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91pts

ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU

Once again there is enough reduction present to overshadow all but subtle spice wisps. The super-sleek and beautifully detailed flavors possess a lovely sense of underlying tension that carries through to the firm, compact, moderately austere and built-to-age finale. This too is going to require at least some patience.



90pts

ROMANÉE-ST-VIVANT GRAND CRU "LES QUATRE JOURNAUX"

Much like the Echézeaux, there is enough reduction present to push everything but various spice nuances to the background. The middle weight flavors are not particularly dense but they do possess a sophisticated texture all the same though the finish is somewhat short and even a bit strict today. This may well better harmonize once the tannins begin to resolve.



90pts

ALOXE-CORTON DOMAINE

A cool and airy mix features notes of both red and dark currant, newly turned earth and plenty of savage character. There is fine volume to the seductively textured medium weight flavors that deliver fine punch on the youthfully austere, compact and lingering finale. This does though need to develop better depth so at least some keeping is in order.



90pts

POMMARD 1ER CRU "EPENOTS"

Once again the nose is moderately reduced. On the palate though there is good energy to the attractively textured medium weight flavors that are at once caressing but punchy before culminating in a mildly austere, firm and balanced finale.



90pts

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU "LES BEAUX MONTS"

A brooding if subtly spicy nose speaks of plum, black cherry, violet and exotic tea nuances. The delicious and refined, if not especially dense, flavors possess both excellent punch and an almost pungent minerality that adds to the appeal of the dusty, moderately austere and firm finale. At least some patience will be necessary.



88-91pts

VOLNAY 1ER CRU "EN CHEVRET"

Interesting are the rich, caressing and relatively dense flavors that coat the palate with sappy dry extract before tightening up on the sneaky long and balanced finale. This isn't a Volnay of finesse but I like the balance and density.

