



In this age of seemingly interminable uncertainty, it's wonderful to report on such a glorious and, gloriously, uncomplicated Burgundy vintage. This is a season of even growing conditions, resulting in open, radiant, generous wines (both colours), beautifully describing their respective terroirs, which will provide huge pleasure over the near and medium term. After all the hurt of the frost-bitten – although inspiring – 2016 vintage, these confident and hedonistic 2017s are an absolute joy!

When Simon and I visited the Côte d'Or for the final time in November (one of many visits, including the actual harvest in September 2017) there were broad smiles on the faces of every vigneron we visited. The promising 2018s safely in barrel and the 2017s being coaxed through their final stages of élevage before bottling; for once all was well in a region which hasn't had a full harvest since 2009.

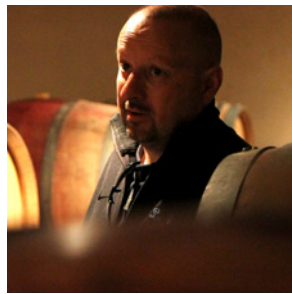
Having tasted the 2017s multiple times (as grapes, as juice, and several times from barrel) it's so wonderful to be able to present a group of wines which are going to give so much pleasure.

The whites are deep, profound but never too serious. They have the same verve and cut of the 2014s but the richness and sun-kissed joy of the 2015s too. I honestly cannot think of a more successful white vintage in my 20 years of buying and selling Burgundy. If you missed our early

2017 releases from the A&B 'superstars', Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, Vincent Dancer and Caroline Morey, fret not. The 2017s from Monnot, Ballot-Millot, Rapet, Bouard-Bonnefoy and Lavantureux are spectacular too, thrilling world-class Chardonnays from basic Bourgogne Blanc to Grand Cru. Unquestionably, Charles Ballot should be on the tick list of every white Burgundy fan.

And the reds? After each tasting, Simon and I veritably skipped back to the car, giddy with excitement. Why? Because these 2017 Pinots taste so damn good! Are they the deepest, darkest, most structured and tannic wines we've ever tasted? No. These new releases are aromatic, silky, terroir-transparent red and blue-fruited Pinot Noirs; utterly delicious, 'happy' wines harvested under clear skies, following a benevolent growing season. What's not to like?!

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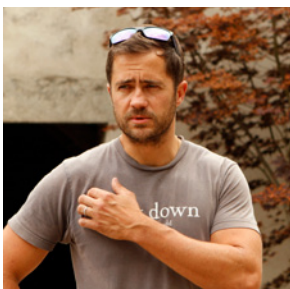
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