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Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

SB | Firm and reticent nose, not up front or fruity but none the worse for that. Rich, full-bodied, and concentrated, this has grip and minerality. It's robust and tangy, with a chalky persistent finish. | 93

Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru Morgeot

SB | The nose is bright and appley, precise and poised. The fresh attack contributes more tension than most wines in this vintage, and there is fine acidity, force and persistence, and a toasty finish. | 93

Meursault Premier Cru Charmes

SB | The nose is opulent with ripe pear aromas. Suave and concentrated, this has a fine texture, while delicate acidity gives finesse. Balanced and charming with depth of flavor; fine and long. | 92

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

SB | The nose has typical force, robust and mineral, with appley aromas. Creamy and concentrated, this shows power and force. It's mineral, gently toasty, with good potential and welcome grip. | 94











2018 BURGUNDY

Taster: Stephen Brook

Chambolle-Musigny Premier Cru Amoureuses

SB | There's poised raspberry fruit on the nose, which is subdued but exceptionally elegant. Concentrated and fleshy but discreet, this is in a style that's nimble, sleek, and charming. Long. **| 93**

Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Malconsorts (Clos Frantin)

SB | The nose still seems reticent, but it has purity of fruit, and the new oak is well integrated. Aromatically, it shows more charm than force. Suave and concentrated on the palate, it's supported by ripe tannins and ample acidity. Textured and long. | 92

Echézeaux Grand Cru

SB | Reticent but elegant and poised raspberry nose. This is clearly still reserved and dense, but the weight and grip here suggest good potential, and the finish is textured and long. | 92

Chambertin Grand Cru (Clos Frantin)

SB | Given the reserve shown by other top crus here, the nose is surprisingly open and aromatic, with juicy but imposing raspberry and cherry fruit. Velvety and concentrated, this gains in grip from ripe tannins, and the oak gives plenty of spice and vigor. Fine length and potential. | 94

Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

SB | Here, too, the red-fruits aromas are subdued. On the palate it's solid and chunky, concentrated and assertive, showing pungency and force. Rather than finesse, it offers substance and weight of fruit. It will benefit from more bottle-age. | 93

Pommard Clos des Ursulines

SB | The nose is ripe but delicate, with cherry and raspberry aromas. Lean and fresh, though there are tannins in the background. Polished, quite long. | 90

