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2008	<b>Nuits St-Georges Aux Argillas 1<sup>er</sup></b>	87-90
2008	<b>Nuits St-Georges Aux Bousselets 1<sup>er</sup></b>	89-91
2008	<b>Nuits St-Georges Damodes 1<sup>er</sup></b>	89-91
2008	<b>Nuits St-Georges Les Perrières 1<sup>er</sup></b>	89-92
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Jean Chauvenet's son-in-law Christophe Drag told me that 2008 was « saved by north wind. There was a lot of rain in August and with the warm temperatures, rot pressure was building. The wind however dried things out, stopped the rot and concentrated the berries and thickened their skins as well. We began picking on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September and though there was some sorting work required, it was not terrible and no worse than 2007. Yields were reasonable at between 35 and 40 hl/ha and sugars were perfectly good too. I did a softer winification than usual as I didn't want to extract any green elements. Overall, 2008 is a very pretty vintage that speaks clearly of the underlying terroir and they should please those who love classically styled burgundies. (Vin de Garde <Wine, Portland, WA / Berry Brothers & Rudd, [www.bbr.com](http://www.bbr.com) UK, uncorked Ltd, [www.uncorked.co.uk](http://www.uncorked.co.uk), UK, and Richards Walford & Co, Ltd [www.r-w.co.uk](http://www.r-w.co.uk) UK)

**2008 Bourgogne** : A relatively elegant and very pretty nose of ripe red berries and violet aromas leads to detailed, earthy and serious flavors where the supporting tannins are only mildly rustic and this is a quality Bourgogne (84-87) 2012 +

**2008 Nuits St-Georges** : (from three very well situated parcels located in the northern portion of Nuits, specifically Lavières, Aux Allots and Aux St Jacques). This is a very ripe 08 with notes of cassis and black cherry along with warm earth notes that continue onto the concentrated, rustic and serious medium-bodied flavors that are very Nuits in character (86-88)/2014 +

**2008 Nuits St Georges "Aux Argillas"**: (from a tiny 17 ha parcel of vines planted in 1992 from a little seen vineyard located on the southern end of the "Vosne" section of Nuits). This is also quite ripe with a similar nose of cassis, black cherry and plum aromas complementing the supple, round and solidly concentrated flavors that possess good extract that buffers the firm structure on the dusty and lingering finish. This too is very Nuits in character (87-90)/2015+

**2008 Nuits St-Georges "Damodes"** : (from a 28 ha parcel) This is a clear step up in refinement with a ripe, perfumed and cool nose that is more floral in character and the refinement continues onto the detailed and nicely precise flavors that possess fine complexity on the long finish that is supported by dense but fine tannins. Lovely (89-91)/2016 +

**2008 Nuits St-Georges "Aux Boussetots"** : A ripe but airy, cool and attractive nose of cassis and blue berry gives way to supple, round and a bit less obviously structured middle weight flavors that culminate in a dusty, mouth coating and solidly complex finish. This too is quite pretty. (89-91)/2015 +

**2008 Nuits St-Georges "Les Perrières"** : (from a 23ha parcel). Drag always seems to produce an excellent wine with this cru and 08 is no exception. Deeply colored. The elegant and very pure nose of ripe black cherry and violet aromas introduces rich, delicious, stony, complex and quite serious medium-bodied flavors drive into a lingering and mouth coating finish of considerable persistence. This and the Vaucrains are the class of the cellar in 2008 (89-92)/2016 +

**2008 Nuits St-Georges "Les Vaucrains"** (from a 41 ha parcel) Also quite deeply colored. A highly layered nose of fresh and ripe cassis, spiced plum and pungent earth aromas complement the extremely rich, serious, brooding and animale flavors that are very firmly structured on the wonderfully complex, long and powerful finish. This is a big and bad example of the appellation that will require plenty of cellar time to shed its considerable tannic spine (90-93)/2018+

Note : the Chauvenet 07s were bottled in May; 2009

**2007 Nuits St-Georges** : (from three very well situated parcels located in the northern portion of Nuits, specifically Lavières, Aux Allots and Aux St Jacques). A ripe and expressive nose reveals red, blue and black fruit plus ample earth notes that transfer to the serious and firmly structured flavors that are also supported by firm tannins on the austere finish. This is a concentrated effort for its level and will require a few years to soften enough to enjoy (87/2013+)

**2007 Nuits St-Georges "Aux Argillas"** : (from a tiny 17 ha parcel of vines planted in 1992 from a little seen vineyard located on the southern end of the "Vosne" section of Nuits). This is a step up in elegance and refinement with pure and airy red pinot fruit that leads to detailed, minerally and complex barely middle weight flavors that are balanced, long and linear with tangy finishing acidity. This is actually not as concentrated as the villages but much finer. In a word, lovely (88/2012+)

2007 Nuits St-Georges “Damodes” : (from a 28 ha parcel) A red currant and dark berry fruit nose that has touches of reduction, earth and spice plus a hint of underbrush that continues onto the detailed, pretty and nicely balanced medium bodied flavors that are pure, punchy and persistent and I like the mineral-inflected finish. Be sure to decant this first. (88-2012+)

2007 Nuits St-Georges “Aux Bousselots”: This is quite elegant with higher-toned red pinot fruit aromas that are nuanced by hint of vegetal, earth and a hint of stone that continue onto the textured, serious and firm flavors that avoid any sense of undue hardness though there is a distinct edginess and it's not clear that it will round out before the fruit dries out (88/2013+)

2007 Nuits St-Georges “Rue de Chaux” (from a 24 ha parcel that was not declared separately until 93; prior to that it was blended into the villages). A touch of wood spice frames wonderfully complex and quite ripe red and blue berry fruit aromas nuanced by the same hints of vegetal that add an attractive nuance to the textured, round and serious medium weight plus flavors that are supported by relatively refined tannins. There is so much extract present that it confers a truly lovely mouth feel to the finish as well as a subtle touch of backend minerality. Worth a look (90/2014+)

2007 Nuits St-Georges “Les Perrières” « (from a 23 ha parcel) A complex nose of a full range of fruit and floral aromas plus touches of earth and sauvage notes that complement exceptionally fresh, intense and detailed middle weight flavors that culminate in a mildly austere finish. This is a dense 07 but there is impeccable balance and much better than average length Also worth a look (91/2014+)

2007 Nuits St-Georges “Les Vaucrains” « (from a 41 ha parcel) A reserved, ripe and highly complex nose that is almost animale in character with hints of herb and underbrush while the intensely earthy dark berry fruit aromas convey accurately that character of the restrained but serious and powerful big-bodied flavors that offer excellent length (90-2015+)