

DOMAINE DUJAC

Reviews of 2013 Vintage

Burghound – Allen Meadows

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Jeremy Seysses describes the 2013 vintage as “a very wet vintage that threw its fair share of challenges at us during the growing season. The flowering was troubled and resulted in a high percentage of shot berries which is great for wine quality but not for quantity. Things didn’t go well for most of the season though we did have a 30 day window of beautiful weather between the middle of August to the middle of September. Then conditions turned wet again and generally speaking there was rot pressure beginning to build. We waited a bit longer than many of our neighbors and didn’t begin picking until the 7th of October and continued through to the 13th. As a whole the fruit was pretty clean though some sectors required more sorting than others. Quantities came in slightly lower than what we obtained in 2012 but this isn’t true across the board as some parcels gave us more and others less. Potential alcohols were variable as well with a range of 11.4 to 12.4% though I underscore that I’m using a conversion rate of 18 grams of sugar per liter which is a good deal more conservative than the regulatory rate. Acidities are firm without being aggressive and remind me of what we had in 2008. We used a bit less whole clusters than we usually do which is to say on average about 70% though the actual range is from 33 to 100%. As to the wines, my view is that 2013 is a classic Burgundian vintage and at the very least it’s a good year. To bracket that comment somewhat I prefer 2013 to 2011 but not to 2010 or 2012.” The 2012s, revisited below, were bottled between December 2013 and March 2014.

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2013 Chambolle-Musigny

(from Les Drazeyes, Les Argillières and Les Fremières). A fresh and very cool nose features notes of spicy red berry fruit and plum scents. There is a refined mouth feel to the mineral-inflected medium weight flavors that deliver fine length on the dusty and, somewhat oddly, a mildly rustic finish. (87-89)/2018+

2013 Morey St. Denis

(from Porroux, Le Village, Clos Solon and Les Herbuottes). An ultra-fresh and airy nose reveals notes of tea, white flowers, red currant and earth. There is good detail and punch to the vibrant and saline-inflected medium weight flavors that culminate in a complex, mouth coating and overtly rustic finish. While rustic, this isn’t hard or tough and should drink well after 4 to 5 years of age. (87-90)/2020+

2013 Morey St. Denis “1er”

(the blend is ~70% Ruchots with the balance in Clos Sorbé, Millandes and Charrières). A notably riper nose offers up notes of both red and dark currant along with plum, earth, floral and gentle earth nuances. There is good detail and a sleek mouth feel to the medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a lean, dusty and linear finish. The question is whether this will flesh out with time and my predicted range assumes that will happen as this wine has a consistently good track record. (88-91)/2021+

2013 Gevrey-Chambertin “Aux Combottes”

(from a 1.16 ha parcel). A discreet application of wood frames the fresh, cool and relatively airy aromas of high-toned cherry, pomegranate and ample floral scents. Here too there is a sleek mouth feel to the utterly delicious and lightly mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that retain a lovely sense of underlying tension and fine delineation on the balanced, long and solidly persistent finish. If there is a nit it’s that the usual complexity that this wine displays, even when young, isn’t present though more than I foresee could very well develop. (89-92)/2023+

2013 Charmes-Chambertin

(from a total of .65 ha in both Charmes and Mazoyères). A much more deeply pitched nose is comprised of an abundance of earth and savage characters on the dark berry fruit aromas. There is fine richness and even better power to the solidly well-concentrated but also well-delineated flavors that are underpinned by ripe tannins and very fine length on the dusty, mouth coating and lingering finish. This is notably firm but not to the point of austerity

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though I wouldn't be surprised if this begins to display some in middle age. (90-93)/2025+

2013 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Gruenchers"

(from a .33 ha parcel of 50+ year old vines). An intensely floral nose also displays notes of various red berry fruit and discreet hints of anise and sandalwood. There is good punch to the fleshy midpalate of the medium-bodied flavors that possess a slightly dusty and mildly edgy but not really austere finish that is notably shorter than it usually is. There is plenty of gas present but this is a bit of a question mark even while acknowledging that the Dujac Gruenchers has a terrific track record. (88-91?)/2021+

2013 Vosne-Romanée "Les Beaux Monts"

Here there is a completely different aromatic profile with markedly more spice elements present that add breadth and a certain elegance to the primarily red and black pinot fruit nose though there are background hints of violet and lilac. I very much like the mouth feel to the well-delineated, intense and mineral-driven medium weight flavors that possess a saline character on the wonderfully complex, intense and well-balanced finale. This is lovely and a wine that should be approachable after 6 to 8 years though it will need 10 to 12 to arrive at its apogee. (91-94)/2023+

2013 Vosne-Romanée "Les Malconsorts"

(from a 1.57 ha parcel). This is more restrained though here too there is a plethora of spice elements on the nose dark currant, violet, rose petal and exotic tea scents. The 2013 version of this wine is sleeker than it usually is because while there is clearly good muscle the mouth feel of the medium weight plus flavors is more refined than usual, all wrapped in a powerful, intense and mineral-driven finale. This is, in a word, terrific. (92-94)/2025+

2013 Echézeaux

(from the climat Champs Traversin). A spicy and densely fruited nose features notes of red and dark currant, floral, anise and once again an interesting exotic tea character. There is excellent volume if not the power of the Malconsorts with a bit less minerality as well though the seductively textured flavors coat the mouth with an impressive amount of dry extract before culminating in a beautifully well-balanced and persistent finish. A classic Ech of generosity and style (91-94)/2025+

2013 Clos de la Roche

A relatively elegant and quite floral nose displays plenty of earth and game nuances on the softly spicy aromas of mostly red currant and pomegranate. There is excellent volume and ample power to the muscular flavors that possess both good concentration and delineation before concluding in a wonderfully intense, saline and well-balanced finish that delivers outstanding length. This is a bigger and firmer wine than the Ech and will need at least a

decade to be approachable and 15 to 18 years to reach its full apogee. (92-95)/2028+

2013 Clos St. Denis

(from a 1.48 ha parcel). This is both more aromatically restrained and more elegant than the Clos de la Roche with its reluctant nose of rose petal, spiced tea and red and dark berry fruit aromas. There is a really lovely mouth feel to the refined middle weight flavors that exude a discreet bead of minerality that adds a bit of lift to the intense, balanced, focused and beautifully balanced finish. Textbook Clos St. Denis. (92-95)/2025+

2013 Bonnes Mares

A broad-ranging and distinctly cool nose features aromas of orange pekoe tea, white flowers, pomegranate and plenty of earthiness. There is an equally cool and restrained mouth feel to the big-bodied, intense and muscular flavors that possess outstanding mid-palate concentration along with a beautiful sense of vibrancy and harmony to the gorgeously persistent finish. This too will need plenty of patience but should absolutely be worth the wait. (93-96)/2028+

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2013 Morey St. Denis

There is notably better complexity to the floral-infused mix of dark currant, plum and sandalwood scents. There is a lovely sense of underlying tension to the delicious and lightly mineral-inflected medium-bodied flavors that terminate in a solidly complex finale. I like the polished mouth feel and this should both drink well young but also reward a few years of cellaring too. (88-91)/2020+

2013 Chambolle-Musigny

As one might reasonably expect this is more aromatically refined with its fresh and airy aromas of red currant cherry, lilac and soft wood nuances. There is lacy but intense mouth feel to the delicious middle weight flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the ever-so-slightly lean finish. This is very Chambolle in character. (87-89)/2018+