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Reviews of 2015 Vintage Reds

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Benoît Moreau told me that the 2015 “growing season was, somewhat ironically, easy and stressful at the same time. The season itself was relatively straightforward yet the stress arrived when it became clear that the harvest was going to be very early given how hot it was. This is to say how to choose the right moment to pick so we obtained ripe fruit where it was possible to preserve the freshness in the wines. Ultimately we chose to attack the picking on the 28th of August and brought in super-clean fruit and the highest potential alcohol we had was 13.1%. As such we were very happy that we started as early as we did because had we waited much longer we might very well have had wines that exceeded 14%, which isn’t at all our style.” The domaine is obviously better known for its whites but it often makes very good reds and I like what I found here in 2015.

2015 Bourgogne

(from Chassagne vines and 100% barrel aged in 4 to 5 year old oak). A pretty nose consists of red cherry, cassis and soft earth scents. The rich and exceptionally suave flavors possess good volume as well as acceptable depth and persistence on the mildly rustic finale. **86/2019+**

2015 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes

(from 35+ year old vines). A mild trace of reduction is just enough to push the underlying fruit to the background but it seems sufficiently subtle that it shouldn’t last. The lush, even opulent medium-bodied flavors brim with dry extract on the sneaky long if again slightly rustic finale. **88/2020+**

2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Morgeot – La Cardeuse”

Pungently earthy red currant, dark raspberry and spice aromas precede sleek, intense and muscular medium weight flavors that deliver fine length on the rustic and solidly complex finale. This should age well but also be approachable young if desired. **90/2022+**

2015 Volnay Santenots

(from purchased grapes in Les Plures). An overtly spicy and floral nose offers excellent breadth in the form of both red and dark currant aromas laced with hints of orange pekoe tea. The markedly finer and more mineral-inflected flavors possess a highly attractive sense of underlying tension before culminating in a saline, balanced and beautifully complex finale. This delicious effort could also be approached young though there is enough supporting structure to warrant aging it for up to a decade. Worth a look. **91/2023+**