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## 2018 REDS

### **2018 MOULIN-À-VENT Domaine de Rochegrès**

**90**

It has a pretty, pure red cherry and crushed strawberry bouquet – bright and perky! The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and a gentle but nicely defined finish. Enjoy this well-made Beaujolais over the next five years.

### **2018 BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR "SECRET DE FAMILLE"**

**87**

It offers strawberry and raspberry scents, and the palate is balanced and clean, with a welcome touch of sour cherry on the finish. Likely to be good value.

### **2018 MERCUREY CHAMPS MARTIN 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU Domaine Adélie**

**88-90**

It has a light, fresh bouquet of raspberry and cranberry fruit, a little earthy and rustic in a positive sense. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity. Quite pastille-like toward the finish, where I find the whole bunch neatly enmeshed. Enjoy this light-hearted, approachable Mercurey over the next five or six years.

### **2018 SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE LES GRANDS PICOTINS Domaine du Pavillon**

**90-92**

The gung-ho nose flaunts a bit of brio that I admire, along with plenty of brambly red berry fruit. The palate is well balanced with sappy red fruit, a fine bead of acidity and discreet touches of apricot and blood orange on the finish. This is just superb.

### **2018 POMMARD LES RUGIENS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU Domaine du Pavillon**

**90-92**

It has a more introverted bouquet, while the fruit feels a little darker. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins. Clean and pure with a sensual finish. Good potential.

### **2018 ALOXE-CORTON CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU Domaine du Pavillon**

**89-91**

It has quite an elegant bouquet for this appellation, the whole bunch perhaps putting a bit of restraint on its precocity. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. This is a pliant Aloxé-Corton with a caressing, slightly citrus-fresh finish that delivers satisfying tension. Recommended.

### **2018 CORTON CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon**

**92-94**

It has a pretty bouquet of brambly red fruit, briar and light tertiary scents that gradually unfold in the glass. The palate is well balanced with nice grip on the entry. This is underlined by a fine bead of acidity that lends wonderful freshness and race on the finish. Superb.

### **2018 FIXIN CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU**

**90-92**

It has a ripe, generous bouquet of macerated red cherries, wild strawberry and quince aromas that don't hold back. The palate is well balanced with gutsy red berry fruit laced with sherbet and orange peel, and a little spice toward the succulent finish. There is a subtle headiness here, but I suspect it will be absolutely delicious after bottling.

### **2018 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN PETITE-CHAPELLE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU**

**90-92**

It feels a little pinched on the nose. The palate is slightly grainy in texture and there is a fine bead of acidity here. Quite a structured and spicy Petite-Chapelle, with a dash of black pepper on the finish. This certainly improves with aeration.

### **2018 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY LES AMOUREUSES 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU**

**91-93**

It has a lovely, very pure and charming bouquet with copious red cherries, crushed strawberry and pressed rose petal aromas, veins of blue fruit emerging with aeration. There is a sensuality that is irresistible. Drink over the next two decades.





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**2018 VOSNE-ROMANÉE LES MALCONSORTS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin** **92-94**  
This has a high-class bouquet of pure red cherries, cranberry and wild strawberry scents, hints of rose petal and orange blossom emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp red berry fruit and a frame of quite firm tannins that should guarantee the longevity of this Malconsorts. It feels a little aloof on the finish, but it just needs time to soften its edges.



**2018 CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin** **90 -92**  
It offers a mixture of red and black fruit on the nose, which is a little tertiary in style, the whole bunch being a little more conspicuous at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and fine acidity. A nubile Clos de Vougeot with a rich, dense finish. Give it three to five years in bottle.

**2018 CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU** **91-93**  
It has an intense red cherry and crushed strawberry bouquet, touches of incense and rose petals emerging with time. I appreciate the precision here. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, very poised and focused, with a sorbet-fresh finish that maybe just needs a little more weight and density. Hopefully that will develop by the time of bottling.



**2018 ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin** **91-93**  
The transparent, generous bouquet is quite floral in style, with pressed rose petals present as much as the red fruit. The medium-bodied palate delivers fine tannins and good acidity. This is a very well balanced and focused Echézeaux with a structured, stony finish.

**2018 CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU** **92-94**  
There is a sense of sumptuousness on the nose of pure dark cherry, cranberry and tangerine. The palate is well balanced with grippy tannins, a fine bead of acidity and satisfying tension and vivacity on the edgy, stony finish. This is an excellent Charmes-Chambertin.

**2018 CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin** **94-96**  
It has a very pure, generous bouquet with layers of red cherries, crushed strawberry and cranberry fruit and well-integrated oak. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. Very lithe and fresh, leading to a delineated finish that ranks alongside many others I have tasted. This is a superb Chambertin that will age with style.



## 2018 WHITES

**2018 MÂCON MILLY-LAMARTINE** **87**  
It has a clean, fresh bouquet of red apples and light apricot scents. The palate is well balanced with orange zest and citrus fruit on the entry, a fine bead of acidity and a welcome touch of sour lemon mixed with almond toward the finish.

**2018 MERCUREY LES CHAMPS-MICHAUX Domaine Adélie** **89**  
It has an attractive bouquet of pressed white flowers filtering through the beeswax and light apricot scents. The well-balanced palate displays a fine bead of acidity, good weight and a fresh, white peach and nectarine finish. Fine.

**2018 MEURSAULT LES CHARMES 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU Domaine du Pavillon** **91**  
It has a pleasant bouquet with subtle aromas of praline and walnut. The well-balanced palate offers orange zest and apricot on the entry. A pretty rather than a cerebral wine, with satisfying delineation and length on the finish. It actually improves with aeration and ends up a very commendable Charmes.

