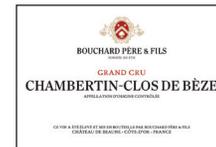


94 Grand Cru Chambertin Clos de Bèze 2017

POINTS

From bottle, the 2017 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru wafts from the glass with pretty aromas of cassis, cherries, black tea, rose petals and spices. On the palate, it's full-bodied, supple and satiny, with a textural attack, a fleshy, succulent core of fruit and a pure and expansive finish. Open-knit and charming, the wine's powdery, melting tannins are largely concealed. This is a generous, head-turning Clos de Bèze that delivers immense pleasure, albeit comparatively little in the way of profundity.



94+ Grand Cru Chevalier-Montrachet Domaine 2017

POINTS

Just bottled under Diam 10, the 2017 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru opens in the glass with aromas of Meyer lemon, green apple, pastry cream and white flowers that's exactly as I remember it. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, elegantly textural and attractively vibrant, with good depth and concentration at the core, succulent acids and a long, precise finish. Pure and delicate, this is a lovely Chevalier in an understated, makeup-free style that confirms its excellent showing from barrel. While it's a little shut down after the mise en bouteille, the charm and expressiveness of the vintage mean that it is still quite open for inspection.



94-96 Grand Cru Chevalier-Montrachet La Cabotte Domaine 2017

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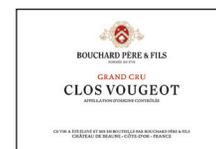
There are four barrels of the 2017 Chevalier-Montrachet La Cabotte Grand Cru, a superb wine that unfurls in the glass with aromas of lemon oil, mandarin orange, pastry cream and blanched almonds. On the palate, it's full-bodied, satiny and incisive, with a layered, concentrated mid-palate, tangy acids and lovely purity and definition, concluding with a long finish.



90-93 Grand Cru Clos Vougeot 2017

POINTS POINTS

The 2017 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru hails elusively from Bouchard's holdings in the upper part of the Clos, as their lower-lying parcels are being replanted. The wine reveals notes of sweet cassis, wild berries, incense, rich soil and smoky new oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and layered palate that reveals good depth and dimension. Vinified with some 50% whole cluster, it's a very promising bottling that will likely fly under the radar.



93 Grand Cru Corton-Charlemagne Domaine 2017

POINTS

The 2017 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru surpasses its showing from barrel, revealing an attractive bouquet of ripe orchard fruit, citrus oil, spring flowers and pastry cream. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, elegantly glossy and precise, with a fleshy core of fruit that's tempered by brisk acids, concluding with a delicately chalky finish. While this is a little shut down after its recent bottling, this is a charming, expressive Corton-Charlemagne in the making.



94-96 Grand Cru Montrachet Domaine 2017

POINTS POINTS

From a parcel sandwiched between the holdings of Ramonet and Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, the 2017 Montrachet Grand Cru wafts from the glass with notes of oatmeal, lemon curd, ripe yellow orchard fruit and praline, subtly framed by new wood. On the palate, the wine is satiny, deep and complete, with a classily reserved profile that's concealing impressive reserves of concentration and structure, underpinned by juicy acids. It's a terrific Montrachet that may match the 2014 rendition.



91 Premier Cru Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Cailles Domaine 2017

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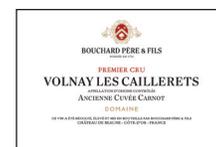
Attractive aromas of raspberries and cherries mingling with nuances of blood orange, grilled squab and dark chocolate introduce the 2017 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Cailles, a wine that's showing substantially better than it did from barrel in December. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, showing good depth and dimension at the core, fine but chalky structuring tannins and good length on the finish.



92 Premier Cru Volnay Les Caillerets Ancienne Cuvée Carnot 2017

POINTS

The 2017 Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets Ancienne Cuvée Carnot is already extremely charming, bursting from the glass with a lavish bouquet of cassis, dried rose petals, coniferous forest floor and dark chocolate. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, supple and satiny, with an elegantly textural attack, a nicely concentrated core of fruit and lively acids, concluding with a precise, vibrant finish.



91 **Premier Cru Beaune Clos Saint-Landry Monopole 2017**

POINTS

The 2017 Beaune 1er Cru Clos Saint-Landry Blanc offers up an inviting bouquet of fresh pear, yellow orchard fruit, drawn butter and freshly cut herbs. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, ample and enveloping, with a fleshy core of succulent fruit and a generous, open-knit but nicely delineated profile.



89 **Premier Cru Beaune Clos de la Mousse Monopole 2017**

POINTS

Tasted from bottle, the 2017 Beaune 1er Cru Clos de la Mousse reveals a generous bouquet of smoky dark fruit, rich soil tones and baking chocolate, followed by a medium to full-bodied, fleshy and gourmand palate, framed by ripe acids and rich but melting structuring tannins. From barrel, I characterized this wine as “open-knit and precocious,” and that verdict holds true from bottle.



92 **Premier Cru Beaune Grèves Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus 2017**

POINTS

The 2017 Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus is showing well, wafting from the glass with aromas of smoky cherry and blackberry fruit that mingle with nuances of incense, spices and baking chocolate. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, velvety and supple, with a nicely concentrated core of sapid fruit, succulent acids and quite a long, harmonious finish. This has come together very nicely since I tasted it from barrel in early December.



88-90 **Premier Cru Beaune du Château 2017**

POINTS POINTS

The 2017 Beaune 1er Cru du Château Blanc displays aromas of green orchard fruit, blanched almonds and white flowers, followed by a medium-bodied, elegantly delicate palate with good concentration and a saline finish. Supple and open-knit, it will drink well in its youth.



93 **Premier Cru Meursault Genevrières Domaine 2017**

POINTS

Youthfully reticent aromas of crisp Anjou pear, blanched almonds, Meyer lemon and hints of praline introduce the 2017 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières, a medium to full-bodied, deep and tensile wine that's impressively concentrated and nicely defined. This confirms its strong showing from barrel; indeed, the wine has gained in tension since I tasted it in December. While it's a little shut down after its recent bottling, it should drink very well with a bit of bottle age.



92-94 **Premier Cru Meursault Perrières Domaine 2017**

POINTS POINTS

Aromas of ripe lemons, praline, crushed chalk and white flowers introduce the 2017 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières, a medium to full-bodied, pure and chiseled wine with lovely mid-palate amplitude, a bright line of acidity and a chalky, tight-knit core. Like the Genevrières, this is one of the highlights from chez Bouchard this year.



90 **Meursault Les Clous Domaine 2017**

POINTS

Tasted from bottle, the 2017 Meursault Les Clous confirms its strong showing from barrel, exhibiting aromas of crisp Anjou pear, dried white flowers, beeswax and blanched almonds. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, satiny and incisive, with excellent tension and depth at the core and an elegantly chalky finish. While it's a little shut down after its recent bottling, its quality is not in doubt.



88-90 **Vosne-Romanée 2017**

POINTS POINTS

The 2017 Vosne-Romanée Village exhibits notes of sweet raspberry fruit, spices and smoky oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied palate with a juicy core of fruit, chewy tannins and appreciable amplitude and power. This hails from an old-vine parcel that Bouchard has purchased for many years and which contains an appreciable percentage of Pinot Gris—not uncommon in Vosne-Romanée.

