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The ultimate Burgundy reference

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95 – 100:	Truly incomparable and emotionally thrilling. A wine so rated is as good as Burgundy gets. By definition, it is reference standard for its <i>appellation</i> .
90 – 94:	Outstanding. Worth a special effort to purchase and cellar and will provide memorable drinking experiences.
85 – 89:	Good to High quality. Burgundies that offer solid quality in every respect and generally very good typicity. "Good Value" wines will often fall into this category. Worth your attention.
80 – 84:	Average to Good quality. The wine is "correct", displays no noticeable flaws and will provide pleasing, if straightforward, drinking.
76 – 79:	Barely Acceptable quality. The wine is not worth your attention nor is it a good value.
75 and Below:	Don't Bother. A wine with noticeable, irremediable flaws.

As I have observed previously, Vincent is making real progress and these '09s are easily the best wines I have yet seen from him, which is a real compliment as the '08s were excellent. Moreover, several of the villages level wines offer truly outstanding quality and should be on your radar screens for obtaining great value.

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2009	Beaune "Clos du Roi" 1er	red	90
2009	➔ Beaune "Grèves" 1er	red	(90-92)
2009	Beaune "Montée Rouge"	red	87
2009	Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru	red	(92-95)
2009	Charmes-Chambertin "Les Mazoyères" Grand Cru	red	(92-94)
2009	➔ Chambolle-Musigny	red	(89-92)
2009	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	red	(91-94)
2009	Corton-Clos du Roi Grand Cru	red	(92-94)
2009	Gevrey-Chambertin	red	(88-91)
2009	Gevrey-Chambertin "Bel Air" 1er	red	(89-91)
2009	➔ Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles"	red	(89-92)
2009	➔ Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles La Vigne en Foule"	red	(90-92)
2009	Gevrey-Chambertin "La Justice"	red	(88-91)
2009	Musigny Grand Cru	red	(94-97)
2009	➔ Nuits St.-Georges "Corvées Paget" 1er	red	(90-92)
2009	➔ Nuits St.-Georges "Les Damodes" 1er	red	(91-93)
2009	➔ Pommard "Petits Noizons"	red	(89-92)
2009	Savigny-lès-Beaune "Marconnets" 1er	red	89
2009	➔ Vougeot "Les Cras" 1er	red	(90-92)
2009	➔ Vougeot "Clos du Prieuré"	red	89

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2009 Beaune "Montée Rouge": A very fresh and very pinot nose speaks of exuberant red berries and kirsch aromas that complement the overtly fruity and delicious flavors that are round, soft and almost easy, all wrapped in a nicely precise finish that is persistent but of limited complexity. In sum, this is pretty rather than profound and to drink for its fruit. 87/2012+

2009 Beaune "Clos du Roi": An unusually complex nose for the appellation offers up notes of ripe upper and lower register red berry fruits and warm earth where the latter element can also be found on the rich, full-bodied and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a delicious and solidly persistent finish. A lovely Clos du Roi. 90/2013+

2009 Beaune "Grèves": Mild reduction knocks down the nose but there is good vitality and freshness to the round, rich, supple and focused middle weight flavors that possess good focus and firm structure but there is plenty of buffering sap and excellent length. This offers fine development potential and is worth considering. (90-92)/2016+

2009 Savigny-lès-Beaune "Marconnets": Heavy reduction blocks an evaluation of the nose. By contrast, there is good volume and concentration to the medium-bodied flavors that possess fine depth and plenty of mid-palate dry extract that imparts a seductive mouth feel to the earthy and lingering finish. Solid if not special quality here. 89/2013+

2009 Pommard "Petits Noizons": Made with 30% whole clusters. An intensely floral and extremely fresh red berry fruit and kirsch nose slides seamlessly into rich, detailed and energetic earth-laden flavors that possess unusually good mid-palate concentration and while the impressively persistent and well-balanced finish is quite firm, indeed even robust, there is no aggressiveness to the tannic structure. This offers terrific quality for what it is and is highly recommended. (89-92)/2016+

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2009 Chambolle-Musigny: (a blend of 5 different vineyards with about 30% of the blend from 1ers). Made with 50% whole clusters. An ultra elegant nose of red pinot fruit, rose petal and wet stone suffused aromas is followed by detailed, intense and admirably pure middle weight flavors that possess a delicate and lacy mouth feel, all wrapped in a firm yet very Chambolle finish. This offers terrific quality and could actually be drunk now with pleasure. Highly recommended. (89-92)/2016+

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin: A fresh and very Gevrey nose speaks of wild red berry and underbrush aromas that precede very supple, round and sappy middle weight flavors that possess an utterly delicious finish that is shaped and supported by buried tannins and excellent length. This is quite good for its level. (88-91)/2015+

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "La Justice": (50% new wood and only the grapes from vines planted on high gravel content soil are kept as this helps to avoid rusticity and heaviness). A more deeply pitched nose offers aromas of dark berry fruit, humus and a *savage* note that can also be found on the richer and fuller if less elegant flavors that retain a lovely sense of detail on the lingering firmer finish that is underpinned by dusty and serious tannins and the same length finale. A choice. (88-91)/2016+

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles": (from vines on the Brochon side). 30% whole clusters. A high-toned red berry fruit nose that includes notes of raspberry and cranberry are liberally sprinkled with wet stone notes that introduce detailed, intense and lively middle weight flavors where more minerality can be found on the balanced, pure and harmonious finish. This is another really lovely *villages* and absolutely worth a look. (89-92)/2016+

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin “Les Evocelles La Vigne en Foule”: (from vines planted to a density approaching 30,000 per hectare situated on the Brochon side; only two barrels produced and it will be bottled exclusively in magnum). 80% whole clusters. The nose is similar to the regular *cuvée* with its high-toned fruit but here there is even more floral influence that merges into fresh, racy, stony and tension-filled medium-bodied flavors that possess gorgeous delineation on the powerful, long, focused and explosive finish. This is a simply terrific *villages* and if you're lucky enough to find a magnum, don't hesitate as this degree of quality is rare for the level. (90-92)/2017+

2009 Gevrey-Chambertin “Bel Air”: (from vines that sit directly above Clos de Bèze). 50% whole clusters. This is also quite floral with dried rose and violet aromas adding nuance to the fresh and distinctly earthy red currant and plum aromas that evidence discreet spice hints as well. The generous, indeed even fleshy middle weight flavors possess a supple mid-palate and a moderately firm and persistent finish. At the moment, this doesn't have the requisite complexity to be at the next level but there is enough material that it may develop it in time. (89-91)/2016+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges “Corvées Paget”: An agreeably fresh nose offers up notes of wild red berries with ample soil influence and a hint of the *sauvage* that carries over to the round and attractively textured middle weight flavors that brim with dry extract that buffers most but not all of the firm and mildly rustic tannic spine. I very much like the overall intensity, balance and impressive length. (90-92)/2017+

2009 Nuits St.-Georges “Les Damodes”: 30% whole clusters. Hints of spice, warm earth and dried flowers characterize the very fresh red pinot fruit aromas that marry into the solidly rich and seductively textured flavors that culminate in a firm and only slightly rustic finish that delivers outstanding length. This also possesses that wonderful quality of ample amounts of underlying tension. Worth serious consideration. (91-93)/2019+

2009 Vougeot “Clos du Prieuré”: (a *monopole* of the domaine). An intensely earthy nose features a pretty mix of red currant and dark pinot fruit aromas where the earth component transfers over to the rich, intense and mildly rustic middle weight flavors that possess fine volume and a round mouth feel as there is ample sap on the solidly persistent finish. 89/2015+

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2009 Vougeot “Les Cras”: 30% whole clusters. A distinct floral note adds elegance to the otherwise humus and freshly turned earth dominated red berry fruit aromas that also evidence a hint of minerality that can also be found on the vibrant and solidly well concentrated medium-bodied flavors that possess ample amounts of dry extract that largely buffers the very firm and mildly rustic tannins on the admirably long finish. This is really quite good and will need about a decade to reveal all of its potential. (90-92)/2019+

2009 Corton-Clos du Roi: Subtle spice, earth and the classic game notes add a layering effect to the very fresh and ripe red currant and cassis aromas that give way to textured, intense and overtly muscular big-bodied flavors that are firm, powerful and palate staining on the hugely long finish. This is an imposing but not ponderous effort that should require 12 to 15 years to arrive at its peak. (92-94)/2021+

2009 Charmes-Chambertin “Les Mazoyères”: 50% whole clusters. Almost surprisingly as this is often quite reserved the bright red berry fruit nose cut with kirsch, warm earth, iron and underbrush aromas is exuberantly expressive and the rich, detailed and powerful broad-scaled flavors are firm but not imposingly austere while culminating in a relatively refined and lingering finish. This should be excellent in due time, which is to say 12 to 15 years hence. (92-94)/2021+

2009 Clos de Vougeot: (from an exceptionally well positioned 1 ha parcel situated directly beneath Les Petits Musigny that is combined with another less well located .35 ha parcel close to the main road). 40% whole clusters. This is quite densely fruited with floral and freshly turned earth aromas adding interest to the wild and medium-toned red berry fruit. The delicious, intense and serious broad-shouldered flavors possess excellent mid-palate concentration with ample amounts of dry extract that partially buffers the chewy and ripe tannins on the long and less austere than usual finish. (91-94)/2023+

2009 Bonnes-Mares: (from vines by the Morey border, 50% of which were planted in 1902). 50% whole clusters. An intensely floral and spicy nose that is wonderfully elegant and admirably pure speaks of wet stone, red currant plus warm earth and *sauvage* hints that transfer to the muscular but precise and mineral-inflected big-bodied flavors that possess copious amounts of dry extract that buffers the very firm tannins and allowing for perfect balance on the mouth coating and linear finish. A classic Bonnes Mares that will require 15 to 20 years to arrive at its majority. (92-95)/2024+

2009 Musigny: (from a tiny parcel of only .17 ha). 80% whole clusters. A dazzling array of spice, earth, mineral, fruit and overt floral aromas that change every few seconds while introducing elegant, pure, transparent and vibrant tightly constructed flavors that possess superb power and striking depth of material on the unbelievably long finish. This is quite firmly structured but impeccably well-balanced and this brilliant effort is perfect example of the term power without weight. A monument in the making as there is just another dimension here. (94-97)/2024+

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For people who love good wine

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DOMAINE DE LA VOUGERAIE

Burgundy 2009

Dom de la Vougeraie, Grand Cru 2009 Clos de Vougeot 16.5+ Drink 2017-2024

Very slightly cheesy on the nose. Then very sweet. Lots of fine tannin. Masses of fruit. Positively voluptuous.

Dom de la Vougeraie, Grand Cru 2009 Bonnes Mares 16.5 Drink 2016-2024

Decent lift and raciness. This seems much the best so far from this address. Quite nervy and exciting. Dry finish. Not that long but it does have impact, surprising delicacy and refreshment.

Dom de la Vougeraie, Grand Cru 2009 Corton-Le Clos du Roi 16 Drink 2016-2022

Very rich indeed – almost putrid!! Sweet and black cherry juice effectively. Very much of a style. Not the most refreshing, and with oak tannins on the finish. Be aware of the sweetness...

Dom de la Vougeraie, Grand Cru 2009 Charmes-Chambertin 15.5 Drink 2016-2020

Sweet oakiness overlays this. Or at least sweetness, then oakiness. Rather uncomfortable to taste at the moment. Awkward.

Dom de la Vougeraie, Les Evocelles 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin 15.5 Drink 2015-2020

Exotically sweet and perfumed with almost a hint of damp fur it's so ripe! Then rather demanding dry tannins. A bit of an uncomfortable mixture at the moment. Drying finish.

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Vintage report

Burgundy 2009: the reds

Vougeot

Clos de Vougeot itself is as uneven in quality as ever despite the year. (See p38 for more on the 2008s)

FOUR STARS



Domaine de La Vougeraie, Les Cras 1er Cru 18

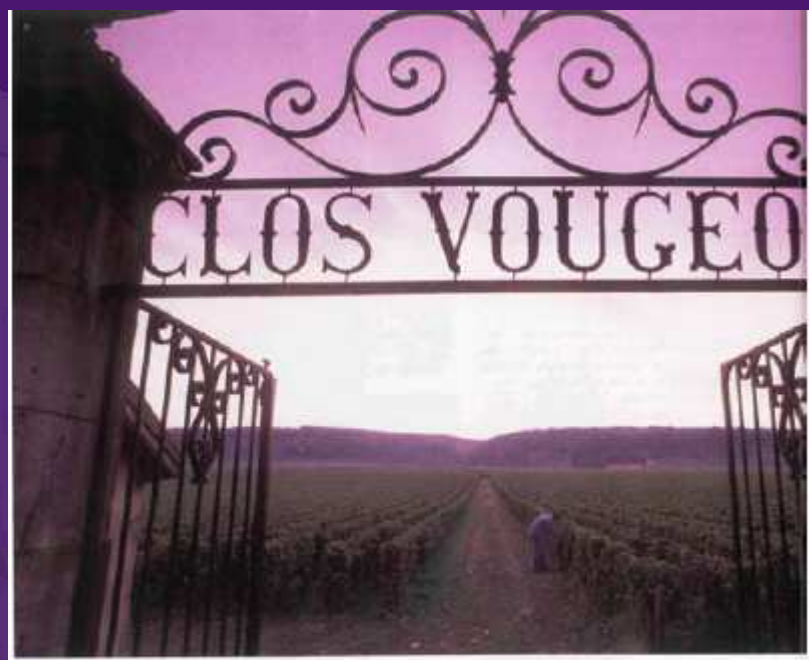
Floral aromas. Red cherry palate; bright, light and engaging. A straight, pure and energetic wine, which is well defined and lifts to a high-toned, mineral finish.

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Drink 2015-2020. WoodWinters

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Behind the walls

CLOS DE VOUGEOT 2008

3 Stars

Domaine de le Vougeraie

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50 great wines for Christmas

December 2010

Domaine de la Vougeraie, La Justice, Gevrey-Chambertin 2008

2008 was a tricky vintage but this is a quality producer whose wild strawberry-scented Pinot shows fine precision and purity.



France



Clos Vougeot
**LETTRES
DE NOBLESSE
DU PINOT NOIR**

*Avec aujourd'hui
80 exploitants,
l'appellation offre
une diversité où
il faut savoir choisir
les meilleurs*



Domaine
de la Vougeraie
grand cru ZUVS

Acidulé et floral avec une présence très délicate. Un style très fin d'une minéralité impressionnante. Les fleurs sont à l'honneur. 19/20

The image shows a bottle of Clos Vougeot wine. The label features a stylized illustration of a woman with red hair. The text on the label includes 'ECOLO' and 'Clos Vougeot'. To the right of the bottle, there is a text block describing the wine's characteristics and a score of 19/20.