

DOMAINE DUJAC

Reviews of 2013 Vintage Vinous – Antonio Galloni April 2015

This is a gorgeous set of wines from Domaine Dujac and the Seysses family. The 2013's offer lovely purity of fruit, striking aromatics and bright, lively acidity. At times, the 2013's remind me of smaller-scaled, more approachable versions of the 2010's, which makes this a very classic-feeling vintage. Jeremy Seysses notes that the harvest started on October 7, on the later side for the year. Ripeness was a little lower than normal, so the musts were lightly chaptalized. As always, the wines were vinified with a high percentage of whole clusters. Poor weather during flowering and sorting at harvest resulted in another vintage with lower than normal yields, which is unfortunate for many reasons, not the least of which is that the 2013's are strikingly beautiful. Indeed, this is one of the most impressive collections I tasted.

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2013 Gevrey-Chambertin Dujac Fils et Père

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin is quite pretty. Rose petals, mint, sweet spices and anise all lift from the glass. In this vintage, the Gevrey is especially floral and savory, much of that coming from the inclusion of 25% whole clusters. 2017-2025. 88-90.

2013 Chambolle-Musigny Dujac Fils et Père

The 2013 Chambolle-Musigny is pliant and expressive in the glass, with round, silky tannins in support of the voluptuous fruit. The Chambolle is a bit more generous through the mid-palate and finish, with plenty of classic Chambolle red-toned fruit and lovely overall balance. 2017-2025. 89-91.

2013 Morey St. Denis Dujac Fils et Père

The most complete of the village wines in the range, the 2013 Morey St. Denis is super-appealing. Precise and lifted, the 2013 impresses with terrific overall balance and class. The long, silky finish gives the 2013 considerable appeal, even at this early stage. Savory herbs, mint and a dash of licorice add the final notes of complexity. 2017-2028. 90-92.

2013 Nuits St. Georges "les Damodes" Dujac Fils et Père

Dujac's 2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Damodes shows the softer, gentler side of Nuits in its pliant, supple texture and overall balance. Silky tannins contribute to the wine's super-engaging personality. I expect the 2013 will drink well nicely pretty much right out of the gate. This is a decidedly easygoing style for Nuits. 2018-2028. 89-91

2013 Chambolle-Musigny Domaine Dujac

Dujac's 2013 Chambolle-Musigny bristles with energy, tension and nuance. Bright red cherries, plums, flowers and mint flesh out in a village-level Burgundy of true distinction. The 2013 is a blend of fruit from Drazéys and Fremières. 2018-2033. 89-91.

2013 Morey St. Denis Domaine Dujac

The 2013 Morey St. Denis is beautifully focused and lifted in the glass, with lovely mid palate depth and pliancy. This is an especially aromatic, feminine style of Morey. Dark red cherry, plum and spice notes are given an extra bit of brightness by the minerality of the year. 2018-2033. 89-91.

2013 Morey St. Denis "Premier Cru" Domaine Dujac

A deep, pungent wine, the 2013 Morey St. Denis 1er Crus shows the wilder side of the village. Game, smoke, licorice, tobacco and incense are pushed forward in a textured,

energetic Burgundy that appears to have a bright future. The Morey 1er Cru is a blend of fruit from Ruchots, Clos Sorbé, Millandes and Charrières. 2020-2035. 90-92.

2013 Gevrey-Chambertin “aux Combottes”

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The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Combottes is impressive. Power and explosive to the core, with fabulous energy, the Combottes is wonderfully alive in the glass. The 2013 is intensely perfumed and light on its feet, which is to say very much in the style of the year. Deceptively medium in body, the 2013 boasts notable depth, especially on the finish, where a crescendo of flavors and textures is utterly captivating. 2023-2043. 91-93.

2013 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru

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The 2013 Bonnes-Mares is remarkably suave and polished for this site, yet there is plenty of tightly-coiled power lying in reserve. Cool and intensely mineral, the 2013 boasts remarkable precision throughout. Expressive chalky and floral notes add lift as the 2013 opens up in the glass. This is going to be a fascinating Burgundy to follow over the next several decades. 2025-2043. 92-95.

2013 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

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Dujac’s 2013 Charmes-Chambertin boasts serious intensity in its fruit backed up by equally imposing tannins. The flavors tend toward the darker end of the spectrum, while the overall structural feel suggests this is a Burgundy for the cellar. Overall, this is a tremendous showing from the Charmes. Dujac’s Charmes is a blend of fruit from Charmes and Mazoyères. 2023-2043. 92-95.

2013 Vosne-Romanée Les Beaux Monts 1er Cru

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The 2013 Vosne-Romanée Les Beaux Monts is a powerful, deep wine endowed with superb textural richness. Dark red, cherry, plum, spice, licorice, and new leather all find support in beans of underlying minerality that give this wine its energy and pulsating salinity. The Beaux Monts is shaping up to be a jewel. 2020-2038. 92-94.

2013 Clos St. Denis Grand Cru

Domaine Dujac

The 2013 Clos St. Denis is a wine of detail, nuance and precision. All the classic Clos St. Denis signatures are present, but it’s almost as if they are expressive in miniature in the 2013. Feminine and supple throughout, the 2013 Clos St. Denis shows the more finessed side of Morey, and it does so in grand style. 2023-2043. 93-96.

2013 Echézeaux Grand Cru

Domaine Dujac

The 2013 Echézeaux is one of the most open, expressive wines in the range today. Silky tannins and a pliant, resonant mid-palate convey an impression of suppleness that is unusual, even for Echézeaux. That theme continues through to a beautifully sculpted, generous finish. I expect the 2013 will drink well relatively early for a Grand Cru. 2023-2043. 93-95.

2013 Vosne-Romanée Aux Malconsorts 1er Cru

Domaine Dujac

The 2013 Vosne-Romanée Aux Malconsorts is a gorgeous wine for so many reasons, but especially in the way it constantly changes in the glass. At times, it is the wine’s dark, spiced fruit that is pushed forward, while at other times, the bright, citrus-inflected notes typical of the year are more prominent. An exquisite, beautifully layered Burgundy, the 2013 Malconsorts is going to provide fabulous drinking for several decades. Next to the Beaux Monts, the Malconsorts is quite a bit more reserved. Jeremy Seysses notes that yields here were lower than in 2012. 2023-2043. 93-95.

2013 Morey St. Denis Blanc

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The 2013 Morey St. Denis Blanc is quite racy and expressive, with an attractive combination of fruit and acidity. Lemon peel, flowers and mint are all nicely delineated in a pretty white to enjoy in its youth. I tasted the 2013 from tank just prior to bottling. 2015-2020. 88-90.

2013 Chambolle-Musigny Les Gruenchers 1er Cru

Domaine Dujac

The 2013 Chambolle-Musigny Les Gruenchers is virtually seamless on the palate, with superb depth and a level of explosive energy that is simply compelling. There is more than enough density to support many years of exceptional drinking. In 2013, the Gruenchers stands out for its persistence and overall balance. 2020-2038. 91-94.

2013 Clos de La Roche Grand Cru

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Another superb, multidimensional wine, the 2013 Clos de La Roche boasts remarkable complexity, starting with exquisite aromatics, finely-sculpted fruit and firm yet polished tannins. Layers of flavor flesh out in all directions in a resonant, expansive Burgundy endowed with pure pedigree. There is a lot going on in the glass, although it is the wine’s totally sublime sense of harmony that is most captivating at this early stage. I can’t wait to taste the 2013 from bottle. 2023-2043. 94-97.

2013 Chambertin Grand Cru

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A dark, brooding wine, the 2013 Chambertin is showing only the barest hint of its potential. The 75 % whole clusters are nearly buried by the sheer intensity of the blue/purplish Chambertin fruit. The overall impression is compactness, density and raw power. I suspect the 2013 will require quite a bit of patience. 2025-2043. 94-96.

2013 Romanée Saint Vivant Grand Cru

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The 2013 Romanée Saint Vivant is simply magnificent. Expressive floral and spice notes soar from the glass in a lifted, precise Burgundy of pure seduction. Red cherry, plum, mint, wild flowers and cinnamon meld together in a wine of exceptional polish and pure finesse. Intense saline notes support the brisk, invigorating finish. 2025-2043. 94-97.

2013 Morey St. Denis Blanc Monts Luisants 1er Cru

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Smoke, slate, gunflint, pear and smoke are some of the many notes that take shape in Dujac's Morey St. Denis Blanc Monts Luisants. Dynamic and beautifully textured in the glass, the Monts Luisants is a wine of rare distinction and class. 2015-2023. 89-92.