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## TASTING REPORT: BURGUNDY'S MEMORABLE VINTAGE

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Top négociants in Burgundy's Cote d'Or made surprisingly high quality wines in 2013 despite what was one of the most difficult growing seasons and harvests in decades. Some truly amazing whites with classy density and acid tension were produced while many reds showed good fruit, firm tannins, and bright acidity. The results are almost hard to believe. Just decades ago they would have made thin, green and unripe wines, but today it's a different story thanks to the know-how to which the top names in Burgundy are privy.

### 2013 WHITE WINES

#### Chablis *Domaine Long-Depaquit* 2013 : 92

A crisp white with sliced lemon and apple character. Full body, tangy fruit and an intense finish. A beautiful wine. Drink now.

#### Chablis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru *Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit* 2013 : 93

A fabulous Chablis with super density and phenolic character. Full and almost chewy. Very long. Impressive. What a wine. Drink now.

#### Chablis Grand Cru *Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit* 2013 : 94

A luscious Chablis with dried fruit and great concentration. It's almost hard to believe with its amazing depth and long finish. Dense and layered.

#### Bourgogne Chardonnay *Secret de Famille* 2013 : 90

A bright and fruity chardonnay from Burgundy that shows the sliced apple and mineral character of the region. Yet it's bright and pretty. From the Côte d'Or. Drink now.

#### Nuits-Saint-Georges *Les Terrasses Château-Gris* 2013 : 93

This is layered and spicy like a red wine, yet stylish and fascinating. Full body, velvety texture and fresh finish. Yes. A rare white made from chardonnay from Nuits. Drink or hold.

#### Puligny-Montrachet 2013 : 92

This is a very dense and beautiful white with sliced dried fruit plus apple, lemon and mineral character. Full, solid body and a fresh finish. Very pretty. Drink now.

### 2012 WHITE WINES

#### Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru *Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon* 2012 : 91

This is very dense and powerful, almost sweet and tannic. Full-bodied, chewy and a little overdone. But interesting. Drink now or hold.

#### Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru *Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon* 2012 : 92

This is like a red wine with its depth of fruit and incredible character. Full body, wonderful texture and a long, long finish. No production in 2013. Drink now.

#### Corton-Charlemagne *Domaine du Pavillon* 2012 : 95

A vivid and dense white with sliced apple and mineral character plus hints of toasted oak and beauty. Full-bodied, long and energetic. Drink now or hold.



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**2013 RED WINES**

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2013 : 89**

Soft and silky with bright fruit. Medium body, firm tannins and a pretty finish. Pure pinot noir from Côte d'Or. The real deal here. Drink now.

**Mercury 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Champs Martin *Domaine Adélie* 2013 : 90**

A soft and fruity red with sliced strawberry and hints of walnuts. Full-bodied, round and bright. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.

**Pommard Clos des Ursulines *Domaine du Pavillon* 2013 : 92**

This is a wine full of finesse and beauty. Perfumed and bright with citrus and mineral. Pure. Full to medium body, crisp and linear. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

**Pommard 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Rugiens *Domaine du Pavillon* 2013 : 91**

A rich and round wine with sliced strawberry and lemon character. Full and velvety. Lovely fruit and balance. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

**Aloxe-Corton 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Clos des Maréchaudes *Domaine du Pavillon* 2013 : 92**

This is excellent. Firm and powerful with beautiful structure and depth. Full-bodied, goes on for minutes. Muscular yet refined. 1.5 hectares. From organically grown grapes. Drink in 2016.

**Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes *Domaine du Pavillon* 2013 : 92**

This is so muscular and powerful, flexing its muscles. Full body, beautiful fruit and a long and intense finish. Tannic and structured. Makes you pay attention. From organically grown grapes. Better in 2017.

**Gevey-Chambertin Les Murots *Domaine du Clos Frantin* 2013 : 92**

A red with dried cherry and plum character. Full body, firm tannins and a bright finish. A solid wine. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

**Gevey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Lavaux-Saint-Jacques 2013 : 93**

A firm and minerally red with sliced lemon and apple character. Full-bodied, tight and chewy. Muscular yet fine. Give it three or four years of age

**Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Chabiots 2013 : 93**

A dense and gorgeous wine with layers of fruit and fine tannins. Spice and cedar too. Full-bodied, very compacted and serious. Goes on for minutes. Drink or hold.

**2012 and 2011 RED WINES**

**Nuits-Saint-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru *Château-Gris* 2012 : 93**

A tight and chewy wine with sliced strawberry and Asian mushroom character. Full and tannic but makes you want to drink it with its approachable austerity. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

**Vosne-Romanée 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Malconsorts *Domaine du Clos Frantin* 2012 : 92**

A floral and fruity wine with lemon and fine tannins. Full-bodied, tight and beautiful. Focused and silky. From organically grown grapes. Drink now or hold.

**Clos-de-Vougeot *Domaine du Clos Frantin* 2012 : 96**

This is so wonderful with an earthy, cedar, tobacco, mint and cacao character. Full body, silky tannins. This really is superb. It goes on for minutes. A glorious red. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.

**Echezeaux Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin* 2012 : 94**

A velvety and dusty Echezeaux with an amazing texture. Full and round with ripe fruit and a long finish. This is very serious. From organically grown grapes. Better in 2017.

**Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2011 : 94**

There's a purity and beauty to this wine with dried fruits and lemon character. Full body, pure fruit and finesse. So fine. Drink or hold.

