



France, Burgundy: The Côte D'Or's 2018 and 2017 Vintages – Part 2

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2018 Aloxe-Corton Village

The 2018 Aloxe-Corton Village has turned out nicely, delivering a rich bouquet of red berries and loamy soil. Medium-bodied, supple and succulent, this is a charming, elegant rendition of Aloxe that will drink well young. **(89 points)**

2018 Auxey-Duresses Les Ruchottes

Wafting from the glass with aromas of green orchard fruit, white flowers and fresh peach, the 2018 Auxey-Duresses Les Ruchottes is medium to full-bodied, fleshy and precise, with a rounded attack but lively underlying acids. **(89 points)**

2018 Bourgogne Blanc Les Champs l'Huillier

Always one of the high points of the range chez Fagot, the 2018 Bourgogne Blanc Les Champs l'Huillier has turned out well, mingling hints of citrus oil and white flowers with aromas of ripe pear and almond paste. Medium to full-bodied, fleshy and lively, it's the more tensile and concentrated of the two Bourgogne bottlings. **(89 points)**

2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes

The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes is a rich, rustic red, bursting with aromas of cherries, cassis, grilled meats and burning embers. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, fleshy and chewy, carrying plenty of tannin along with its ripe fruit. **(88+ points)**

2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Village

Bursting with notes of peach, pear, white flowers and toasted nuts, Fagot's 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Village is medium to full-bodied, fleshy and rich, with an enveloping core of fruit, succulent acids and a nicely defined finish. This is a demonstrative Chassagne that will drink well young. **(89 points)**

2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages

The 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages derives from vines in Fixin and Brochon, and it's one of the high points of the range, mingling cassis, rose petals and rich soil tones in a complex bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, layered and charming, this is worth seeking out. **(90 points)**

2018 Meursault Les Millerands

The 2018 Meursault Les Millerands is showing well, delivering a generous bouquet of honeyed peaches, white flowers, beeswax and toasty new oak. Medium to full-bodied, rich and textural, it's lively and nicely concentrated, with a gourmand, enveloping profile. This is an old-fashioned Meursault that is already drinking well. **(90 points)**

2018 Pernand-Vergelesses Les Pins

Produced from must purchased from one of Chassagne-Montrachet's most cultish producers, Fagot's 2018 Pernand-Vergelesses Les Pins reveals aromas of citrus oil and warm bread, framed by a deft application of oak. On the palate, it's medium-bodied, with chalky grip and racy acids. This is another of the range's high points. **(90 points)**

2018 Pommard Les Cras

The 2018 Pommard Les Cras is showing well, revealing aromas of dark berry fruit, smoked meats and rich soil tones, followed by a medium to full-bodied palate that's round and fleshy, underpinned by lively acids. This is already drinking well. **(90 points)**

2018 Puligny-Montrachet

The 2018 Puligny-Montrachet is showing nicely, revealing aromas of citrus oil, white flowers, crisp green apple and almond paste. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, bright and racy, with a fine-boned, elegant profile and a delicately sun-kissed core of fruit. **(89 points)**

2018 Rully

The 2018 Rully is a medium to full-bodied, fleshy and charming wine that evokes fresh pears and spring flowers. Ample and rounded, this will drink well young. **(87 points)**

2018 Rully Rouge

The 2018 Rully Rouge has turned out nicely, wafting from the glass with aromas of ripe cherries and loamy soil, followed by a medium to full-bodied, charming and open-knit palate that's already drinking well. **(89 points)**

2018 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru

A blend of lieux-dits Frionnes and Sur Gamay, the 2018 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru mingles notes of pear and waxy citrus rind with hints of almond paste and white flowers. Medium to full-bodied, supple and charming, it's delicately textural and open-knit, concluding with a nicely defined finish. **(89 points)**

2018 Saint-Romain

One of the highlights of the range is the 2018 Saint-Romain, a pretty wine bursting with notes of orange oil, white flowers and citrus blossom. Open-knit but lively, this charming, expressive white is already drinking well. **(88 points)**

2018 Volnay Village

The 2018 Volnay Village exhibits aromas of cassis, sweet berry fruit, grilled squab and licorice, followed by a medium to full-bodied, charming and open-knit palate that's generous and expressive. **(89 points)**