

DOMAINE DUJAC

Reviews of 2015 Vintage

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Jeremy Seysses and the team at Domaine Dujac got started picking the pinot noir on September 7th this year and brought all of the fruit in by the 11th of the month, or just in advance of the really heavy rain that started in Burgundy on the 12th of September in 2015. They had already brought in the white grapes earlier, with the Morey "Monts Luisants" chardonnay picked on the 27th and 28th of August and the new Pulignys either right before, or just after this. Despite the whites being picked early, they are nicely ripe in style, with the Monts Luisants at 14.5 percent and the I imagine the Pulignys just under this level, but they very much recall the lovely style of young 1992 white Burgundies and are ringing successes here this year. The 2015 red wines from Domaine Dujac are truly stunning and amongst the very finest lineups to be found anywhere in the Côte d'Or in this vintage. Some 2015s had been racked at the time of my visit, others not, but the whole cellar was showing beautifully in mid-November. In general, the villages level reds in 2015 at Domaine Dujac are all just under thirteen percent, most of the premier crus right around thirteen or 13.1 percent and the grand crus all falling in the 13.3 or 13.4 percent range, so this is hardly one of the riper collections to be found in the vintage. Like other standout producers, the Domaine Dujac wines are a beautiful synthesis of sappy, pure and generous fruit tones and great transparency and typicité, so that each cuvée is absolutely emblematic of its underlying terroir.

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin **Dujac Fils et Père**

The 2015 Gevrey *négociant* bottling here is stylistically a bit in between its two counterparts from Morey and Chambolle, as it is still a bit primary (like the Morey), but also very nicely delineated and showing excellent potential. The nose is a young and quite classic mix of red and black cherries, chocolate, lovely soil tones, a touch of venison and a topnote of woodsmoke. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely reserved in personality, with a good core, fine length and grip and a tangy, moderately tannic and still quite primary finish. This will need a bit of time and should ultimately end up just a touch more elegant than the Morey AC version from Dujac Fils et Père. 2019-2045. **89+**.

2015 Chambolle-Musigny **Dujac Fils et Père**

The 2015 Chambolle AC bottling from Dujac Fils et Père is sappier and more precise on both the nose and palate than the Morey *villages*, but this may simply be a reflection of their respective points in their *eleveage*. The nose jumps from the

glass in a fine blend of red plums, cherries, cocoa, a touch of hazelnut and a lovely base of chalky soil tones. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, tangy and lighter on its feet than the Morey, with a sappy core, modest tannins and fine length and grip on the very well-balanced finish. This will drink with style and verve almost immediately. 2017-2045. **91**.

2015 Morey St. Denis **Dujac Fils et Père**

The 2015 Morey *négociant* bottling from Dujac Fils et Père is a very ample wine, with the ripeness of the vintage more in evidence than in any others in the cellar this year. The bouquet is ripe and black fruity, offering up notes of black plums, black cherries, venison, cocoa and a nice base of soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and plump at the core, with ripe tannins, tangy acids and very good length and grip on the fairly generous finish. This will only take a few years in the cellar to really start to blossom. 2020-2045. **89**.

2015 Nuits St. Georges "les Damodes" **Dujac Fils et Père**

The 2015 les Damodes bottling from Dujac Fils et Père is excellent. The bouquet is nicely red fruity in its mélange of cherries, pomegranate, woodsmoke, venison, nutskin and a complex base of soil tones. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and very soil-driven in personality, with moderate tannins, bright acids and lovely focus and grip on the long and youthfully suave finish. Fine juice in the making. 2022-2055. **91+**.

2015 Chambolle-Musigny **Domaine Dujac**

The 2015 domaine bottling of Chambolle-Musigny from the Seysses family is one of the most beautiful village wines that I tasted during my entire trip and I would love to have a case of this in the cellar! The bouquet is stunning, soaring from the glass in a sappy blend of red plums, black cherries, raw cocoa, chalky soil tones, woodsmoke, violets and a deft framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and impressively tangy, with a very sappy core, moderate, suave tannins and really impressive length and grip on the perfectly balanced finish. Dujac clients with good connections, make sure you add some of this to your pile of premier and grand crus! 2019-2045. **92**.

2015 Morey St. Denis

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The 2015 domaine bottling of Morey AC also strikes me as a step up from the *négociant* version, as this is more pure and more focused than the former example. The bouquet is not quite as generous as the Chambolle above, but equally refined in its expression of plums, black cherries, dark soil, venison, woodsmoke, fresh herbs and bitter chocolate. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely structured, with a fine core, ripe, moderate tannins and a long, well-balanced finish. This too is a classy *villages*. 2020-2045. **91**.

2015 Morey St. Denis “Premier Cru”

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I wish I had cellared more of this bottling over the years, as it is one of the most underrated wines in the stellar Dujac lineup. The 2015 Morey “Premier Cru” seems destined to be one of the greatest ever of this cuvée, as it offers up a beautifully pure and very sappy bouquet of cherries, red plums, raw cocoa, a gorgeously complex base of soil, gamebird, violets and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very sappy at the core, with impressive transparency, suave tannins and a very long, vibrant, complex and classy finish. Superb juice. 2023-2065. **93**.

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin “aux Combottes”

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The 2015 Combottes from Domaine Dujac had been racked two weeks before I tasted it and had bounced back very nicely. This is a very, very transparent red fruity example of the vintage, wafting from the glass in a fine constellation of red plums, cherries, raw cocoa, *pigeon*, a hint of nuttiness, a great base of soil and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied and very soil-driven in personality, with lovely purity and depth at the core, suave, seamless tannins and a long, vibrant and perfectly balanced finish. Just lovely. 2025-2065+. **93**.

2015 Chambolle-Musigny “Gruenchers”

Domaine Dujac

The 2015 Gruenchers had not yet been racked at the time of my visit and consequently, was just a touch more reserved on both the nose and palate than the stunning Morey “Premier Cru”. But, make no mistake, this is going to be outstanding as well. The bouquet is very refined in its mix of red and black cherries, cocoa, gamebird, chalky soil tones and a deft framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with lovely focus and grip, fine-grained tannins and impeccable balance on the long, refined and utterly classic finish. This may well catch the above wine in the fullness of time, but at the moment, I have to give a very, very slight nod to the Morey “Premier Cru”! 2024-2065. **92+**.

2015 Charmes-Chambertin

Domaine Dujac

The 2015 Charmes-Chambertin from Jeremy Seysses and the family is another beautiful wine in the making, with a bit more sappiness at the core than the stellar Combottes, but every bit as much soil inflection and breed. The bouquet delivers a lovely blend of sappy red and black cherries, woodsmoke, gamebird, nutskin, complex soil tones, vanillin oak and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very refined structurally, with a rock solid core, lovely backend minerality, ripe tannins, sound acids and a long, pure and elegant finish. 2025-2075+. **94+**.

2015 Vosne-Romanée “Beaumonts”

Domaine Dujac

The 2015 Dujac Beaumonts is a very black fruity wine that perfectly captures the essence of this vineyard. The bouquet delivers scents of black plums, sweet dark berries, bitter chocolate, dark soil tones, a bit of roasted gamebird and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and shows a nice touch of sappiness to its black fruit core, with fine soil signature, fine-grained tannins and a long, nascently complex and tangy finish. This is very 1993-like in profile, but the Seysses family also makes far more refined Beaumonts today than was the case back in that era. A fine, fine bottle in the making. 2025-2065. **92+**.

2015 Vosne-Romanée “Malconsorts”

Domaine Dujac

I think I write this almost every year these days, but the new vintage of Domaine Dujac Malconsorts is absolutely stunning! The bouquet is pure, vibrant and complex, soaring from the glass in a complex blend of raspberries, cherries, a touch of blood orange, duck, crystalline minerality, raw cocoa and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is very pure, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with great mineral drive, laser-like focus, fine-grained tannins and a stunning sense of weightlessness that is a joy to behold on the very, very long and vibrant finish. Magical. 2024-2065+. **95**.

2015 Echézeaux

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The 2015 Echézeaux from Domaine Dujac is another outstanding wine in the making. The bouquet is deep, very elegant and again, sappy, as it delivers a fine constellation of red and black cherries, dark chocolate, gamebird, woodsmoke, dark soil tones, vanillin oak and an exotic topnote of lavender. On the palate the wine is pure, sappy and full-bodied, with a lovely core of fruit, refined, seamless tannins, good acids and excellent length and grip on the soil-driven and very promising finish. 2025-2075+. **94+**.

2015 Clos de la Roche

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The 2015 Dujac Clos de la Roche is another marvelous synthesis of elegant, sappy fruit and classic soil signature. The gorgeous bouquet soars from the glass in a blaze of red and black plums, cocoa, *pigeon*, a complex and classy base of soil, woodsmoke, a touch of nutskin and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, sappy at the core and very, very pure and soil-driven at the same time, with seamless, ripe tannins and a very long, nascently complex and refined finish. There is a touch more reserve here than in the 2015 Echézeaux and this will need just a bit more time in the cellar to reach its apogee. 2027-2075+. **95+**.

2015 Clos St. Denis

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The 2015 Clos St. Denis from Domaine Dujac is very, very special this year. The bouquet is sappy and flamboyant, delivering a vibrant constellation of red plums, raspberries, cherries, raw cocoa, beautiful spice tones, complex minerality, vanillin oak and lovely, musky floral tones in the upper register that are also found in the Romanée-St.-Vivant this year. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, tangy and amazingly defined by its minerality (which is hard to believe, given how beautiful the fruit is here!), with a sappy core, ripe, perfectly integrated tannins, lovely acids and laser-like focus on the very, very long, very refined and complex finish. 2026-2075+. **96**.

2015 Bonnes-Mares

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As one would expect, the 2015 Bonnes-Mares from Domaine Dujac is not quite as exotically floral and flamboyant as the Clos St. Denis, but every bit as good. The bouquet is deep and youthful, offering up a superb blend of red and black cherries, venison, woodsmoke, a touch of mustard seed, raw cocoa, complex soil tones and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and shows off outstanding mid-palate depth, with firm, ripe tannins, bright acids and laser-like focus on the very long and very promising finish. This is structured quite a bit like the 2005 was out of the blocks! 2028-2085. **95+**.

2015 Romanée-St.-Vivant

Domaine Dujac

The 2015 RSV from the Seysses family is magical juice in the making. The bouquet is pure, sappy and perfumed, wafting from the glass in a constellation of raspberries, red plums, cherries, Vosne spices, complex soil tones, vanillin oak and a musky floral topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and sublimely elegant, with a sappy core, tangy acids and a very, very long, elegant and suavely tannic finish. Stunning juice. 2027-2085. **97**.

2015 Chambertin

Domaine Dujac

I tasted some absolutely monumental young examples of Chambertin from the 2015 vintage, and the Domaine Dujac with the very, very best this year! The bouquet is young and flat out stunning, soaring from the glass in a mix of red and black cherries, plummy overtones, raw cocoa, incipient notes of grilled meat, dark soil tones, woodsmoke, vanillin oak and violets. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and still quite primary, with bottomless depth, great focus and grip, fine-grained tannins, bright acids and laser-like focus on the elegant, sappy and soil-driven finish. Sheer brilliance! 2030-2100. **98**.

2015 Morey St. Denis Blanc

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The 2015 Morey St. Denis Blanc *villages* was still sitting in its cement egg at the time of my visit and is the coolest white in the lineup this year, coming in at 12.8 percent alcohol. The wine is very, very pretty on both the nose and palate this year, with the bouquet offering up scents of peach, apple, chalky soil tones, white lilies and a touch of vanilla in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and zesty, with a fine core, lovely soil signature and a long, well-balanced and vibrant finish. This will drink very well right out of the blocks. 2016-2025. **89**.

2015 Morey St. Denis “Monts Luisants” Blanc

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The 2015 Monts Luisants shows a touch more exotic fruit influence on the nose than the *villages* bottling, but this too is bright, vibrant and very nicely balanced. The nose wafts from the glass in a fine blend of pear, a touch of pineapple, beeswax, chalky minerality, spring flowers and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and succulent at the core, with lovely bounce and focus, zesty acids and a very long, complex and flat out tasty finish. This will probably age beautifully on its impeccable balance, but it is cut from a more forward style this year and may well be at its best in its early days, which promise to be generous and delicious. 2016-2030+. **90+**.

2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Folatières”

Dujac Fils et Père

The 2015 Folatières from the Seysses family is excellent, offering up lovely cut and precision for the vintage. The bouquet is a classic blend of white peach, apple, chalky soil tones, incipient notes of *crème pâtissière*, spring flowers and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and crisp, with a juicy core, lovely focus and grip, very good acids and a long, poised and still quite primary finish. I would opt for giving this at least a year or two in the cellar to allow it to blossom more completely. 2018-2035. **92**.

2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Combettes”

Dujac Fils et Père

The 2015 Combettes from Jeremy Seysses is excellent and very, very classic in aromatic and flavor profile. Having drunk a lot of young Combettes back in the day from the 1992 vintage, it is hard not to say that this wine is the spitting image of those examples, as the balance of fruit, soil and acidity is very, very similar. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a fine blend of white peach, tangerine, chalky minerality, a touch of beeswax, fruit blossoms and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and gloriously succulent at the core, with fine minerality, bright acids and excellent focus and grip on the refined and nascently complex finish. Again, just a couple of years in the cellar to allow the secondary layers to emerge would be my course of attack with this beautiful bottle. 2018-2035+.

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