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2018 REDS from Côte de Nuits

2018 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru: 96

This wine's reluctant nose gives away only a tender red-fruit note. The palate comes in with shy poise, clinging to fresh, tart red-cherry fruit on a concentrated body. It is svelte and toned, yet steely in its concentration and intent. As of yet, the wine is unyielding, but this is why it is so full of promise. A wonderful balance just comes down on the side of freshness while the warmth of 2018 broods like a genie yet to be released.

2018 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru: 96

Black-cherry hints on the nose have an intriguing note of smoked meat, but that is all this wine gives away for now. The palate also shows cherry fruit, but it is fresher, caught amid a fine-boned, filigreed structure of almost fragile tannin that nonetheless holds firm. There is grace and grandeur in equal measure, centered around a core of pure fruit, framed in vivid freshness and concentration.

2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 95

The freshness of ripe, tart cherry is pervasive on the aromatic nose of this wine, backed by slightly toasty oak. Cherry notes get creamier on the palate where ripeness and freshness meet at a perfect juncture, favoring brightness just a little bit more. Fine tannins weave a firm, still slightly crunchy web but that is where the aromatic cherry hides, only to burst forth with freshness. It's elegant, concentrated, aromatic and smooth.

2018 Echezeaux Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 95

Tentative hints of red currant and red cherry escape from this wine's shy nose. The palate adds hints of flinty reduction as well as subtle creaminess that cushions the firm structure. Wonderful freshness highlights fine-boned tannins that are firm and filigreed in equal measure. A concentrated core radiates red-berry tartness and aroma heightened by the freshness of this svelte but well-cut wine.

2018 Vosne-Romanée 1^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 95

Red cherry and a touch of smoke are subdued on the wine's shy nose. The palate is equally restrained, concentrated but with depth that has inherent grace. Firm tannins still crunch, but every crackle of that sinuous texture holds more perfume and more cherry. The body is taut and toned. All is framed with freshness and will only get better over the years.

2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru Petite Chapelle: 94

The black and red cherry aromas of this wine are suffused with overtones of dark peony and faint cocoa. The palate whirls them up in a sweep of freshness that underlines the rounded, red fruit kissed by a touch of vanilla. Slight tannins have a pleasant, subtle crunch and reveal that underneath all this pleasure rests depth, concentration and structure.

2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Chabiots: 94

The shy nose of this wine only reveals tentative notes of tart red fruit backed by a little oaky toastiness. The palate comes in with density, a tight, fine tannic web that accentuates the sinuous curve of the wine. Notes of ripe red cherry with purity and brightness makes this wine elegant and suave.

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2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru Château-Gris: 94

Smoke and a toasty glint of oak heighten the cherry notions of this wine with their aroma. The palate also uses oak to frame the fruit, which is juicy, ripe and rounded but vividly fresh. A firm yet pliable frame of ripe tannins assures this wine's structured future. The wine strikes a lovely balance and the finish reunites resonant notions of cherry, smoke and oak.

2018 Fixin 1^{er} Cru Clos de la Perrière: 94

Cherry and fresh cream mix with woodsmoke on the aromatic nose of this wine. The palate continues in this creamy vein, presenting dense, ripe cherry fruit on a finely textured palate pervaded by freshness. This gives the cherry notes an alluring Morello aspect, adding to the rich but toned verve of this wine.

2018 Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru Les Sorbets: 94

Ripe, dark cherry can just about be made out on the nose of this wine, but it seems distant. On the palate, the full, sumptuous purity and freshness of the fruit come to the fore. Nothing is overdrawn, all is harmonious. Silky tannins accentuate the sinuous depth of the fruit while subtle freshness highlights the pristine, elegant fruit. Lovely now, the wine is certain to evolve. Drink 2025–2035.

2018 Vosne-Romanée *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 94

In this wine, rounded notes of ripe, aromatic cherry immediately promise ripeness. They are edged with a conifer perfume that promises freshness. The palate blends these notions and while the red-cherry fruit is aromatic, brightness and freshness win over. Toned and finely textured, the palate offers silky, juicy tannins that lend real poise.

2018 Gevrey-Chambertin *Les Murots* *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 93

Subtle but pure notes of red cherry characterize the nose on this wine, adding lovely notions of iron oxide and petrichor. The palate falls into step with the same tart and shimmering fruit intensity, spreading a web of firm but ripe tannin and pervading the ripeness with fresh energy. It's a complex, aromatic and elegant wine.

2018 Gevrey-Chambertin *Les Evocelles*: 92

Hints of both milk chocolate and vanilla flash on the nose of this wine before ripe red cherry takes center stage. The palate then frames the red-cherry ripeness with juicy freshness, while notions of vanilla and mocha add a richer spin. It finishes fresh, with palpable tannin and rounded, ripe fruit.





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2018 Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes *Domaine du Pavillon*: 97

A hint of woodsmoke combines with this wine's shy aromas of black cherry. The palate comes in with surprising grace and svelteness, presenting a filigreed but firm structure. Cherry aromas shimmering with Morello and Amarena are expressed against that frame, crunching slightly and heightened by vivid freshness. This wine has compact, elegant power and inherent conviction. Drink through 2050.

2018 Pommard 1^{er} Cru Les Rugiens *Domaine du Pavillon*: 95

The rounded ripeness of red cherry is evoked on this wine's subtle nose. On the almost sumptuous palate, cherry notes are bedded in creaminess on a body that has the texture of starched velvet. This wine is firm and muscular, but the tannins will eventually yield gracefully. Power and concentration are aligned with poise.

2018 Volnay Les Santenots 1^{er} Cru *Domaine du Pavillon*: 94

The toasty gloss of oak surrounds cherry notes on this wine's nose. Cherry becomes rounder, riper and more luscious on the palate, meeting the richness of the oak. Underneath it all, freshness highlights the red streaks of cherry while fine tannins lend a graceful structure.

2018 Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru Clos des Maréchaudes *Domaine du Pavillon*: 92

A touch of vanilla with a hint of dill gives aromatic spin to cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate has a juicy core that is vibrant with ripe but tart red-cherry fruit. All this happens on a concentrated body where fine tannins weave a filigree structure. This wine is assertive and elegant in equal measure.

2018 Pommard Clos des Ursulines *Domaine du Pavillon*: 92

All this shy wine reveals on its nose are a few notes of cold ash that mix with hints of cherry. The palate comes in with textured freshness and spry tannins that still give a little crunch. Freshness gives this a vivacious, crunchy midpalate.

2018 Savigny-Les-Beaune 1^{er} Cru Les Peuillets: 92

The shy nose on this wine shows gentle notes of peony over hints of red-cherry fruit. The palate has that same tenderness but then reveals a richer backdrop of ripe, dark cherry. Slight tannins crunch pleasantly while freshness frames all. This wine strikes an easy but elegant balance.

2018 Chassagne-Montrachet: 91

There almost is a sense of berry candy along with expressive strawberry and raspberry notes on the nose of this wine. The same fruit is toned down but enlivened by freshness on the vivid palate where fine tannins brush gently and produce a tiny bit of crunch. On the finish, it is mouthwatering, fruity and fresh.

2018 Meursault *Domaine du Pavillon*: 91

A touch of toasty oak, pine resin lift and ripe red cherry combine into a very appetizing nose on this wine. Oaky smokiness continues to envelope that cherry fruit, adding a brooding sense to the dark juiciness. Tannins brush and are drying on the palate, adding backbone and firmness that frames the fruit perfectly.

2018 Beaune Clos de l'Ermitage: 91

Gentle red-fruit notes have the slightest sheen of vanilla on this wine's nose. The palate offers the full-fruited intensity of ripe cherry, propelled by vivid freshness. A touch of heat and mocha play on the finish.





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2018 Beaune Les Epenottes *Domaine du Pavillon*: 91

Black-cherry notes are as vivid and ripe on the nose of this wine as they are on the palate. They have a slight coating of smoke but are framed in juicy, rounded freshness. The body is light and almost playful, yet anchored by fine, firm tannins. It's an understated wine with purity and verve.

2018 Chorey-les-Beaune: 91

Vivid liftedness brings red-currant and forest berry to the fore on the perfumed nose of this wine. The palate also has supercharged aromatics, wrapping notions of crushed forest fruit with slight smoke. The palate is tart and juicy, bringing a joyous purity of fruit edged with overtones of conifer and surrounded by a lively but tender crunch of tannin.

2018 Santenay Les Charmes: 90

The nose on this wine is subtle but toasty oak and ripe cherry rise from the glass and create the first impression on the palate. The wine has freshness and concentration, pitching cherry juiciness against mellow oak. Slightly crunchy tannins complete the picture.

2018 REDS from Côte Chalonnaise

2018 Mercurey 1^{er} Cru Champs Martin *Domaine Adélie*: 93

In this wine, a tinge of cinnamon on the red, tart cherry nose and hint of licorice lend spice and interest. The palate homes in on the bright, cherry note, exquisite in its tart freshness, and surrounds it with subtle woodsmoke. Fine tannins are slightly drying while freshness is pervasive and illuminating.

2018 Mercurey En Pierre Milley *Domaine Adélie*: 92

Red-fruited scent strafes the nose with a vivid hint of raspberry, accompanied by pinewood and a touch of toasty oak. The palate on this wine is smooth and concentrated, but retains that high note of bright raspberry while the backdrop gets a little smokier. This is an elegant wine with fine tannins and quite some structure. The freshness is remarkable for 2018.

2018 Givry Champ La Dame: 90

The shy nose on this wine gives little away but the palate offers ripe, red-fruited freshness. Slender and fresh, the body is bright with red cherry and red currant highlights. Fine tannins have only the slightest crunch. This wine has bags of charm and a real sense of purity.

