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The Wine Enthusiast Buying Guide

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Each review contains a score, the full name of the product, its suggested national retail price, its alcohol (abv) as reported to us by the submitter and a tasting note. If price or alcohol content cannot be confirmed, NA (not available) will be printed. Prices are for 750-ml bottles unless otherwise indicated.

TASTING METHODOLOGY AND GOALS

All tastings reported in the Buying Guide are performed blind. Typically, products are tasted in peer-group flights of from 5–8 samples. Reviewers may know general information about a flight to provide context—vintage, variety or appellation—but never the producer or retail price of any given selection. When possible, products considered flawed or uncustomary are retasted.

ABOUT THE SCORES

Ratings reflect what our editors felt about a particular product. Beyond the rating, we encourage you to read the accompanying tasting note to learn about a product's special characteristics.

Classic 98–100:	The pinnacle of quality.
Superb 94–97:	A great achievement.
Excellent 90–93:	Highly recommended.
Very Good 87–89:	Often good value; well recommended.
Good 83–86:	Suitable for everyday consumption; often good value.
Acceptable 80–82:	Can be employed in casual, less-critical circumstances.

Products deemed Unacceptable (receiving a rating below 80 points) are not reviewed.

SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS

Editors' Choice products are those that offer excellent quality at a price above our Best Buy range, or a product at any price with unique qualities that merit special attention.

Cellar Selections are products deemed highly collectible and/or requiring time in a temperature-controlled wine cellar to reach their maximum potential. A Cellar Selection designation does not mean that a product must be stored to be enjoyed, but that cellaring will probably result in a more enjoyable bottle. In general, an optimum time for cellaring will be indicated.

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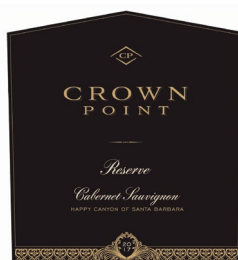


97 Crown Point 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara).

Dark and concentrated in the glass, this bottling immediately reveals an elegantly refined polish. Aromas of blackberry, dark cocoa and black pepper lead into a palate that's concentrated but perfectly ripe. Flavors of black currant, vanilla, toast and a hint of mint are wrapped in complex yet smooth tannins and ample, fresh acidity. —M.K.

abv: 15.5%

Price: \$150



97 Crown Point 2017 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara).

Crafted from a single clone in a single block in a single barrel, this is the most focused expression of this ambitious, no-expense-spared project by Roger Bower. Deep, concentrated and yet elegantly focused aromas of blackberry, violet, charred wood and purple flowers lead into a palate that is framed by lush, silky yet upright tannins. Dark berry and mocha flavors lead into a vanilla and sea-salt caramel finish. Drink from 2037. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.

abv: 15.7%

Price: \$250



97 Holus Bolus 2018 Franc de Pied Syrah (Sta. Rita Hills).

Bold amounts of green peppercorn, sansho pepper, mixed olives and iodine meet with a tense black-raspberry aroma on this cool-climate Syrah. The palate is wild and amazingly herbal in flavor, with tea leaf, nettle and bay leaf elements and just enough lingering dark-berry fruit to fill it out. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$40



97 J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 Grand Cru en Orveaux (Echézeaux).

Lifted red currant, gunpowder and flint shoot from the glass, announcing their insistence and pervasiveness. On the slender but concentrated palate, light gaminess plays around the edges, becoming more intense alongside the red currant core. This is an incisive and statuesque wine that holds a quiet sense of power. **Bonhomie Wine Imports. Editors' Choice.** —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$250



97 Larkmead 2017 The Lark (Napa Valley).

This is the producer's top-echelon wine, made from Cabernet Sauvignon and matured in 100% new French oak. Savory earth, clove and black tea accent a core of concentrated black cherry, cassis and plum, the two sides of the equation coming together to make for a cohesive, structured and complex whole. Best 2027–2032. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.

abv: 14.6%

Price: \$360

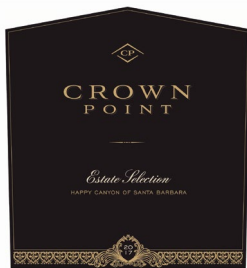


97 Louis Latour 2018 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru (Corton).

A gentle floral hint, almost of jasmine, precedes the subtle red-cherry note of this wine. Coming in with slender grace, the palate is lightly edged by vanilla that softens the bracingly fresh red-currant note. The structure is graceful, yet enduring and firm. Freshness and fruit mingle in this fine edifice, shimmering with concentration and poise. Louis Latour Inc. **Editors' Choice.** —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$223



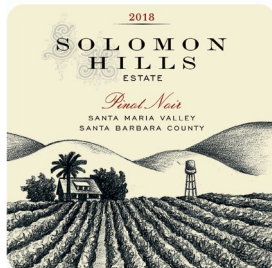
96 Crown Point 2017 Estate Selection (Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara). There's a purity to the nose of this bottling that reveals deep, lush waves of boysenberry paste alongside a savory tone of charred beef. Polished tannins frame the sip, where ample amounts of rich black plum and blackberry are enhanced by caramel, coffee bean and mocha flavors, with acidity holding tight into the finish. —M.K.
abv: 15.5% **Price:** \$150



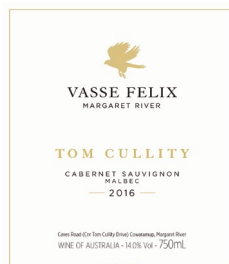
96 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Grand Cru (Corton-Bressandes). Ripe red cherry on the nose is perfumed with a leafy forest-fruit vibe. That lifted aroma carries over to the taut palate where it hovers above the firm structure, brightening the wine. Fine tannins crunch while freshness tingles, countered by 2018's ripeness. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$160



96 Larkmead 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). With 10% Merlot, this is a structured red that's built by broad tannins but approachable in its youth. Earthy peat, dried herb, cedar and cigar box play against a depth of dark cherry, cassis and plum, while fresh acidity permeates beneath, making for a cohesive package. —V.B.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$135



96 Solomon Hills Estate 2018 Pinot Noir (Santa Maria Valley). A brisk raspberry aroma meets with bushels of bay leaf and green peppercorn on the excitingly herbaceous nose of this bottling from the appellation's most coastal vineyard. The same pepper and herb tones show on the savory sip, where juniper also arises alongside the cranberry and raspberry core. —M.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60



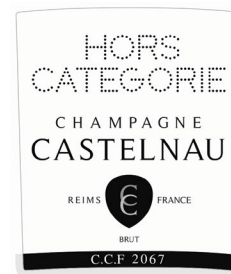
96 Vasse Felix 2016 Tom Cullity Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec (Margaret River). This wine bears the unmistakable character of the region through notes of black currant, cedar, olive brine, bay leaf and cigar box. Layers of texture and flavor flow over the tongue, knit together by a powdery, fine line of tannins. Oak is present but should integrate seamlessly with time in bottle. It's a classy wine that walks a tightrope of power and elegance. Drink 2022–2040. Negotiants USA—Winebow. *Cellar Selection.* —C.P.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$165



95 Bien Nacido Estate 2018 Chardonnay (Santa Maria Valley). Energetic aromas of lemon peel, crushed chalk, shiso leaf, crushed oyster shells and light mint show on the sizzling nose of this bottling. The palate is fascinatingly mineral-driven, offering wet rocks and more seashells, but also waves of tangerine cream and grapefruit peel. Drink now through 2038. *Cellar Selection.* —M.K.
abv: 12.6% **Price:** \$45



95 Bien Nacido Estate 2018 Pinot Noir (Santa Maria Valley). Lively aromas of hibiscus, raspberry, cherry, star anise and the slightest gamy funk show on the nose of this bottling. There is a more hearty tone to the complex palate, where riper strawberry and raspberry flavors meet with dewy lavender and resinous herbs. —M.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60



95 Castelnaud NV Hors Catégorie Brut (Champagne). A selection from the best lots in the producer's cellar, this limited-release Champagne is mainly aged in wood and spends extended time on the lees. It is a rich, full-bodied wine that shows balanced fruit and a hints of age. Drink now. Vinovia Wine Group. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$156



95 Domaine Delaporte 2018 Les Monts Damnés (Sancerre). This ripe, rounded wine is beginning to mature into rich, impressive fruit tones. Minerality, tight green fruits and an herbal edge are concentrated. It is sourced from the steep slope of one of Sancerre's most famous vineyards. Drink now. Vineyard Brands. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$53



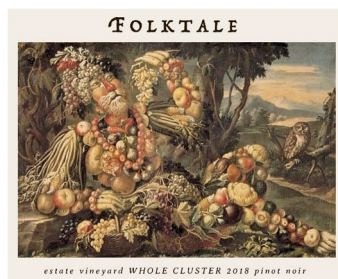
94 CheckMate 2016 Attack Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley). This reserve-style wine is fermented in a single new *foudre*. Showing superb definition and focus, it bangs away with flint-edged tree fruit, spice, toast and a dash of sea salt. Drink through 2029. *Cellar Selection*. —P.G.
abv: 14% Price: \$90



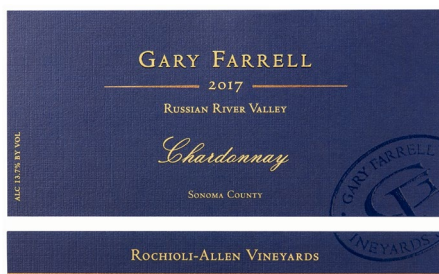
94 CheckMate 2016 Knight's Challenge Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley). Though not labeled as such, this is a vineyard selection from the Sunset Vineyard on the Black Sage Bench. Lively, spicy, fresh and textured, it bursts forth with apple and pear, then rolls across the palate with a streak of vanilla, some spring herbs and a pat of butter. Two-thirds was fermented with wild yeasts and half aged 16 months in new French oak. —P.G.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$75



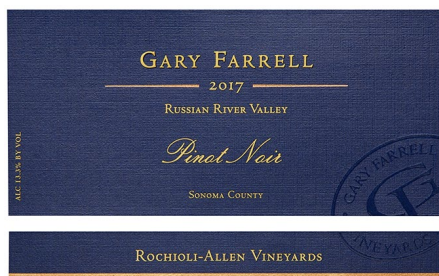
94 Eleven Eleven 2017 Laki's Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Oak Knoll District). Meaty and thick in dense black fruit, sage and olive, this is an intensely complex and savory wine from a warm vintage. Oak plays its part, contributing to the weight and breadth, adding clove, black pepper and vanilla notes that work well against the rich fruit. Enjoy from 2027–2030. *Cellar Selection*. —V.B.
abv: 15.1% Price: \$125



94 Folktale 2018 Whole Cluster Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir (Santa Lucia Highlands). One of Winemaker David Baird's whole-cluster experiments, this bottling shows plenty of lilac and violet aromas alongside baked strawberry and star anise. The floral expression happens on the sip, where toasted sage meets with red currant and a hint of licorice. —M.K.
abv: 13.8% Price: \$85



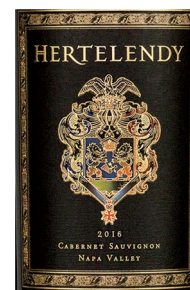
94 Gary Farrell 2017 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Chardonnay (Russian River Valley). With flavors of apple skin, stone and Meyer lemon, this resplendent white is lifted and complex. Fresh, focused acidity girds an array of texture and nuanced flavor. It's light on its feet yet fully memorable in its remarkable balance and lasting grace. —V.B.
abv: 13.7% Price: \$65



94 Gary Farrell 2017 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). Lifted and enduringly fresh, this impressive wine opens in tones of wild strawberry, dried herb and forest floor, with a supple midpalate that teases a hint of power, settling into tension and texture. While light in style, it still has weight and breadth, finishing with balance and grace. —V.B.
abv: 13.3% Price: \$80



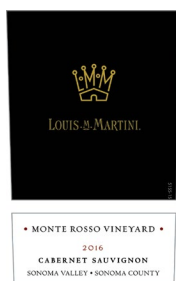
94 Henri de Villamont 2018 Grand Cru (Grands Echezeaux). Notes of smoke, mocha and roast pumpkin are restrained on the nose of this wine, hovering above a ripe cherry core. That same flavor combination appears on the palate, but here it is placed in a compact, firm structure pervaded by freshness and poise. Smoke and mocha hints carry a soft edge of vanilla, adding to the brooding elegance. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 14% Price: \$180



94 Hertelendy 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Blended with 11% Petit Verdot and small amounts of Malbec, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, this is a substantially powerful, integrated and complex red that's aged in both French and Hungarian oak. Immensely herbal, it offers seductive spice tones of clove and tobacco, with blue and red fruit lifted by underlying acidity. Enjoy from 2026–2031. *Cellar Selection*. —V.B.
abv: 14.6% Price: \$135



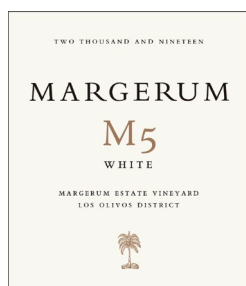
94 Laurent-Perrier NV Cuvée Rosé Brut (Champagne). This great rosé combines texture with bright fruit and a bit of age. It is poised between a ripe dosage and a crisp texture, with red fruits and toastiness marking the flavors. It is a fine bottling to enjoy now. Laurent-Perrier US. —R.V.
abv: 12% Price: \$100



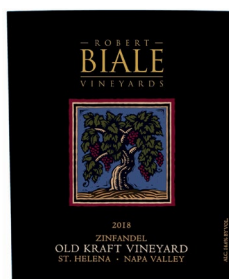
94 Louis M. Martini 2016 Monte Rosso Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma Valley). Sumptuous, integrated and softly layered, this blockbuster wine from the historic site is intriguing in iron and crushed rock. The fruit is black and brambly—a mix of cherry, berry and currant dusted in cocoa powder. This will do well in the cellar. Enjoy from 2026–2031. *Cellar Selection.* —V.B.
abv: 15.3% **Price:** \$150



94 Lucienne 2018 Smith Vineyard Pinot Noir (Santa Lucia Highlands). Rich, opulent aromas of black-cherry cordial and caramel are thick but delicious on the nose of this bottling. Sandy tannins frame the creamy cherry and blackberry flavors, which are lifted by star anise and licorice accents and lead into an oak finish. —M.K.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$50



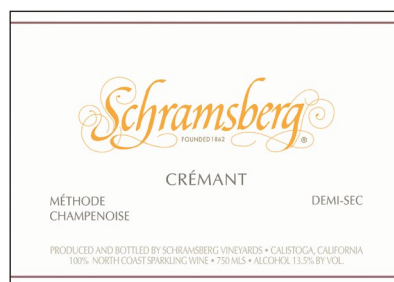
94 Margerum 2019 M5 Margerum Estate Vineyard White (Los Olivos District). Complex and yet utterly refreshing, this estate blend of 45% Grenache Blanc, 21% Marsanne, 14% Viognier, 13% Roussanne and 7% Picpoul Blanc begins with wet stone, chalk, nectarine, Rainier cherry and creamed pear on the crisp nose. The palate sizzles with acidity and ashy, chalky tension, delivering flavors of kiwi, lychee and more stone fruit. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.
abv: 12.8% **Price:** \$29



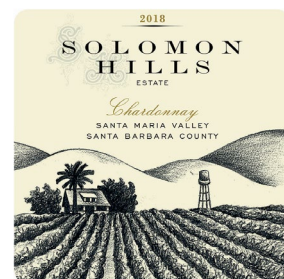
94 Robert Biale 2018 Old Kraft Vineyard Zinfandel (St. Helena). Juicy and pleasing, with undeniable complexity, this great wine tastes of brambly blackberry, cinnamon and plum accented by leather, black pepper and nutmeg. While full in feel, it shows balance and elegance. The tannins are well structured and supportive of the fruit. —V.B.
abv: 14.6% **Price:** \$55



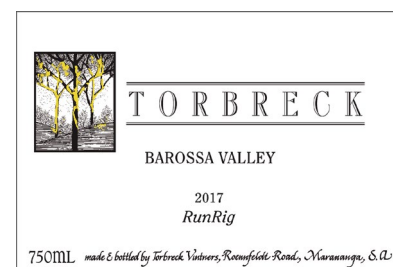
94 San Simeon 2019 Estate Reserve Pinot Noir (Monterey). Fresh out of the gates, this bottling is singing in opulent aromas of Bing cherry pie, clove, mace and rosewater. There is a load of baking spice on the palate, from nutmeg to star anise, while the silky smooth mouthfeel presents flavors of cherry and mulberry. —M.K.
abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$25



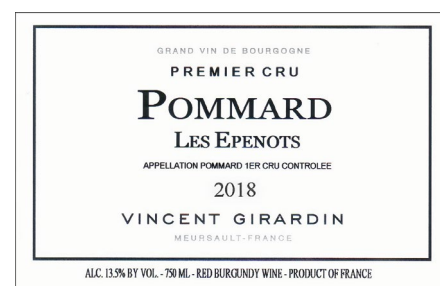
94 Schramsberg 2016 Crémant Méthode Champenoise Demi-Sec (Napa Valley). With a dry, floral nose, this lovely sparkler is a blend of 68% Flora, 31% Chardonnay and 1% Pinot Noir, with 15% barrel fermentation. Sweet, unctuous layers of peach, pear and vanilla biscuit are lifted by a balance of fresh acidity and underlying structure, making for a cohesive experience on the palate. —V.B.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$40



94 Solomon Hills Estate 2018 Chardonnay (Santa Maria Valley). Tightly woven on the nose, this bottling shows a bit of tangerine pith but the aromas are largely mineral driven, from wet river stones to crushed chalk. There is sharp acidity on the tip of the sip, where taut and focused flavors of lemon and Mandarin orange meet with that extreme stoniness. Drink through 2038. *Cellar Selection.* —M.K.
abv: 12.9% **Price:** \$45



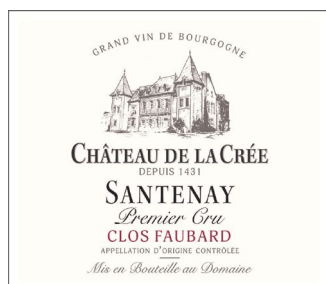
94 Torbreck 2017 RunRig (Barossa Valley). The cool vintage has done great things for Torbreck's most premium Shiraz. While it still sports broad shoulders, this bottling offers dashes of elegance and freshness. Black currant, plum, beet root, cocoa powder and gentle herbs and spices are supported by cola-like oak. The tannins are muscular but fine, tautly woven into the sleek mouthfeel. This should be a stunner with time. Drink 2022–2040. *Delicato Family Wines. Cellar Selection.* —C.P.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$225



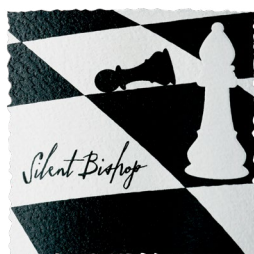
94 Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard). A hint of freshness plays on the otherwise closed nose of this wine. Still tightly coiled, the palate presents a balanced picture of elegant firmness. Freshness and fine tannins create the structure upon which the vivid red cherry can shine. This wine is elegant, balanced and most promising. Drink 2025–2035. *Vineyard Brands.* —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95



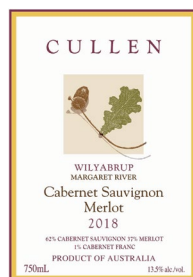
93 Castelnau 2006 Blanc de Blancs Millésimé Brut (Champagne). From a selection of Chardonnay vineyards, this Champagne has tight crispness along with a balanced minerality. The green apple and ripe pear flavors are shot through with citrus to yield a textured, fruity wine. Drink now. Vinovia Wine Group. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$75



93 Château de la Créée 2017 Clos Faubard Premier Cru (Santenay). Toasty oak casts spells of both vanilla and caramel onto almost candied notions of cherry on the nose. On the palate, the picture then turns to full-on sumptuousness of lovely, tart cherry fruit rounded and mellowed by baking spice. A tight web of fine tannins holds everything in place and supports that wonderfully pervasive freshness. Drink by 2030. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95



93 CheckMate 2016 Silent Bishop Merlot (Okanagan Valley). Aromas and flavors of black cherry, cherry tobacco and espresso propel this potent and dense Merlot. Despite the name, there's nothing silent about it, with herbal accents amplified by 100% native yeast fermentation and the polished tannins carved by 21 months in 100% new French oak. *Editors' Choice.* —P.G.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$75



93 Cullen 2018 Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot (Margaret River). This Cab-dominant blend, from one of Margaret River's founding wineries, encompasses the essence of the region. Brambly fruit mingles with notes of tomato stem, tobacco leaf, black olive and menthol, supported by polished, cherry cola-like oak. The palate is medium bodied, while the crunchy, vibrant fruit is tempered by taut, sappy, textural tannins. Drink now–2040. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$40



93 Domaine Carneros NV Cuvée de la Pompadour Méthode Traditionnelle Brut Rosé (Carneros). Blending 59% Pinot Noir and 41% Chardonnay, all estate-grown, this memorable sparkler shows a ripe strawberry flavor that is rich and exuberant. It finds balance in a contrast of Meyer lemon, tangerine and lingering minerality. —V.B.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$44



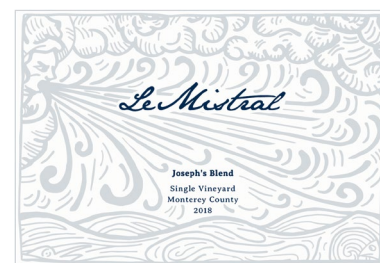
93 Domaine Jessiaume 2018 La Combotte (Pommard). Subtle notes of woodsmoke and freshly crushed blueberry immediately lend a sense of purity and freshness to this wine. The palate turns the blueberry into rounded black-cherry flavor, with ample juiciness and pervaded by supple yet firm tannins. It's a lovely and measured expression of the ripeness of 2018, showing generosity and full fruit along with freshness. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$48



93 Eleven Eleven 2019 Beckstoffer Melrose Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Rutherford). Inviting aromas of wet stone, honeysuckle and grass are met by a wealth of grapefruit, lime and more stone on the palate, offering a lovely combination that impresses from start to lengthy finish. Elements of lemongrass add to an intriguing experience. —V.B.
abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$38



93 Finca Allende 2016 Mingortiz Single Vineyard Estate Bottled (Rioja). This bold Rioja from a stellar vintage is quite potent and could use another five to 10 years in the cellar. Deep blackberry aromas are supported by lemony oak and char accents. A full-bodied palate has tannic bite and some heat to work through, while it tastes of blackberry, cassis and toasted oak. A high-octane finish confirms that this is a Tempranillo to drink through 2035. Trinchero Family Estates. *Cellar Selection.* —M.S.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$90



93 Folktale 2018 Le Mistral Joseph's Blend (Monterey County). There's a wondrous array of herb and game aromas on the nose of this Grenache and Syrah blend, including charred beef, lavender and Dr Pepper alongside elderberry fruit. There is zippy acidity on the sip, where the licorice and lavender elements wrap around the brisk black-raspberry and plum core. —M.K.
abv: 14.4% **Price:** \$50



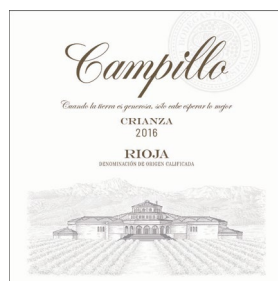
92 Angela Vineyards 2017 Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton). This is the first vintage from Winemaker Alban Debeaulieu, who succeeded Ken Wright in the spring of 2017. Vinified with natural yeasts, it's a detailed mix of tart red berry, yeasty grain and light streaks of cola and earth. Aged 10 months in one-quarter new French oak, it finishes with a kiss of chocolate. —P.G.
abv: 13.1% **Price:** \$38



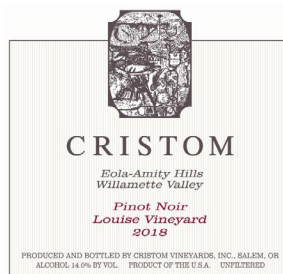
92 Balletto 2018 BCD Vineyard Estate Grown Estate Bottled Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). Lively, spicy and earthy, with an underlying foundation of dried herb, this wine offers buzzy energy and tension. Bright, racy acidity gives it life and length, finishing in black cherry, currant and black tea. —V.B.
abv: 13.9% **Price:** \$48



92 Balletto 2018 Sexton Hill Vineyard Estate Grown Estate Bottled Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). This wine offers incredible aromas of black raspberry and white pepper, an inviting combo that works to meld a cohesive whole that's both fruity and savory. Medium in weight, it presents as light, bright and silky on the palate. —V.B.
abv: 13.9% **Price:** \$46



92 Campillo 2016 Crianza (Rioja). Tight-fisted plum and currant aromas are punchy, while this crianza from a great year excels across a lively palate. Spicy plum and currant flavors play out on a finish with cracked pepper notes and lingering acidity. Drink through 2025. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —M.S.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$25



92 Cristom 2018 Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir (Eola-Amity Hills). This young, bright wine bursts open with raspberry and cherry fruit. The concentration and length are excellent, and it should benefit from additional bottle age. Drink from 2022–2030. *Cellar Selection.* —P.G.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$70



92 D'Arenberg 2016 The Laughing Magpie Shiraz-Viognier (McLaren Vale). With 4% Viognier, the nose of this Shiraz-based wine offers an appealing mix of plum, fig cake, mocha, olive and large helpings of savory spice. The palate is powerfully tannic and chalky in texture. Nevertheless, the spicy, brambly fruit finds its way to the fore, providing much needed softness. Give this a decant or air time or plenty of protein if drinking now. Drink until 2028. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$29



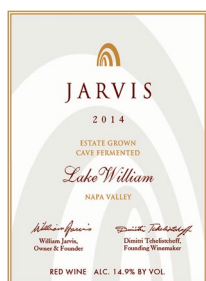
92 Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Les Cents Vignes Premier Cru (Beaune). A subtle cloud of woodsmoke contains aromatic notions of ripe black cherry as well as a fresher, more tart note of cranberry in this wine. Concentrated and elegant, the well-proportioned but compact body brims with vivid freshness. Hints of elderberry highlight the delicate aromatics. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$49



92 Duckhorn 2016 The Discussion (Napa Valley). A structured blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and tiny pinches of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, this barrel-selection wine is sourced from an estate-grown block. It is graceful yet intense, with powerfully integrated tannins and lasting oak that support flavors of black cherry and cassis accented in cedar and clove. It will do well in the cellar; enjoy from 2026–2031. *Cellar Selection.* —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$155



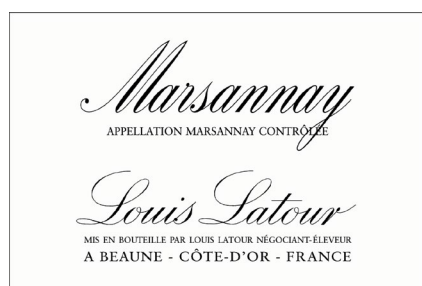
92 Franz Keller 2019 vom Löss Pinot Gris (Baden). Intensely smoky, earthen notes that extend from nose to finish hearken back to the volcanic terraces of the Kaiserstuhl where this Pinot Gris is sourced. The palate offers pristine white grapefruit and peach flavors marked by bristling acidity and a pleasant grip of tea tannins on the finish. This is lovely in its youth, but should drink well through 2026. Delicato Family Wines. *Editors' Choice.* —A.I.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$38



91 Jarvis 2014 Lake William Estate Grown Cave Fermented Red Wine (Napa Valley). This blend leads with 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, followed by 22% Cabernet Franc, 34% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, aged 24 months in 100% new French oak. The oak dominates in a cedar element as juicy plum and currant tones develop around structured tannins. —V.B.
abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$230



91 Laetitia 2019 Estate Chardonnay (Arroyo Grande Valley). Soft and subtle aromas of nectarine and peach are cut by lime juice and baked grapefruit, with a warmer macadamia nut tone as well. The palate is fresh in feel, with light lemon flavors that are rounded by a baked apple element. —M.K.
abv: 13.4% **Price:** \$22



91 Louis Latour 2018 Marsannay. The flinty promise of slight reduction is the first notion on the nose of this wine, followed by a bright, juicy red-cherry tone. The palate also has that appetizing flintiness surrounding ripe, almost fleshy cherry that sits around a core of freshness. Subtle, juicy tannins appear on the appealing finish. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$36



91 Maison Jussiaume 2017 Brut Blanc de Blancs (Rogue Valley). Another fine vintage from Jean-Michel Jussiaume, this is a sincere effort at a Champagne-worthy Oregon sparkler. Made from Chardonnay, it is crisp and fruity, with a spicy hint of anise. The fruit flavors include Meyer lemon, tangerine and ripe pineapple, showing ripeness to counterbalance the bright acidity. —P.G.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$65



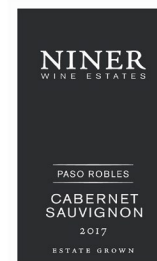
91 Maison L'Envoyé 2018 Two Messengers Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). Part of a global portfolio focused on Pinot Noir, this pulls fruit from a number of top vineyards scattered throughout the Willamette Valley. It's a mix of red and black fruits, framed with citrusy acidity and light barrel toast from aging in one-quarter new French oak. It's well crafted, and finishes with a whiff of truffle. *Editors' Choice.* —P.G.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$30



91 Niner 2017 BR Reserve Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles). Aromas of dark plum, blackberry jam, black olive, scorched earth and smashed lava rock show on the nose of this bottling from Bootjack Ranch in the Geneseo District. Firm, sandy tannins uphold creamy black-cherry and dried herb flavors. Drink through 2032. *Cellar Selection.* —M.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$65



91 Niner 2017 BR Reserve Estate Grown Carménère (Paso Robles). Carménère is an uncommon grape for almost anywhere other than Chile these days, but this version reveals its intriguing ways. The nose combines pressed blackberry aromas with dried meat, tar and a hint of green herbs. The palate's dark berry core is decorated with loamy earth flavors and a light green-pepper note—a common hallmark of the grape. That latter element intensifies with time. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.
abv: 14.3% **Price:** \$65



91 Niner 2017 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles). Bolstered by 4% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, this bottling begins with brisk aromas of black raspberry, cherry, wet gravel and marjoram on the nose. The palate is tightly woven and focused, combining dark strawberry and pencil shavings into a light-bodied and elegant display. —M.K.
abv: 13.9% **Price:** \$45



91 Pascual Toso 2018 Reserva Barrancas Vineyards Malbec (Mendoza). A dark berry aroma is toasty and oaky on the nose. This middleweight Malbec from an excellent vintage features grainy tannins, with black plum and cassis flavors backed by notable oak. Mild oak spice and lasting berry fruit flavors drive an undemanding finish. Quintessential Wines. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$25

BURGUNDY RED WINES

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN

96 **Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Grand Cru (Charmes-Chambertin).** A subtle flash of Morello cherry on this wine's shy nose announces freshness, while further swirling reveals hints of roasted coffee and white pepper. That peppery note stays throughout the palate that brims with freshness and elegant flow, framing red currant and cranberry. The wine has immense concentration and power but these appear as depth rather than heft, and tingle away with brooding promise. Tightness, richness, finesse and spice are hold potential for the future. Drink by 2045. Multiple U.S. importers. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

96 **Edouard Delaunay 2016 Grand Cru (Charmes-Chambertin).** Smoky red cherry is slender, fresh and pervasive on this wine's subtle nose. The palate is perfumed and pockets of fragrant conifer and red cherry lurk in its graceful, fine-boned structure. Freshness and perfume pervade everything, lifting this filigree, firm wine into another fragrant realm. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$300

95 **Edouard Delaunay 2017 Grand Cru (Charmes-Chambertin).** A lifted notion of cherry is subtle and almost ethereal on this wine's nose. Similar aromatic overtones on the palate suggest Amarena and conifer, while the slender body has the slight crunch of fine, young and ripe tannins. Underneath it all slumbers a notion of more ripeness and brooding fruit. Drink 2030–2045. Total Wine & More. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$300

94 **Château de Charodon 2017 Grand Cru (Charmes-Chambertin).** Gentle vanilla and

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woodsmoke for now cloud the fruit on the subtle nose of this wine. The almost creamy palate unites vanilla and cherry while smoke still dominates. Lifted red-currant notes express freshness that counters slight heat around the edges. The finish is fresh, smoky, creamy and long. W. Direct. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$415

94 **Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Grand Cru (Charmes-Chambertin).** High-toned, slightly fleshy cherry ripeness brims on this wine's open nose, enriched with a hint of toasty cinnamon. The palate then treads a path of textured, fine tannins on a rounded but toned body. Freshness counters the fruit but the cherry remains fleshy, juicy and hold. It's concentrated, vivid and long. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$320

CLOS DE LA ROCHE

96 **Albert Bichot 2018 Grand Cru (Clos de la Roche).** Black-cherry hints on the nose have an intriguing note of smoked meat, but that is all this wine gives away for now. The palate also shows cherry fruit, but it is fresher, caught amid a fine-boned, filigreed structure of almost fragile tannin that nonetheless holds firm. There is grace and grandeur in equal measure, centered around a core of pure fruit, framed in vivid freshness and concentration. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$445

96 **Domaine Arlaud 2018 Grand Cru (Clos de la Roche).** Woodsmoke and vanilla appear first on the nose of this wine but are soon superseded by aromas of tart red berry and forest fruit. The palate comes in with drive and elegance. Silky tannins carry a savory note and almost tingling freshness. Despite the concentration and tightly woven, supple tannins, the wine has a sense of toned svelteness. The berry perfume lingers long. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$265

94 **Roux Père et Fils 2017 Grand Cru (Clos de la Roche).** Hints of toast dominate the ripe red-cherry aromas of this wine. The palate offers structural precision, with a firm, toned body edged by freshness and firm, tight tannins. This structure allows the fruit to express its red-fruited freshness pervaded by subtle vanilla. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$275

93 **Jean-Luc Aegerter 2017 Grand Cru (Clos de la Roche).** Even after swirling, the nose of this wine only shows a flicker of coffee. That note subsides on the palate where tart, red cherry creates a lovely crunch, created by the fine, firm but juicy tannins. Vivid freshness highlights the purity of the fruit and emphasizes the structure once again. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$625

CLOS DE VOUGEOT

96 **Louis Jadot 2018 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** Notes of ripe, red cherry on the nose of this wine are displayed with fresh-faced purity. The palate adds supple richness, offering dense, supple tannin that serves as a concentrated backdrop for the lovely fruit. Freshness pervades everything and highlights the slight, delicious crunch of the youthful tannins. This all comes together in unforced, juicy harmony. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$228

95 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Clos Frantin Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** The freshness of ripe, tart cherry is pervasive on the aromatic nose of this wine, backed by slightly toasty oak. Cherry notes get creamier on the palate where ripeness and freshness meet at a perfect juncture, favoring brightness just a little bit more. Fine tannins weave a firm, still slightly crunchy web but that is where the aromatic cherry hides, only to burst forth with freshness. It's elegant, concentrated, aromatic and smooth. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$450

95 **Louis Latour 2018 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** Black-cherry hints on the shy nose of this wine seem compact, releasing in little bursts. The palate has an equally compressed body. It's well defined, rounded and elegant, luscious with ripe fruit. It dances on the tongue before bursting with freshness and aroma. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$190

94 **Chateau de la Tour 2017 Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** A subtle but toasty note of oak mixes with red cherry on this wine's nose. The same aromatics appear on the toned palate but the cherry with its juicy freshness has the upper hand. Fine tannins provide a firm, smooth backdrop for the mouthwatering fruit and the nuanced aromas. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$500

94 **Edouard Delaunay 2017 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** In this wine, the lift of crisp red cherry has a faint hint of resin, giving it a perfumed edge. Heightened aromatics also play on the subtle, slender palate that impresses with depth and gentleness rather than power. Fine tannins provide a graceful frame alongside freshness. For now the cinnamon and toast notes of oak still sit a little heavily on the fruit but this should wane with bottle age. Drink 2025–2040. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$295

94 **Manuel Olivier 2018 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** This wine's nose brings gentle oak together with a spicy overtone of maple syrup and supple cherry ripeness. That aromatic combination spreads across the fresh palate where fine tannins stop just short of crunchiness. This wine is all about structure and freshness, with sinuous bends of fruit

and aroma on a dense, toned body. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$408

92 **Chateau de la Tour 2017 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot).** Hints of cocoa and vanilla are all that escape this wine's shy nose for now. These notions coat the rounded black-cherry fruit on the nose and leave highlights of nutmeg. The body is sumptuous with fruit and dense with tannin that is not quite velvety but certainly conveys generosity and smoothness. This richness tapers into an elegant finish. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$300

ECHÉZEUX

97 **J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 Grand Cru en Orveaux (Echézeaux).** For full review see page 3. *Editors' Choice.*
abv: 13% **Price:** \$250

96 **Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Grand Cru (Echézeaux).** This wine is shy on the nose, just revealing a brooding hint of oak and red fruit. On the palate a richness appears, overlaying the concentration of the red fruit with oak to create a dense, smooth texture. Red-cherry notes blossom slowly, breaking through the tight and graceful tannic web. Freshness shows that the fruit was captured at a perfect juncture. Perfume, elegance and subtle power are all there. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

95 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Clos Frantin Grand Cru (Echézeaux).** Tentative hints of red currant and red cherry escape from this wine's shy nose. The palate adds hints of flinty reduction as well as subtle creaminess that cushions the firm structure. Wonderful freshness highlights fine-boned tannins that are firm and filigreed in equal measure. A concentrated core radiates red-berry tartness and aroma heightened by the freshness of this svelte but well-cut wine. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$389

ROMANÉE-ST.-VIVANT

97 **Louis Latour 2018 Les Quatre Journaux Grand Cru (Romanée-St.-Vivant).** Sumptuous black cherry flickers across the nose on this wine in tantalizing fashion, only to disappear again. The palate provides a firm but smooth channel for all this ripe, smooth and aromatic fruit. Compact, profound and structured, the velvety body also flexes with muscle. Energy pulses below the surface. Forbidding for now, the wine is certain to relax into pleasure. Drink 2030–2050. Louis Latour Inc. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$853

96 **Arnaud Baillet 2018 Grand Cru (Romanée-St.-Vivant).** An initial whiff of graphite flashes before this wine's nose closes again with

mysterious smokiness. The palate, however, is a picture of ripe, rounded red cherry that swishes within a framework of fine tannin and subtle vanilla. Sturdy yet elegant, the body brims with freshness. Some of the tannins still have to mellow but there is everything to hope for in this elegant wine. Private Cask Imports. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$999

OTHER CÔTE DE NUITS GRAND CRU

97 Louis Latour 2018 Cuvée Héritiers Latour Grand Cru (Chambertin). A hint of forest fruit appears one minute; the next this wine's shy nose shuts down again. The palate comes in with concentrated, svelte insistence. Within the frame of the fine tannins there is a certain plushness of fruit, while the firm, graceful structure keeps all within its soaring bounds, channeling energy, aroma and fruit forward into the future. What an experience. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$500

97 Louis Jadot 2018 Grand Cru (Chambertin Clos de Bèze). A lift of pure, dark cherry rises momentarily from the glass on this shy, closed wine. A touch of smoke accompanies fruit on the serene palate, which has a concentrated heart of black cherry, smoke and tar. All is dense and powerful, brooding away with exquisite drive. This wine needs to sleep in the bottle before it can break through with its racy, sleek power. Drink 2030–2050. Kobrand. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$516

96 Albert Bichot 2018 Grand Cru (Latricières-Chambertin). This wine's reluctant nose gives away only a tender red-fruit note. The palate comes in with shy poise, clinging to fresh, tart red-cherry fruit on a concentrated body. It is svelte and toned, yet steely in its concentration and intent. As of yet, the wine is unyielding, but this is why it is so full of promise. A wonderful balance just comes down on the side of freshness while the warmth of 2018 broods like a genie yet to be released. Drink 2030–2050. Albert Bichot USA. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$390

96 Georges Lignier et Fils 2016 Grand Cru (Clos Saint-Denis). Reductive flintiness, smoke and red currant shine on the nose of this wine. The tart finesse of the red currant carries onto the slender, taut palate where freshness and elegance reign. Purity and intensity radiate from a concentrated core that seems weightless, giving a bright, sublimely vivid wine. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$225

94 Henri de Villamont 2018 Grand Cru (Grands-Echezeaux). For full review see page 7.

abv: 14%

Price: \$180

MARSANNAY

92 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Champ Salomon (Marsannay). Traces of flinty reduction still tinge the cherry nose on this wine. However, the palate has crunchy, fresh red-cherry notes that seem drawn from a well of darker fruit. The wine offers concentration, juiciness and subtle structure from fine tannin. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$NA

92 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Clos du Roy Vieilles Vignes (Marsannay). This wine opens with subtle notes of ripe, black cherry that have a brooding tinge of smoke. Smokiness also clings to the fine tannins that frame cherry fruit on the concentrated palate. There is a little heat from the hot 2018 summer, but also a balancing freshness and that smoky firmness of structure. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$NA

91 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 En Ouzeloy (Marsannay). In this wine, flinty, smoky reduction surrounds ripe black and red cherry tinged with overtones of licorice. The body is more slender than the ripeness on the nose suggests but all the juicier for it, bouncing with vibrant red cherry. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$NA

91 Louis Latour 2018 Marsannay. For full review see page 17.

abv: 13%

Price: \$36

89 Clavelier 2017 Marsannay. Subdued notes of vanilla on the nose of this wine have overtones of yogurt followed by notes of red cherry. These become more rounded on the palate, joined by hints of toastiness and smoke. Freshness bring out the brightness of the cherry. Misa Imports. —A.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$39

89 Moillard 2019 Les Meurgers (Marsannay). This wine opens with forest fruit and cherry notes that have a touch of smoke and earthiness. The palate presents this fresh but ripe fruit with its blend of red and black aromas and adds a touch of crunchy tannin. Freshness makes the finish rather juicy. Advantage International. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$50

FIXIN

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Clos de la Perrière Monopole Premier Cru (Fixin). Cherry and fresh cream mix with woodsmoke on the aromatic nose of this wine. The palate continues in this creamy vein, presenting dense, ripe cherry fruit on a finely textured palate pervaded by freshness. This gives the cherry notes an alluring Morello aspect, adding to the rich but toned verve of this wine. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$109

94 Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Clos du Chapitre Monopole Premier Cru (Fixin).

Despite a lot of swirling, this wine's nose does not reveal much. On the palate, the density of the bright, ripe red cherry becomes apparent, coralled within a taut web of tannin, bordered by freshness that showcases the precision, beauty and purity of this wine. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$52

93 Domaine Joliet 2017 Clos de la Perrière Monopole Premier Cru (Fixin). A peppery hint of oak appears on the otherwise shy nose of this wine, followed by a sense of toast and cherry. Pepperiness is even more apparent on the almost sumptuously rounded body. Black-cherry ripeness, a supple web of tannin and ripe freshness pervade everything, but that piquancy and spiciness highlight the cherry aromatics. David Bowler Wine. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$NA

93 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Crais de Chêne (Fixin). An aromatic nudge of smoke seems to heighten red-currant notes on this wine's nose. On the palate the berries attain a candy ripeness, accentuated by the slight smokiness and boosted by pervasive freshness. This wine is elegant in an honest, fresh-faced way and a joy with its slender body and crunch. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$NA

93 Pierre Nageon 2018 L'Olivier (Fixin). Bright red-currant notes appear first but get subsumed into a darker, riper notion of blackberry. The palate comes in with that same notion of crushed berry and heightened freshness. All this plays on a sinuous palate that is slightly roughened up by firm tannins. Freshness makes everything alive and lends energy and elegance. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.

abv: 13.7%

Price: \$78

93 Pierre Nageon 2018 Les Hervelets Premier Cru (Fixin). Earthy, reductive notes cloud the nose on this wine with their funk. The palate conveys ripe but fresh dark blackberry and cherry and a sense of firm, but supple and juicy, tannin that leaves the mouth slightly furry. This wine is rounded, ripe and bold but despite the muscular impact, its outlines are drawn with freshness. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$114

91 Henri de Villamont 2018 Fixin. This wine brims with aromas of ripe, almost fleshy red and black cherries. The palate has the same generous, rounded fruit and displays all the ripeness of 2018, held together by freshness and a web of tannin. The finish has lovely balance. Wegmans. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$NA

88 Chartron et Trébuchet 2018 Pinot Noir (Fixin). Cherry lusciousness, almost like candy, plays openly on this wine's nose. These notes are toned down on the slender, slightly toasty palate but they remain fresh, vivid and juicy. The slender

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der body comes with subtle tannin and freshness. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$50

88 Moillard 2018 Clos du Meix Trouhans (Fixin). The nose of this wine opens with hints of smoke, earth and cherry candy. These elements also play on the slender, slightly dilute palate where the earthiness brings a bitter edge. The finish resounds with smoky cherry. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$50

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

95 Louis Jadot 2018 Clos Saint Jacques Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). This wine opens with a subtle blend of black and Morello cherry on the nose, surrounded by slight smokiness. Ripeness is evident in the black cherry note and also manifests itself on the juicy but firm palate. A hint of chocolate and an edge of tar back the dark intensity of the fruit that is bedded in dense, ripe tannins. It's an elegant, full-bodied wine with gorgeous aroma and a promising future. Drink 2025–2040. Kobrand. *Cellar Selection*. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$228

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Petite Chapelle Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). The black and red cherry aromas of this wine are suffused with overtones of dark peony and faint cocoa. The palate whirls them up in a sweep of freshness that underlines the rounded, red fruit kissed by a touch of vanilla. Slight tannins have a pleasant, subtle crunch and reveal that underneath all this pleasure rests depth, concentration and structure. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$199

94 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Combe au Moine Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). Notes of black cherry on the nose of this wine are aromatic, intense and juicy but also edged by freshness. The palate reinforces that vivacity with its tart and ripe fullness of fruit. Firm tannins veer towards sumptuousness once their crunch has mellowed. But it is the freshness and verve that get you in the end. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Les Champeaux Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). A lovely perfume of elder leaf clings to dark cherry fruit on this wine's nose, giving a fresh spin to the ripeness. Richness is also evident in the full-on, juicy palate that is as intense as freshly crushed black cherry. Freshness outlines the purity of the fruit while firm tannins begin to yield into elegance. Drink by 2040. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 Champeaux Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). Crushed pencil, pine-forest floor and autumnal leaf are the first impressions of this aromatic wine that's clearly evolved, but a heady, sublime note of wild blueberry

signals that abundant life and freshness remain. The palate reverberates with bright red fruits and presents a fine-boned structure that still has a slight, wonderful crunch. All the conifer and forest perfume bleeds into that red fruit and leaves you wanting more of that elegance and sprightliness. Bonhomie Wine Imports. *Editors' Choice*. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$150

93 Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Clos Frantin Les Murots (Gevrey-Chambertin). Subtle but pure notes of red cherry characterize the nose on this wine, adding lovely notions of iron oxide and petrichor. The palate falls into step with the same tart and shimmering fruit intensity, spreading a web of firm but ripe tannin and pervading the ripeness with fresh energy. It's a complex, aromatic and elegant wine. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$90

93 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 La Justice (Gevrey-Chambertin). Subtle aromatic notions layer themselves on the nose of this wine, which has an edge of peony and hints of dried conifer needles, smoke and tar, as well as cranberry freshness. That same fragrant finesse characterizes the fresh palate that has an unforced density of vivid red fruit. Fine tannins span the palate like silk threads that hold everything together. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$80

93 Domaine Pierre Labet 2017 Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). A grassy tinge overlays the red cherry and toasty oak nose on this wine, speaking of freshness and youth. The palate comes in with far more juiciness on a sinuous, vivid body that combines freshness with red-cherry notes. There is concentration but no fat, lovely tannin but no bulk. This wine still needs a little while to integrate but its fresh-faced honesty has much to recommend it. Drink 2022–2032. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$125

93 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 La Justice (Gevrey-Chambertin). This wine opens with notes of roasted wood and mocha that for now shield all the fruit. The palate, however, presents ripe, red cherry with a dense, vivid juiciness, and a firm weave of fine tannin. A lovely balance between fruit and structure spells longevity and evolution, despite the mocha overtones that still cling on. Drink 2022–2032. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Domaine Thierry Mortet 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin. This wine opens with a subtle but smoky note of Morello cherry. The palate continues in this aromatic, beautifully tart vein, letting freshness lift the fruit but also exposing a dense, concentrated core of tannic firmness and concentration. This wine is elegant, vivid and oh so juicy. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$91

93 Domaine Thierry Mortet 2018 Vignes Belles (Gevrey-Chambertin). Flint, dark stone and tar notions flash momentarily at the first sniff of this wine, before red-cherry notions with an edge of dark chocolate take over. The palate expresses itself in juicy, rounded but still fresh fruit that is dense and smooth at its core, ripe and dusted with cocoa. Tannins are fine and seemingly elastic, smoothing the fruit and concentration. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$112

93 Georges Lignier et Fils 2016 Les Combottes Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). Notes of smoke, lifted cherry and flinty reduction unite on the nose of this wine. They also dance on the palate, where tart, bright and lively red cherry takes center stage. The body is slender but firm, crackling slightly with the fine tannins, outlined in its tartness by wonderful freshness. Lovely aroma echoes from afar and shows depth, liveliness and elegance. Drink by 2035. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$165

93 J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 Les Cazétiers Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). Flinty reduction still hovers and casts a spell of freshness and peppery verve over the clearly evolved nose of this wine. The palate falls into step with red-fruited, spicy intensity that has edges of autumnal, wet oak leaf and roast pumpkin. Red-fruited tartness makes the mouth water and adds a sprightly freshness to this slender but profound wine. It's like a vision of autumnal forest shot through with red-fruited energy. Drink by 2030. Bonhomie Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$175

93 Maison André Goichot 2018 Champonnet Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). In this wine, roast hazelnut precedes ripe, dark-cherry notes that seem to find their way straight to a pleasure center of the brain. The palate follows in a hedonistic flow of ripe, velvety dark cherry, perfumed with a hint of Amarena. Tannins brush gently but will round out with just a little more bottle age. The full-bodied fruit is outlined by freshness, heightening that sense of pleasure. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$120

93 Pierre Naigeon 2018 Creux Brouillard (Gevrey-Chambertin). Smoke, peony and cherry signal the alluring headiness of this wine straight away. Veils of darker, more aromatic fruit unfurl first on the nose, then on the almost sumptuous palate where the dark but still tart cherry fruit seems bedded in fine tannin and vivid freshness. This tantalizing wine comes with a long, brooding echo. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$103

92 Albert Bichot 2018 Les Evocelles (Gevrey-Chambertin). Hints of both milk chocolate and vanilla flash on the nose of this wine before ripe red cherry takes center stage. The palate then frames the red-cherry ripeness with juicy freshness, while notions of vanilla and mocha add a richer

spin. It finishes fresh, with palpable tannin and rounded, ripe fruit. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$105

92 Arnaud Baillet 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). The nose of this wine opens with a lick of chocolatey richness that has a slight lift and surrounds red cherry. The red cherry attains juicy roundness on the concentrated palate where freshness counters the ripeness. It has density, drive, liveliness and wonderful balance. Private Cask Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$75

92 Château de Santenay 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin. This wine charms immediately with ripe notes of aromatic black cherry with overtones of graphite and subtle smoke. The palate presents a similar aromatic composition and delivers that black cherry fruit in a frame of still crunchy but fine tannins. Freshness gives clear direction and shows the beautiful concentration. The finish is rich with smoky, black cherry. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$79

92 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Les Jeunes Rois (Gevrey-Chambertin). Juicy cherry notes on this wine's nose veer from red to black and back again, promising both ripeness and freshness. Some smokiness envelopes the pervasive intensity of cherry that shines on the juicy, rounded palate. Subtle tannins give a little crunch and hold everything in their web while freshness peers through with vivid energy and lasting juiciness. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

92 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Racine du Temps Très Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). Aromas of this wine suggest toasty oak, with highlights of pepper, nutmeg and a slight edge of vanilla. On the palate these notions are readily absorbed by a smooth mass of ripe but fresh red cherry. Smoky hints give a darker tint to the fruit. This wine shows off the ripeness of 2018 with elegance, energy and verve. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

92 Georges Lignier et Fils 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin. In this wine, initial aromas of red currant and raspberry come with almost ethereal lift before a cloud of distant, subtle woodsmoke follows. The freshness promised by the nose is delivered on the sinuous, fresh and concentrated body. A wonderful firmness of fine tannin and pervasive freshness make this lissom and bright, shining with tart berry fruit. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$80

92 Joseph Drouhin 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin. Dried hayflower comes with a dollop of vanilla on this wine's subtle and almost ethereal nose. The palate has rounded, almost juicy ripeness but treads lightly, showing subtle extraction and pure, concentrated red cherry and tart berry.

All is held in a fine tannic scope of freshness and elegance. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$85

92 Pierre Naigeon 2018 Les Marchais (Gevrey-Chambertin). Lively notions of dark cherry and licorice are open on this wine's nose. That same flavor combo fills the palate, where ripe but slightly furry tannins brush pleasantly. Ripeness is expressed in the full-bodied dark cherry and also in a little heat. This is countered by freshness in this juicy, rounded but structured wine. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$126

91 Henri de Villamont 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin. Roasted notes of oak and mocha on the nose of this wine create the first impression. Rounded toastiness continues onto the palate where it wraps itself around ripe, red-cherry notes, with tart hints of red currant. The palate shows some concentration and a web of slightly brushing tannins, while cherry lingers on the finish. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

91 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Croix des Champs (Gevrey-Chambertin). This wine opens with ripe notions of red and black cherry on its open nose. Fleshiness is also evident on the juicy, rounded palate that is framed with freshness and shot through with an almost aromatic tannic frame that owes as much to concentrated fruit as to toasty oak. It has a toasty, rounded, juicy and smooth finish. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$75

91 Manuel Olivier 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin. This wine opens with subtle notes of tart cherry and raspberry. These restrained aromas become more fully drawn on the palate, which has appealing tartness and freshness. Slender concentration and freshness are the hallmarks. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$91

90 Château de Charodon 2018 Les Jeunes Rois (Gevrey-Chambertin). Very ripe black cherry swathed in notes of smoky mocha sits heavily on the nose of this wine. On the palate the mocha notion turns into chocolate, coating the ripe, juicy cherry fruit with richness. There is a little heat but also freshness. Altogether this is a picture of a very ripe vintage, underpinned by supple tannin. W. Direct. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$125

90 Marchand Frères 2018 Aux Etelois (Gevrey-Chambertin). The first impression of this wine is subtlety, with mere hints of red fruit on a shy nose. On the palate, ripe roundness is made smoother by toasty vanilla hints of oak. Underneath the red fruit is fresh while subtle tannins brush gently. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$80

90 Vincent Girardin 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). Woodsmoke and

gamy funk are the first aromatic pointers of this wine. Next, the palate comes in with gentle smoke, the gamyness blending with ripe red-cherry fruit. The slender body shows a fine web of tannin as well as lovely freshness. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$75

89 Marchand Frères 2017 Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). Subtle smokiness and red cherry are tentative on this wine's nose. The palate comes in with gentle juiciness, rounded freshness and a slight backdrop of tannin. The body is slender, juicy and bright. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$80

88 Domaine Tortochot 2017 Vieilles Vignes (Gevrey-Chambertin). Reduction still dominates the nose of this wine with its sulfide haze. The palate is brighter and shows some gentle red fruit on a light, slightly dilute palate. However, the reduction clings on, so this wine really should be decanted. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$80

88 Maison Chandesais 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin. Slight toastiness on the nose of this wine has a lick of vanilla. This impression continues on the palate, where the vanilla wraps itself around red fruit on the smooth body. The finish is mellow and fresh. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$61

87 Chartron et Trébucet 2018 Les Champeaux Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin). Hints of kirsch, mocha and toast create the impression of richness on the nose. The roasted flavors continue on the palate and envelope the slightly dilute, red fruit. The finish is fresh and bright. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$160

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Les Sorbets Premier Cru (Morey-Saint-Denis). Ripe, dark cherry can just about be made out on the nose of this wine, but it seems distant. On the palate, the full, sumptuous purity and freshness of the fruit come to the fore. Nothing is overdrawn, all is harmonious. Silky tannins accentuate the sinuous depth of the fruit while subtle freshness highlights the pristine, elegant fruit. Lovely now, the wine is certain to evolve. Drink 2025–2035. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$129

93 Clavier 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis. Lifted notes of dark cherry on the nose of this wine have an Amarena richness. The same ripe, aromatic fruit plays on the palate where it has the merest hint of dark chocolate. Bright freshness frames everything and highlights both concentration and balanced ripeness. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$63

93 Georges Lignier et Fils 2016 Clos des Ormes Premier Cru (Morey-Saint-Denis). Hints of flinty reduction and lifted earthiness send conflicting messages of freshness and evolution on the nose of this wine that is rich with lifted red cherry. The palate then plumps for brightness and almost grassy verve, with lively, energetic fruit and tender but pervasive freshness. Notions of forest floor perfume everything with a slight, resonant pepperiness. Fine tannins appear on the resonant finish. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$98

93 Pierre Naigeon 2018 Les Millandes Premier Cru (Morey-Saint-Denis). A faint hint of menthol clings to ripe, lifted red-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The same fruit characterizes the concentrated palate with its purity and verve. Tannins are fine and dense, almost silky, framing the fruit and giving this wine sinuous shape. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$140

92 Domaine Arlaud 2018 Les Ruchots Premier Cru (Morey-Saint-Denis). A hint of reduction and gamy funkiness play spicily on the nose of this wine. The palate offers the juicy freshness of ripe, bright, red-cherry fruit, with funkiness still setting the tone. Fine tannins crunch vividly and underline the inherent freshness. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$110

92 Marchand Frères 2017 Vieilles Vignes (Morey-Saint-Denis). A touch of reduction still hovers on the nose of this wine. As it dissipates, subtle cherry can be made out. The palate comes in with juicy ease and freshness that underlines the red-cherry notes. Hints of pepper frame the edges of this gentle, aromatic wine. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

89 Manuel Olivier 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis. Fleshy, rich black cherry is sumptuous on the nose of this wine. The palate displays the same ripe, almost overripe, fruit but keeps it in check with measured freshness. It's a bold, juicy and rounded wine. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$81

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

95 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Les Fuées Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). Smoke mingles attractively on the hedgerow and forest-fruit nose of this wine. Perfumed notes of leafy, wild raspberry also appear on the concentrated palate where depth and finesse are the watchwords. The aromatics are pervasive and alluring, held in a taut but graceful tannin structure. Elegance and perfume are made manifest. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Les Chabiots Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). The shy nose of this wine only reveals tentative notes of tart red fruit backed by a little oaky toastiness. The palate comes

in with density, a tight, fine tannic web that accentuates the sinuous curve of the wine. Notes of ripe red cherry with purity and brightness makes this wine elegant and suave. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$180

94 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Les Sentiers Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). The vanilla embrace of toasty oak wraps itself around the ripe cherry notes of this wine. On the palate, the fruit asserts itself in all its tart berry glory. Think cranberry, raspberry and tangy red cherry. A slight crunch and lovely concentration bring a gentle structure but above all this wine offers vivid freshness. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Chambolle-Musigny). Cranberry, blueberry and a hint of raspberry give this wine an aromatic forest-fruit allure. Perfumes also grace the slender, slightly crunchy palate that's alive with freshness. Despite the slight crispiness and brightness, the berries are rounder on the body, capturing the ripeness of 2018. The wine is sinuous and aromatic. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Louis Jadot 2018 Les Baudes Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). Heady notes of red cherry shimmer with both Morello and Amarena overtones on the nose of this wine. The fresh palate brings even more red fruit, this time wagering all on vivid tartness. The body has slight crunch, sinuous yet firm with a smoky overtone and great finesse. Freshness frames all. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$136

93 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Les Cras (Chambolle-Musigny). Both dark chocolate and cocoa appear alongside dark-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. This chocolate-cherry mix continues on the silky palate where it is met with vibrance and a depth of flavor. Remarkable freshness highlights the sinuous curve of the fruit. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95

93 Edouard Delaunay 2017 Le Village Vieilles Vignes (Chambolle-Musigny). It takes a little air to wake this wine up but then aromas of red cherry, peony and smoke appear. The tender palate focuses on sinuous, silky fruit as it unfolds on the toned, dense body, pervaded by freshness and grace. The finish holds an aromatic note of Amarena. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$110

93 Henri de Villamont 2018 Chambolle-Musigny. The red-cherry aromas of this wine almost have a floral note and a slight touch of toasty oak. The subtle theme continues on the palate where the concentrated fruit is fresh and finely drawn, held in place by taut, ripe, fine tannins and brightened by freshness. Balance and restraint almost make you forget how concentrated it is. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

93 Henri de Villamont 2018 Les Baudes Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). Oaky toast and ripe, red cherry create subtle aromatic top notes for this otherwise shy wine. More air delivers more cherry. On the palate the sumptuous fruit spreads across a firm, toned body. The wine's own supple tannins are augmented by a sonorous oak structure, underpinning ripe freshness. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Henri de Villamont 2018 Les Feusselottes Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). The shy but fresh nose of this wine signals only a few toasty top notes of oak. The palate presents beautifully captured, bright red fruit woven into a firmer and darker web of oaky tannin. The vivacious cherry assures that this wine will shine with a little more bottle age, since concentration, freshness and aroma are all already there. Drink 2022–2035. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

93 Manuel Olivier 2018 Chambolle-Musigny. Freshness rises from the glass in a cloud of Morello and ripe red cherry. That same brightness of pristine, crunchy fruit fills the palate of this wine where cherry aromas get full rein. All this happens on a silky, toned and concentrated body. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$121

93 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Borniques Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). Notes of red cherry and slight toast that reach the nose are subtle and shy. On the palate of this wine, they show slightly smoky, cherry nuances, held by chiffon-like tannins and underlined by chiseled freshness. This comes together beautifully and presents an understated and elegant wine. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$220

92 Maison André Goichot 2017 Chambolle-Musigny. A touch of earthiness and hints of nutmeg color oak notes on this wine's toasty nose. The palate for now is also dominated by smoky oak, but underneath there is bright red cherry and berry. Fine tannins have a slight crunch while freshness highlights the purity of fruit. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$100

92 Marchand Frères 2017 Vieilles Vignes (Chambolle-Musigny). Slight reductive notes cloud bright red fruit on this wine's fresh nose but on the palate they appear as ripe red currant. The body is slender and translucent but concentrated, with a smudge of smokiness and above all vivid freshness. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

92 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Noirots Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny). The toast and vanilla of oak give a rounded sheen to red-cherry notes on this wine's nose. Then the palate comes in with freshness and flow, still wrapping the fruit in that oaky embrace. The flowing body has under-

lying, subtle firmness from tannin while freshness counters slight heat. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$200

91 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Athets (Chambolle-Musigny). Reductive funk still hangs above the aromas of this wine, but swirling reveals a hint of cherry. The cherry note becomes rounded, almost fleshy, on the palate, showing generosity and freshness. Bright and juicy, the concentrated body comes with a web of elegant tannin. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$145

89 Moillard 2018 Le Lys (Chambolle-Musigny). Smoky notes of mocha dominate this wine upon opening. They carry over onto the palate where they coat ripe black-cherry fruit and even leave some of their mocha bitterness. The palate is smooth, full of ripe fruit and rich with all those mocha notes. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: NA **Price:** \$130

VOUGEOT

93 Château de Charodon 2018 Les Petits Vougeots (Vougeot). Flinty, favorable reduction still flickers on this wine's nose, hovering above bright red-currant notes with hints of white pepper. The palate is a concentrated, taut picture of red-currant and white-pepper freshness, vivid yet ripe. A fine-boned structure of filigreed tannins holds everything in a chiffon fold. W. Direct. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$129

93 Edouard Delaunay 2017 Les Petits Vougeots Premier Cru (Vougeot). The nose on this wine is an intriguing combination of red currant, Morello cherry and subtle oak, with a hint of candle wax. Freshness becomes the chief trait on the sinuous palate, where red-fruited smoothness reveals more of that aromatic Morello cherry, carried by tannins that reside somewhere between velvet and silk. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$110

92 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Petits Vougeots Premier Cru (Vougeot). In this wine, the smoky, cinnamon richness of oak plays on the nose and combines with cherry notes. The palate has a more delicate balance, favoring freshness over oak with a flow of cherry and berry. Tannins crunch slightly but sit well with that brightness. Mellow oak returns on the finish. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$175

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

95 Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Clos Frantin Les Malconsorts Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). Red cherry and a touch of smoke are subdued on the wine's shy nose. The palate is equally restrained, concentrated but with depth that has inherent grace. Firm tannins still crunch, but every crackle of that sinuous texture holds more perfume and more cherry. The body is taut and

toned. All is framed with freshness and will only get better over the years. Drink by 2050. Albert Bichot USA. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$285

95 J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 La Croix Rameau Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). In this wine, an initial, flinty whiff of reduction blows off to reveal fragrant notes of dried yarrow and bright red currant. The palate comes in with slenderness and transparency that belies its depth. There still is firmness and grace from the tannins but the freshness and lift of the praline fruit shines with elegance. Bonhomie Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$110

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Doamine du Clos Frantin (Vosne-Romanée). In this wine, rounded notes of ripe, aromatic cherry immediately promise ripeness. They are edged with a conifer perfume that promises freshness. The palate blends these notions and while the red-cherry fruit is aromatic, brightness and freshness win over. Toned and finely textured, the palate offers silky, juicy tannins that lend real poise. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$133

94 Domaine Arlaud 2018 Aux Réas (Vosne-Romanée). The nose of this wine wraps black cherry in swathes of smoke. Cherry notes unfold fully on the concentrated palate that has supple but still youthfully brushing tannins. Freshness underlines the dense fruit and smoky oak on this bold but elegant wine. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$95

94 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Vosne-Romanée. Initially this shy wine only reveals hints of elderberry edged with vanilla. On the silky palate, the aromatic force of this red-fruited wine becomes apparent. Sinuous and spicy with a hint of white pepper, it has that aromatic notion of elderberry to highlight the red fruit. Texturally this is purest silk. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Louis Jadot 2018 Les Suchots Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). A rounded note of vanilla surrounds hints of red cherry on the nose of this wine, while overtones of nutmeg shimmer. The palate also displays this creamy, rich seam of vanilla and baking spice, but it serves as a backdrop for the red-cherry fruit. Freshness frames it all while fine tannins brush gently. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$172

94 Manuel Olivier 2018 Les Damaudes (Vosne-Romanée). This wine's shy nose gives away only a tantalizing notion of black cherry. Alive with both freshness and ripeness, the palate expands into a shimmering canvas of red and dark cherry, densely woven with an edge of conifer perfume. This wine is firm, fresh, elegant and delicious. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$142

93 Henri de Villamont 2018 Vosne-Romanée. A heady note of elderberry precedes ripe cherry notes on this wine's nose, signaling aromatic richness. On the palate the elderberry is tempered by ripe, juicy red cherry that unfurls with silky smoothness. An elegant wine, it offers supple, fine tannins, freshness and aromatic intensity. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Joseph Drouhin 2017 Vosne-Romanée. An initial whiff of reduction dissipates to display tart red cherry on this wine's subtle nose. The palate comes in with crunch, showing edges of iron oxide and pepper made vivid by brightness and freshness. Underneath it all is a firm, fine texture. A graceful and lasting framework of tannin lets the freshness and fruit shine in all their elegance. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$105

93 Louis Latour 2018 Vosne-Romanée. Hints of creamy oak and heady cherry, with the slightest whiff of Kirsch, rise from the glass. The palate of this wine is equally aromatic, almost emollient in its silky texture with a slight creaminess. It has lovely concentration and the slight heat is countered by vivid freshness. Cherry notes echo on the long finish. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$112

93 Manuel Olivier 2018 Vosne-Romanée. This wine's nose is shy but hints of black cherry and smoke appear slowly. The concentrated palate presents a structured grid of black and red cherry, aromatic and with a slight conifer lift. Firm, fine tannins and underlying freshness breathe life into this velvety density. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$125

92 Château de Charodon 2018 Les Suchots Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). Although this wine's nose is shy, notions of red cherry peep through. Cherry expresses itself fully on the bright, fresh palate where the slight crunch of fine tannins is a pleasure. Graceful and firm the body allows the fresh cherry to shine. W. Direct. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$240

91 Arnaud Baillet 2018 Les Suchots Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). The generosity of almost overripe, fleshy black cherries jumps from the glass. That same richness also fills the palate of this wine with bold fruitiness. A little heat shows around the edges from the warm 2018 vintage but ripe tannins lend a sturdy frame. Private Cask Imports. —A.K.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$190

90 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Vosne-Romanée. A gentle touch of red cherry and oaky toastiness break through on the otherwise shy nose of this wine. Still very youthful, the palate is full of freshness with a slightly coniferous edge. The finish is juicy and bright. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$112

89 Moillard 2018 Les Suchots Premier Cru (Vosne-Romanée). Smoke, dark cherries and a touch of mocha play on the nose of this wine. With swirling, more fruit comes through. Black cherry is even fleshier and riper on the palate, showing power and some heat from the hot 2018 vintage. But that also means it can counter the mocha richness of the oak. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$200

NUITS-ST.-GEORGES

94 Albert Bichot 2018 Château Gris Monopole Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Smoke and a toasty glint of oak heighten the cherry notions of this wine with their aroma. The palate also uses oak to frame the fruit, which is juicy, ripe and rounded but vividly fresh. A firm yet pliable frame of ripe tannins assures this wine's structured future. The wine strikes a lovely balance and the finish reunites resonant notions of cherry, smoke and oak. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$140

94 Domaine Chevillon-Chezeaux 2018 Aux Champs Perdrix Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). A little reduction clouds the red cherry notes of the wine, obscuring the fruit with smokiness. The palate redresses this by presenting fresh red cherry on a slender palate whose concentration and elegant handling of oak becomes apparent on the finish. A young but elegant wine, it brings together subtle oak with the freshness of red cherry. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

94 Domaine Chevillon-Chezeaux 2018 Les Bouscelots Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). This elegant wine opens with a subtle but almost lifted note of ripe red cherry. The palate frames this heightened note of cherry freshness with a filigreed frame of fine, still slightly crunchy tannin and its attendant smokiness. The entire structure lets the cherry fruit blossom. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

94 Jean Chauvenet 2016 Les Vaucrains Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). This wine opens with a seductive combination of smoky oak and fresh red cherry that has a lifted edge of conifer. Slender firmness characterizes the elegant palate where pristine red fruit seems held in a crunchy, tight grip of tannins. Structure, freshness and cherry unite into a juicy, alluring and elegant wine. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$138

93 Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Aux Saint Julien (Nuits-St.-Georges). Aromatic ripeness heightens the red-cherry notes of this wine. Brightness and ripeness also play on the slightly crunchy palate where structure and freshness move the pure fruit to center stage. The wine is elegant and resonant. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$49

93 Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Clos des Perrières Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). The slightest hint of tar appears on the nose of this wine before dark red-cherry notes come through alongside subtle smokiness. On the palate these darker notions are swept up in the purity and crunchy freshness of the juicy fruit, held firm by subtle, fine tannins. This wine is both assertive and elegant. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$72

93 Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Les Poulettes Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). A flinty touch of reduction accompanies the red-cherry nose on this wine, with an appetizing touch of iron oxide. Coming in with freshness, the palate showing aromatic cherry notions framed by a hint of oak toastiness. The firm body has a slight, youthful crunch that evinces its ability to evolve. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$67

93 Jean Chauvenet 2016 Les Bouscelots Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Notes of oak with their glossy toastiness are prominent on this wine. They accompany the red-cherry fruit on nose and palate, adding smoothness to the ripe but wonderfully tart fruit. Freshness counters the oaky richness that is heightened by fine but firm tannins. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$85

93 Jean Chauvenet 2016 Les Perrières Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Sumptuous oak leads on the nose of this wine, tinged dark cherry with hints of toast and smoke. On the palate the pristine fruit breaks through with freshness, still resting on those sonorous notions of oak. The palate is firm and crunchy but balanced by that juicy verve. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$115

93 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 #4 (Nuits-St.-Georges). A touch of gaminess plays on the nose of this wine, which for now is shy and closed. The palate, however, presents tart, bright red fruit and freshness. Firm, fine tannins are still drying and assertive, holding the red fruit in a robust frame. The finish is long and juicy. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$87

93 Louis Jadot 2018 Les Boudots Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Subtlety characterizes the nose of this wine, which offers faint notions of cherry, woodsmoke and a touch of toasty oak. These suggestions come together on the juicy, slender body, held by a web of slightly crunchy tannins. More air reveals subtle depth and fragrant dimension, telling us that this wine will evolve beautifully. Drink 2025–2035. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$128

92 Domaine Chevillon-Chezeaux 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Nuits-St.-Georges). In this wine, reductive notes come with a little smokiness, at first obscuring the cherry lift. The slender palate, however, puts crunchy, bright red cherry front and cen-

ter. This wine is tender but concentrated, pure but firm. As the subtle tannin crunch, the fruit shines. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$55

92 Famille Carabello-Baum 2016 Nuits-St.-Georges. Subtle oaky toastiness suggests a certain gloss on the nose of this wine, adding its sheen to the subtle red-cherry fruit. Red cherry is also vivid on the palate, concentrated on the supple body with freshness and crunch, now tamed into elegance by that oaky sheen. The wine is understated and rather juicy. Chateau de Pommard. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$44

92 Henri de Villamont 2018 Les Damodes Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). The first impression on nose and palate of this wine is smokiness, which is followed by rounded and juicy red cherry. Fruit fills the palate, toned by slightly crunchy tannins and aided by freshness that underlines the ripeness even more. A subtle perfume of conifer shows that there will be more aromatic layers once the fruit recedes. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

92 J. Coudray-Bizot 2013 Au Base de Combe (Nuits-St.-Georges). This wine tells us with the first whiff that it is evolved. Notions of earth, smoked meat and dried hayflower are heady and cast an autumnal aura. The slender palate still rings with tender red-currant fruit amidst these evolved flavors, presenting freshness and verve, underlined by a more sonorous tone of vanilla. A lovely Pinot with evolved flavors, it's just waiting for a subtle dish of game. Bonhomie Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$95

92 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Les Chaboeufs Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). A subtle top note of mocha is all this wine gives away on its shy nose. The palate adds rounded, ripe but fresh cherry fruit that has a rich aroma, and a lovely perfume that seems to blend Amarena and conifer. Fine tannins build a gentle structure that outlines the elegance of the wine. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$79

92 Manuel Olivier 2018 Nuits-St.-Georges. The allure of ripe, red cherry on the first whiff of this wine sets the tone immediately. On the palate the tart and fresh core of fruit is surrounded by unobtrusive smokiness and held within a firm, frame of slightly crunchy tannin. This wine strikes a wonderful balance between fruit, freshness, structure and elegance. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$89

92 Manuel Olivier 2018 Les Cailles Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). This wine opens with generous notions of ripe, fleshy black cherry. That fruit attains almost velvety richness on the medium palate, rollicking with juiciness framed with freshness. The finish holds a touch of cocoa that sits well with the ripe fruit. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$133

91 Jean Chauvenet 2016 Nuits-St.-Georges. An initial, lifted note of kirsch quickly dissipates to leave more subtle red cherry on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with firmness, its drying tannins framing red cherry and tart berry notes. It is fresh and mouthwatering on the finish. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

91 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Les Plateaux (Nuits-St.-Georges). Bright, ripe red cherries peek through savory hints of forest floor on the nose of this wine. The palate unites these elements and throws in freshness, presenting a juicy, free-flowing smooth midpalate guided by the gentlest tannins. This is juicy, savory and bold. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$68

91 Maison André Goichot 2018 Nuits-St.-Georges. The cherry notes of this wine are made sumptuous by a toasty sheen of oak but the palate reveals the fresh, crunchy fruit underneath. Fine but firm tannins carry a little smokiness to surround crisp red cherry notes and support freshness on the finish. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$70

91 Pierre Naigeon 2018 Les Herbeux (Nuits-St.-Georges). Reduction still hangs heavily on this wine, clouding its nose. Much swirling and air then reveal a ripe, juicy cherry note. The palate continues the cherry theme, presenting a slightly fleshy, very ripe but aromatic rendition of the fruit. For now the tannins are still a bit furry, adding boisterous charm. But fruit and structure promise that this wine will come into its own with bottle age. Drink 2025–2035. AP Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$108

90 Moillard 2018 Aux Boudots Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). The nose of this wine seems closed despite prolonged swirling. On the palate, some secrets are lifted when the smooth, flowing body presents ripe, fresh and appetizing cherry that has an aromatic trail of smokiness that rings through to the juicy finish. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$130

89 Chartron et Trébuchet 2018 Les Damodes Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Smoke envelops the tender red-fruited notes of this wine. The palate comes in with warmth that is not quire backed by its fruit or body, even though the smoky red-fruit theme continues. It is smooth, warm and brooding. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$140

89 Moillard 2018 Les Perrières Premier Cru (Nuits-St.-Georges). Smoke, tar and cherry characterize the nose of this wine. That tarry edge becomes softer on the smooth palate and gains a real vanilla sheen. This smothers the fruit slightly on the light to medium body. Smokiness returns on the finish. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$130

CÔTE DE NUITS-VILLAGES

91 Pierre Meurgey 2018 Aux Montagnes (Côte de Nuits-Villages). A shy nose on this wine reveals oaky toastiness and ripe, red cherry that attains a floral overtone with more air. Showing exemplary freshness for such a warm year, the palate balances between juicy fruit, firm tannin with a hint of mocha, and oak toastiness. The finish is appetizing and bold. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$56

91 Pierre Meurgey 2017 Aux Montagnes (Côte de Nuits-Villages). Notes of oak have an almost lifted, ethereal character on the rounded nose of this wine. The palate has a similar glossiness that sweeps up ripe but fresh red cherry and berry in a sumptuous oak embrace. Tender tannins support that freshness, making the wine come together beautifully. The finish has a hint of tar and licorice. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$56

90 Domaine René Bouvier 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages. A shy nose needs lots of swirling to reveal tart berry and hints of toast. The palate, however, is a picture of rounded, almost luscious ripeness. Tannins lend a velvety texture and hold the richness in check alongside freshness. This is balanced, juicy and round. Diva Wine USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

CORTON

97 Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Pavillon Clos des Maréchaudes Grand Cru (Corton). A hint of woodsmoke combines with this wine's shy aromas of black cherry. The palate comes in with surprising grace and sveltiness, presenting a filigreed but firm structure. Cherry aromas shimmering with Morello and Amarena are expressed against that frame, crunching slightly and heightened by vivid freshness. This wine has compact, elegant power and inherent conviction. Drink through 2050. Albert Bichot USA. *Cellar Selection.* —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$204

97 Louis Latour 2018 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru (Corton). For full review see page 3. *Editors' Choice.*
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$223

96 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Clos du Roy Grand Cru (Corton). Toasty oak, ripe black cherry and a hint of cinnamon immediately signal ripeness on this wine's vivid nose. That exuberant fruit carries over to the palate where it is channeled into a finer structure than the nose suggests. The body is light but precise. Tautness, finesse, tension and ripeness unite into elegance and grace. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$170

95 Famille Carabello-Baum 2018 Grand Cru (Corton). Smoke, red cherry and floral overtones of peony unite shyly on this wine's tender nose. The fruit is more rounded but pristine on the bright palate, where a superfine structure raises that cherry freshness ever higher. It's graceful yet concentrated with power. Cherry rings with Amarena notions all along the finish. Chateau de Pomard. —A.K.
abv: 13.6% **Price:** \$104

94 Edouard Delaunay 2017 Grand Cru (Corton). Toasty oak notes of this wine have a touch of mocha, for now obscuring the fruit. Graceful and slender, the palate is also dominated by mocha for now, but the filigreed structure and freshness that streamline the body hold pure red currant. This wine still needs to knit together. Drink 2025–2035. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$135

94 Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 Les Hautes Mourottes Grand Cru (Corton). Even proper swirling does not awaken aromas on the shy nose of this wine and the palate is equally reticent. What is evident is the texture, offering the density of fine tannin and ripe but fresh fruit. Freshness and vanilla for now play equal parts but this wine will emerge from its shell. Drink 2025–2045. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$56

93 Au Pied du Mont Chauve 2017 Clos des Fièvres Grand Cru (Corton). Roasted earth and smoke surround subtle cherry on the nose of this wine. That roasted notion, with a slight edge of bitterness, wraps itself around soft, ripe but fresh dark cherry on the firm palate, creating an impression of smokiness. Tannins brush gently and provide a fitting frame. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$170

93 Domaine Marguerite Carillon 2017 Les Maréchaudes Grand Cru (Corton). A cloud of woodsmoke has settled on the lifted, bright red-cherry notes of this wine's nose. Cherry becomes rounder and riper on the palate where its freshness is soothed with subtle vanilla. The wine has concentration and finesse, carried by very fine tannins. On the finish, the initial smokiness blends beautifully with vanilla. GCF Direct Import. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$150

CORTON LES RENARDS

94 Henri de Villamont 2018 Grand Cru (Corton Les Renardes). A restrained note of toasty oak gently wraps itself around ripe, red-cherry aromas in this wine. That juiciness and ripeness of fruit becomes even more apparent on the concentrated palate. Firm tannins provide good structure that is exposed by the lovely freshness. The wine is dense and ripe but also elegant. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 **Domaine Maillard 2017 Grand Cru (Corton Les Renardes).** Toasty, rounded notes of oak wrap themselves around ripe cherry hints on this wine's nose. The palate sweeps in with full-fruited cherry juiciness on a concentrated, flowing body pervaded by freshness. Cherry notes are still framed but complemented by oak. Supple tannins and freshness counter slight heat around the edges. Total Wine & More. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$115

OTHER CÔTE DE BEAUNE GRAND CRU

96 **Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Grand Cru (Corton-Bressandes).** For full review see page 4.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$160

95 **Louis Jadot 2018 Grand Cru (Corton-Pougets).** A distinct whiff of Amarena fleets across this wine's nose before senses fill with the ripeness of black cherry. Cherry richness, sometimes with an overtone of chocolate, fills the generous but defined palate where velvety tannins are firm underneath their supple surface. They still crackle but reveal ample freshness and verve on the rich, muscular and toned body. Aromatic tenderness returns on the finish. Kobrand. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$136

94 **Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils 2018 Grand Cru (Corton-Rognet).** Aromatics of dark fruit on this wine's nose evoke elderberry and black cherry. The same fruit appears with aromatic vivacity on the concentrated, brooding but fresh palate. Fine tannins crunch gently while brightness makes everything juicy and taut. A mouthwatering energetic element to the elegance reflects this well-tamed exuberance of 2018. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$140

94 **Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Grand Cru (Corton Les Lolières).** A gentle note of peony perfumes the red cherry notes of this wine. Those cherry notes make for a generous and juicy midpalate. Freshness pervades and highlights the juiciness, structure and dense fruit, with a smoky backdrop and lovely balance. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$NA

94 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Grand Cru (Corton Perrières).** Subtle but pure notes of fresh black cherry have hints of dark chocolate on the nose of this wine. Cherry forms the fresh core of the concentrated palate, where accents of chocolate subside into a smooth backdrop of subtle vanilla against a taut and fine tannic web of firmness. A little heat appears around the edges, but the balance remains fresh and elegant. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$126

LADOIX

92 **Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 Le Bois Rousot Premier Cru (Ladoix).** A touch of stony smoke surrounds red currant notes on the nose of this wine. The palate has similar red-fruited tartness mellowed by roundness. Slight tannins give a firm structure to this elegant, slender wine that has lots of freshness. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$25

91 **Domaine Edmond Cornu et Fils 2017 Vieille Vigne (Ladoix).** Reduction still clouds the nose of this wine and even heavy swirling reveals only some smokiness. The palate comes in with juicy ease, swishing with red-cherry that is as ripe as it is fresh. Slightly drying tannins have something boisterous about them, in line with the lively fruit. The wine is slightly rustic but very fresh and charming. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$42

91 **Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 La Corvée Premier Cru (Ladoix).** The nose on this wine is closed and even vigorous swirling reveals merely a sense of black cherry. The palate then comes in with freshness, presenting juicy, ripe black cherry edged with some reductive flintiness. Tannins are firm and a little rustic, but in an appealing way. The finish is fresh and juicy. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$25

91 **Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 Les Basses Mourottes (Ladoix).** The shy nose on this wine reveals only a slight touch of smokiness. Firm and juicy at the same time, the palate bursts into notions of ripe red but fresh cherry. Smokiness accompanies all, but freshness and fine, slightly drying tannins dominate the finish. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$25

91 **Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 Les Carrières (Ladoix).** A touch of stony smoke surrounds red-currant notes on the nose of this wine. The palate has that same, red-fruited tartness mellowed by a rounder, riper notion. Slight tannins give a firm structure to this elegant, slender wine that has lots of freshness. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$21

89 **Clavier 2017 Ladoix.** A toasted note of oak carries hints of tar and mocha on the nose of this wine. The palate has the same oaky mellowness but counters it with red-cherry freshness. Slightly furry tannins crunch slightly and dry the fresh finish. Misa Imports. —A.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$37

88 **Moillard 2018 Les Sarments d'Or (Ladoix).** Subtle notes of tart, red cherry just about make it through on the nose of this wine. The palate adds darker notions of mocha and vanilla that diffuse the fruit, leaving us with broader brushstrokes, corduroy tannins and less definition. Advantage International. —A.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$40

ALOXE-CORTON

92 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Pavillon-Clos des Maréchaudes Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton).** A touch of vanilla with a hint of dill gives aromatic spin to cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate has a juicy core that is vibrant with ripe but tart red-cherry fruit. All this happens on a concentrated body where fine tannins weave a filigree structure. This wine is assertive and elegant in equal measure. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$115

92 **Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Les Fourrières Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton).** Smoky oak on the nose of this wine has a distinct trace of mocha. The palate counters this with concentrated notes of ripe but fresh dark cherry and an almost velvety smoothness that unites these fruity and roasted notions perfectly. This wine is bold, juicy and structured. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$90

92 **Domaine Poulleau Père et Fils 2018 Aloxe-Corton.** A faint hint of chocolate is all that the shy nose on this wine gives away. On the palate, however, the fruit is evident. Flowing cherry notes come with a velvety sheen and smoothness on a concentrated, sinuous body that streams with juiciness, alternating between vivid cherry and mellow chocolate. Good Company Wines. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$NA

92 **Louis Latour 2018 Les Chaillots Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton).** The nose on this wine is layered with hints of fresh red cherry, candied Amarena and cherry compote, all with beautifully pure aromas. The palate enhances this with waves of fresh juiciness and a firm web of fine tannins. This is taut, vivid and fresh. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$107

91 **Château de Santenay 2018 Les Brunettes et Planchots (Aloxe-Corton).** The toasty resonance of oak plays around cherry scents on the nose of this wine. The bright palate presents that same smoke-wrapped cherry. All is edged with juicy freshness while slight tannins brush gently against the palate, adding slight crunch. This is firm, vivid and fresh. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$68

91 **Domaine des Riottes 2018 Les Valozières Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton).** In this wine, smoke and lifted peony appear on the fragrant nose, hovering above dark red-cherry fruit. The palate comes in with freshness and envelopes the ripe but tart cherry flavors in more woodsmoke. Tannins crunch and are a little drying while freshness sets the tone on this rounded wine. GCF Direct Import. —A.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$90

91 **Louis Latour 2018 Domaine Latour (Aloxe-Corton).** Rounded notes of ripe, dark cherry on the nose of this wine spell generosity and juiciness. The palate delivers but frames the fruit with fresh-

ness and a web of tannins that leave a pleasantly brushing sensation, expressing the well-managed richness and generosity. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$85

91 Manuel Olivier 2018 Aloxe-Corton. Morello scents immediately signal freshness. The palate of this wine adds a breezy conifer scent on a slender, light and slightly crunchy body. This wine strikes a red-fruited balance, brimming with Morello cherry and red-currant juiciness. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$78

90 Albert Bichot 2018 Domain du Pavillon (Aloxe-Corton). In this wine, notes of ripe red cherry have an overtone of kirsch. The same juicy fruit characterizes the palate, where it comes with a lick of smokiness and slightly crunchy tannins on a compact, fresh body. It shows slight warmth but also tons of liveliness. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$89

90 Château Philippe-le-Hardi 2018 Les Brunettes et Planchots (Aloxe-Corton). Flinty reduction on the nose of this wine for now clouds the cherry fruit. The juicy palate has a well of ripe, tart cherry at its core, enlivening everything with freshness. This wine is juicy, flowing and bright. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$70

90 Clavier 2018 Aloxe-Corton. Juicy red-cherry notes are open and lively on the nose of this wine. Just as fresh, the palate adds a subtle lick of vanilla to the abundant, ripe red cherry. Slightly smoky tannins provide a firmer backdrop. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

90 Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2018 Aloxe-Corton. A faint touch of smoke plays on the shy nose of this wine. The palate is still tightly coiled and firm, with drying but fine tannins. Underneath it all there is the joyous juiciness of red currant and tart, red cherry, with bright freshness on the slender body. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$27

90 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Valozières (Aloxe-Corton). A smoky, earthy notion accompanies red-cherry notes on the nose of this wine, along with a flinty residue of reduction. The palate has juiciness and ease, presenting the freshness of tart red cherry and red currant. Slightly brushing, fine tannins come with a gentle crunch. The finish is bright and fresh. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$100

89 Domaine Pierre André 2017 La Coutière Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton). Slight smokiness holds a notion of vanilla and surrounds red-cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. Flowing with ease, the slender palate has slightly brushing tannins and

pervasive, red-fruited freshness. The body is light and bright. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$90

89 Vincent Girardin 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Aloxe-Corton). An earthy element marks cherry and smoke notes on the nose of this wine. The palate pivots to red-cherry juiciness and is alive with freshness. Light but joyous, the wine has a web of tannins in the background. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$56

88 Chartron et Trébuchet 2017 Les Maréchaudes Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton). A hint of smoke on the nose of this wine continues on the aromatic Amarena cherry palate. The body is slender, juicy and fresh. This delicate wine has some fine tannins on the finish. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$85

88 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Boutières (Aloxe-Corton). A savory hint, almost of soy sauce, plays with smoky cherry on the nose of this wine. The palate is thinner and brighter than the nose suggests, presenting a juicy, red-fruited wine that has the slightest tannic crunch. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$90

87 Domaine Edmond Cornu et Fils 2017 Vieille Vigne (Aloxe-Corton). The nose of this wine is shy but lets glimpses of cherry compote through. The juicy palate has an edge of bitterness and could do with more definition. It's fresh and bright on the finish. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

86 Maison Chandesais 2018 Aloxe-Corton. The shy nose on this wine conveys distant notions of black cherry. The superripe juiciness of that dark cherry comes with a hint of cinnamon on an easy, flowing and slightly diffuse body. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

PERNAND-VERGELESSES

91 Louis Jadot 2018 Clos de la Croix de Pierre Premier Cru (Pernand-Vergelesses). In this wine, smoky red-cherry aromas are vivid. They are also central to the palate where the juiciness and smokiness are accentuated and given a brooding spin. Firm tannins make for a crunchy frame and promise evolution. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

90 Henri de Villamont 2018 Les Belles Filles (Pernand-Vergelesses). A minty note with ethereal freshness precedes red-cherry hints on the nose of this wine. The palate presents a concentrated, dense web of cherry, tannin and freshness that adds darker cherry into the mix. This wine is fresh, muscular and vivid. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

89 Denis Père et Fils 2018 Pernand-Vergelesses. The nose of this wine seems closed, giving

only subtle cherry hints. The palate comes in with juiciness and freshness, again portraying that red, bright cherry. Restrained, slightly crunchy tannins frame the picture. Cru Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$30

89 Domaine Pierre André 2018 Les Fichots Premier Cru (Pernand-Vergelesses). Subtle, almost floral smokiness fills the nose before cherry notes emerge. The palate of this wine holds that fresh cherry fruit but here the oaky toastiness conveys notes of chocolate, vanilla and smoke. Rounded and smooth, the body has slightly crunchy tannins that accentuate freshness. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$55

88 Moillard 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Pernand-Vergelesses). The nose on this wine is shy but the palate has red-fruited, easy juiciness. Pine-resin toastiness joins the fruit flavors and adds fragrance to the juicy, light, slightly crunchy body and fresh finish. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

87 Chartron et Trébuchet 2018 Les Vergelesses Premier Cru (Pernand-Vergelesses). A slight touch of reduction dissipates to reveal bright red-berry fruit and a little smoke. The slender palate of this wine has freshness and a bright, red-fruited tartness that makes it most charming. Slight smokiness lingers. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$50

CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE

92 Domaine A. Machard de Gramont 2018 Les Beaumonts (Chorey-lès-Beaune). Smoky, cocoa-rich toastiness surrounds cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate continues in this toasty fashion but adds freshness and slightly brushing, not quite velvety tannins, creating a rounded, cocoa and cherry-scented wine with some firmness. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

92 Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils 2018 Les Beaumonts (Chorey-lès-Beaune). Ripe but tart red cherry on the nose of this wine has a hint of grated dark chocolate. The firm palate offers fine, slightly crunchy tannins to frame the generous red-cherry fruit. Getting juicier with more air, the wine strikes a vibrant and fresh balance. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$40

92 Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Beaumonts (Chorey-lès-Beaune). The smokiness that envelops red-cherry notions on the nose of this wine has slight cocoa lift. The concentrated palate displays a flowing smoothness that is for now impeded by slightly brushing but juicy tannins. Chocolatey richness pops up in the background, making for a rounded, smooth wine. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

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91 Albert Bichot 2018 Chorey-lès-Beaune. Vivid liftedness brings red-currant and forest berry to the fore on the perfumed nose of this wine. The palate also has supercharged aromatics, wrapping notions of crushed forest fruit with slight smoke. The palate is tart and juicy, bringing a joyous purity of fruit edged with overtones of conifer and surrounded by a lively but tender crunch of tannin. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

91 Domaine Maillard 2017 Chorey-lès-Beaune. Notes of red cherry are distant on the nose of this wine. The palate has the same sense of subtlety, presenting fresh cherry notes on a slender, slightly concentrated but juicy body. Freshness and flowing, appetizing juiciness mean that this wine will also work when chilled. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

91 Louis Jadot 2018 Les Beaumonts (Chorey-lès-Beaune). Toasty oak on the nose of this wine is smoky and aromatic, lending richness to the cherry notions. The palate comes in with freshness and red, ripe cherry fruit that has an energy all of its own. Flowing with juiciness, the palate holds everything in a fine web of tannin. The finish is bright and resonant. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$42

90 Joseph Drouhin 2017 Chorey-lès-Beaune. A touch of reduction accompanies subtle red cherry on the nose of this wine. The palate is juicy and light, flowing with a hint of conifer breeziness. Slender and pliable, the body is tender with tannin and soft with fruit. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$34

88 Domaine Edmond Cornu et Fils 2017 Les Bons Ores (Chorey-lès-Beaune). A reductive note clouds the nose on this wine. The palate adds a hint of roasted meat to the fruit and presents a muscular, slightly punchy core, supported by slightly drying tannins. Red-cherry fruit appears on the bright finish. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

93 Justin Girardin 2018 Les Peuillets Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). A lifted, aromatic red-cherry intensity is bright and expressive on the nose of this wine. Tart, bright and fresh Morello notes also characterize the palate that is crunchy, firm, toned and sinuous. This wine lets the essential purity of the fruit shine and reveal freshness, structure and depth. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$47

92 Albert Morot 2018 La Bataillère Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). A touch of smoky coffee underpins dark-cherry notes on the aromatic nose of this wine. The palate uses the sumptuous smoky mocha notes of oak to frame the pristine, fresh and aromatic fruit. Fine tannins crunch on the

finish while juicy freshness frames everything. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$69

92 Albert Bichot 2018 Les Peuillets Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). The shy nose on this wine shows gentle notes of peony over hints of red-cherry fruit. The palate has that same tenderness but then reveals a richer backdrop of ripe, dark cherry. Slight tannins crunch pleasantly while freshness frames all. This wine strikes an easy but elegant balance. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

92 Domaine des Riottes 2018 Les Peuillets Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). Morello cherry is bright and insistent on the nose of this wine, edged with a hint of chocolate. The palate comes in with more ripeness, suggesting dark cherry with an overtone of licorice on its toned, concentrated body. GCF Direct Import. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$60

92 Domaine Louis Chenu et Filles 2018 Les Hauts Jarrons Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). Smooth, rounded red and black cherry fruit shines subtly on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with a firm crunchiness of fine tannin and ripe freshness that accentuates the aromatic red cherry even more. It's a wine with lovely balance and depth. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 Domaine Louis Chenu et Filles 2018 Les Talmettes Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). Notes of small, wild black cherries are aromatic on the nose of this wine. The bright palate shows that same wonderful fragrance, reveling in both ripeness and freshness. There is ease here and joy, but fine structure, too. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 Henri de Villamont 2018 Le Village (Savigny-lès-Beaune). Hints of dark chocolate give a luscious edge to cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with ripeness and the crunch of tannins and continues to shimmer with that chocolate richness. Freshness counters and balances. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

91 Denis Père et Fils 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune. In this wine, a touch of reduction dissipates and offers notes of dark cherry, with a slight but aromatic hint of Amarena. The palate has a sumptuous vein and brings more of that Amarena cherry, balanced by freshness and aided by ripe tannins. The finish, however, is dominated by fresh, flowing juiciness. Cru Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$29

91 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Les Goudelettes (Savigny-lès-Beaune). A touch of mocha hovers over crushed, dark berry on the nose of this wine. The berry asserts itself with brightness on the juicy, slender but expressive palate. This juicy and

free-flowing wine accents freshness, and will also work chilled. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

91 Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils 2018 Les Pimentiers (Savigny-lès-Beaune). The nose on this wine is closed but has subtle hints of red cherry and iron oxide. The palate comes in with rounded, generous but fresh ripeness. This is juicy and bold, with a sumptuous yet defined body of dark red-cherry fruit. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$45

91 Domaine Louis Chenu et Filles 2018 Aux Clous Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). Notes of black cherry are rich and full on the nose of this wine. The palate wraps the black cherry in ripe but brushing tannins, adding the slightest edge of cocoa. This is rounded, generous but toned with a lovely intensity of fruit. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

91 Domaine Marguerite Carillon 2018 Les Lavières Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). A distant touch of woodsmoke accompanies red-cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. That smoke and fruit combination, aided by a little vanilla, also characterizes the smooth, medium body. The ripeness of 2018 lends a warm finish, uplifted by freshness. Serge Doré Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$90

91 Henri de Villamont 2018 Clos des Guettes Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). In this wine, a faint floral note hovers on the red-cherry nose, becoming deeper and richer with every sniff. The juicy and slender palate also portrays a finely woven firmness of tender tannins. Freshness reverberates despite the ripeness of 2018. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

91 Maison André Goichot 2018 Aux Guettes Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). In this wine, notes of fresh, red cherry have a slight raspberry glint. The palate presents the same aromatic, fresh fruit, bright but really ripe. This wine is fresh, slightly crunchy, light and totally appetizing. Wolf-pack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

91 Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Marconnets Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). A hint of tar accompanies aromatic notions of chocolate and cherry on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with velvety crunch and sumptuously ripe fruit, shot through with freshness, underlining the ripeness of 2018. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$53

90 Domaine Louis Chenu et Filles 2018 Les Lavières Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune). In this wine, the aromatic nose blends red and black cherry, with a slight overtone of Amarena. The palate comes in with ease and freshness, swishing juicily. With its slender body, the wine has a lightness

and easiness that will work well when chilled. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

90 **Domaine Louis Chenu et Filles 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Savigny-lès-Beaune).** Subtle-red cherry notes on the nose of this wine are both ripe and fresh. The palate shows almost surprising sumptuousness for such a slender body. Dense, ripe and generous cherry fruit comes with a mellow, rounded edge, just about matched by freshness. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

90 **Domaine Pierre André 2018 Les Serpentières Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune).** Tender notes of tart red cherry fill the nose on this wine. The slender palate brims with freshness but has a rich lick of vanilla wrapped around it. Freshness peeps through and underlines the red-cherry fruit. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

90 **Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune.** A gentle hint of toasty oak surrounds fresh, ripe and tart cherry notes on the nose of this wine, with a hint of conifer forest. The palate comes in with more rounded, juicier cherry fruit but still has a lovely conifer freshness about it. The palate is flowing, spicy and appetizing. It will also work when chilled. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

90 **Pierre Meurgey 2018 Les Bas Liards (Savigny-lès-Beaune).** Red cherry, raspberry, a flick of flint and a lick of vanilla unite into a most appetizing nose on this wine. Vanilla stays put on the palate where it envelopes the ripe, juicy fruit on a slender palate. This wine is rounded, ready and full of joy. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$64

90 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Savigny-lès-Beaune).** A slight hint of vanilla and gentle smoke give a mellow edge to red-cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with freshness, enlivened by peppery spice. Subtle tannins give just a little crunch while red cherry highlights everything. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

88 **Chartron et Trébuchet 2018 Aux Clous Premier Cru (Savigny-lès-Beaune).** Gentle notes of fresh red currant are tender on the nose of this wine. The palate has a coating of vanilla flavors, almost like cream soda, that attain hints of mocha on the dry finish. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$65

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93 **Albert Morot 2018 Aigrots Premier Cru (Beaune).** This wine opens with notes of ripe, red cherry that have the slightest tinge of toast and vanilla. On the palate the red cherry has insistent, energetic freshness that underlines the ripe-

ness of its plush tannins even more. Slightly richer notions of chocolate and a slight edge of vanilla frame that fruit. The firm structure promises evolution. It's lovely now; drink by 2035. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$79

93 **Albert Morot 2018 Marconnets Premier Cru (Beaune).** Gentle woodsmoke and red cherry combine on the nose of this wine and continue on the bright body where fine, taut tannins carry the ripeness of the vintage with ease. Freshness emanates from a lively core, giving energy to this wine that shows real elegance. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$79

93 **Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils 2018 En Genêt Premier Cru (Beaune).** The crunchy, fragrant freshness of ripe red cherry immediately sets the scene for this wine. Fruit on the taut, slightly concentrated palate is vibrant with aromatic freshness while fine tannins provide delicious crunch. Vivacious brightness reveals a good structure and lovely purity of fruit, turning this into a most elegant wine. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

93 **Domaine Berthelemot 2018 Clos des Mouches Premier Cru (Beaune).** This elegant wine opens with a distant notion of mocha that accompanies black-cherry notes. Ripe black cherry becomes even more apparent on the compact, juicy body that is dense with the fruit and fine tannins. Freshness propels everything and gives the aromatic fruit a wonderful spin. Domaines et Saveurs. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$54

93 **Domaine Berthelemot 2018 Les Grèves Premier Cru (Beaune).** This wine opens with subtle notes of red and black berries, with aromatic top notes of wild forest fruit. The palate is dense with fruit, concentrated but sinuous, framing its well-captured ripeness in freshness. Glossy oak accents the fine tannins on this elegant, aromatic wine. Domaines et Saveurs. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$49

93 **Louis Jadot 2018 Clos des Ursules Monopole Premier Cru (Beaune).** Smoke, iron oxide, stone and red cherry unite on the nose of this wine. Cherry and smoke reappear and come with a flinty edge on a palate that is as ripe and firm as it is fresh. Tannins are fine but bold, allowing freshness to peek through. The finish is fresh and still a little grainy. Drink 2022–2032 Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$94

93 **Pierre Meurgey 2018 Les Valières Premier Cru (Beaune).** The shy nose on this wine allows only glimpses of red berry. Fleshing this out, the palate presents a complex and alluring array of red berry aromas, both ripe and tart, that shine on the slender and fine-boned body. In this poetic rendition of Burgundy, depth and charm count for more than power. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$88

93 **Pierre Meurgey 2017 Vignes Franches Premier Cru (Beaune).** This wine's nose is subtle but alive with spicy notions of pepper and bright berry fruit. The palate swishes in with a juicy flow that swirls both tart and ripe red cherry and berry notes as the underlying tannins give a gentle, delicious crunch. Underneath that they are firm and provide the elegant structure along with fine freshness. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$92

92 **Albert Morot 2018 Bressandes Premier Cru (Beaune).** Black-cherry richness on the nose of this wine has a hint of tar and chocolate. A fresher picture is presented on the palate where ripe, slightly grippy tannins express generosity in their black-cherry juiciness but also gravitate towards mouthwatering freshness. This wine is sturdy and firm but that accords with its inherent generosity. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$69

92 **Albert Morot 2018 Cent Vignes Premier Cru (Beaune).** The rich but subtle fruit notes of this wine suggest both red and black cherry. On the palate the juicy ripeness of both fruits is evident. Generous but fresh, the wine shows a mellow but bouncy fruitiness. Underneath it all, supple tannins and a vein of freshness lend energy and structure. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$79

92 **Albert Morot 2018 Teurons Premier Cru (Beaune).** A hint of tar clings to slight black-cherry notes that play on the nose of this wine. The palate then showcases the fruit in all its richness and freshness. This wine is glossy and generous, but also juicy, carried by ripe, supple tannins. It captures the generosity and ripeness of 2018 well. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$79

92 **Albert Morot 2018 Toussaints Premier Cru (Beaune).** Only the merest hint of tar and black cherry can be made out on the shy nose of this wine. Black cherry appears on the juicy, ripe but fresh palate, leaving the tar as a mere footnote and emphasizing juicy freshness and robust tannins. The finish has a little heat but speaks of the rounded, full-bodied generosity of 2018. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$79

92 **Château Philippe-le-Hardi 2018 Montée Rouge Premier Cru (Beaune).** Opening with gentle hints of black cherry, the nose on this wine also has a hint of cinnamon. Cherry becomes expressive and juicy on the fresh but ripe palate, while overtones of elderberry lend aromatic spin. The body is concentrated, flowing and elegant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Berthelemot 2018 Les Bressandes Premier Cru (Beaune).** A dusting of cocoa seems to surround the black and ripe red-cherry hints on this wine's nose. Cocoa also figures on the

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concentrated but toned palate where fruit is guided by ripe freshness. The wine has lovely juiciness at the core. Highlights of elderberry make it even juicier and fresher. Domaines et Saveurs. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

92 **Domaine Buisson Battault 2018 Les Epenottes (Beaune).** This wine opens with notes of ripe, red cherry that are shot through with brighter notions of tart red currant. The palate provides a similarly bright but elegant picture of finely chisled red fruit, framed with freshness and supported by fine, ever-so-lightly crunchy tannins that help the fruit and delicate aromas to shine on the light but impressive palate. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Les Cents Vignes Premier Cru (Beaune).** For full review see page 13.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$49

92 **Henri de Villamont 2018 Les Epenottes (Beaune).** Swathes of mocha and smoke surround ripe, almost luscious, black-cherry aromas on this wine. The fruit asserts itself with purity and lift on the palate where juiciness fills the mouth, edged by freshness and supported rather than clouded by that smokiness. Supple tannins complete the picture of this wine that captures the ripeness of 2018 so well. Wegmans. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Joseph Drouhin 2017 Clos des Mouches Premier Cru (Beaune).** In this wine, an initial flash of ripe, black cherry blows off to reveal a gentle note of vanilla. The palate comes in with unexpected freshness. A bright body showcases red rather than black cherry, supported by filigreed tannins and a hint of rounded smokiness that recalls a cured meat. The finish offers a concentrated, fresh and a wonderful blend of smokiness and red fruit. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$160

92 **Louis Latour 2018 Vignes Franches Premier Cru (Beaune).** The nose of this wine opens with notes of red cherry, crushed blackberry and a fragrant hint of vanilla. Although the palate is ripe and rounded, the freshness of the fruit is undoubted. Aromas are enriched by the gentle hint of vanilla that almost has a floral edge. Fine tannins still brush gently but will become supple with time. Drink 2022–2032. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$114

92 **Pierre Meurgey 2018 Vignes Franches Premier Cru (Beaune).** A slight note of reduction is all this wine shows on its shy nose. On the slender but ripe palate, the purity of red cherry and ripe, red berry becomes apparent. Fruit notes are framed by slightly crunchy but fine tannins and presented with juicy flow, elegantly outlined by fragrant freshness. It's a lovely and fitting rendition of 2018's ripeness. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$92

91 **Albert Bichot 2018 Clos de l'Ermitage (Beaune).** Gentle red-fruit notes have the slightest sheen of vanilla on this wine's nose. The palate offers the full-fruited intensity of ripe cherry, propelled by vivid freshness. A touch of heat and mocha play on the finish. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$53

91 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Pavillon Les Epenottes (Beaune).** Black-cherry notes are as vivid and ripe on the nose of this wine as they are on the palate. They have a slight coating of smoke but are framed in juicy, rounded freshness. The body is light and almost playful, yet anchored by fine, firm tannins. It's an understated wine with purity and verve. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

91 **Albert Morot 2018 Dessus des Marconnets (Beaune).** Subtle notes of black-cherry ripeness are just a little fleshy on the nose of this wine, spelling generous ripeness. That notion is confirmed on the palate where the fruit is rich and juicy but vividly framed with freshness. Tannins are ripe and just a little furry, giving this wine a slightly rustic edge, countered by that very generous fruit. Domaine et Saveurs Collection. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$59

91 **Edouard Delaunay 2017 Les Grèves Premier Cru (Beaune).** A slight whiff of flinty reduction clings to red-cherry aromas on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with red-fruited freshness and ease, wrapped in a slightly smoky coat of oak. Fine tannins give subtle structure so that the red fruit and freshness can assert themselves on the finish. Total Wine & More. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$75

91 **Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Les Grèves Premier Cru (Beaune).** This wine is shy on the nose but glimpses of crunchy black cherry flash up. The light palate delivers on that crispness with bright red and dark cherry notes, accompanied by the fresh fragrance of conifer. Freshness pervades while subtle tannins have gentle crunch. Misa Imports. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$62

91 **Manuel Olivier 2018 Les Epenottes (Beaune).** A swathe of woodsmoke clouds top notes of cherry on this wine but they weave through that aromatic smokiness on the juicy palate. Concentration and well-captured ripeness showcase freshness and generosity in equal measure. It's a juicy, rounded wine. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

91 **Moillard 2018 Champs Pimont Premier Cru (Beaune).** It takes much swirling to evoke a few notes of black cherry on the nose of this wine. On the palate, however, the fruit is precisely drawn with the ripeness, freshness and aroma of black cherry. Hints of tar and smoke clings to the fruit but the midpalate is slightly textured and juicy. Advantage International. —A.K.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$80

91 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Aigrots Premier Cru (Beaune).** Notes of ripe cherry are redolent on this wine's nose, with a faint hint of Amarena. 2018's ripeness is expressed by generosity, showcasing ripe, luscious cherries galore. Freshness at the core ensures juiciness while supple tannins round everything out. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$61

90 **Château de Santenay 2018 Montée Rouge Premier Cru (Beaune).** A lifted tone suggesting black-currant and blackberry candy precedes ripe black-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. Vivid fruit also plays on the palate, which is slightly concentrated but toned, and comes to a fresh finish. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

90 **Domaine Dujardin 2018 Les Beaux Fougets (Beaune).** This wine is shy on the nose, revealing just a hint of tar and cherry. The palate is light, flowing, easy and full-fruited with black cherry. Tannins become apparent on the fresh finish. P. Comms International. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

90 **Domaine Poulleau Père et Fils 2018 Les Prévoles Premier Cru (Beaune).** The shy nose of this wine gives mere glimpses of red cherry. The palate, however, presents the fruit in fresh and vivid brightness on a slender but sinuous body. Subtle tannins lift this wine into juicy elegance. Misa Imports. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

89 **Domaine Pierre Labet 2017 Clos du Dessus des Marconnets (Beaune).** The aromatic ripeness of juicy, black cherry rises from the glass and also spreads generosity around the palate on this wine. Subtle freshness frames it all and a slight animal funkiness appears around the edges. The body is light and the finish is lifted. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$100

89 **Domaine Pierre Labet 2017 Coucheries Premier Cru (Beaune).** Tar and smoke surround high-toned notes of cherry juice that rise from the glass. On the palate of this wine, fruit sets the mood with its juicy ripeness but it still has to digest tar and smoke notes from the oak. The finish is ripe and fresh. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$125

89 **Moillard 2018 Les Epenottes Premier Cru (Beaune).** Hints of woodsmoke and black cherry form the nose of this wine. The palate redoubles on the smoky aspect, enveloping ripe black-cherry fruit in notions of tar that have a mocha and chocolate edge. The finish is ripe and fresh. Advantage International. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

POMMARD

96 **Château de Pommard 2017 Clos Marey-Monge Monopole (Pommard).** This wine's subtle nose gives a first whiff of graphite and calf leather. For now, no fruit breaks through in this tightly coiled wine. The palate immediately strikes with an exquisitely fine texture that sits between creaminess and silk. Very fine tannins show a creamy unity, inflected with a hint of chocolate. The red cherry fruit at the core of all this is apparent, but it just takes time to reveal itself. Freshness, concentration and exquisite texture all ensure that it will have a gorgeous backdrop. Drink 2025–2050. Famille Carabello-Baum Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$141

95 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domain du Pavillon Les Rugiens Premier Cru (Pommard).** The rounded ripeness of red cherry is evoked on this wine's subtle nose. On the almost sumptuous palate, cherry notes are bedded in creaminess on a body that has the texture of starched velvet. This wine is firm and muscular, but the tannins will eventually yield gracefully. Power and concentration are aligned with poise. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$180

94 **Changarnier Frères 2018 Les Grands Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** Only a hint of smoky cherry gets through on the shy nose of this wine. The palate is similarly reticent but displays the makings of a fine wine. It has that firm, taut structure of tannins that are still a little drying, but there's ample freshness and commendable harmony between the juicy ripeness of cherry, density, freshness and firmness—not to forget elegance. Drink 2025–2035. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

94 **Domaine A. Machard de Gramont 2018 Clos Blanc Premier Cru (Pommard).** Vivid notes of fresh woodsmoke still cloud the nose on this wine, but underneath red fruit peeps through. Flavors evoking red currant and ripe red cherry are pristine on the concentrated palate. A web of firm, taut and fine tannins spans the toned body while freshness illuminates all. It's a charming, elegant wine. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$75

94 **Domaine Berthelemot 2018 Noizons (Pommard).** Once the reductive funk has blown off on this wine's nose, cherry with darker highlights of elderberry appears. The palate has creamy, cherry-fruited roundness, smooth and bold yet bordered by vivid freshness. Firm tannins are mollified by this creaminess and are well on their way to becoming velvety. The wine is a blend of elegance and richness. Domaines et Saveurs. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$52

94 **Edouard Delaunay 2017 Les Frémiers Premier Cru (Pommard).** Notions of conifer and resin hover aromatically on the nose of this wine before red-fruited freshness kicks in. The palate

revels in this breezy perfume that heightens freshness of the fruit while fine tannins crunch and dry as they gently brush against the tongue. Aromatically and texturally this is a picture of purity, poise, firmness and elegance. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$110

94 **Louis Latour 2018 Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** Touches of reduction, creamy richness and black elderberry combine on the subtle nose of this wine, promising dark allure. The palate delivers on the dense, velvety body where freshness is met with creaminess. Tart but ripe black cherry is dusted by dark chocolate in this tight, taut but expressive wine. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$112

94 **Maison André Goichot 2018 Pommard.** A dull sense of rich oak is all this wine gives away on its shy nose for now but the palate swishes in with liveliness. Red-cherry juiciness conquers the toned body that is made precise by firm, fine tannin. Fruity waves crash deliciously against the structure, releasing aroma and freshness on this elegant but energetic wine. Wonderful. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$75

94 **Manuel Olivier 2018 Les Arvelets Premier Cru (Pommard).** A hint of ripe black cherry is all that appears on this wine's shy nose. On the palate, the lively nuance and aroma of that cherry becomes fully fleshed, supported by ripe, supple and sturdy tannin and freshness that let the dark fruit reverberate with notions of blueberry. This wine is dense and powerful but lissom in its shimmering elegance. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$124

94 **Pierre Meurgey 2018 Les Grands Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** A hint of peony joins oaky creaminess on this wine's nose alongside pencil shavings and red cherry. The palate also has this creaminess and subtle oak backdrop but the bright red cherry sets the tone with freshness. This wine is smooth, fresh and sumptuous at the same time. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$150

94 **Pierre Meurgey 2017 Les Grands Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** A touch of creamy chocolate is the first aroma on this wine to reach the nose. Red cherry follows and gets its due on the nuanced palate. Supple oak makes the palate pliable, smoothing out the slightly drying but fine tannins and enriching the red cherry with vanilla creaminess. While the flavors are sumptuous the body is elegant. Banville Wine Merchants. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$150

94 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** For full review see page 8.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95

93 **Château de Santenay 2018 Petit Clos Monopole (Pommard).** Initial reductive funk blows off to reveal smoke-flecked cherry notes on

this wine's nose. The palate comes in with concentrated but well-controlled juiciness that speaks of black-cherry density, ripeness and a firm, fine web of tannin. This wine is muscular, ripe and elegant, finishing with enlivening freshness. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$78

93 **Domaine Changarnier 2018 Les Vignots (Pommard).** A restrained note of woodsmoke pairs with dark cherry fruit on this wine's nose. The fine-boned, vivid crunchiness of the body becomes apparent on the palate, formed by very fine tannins and pervaded by the gentle, fresh ripeness of cherry juiciness. This wine is firm but generous, rounded but elegant in dark-fruited allure. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$48

93 **Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Les Vauxmuriens (Pommard).** Woodsmoke and flinty reduction combine with black-cherry notes on the aromatic nose of this wine. That fruit attains blueberry and forest aromas on the tight and firm palate that is spanned by taut tannins and pervaded by freshness. Vivid, slightly boisterous energy fills mouth and mind. The finish is juicy and ripe. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 **Domaine Jessiaume 2018 La Combotte (Pommard).** For full review see page 10.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$48

93 **Domaine Julie Belland 2017 Les Cras (Pommard).** Bright red-cherry notes on this wine's nose have a forest-fruit aroma. The palate presents riper fruit that's generous, juicy and pervaded by freshness. The dense body has tight, supple tannins and more of that darkly alluring forest-fruit aroma, giving a wine that's graceful and flowing. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$80

93 **Manuel Olivier 2018 Pommard.** Lifted notes of ripe forest berries rise from the glass. They also shine on the dense, firm body of this wine where their aromatics take flight. Fine, supple tannins dry gently to lend elegance and firmness while freshness shows off every aromatic nuance of cranberry and blueberry. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$88

93 **Vaudoisey-Creusefond 2017 Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** A ripe note of black cherry on this wine's nose has the slightest lift and a hint of pepper. The palate comes in with a fine-boned body that crunches pleasantly. Tannins provide the backdrop for the vivid juiciness of the fruit while the freshness illuminates the energy and elegance. Summit Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$100

92 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Pavillon Clos des Ursulines Monopole (Pommard).** All this shy wine reveals on its nose are a few notes of cold ash that mix with hints of cherry. The palate comes in with textured freshness and spry tannins that

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still give a little crunch. Freshness gives this a vivacious, crunchy midpalate. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$88

92 **Domaine des Riottes 2018 Les Charmots Premier Cru (Pommard).** Mellow oak notes on the nose of this wine come with a creamy, floral charm. Creaminess continues on the palate, mollifying roasted mocha flavors and sturdy tannin, and wrapping around red-cherry fruit. Freshness counters the generosity and warmth of the vintage. GCF Direct Import. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$129

92 **Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Les Cras (Pommard).** The sonorous richness of ripe black cherry and toasty oak fills the nose on this wine. That same sumptuousness plays on the rounded palate where it is met with freshness that highlights the inherent juiciness. This wine is velvety and generous. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

92 **Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Les Saussilles Premier Cru (Pommard).** Juicy black-cherry notes break through on the veiled nose of this wine, edged with heavy vanilla and a little smoke. The palate adds a lovely top note of conifer and fine, firm and really crunchy tannins. It has concentration and a final accent of licorice. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$80

92 **Moillard 2018 Les Grands Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard).** Toasty notes of mocha combine with red cherry on this wine's nose. The same flavors fill the palate where firm tannins are still drying and taut. Underlying it all, vivid freshness lets both cherry and toast aromas shine. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 14% Price: \$120

92 **Moillard 2018 Les Rugiens Premier Cru (Pommard).** Supple vanilla veils fruit notes on the nose of this wine while more swirling brings hints of mocha. The palate wraps this mocha-edged vanilla around ripe, rounded black cherry that is held in a firm embrace of drying, robust tannins. Underlying freshness highlights the tautness of the structure. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$120

92 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Vieilles Vignes (Pommard).** A sense of freshness and iron oxide perfumes cherry notes on this wine's nose. The same expressive fruit pervades the firm palate where fine tannins crunch and heighten the juiciness and freshness even more. It's a joyous yet elegant wine. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$56

91 **Clos du Moulin aux Moines 2017 Clos Orgelot Monopole Premier Cru (Pommard).** A lifted red currant note defines this wine's nose. Bright red currant is also alive on the slender palate, where gentle tannins provide silky structure. Freshness

reverberates and makes this into a vivid, willowy red. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

91 **Domaine Marguerite Carillon 2018 Pommard.** Ripe, fresh red-cherry notes on this wine's nose have an overtone of kirsch and are surrounded by toasty oak. On the palate the oak toastiness turns into rounded mocha that speaks louder than the cherry. While there is freshness there's also a little heat around the edges. GCF Direct Import. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$100

91 **Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Les Frémiers Premier Cru (Pommard).** Dark fruit appears juicily on the nose of this wine, evoking black currant and black cherry. The palate is soft and generous with ripeness. Supple, almost fleshy tannins brush and express the richness of the vintage. Freshness and tannic dryness counter that but it remains a rounded wine. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

91 **Jean-Luc Aegerter 2017 Pommard.** Notes of dark, juicy cherry are expressive on this wine's nose. Their aromatic darkness is brought out even more on the smoky palate where freshness highlights both fruit and taut, smoky tannins that are firm and a little drying. The finish is fresh and juicy. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$66

90 **Henri de Villamont 2018 Pommard.** Black-cherry notes on this wine's nose are smokily aromatic. They fill the palate with their generosity and come across ripe and almost fleshy, coralled by firm, drying tannins and freshness that counters the slight heat. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

89 **Clos du Moulin aux Moines 2017 Pommard.** Funky, earthy reduction still clouds this wine's nose. The palate also has a gamy edge that expresses itself in a slight pepperiness. Red-cherry fruit on the fresh palate is soft, juicy and rounded. The finish is dry and spicy. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

88 **Maison Chandesais 2018 Pommard.** Ripe cherry notes fill the glass with their juicy, almost fleshy ripeness, supported by roasted tones of oak and mocha. Fleshy ripeness is even more apparent on the rounded palate of this wine, where furry tannins increase that feeling of boldness. Freshness counters the richness and gives a rounded outline. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$59

86 **Domaine Maillard 2017 La Chanière (Pommard).** Smoky, roasted notes of oak have a synthetic edge to them, alongside some reductive funk. Vivid swirling slightly dislodges these aromas and red fruit comes though on the juicy palate. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$70

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96 **Bitouzet-Prieur 2016 Taillepieds Premier Cru (Volnay).** Smoke, red currant and a trace of reduction are the triple forces on this wine's nose. Red currant wins out with more air. The purity of that fruit, emboldened on the palate by riper aspects yet still exquisitely tart, shines on the palate. Everything exists in perfect proportions to make the wine excel: the toned body, micro tannins, linear freshness and lovely depth. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. *Editors' Choice.* —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$100

95 **Bitouzet-Prieur 2016 Clos des Chênes Premier Cru (Volnay).** The first thing to strike on this gorgeous wine is the subtle lift of red-currant on the nose. The palate presents this concentrated and tart purity of fruit with all its freshness and verve on a slender, elegant body that is delicately structured, yet firm and resonant. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. *Editors' Choice.* —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$110

94 **Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine du Pavillon Santenots Premier Cru (Volnay).** The toasty gloss of oak surrounds cherry notes on this wine's nose. Cherry becomes rounder, riper and more luscious on the palate, meeting the richness of the oak. Underneath it all, freshness highlights the red streaks of cherry while fine tannins lend a graceful structure. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$125

94 **Bitouzet-Prieur 2017 Pitures Premier Cru (Volnay).** Subtle, almost cooling smoke spreads over the red-fruited aromas of this wine. The same subtle game is played on the slender, smooth but toned body, where tart red cherry and berry bathe in distant woodsmoke. Concentration is there but unobtrusive: this wine glides like silk. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$98

94 **Domaine Antonin Guyon 2018 Clos des Chênes Premier Cru (Volnay).** This wine opens with a flinty but promising hint of reduction that segues into elegant, ripe fruit. The palate defines this silkily flowing fruit as aromatic red cherry and brooding wild cherry. Guided by ripe, still firm tannins, the concentrated body has energetic, vivid juiciness at its core. Purity, precision and elegance are all apparent. Taub Family Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$110

94 **Famille Carabello-Baum 2017 Premier Cru (Volnay).** A lifted note of Amarena plays around the smoke and red-cherry nose on this wine. The palate retains this gentle fragrance while presenting a fresh-faced, finely cut picture of red fruit. Firm tannins crunch in the background while vivid brightness makes the structural elegance apparent. Chateau de Pommard. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$54

94 Georges Glantenay 2018 Les Brouillards Premier Cru (Volnay). A touch of iron oxide enriches the red currant and cherry notes of this wine. The palate offers exquisitely elegant concentration, like silk that flashes highlights of cranberry and lowlights of tar, licorice and coffee. Prevalent freshness will guide this wine throughout its evolution. Drink by 2035. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$76

94 Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Le Ronceret Premier Cru (Volnay). Reduction still clouds the nose on this wine but swirling dislodges these notions and reveals red-fruited freshness. This breaks through on the elegant palate that is a picture of ripe, tart red cherry, good structure and pervasive freshness. This wine has all the concentration but not an ounce of fat. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

94 Louis Jadot 2018 Clos de la Barre Monopole Premier Cru (Volnay). The lift and freshness of tart red cherry on this wine's nose has a rare hint of raspberry. The palate comes in with energetic, glossy flow, still slightly impeded by fine and youthful tannins on the concentrated, toned body. But freshness creates the drive and propels that depth of flavor. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$94

93 Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Les Brouillards Premier Cru (Volnay). A note of cinnamon on dark fruit emanates from the glass, suggesting sumptuousness. The palate of this wine follows up with concentrated, ripe fruit that is reminiscent of blackberry with its freshness and darkness. Ripe tannins that brush slightly lend a firm frame to this juicy, concentrated ripeness. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$60

93 Domaine Julie Belland 2018 Santenots Premier Cru (Volnay). This wine's shy nose gives mere hints of ripe blackberry alongside tart notions of cranberry, with an almost medicinal edge. The palate mirrors this darker fruit and herbal-tincture liftedness. The body, however is elegant and comes with ripe, supple tannins. It's a lovely and balanced portrait of the ripe 2018 vintage. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$95

93 Edouard Delaunay 2017 Le Village Vieilles Vignes (Volnay). A slight touch of reduction casts a promising, flinty shade onto this elegant wine that also shows red-currant freshness and smokiness on the nose. The palate comes through with pristine fruit that evokes both red currant and red cherry, vivid with freshness and alive with juiciness. A firm, slightly smoky veil of oak surrounds it while firm but ripe tannins support the succulence. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$75

93 Georges Glantenay 2018 Le Ronceret Premier Cru (Volnay). An initial, slightly funky reduction dissipates and leaves notes of mocha and dense red cherry on the nose of this wine. Then the

palate does away with the funk, presenting a concentrated midpalate of ripe, tart cherry, supported by smoky oak and silky tannins. The finish brings more mocha notes to the fore. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$69

93 Georges Glantenay 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Volnay). This wine immediately conveys a sense of concentration with its nose of insistent, dark cherry paired with subtle tar and toast notes. The palate confirms this and presents concentrated fruit on a sinuous, elegant body with silkily woven tannins. For now the oak still casts a tarry spell but this will subside with a little more bottle age. Lovely freshness prevails. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$55

93 Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Volnay. Bright, almost lifted red currant, cherry and cranberry notes are immediate on this wine's nose. The palate adds a slight conifer fragrance and pervasive freshness that catches itself in the fine, firm and slightly crunchy tannins. There is concentration and evocative depth of pristine and aromatic fruit. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Louis Latour 2018 En Chevret Premier Cru (Volnay). Only faint notes of ripe, red cherry come through at first. The palate of this wine does not hold back and presents aromatic, tart red cherry on a taut, slender palate. Although the warmth of the fruit exemplifies 2018, it was captured with freshness and aroma. Tannins are silky and the finish is firm and fresh. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$110

93 Maison Evenstad 2017 Clos des Angles Premier Cru (Volnay). For full review see page 11.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$150

93 Vincent Girardin 2018 Pitures Premier Cru (Volnay). This wine takes a lot of swirling before showing some red cherry aromas. While the nose is reticent, the palate displays a concentrated expanse of rich red cherry, a little fleshy from its ripeness but still shot through with freshness. Fine tannins weave beautifully around the fruit with their tight mesh. The finish is bright and bold. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$75

92 Bitouzet-Prieur 2017 Volnay. A smoky touch of oak on this wine's nose leads onto a juicy palate that brims with both ripe and tart red cherry. Smoky, toasty oak still swathes the fruit but ample freshness, good concentration and elegant tannins set the tone. Drink 2022–2030. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$64

92 Domaine Pierre André 2018 Santenots Premier Cru (Volnay). Despite lots of swirling this shy wine gives just slightly toasty, red-fruited hints. The palate comes in with freshness and tart red currant and cherry, smoothed in smoky, slightly toasty oak that also clothes the fine and ripe tannins

and gives resonance. Freshness counters all and creates balance. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$99

92 Maison Jessiaume 2018 Volnay. Crunchy red-cherry freshness is bright on this wine's nose, with edges of darker fruit and a conifer fragrance. The palate adds aromatic elderberry to this wonderful display of ripeness and precision. Dense and concentrated, the fruit is supported by a slightly smoky glint of oak and a web of firm, ripe tannins that will yield juicily. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$23

92 Vincent Girardin 2018 Champans Premier Cru (Volnay). A touch of toastiness and hint of reduction accompany cherry notes on this wine's nose. Red-fruited freshness has the upper hand on the concentrated palate where it is framed by firm but very fine tannins. This wine has elegance and the drive of 2018. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$84

91 Chartron et Trébuchet 2018 Clos des Chênes Premier Cru (Volnay). Bright, subtle red-fruit notes rise from the glass, surrounded by a pleasant smokiness. The palate of this wine emphasizes these aromas, showing red-fruited freshness, slight heat, smokiness with a slight vanilla backdrop and fine, firm tannins. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$110

91 Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Vieilles Vignes (Volnay). Touches of earth and mocha hover above the glass but swirling brings ripe cherry notes to the fore. The palate of this wine blends tart red fruit with much darker berry notes, reminiscent of black currant with a menthol sheen. The body is concentrated and tarry oak notes fill all the gaps in this fine web. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

91 Vincent Girardin 2018 Santenots Premier Cru (Volnay). For now, mocha fills the nose of this wine while roasted pumpkin notes are released with a little swirling. The concentrated palate also brims with mocha, while underneath lies dense, fresh fruit that comes with a little heat from the 2018 vintage. Tannins are extracted and the volume is turned up on all the fronts of fruit, oak and warmth. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$72

90 Domaine Poulleau Père et Fils 2018 Les Vertueux (Volnay). Sulfidic reduction still clouds the nose of this wine. Even vigorous swirling struggles to dislodge it, so this is one for the decanter. The palate, however, presents ripe, red forest fruit and a juicy, almost bouncy, core supported by ripe, supple tannins that still brush slightly. It's fresh and lively on the finish. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$58

89 Domaines & Maison Famille Picard 2017 Volnay. This wine opens with slight notes of breezy, fresh red fruit on the nose. The palate car-

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ries on in the same light-footed vein, presenting tart and slightly riper cranberry and red cherry. A fine web of tannins holds this together in its slenderness. The wine has lovely, light-bodied charm. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$73

89 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2017 Volnay. Smoky notions of red fruits in this wine come with a slight edge of funkiness, gaminess and a hint of vanilla. Those funky notes lend spice to the slender red-fruited palate that is juicy with freshness. The firmness of the still slightly stiff tannins becomes apparent on the finish. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$54

87 Maison Chandesais 2018 Volnay. Ripe notes of cherry candy create the first impression on the nose of this wine. The juicy, easy palate is slender and fresh, tinged with a hint of conifer. Tannins appear only towards the fresh finish. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$48

MONTHÉLIE

93 Domaine Changarnier 2018 Champs Fulliot Premier Cru (Monthélie). A touch of smoke carries faint notions of black cherry on the nose of this wine. The palate yields fully to this juiciness and reveals a compact, coherent core of cherry. Ripe, red and fresh, the fruit is guided by fine, slightly firm tannins, coralling the juiciness and cherry purity at the heart of this wine. The finish is fresh, fruity, taut and elegant. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

92 Domaine Changarnier 2018 Les Clous Premier Cru (Monthélie). Smoke and black cherry can barely be discerned on the nose of this wine. The palate, however, comes with an inherent sense of ease and juiciness, presenting red cherry rounded with fresh ripeness. Fine tannins add firmness around the smoky edges and present a wine that is full of life and joy. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$37

92 Domaine Changarnier 2018 Pierrefitte (Monthélie). Subtle but aromatic black cherry rises from the glass. The concentrated body of this wine holds a core of ripe, juicy, black cherry that's framed by slightly rustic tannins and freshness. There is immense juiciness, a lovely, brooding energy, and also a little heat. Keep this wine a while to calm down. Drink 2022–2030. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$33

92 Domaine Dujardin 2018 Les Champs Fulliot Premier Cru (Monthélie). The nose of this wine is shy but swirling reveals perfumes of smoke and elderberry. That same combination fills the palate where a dense core of fruit is held by slightly drying but juicy tannins. The brooding sense of dark fruit is enlivened by freshness and carried well on the lovely structure. P. Comms International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

91 Domaine Dujardin 2018 Les Vignes Rondes Premier Cru (Monthélie). A hint of ripe black cherry is tentative but discernible on the shy nose of this wine. That black cherry aroma fills the palate where fine, slightly furry and drying tannins lend structure on the medium body. Freshness comes in on the finish. P. Comms International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

90 Domaine Changarnier 2018 Monthélie. A shy nose on this wine holds just a trace of red cherry. The palate comes in with lively freshness and slenderness to which clings a trail of smoky, dark-cherry aroma. Slim, bright and vivid, the body is caught in that aromatic veil. H Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$30

89 Domaine Dujardin 2018 Monthélie. Just a hint of woodsmoke appears on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with gentle red fruit and a slender body. Freshness pervades the palate while slightly drying tannins accentuate the red-fruited brightness. P. Comms International. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$35

AUXEY-DURESSES

92 Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Les Ecussaux Premier Cru (Auxey-Duresse). Freshness reminiscent of tart cherry and red currant is aromatic on the nose of this wine. The palate conveys the purity and freshness of these fruits, presented on a juicy, slender body that adds roundness and generosity. Yet the wine remains almost playful and bright, with a wonderfully light touch. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

91 Vaudoissey-Creusefond 2018 Climat du Val Premier Cru (Auxey-Duresse). Smoke envelopes crushed red berry on the nose of this wine. These notions also appear on the palate that's pervaded by freshness. The body is slender and unforced but brims with charm. On the finish, the firm web of tannin becomes apparent, alongside vivid freshness. It is the red-fruited charm that lasts. This wine will also work when chilled. Summit Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$70

90 Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Auxey-Duresse. The bright, almost urgent, freshness of red currant plays on the nose of this wine. Just as lively, the palate comes with mouthwatering tartness and freshness. Deeper down the fruit is rounder, mellower and smokier, but freshness is the hallmark of this slender wine that will also work when chilled. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

90 Vaudoissey-Creusefond 2018 Auxey-Duresse. The nose of this wine evokes raspberry and red cherry alongside a distant cloud of smokiness. The palate is slender, but carries that red-fruited aromatic purity. Fine, almost subtle tannins weave a slight web while freshness reigns. It's a light but very evocative wine with a lovely echo of

fullness, freshness and red fruit. The wine will also work slightly chilled. Summit Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

90 Vincent Girardin 201 Vieilles Vignes (Auxey-Duresse). A smoky, peppery nose on this wine has a hint of animal funk. Peppery funkiness carries onto the palate where it is met with firm, drying tannin and fruity juiciness. The palate is concentrated and mouthwatering, with a drying finish. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$36

89 Clos du Moulin aux Moines 2017 Clos du Moulin aux Moines Monopole Vieilles Vignes (Auxey-Duresse). Reduction clouds the nose on this wine and vigorous swirling reveals peppery, red-fruited aromas. Although lighter than the nose suggests, the palate has that peppery verve alongside delicate red-cherry notes. The body is slender and juicy. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

SAINT-ROMAIN

91 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson 2018 Sous Roche (Saint-Romain). A touch of smoke surrounds pristine forest-fruit notes on the nose of this wine, adding notions of tar to the tart fruitiness. The palate brims with freshness and shows bright crunchiness. Something fresh, honest and slightly rustic brings real charm to this wine. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$50

91 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson 2018 Sous Roche Absolu (Saint-Romain). Slight funk hovers on the nose of this wine, adding an earthy glint to both red and blue fruit. The palate comes through with a purity that accents blueberry and red cherry. A lovely density of fruit, the brush of still drying tannins and a pervasive sense of freshness lend elegance despite some more rustic edges. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$60

MEURSAULT

91 Albert Bichot 2018 Meursault. A touch of toasty oak, pine resin lift and ripe red cherry combine into a very appetizing nose on this wine. Oaky smokiness continues to envelope that cherry fruit, adding a brooding sense to the dark juiciness. Tannins brush and are drying on the palate, adding backbone and firmness that frames the fruit perfectly. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

SAINT-AUBIN

90 Au Pied du Mont Chauve 2017 Pitangerets Premier Cru (Saint-Aubin). A slight lift of cherry and oak spells freshness on the nose of this wine. The palate also has this brightness and adds

inky, dense black-cherry notions with some brushing, drying tannins. On the finish, the wine is both mellow with fruit and mouthwatering with freshness. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$43

90 Roux Père et Fils 2017 Les Frionnes Premier Cru (Saint-Aubin). Smoky oak on the nose of this wine almost has a floral edge. The palate comes in with juicy slenderness, showing glimpses of red currant amid ripe red cherry. Subtle tannins brush gently and freshness rounds out the finish. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

88 Au Pied du Mont Chauve 2017 Le Charmois Premier Cru (Saint-Aubin). The subtle nose on this wine reveals only slightly earthy toastiness. The palate comes in with very ripe black cherry and juiciness, wrapped in smoke and chocolaty richness that makes the finish a little diffuse. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

MARANGES

92 Jean-Luc Aegerter 2018 Premier Cru (Maranges). A brooding flash of elderberry appears on the shy nose of this wine before dissipating. The fresh palate also has a dash of elderberry blackness, along with tart black-cherry fruit, smoky glints and hints of licorice. Firm, fine tannins brush and lend backbone. It's a fresh wine, with crunch and elegance. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$36

91 Maison Pagnotta 2018 La Fussière (Maranges). Roasted notes of mocha almost have a minty edge on the nose of this wine before a mix of forest berry radiates fruitiness. The palate comes in with freshness, slightly brushing tannins and a sense of that rounded, fresh forest fruit. On the finish, it's slightly drying but fresh. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$59

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

92 Au Pied du Mont Chauve 2017 Les Chaumées Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet). The nose on this wine evokes red currant and red cherry. Then the palate comes in with freshness and pure fruit intensity, slightly edged with oaky smokiness. A touch of tannin provides some structure but this wine is all about red-fruited charm and elegance. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

92 Clavier 2017 Morgeot Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet). A hint of roast pumpkin dissipates to leave fresh red-berry fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate is equally red-fruited, brimming with aromas of raspberry and cranberry. Freshness pervades all and the slightly crunchy vivacity adds tons of charm. Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$62

92 Vincent Girardin 2018 Clos Saint-Jean Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet). Fleshy, ripe red cherries are intense on the nose of this wine and have a touch of smokiness. Rounded, juicy ripeness also dominates on the palate where supple tannins shows the wine's firm, structured nature, supported by freshness. The finish adds notes of cocoa to the lasting cherry finish. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

91 Albert Bichot 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet. There almost is a sense of berry candy along with expressive strawberry and raspberry notes on the nose of this wine. The same fruit is toned down but enlivened by freshness on the vivid palate where fine tannins brush gently and produce a tiny bit of crunch. On the finish, it is mouthwatering, fruity and fresh. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$72

91 Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Morgeot-Clos Pitois Monopole Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet). Ripe, pure cherry on the nose of this wine attains a fleshier, juicier aspect on the palate. The fruit is concentrated and the rounded freshness is accentuated by slightly brushing tannins that have a firmness of purpose, coralling all of that vivid cherry fruit. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

91 Famille Carabello-Baum 2017 Morgeot Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet). Subtle but juicy red-cherry notes have just a whiff of woodsmoke about them. The palate continues with this sense of smoky juiciness on a slender, sinuous body, edged with slightly crunchy tannins that accentuate the freshness. This wine is elegant, fresh-faced and bright. Chateau de Pommard. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$42

90 Au Pied du Mont Chauve 2017 Concis des Champs (Chassagne-Montrachet). A juicy berry note, think raspberry compote, has a smoky edge. The palate has a lovely slenderness and transparency, that is full of freshness and charm. Some fine, firm tannins add guidance but the finish remains resolutely juicy and bright. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$46

90 Louis Chavy 2016 Chassagne-Montrachet. A smoky note of polished mahogany blends with slight cherry on the nose. The palate comes in with juiciness, full freshness and crunchy tannin that still dries the mouth. This is firm but slender with quite some juiciness. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

90 Vincent Girardin 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Chassagne-Montrachet). A touch of pine resin joins the toasty oak notes on the nose. The palate also carries that smokiness and adds an earthy sense of red cherry. Firm tannins crunch and make this rather rustic but the finish is juicy, bright and fresh. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$51

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93 Château de la Créée 2017 Clos Faubard Premier Cru (Santenay). For full review see page 10.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95

93 Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Beauregard Premier Cru (Santenay). A subtle but perfumed notion of ripe red cherry fills the nose on this wine, edged with hints of peony and violet. The palate carries that same scented purity and shows off a dense core of vivid fruit that oozes with charm. All is framed and outlined by mouthwatering but ripe freshness, making for a vibrant, appetizing wine. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Domaine Roger Belland 2014 Commes Premier Cru (Santenay). Lifted notes of cherry, polished mahogany and an earthy undertow on the nose of this wine suggest evolution. The palate sweeps these notions up in freshness on its slender but profound body. Cranberry and red currant rise from that forest-floor earthiness, fragrant with woody and mossy notions to present an elegant wine. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Maison Evenstad 2017 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay). For full review see page 11.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95

93 Maison Evenstad 2016 Clos Faubard Premier Cru (Santenay). Lightly lifted cherry and oak notes suggest a little evolution but also show the purity and elegance of fruit. The palate has a velvety sumptuousness, flowing with dense, ripe cherry, almost with a touch of kirsch. Freshness frames and brightens, laying the essential foundation for further evolution. Drink 2020–2030. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$95

93 Maison Evenstad 2016 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay). Red cherry and a glint of oaky toast stray towards notes of earthier forest floor on the nose, creating a wonderful draw. The palate of this wine also shows this trinity of fruit, wood and slight evolution that is knit together on a supple, concentrated body that shimmers with hints of iron oxide. The texture has flow and silky ease despite some firmness. Altogether this is a lovely, elegant wine. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$95

92 Château de la Créée 2016 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay). Smoke, toast and mocha make for an oaky nose on this wine. The palate adds red and black cherry, also enveloped in these toasty notes, but presented on a delicate texture that speaks of chalk and presents fine, supple tannins and an elegant structure. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$75

92 Château de Santenay 2018 Les Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay). A touch of toasty

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oak and glint of iron oxide hover above the cherry-fruited nose on this wine. The palate comes in with almost unexpected freshness and verve, presenting the juicy purity of ripe but tart red cherry. Fine tannins add lovely crunch to this elegant, fresh-faced red. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$70

92 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 Clos des Hâtes Premier Cru Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** The shy nose on this wine lets out a mere hint of oaky cherry. The palate comes in with concentration and ripe, dense, almost chocolate-tinged red cherry. It's sumptuous and generous, but well corseted in a compact, taut body that shimmers with cocoa and mocha overtones. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 Clos Rousseau Premier Cru Les Fourneaux Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** Oak notes of toast, tar and smoke dominate on the nose of this wine. The palate cotinues the oaky theme and wraps ripe but tart red cherry in its smoky embrace, edged with notes of tar. Fine tannins lend support while freshness boosts the juiciness of the fruit. The finish is firm, crunchy and fresh. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 Clos Rousseau Premier Cru Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** The merest touch of dark chocolate hovers over black-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate then comes in with juicy freshness, more chocolate and tar overtones, and a heart of ripe cherry. Firm tannins appear on the mouthwatering finish. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 La Comme Premier Cru Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** Toasty, roasted mocha fills the nose on this wine, edged with a little earthiness. Mocha also envelops tart, bright cherry fruit at the core of this wine. Both freshness and finely woven tannins suggest that it takes more bottle age for that mocha smokiness to integrate. Drink 2022–2030. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine de Villaine 2016 Passetemps Premier Cru (Santenay).** Pepperiness and a little funk play on the nose of this wine alongside red-fruited freshness. The palate presents this spice, funk and bright, tart cherry and red currant on a slender, almost sinewy, structured palate. Fine tannins are drying and supple while pepperiness shimmers and freshness makes the mouth water. Lovely now, the wine will be even better with more bottle age. Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$105

92 **Domaine Jacques Girardin 2018 Clos Rousseau Premier Cru (Santenay).** A touch of toasty, smoky oak accents ripe, aromatic, red cherry on the nose of this wine. The slender palate also has a mellow, ripe texture, countered by bright freshness. Smooth, fine tannins become apparent on the

finish and bode well for the evolution of this elegant wine. This cuvée is also labeled under the Justin Girardin brand. Michael Corso Selections. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

92 **Domaine Jessiaume 2018 La Comme Premier Cru (Santenay).** A distinct sense of Amarena accompanies ripe cherry on the nose of this wine, giving it lift and intensity. The palate adds notes of licorice and tar, darkening the fruit and adding a brooding character. Fine and supple tannins lend structure alongside juicy, bright freshness. The finish is as aromatic as the opening. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$45

92 **Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Les Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** The mellow toastiness of oak adds a hint of cinnamon to red-cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. On the palate, the oak adds a dash of licorice and a faint notion of tar, darkening the fruit and the aspect. Slightly drying but fine tannins provide a firm structure but the purity and freshness of that cherry fruit shine through. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$45

92 **Domaine Julie Belland 2018 Beauregard Premier Cru (Santenay).** Hints of violet and citrus give a floral, fragrant notion to red-berry fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate portrays that tart, red fruit in a flow of velvety ripeness, pervaded deliciously by freshness. This wine is as bright as it is mellow. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

92 **Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** Still a little closed, the nose on this wine conveys the subtle toastiness of oak alongside a slight gleam of red currant. The palate combines red currant and toastiness in a balanced, fresh-faced fashion, adding some crunchy tannins and vigorous freshness. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** Subtle red-currant notes on the nose of this wine become rounder and riper on the palate but never lose their charming tart edge. The body crunches slightly with fine tannin while freshness makes everything more vibrant. Tannins reassert themselves on the finish and make for a slightly rustic but wonderfully honest wine. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Justin Girardin 2018 Beauregard Premier Cru (Santenay).** A hint of aromatic raspberry accompanies the more obvious red-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate brims with freshness and has juicy crunchiness at its cherry core. The wine is fresh-faced, honest but also firm, which is evident in the structured finish. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

92 **Justin Girardin 2018 Clos Rousseau Premier Cru (Santenay).** A touch of toasty, smoky oak accents ripe, aromatic, red cherry on the nose of this wine. The slender palate also has a mellow, ripe texture, countered by bright freshness. Smooth, fine tannins become apparent on the finish and bode well for the evolution of this elegant wine. This cuvée is also labeled under the Domaine Jacques Girardin brand. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$37

92 **Louis Jadot 2018 Domaine Prieur-Brunet Maladière Premier Cru (Santenay).** Ripe, red-cherry notes combine seamlessly with subtle oak toast on the nose of this wine, while an overtone of Morello hovers. That Morello gets full rein on the juicy, bright palate, where its purity becomes apparent. Fine-boned tannins lend structure and are a little drying. The fresh finish is mouthwatering, appetizing and balanced. Kobrand. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$48

92 **Maison André Goichot 2018 La Maladière Premier Cru (Santenay).** Oak smokiness for now dominates the nose on this wine but the palate brims with concentrated, ripe red cherry. The wine has a lovely density of fruit and supple, ripe but fine tannin. Freshness brightens and enlivens all. Wolf-pack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$50

92 **Maison Chanzy 2018 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** Lifted, smoky notes of oak join ripe, red cherry on the nose of this wine. The combo also plays on the concentrated palate where the cherry fruit is dense, juicy and bold, edged with hints of tar and framed by slightly drying, brushing tannins. The finish is ripe, fresh and utterly appetizing. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$75

92 **Roux Père et Fils 2017 Grand Clos Rousseau Premier Cru (Santenay).** Smoky oak and ripe cherry are surrounded by freshness on the nose of this wine. The palate offers immense juiciness and concentrated cherry fruit, held in a web of fine, slightly firm tannin. Freshness pervades and smokiness hovers on the bright finish. Opici Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$70

92 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Beauregard Premier Cru (Santenay).** Hints of oak on the nose of this wine lend a toasty cinnamon sheen to the ripe red cherry. The palate comes in with crunch and concentration, presenting firm but fine tannins while the oak adds a distinct note of tar. All is countered by the cherry fruit but needs more integration. Drink 2022–2032. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$49

92 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Les Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** Oak notes on the nose of this wine are subtle but have a toasty, lifted glint. The palate comes in with ripe red and dark cherry fruit and lots of concentration. A textured richness is made up of fruit and slightly brushing tannins, backed by freshness and firmness. This wine will

benefit from a little more bottle age and has all it takes to evolve with its chocolaty finish. Drink 2022–2030. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$50

91 **Château Philippe-le-Hardi 2018 La Comme Premier Cru (Santenay).** A touch of roast pumpkin spreads mellow earthiness on the nose of this wine. While fine in structure and supple in tannin, the palate is also bathed in that earthy roast-pumpkin note, obscuring the cherry fruit for now. The freshness on the finish is promising. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$55

91 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 Les Champs Claudes Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** Toasty notes of oak cast glossy richness onto red-cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with concentrated, ripe cherry and an almost velvety texture on a compact, defined body. It has a slight tannic crunch and balancing freshness, with a tone of oak in the background. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$NA

91 **Domaine Bachey-Legros 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** A toasty, smoky sense of oak precedes ripe cherry notions on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with dense, ripe, insistent fruit that's juicy to the core. The texture is rich, giving a velvety mouthful of wine that's beautifully balanced. Its rounded texture remains exquisitely fresh. Fine Vines. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$NA

91 **Domaine Jessiaume 2018 Clos du Clos du Genet (Santenay).** A perfumed nose on this wine combines ripe, red cherry with tarter berry notes and the distant mellowness of oak. The palate majors on that juicy, ripe cherry, with an almost velvety richness. Freshness counters and defines the fruit even more. MS Walker. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$35

91 **Maison Chanzy 2017 Gravières Premier Cru (Santenay).** Bright red cranberry brims with freshness and aroma on the nose of this wine. The palate also presents fresh-faced fruitiness, but here the berry notes are riper, juicier and more reminiscent of berry compote. Firm, fine tannins becomes apparent on the finish where freshness reasserts itself. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$75

90 **Albert Bichot 2018 Les Charmes (Santenay).** The nose on this wine is subtle but toasty oak and ripe cherry rise from the glass and create the first impression on the palate. The wine has freshness and concentration, pitching cherry juiciness against mellow oak. Slightly crunchy tannins complete the picture. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$59

90 **Château de la Créée 2017 Clos de la Confrérie Monopole (Santenay).** Morello cherry rises above the resonant toastiness of oak on the nose of this wine. The palate combines fresh red cherry

and toastiness, presenting a rounded but fresh and almost sumptuous body. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$90

90 **Château de la Créée 2016 Clos de la Confrérie Monopole (Santenay).** A hint of dill clings to oaky overtones on the smoky nose of this wine. Just as smoky, the palate adds a touch of tar to red-cherry aspects that seem to have darkened and mellowed with the oak. Freshness brightens the fruit but oak bathes everything in mocha richness. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$75

90 **Domaine Guy & Yan Dufouleur 2018 Clos Genets (Santenay).** A whiff of bright, tart red currant creates a first and lasting impression of freshness. That berry note gets more intense and riper on the juicy palate, surrounded by slightly drying tannins and pervaded by freshness. It's a crunchy, bright and juicy wine. Grape Expectations (CA). —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$31

90 **Domaine Julie Belland 2018 Charmes (Santenay).** The juicy richness of ripe red and black cherry rises from the glass. The palate of this wine is equally generous with this rounded, ripe fruit but counters it with freshness. This wine is juicy and ripe, balanced by fruitiness and slightly drying, fine tannins. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$40

90 **Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Charmes (Santenay).** A subtle note of Morello cherry promises freshness on the nose of this wine. The palate also presents this tart and bright fruit on a slender, slightly crunchy body with fresh-faced honesty and verve. Direct Fine Wine Access. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

90 **Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume 2018 Santenay.** A hint of mocha clings to red-cherry notes on the shy nose of this wine. The palate majors on the red, fresh cherry and leaves the smoky mocha tones in the background, presenting ripe freshness on a slender body. Boston Wine Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

90 **Justin Girardin 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Santenay).** Distant, toasty oak and ripe, fresh red cherry combine on the nose of this wine. The palate spreads out into rounded, juicy flavors, edged by freshness and fine tannins. The wine strikes a harmonious and fresh balance. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$28

90 **Louis Latour 2018 Santenay.** Toasty oak on the nose of this wine has an almost floral aspect and projects creaminess. The palate comes in with mellow smoothness, carrying ripe red cherry with overtones of Morello. Freshness pervades the fruit on a sinuous palate., while creaminess dominates the finish. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$40

90 **Maison André Goichot 2018 Domaine Les Guignottes (Santenay).** Juicy, tart red cherry plays freshly on the nose of this wine, edged with a slight note of conifer. The palate conveys utter crunchiness and more conifer perfume, with a slender body full of freshness. This wine will also work slightly chilled. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$40

90 **Maison Pagnotta 2018 Les Cornières (Santenay).** An overtone of tart Morello cherry blends in with ripe red-cherry on the nose of this wine, while a hint of roasted nut stays in the background. The palate ripples with freshness and ease. Slenderness and a fragrant hint of conifer accentuate the freshness. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

90 **Vincent Girardin 2018 Terre d'Enfance (Santenay).** Smoke and toasty oak dominate the nose on this wine with rounded resonance. The palate has their fragrant glossiness, pitched against a core of ripe, concentrated red-cherry fruit. Tannins brush slightly and this wine strikes a resonant, muscular balance, with a smoky aftertaste. Vineyard Brands. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$37

88 **Henri de Villamont 2018 Santenay.** Notes of ripe, red cherry are subtle on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with easy, juicy freshness and a slight texture, presenting darker cherry and a glint of licorice that make this wine very approachable. Wegmans. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$NA

87 **Moillard 2017 Clos Rousseau Premier Cru (Santenay).** The nose on this wine is still clouded by reduction but fleshy, ripe cherry peeks through. The light palate could do with more definition. Fleshy fruit just about stands up to tar notions from the oak. Advantage International. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$55

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

91 **Château de la Créée 2017 Les Tourelles de la Créée Knights Templar Cuvée Vieilles Vignes (Côte de Beaune).** Notes of oak characterize the nose on this wine, aligning themselves with ripe cherry. The palate fleshes out that lovely cherry note, countering the oak and delivering good structure and freshness. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$50

90 **Château de la Créée 2016 Les Tourelles de la Créée Knights Templar Cuvée Vieilles Vignes (Côte de Beaune).** Toasty oak dominates the nose on this wine, giving mellowness to the ripe cherry fruit. The palate has a juicy, fresh core, countered by oakiness and supported by firm tannin, giving it a muscular spin. It is fresh and mouthwatering on the finish. Domaine Serene. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$50

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90 Joseph Drouhin 2017 Côte de Beaune. At first, a whiff of reduction obscures the lovely raspberry note on the nose of this wine. The palate also presents that raspberry and adds tart cherry. The concentrated body is held in a web of tannins, approachable, balanced and juicy. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

BOURGOGNE

90 Domaine Thierry Mortet 2018 Cuvée Les Charmes de Daix (Bourgogne). Morello cherry on the nose of this wine immediately suggests aromatic freshness. The slender palate has warmth and adds darker, riper black-cherry notions. Freshness, purity and charm make this wine wonderfully approachable. It will also work slightly chilled. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$41

89 Arnaud Baillet 2018 Bourgogne. In this wine, open notes of ripe red and black cherries are sumptuously ripe and have just an edge of tar. The flowing palate bounces with freshness, ease and juiciness, providing a wonderful impression of 2018's juicy generosity. Private Cask Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$30

89 Domaine Chevillon-Chezeaux 2018 Bourgogne. A shy nose on this wine gives hints of earth before smoothing into an aromatic body with firmness and a brooding perfume of Amarena cherries. Silky tannins are firm while the finish has smokiness. This structured wine is definitely a candidate for the table. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$28

89 Famille Carabello-Baum 2017 Bourgogne. A whisper of Amarena cherries shows on the nose of this wine while ripeness fills the palate. The juicy body shows bold tannin. This wine is fresh, surrounded by energy. Chateau de Pommard. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$27

86 Château de Charodon 2018 Bourgogne. Berry notes on the nose of this wine are so immediate and juicy you would believe that real crushed black-fruit and elderberry were in the glass. Equally juicy, the rounded palate brims with primary fruit that's made vivid by freshness. W. Direct. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$46

OTHER CÔTE D'OR

91 Henri Latour et Fils 2018 Hautes Côtes de Beaune. A whisper of oak plays on the nose of this wine, accompanying ripe cherry. The palate adds a notion of tart, red berry plus rounded, balanced ripeness. Fine tannins frame and hold everything in an elegant embrace Misa Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$27

90 Domaine Chevillon-Chezeaux 2018 Hautes Côtes de Nuits. A mere touch of dark choco-

late hovers over black-cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate comes in with juicy freshness, more chocolate and tar overtones, and a heart of ripe cherry. Firm tannins appear on the mouthwatering finish. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$39

RULLY

91 Domaine de la Renaissance 2018 La Barre (Rully). A touch of tar clings to dark cherry notes on the nose of this wine. The palate comes through with concentration and freshness, conveying crunchy, bright red cherry. This wine is lively, energetic and slightly rustic, but it is full of charm. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

91 Maison Chanzy 2018 en Rosey (Rully). A touch of licorice enlivens the smoky, oaky nose on this wine, supporting a brooding note of elderberry. The palate comes in with juiciness, portraying plump, aromatic dark fruit reminiscent of fleshy black cherry. Ripe tannins have that soft but distinct corduroy grip and the wine comes together beautifully. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$29

90 Domaine de Villaine 2016 Les Champs Cloux Premier Cru (Rully). Spicy, peppery funk clings to the nose on this wine, with an almost gamy note. The palate brims with freshness, offering overtones of nutmeg and cinnamon bark. Freshness highlights the ripe, slightly furry tannins and combines the unusual bedfellows of rusticity and elegance. Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$86

MERCUREY

94 Domaine du Meix Foulot 2015 Les Saumonts Premier Cru (Mercurey). A slightly ethereal hay-flower lift on the nose of this wine suggests some evolution. Fresh and strikingly balanced, the palate has come together and reverberates with tart, red-cherry fruit and an edge of earth and forest floor. This wine is deep rather than powerful and juicily, flowingly elegant. Beautiful now, it is certain to evolve further. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$48

93 Albert Bichot 2018 Domaine Adélie Champs Martin Premier Cru (Mercurey). In this wine, a tinge of cinnamon on the red, tart cherry nose and hint of licorice lend spice and interest. The palate homes in on the bright, cherry note, exquisite in its tart freshness, and surrounds it with subtle woodsmoke. Fine tannins are slightly drying while freshness is pervasive and illuminating. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$68

93 Château de Santenay 2018 Les Champs Martin Premier Cru (Mercurey). Woodland spice surrounds tart red berries on the nose of this wine.

The fruit becomes juicier and riper on the palate but never loses essential freshness, with a well-integrated note of oak and gentle cloak of fine tannin. It is a harmonious, elegant wine of purity and freshness. Bertrand's Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

93 Domaine du Meix Foulot 2015 Clos du Château de Montaigu Monopole Premier Cru (Mercurey). A closed nose on this wine allows glimpses of red cherry slightly colored with a woodland note. A picture of vivid, understated juiciness, the palate is harmonious and elegant, its firm web of tannin holding everything like silky gauze. Earthier aspects on the finish suggest slight evolution but also whet the appetite for further age. It's lovely and so balanced. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$52

93 Domaine du Meix Foulot 2015 Les Veleys Premier Cru (Mercurey). Subtle but lifted cherry notes can just be made out on the nose of this wine. More air reveals a smoky overtone that also is present on the elegant body. Concentrated red and Morello cherry juiciness emanates from a central core of freshness. This wine is well textured, balanced, unforced and completely moreish. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$48

93 Maison Chanzy 2018 Clos du Roy Premier Cru (Mercurey). A pure and fresh scent of tart cranberry and wild raspberry rises from the glass. The palate of this wine makes the fruit more intense, adds a smokier, more sonorous flavor, while the body remains slender and translucent. Deep juiciness underpins it all and underlines both elegance and unforced balance. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

93 Maison Chanzy 2017 Clis du Roy Premier Cru (Mercurey). A subtle nose on this wine suggests red currant and a riper notion of red cherry. The slender palate wraps that tender red-fruitedness in distant woodsmoke. There is an elegance and light touch about this wine and a delicate perfume. Freshness pervades all. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

92 Albert Bichot 2018 En Pierre Milley (Mercurey). Red-fruited scent strafes the nose with a vivid hint of raspberry, accompanied by pinewood and a touch of toasty oak. The palate on this wine is smooth and concentrated, but retains that high note of bright raspberry while the backdrop gets a little smokier. This is an elegant wine with fine tannins and quite some structure. The freshness is remarkable for 2018. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$55

92 Château d'Étroyes 2018 Le Clos l'Eveque (Mercurey). The toast, tar and licorice notes of oak play on the nose of this wine, obscuring the cherry fruit. Ripe, juicy dark cherry and a vein of freshness show on the palate as the oak notes recede and form a backdrop along with firm but fine tan-

nin. The finish is balanced, rounded and juicy. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$46

92 **Château de Santenay 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Mercurey).** A heady hint of oak appears first on the nose of this wine but is soon joined by ripe, tart red cherry. That cherry fruit is intense on the palate and comes with concentration and pervasive freshness, all the more remarkable in the warm 2018 vintage. The intense fruit is met by fine tannins and a lovely texture. Bertrand's Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

92 **Domaine Levert-Barault 2018 Champs Martin Premier Cru (Mercurey).** Ripe, fleshy cherry and subtle smoke have a hint of roasted pumpkin on the nose of this wine. The palate comes across in a fresher vein, with ripe but beautifully crunchy cherry fruit, edging almost into Amarena. There is a smoothness and fullness to the body, supported by a fine web of tannin. The finish is mouthwatering. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$58

91 **Château d'Étroyes 2018 Les Velley (Mercurey).** Notes of oak give the red cherry on the nose of this wine a mellow spin. The palate similarly offers bright, tart red berry and cherry, and toasty oak. Freshness supports the wine, which comes to a balanced, juicy finish. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$46

91 **Château du Cray 2018 Champ Roin (Mercurey).** Hints of woodsmoke combine with notions of both ripe and tart cherry on the open, aromatic nose of this wine. The palate also presents that interplay of cherry and adds freshness and the welcome brush of fine tannins. Yes, this wine is crunchy, but in a perfumed, almost elegant fashion. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

91 **Domaine du Meix Foulot 2017 Mercurey.** The nose on this wine is shy but tart red berry and a little woodsmoke come through. Tartness and freshness spread on the slender palate while the smokiness attains an edge of mocha. This fresh wine has a little crunch, pure fruit and animating juiciness. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

91 **Maison Chanzy 2018 Les Boussières (Mercurey).** A lifted hint of oak toast is faint on the fresh nose of this wine. On the palate, the dense fruit strikes first and takes center stage. This wine brims with ripe, crunchy red-cherry notes, framed and help by firm tannins. Freshness pervades and strikes a lovely balance in this honest, fresh-faced and solid wine. Winebow. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

90 **Château d'Étroyes 2018 Mercurey.** An initial bright, tart cherry note has an overtone of conifer and spicy hint of iron oxide. The slender palate of this wine brims with freshness and a red-fruited urgency that is riper than the nose suggests.

This wine has fresh balance and will do well when chilled as a summer red. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.K.
abv: 13.3% **Price:** \$46

90 **Château de Santenay 2018 Les Cheneaults (Mercurey).** A hint of mocha plays on the nose of this wine, suggesting richness. The palate comes in with smoky, ripe red cherry and oaky sumptuousness. This is countered by freshness and crunchy tannins to present an approachable wine for drinking now. Bertrand's Wines. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

90 **Château Philippe-le-Hardi 2018 Les Puillels (Mercurey).** Smoke and fleshy, ripe cherry appear first on the nose of this wine. With more air, tart red berry comes through. That bright, fresh red fruit shines on the concentrated palate where slightly drying tannins provide structure. The finish is juicy and fresh. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

90 **Château Philippe-le-Hardi 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Mercurey).** Cinnamon and mocha tones of oak dominate the nose on this wine. The palate adds dense, ripe but fresh cherry fruit to the mix and presents an enjoyable, slightly structured wine with real freshness. Tannins are robust while the finish is juicy and fresh. Saranty Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$42

90 **Domaine Tupinier-Bautista 2018 En Sazenay Premier Cru (Mercurey).** Hints of vanillin and red cherry come through on the shy nose of this wine, shot through with a little earthiness. The palate delivers the flowing fruitiness of red but still pleasantly tart cherry. Crunchy tannins add to the feel of freshness and make for an appetizing finish. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

90 **Domaine Voarick 2018 Les Vignes Blanches (Mercurey).** Subtle smoke and tart cherry create an appetizing nose on this wine. The palate has freshness and a slightly resinous, lifted perfume, reminiscent of pine woods. This aromatic edge sits well with the crunchiness of this approachable wine. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$26

89 **Domaine Levert-Barault 2018 L'Automne (Mercurey).** A cinnamon-scented hint of toasty oak plays on the nose of this wine and also envelops ripe cherry fruit on the palate. The body is fresh, smooth and aromatic with baking spice. Slight pepperiness flashes to create more interest on this approachable, fresh but mellow wine. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$40

89 **Domaine Levert-Barault 2018 Le Printemps (Mercurey).** Toasty, smoky hints of oak play around ripe but tart cherry notions on the open nose of this wine. The slender palate brims with juicy cherry and would also work as a chilled sum-

mer red. This wine is fresh, red-fruited and very appetizing. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$33

89 **Domaine Tupinier-Bautista 2018 Les Vellées Premier Cru (Mercurey).** The rich vanillin of oak immediately resonates on the nose of this wine and continues on the smooth but slender palate. Fresh, ripe cherry fruit is smoothed out and mellow, with just a little crunch. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

89 **Domaine Voarick 2018 Clos du Roy Premier Cru (Mercurey).** The nose on this wine opens with aromas reminiscent of distant woodsmoke. Underneath that, tart berry fruit shines. The palate presents riper, rounder berry with real juiciness, still framed by that slightly rustic smoke. Freshness and a tinge of earthiness join in on the finish. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$35

89 **Maison Pagnotta 2018 Clos Voyens Premier Cru (Mercurey).** A note of mocha fills and dominates the nose on this wine. Mocha also characterizes the sonorous palate, which is roasted and mellow at the same time. This roasted note broadens out the cherry fruit on the palate, but this is counteracted by freshness. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

80 **Domaine Tupinier-Bautista 2018 Vieilles Vignes (Mercurey).** Aromatic notions of cinnamon and dill weed spell mellow oakiness on the nose of this wine, combined with ripe, juicy red-cherry fruit. Fresh, easy and light, the palate is clearly made for drinking now. The finish is bright and smooth. Total Wine & More. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

GIVRY

93 **Maison André Goichot 2018 Le Pied de Chaume Premier Cru (Givry).** Oak smoke and a notion of raspberry combine into a lifted, fragrant nose on this wine. The palate comes in with creaminess and crunch, showing fine, firm tannins that support the delicate red-fruited core. Ripe freshness comes to the fore and charms till the end. Wolfpack Worldwide LLC. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

92 **Domaine Chofflet 2018 Clos Jus Premier Cru (Givry).** The cocoa and smoke richness of oak envelops the subtle cherry nose on this wine. The palate fuses that oaky richness with ripe red cherry, creating a creamy, rounded red-fruited wine of mellowness and charm. Freshness asserts itself on the bright finish. Wines With Conviction. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$50

92 **Domaine Chofflet 2018 En Choué Premier Cru (Givry).** Subtle fragrances of hawthorn and wild rose plays on the red-cherry nose of this wine. The palate comes in with charm and a light step that preserves the delicate perfume of the fruit.

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Ripe freshness underlines the purity of the flavors, making this an almost poetic wine of real elegance. Authentic Wine Selections. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$45

91 Vincent Lump 2018 Clos du Cras Long Premier Cru (Givry). A sonorous tone of mocha gives an Amarena spin to cherry fruit on the nose of this wine. Continuing these aromatic, broodingly dark notions, the palate adds a sprightly, red-fruited freshness at the core. The body is juicy, crunchy with tannin and full of ripe, rounded freshness. Total Wine & More. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$39

90 Albert Bichot 2018 Champ La Dame (Givry). The shy nose on this wine gives little away but the palate offers ripe, red-fruited freshness. Slender and fresh, the body is bright with red cherry and red currant highlights. Fine tannins have only the slightest crunch. This wine has bags of charm and a real sense of purity. Albert Bichot USA. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$52

90 Domaine Chofflet 2018 Héritage (Givry). The faintest flinty note of reduction still hangs on the nose of this wine, but underneath crushed forest fruit with a raspberry highlight shines through. A hint of iron oxide adds interest. Light, juicy and vivid, the palate is full of raspberry and red-cherry charm. This wine is rounded but fresh in its vivacity. Brescome Barton. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$30

90 Domaine du Cellier Aux Moines 2017 Premier Cru (Givry). The rich toastiness of oak fills the nose on this wine with cinnamon highlights. The palate comes with a little red-berried, tannic crunch wrapped in that oak glossiness. Fresh and appetizing, the fruit brims with charm and is rounded by the wood. Misa Imports. —A.K.

abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$60

87 Maison Chandesais 2018 Givry. A closed nose on this wine lets only the merest hint of cherry escape. The palate comes in with crunchy, red-fruited and slightly candied ease. Light, fruit-driven and easy, the wine has a fresh finish. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —A.K.

abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$25

IRANCY

92 Maison de la Chapelle 2018 Les Bâtardes (Irancy). Toastiness is all this wine is ready to give away on its shy nose. The palate comes in with unexpected sumptuousness, flanked by aromas of vanilla and a still slightly grippy creaminess of firm tannins. Black-fruited concentration forms a firm core, its rounded ripeness backed by vivid freshness. Firmness and freshness are a joy. This big, muscular wine will become velvety with more bottle age. Drink 2022–2032. Scale Wines. —A.K.

abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$40

92 Maison de la Chapelle 2018 Les Beaux Monts (Irancy). This wine's shy nose offers just a hint of dark, brooding fruit. The palate also is still tightly coiled and firm with tannins that are muscular but elegantly toned. Freshness makes vibrant red-berry notes flash up, smoothed by a little vanilla. This wine needs a bit more bottle age but is all the more promising for that. Drink 2022–2032. Scale Wines. —A.K.

abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$40

92 Simonnet-Febvre 2017 Paradis (Irancy). This wine opens with ripe and crunchy red cherry accompanied by a fragrant hint of conifer. The cherry fruit is equally crunchy on the concentrated body but attains a riper, warmer feel. This is edged with freshness and a hint of tar gives the midpalate fruit a broodingly dark aspect. The wine is a picture of toned, muscular balance. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

92 Simonnet-Febvre 2015 Irancy. An ethereal note of red currant is subtle yet pervasive on the nose of this wine. Slight smokiness and peppery verve suggest a certain breeziness. That pepper note becomes deliciously pronounced on the concentrated, almost taut palate, framing the red fruit with spicy vivacity. This wine is unusual but lovely and long. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$19

91 Maison de la Chapelle 2018 Irancy. A stony sense of graphite opens this wine, followed by red cherry that has a dash of black, aromatic elderberry. The palate also has that elderberry perfume, and is firm with tannins that still have a fine grip. Perfumed juiciness is exuberant on the concentrated body. Scale Wines. —A.K.

abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$29

90 Domaine Pascal Bouchard 2017 Les Vieilles Vignes (Irancy). Subtle aromas of pencil, vanilla and red currant combine on the shy nose of this wine. Taut and slender, the palate has vivacious juiciness at its core, reminiscent of red currant and just-ripe cherry. It has lovely concentration and vivid freshness. Connecticut Distributors. —A.K.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA