

Profile: Jean-Charles Fagot

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Jean-Charles is responsible for a domaine of 3 hectares though with his contracts, the range of wines here is rather wide. If you are a visitor to the Côte d'Or you may even recognise him – because he's also the owner of the restaurant *Auberge du Vieux Vigneron* which has a good range of wines on the list – not just his own!

Jean-Charles started making and selling wines, with some family vines, in 1989 – he is actually the third generation of the family with vines. Today about 40,000 bottles per year come from the domaine/maison.



The wines...:

A more than competent range of wines here – all very correct and reflecting their origins – despite such a diversity of labels. There is much to enjoy...

All DIAM seals this year except a couple of reds. All bottled in September except for 2 red that were done in October.

2018 Bourgogne Aligoté

'From old vines of 50 years-old from 'Corpeau-Montrachet' – I think it's great soil for Bourgogne'

A faint yeastiness but also depth and some inviting fruit. Supple, easy, relaxing over the palate. Long clean and tasty.

2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay Les Louères

Near Puligny, almost a hectare

Nicer depth, open width of aroma here. A little more concentration and depth with a dynamic, wide, taste. Lovely Bourgogne.

2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay Les Champs Huillier

This close to Chassagne

A little more width and perfume. More structural, more Chassagne perhaps. Hmm, intense, villages level flavour and shape in the middle. Excellent wine.

2018 Rully

Ooh, that's a nice impression, a pretty depth of fine fruit. Some structure, depth of flavour – this has a lovely shape but is a rare Rully that will benefit from a little patience. Super.

2017 St.Romain

Deeper, more evolved nose. Nicely structured, plenty of concentration too. This wine surprises with a fine, clean burst of mid and finishing flavour.

2018 St.Romain

That's a super nose, fresh, and inviting. Nice shape and volume, this is showing much nicer than the 17 today. Long and fine, citrus finishing.

2018 Pernand-Vergelesses Les Pins

Hmm, lovely floral nose. Driving, classic and mineral, faintly reductive style of flavour. Long. That's excellent.

2018 Auxey-Duresses Les Ruchottes

Hmm – width, and a little more aromatic density – here is a suggestion of Meursault. Nice shape, mouth-filling, slightly architectural structure. Lingers well, slowly mouth-watering. Super wine and just so different to the Pernand.

2018 St.Aubin 1er Cru

From Sur Gamay and Frionnes – both small, so assembled.

Ooh – now that smells great, a little mineral and a lot inviting. Mouth-filling, fresh, almost faintly tannic, long. Excellent!

2018 Puligny-Montrachet

One parcel

Not a big nose but one that speaks of the place – fine! More volume, freshness and a

modest touch of salinity, long finishing. Very good.

2018 Chassagne-Montrachet

Deeper, not so wide – attractive. More open, perhaps easier, but also with more easily accessible complexity. Lovely mouth-watering, almost vibrant, finish.

2018 Meursault, Cuvée Mathilde

Bottled a month later than the others.

Vibrant minerality, perhaps a touch reductive. Airy, open a touch of visible oak – but only a touch.

2018 Meursault Cuvée Millerandes

All new Chassin oak.

Not so overtly oaked, some sweetness and depth to the aroma. Nicely direct, slowly melting, fine structure, open clean. Very impressive! A super involving finish.

Les rouges:

2018 Bourgogne les Riaux

Also from Corpeau, bottled today, all destemmed.

Good colour. Wide, I like the fruit though the nose is showing the bottling to start but then becomes quite perfumed. Fruity, a little structure, good freshness, a little reminder of tannin with a small bitter anecdote in the finish. Super.

2018 Rully

Ooh, that's a forward, inviting fruit – a big welcome. The style of fruit is different, but tasty, fine structured, a little mineral. I love the shape of this and the fine finish too. Excellent!

2018 Côte de Nuits Villages

Nice colour with a vibrantly attractive nose. Supple, sneakily concentrated, growing in width. Very fine tannin, this is lovely wine.

2017 Côte de Nuits Villages

Deep, only slowly opening, after a touch of opening reduction. More freshness, more driving, delicious finishing, less fun for the first flavours today.

2018 Monthelie

Ooh, that's really a great, forward nose. Supple, concentrated, a little tasp of tannin. That's excellent, not a volume finish, but long.

2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles-Vignes

Ooh – open fruity, mineral, graphite – a big invitation. Big, structural, weighted but not heavy, a lingering, mouth-watering finish. Long – this is excellent but requires patience.

2018 Santenay 1er Gravieres

Hmm, that has some density but also a depth of fine fruit, again a touch of graphite. Mouth-filling, finer structure, more complex, less volume than the Chassagne. Long very good.

2018 Pernand-Vergelesses Les Fichots

Hmm, a guarded nose for sure, but fine, with an almost floral fruit. Super volume, more sophisticated structure, melting flavour. Excellent finishing – super wine again.

2018 Volnay

Two lieu-dits blended.

Plenty of colour. A little pyrazine on the nose. But good volume. Easy, ultra-fine tannin. Tasty wine.

2018 Aloxe-Corton

Hmm – that's nice, very nice, fine fruit from a sophisticated nose. Fuller in volume, but elegant, complex, indeed super complex in the mid and finishing flavours. Bravo!

2018 Pommard Les Cras

Concentrated, floral nose, almost tending to pyrazine again. Full, sturdy, hardly any grain to the tannin, but some astringency. For the more patient, but the shape is fine.

2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

Nice volume to this nose – darker fruited. Supple, silky, wide. Melting young wine. It lacks deliciousness today – so be patient – but not for too long I suspect. A super wine!