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# **92pts**CLos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Ripe aromas of humus, dark cherry and poached plum give way to slightly denser flavors that possess similar power on the compact and impressively long finish that is noticeably more structured.



## 91-93pts ROMANÉE-ST-VIVA

ROMANÉE-ST-VIVANT "LES QUATRE JOURNAUX" GRAND CRU

Here the expressive nose is both riper and spicier with its array of exotic tea, dark currant and sandalwood scents. The more refined if less concentrated flavors do possess outstanding intensity and a lovely sense of detail on the balanced, moderately austere and sneaky long finish. This elegant effort should repay a decade plus of keeping.



#### 90-93pts Chambertin-Cuvée Héritiers Latour Grand Cru

A ripe if cooler nose combines notes of black cherry, crushed anise and a whiff of the sauvage. There is a lovely sense of verve to the overtly stony medium weight flavors that flash good power on the balanced and lingering finale. This youthfully austere effort isn't what I would describe as classic yet there is good development potential.



#### 91pts ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU

A note of **spicy green tea** can be found on the beguilingly spicy nose of various **red** and dark berry aromas. There is solid concentration and volume to the relatively powerful middle weight flavors that culminate in a bitter chocolatetinged finale. I like the length and there is good aging potential as well.



## 90pts

BEAUNE 1ER CRU
"VIGNES FRANCHES"

A perfumed and broad-ranging nose is composed by notes of dark currant, plum and a hint of exotic tea. The super-sleek and solidly voluminous flavors possess a velvety mouthfeel along with excellent punch that seems to build on the bitter pit fruit=inflected finish. This moderately firm effort definitely needs more depth but the length alone makes it worth the price of entry.



### 90pts

POMMARD 1ER CRU "EPENOTS"

A ripe, if definitely brooding, even taciturn, nose grudgingly gives up its aromas of warm earth, **soft spice** and **dark raspberry**. Once again the barely middle weight flavors are not especially dense though I do like the vibrancy of the nicely detailed, firm and youthfully austere finale that should repay 7 to 10 years of cellaring.



#### 90pts

ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU "LES CHAILLOTS"

This is the first wine to display any appreciable wood influence and even here it's subtle on the brooding and grudging nose of various dark berries and newly turned earth scents. The mouthfeel isn't especially dense but there is still reasonable volume and punch to the lightly rustic flavors that also culminate in a youthfully austere, moderately firm and sneaky long finale.



#### 89-92pts

CHÂTEAU CORTON GRANCEY GRAND CRU

This is also quite ripe without being jammy with its similar nose of dark berries and cassis. There is better volume though again barely average density to the appealingly textured flavors that possess focused power on the balanced and lingering finish that could use better depth.