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Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits white 2018 89/100

Pale lemon-gold. An attractive nose, delicate and subtle but positive, lightly reductive and toasty, but the lemon and white stone fruit shines trhough. Medium-bodied and silky on entry, dynamic, racy and vibrant, but controlled, concentrated, and persistent, too. Complete, delicious, invigorating, even scintillating Hautes-Côtes (*ciselé*, as it says on the back label) from a 2.5 acre (1 ha) east-facing plot up on the Nuits-Saint-Georges plateau.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 201889/100

A blend of favorably sited plots. Medium-deep ruby, impressive intensity. Good aromatic definition and freshness, with a distinctive but not unattractive savory note, then a lick of licorice. Exceptionally silky entry, darkly fruited, concentrated but supple thanks to remarkably fine tannins for the level, and still very vibrant, too. *Hors classe*: closer to a top *village* or even lesser premier cru in quality



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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru Aux Perdrix 2018 92-93/100

This southeast-facing « quasi-monopole » (as the owning Devillard family describes it) was planted between 1922 and 1980, at a high density of 13,000 vines/ha, resulting a complex, rich wine of strong personality. Lustrous mediumdeep ruby. Intense, pure, black-fruited aroma, fathomless, with exciting reserve. Finely but richly layered, mille-feuille tannins, deep and powerful but not static, a mighty slowflowing river, with balancing freshness and a fantastic flourishing finish.

Echezeaux Grand Cru 2018 94/100

The different lieu-dit origins of this cuvée and old vines most in Echezeaux du Dessus at the heart of the appellation, and around one quarter in the Quartiers de Nuits lower down, both planted between 1921 and 1974 - result in a wine as remarkable for its class and grace as for its power and scale. Medium-deep ruby. An expressive, intricate, nose, reserved but stylish, black-fruited and lightly spicy but mineralcharged and pure. Great energy and vibrancy on the palate, effortlessly expansive and richly silky, with excellent harmony and intensity, grand cru quality and scope.

