# MAINE THIBAULT LIGER-BELAIR

#### ets-St-Georges Premier Cru St-Georges

A lovely touch of forest, of pine and logs, whole with ripe notions of red, juicy cherry lovely full body, generous with fruit. A little but balance returns on the long finish. | 92

#### harmes-Chambertin Grand Cru ex Charmes

An open, almost powdery, expansive nose cherry that becomes fully fleshed on the rous palate. Juicy and rounded but enough sion and freshness to show the detail of the grained tannins. A bold and lasting finish. | 93

### Chebourg Grand Cru

suggestion of forest and pine. The palate merous, almost plush with dense, ripe, but ectly judged, plump, red cherry. Alcoholic heat pable but countered by ripe, fresh acidity.

# COMAINE GEORGES LIGNIER & FILS

#### Sevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru Les Combottes

Dense and rich, lovely aromas, spice and Complete, detailed, and promising. | 95

#### Morey-St-Denis Premier Cru Clos des Ormes

Savory, perfumed, beautiful, grippy, with fruit, incense and spice. Compelling, | 93

# Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

are seductive aromas of truffle, incense, and fruit. Very, very good. | 98

## Clos St-Denis Grand Cru

MR | Beautiful, perfumed, and balanced, with spice and incense, very aromatic and concentrated.

Material Seductive, and has some grip. To keep. | 97

## DOMAINE LIGNIER-MICHELOT

# Morey-St-Denis Premier Cru Faconnières

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# Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

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### DOMAINE HENRI MAGNIEN

#### Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru Cazetiers

SB | Firm red-fruits nose, quite perfumed. Good attack, but firm tannins give it a robust character, and it shows ample weight and structure. It's solid but not heavy, with good acidity and length. | 92

# Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru

ME | A fine ruby robe. Very complex, multi-toned nose, sweet spice, and a saline, mineral sense of place. Durably structured yet with an elegant body. Magisterial texture and a fantail finish. | 97

## DOMAINE STÉPHANE MAGNIEN

## Clos St-Denis Grand Cru

SB | Reticent nose, with sweet oak and fragrant raspberry fruit. Rich, concentrated, and dense, but not tough. Fine tannins give structure, and this has depth and weight, drive and persistence. | 92

### DOMAINE MARCHAND-TAWSE

#### Morey-St-Denis Premier Cru Clos des Ormes

SB | Sweet, intense oaky nose, lifted and displaying pure raspberry. Medium-bodied and sleek, concentrated by firm tannins but also shows admirable freshness and a long, piquant finish. | 91

#### Clos St-Denis Grand Cru

SB | Taut, vibrant, oaky cherry nose. Robust attack, very concentrated and dense, yet not too grippy. Pungent and long, and for the long haul. | 93

### Chambolle-Musigny

AK | Lifted red fruit held on a taut, streamlined palate. Very fine, firm tannins give as much shape as the freshness. This has bundled energy at its concentrated core. Like a little dynamo of fruit. | 90

#### Nuits-St-Georges Premier Cru La Richemone

AK | A little reduction. Firm, crunchy, fresh fruit on the palate, brushed by the starched velvet tannins. Freshness gives a counterpoint. Dark, brooding, and very moreish. | 92

# Vosne-Romanée Aux Champs Perdrix

AK | A creamy note on the nose. The palate has sens feeth yet rounded fruit. Lovely, elegant, and a soft echo. | 91

### CHATTAN DE MARSANNAY

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place in November 2017 but not again in January, as the following two were—are well worth discovering.

#### Fixin Crais de Chêne

NB | This comes from deep soil at the bottom of a combe, but has as much mineral race as wines from higher up. Luminous mid-ruby. An intense nose: dark fruit, licorice, light white-pepper lift (a small proportion of stems was retained for some cuvées). Very good balance and poise, classy, refined, finely woven tannins, neither sags not tightens up, and excellent freshness and length for the level. Outstanding Fixin, outstanding village wine. | 90

### Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru Champeaux

NB | Sylvain knew that with natural concentration from old vines and the vintage he could be gentle with the extraction, and he got it exactly right. Medium-deep ruby. Darkly fruited, a little leather, licorice, less expressive than the Fixin but even greater depth as it opens, and still more in reserve. Dense but fine-grain, almost powdery, tannins, animating acidity, intensity, purity, and race, and a long, flourishing finish. Composure and drive. | 92

## Marsannay Les Echezots

NB | Managing director Stéphane Follin-Arbelet says that the mix of very ripe and second-crop fruit gave a special balance in 2016, which is brilliantly on display in this very impressive wine. Darkly fruited, lightly exotic (sandalwood). Denser and even smoother than the Favières, with real depth and scale, at once rich and racy, long and strong.

#### Marsannay Les Favières

NB | Medium-deep ruby. A clean but intriguingly earthy, savory nose. Silky on entry, gently increasing grip but stays smooth, while the purity of the red and black fruit gives it great vitality. The complexity and intensity of a premier cru, as Stéphane says. | 89

## Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

NB | Here again, the concentration of old vines and the vintage, well controlled and directed in the cellar, have given a very worthy wine. Intense, luminous mid-ruby. Already a classy, complex, promsing scent: earthy and savory, but good dark fruit intensity, too. Densely layered, silken entry, very impressive richness and ripeness, firm but smooth tannins, plenty of supportive structure but seamless top to bottom, and with great momentum. At once appetizing and gourmand, the backbone proper for the cru, but fleshy seduction as well. | 94

## DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

#### Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Les Chaumes

AK | A faint nose promises cherry and peony. The points follows with ripe, dark cherry, beautifully regard with treatment and shart through with