

Burgundy 2015

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2015 Morey-Saint-Denis white "Les Crais" 14.5/20

Nuts and apples – plus a certain mushroom character that might be slightly rot-affected. Light palate, simple flavour profile. Not entirely convincing. (RH)

2015 Vosne-Romanée Les Violettes 17.5/20

Black cherry, violet, crunchy and expressive with a proper floral scent on the finish. Very tender tannins indeed – very much an early-drinker, though there is gorgeous fruit intensity through to the finish. (RH)

2015 Chambolle-Musigny 16/20

Deep colour, very rich nose with a plum and herb character. This reminds me, weirdly enough, of freshly fermented Shiraz from McLaren Vale! It really is a warm style. There's a lot of rich charm here – but I'm not sure you would pick it as Chambolle. (RH)

2015 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru "Les Charmes" 16.5/20

Sweet oak scent on the nose, rich cherry fruit, soft mouthfeel that nonetheless leaves a fine tannic grip on the finish. Much more refined than their non-premier cru Chambolle. It's a masculine style that should develop reasonably well. (RH)

Vougeot 1^{er} cru « Les Petits Vougeots » 17.5/20

Rich plummy fruit – ripe and rich, showing the ripeness of the vintage. Expertly balanced palate with the acid just refreshing the full body and grainy tannin structure. Delicious sour cherry element on the finish. (RH)

2015 Échezeaux Grand Cru 16.5/20

Candied cherry fruit. Strong medicinal character, and some volatile acidity makes this quite edgy on the nose – not unpleasant, but without the purity of fruit you might expect. It's not too expensive relative to many grands crus, mind (based on the trade price). (RH)