



2017 white Burgundies

2017 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay "Secret de Famille": 87

An attractively fresh nose features notes that are primarily made up of sliced pear and citrus scents. The racy and nicely detailed middle weight flavors possess both good intensity and better than average depth on the agreeably dry and persistent finish. This offers very good quality for its level. 2020+

2017 Mercurey "Les Champs-Michaux" *Domaine Adélie*: 88

There is a whiff of the exotic to the exuberantly fresh aromas of sliced apple, pear and discreet citrus nuances. The racy, intense and lightly mineral-inflected flavors possess solid length if somewhat limited depth on the otherwise satisfying finish. Note that this could easily be enjoyed young if that's your preference. 2021+

2017 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Terrasses" Château-Gris: 90

TOP VALUE WINE

Wisps of quinine water and petrol sit atop the citrus-inflected white orchard fruit-scented nose. There is excellent intensity to the overtly mineral-driven flavors that culminate in a very dry and linear finish that is on the lean side but should flesh out in time. Worth a look provided you're prepared to cellar it for a few years first. 2022+

2017 Beaune 1er Cru "Clos des Mouches" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 90

An overtly floral nose offers up notes of pear, apple and citrus where the latter can also be found on the round, delicious and once again generously proportioned medium-bodied flavors that deliver perfectly good if not truly distinguished depth though I do like the length. Note that my rating once again offers the benefit of the doubt that more complexity will develop if this is allowed a few years of cellar time. 2022+

2017 Meursault "Clos de Magny" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 88

A slightly less elegant nose reveals notes of petrol, straw, quinine and various white orchard fruit scents and in particular white peach. There is both good energy and detail to the relatively generously proportioned flavors that conclude in a delicious and refreshing finish. 2022+

2017 Meursault *Domaine du Pavillon*: 89

(from Les Corbins, Criots and Les Dressoles). Classic Meursault-like aromas include notes of hazelnut, acacia, pear and a whiff of citrus influence. There is good energy to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that exude a subtle minerality on the clean, dry and solidly persistent finish. This will need to add a bit more depth to merit my rating but the aging curve is sufficiently long that it should occur. 2023+

2017 Meursault 1er Cru "Les Charmes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 92

An attractively fresh if decidedly restrained nose combines notes of various white orchard fruit with those of acacia blossom, lemon zest and a hint of wood. The mouth feel of the medium weight flavors is both finer and sleeker with lovely detail, all wrapped in a lightly stony and relatively tightly wound finale that is impeccably well-balanced. In contrast to the prior wines that could be enjoyed on the earlier side, this will need at least a few years of bottle age first. 2025+

2017 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Morgeot": 91

A discreet application of wood sets off the ripe nose of white peach, resin and spice nuances. The generous and opulent medium weight flavors possess both good volume and energy before terminating in an impressively persistent finish. 2023+

2017 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Vide Bourse": 90

There is a fleeting whiff of the exotic present on the ripe aromas of white peach, lychee, spice and dried apricot. The seductive mouth feel of the medium-bodied flavors is finer if not denser while offering good length on the clean, dry and youthfully austere finish. 2023+

2017 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Perrières": 91

A distinctly cool and understated nose only grudgingly reflects notes of green apple, citrus peel, white flower and lemon-lime nuances that are also trimmed in a discreet application of wood. There is excellent delineation and vibrancy to the refined and equally understated middle weight flavors that are almost aggressively mineral-driven, all wrapped in a moderately austere and serious finish that flashes a touch of bitter lemon. This is sufficiently rich that it should be approachable on the younger side but also reward 5 to 8 years of cellaring. 2023+

2017 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru *Domaine du Pavillon*: (91-94)

(from a 1 ha parcel situated in Languettes). This too is quite restrained with its cool aromas of green apple, petrol, white flower and background wisps of various citrus nuances. There is fine volume to the delicious, intense and markedly stony larger-scaled flavors that are at once caressing yet powerful before culminating in a clean, dry, focused and serious finale. This too will need at least a few years to unwind and develop more overall depth. 2027+