



Vintage Preview: Burgundy 2017

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CHABLIS GRAND CRU MOUTONNE *Domaine Depaquit* 2017

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Chablis so-called 'eighth grand cru' is sourced 95% from Vaudésirs, 5% from Preuses. Rich and powerful, leesy, textured, it's complete, with aromatic oak, stone fruit sweetness and racing underlying acidity. Drink 2021-2028.

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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1^{ER} CRU MORGEOT 2017

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Bichot's Morgeot comes from a single supplier on the Santenay side of this large premier cru. It's a classic Morgeot that's very well judged in warmer 2017, with bready, honeyed concentration, stylish oak integration and a tangy, refreshing aftertaste. Drinking window 2020-2025.

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BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2017

TOP VALUE 90

This large and always enjoyable cuvée marries fruit from Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet and St-Romain, and these fine origins show in the quality of the wine. It's very lightly wooded, with 70% of the total fermented in stainless steel. Balanced, spicy and mineral-edged. Drinking window 2019-2022.

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POMMARD 1^{ER} CRU LES RUGIENS *Domaine du Pavillon* 2017

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Impressive winemaking has given a classic interpretation of this outstanding premier cru. Serious and deep, with 50% new oak and 30% whole clusters, it's sappy, firm and ageworthy but shows nothing in the way of rusticity. Drink 2023-2030.

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ALOXE-CORTON 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDS *Domaine du Pavillon*

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Clos des Maréchaudes is an excellent monopole holding in the lower part of the hill of Corton. It's quite a warm site but the richer soils preserved precious water in 2017 and have produced a wine that's fresh, balanced and detailed, with adroitly integrated 40% new wood and underlying grip and backbone. Drinking window 2021-2027.

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FIXIN 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE 2017

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Produced with purchased grapes, rather than bought-in must or wine, this is an exceptional Fixin from the highest premier cru site in the appellation. It's focused and refined, with racy natural acidity, one-third whole clusters and stylish oak. There's a hint of good reduction and a core of crunchy cranberry and red cherry fruit. Drinking window 2021-2025.

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GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN LES EVOCELLES 2017

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Gevrey pour le nom, Brochon pour le bon', the old-timers used to say, and this superb village wine from the latter village shows that they had a point. Sourced from high on the slope at the northern end of the appellation, this is a typically bright, sappy red with some grip and spices from one-third whole-bunch fermentation, complemented by 35% new wood. Drinking window 2021-2027.

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