

DOMAINE DUJAC

France, Burgundy: The Cote d'Or's 2019 Vintage

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The 2019 vintage is a terrific success for Domaine Dujac. Perfumed, concentrated and vibrant, with beautifully refined tannins and bright fruit tones despite the warmth and sunshine of the vintage, I'd be happy to own any or all of the cuvées reviewed here. The 2018s, revisited in bottle, have also lived up to my high expectations: More overtly muscular and structured than the 2019s, these are serious wines built for the cellar, but their potential is evident and anyone opening bottles 20 or 30 years from now will be delighted to own them. Of course, readers will be familiar with the outlines of the Dujac approach to producing red Burgundy: organic farming, fermentation in (for the most part) concrete vats with a predominance of whole clusters and élevage in barrels largely sourced from Tonnellerie Rémond. Since Jeremy Seysses took the reins from father Jacques in 2001, there have been evolutions: Inspired by Christophe Roumier, Jeremy seeks to retard malolactic fermentation, he's tried retaining more lees, and there were experiments with leaving the wines unracked throughout their élevage. In the last handful of years, everything appears to have fallen into place in what might be called the contemporary Dujac style, and the few vintages have been, to my palate, especially successful.

Vins Rouges

2019 Domaine Dujac Echezeaux Grand Cru

The 2019 Echezeaux Grand Cru was showing especially well when I visited, bursting with aromas of cherries, rose petals, sweet spices, musk, blood orange and burning embers. Full-bodied, fleshy and sumptuous, with lively acids, lovely purity of fruit and powdery tannins, it's long and expansive.

Rating (94 - 96)

2019 Domaine Dujac Chambolle-Musigny Village

The 2019 Chambolle-Musigny Village is brighter and more ethereal than its Morey counterpart, mingling aromas of cassis, rose petals, red berries and spices in an inviting bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, bright and lively, it's vibrant and mineral, with a inviting core of fruit and powdery structuring tannins.

Rating (89 - 91)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Gruenchers

Wafting from the glass with aromas of rose petals, raspberries, blood orange and cherries, the 2019 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Gruenchers is medium to full-bodied, velvety and perfumed, with a rich and ample core of fruit, succulent acids and chalky grip on the finish. Seysses feels that he picked this old-vine parcel a touch late, and it's certainly a rather ample, dramatic rendition of this cuvée.

Rating (92 - 94)

2019 Domaine Dujac Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru

The 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru is very promising indeed, mingling aromas of raspberries and plums with scents of rose petals, dark chocolate and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, perfumed and tightly wound, with fine depth at the core, lively acids and a long, saline finish, I increasingly think that this cuvée is the most underrated wine in the Domaine Dujac portfolio.

Rating (92 - 94)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Morey-Saint-Denis Village

The 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis Village is showing nicely, wafting from the glass with aromas of plums, orange rind, warm spices, peonies and sweet soil tones. Medium to full-bodied, deep and elegantly muscular, with powdery tannins and a vibrant core of fruit, this is very promising.

Rating (89 - 91)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

The 2019 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru was another of the portfolio's high points when I visited Domaine Dujac. Mingling aromas of cassis, raspberries and blood orange with hints of smoke, rose petals and pencil shavings, it's full-bodied, elegantly muscular and multidimensional, with terrific concentration, rich and powdery structuring tannins and lively acids. Long and resonant, this will merit and reward patience.

Rating (96 - 98)

2019 Domaine Dujac Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Combottes

Opening in the glass with aromas of blackberries, cassis, peonies, spices and rose petals, the 2019 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Combottes is medium to full-bodied, supple and enveloping, with a lively core of fruit, beautifully refined tannins and a charming, seamless profile. This cuvée often offers one of the broadest drinking windows in the range, and this year's rendition would appear to be no exception.

Rating (92 - 94)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Romanée-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru

There are a mere 600 liters of the brilliant 2019 Romanée-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru, a striking wine that soars from the glass with scents of blackberries, rose petals, violets, woodsmoke and orange rind. Full-bodied, velvety and expansive, it's layered and textural, with a vibrant core of fruit, beautifully refined tannins and a long, perfumed finish.

Rating (95 - 97)

2019 Domaine Dujac Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

The 2019 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru is serious, unwinding in the glass with scents of raspberries, cherries, woodsmoke, orange rind and petals that are framed by a deft touch of new oak. Full-bodied, velvety and concentrated, it's a bit more overtly structured than the domaine's Echézeaux (which preceded it in this tasting), with a tightly wound core and chalky back-end grip.

Rating (93 - 95)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru

The 2019 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru is beautiful, unfurling in the glass with scents of rose petals, raspberries, blood orange, plums and warm spices. Full-bodied, fleshy and sumptuous, its velvety attack segues into an ample, concentrated mid-palate underpinned by supple tannins and lively acids. This is an immensely charming young Clos Saint-Denis that I look forward to revisiting in bottle.

Rating (94 - 96)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts

Wafting from the glass with aromas of blackberries, wild plums, orange rind, exotic spices and peonies, the 2019 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts is medium to full-bodied, velvety and elegantly muscular, with fine concentration and mid-palate amplitude, lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins. This is another fine success chez Dujac this year.

Rating (93 - 95)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

Notes of cherries, wild berries, burning embers, exotic spices and orange rind introduce Dujac's 2019 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts, a medium to full-bodied, lively and precise wine with a pretty core of fruit, fine tannins and a bright, mineral finish. This higher-altitude site appears to have turned in a very strong performance this year.

Rating (93 - 95)

2019 Domaine Dujac Bonnes Mares Grand Cru

Unwinding in the glass with scents of rose petals, orange rind, sweet soil tones and red fruits, Dujac's 2019 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru is, as usual, one of the most backward and reserved wines in the range. Full-bodied, bright and tightly wound, it's vibrant and mineral: the only missing ingredient is time.

Rating (95 - 97)+

2019 Domaine Dujac Chambertin Grand Cru

The 2019 Chambertin Grand Cru is showing nicely, opening in the glass with youthfully reserved scents of orange rind, rose petals, red berries and cedary new oak. Full-bodied, bright and lively, with a tightly wound core of fruit, powdery tannins and a long finish, this will require some patience. As usual, it's a blend of two tiny parcels in Clos de Bèze and Chambertin.

Rating (94-96)

Vins Blancs

2019 Domaine Dujac Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières

The 2019 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières exhibits scents of pear, toasted almonds and vanilla pod. Medium to full-bodied, bright and chalky, it's deep and concentrated, with a mouthwatering, delicately oak-inflected finish.

Rating (91 - 93)

2019 Domaine Dujac Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes

Aromas of crisp nashi pear, white flowers, pastry cream and apricot preface the 2019 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes, a medium to full-bodied wine that's more muscular and concentrated than this year's Folatières, with lively acids and a mouthwatering finish.

Rating (92 - 94)

2019 Domaine Dujac Morey-Saint-Denis Blanc

Aromas of yellow pear, almond paste and white flowers introduce Dujac's 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis Blanc, a medium-bodied, bright and precise wine that's shaping up nicely.

Rating (88 – 90)

2019 Domaine Dujac Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Mont Luisants Blanc

The 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Monts Luisants Blanc was showing especially well, unwinding with notes of crisp orchard fruit, citrus zest, white flowers and fresh pastry. Medium to full-bodied, tangy and incisive, with a concentrated, tightly wound core and a penetrating finish, it's one site that climate change clearly hasn't adversely affected.

Rating (92 - 94)+

Dujac Fils et Père

2019 Dujac Fils et Père Chambolle-Musigny Village

Aromas of orange rind, plums, sweet berries and spices introduce the 2019 Chambolle-Musigny Village, a medium to full-bodied, layered and fleshy wine with lively acids and a sapid finish. This has turned out nicely.

Rating (88 - 90)

2019 Dujac Fils et Père Gevrey-Chambertin Village

The 2019 Gevrey-Chambertin Village is the most structured of these three communal wines, its bouquet of cherries, plums and loamy soil prefacing a medium to full-bodied palate framed by lively acids and powdery tannins that assert themselves on the finish.

Rating (88 – 90)+

2019 Dujac Fils et Père Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes

Aromas of plums, raw cocoa, sweet soil tones and warm spices introduce the 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes, a medium to full-bodied, lively wine that's bright and precise, with a pretty core of fruit and fine, powdery tannins.

Rating (89 – 91)

2019 Dujac Fils et Père Morey-Saint-Denis Village

The 2019 Morey-Saint-Denis Village offers up aromas of raspberries, orange rind, warm spices, sweet soil tones and peonies. Medium to full-bodied, supple and velvety, it's charming and expressive.

Rating (88 – 90)

2019 Dujac Fils et Père Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Cras

The 2019 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Cras has also turned out nicely, offering up aromas of plums, cassis, rich spices and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and enveloping, it concludes with a bright, mineral finish

Rating (90 – 92)