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## **Domaine Christian Clerget (Vougeot)**

**2010 Morey St. Denis "Les Crais" white (87-89)**

**2010 Bourgogne red (85-88)**

**2010 Chambolle-Musigny red (88-91)**

**2010 → Chambolle-Musigny "Les Charmes" 1er red (90-93)**

**2010 Echézeaux Grand Cru red (91-94)**

**2010 Morey St. Denis "Les Crais" red (87-90)**

**2010 Vosne-Romanée "Les Violettes" red (88-91)**

**2010 Vougeot "Petits Vougeots" 1er red (89-92)**

Christian Clerget described 2010 as "very promising and a total surprise. We suffered quite a bit of frost damage and the flowering did not pass well. The growing season was nothing to write home about and I was worried that the fruit was even going to get ripe. We elected to begin picking on the 23rd of September and even one week before that harvest I couldn't tell that we were going to bring in fruit that was as good as it was. There was a bit of sorting required and we threw out on the order of 5 to 10% of the fruit but overall, 2010 produced some of the best fruit that I have ever seen. The only problem was that there was 30 to 35% less of it. I think the wines are going to be great as they have everything they need but time will ofcourse determine whether I'm right or not." I have said this before but it bears repeating: Clerget seems to get better and better with each vintage and 2010 may be his best ever. It's certainly produced the best young Charmes that I have ever seen from him.

### **White:**

**2010 Morey St. Denis "Les Crais":** (from 8 year old vines planted to a mix of 10% pinot beurot and pinot blanc and the other 90% is chardonnay). A very fresh nose of melon, citrus and pear leads to rich, round and agreeably generous middle weight flavors that offer good vibrancy and a subtle salinity on the appealingly intense and persistent finish. (87-89)/2014+

## **Reds:**

**2010 Bourgogne:** A very pretty, fresh and bright red pinot fruit nose is nuanced by hints of earth and underbrush. The nicely precise flavors possess good verve on the pleasantly well-detailed flavors that possess a clean and precise mouth feel before terminating in a delicious finish. The supporting tannins are relatively fine-grained and if this can add a bit of depth, this has the potential to be a lovely Bourgogne. (85-88)/2014+

**2010 Morey St. Denis:** This is also quite pretty with a bit more complexity to the attractively layered mix of red and dark berry fruit aromas that evidence plenty of earth influence which carries over to the admirably pure middle weight flavors. There is good detail and punch to the harmonious, persistent and balanced finish that is supported by the same kind of relatively fine-grained tannins displayed by the Bourgogne. (87-90)/2016+

**2010 Chambolle-Musigny:** (from 30+ year old vines, most of which are situated by Charmes). An exceptionally pretty and very pinot nose features primarily red berry fruits and wet stone aromas. The palate impression is very Chambolle in basic character with a refined mouth feel to the detailed, precise and tension-filled middle weight flavors that are a lesson in finesse before culminating in a mildly austere, balanced and lengthy finish. A lovely villages. (88-91)/2016+

**2010 Vosne-Romanée “Les Violettes”:** (from .50 ha parcel planted in 1946). A spicy, ripe and also quite pure nose of restrained and elegant red berry fruit aromas enjoy top notes of violet, plum and anise. The rich, intense and solidly welldetailed flavors possess good volume and an attractive sense of underlying tension that imparts vibrancy to the persistent and mouth coating finish. I very much like the style and the overall balance. (88-91)/2017+

**2010 Vougeot “Petits Vougeots”:** A gentle application of wood sets off ripe, fresh and relatively refined aromas of red currant, plum and earth. There is good volume to the impressively intense and solidly concentrated flavors that possess an equally refined but firm tannic spine, all wrapped in a beautifully persistent finish. As it usually is, this is a wine of finesse and understatement that is more Chambolle than Vougeot in character. (89-92)/2018+

**2010 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Charmes”:** (from 4 parcels of 30+ year old vines aggregating 1 ha). Soft wood spice notes add nuance to the otherwise naturally spicy and ripe cherry, plum and black raspberry aromas. The pure, detailed and attractively mineral-inflected flavors possess a satin-like texture and culminate in a dusty, dry, clean and wonderfully wellbalanced finish. This is good stuff that is worth your attention. (90-93)/2018+

**2010 Echézeaux:** (from a 1.1 ha parcel located in En Orveaux that was planted in 1947). A hint of menthol combines with pretty spice notes to add breadth to the reserved plum and cassis suffused nose. There is impressive size and weight to the exceptionally rich, indeed even velvety middle weight plus flavors that possess fully mature tannins that impart a solid but not aggressive firmness to the mouth coating and strikingly persistent finish. An excellent Ech. (91-94)/2022+