

DOMAINE DUJAC

Reviews of 2015 Vintage

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The Seysses family harvested in 2015 between September 7 and 12, picking their fruit at what Jeremy Seysses described as moderate levels of alcohol, with the vineyards that came in at 12.5% potential alcohol chaptalized to 13%. The average yield was only about 25 hectoliters per hectare, compared to 32 in 2014 and just 21 in 2013. Seysses did fewer punchdowns than in 2015, noting that “it would have been a mistake to try to make a statement in 2015.” In fact, he did less extraction for the estate wines than for his négociant wines but finds that the the domain cuvées have more structure, which he attributes to organic farming. He noted that the summer of 2015 was actually warmer than that of 2005 but not as dry, adding that there was a danger of getting dry tannins and surmaturité. The malos finished by early spring and the racking was limited to only the barrels that needed it.

2015 Chambolle-Musigny Domaine Dujac

Bright, deep red. Brooding aromas of raspberry, spices, licorice, minerals and fresh herbs. Juicy and penetrating, but not currently showing the pliancy or sweetness of fruit as the Dujac Fils & Père version. Finishes a touch dry. **87-89**

2015 Morey St. Denis Domaine Dujac

Bright medium red. Pure, ripe aromas of raspberry and brown spices. Delivers sappy sweetness and lovely spicy lift to its red berry flavors. This intense, nicely delineated village wine really echoes on the firm, persistent finish. **89-91**

2015 Morey St. Denis “Premier Cru” Domaine Dujac

(vinified with 90% whole clusters): Pungent spices and minerals on the nose, but with a more subdued fruit element than the village version. A step up in concentration and density in the mouth but quite backward in the early going and dominated by its structure. Finishes with firm-edged tannins and a strong spicy character. **89-92**

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin “aux Combottes” Domaine Dujac

(recently racked): Bright, dark red. Aromas of raspberry, spices and smoky minerals are a bit dulled by the recent racking. Then fine-grained and firm in the mouth, with lovely spicy lift and a saline quality to the tight middle palate. Finishes with youthfully edgy tannins but excellent precision and a repeating juicy character. **91-93**

2015 Chambolle-Musigny “Gruenchers” Domaine Dujac

(not yet racked): Slightly reduced aromas of raspberry, cherry and smoky minerality, lifted by a spicy topnote. Sweet raspberry and milk chocolate flavors are given a sappy quality by slightly edgy acidity. Not as deep as the Charmes-Chambertin that Jeremy Seysses presented before this wine but should gain in pliancy with a racking. Incidentally, this wine will not be offered in 2016 owing to the damaging spring frost. **90-92**

2015 Charmes-Chambertin Domaine Dujac

(racked): Bright, dark red. Inviting scents of dark raspberry, blood orange, dried flowers and musky underbrush. Sweeter, creamier and deeper than the Combottes but not yet showing quite the lift of that wine. Flavors of raspberry, chocolate and earth are joined by a bit of low-toned oak. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins and a lingering saline quality. **91-94**

2015 Vosne-Romanée “Beaumonts” Domaine Dujac

(racked): Bright, dark red. Raspberry and smoky minerality complicated by musky soil tones on the nose. Ripe and dense but light on its feet; not a particularly fleshy or viscous version of Beaux Monts but sappy, saline and highly concentrated, conveying a strong impression of terroir. Finishes firmly tannic and very long. **91-93**

2015 Vosne-Romanée “Malconsorts” Domaine Dujac

(racked): Bright, full red. Darker on the nose than the Beaux Monts, offering reticent but pure scents of blackberry and crushed stone. Larger-scaled and deeper than the Beaux Monts and sweeter too, with its intense, thick berry flavors enlivened by crushed-stone minerality. Very long and sappy on the compellingly sweet aftertaste. Great potential here--and a spectacular showing today. **93-95**

2015 Echézeaux Domaine Dujac

(not racked): Bright medium red. Aromas of raspberry, dried flowers and spicy oak are a bit lower-toned than those of the Malconsorts. Broad, round and deep, with its red fruit flavors currently overshadowed by leather and saline minerality. Substantial ripe tannins will require bottle aging. **91-94**

2015 Clos de la Roche

Domaine Dujac

Bright, dark red. Expressive aromas of briary raspberry, sandalwood and coffee. At once densely packed and juicy, with its red berry fruit complemented by salty minerality and subtle earth tones. Boasts outstanding breadth and finishes with substantial ripe tannins and superb persistence. **92-95**

2015 Clos St. Denis

Domaine Dujac

Full, slightly hazy red. An inviting basket of red berries on the nose, complicated by rose petal, dusty spices and penetrating minerality. At once dense and tangy on the palate, with a juicy pungency and razor-sharp definition to its red fruit and floral flavors. Wonderfully vibrant and detailed grand cru, showing more verve today than the Clos de la Roche. This impeccably balanced wine finishes with a firm spine of harmonious tannins and compelling lingering perfume. Really leaves the taste buds quivering. **93-96**

2015 Bonnes-Mares

Domaine Dujac

Bright, dark red. Ineffable high-pitched aromas of raspberry, spices, piquant minerality and mint. Tighter than the Clos de la Roche and less fleshy in the early going but with terrific energy and pungent lift to the sharply defined flavors of raspberry, cocoa powder, pepper and spices. The wine's very firm tannins suggest that it will need considerable cellaring upon release, but this should be a beauty. **93-96**

2015 Romanée-St.-Vivant

Domaine Dujac

(just two new barrels of this juice; not yet racked): Bright, full red. Very reticent aromas of raspberry, roast coffee, cocoa powder and spicy oak. Plush, sweet and broad, offering the velvety texture of the vintage's best examples. But with its complex, adamant minerality, this mouthfilling wine also conveys an impression of huge sappy extract. The tannins are thoroughly coated by fruits and minerals on the very long, sophisticated finish. This, too, should develop gracefully in bottle over two decades or more. **93-96**

2015 Chambertin

Domaine Dujac

(two of the three barrels were new; not yet racked): Very ripe but reticent aromas of black raspberry, licorice and musky soil tones, with an element of chocolatey oak emerging with air. A black hole of a wine on the palate: superconcentrated, dense, sappy and powerful. And yet this tightly wound Chambertin boasts remarkably noble tannins. The longest of these 2015s and among the most promising wines of the vintage. **95-97**