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## 2016 Reds

### **2016 Bourgogne Pinot Noir "Secret de Famille": 87-88**

Intense wild strawberries and raspberries with a pastry-like edge, all leading to a light, fluid and elegant palate with plenty of raspberry flavors. There is also a crunchy acid and tannin interplay. Drink now

### **2016 Mercurey Premier Cru "Les Champs-Martin" Domaine Adélie: 88-89**

Bright, ripe red and blue fruits with a forest, brambly edge that leads to a palate with a sturdy, punchy core of tannins. The acidity is a feature here. Drink or hold for five to six years.

### **2016 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" Domaine du Pavillon: 90-91**

Located in the south of Pommard on heavier clay soils. This has an earthy nose with dark cherries, orange zest and spicy oak influence. The palate has a quite tart and grainy feel. Tannins are sturdy, carrying rich cherries. Give this some time. Try from 2020.

### **2016 Corton Grand Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" Domaine du Pavillon: 92-93**

Quite minerally with flinty, stony accents, as well as bright cherries, raspberries, wild forest notes and hints of pastry. The palate has a very fine texture and a firm, long shape. Really fresh cherries here. Good depth and salient acidity, too. Try from 2022.

### **2016 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Murots" Domaine du Clos Frantin: 90-91**

Below the village. This parcel offers brambly red fruits and leafy elements, all leading to quite a plush, full and round palate with some neat, firm tannins. Drink or hold.

### **2016 Fixin Premier Cru "Clos de la Perrière": 90-91**

A bright nose with cassis and darker cherries as well as chalky notes. The palate has a lithe, light and succulent feel with elegance and approachability. Purchased grapes. Drink now.

### **2016 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru "Château-Gris": 91-92**

Otherwise there is good punch and delineation to the racy mineral-driven middle weight flavors that display a touch of salinity on the lingering finish. This is really quite good. 2023+

### **2016 Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru "Les Malconsorts" Domaine du Clos Frantin: 94-95**

Beautiful crushed roses with an array of fresh raspberries and red cherries, as well as light mocha and oak spices in the background. The palate has excellent tannin maturity and depth. A bold, explosive finish. This is exceptional. This elegant vintage has delivered a wine with real clarity and detail. But still needs some time. Try from 2024.

### **2016 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru: 92-93**

Aromas of pomegranate and red cherries. Has a floral edge and earthy notes, too. The palate has deep, ripe and full tannins, delivering a long, sturdy red-cherry core. Bright, acid-focused finish. Purchased grapes. Try from 2022.

### **2016 Clos-de-Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin: 93-94**

Two parcels, one-third from the top and the balance from the lower section of the vineyard. This has very expressive ripe cherries, making it a very sapid, fresh and powerful wine. Attractive depth and expansion through the finish. Try from 2022.



## 2015 Reds

### **2015 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" Domaine du Pavillon: 90**

The southerly clay soils have delivered a wine that carries freshness and some plush tannins, which results in a polished, balanced and chiseled expression. Good weight. Succulent red cherries and plums to close. Drink or hold.

### **2015 Fixin Premier Cru "Clos de la Perrière": 91**

A fine impression with bright red cherries and a silky palate. Gently toasty oak sits nicely alongside wild cherries. Really fresh and elegant. Drink now.

### **2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru "Château-Gris": 91**

Attractive roses and floral elements in a seductive mode. This has a gently earthy thread, too. The palate is very silky and succulent, where the fine tannins hold a long, focused cherry-plum finish. Drink or hold.

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## 2016 Whites

### 2016 Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit: **88**

Some neat chalky elements to the nose with an array of melon, peaches and citrus notes. It delivers a supple and even palate. Fresh finish and good length. Drink now.

### 2016 Chablis Premier Cru "Les Vaillons" Domaine Long-Depaquit: **92**

This offers some swanky reductive grapefruit and toasty oak on the nose. A palate that has punchy acidity and plenty of fruit weight. Great depth and drive here. Acidity is salient. Really fresh. Drink or hold.

### 2016 Chablis Grand Cru "Les Clos" Domaine Long-Depaquit: **94**

Attractive aromas of pears, apples and blossoms with hints of pastry, all leading to a palate that has a smooth and even mouthfeel with fresh flavors. Drink now.

### 2016 Mâcon-Lugny "Les Charmes": **87**

Tropical melon-scented fruits that are laced with sweet, flowery notes, all leading to a bright, smooth and open palate. Flavors of melon, mangoes and papayas. Good buy. Drink now.

### 2016 Viré-Clessé: **88**

A slight chalky edge to the nose with ripe, tropical melon, papayas and apple blossoms. The palate has an impressive, fresh, cool-fruit presence, as well as a twist of stony, savory notes at the finish. Good buy. Drink now.

### 2016 Saint-Véran: **88**

Some orange blossoms and cantaloupes with sweet-perfumed accents, all leading to a palate with a light, fresh and slightly crunchy edge. Finishes with a biscuity twist. Good buy. Drink now.

### 2016 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Secret de Famille": **90**

An array of sources in the Côte de Beaune. This has a very impressive sense of smoothness and depth on the palate, delivering peach pastries and some gentle, nutty notes to close. Good value. Drink now.

### 2016 Santenay: **91**

Some flinty and almost chalky notes with green peaches and citrus fruits, leading to a palate with a very composed, gently taut feel. A mealy finish. Purchased grapes. Drink now.

### 2016 Beaune Premier Cru "Clos des Mouches" Domaine du Pavillon: **93**

This offers some swanky reductive grapefruit and toasty oak on the nose. A palate that has punchy acidity and plenty of fruit weight. Great depth and drive here. Acidity is salient. Really fresh. Drink or hold.

### 2016 Meursault Premier Cru "Les Charmes" Domaine du Pavillon: **92**

Some neat chalky elements to the nose with an array of melon, peaches and citrus notes. It delivers a supple and even palate. Fresh finish and good length. Drink now.

### 2016 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon: **95**

This has a flinty appeal with aromas of white peaches and lightly spiced peach custard. Very impressive power, which really explodes on the palate with powerful white peaches, grilled hazelnuts and citrus hints. A little honey to close. Very long and seamless. Superb wine. Drink or hold.



## 2015 Whites

### 2015 Santenay: **90**

Very nicely delivered white peaches and lemons. A slightly creamy palate that has fresh but nutty flavors. Shows a very impressive sense of depth and completeness. Drink now.

### 2015 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon: **94**

The white and yellow peaches have a lightly spicy thread as well as a lightly grilled character, making it very attractive and slightly exotic. The palate has a very punchy and deep-set feel. Pithy and lots of phenolic weight here. A long mineral finish. Terrific. Drink now.