

MAINE THIBAUT LIGER-BELAIR

St-Georges Premier Cru
St-Georges

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

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru
Charmes

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

Pfaffenberg Grand Cru

XX | A wonderfully heady nose, again with suggestion of forest and pine. The palate generous, almost plush with dense, ripe, but perfectly judged, plump, red cherry. Alcoholic heat palpable but countered by ripe, fresh acidity. The wine, but hey, you only live once. **94**

DOMAINE GEORGES LIGNIER & FILS

Gevey-Chambertin Premier Cru
Les Combottes

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

Morey-St-Denis Premier Cru
Cos des Ormes

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

Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

MR | Grippy, with plenty of tannin; but underneath that are seductive aromas of truffle, incense, and black fruit. Very, very good. | 98

Clos St-Denis Grand Cru

MR | Beautiful, perfumed, and balanced, with spice and incense, very aromatic and concentrated. Utterly seductive, and has some grip. To keep. | 97

DOMAINE LIGNIER-MICHELOT

Morey-St-Denis Premier Cru Faconnières

SB | Ripe cherry and raspberry nose, forthright. Quite rich and solid without being too extracted, and the firm underlying tannins give structure. It's balanced but lacks a little drive. *Quintarelli* **95**

Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

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

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 nor tightens up, and excellent freshness and length for the level. Outstanding Fixin, outstanding village wine. **90**

**Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru
Champeaux**

Marsannay Les Echezots

Marsannay Les Favières

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

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DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

AK | A faint nose promises cherry and peony. The palate follows with ripe, dark cherry, beautifully edged with freshness and shot through with incense-like notes. Clean, brooding but alluring. **B+**