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2019 Reds

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100

Romanée-Saint-Vivant "Les Quatre Journaux" Grand Cru

This is like staring into an abyss, but being overwhelmed with joy. The essence of fine pinot noir and of Burgundy, which you don't need to be any kind of expert to appreciate. Enormously concentrated, but so graceful, this makes you want to forget everything else you are supposed to be doing. Lean back and let yourself be overwhelmed. Drink or hold.



99

Chambertin "Cuvée Héritiers Latour" Grand Cru

This is what makes Burgundy so special – it's so easy to enjoy, with amazing black-cherry fruit, yet it's so deep and complex. Wonderful richness, below which lies a major tannin structure, then the minerality and lively acidity kick in and push this out in the direction of infinity. Makes you glad to be alive! Drink or hold.



97

Corton "Clos de la Vigne au Saint" Grand Cru

Mountain freshness and great mineral energy make this a very exciting Corton. Sleek and very focused with pronounced acidity, this has so much drive, the tannins already very well integrated for an appellation where that process often takes years. Breathtaking finish! Drink or hold.



95

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

A bold, generous wine that has everything you expect from a Burgundy Grand Cru. The delicate savory notes underline the ripe black-fruit character and the generous tannin structure. Long, sophisticated finish. Drink or hold.

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Aloxe-Corton "Les Chaillots" 1er Cru

The very fresh nose of red fruit and herbs leads you gently into this cool and lively pinot noir, which starts out quite light, but builds in power and weight as it flows across the palate. Good length. Drink or hold.



95

Chassagne-Montrachet "Morgeot" 1er Cru

Lovely black-cherry nose with beautifully integrated, spicy oak. Generous and ripe with lots of fine tannins and lovely freshness that lifts the finish in a really delightful way. Serious and enticing. Drink or hold.



94

Pommard "Epenots" 1er Cru

The dark-cherry and wet-earth nose with touches of dried lemon peel and dried herbs is really fascinating. Then comes the compact palate with none of the rusticity associated with this appellation. Long, bold finish that's very expressive. Drinkable now, but best from 2022.



95

Beaune "Perrières" 1er Cru

Lovely red fruit and a very silky personality make this very easy to enjoy. However, this is sophisticated wine with very fine tannins. Very long, filigree finish. Drink or hold.



92

Gevrey-Chambertin

Full red-fruit aromas with a touch of smoky oak, plus a generous tannin structure make a bold statement. Slightly robust on the mid-palate, but more polished at the finish. Drink or hold.



94

Volnay "En Chevret" 1er Cru

Fragrant and delicate, this has beautiful red-fruit character that's currently more open on the palate than the nose. Very elegant with plenty of fine tannins that are married to lively acidity and pronounced minerality at the long, focused finish. Drink or hold.



94

Beaune "Vignes Franches" 1er Cru

Will you be able to resist this Beaune 1er Cru? Charming and delicate with fine black-cherry and floral aromas, this is a very elegant and sensual wine that wraps you around its little finger. Long finish that's dry and silky. Drink or hold.



93

Pernand-Vergelesses "Ile des Vergelesses" 1er Cru

Take an exciting ride! Youthful and fragrant with flowers and summer berries. Sleek and cool, but with rather extravagant fruit. A firm core of tannins, but no rough edges. Long, energetic finish. Excellent aging potential. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.



96

Vosne-Romanée "Les Suchots" 1er Cru

Ravishing nose of summer flowers and berries! So much depth and such great structure, but in spite of that, it is suave and silky with so much energy and finesse. Very long, graceful finish. Drink or hold.

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96

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Weight and vitality, concentration and elegance make this a very impressive white Burgundy, even though it is still pretty young. Time will undoubtedly amplify all this, because the wine already expands as it powers inexorably across the palate. Huge yet fresh finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.



94

Chassagne-Montrachet

Absolutely classic, with the combination of ripeness and elegance the world expects from Chassagne-Montrachet. Fine apple, pear and lemon aromas, a delicate herbal touch adding freshness. Long, elegant finish, driven along at a brisk clip by the mineral acidity. Drink or hold.



94

Chassagne-Montrachet "Cailleret" 1er Cru

Intensely flinty nose that's still very youthful, lovely citrus aromas (from blossoms to candied fruits) emerging as it aerates in the glass. Medium-bodied, but tightly structured, this is a serious wine built for the long-term. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.



98

Chevalier-Montrachet "Les Demoiselles" Grand Cru

Enormously complex nose that marries so many flinty, savory and citrus aromas. Astonishing texture on the rich but precisely delineated palate, the concentration creeping up on you, building and building to a great crescendo. Enormously mineral aftertaste. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.



98

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

Such a classic Corton Charlemagne! Stunningly concentrated and powerful, but also so graceful. Very racy at the long finish, which has so much mineral freshness. Takes your breath away! Drink or hold.



91-92

Marsannay

An impressive wine for this underrated appellation, this has exactly what you expect from a good white Burgundy, marrying floral, ginger and candied-citrus character with a medium body, some nice mid-palate richness and mineral acidity. The touch of oak supports the cool, elegant finish nicely.



93

Meursault

Very classic Meursault, but with quite lively acidity that makes this lighter on its feet than is usual for wines of this appellation. Attractive lemon-cream and melted-butter character with just a hint of hazelnut. Generous, without any hint of heaviness. Everything fits very neatly. Drink or hold.



93

Rully

Ripe, suave and silky, but with a very good backbone of minerals and bright acidity. For this appellation, this has very good concentration. Delicate flint and chalky character on the nose, but this is just beginning to open up. Long, clean and mineral finish. Drink or hold.

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Meursault "Genevrières" 1er Cru

A very successful 1er Cru Meursault with super-ripe pear and some delicate floral notes. Rich and suave with beautiful integration of fruit and oak on the medium-to full-bodied palate, the generous finish simultaneously fresh and silky. Drink or hold.



93

Pernand-Vergelesses "En Caradeux" 1er Cru

Why isn't this appellation taken more seriously? A very friendly and appealing white Burgundy, yet with plenty of sophistication. Smoky touch on the nose and a lovely, silky texture, the finish fresh, lemony and mineral. Drink or hold.



94

Meursault-Blagny Château de Blagny 1er Cru

An elegant and sophisticated Meursault with delicate candied citrus and pear character, but a lot of minerality and impressive vitality for this appellation. The power grows at the long, lemon and powdered-stone finish. Drink or hold.



90-91

Pouilly-Vinzelles "En Paradis"

This is so generous and juicy with a lovely interplay of flinty character and melted-butter richness. Nice orange and pear flavors from the get-go, but with aeration a nice hazelnut note develops.



99

Montrachet Grand Cru

So grand and so refined, this is a breathtakingly beautiful white Burgundy that lives up to the reputation of this legendary site, which is certainly not always the case! So creamy and silky, yet so precise on the expansive but precisely proportioned palate. Very long, super supple and delicate finish that just doesn't want to stop. Drink or hold.



91-92

Santenay

If you enjoy Chassagne-Montrachet, but the prices are getting out of your reach, this is an excellent alternative. Plenty of ripe-pear character fills out the generous and mellow body. Full, silky finish.



90

Maçon-Lugny
“Les Genièvres”
2020

Lovely pear, citrus and floral nose. Zesty freshness and plenty of fruit on the medium-bodied palate with just enough acidity to keep it rolling nicely over the palate. No great length, but excellent balance. Drink now.