

## Cru Beaujolais 2015

The granite is key, but the geological subtleties of what lies beneath this picturesque landscape are reflected in the nuances of its best wines, says James Lawther MW



**La Closerie des Thorins,  
Vieilles Vignes, Moulin-à-Vent**  
91 AH 91 JL 92 MW 91

£23 New Generation McKinley

Bright and intense with a lovely depth of generous dark cherry fruit backed by a firm tannic frame – layered, textured and persistent. **Drink** 2018-2023 **Alc** 13%

**Highly Recommended** 90-94pts

# My top three

## Matt Wilkin MS

■ **La Closerie Desquardou, Domaine de la Roche, Vieilles Vignes, Morgon** There is a dense fruit intensity on the palate, fine grains with good weight and persistence. Could be drunk early with as much freshness and crunch, but it is structured enough to lay down for another five years. **93 Drink 2018-2023**

■ **Le Pardon & Fils, Les Moutilles, Jullien Focused vintage red fruit intensity on the palate with good weight and sensory structure. A classic style, great as an early drink, attractive with bright juicy freshness and a subtle finish. **92 Drink 2017-2020****

■ **La Closerie des Thorins, Vieilles Vignes, Moulin-à-Vent** There is ripe-structured fruit intensity on the palate, multi-layered and textured with good conveyance of acidity. Elegant with good traction and persistence in length and overall finish. Can start drinking now with ageing potential. **91 Drink 2018-2023**

**Recommended (continued)** 86-89pts

Wine	Score	AH	JL	MW	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
<b>Domaine de la Tour de St Lager, Brouilly</b>	<b>87</b>	87	86	89	Soft and easy in style, fruit-driven and ready-to-drink, with a juicy and crunchy berry fruit intensity in a free-flowing distribution across the palate.	13%	<b>2017-2020</b>	£16	New Generation McKinley
<b>Domaine du Marronnier Rose, Les Mouilles, Juliéas</b>	<b>86</b>	85	87	85	Fleshy dark fruit aromas with meaty, gamey tones. Supple and generous black cherry fruit on the front palate, before finishing with firmness and grip.	13%	<b>2017-2019</b>	£17	New Generation McKinley