

Allen Meadows'

Burghound.com

La meilleure référence du Bourgogne

THE ULTIMATE BURGUNDY REFERENCE
ALLEN MEADOWS

Allen Meadows' 1st Quarter, 2011 Issue 41

DOMAINE JEAN CHAUVENET (NUITS ST. GEORGES)

2009	Bourgogne red.....	(85-87)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges red.....	(87-89)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Aux Argillas" 1er red.....	(88-91)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Aux Bousselots" 1er red.....	(89-91)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Damodes" 1er red.....	(89-92)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Les Perrières" 1er red.....	(91-93)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Les Poulettes" 1er red.....	(90-92)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Rue de Chaux" 1er red.....	(89-92)
2009	Nuits St.-Georges "Les Vaucrains" 1er red	(91-93)
2009	Vosne-Romanée red	(87-89)
2008	Nuits St.-Georges red	87
2008	Nuits St.-Georges "Damodes" 1er red	90
2008	Nuits St.-Georges "Les Vaucrains" 1er red	92

Jean Chauvenet's son-in-law Christophe Drag told me that 2009 produced "very ripe fruit. While most descriptions of the climatic conditions don't mention it, there was some north wind during the last three weeks of the growing season which helped to concentrate the acidity. This was helpful as yields were generous without being excessive. I elected to begin picking on the 12th of September and brought in extremely clean and phenolically ripe fruit that during the vinifications gave up their color extremely quickly. As such, most of my '09s are relatively dark without being black. The other aspect that I find interesting is how aromatic the wines are at such an early stage." Drag also mentioned that he had upgraded his system of moving grapes and must to completely eliminate pumps and he noted that the benefits were immediately obvious in terms of having softer and less robust tannins. And in tasting his '09s, I have to agree with him that the tannins are indeed finer. (Vin de Garde Wines, Portland, WA; Berry Brothers & Rudd, www.bbr.com, UK, Uncorked Ltd, www.uncorked.co.uk, UK., and Richards Walford & Co., Ltd., www.r-w.co.uk, UK).

2009 Bourgogne: An extremely pretty nose of red and blue pinot fruit trimmed in discreet earth notes leads to rich, round and fleshy flavors that culminate in a firm and mildly austere but persistent finish. This offers fine quality for its level and should reward 3 to 5 years of cellar time. (85-87)/2013+

2009 Vosne-Romanée: (from Ravioles). This is very Vosne with a hint of Nuits as the red, blue and black pinot fruit nose is spicy and sexy yet has a hint of the *sauvage* present as well. The rich, delicious and relatively concentrated flavors possess a firm but not aggressive tannic spine and fine length on the mildly austere finish. (87-89)/2015+

2009 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 unusually well perfumed for the *appellation* with red berry fruit, earth and a hint of gaminess that also can be found on the rich, delicious and fleshy middle weight flavors that display only a hint of classic Nuits rusticity on the long and solidly complex finish. A lovely *villages*. (87-89)/2015+

2009 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). A deft touch of wood sets off a slightly more aromatically elegant and complex nose of red currant, plum and warm earth that slides gracefully into rich, serious and well-concentrated flavors that carry a note of the *sauvage* over to the firm but not really rustic finish. (88-91)/2016+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Damodes": (from a .28 ha parcel). Much more deeply pitched aromas focus around notes of blue berry fruit, warm earth and a hint of violets that precede the serious, mouth coating and quite dense medium-bodied flavors that brim with dry extract, all wrapped in a long finish supported by relatively fine tannins. A Nuits of finesse. (89-92)/2016+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Aux Bouselots": A ripe but relatively somber nose of earthy red currant and blue pinot fruit that also evidences a floral note leads to very rich and serious middle weight flavors blessed with ample amounts of dry extract that enrobes the tannic spine, which makes the balanced finish seem less structured than it usually is. Solid if not special quality here. (89-91)/2017+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Rue de Chaux": This is the ripest wine to this point with an expressive and layered nose of plum, earth and cassis that merges into rich, dense and voluminous flavors that possess abundant sap on the textured and persistent finish where an attractive note of anise is in evidence. Good juice. (89-92)/2017+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Les Poulettes": This is also notably ripe though just a bit fresher with a plum and raspberry liqueur nose that is followed by textured, sappy and fleshy middle weight flavors that coat the mouth on the driving and energetic finish. The supporting tannins are dense but fine and this should age very well. (90-92)/2017+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Les Perrières": (from a .23 ha parcel). A perfumed, ripe and pure nose of black raspberry and understated earth nuances complements the very rich and generous medium-bodied flavors that are notably finer as the minerality adds a touch of refinement on the gorgeously long finish. This is a textbook Perrières. (91-93)/2017+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges "Les Vaucrains": (from a .41 ha parcel). A very ripe purple fruit nose also displays warm earth and a hint of *animale* that is picked up by the full-bodied,

powerful and overtly muscular flavors that ooze dry extract on the seductively textured and palate staining finish that delivers excellent length. This is a classic Vaucrains with its robust and bigbodied constitution. Patience required. (91-93)/2019+

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, chewy and serious medium-bodied flavors that are very Nuits in character. 87/2015+

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 where a hint of crushed leaf is also in evidence. Lovely. 90/2016+

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 complements 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. 92/2018+