

2018 Côte de Beaune reds**2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru "Les Grands Picotins" Domaine du Pavillon: (87-90)**

A notably ripe nose features notes of plum, earth and soft spice nuances. There is very good volume to the rich and seductively textured, indeed even velvety, flavors that possess very good depth on the ever-so-mildly tangy and warm finale. This should drink well on the younger side. 2023+

2018 Beaune "Les Epenottes" Domaine du Pavillon: (87-89)

(from the villages portion of the vineyard). A slightly higher-toned nose offers up notes of red raspberry, pomegranate, cherry and a touch of warm earth. The sleeker if less seductive flavors possess a lovely mouth feel while exhibiting just a touch of warmth on the ever-so-mildly rustic finale. 2023+

2018 Beaune 1er Cru "Les Bressandes" Domaine du Pavillon: (88-91)

There is a whiff of volatile acidity on the ripe nose that consists of elegant redcurrant, earth and vague hint of the violet. Here too there is both good volume and richness to the detailed and energetic flavors that culminate in a slightly attenuated and youthfully austere finish that needs to flesh out. This is still very pretty. 2024+

2018 Volnay 1er Cru "Les Brouillards" Domaine du Pavillon: (88-90)

A pungent nose is composed by notes of menthol, ripe poached plum and liqueur-like aromas of black cherry. The succulent, round and velvet-textured middle weight flavors also need to flesh out. 2025+

2018 Volnay 1er Cru "Les Santenots" Domaine du Pavillon: (90-92)

(from Les Plures). A more elegant and cooler nose speaks of the pure essence of various red berries that are laced with lovely and floral nuances that include violet, lilac and rose petal. There is fine volume to the slightly denser medium-bodied flavors that brim with minerality on the more tightly wound finale that is youthfully austere. This firm effort is going to require at least a decade of cellar time to see it at its apogee. 2028+

2018 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" Domaine du Pavillon: (89-91)

(a huge 4 ha monopole of the domaine). A mentholated top note can be found on the very ripe nose of cassia, roasted plum and dark raspberry that is liberally sprinkled with warm earth nuances. The middle weight flavors are not especially dense, but I like both the vibrancy and delineation that carries over to the nicely complex and lingering finish. This is really quite a nice Pommard villages. 2026+

2018 Pommard 1er Cru "Les Rugiens" Domaine du Pavillon: (90-93)

(from Rugiens Bas). This is at once more elegant and more complex with its overtly spicy and floral-suffused aromas of both red and dark pinot fruit where pretty nuances of lilac, violet and anise emerge. There is impressive volume to the super-sleek, intense and well-detailed flavors terminate in a refreshing and bright mineral-laden finish. This is lovely though note that it is a classic Rugiens that will need extended keeping. 2030+

2018 Aloxe-Corton Domaine du Pavillon: (88-90)

(from Les Crapousuets). A relatively pretty nose is comprised by notes of various red berries, earth and a whisper of the sauvage. There is good freshness to the velvet-textured and mouth coating middle weight flavors that possess a juicy and fleshy mouthfeel while delivering fine length on the rustic but not tough finale. This is sufficiently supple that it will likely be approachable after only 4 to 5 years of cellaring. 2025+

2018 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" Domaine du Pavillon: (89-91)

A fresh if reticent nose grudgingly offers up ripe but cool notes of red and dark currant, earth and a pretty range of floral elements. There is very good volume to the lightly mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that possess a beguiling texture that contrasts somewhat with the dusty, firm and slightly warm finale. This is sufficiently structured to require at least 5 to 7 years of bottle age to unwind. 2030+

2018 Corton Grand Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" Domaine du Pavillon: (90-93)

A ~1.9 ha monopole that is split between ~.5 ha classified as grand cru and the remaining 1.4 ha as 1er. A ripe yet reasonably elegant nose consists of rose petal, plum liqueur, lilac, spice and menthol-tinged aromas. The rich, intense and vibrant big-bodied flavors evidence obvious minerality on the mouth coating and impressively long finish. This is a big but refined effort that is definitely built-to-age, so patience required. 2033 +

