

Red Burgundy 2011: Vintage Preview

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The challenging 2011 vintage tested growers, and the resulting reds are inconsistent - more reason than ever to head expert advice. Jeannie Cho Lee MW visited Burgundy to taste the wines in barrel and picks out the best from the top-end estates...

Gevrey-Chambertin

Domaine Armand Rousseau Père et Fils, Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

A gorgeous wine with enticing aromatics of sweet red flowers, violets, along with exotic spices and raspberries. Silky tannins, lean body, focused and precise. An extremely long finish. 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Price POA Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler, OW Loeb

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Dujac, Chambertin Grand Cru

An expressive, complex Chambertin with spicy, herbal flavours and a very long finish. Beautiful, moving Chambertin with seductive texture and palate at under 13% alcohol. 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Price POA OW Loeb, Woodwinters

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Ponsot, Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

Flamboyant, colourful flavours with amazing intensity and grace. There is both concentration and delicacy here from 30- to 35-year-old vines. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)

Price POA Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler

Drink 2018–2028

Domaine Denis Bachelet, Vieilles Vignes, Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Gorgeous nose: lightly floral, spicy and cherry-scented with an array of floral expressions.

Layered and intense; subtle and approachable. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Price POA Woodwinters

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Fourier, Clos St-Jacques 1er Cru

Beautiful aromatics, finely textured, impressive intensity and length from ancient vines planted in 1901. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Price POA A&B Vintners, Armit, Davis Bell McCraith, Goedhuis, Woodwinters

Drink 2016–2026

Domaine Trapet Père et Fils, Chambertin Grand Cru

Generous, concentrated wine with layers of dark and red berry fruits along with lifted acidity and silky tannins. Elegant with a long finish. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Price £125 (ib) Corney & Barrow

Drink 2016–2026

Olivier Bernstein, Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru

Aromatic violets, plums, cherries, sweet spices and herbs. Made from 80-year-old vines. A gorgeous, powerful Mazis that shows Bernstein's skill in mixing detail with power and concentration. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Drink 2017–2026

Philippe Pacalet, Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Intense spices, herbs, savoury, meaty flavours. Very expressive right now with long silky tannins and persistent finish. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Drink 2016–2024

Morey-St-Denis**Domaine Dujac, Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru**

Deep, profound wine with dark berries, cinnamon and spices. Velvety tannins and long finish. Terroir-driven, very intense flavours, amazing depth. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)

Price POA OW Loeb, Woodwinters

Drink 2018–2028

Domaine Ponsot, Vieilles Vignes, Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru

Love the spices and earthy elements in this generous wine with great concentration and finesse. Tannins are silky and the length persistent. An impressive 2011. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)

Price POA Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler

Drink 2018–2028

Domaine Armand Rousseau Père et Fils, Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

Spices, garrigue and herbal notes. Very sensual, elegant wine with silky tannins made from old vines. Long finish. 17.75pts/20 (92/100pts)

Price POA Goedhuis, Justerini & Brooks, Lay & Wheeler, OW Loeb

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine des Lambrays, Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru

Delicate flavours – roasted herbs, blackberry fruit, violets. Very supple, medium bodied, balanced wine with a long finish. 17.75pts/20 (92/100pts)

Price £79.20–£83 (in bond) Haynes Hanson & Clark, Jeroboams, Justerini & Brooks, Lay & Wheeler, Lea & Sandeman, OW Loeb, Woodwinters

Drink 2016–2024

Mommessin, Clos de Tart Grand Cru

Bright cherries, strawberries and savoury herbs with approachable tannins and silky texture. Round, elegant with depth and generous mid palate weight. 17.75pts/20 (92/100pts)

Price POA Corney & Barrow
Drink 2017–2024

Chambolle-Musigny Domaine Comte Georges de Vogüé, Vieilles Vignes, Musigny Grand Cru
Flavours are lingering, delicate yet persistent: roses, violets, herbs, spices, earth. Trademark silky texture with a delicate palate and long finish. Sensual, crystalline and pure.
Gorgeous. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)
Drink 2017–2027

Domaine de la Vougeraie, Musigny Grand Cru
Rose petals, jasmine and violets on the nose. Palate is silky exuding a perfume of a bouquet of spring flowers, sweet spices, earth and cedar notes. Very long finish. Amazing finesse and grace in this wine – delicate, gentle yet powerful. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)
Price POA Bablake, Woodwinters
Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier, Musigny Grand Cru
Incredibly perfumed, seductive nose: violets, jasmine, sweet spices, red berry fruits. Long finish. Complete, complex and approachable. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)
Price POA OW Loeb, Woodwinters
Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Faiveley, La Combe d’Orveau 1er Cru
Gorgeous perfume of violets, jasmine and spices with firm acidity on the finish. Lovely wine with great balance. 17.5pts/20 (91/100pts)
Price POA Armit
Drink 2016–2023

Vougeot

Domaine d’Eugénie, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru
An energetic wine with layers of flavours including blackberries, sweet spices and minerals. Lovely texture – fine, focused, precise. Well integrated new oak with a fairly long finish. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)
Price POA Armit, Goedhuis, Justerini & Brooks
Drink 2017–2027

Vosne-Romanée

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tâche Grand Cru
Layered palate of savoury herbs and game along with dark berry fruits. Subtle yet persistent with an incredibly long finish. Fine acidity runs through, lifting flavours and ending with a firm finish. Classic, surprisingly open La Tâche with silky tannins and seductive aromatics. 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)
Drink 2018–2031

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Richebourg Grand Cru

As usual, the Richebourg shows its exuberant personality even in barrel. The palate is opulent and round with gorgeous flavours that are intricately layered, generous and persistent in the long finish. Expressive and generous. 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Emmanuel Rouget, Cros Parantoux 1er Cru

A complex wine with incredible depth and long finish. The flavours range from minerals, earth and spices to herbs, blackberries and hint of cedar. The wine has both finesse, delicacy and generosity of flavours. A fantastic wine that justifies its cult reputation. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine Liger-Belair, La Romanée Grand Cru

Seductive nose with complex layers of flavours that are persistent and long. Gorgeous wines with focus, depth and a profile that ranges from flowers, spices and herbs to red berry fruits. Delicate, persistent and classy. 18.25pts/20 (94/100pts)

Price POA Justerini & Brooks

Drink 2017–2026

Domaine de Montille, Aux Malconsorts 1er Cru

Delicate floral notes that opens up to reveal lively cherry, earthy and spicy flavours. A medium-bodied wine with firm grip, a nice finish and all the right elements in proportion. 17pts/20 (90/100pts)

Price £107.50–£110(ib) Armit, Justerini & Brooks, Lay & Wheeler, OW Loeb

Drink 2016–2024

Domaine l’Arlot, Les Suchots 1er Cru

Lightly scented wine; very delicate with strawberry, raspberry and cherry flavours. Combines delicacy with firm structure. 17pts/20 (90/100pts)

Price £50–£58(ib) Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler, Private Cellar

Drink 2015–2023

Nuits-St-Georges Domaine Henri Gouges, Les St-Georges 1er Cru

Seductive aromatics of spices, herbs, red fruits, wood, minerals and earth. Silky tannins with flavours that envelop the palate. The most complex in the range of Gouge’s wines in 2011. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Price £58.33–£62.50(ib) Bancroft, Jeroboams, Justerini & Brooks, OW Loeb

Drink 2017–2027

Domaine l’Arlot, Clos des Forets 1er Cru

Blended from seven different parts of Les Forets. Wonderful composition with minerals, floral notes and cherry, blackberry fruit. Wonderful length with firm, silky tannins. 17.75pts/20 (92/100pts)

Price £400(ib) Goedhuis, Private Cellar

Drink 2016–2024

Domaine Liger-Belair, Les Cras 1er Cru

Gorgeous layered palate of blackberries, tobacco and black tea leaves. Fairly dense with lovely

rounded texture made from 80-year-old vines. 17.75pts/20 (92/100pts)

Price POA Justerini & Brooks

Drink 2017–2025

Corton

Domaine Méo-Camuzet, Les Perrières Grand Cru

Vibrant red berry fruit with spicy, herbal aromatics. Round, supple, medium-bodied Corton with good length. 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Price £108(ib) Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler, Woodwinters

Drink 2015–2022

Beaune Maison Joseph Drouhin, Clos des Mouches 1er Cru 16.75 (89)

Deep, generous flavours with lovely aromatics that are seductive and layered. Nutmeg, spices along with dark cherries, blackberries and firm, ripe tannins. Balanced, layered and fairly long. 16.75pts/20 (89/100pts)

Price £41.50–£60(ib) Bablake, Davis Bell McCraith, Justerini & Brooks, Lea & Sandeman, Pol Roger, Woodwinters

Drink 2014–2021

Pommard

Domaine Faiveley, Les Rugiens 1er Cru

A gentle Pommard with velvety tannins, lovely red berry flavours and sweet spices with a fairly long finish. 16.75pts/20 (89/100pts)

Price POA Armit

Drink 2016–2025

Domaine de Montille, Les Rugiens 1er Cru

A serious Pommard with firm tannins and a grippy finish. Flavours range from mixed herbs to aniseed and hint of earth. 16.5pts/20 (88/100pts)

Price £62–£63(ib) Armit, Justerini & Brooks, Lay & Wheeler, OW Loeb

Drink 2016–2024

Volnay

Domaine de Montille, Les Taillepieds 1er Cru

Complex herbal nose of spices, herbs and blackberry fruits in the background. A serious Volnay with very firm tannins and fairly long finish. 17pts/20 (90/100pts)

Price £49–£50(ib) Armit, Justerini & Brooks, Lay & Wheeler, OW Loeb

Drink 2016–2024

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