

Jean Fournier Trois Terres Vieilles Vignes 2014 Marsannay, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France

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Score: 90-92 Points

The 2014 Marsannay Trois Terres Vieilles Vignes comes from La Charmes aux Prêtres, Les Grasses Têtes and Les Grandes Vignes, the vines planted in 1933, 1937 and 1943. This vintage includes around 75% whole bunches (not that this is particularly discernible). Laurent Fournier described this as the "dark side of Marsannay." It has a very pure, slightly sultry bouquet with red cherries, raspberry preserve and blackcurrant scents; it is delineated and focused, gaining in intensity as it opens in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent tannin, a crisp line of acidity and a gentle grip here with the mouth tingling with limestone on the structured, masculine finish. It will require 4-5 years in bottle and it will repay you with several years of drinking pleasure. - NM

