS

2015 Burgundy was an across-the-board success from the simplest Bourgognes to the great grand crus. The excellent growing season produced rich and fruity reds with beautiful tannins and a balance of acidities. These are wines with vibrant tension. The whites are also very good with a ripe and rounded-textured style.

Louis Latour, widely considered a top white wine house, also made some amazing reds in 2015 especially from grand cru sites. In fact, my favorite wine of the trip was the Louis Latour Charmes-Chambertin 2015. It's mindblowing.



Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru 2015



Score
98

Aromas of lemon peel, light lilacs and orange blossom. Full body and flavors of stones and chalk with sea-salt undertones. The length and creamy texture capture your attention. Layered and beautiful. Just a baby now. Try in 2022.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2015



Score
97

So perfumed with exotic, tropical-fruit aromas that draw you into the glass. Full-bodied, layered and textured with soft creamy tannins and light stone and walnut undertones. Gun flint. Always a fantastic white. So constant. Drink or hold.

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru « Sous-le-Puits » 2015



Score
93

This is incredibly perfumed with lavender, pineapple and lemon character. Medium to full body, flint and stone flavors and plenty of dried pineapple and mangoes. Drink or hold.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru « La Grande Montagne » 2015



Score
93

Aromas of white truffles and stones with citrus and light tropical fruits. Medium to full body and an impressive depth of fruit and texture. Lots of cooked apples. Lovely finish. Drink now or in 2020 when this will be even better.

Meursault 1er Cru « Château de Blagny » 2015



Score
92

This is firm and rich with lots of flint and stone character under the ripe fruit. Reserved style. Medium to full body. Give it time to open. Better in 2022.

Puligny-Montrachet 2015



Score
92

A little tropical and aromatic with mango and ripe-apple character that follows through to a full to medium body, linear acidity and a lemon-sorbet and pineapple finish. Drink now and enjoy.

Meursault 2015



Score
93

Gorgeous clarity of fruit with dried-lemon and mango character. Stones, too. Full body, creamy texture and a light phenolic undertone. Lovely caressing character. Drink now.

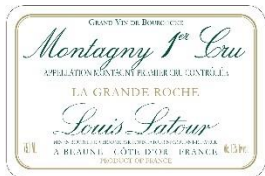
Pouilly-Fuissé 2015



Score
91

A firm and fruity white yet one that's always fresh and minerally with hints of salt and chalk. Medium body and hints of lemon and mango. Drink now.

Montagny 1^{er} Cru « La Grande Roche » 2015



Score
90

Stone and flint aromas with dried fruits. Medium-bodied and characterised by plenty of savory and gun-metal notes. Lemon rind to boot. Drink now. Fun.

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2015



Score
99

This is a phenomenal wine with such depth and intensity in terms of aromas of black cherries, wet earth and orange peel. It's like looking over the edge of a cliff it's so deep. Full body, perfect tannin tension and resounding purity. It goes on for minutes on the palate with the dark fruit and creamy mineral character. Only shame is that only 100 cases were made! Drink in 2022.

Romanée-Saint-Vivant « Les Quatre Journaux » Grand Cru 2015



Score
98

So perfumed and aromatic with fabulous character of flowers, dark berries and chalk. Full-bodied and voluptuous. Ripe and velvety tannins and a long and flavorful finish. A wine with great potential and depth. Flamboyant. Drink in 2022.

Chambertin Grand Cru 2015



Score
97

So much dried-flower character on the nose with dark fruit and zest of orange peel. Full body, soft and velvety tannins and a long and flavorful finish. So sexy and delicious already. A little more than 100 cases made. Drink or hold.

Corton Grand Cru « Château Corton Grancey » 2015



Score
96

Incredibly subtle and complex with dried herbs, spices, meat, leaves and dried fruit. Full-bodied, superfine and polished tannins and a fantastic finish. What a fantastic Grancey! Drink in 2022.

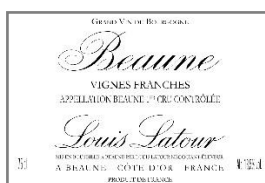
Corton Grand Cru « Perrières » 2015



Score
95

The ripe fruit is evident on the nose with complex cinnamon and nutmeg notes. Medium to full body and gorgeous depth of fruit that finishes soft and classy. Savory. Give it three to four years but already a joy to taste.

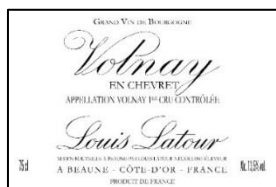
Beaune 1er Cru « Vignes Franches » 2015



Score
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Subtle aromas of bark, mushrooms and light strawberries follow through to a medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and light vanilla-bean character, even chocolate. Glorious. Drink in 2020, but this is already gorgeous.

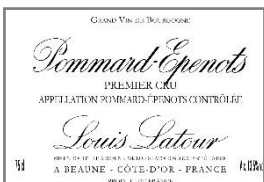
Volnay 1er Cru « Les Mitans » 2015



Score
95

Incredible aromas of crushed strawberries, blueberries and flowers. Full body, full and linear tannins and a silky, caressing finish. Always compressed and refined. Drink in 2021.

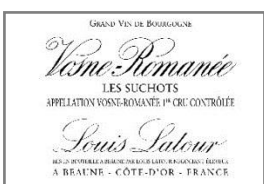
Pommard 1er Cru « Epenots » 2015



Score
94

Aromas of strawberries and nutmeg with hints of cedar. Full body, soft and velvety tannins and a juicy finish. Hints of leaves and berries on the finish. Love the savory end to this. Drink in 2020 or onwards.

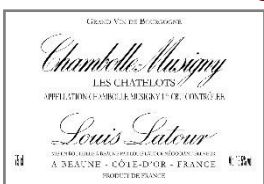
Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru « Les Suchots » 2015



Score
94

Aromas of blueberries, dark chocolate and flowers follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Lots of shaved chocolate. Ripe tannins. Needs four or five years to soften.

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru « Les Chatelots » 2015



Score
94

Loads of dried strawberries and fresh flowers on the nose. Medium body, bright fruit and light mineral and a caramel undertones. Nice austerity at the end. It needs four or five years to come together. Drink now.

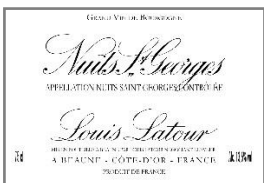
Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Chaillots » 2015



Score
92

Aromas of blackberries, leaves and spices. Some meat. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. A little tight and shy. Better in 2021.

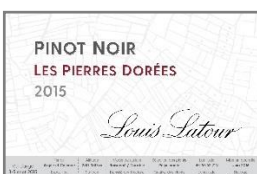
Nuits-Saint-Georges 2015



Score
92

Attractive dried flowers such as violets with dark fruit follow through to a medium to full body, firm and chewy tannins and a medium finish. Tangy acidity under it. Good minerality. Drink in 2019.

Pinot Noir « Les Pierres Dorées » 2015



Score
90

This is a riper, fruitier style of pinot noir. Full-bodied, round and easy. Fruity finish. Made from pinot planted in Beaujolais. Drink now.