

## **The Ultimate Burgundy Reference**

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### **Domaine de la Pousse d'Or**

#### **2015 Clos de la Roche**

Reduction. Here there is a similar mouth feel to the Bonnes Mares with a bit more muscle in evidence on the overtly powerful yet velvety and imposingly-scaled flavors that exude a subtle minerality on the slightly firmer and just as impressively persistent finale. This youthfully austere and ultra-serious effort is one of those "buy and forget you own it" wines as it's going to be very long-lived. (93-95 pts)

#### **2015 Bonnes Mares**

Very ripe liqueur-like aromas speak of plum, dark raspberry, cassis, earth, game and a broad if subtle range of spice wisps. There is impressive volume but also surprisingly good detail given how rich the big-bodied and concentrated flavors are, all wrapped in a sappy and hugely long finish. Like the Amoureuses this too displays a hint of backend warmth but it's not really enough to materially diminish the overall sense of balance. This youthfully austere and compact effort is definitely going to require extended cellaring to reach its full potential. (92-95 pts)

#### **2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Amoureuses"**

Firm reduction renders this tough to assess aromatically. There is excellent mid-palate concentration to the more obviously mineral-driven medium weight flavors that possess a polished and very classy mouth feel before culminating in a reasonably well-balanced, lengthy and compact finale. While there is a hint of warmth it's not sufficient to really detract from the overall sense of harmony. I would further note that this is also quite firmly structured and a wine that is unlikely to make for especially good early drinking. (Outstanding, 92-94 pts)

#### **2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Charmes"**

An exuberantly spicy nose offers up a lovely array of dark cherry, raspberry, tea, violet, lilac and a whisper of sandalwood. The suave and highly seductive

medium-bodied flavors possess an opulent mouth feel thanks to the abundance of sappy dry extract and for a moment the palate impression is almost soft and then the structure arrives with a rush on the firm, moderately austere and built-to-age finale. This is very impressive though again I would describe it as atypical in the context of one usually finds with a classic Charmes. **(Outstanding, 91-94 pts)**

### **2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Feusselottes"**

A markedly ripe yet still elegant nose features notes of black raspberry, violet, lilac, anise and a lovely hint of spiced tea. The much more refined middle weight flavors are lacy and attractively energetic while displaying good minerality before tightening up considerably on the firm and lingering finish. This very ripe effort is also a bit more structured than it usually is. **(Outstanding, Sweet Spot, 91-93 pts)**

### **2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Groseilles"**

Reduction presently dominates the fruit. Otherwise there is a bit more volume to the equally vibrant and mineral-inflected flavors that deliver even slightly better complexity on the lingering and well-balanced finale. As is usually the case this is less refined than the Feusselottes but there is better depth here. While these two Chambolle 1ers are qualitatively similar they present two very different expressions. **(Outstanding, Sweet Spot, 91-93 pts)**

### **2015 Corton-Bressandes**

There is just enough reductive funk in evidence here as well to push what appear to be notably ripe fruit aromas to the background. I very much like the sense of energy to the lustrously textured broad-shouldered flavors that possess fine mid-palate density as well as a subtle minerality that progressively emerges as the long finish sits on the palate. This is very clearly built-to-age yet there is so much supporting extract that it should actually be approachable much younger than my suggested drinking window would indicate. In a word, terrific. **(Sweet Spot, 92-95 pts)**

**2015 Corton-Clos du Roi** There is a pronounced ripeness to the less elegant and much more sauvage-inflected aromas of cassis, plum liqueur, freshly turned earth and forest floor nuances. The palate impression though is more like that of the Bressandes in that it's muscular yet reasonably refined while evidencing focused power on the well-balanced and gorgeously persistent finish. I very much like the mouth feel thanks to the dense but fine-grained tannins and this should also amply reward extended cellaring. **(Sweet Spot., 92-95 pts)**

### **2015 Pommard "Les Jarolières"**

This is also sufficiently reduced that it's not possible to offer an assessment of the nose. The richer and more imposingly scaled flavors possess excellent mid-palate density along with plenty of extract that imparts a caressing mouth feel to the opulent finish that is firm but not rustic while delivering sneaky good length on the well-balanced finale. This should be quite good in time. (**Outstanding, 90-93 pts**)

### **2015 Volnay "Caillerets - Clos des Soixante Ouvrées"**

There is enough reduction present to render the nose difficult to assess today. Otherwise there is a slightly finer mouth feel to the sleek, intense and sappy flavors that possess a highly polished and seductive mouth feel while brimming with minerality on the firm and youthfully austere finale. Like the Bousse d'Or this is going to require at least some patience and ultimately reward 12 to 15 years of cellar time. (**Outstanding, Sweet Spot, 92-94 pts**)

### **2015 Volnay "Clos de la Bousse d'Or"**

Moderate amounts of wood and menthol elements frame the prominently ripe aromas of black pinot fruit liqueur aromas that are trimmed in an abundance of pretty spice nuances. The opulently, even lavishly rich medium weight flavors saturate the palate with sappy dry extract which also serves to buffer the more evidently mineral-inflected finish that is both firm and youthfully austere. Patience definitely required here. (**Outstanding, Sweet Spot, 91-94 pts**)

### **2015 Volnay "Clos l'Audignac"**

A discreet but not invisible touch of wood frames markedly ripe aromas of cassis, anise, tea and warm earth. There is both good richness and energy to the enveloping medium weight flavors that also exude a fine bead of minerality, all wrapped in a youthfully austere and ever-so-slightly rustic finale. This is pretty much textbook l'Audignac. (**90-92 pts**)

### **2015 Volnay "En Caillerets"**

A very ripe yet once again still reasonably fresh nose presents an assortment of liqueur-like plum, cassis, black cherry and plenty of lovely spice nuances. The succulent, round and polished medium weight flavors exude ample minerality on the moderately firm finale where a hint of bitter pit fruit appears. This should also be approachable on the younger side if desired yet should have no problem aging well. (**90-92 pts**)

**2015 Santenay "Clos des Tavannes"**

A notably ripe yet still reasonably fresh nose combines notes of plum, black cherry, earth and a hint of spice. The rich, concentrated and attractively suave medium weight flavors possess a velvety mouth feel before concluding in a balanced, complex and sappy finale. This should drink well on the younger side if desired but could also be held for a few years to good effect. **(89-91 pts)**

