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**CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2019****Score: 96 Points**

In spite of the ripe-orange and exotic-fruit character that pours from the glass, there's nothing superficial about this wine. Thanks to its generosity and very attractive fruit, this makes a very friendly initial impression on the palate, then the intense minerality comes through, building to a serious crescendo at the very fresh finish. Drink or hold.

**CHABLIS GRAND CRU MOUTONNE, Monopole, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2019****Score: 95 Points**

Quite exotic nose (mango!) but also with some good flinty character. This is an excellent example of a top-class Chablis from a warm vintage. The wonderful balance of richness, minerality and lively acidity makes this exciting now, but it's also got the structure to age for a number of years. Drink or hold.

**CHABLIS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES VAUCOPINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2019****Score: 92 Points**

A very expressive Chablis that's full of a wide range of citrus and melon aromas. The initial impression is of full ripeness and a certain creaminess, but as it flows over the palate, this turns drier and more chalky, the clean finish quite salty. Drink or hold.

**MEURSAULT Domaine du Pavillon 2019****Score: 91 Points**

A prototypic, full-bodied and succulent Meursault with a bold style, but also plenty of apricot and some mango. Quite some weight, but enough acidity to keep this on the straight path. Bold, juicy finish with a touch of minerality. Drink now.

**CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 2019****Score: 91 Points**

Quite a flinty and funky (reduction) nose. But, once it opens, there's attractive ripe-apricot character. The medium-bodied palate has nice, creamy elegance with well-integrated oak that supports the harmonious finish neatly. Drink or hold.

**MONTAGNY 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU 2019****Score: 91 Points**

Very attractive nose of fresh pineapple and yellow grapefruit with delicate oak and a touch of something floral. Medium-bodied with nice creaminess from sur-lie aging, which complements the lively acidity and chalky minerality very nicely. Long, elegant finish. Drink or hold.

**BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2019****Score: 90 Points**

Immediately appealing pear and lemon nose, then a crowd-pleasing balance of creamy, medium body, ripe fruit and lively acidity that leads you into the salty finish. A blend of wines from Saint Aubin, Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault. Drink now.

**POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2019****Score: 89 Points**

Good harmony of candied orange and apricot on the open nose with vanilla oak and a hint of melted butter. Full-bodied, also because the tannins add plenty of presence to the palate. Some minerality at the firm finish. Drink now.

**SAINT-VÉРАН 2019****Score: 89 Points**

Full citrus, apricot and melted-butter nose. Good balance, in spite of the considerable body and pronounced tannins, thanks to the bright acidity. Drink now.

**VIRÉ-CLESSÉ 2019****Score: 88 Points**

This bold and round chardonnay has plenty of attractive caramelized-pineapple and bitter-cream aromas. Quite some tannins at the finish. Soft acidity in the context of the vintage. Drink now.

**MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2019****Score: 88 Points**

Open and buttery nose with some nice ripe-apricot character and a hint of muscat (from the muscat clones of chardonnay). Medium to full body with a ripe but properly dry palate and some nice chalkiness at the finish. Drink now.



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### **LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2019**

**Score: 95 Points**

Deep, dark and slightly wild, the serious tannin structure already sitting so exactly in the full-bodied and concentrated palate. Very subtle, earthy and bitter-chocolate notes at the long, powerful finish that is already really silky. Drink or hold.

### **CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2019**

**Score: 95 Points**

Deep and rich with a slew of forest-berry character and hints of caramel and bitter chocolate. Serious concentration, built on excellent tannic foundations. Although this has been built for serious aging, you could still open the bottle now and experience everything that makes this wine remarkable. Drink or hold.

### **VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2019**

**Score: 93 Points**

The attractive red-beet and milk-chocolate nose leads you into a full-bodied, tannic wine that's built for long aging. Plenty of ripe plum on the very bold, almost massive palate. Expands nicely as it aerates, but you need to be patient. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

### **NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS, Monopole 2019**

**Score: 93 Points**

An impressive Nuits-Saint-Georges with ripe forest-berry aromas that are nicely accentuated by the smoky oak. The earthy notes unfold slowly as it aerates. Very good ripeness and substance, but also very good freshness. The finish is long and complex. Drink or hold.

### **FIXIN 2019**

**Score: 91 Points**

A very solid wine for this little-known and moderately priced appellation. Plenty of sour-cherry and red-plum fruit. Nice sweetness on the palate, the tannins already well integrated, the finish quite long and harmonious. Drink or hold.

### **POMMARD 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES RUGIENS Domaine du Pavillon 2019**

**Score: 93 Points**

An impressively powerful and dense Pommard, but with moderate, dry tannins that are already well integrated into the generous body. Dark finish with pronounced plum and earth character. Drink or hold.

### **POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2019**

**Score: 93 Points**

Very attractive red-fruit nose with some floral notes and just a touch of smoky oak. An elegant wine for this appellation and you could easily mistake it for a Volnay. Very good depth, but also lovely freshness at the finish, which makes the tannins feel gentle. Long, elegant finish with a subtle, earthy touch. Albert Bichot's Côte de Beaune cellar is situated right next to this vineyard. Drink or hold.

### **SANTENAY 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU CLOS ROUSSEAU 2019**

**Score: 90 Points**

A classic Côte de Beaune red with exactly the lively red-fruit character, together with, delicate earthiness and hint of spice that you expect from these wines. Well-judged tannins that don't dominate the wine at any point, the fresh finish long and precisely contoured. Drink or hold.

### **BEAUNE CLOS DE L'ERMITAGE 2019**

**Score: 91 Points**

Full of black-cherry fruit and a touch of smoky oak. This has generous fruit, but also striking freshness and quite full, grainy tannins. Mountain freshness at the bright finish. From a high-altitude vineyard site. Drink or hold.

### **SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 2019**

**Score: 90 Points**

A classic Savigny-Lès-Beaune with the sour-cherry aroma, rather sleek body and lively acidity that you expect from this appellation. Healthy tannins that are moderately dry. Good length, the refreshing finish both slightly sappy and mineral. Drink or hold.

### **MERCUREY 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU CHAMPS-MARTIN Domaine Adélie 2019**

**Score: 90 Points**

If somebody told me that this was a wine from a 1er Cru in the Côte d'Or, rather than Mercurey, I would believe them. Full black-cherry nose with plenty of earthy undertones and a hint of smoke, then a full, rather round palate with some healthy tannins. This makes quite a bold statement. Rather supple finish. Drink now.

### **BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR SECRET DE FAMILLE 2019**

**Score: 89 Points**

Attractive fresh-plum nose with a hint of bitter chocolate. Ripe, robust and quite tannic for a wine from this rather humble appellation. Plenty of character here. From vineyards in Côte de Nuits. Drink now.

