

Published on July 27th, 2020

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2018 **97**

Wow. This is really something. Shows such pedigree and strength, yet with finesse and balance. It's full-bodied with a compact palate that gives this wine density yet tension, together with phenolics that are intertwined to give such presence. Cooked apples, straw, hints of oak, white truffles and sea shells. Has so much going on. Try after 2023 and onwards.

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1^{ER} CRU CHAMP GAIN 2018 **94**

Very intense, linear white with apple, mango and pie-crust character to the crushed stones. It's full-bodied with a compact palate that is tightened down, providing presence and focus. Energy, too. Serious white. Drinkable now, but better after 2021.

MEURSAULT 1^{ER} CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon 2018 **93**

Like the poise and tension to this with sliced cooked apples, hints of vanilla and pie crust. It's medium-bodied with beautiful depth and tension and nicely oaked undertones that give complexity and focus to the fruit. Drink or hold.

BEAUNE 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DES MOUCHES Domaine du Pavillon 2018 **92**

A creamy-textured white with sliced apples, pears, cream and some lemon and lime rind. Hints of morning yogurt and smoke. Medium-bodied, ready and delicious. Drink now or hold.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2018 **90**

A straightforward chardonnay with sliced cooked apples, honey and straw. Medium-bodied with pleasant fruit and a fresh finish. Drink now.

**CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018** **95**

The depth and complexity to this young Clos de Vougeot is impressive, to say the least. It's full-bodied and layered with chewy, polished tannins and excellent berry, smoke, walnut and black-tea character. Just a hint of wild herbs. A wine that needs time to soften. Try after 2023.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1^{ER} CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018 **94**

A rich, layered red with intense, very ripe fruit that shows dried cherries, smoked oak and some meat. It's full-bodied and very layered. Solid tannins give depth to the wine. Try after 2023.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1^{ER} CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS 2018 **93**

Such beautiful perfumes of ripe strawberries, seaweed and smoke follow through to a full body that is compact and very tight with tension and linear texture that makes it very impressive for the appellation. Try after 2022.

FIXIN 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE 2018 **91**

A fresh, fruity red with dried strawberry and cherry character, as well as some seaweed and wet-earth undertones. Linear and compact. Medium body. Medium chewy tannins. Drink or hold.

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES Domaine du Pavillon 2018 **92**

A solid, linear red with crushed cherries, ripe strawberries and some wet earth and leaves on the nose and palate. Medium to full body, firm and creamy tannins and a flavorful finish. It's tight and poised and needs two or three years to soften. Better after 2023.

