



Neal Martin

2017 Red Burgundies

MOULIN-À-VENT Domaine de Rochegrès (87-89)

The 2017 Moulin-à-Vent has a perfumed red cherry and boysenberry bouquet. The palate is sweet and candied, displaying light tannin. Fine.

ALOXE-CORTON CLOS DES MARÉCHAUTES 1^{ER} CRU Domaine du Pavillon (90-92)

The 2017 Aloxé-Corton Clos des Maréchautes 1er Cru offers blueberry and raspberry preserve on a seductive nose. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, neatly integrated oak and fine poise on the finish. This comes recommended.

NUITS SAINT-GEORGES CHÂÎNES CARTEAUX 1^{ER} CRU (89-91)

The 2017 Nuits Saint-Georges Chaînes Carteaux 1er Cru has a ripe, generous bouquet of red cherries, crushed strawberry and vanilla. The palate is well balanced, with ripe tannin, a fine bead of acidity, nice weight and admirable tension on the finish. Fine.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES CHÂTEAU-GRIS 1^{ER} CRU (90-92)

The 2017 Nuits Saint-Georges Château-Gris 1er Cru offers darker fruit than the Chaînes Carteaux, featuring blackberry and touches of raspberry; the oak is nicely integrated. The palate is well balanced with sappy black fruit and quite saline in the mouth, displaying fine delineation toward the finish. Promising.

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY LES CHABIOTS 1^{ER} CRU (92-94)

The 2017 Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru has a wonderful, expressive red cherry and crushed strawberry nose with beguiling floral aromas. The medium-bodied palate offers supple tannin, finely pitched acidity and a long, poised, silky-smooth finish. A great Chambolle from winemaker Alain Serveau.

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY LES AMOUREUSES 1^{ER} CRU (90-92)

The 2017 Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses 1er Cru has quite an intense bouquet of copious red cherries, raspberry preserve and orange blossom aromas. The elegant palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, tart red fruit and a slight citrus element toward the finish.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE LES MALCONSORTS 1^{ER} CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin (90-92)

The 2017 Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts 1er Cru has a clean, pure bouquet of black cherries, blueberry and a touch of vanilla. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, fine weight in the mouth and a touch of sour cherry that enlivens the detailed finish.





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CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU

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The 2017 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru has a detailed, nicely focused bouquet of dark cherries, crushed strawberries and light floral notes. The rounded, velvety-smooth palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a polished, orange-peel-tinged finish that lingers nicely in the mouth. Fine.

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU

(91-93)

The 2017 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru has an attractively feisty, potent nose of kirsch, wild strawberry, orange blossom and light white pepper scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, rounded tannin. There is weight and girth to this Charmes-Chambertin but also fine acidity and tension on the finish. Excellent.

LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU

(91-93)

The 2017 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru is endowed with impressive intensity on a nose of blackberry, raspberry and scorched earth scents, becoming more floral with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, pure red cherry and crushed strawberry fruit and a caressing, sensual finish. Maybe one of the earlier-drinking Latricières, but well-crafted and enjoyable.

CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin

(92-94)

The 2017 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru has a wonderful, expressive bouquet of copious red cherries, raspberry preserve and *sous-bois* aromas, one of the most delineated from Bichot this year. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry, displaying a fine bead of acidity and filigreed tannin on the poised but persistent finish. One of the best from Bichot this year.

ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin

(90-92)

The 2017 Echézeaux Grand Cru has tight bouquet at first, a mixture of red and black fruit joined by hints of seaweed and mudflats that emerge with time. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit and a fine bead of acidity. There is a pleasant saline aftertaste.

GRANDS-ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin

(92-94)

The 2017 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru is much more exuberant and precise than the Echézeaux, offering vibrant red cherry, mineral and rose petal aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, fine grip and a precise, iodine-tinged finish that lingers long in the mouth.

RICHEBOURG GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin

(92-94)

The 2017 Richebourg Grand Cru offers precocious red cherries, orange blossom and tobacco, almost Romanée-Saint-Vivant in style. The palate is well balanced with fine structure. I like the firmness and backbone, and the grip on the finish. Certainly a wine of good breeding.

