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The ultimate Burgundy reference

Domaine Marc Colin

2011 Chassagne-Montrachet "Champs Gain" 1er ♥

1er Cru White 750 ml

Score: **91**

Tasted: Jun 11, 2013

Drink: 2017+

Issue: 51

Outstanding

Producer note: Damian Colin exclaimed that "people are going to love 2011! It has everything burg geeks want in terms of terroir transparency but also a certain tenderness that will appeal to those new to Burgundy. If I was going to choose a vintage to help those who want to understand Burgundy better, I would choose 2011. As to the growing season, we began picking on the 31st of August and there was very little sorting required because the fruit was relatively clean. There was good ripeness as sugars averaged between 12 and 13% in terms of potential alcohol. The vinifications were easy in both colors and we bottled the '11 reds between August 2012 and February 2013." The Colin reds are expressly fruity and made to enjoy young (for example, there are no punch downs) and in that context the quality of the domaine's 2011s are consistent with that goal. (Robert Chadderdon Selections, 212/332.4999 N.Y., 510/638.5200 S.F.; Richards Walford & Co., Ltd., www.r-w.co.uk, UK, Bibendum Wine Ltd., www.bibendum-wine.co.uk, UK, A&B Vintners, UK, www.abvintners.co.uk, UK and Goedhuis & Co., www.goedhuis.com, UK).

Tasting note: A discreet application of wood sets off the notes of resin, rosemary, lemon zest and ripe white orchard fruit aromas. The supple medium-bodied flavors manage to retain a good sense of detail and underlying tension before terminating in a saline-infused finish. I really like the delivery and harmony and while at present the complexity is only average but my score assumes that more will develop over time.

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