



Domaine Jérôme Chezeaux. January 2014

Bourgogne 2012. 87 pts.

The 2012 Bourgogne is a very pretty wine in its class, with vibrant red cherry fruit, sweet floral notes and lovely overall radiance. This is a great introduction to the domaine and, as one might therefore reasonably expect, a fairly classic style of Bourgogne, especially in its sense of structure. Drinking window 2014 – 2020.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 2012. 88-90 pts.

Dark red and black fruit, licorice and mint inform the 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges, a wine that stands out for its fleshiness and sense of direction. This is a round, open wine within the context of Nuits, and should provide plenty of enjoyment pretty much upon release. The main parcels are Longecourts, Chaliots and Saint-Julien. Drinking window 2014 – 2022.

Nuits Saint Georges vieilles vignes « Les Charbonnières » 2012. 88-90 pts.

Rich, fleshy and imposing, the 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Charbonnières is laced with sweet black cherries, smoke, tobacco and new leather. This is a virile, broad-shouldered yet mid-weight Nuits with tons of personality. The style is a bit rustic and chunky, but there is no shortage of character. Drinking window 2015-2022.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Aux Boudots » 2012. 92-94 pts.

The 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges Aux Boudots takes hold of the palate and never lets up. Dark red and black cherries, plums, smoke, incense and tobacco all flesh out in a rich, powerful wine full of personality and class. The 2012 is huge and explosive today, with firm tannins lurking in support of the finish. Sweet floral and spice notes suggest a little more polish might develop as the wine ages. Drinking Window 2022 – 2032.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Rue De Chaux » 2012. 91-93 pts.

The 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges Rue de Chaux is marked by iron, ferrous notes, dark red fruit, smoke, incense and earthiness. This firm, massively endowed Nuits is going to require considerable patience. The style is powerful and also at times a bit rustic. Readers who enjoy firm structured Burgundies will find much to admire here. Drinking window 2020 – 2032.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru “Les Pruliers” 2012. 91-93 pts.

The 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Pruliers is wonderfully layered and voluptuous in the glass. Dark red and black fruit and hints of earthiness meld together in a silky, textured Nuits that is open and expressive today. A classic sense structure supports the fruit. This is a lovely showing. Drinking window 2022 - 2032

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru « Les Vaucrains » 2012. 90-92 pts.

The 2012 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Vaucrains is one of the more tense, compact wines in this range. Today, the Vaucrains isn't showing much in terms of its flavors. Instead, it is the wine's persistence that stands out most. The Vaucrains does not appear to be as generous or inviting as many of the other wines in the range, nor as polished as the very best wines from this site. If the 2012 fleshes out it might merit a higher score. We will see next year. Drinking window 2022 – 2042.

Vosne-Romanée 2012. 87-89 pts.

A fleshy, supple wine, the 2012 Vosne-Romanée has more than enough complexity and nuance to provide rewarding drinking for the next handful of years, perhaps longer. Crushed red berries, mint and flowers all blossom on the inviting finish. The Vosne is a blend of fruit from Aux Réas, Boissières and Maizières. As always, there is plenty of personality in the glass. Drinking window 2014 – 2022.

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru « Les Chaumes » 2012. 91-93 pts.

Sweet red berries, menthol, licorice, sweet spices and new leather all jump from the glass in the 2012 Vosne-Romanée Les Chaumes. The flavors are bright, focused and beautifully delineated from start to finish. Rich and impeccably layered to the core, the 2012 impresses for its balance and class. The firm tannins should soften with a few years in bottle. Drinking window 2017 – 2032.

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru « Les Suchots » 2012. 92-94 pts.

Distinctly powerful and explosive, Chézeaux's 2012 Vosne-Romanée Les Suchots flows across the palate with serious authority and depth. Incense, exotic spices, dried flowers and smoke are among the threads of complexity and nuance that are woven throughout a core of dark black fruit. At this stage, the tannins and overall structure are imposing, so patience is going to be of the utmost importance. There is no shortage of personality here. Drinking window : 2022 – 2032.

Clos de Vougeot 2012. 91-93 pts.

The 2012 Clos Vougeot is another huge, explosive wine from Chézeaux in this vintage. Smoke, iron, tar, licorice and dark red fruit notes jump from the glass. Broad-shouldered, rich and intense to the core, the 2012 boasts terrific depth and richness, but it also needs time for the tannins to fully integrate. There is a lot to look forward to here. Drinking window 2022-2037.