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Domaine Arlaud

2005 Bourgogne 'Roncevie'

From a vineyard in the commune of Gevrey that one used to be classified as village and sits across the road from Charmes Chambertin. Robert Parker has described it as one of the best value Pinot Noirs in the world. "Fresh, ripe and earthy bright pinot, raspberry and violet aromas complement the rich, sweet and nicely fleshy flavors that offer excellent volume and a delicious, racy and detailed finish. Terrific quality at this level." Burghound.

2006 Bourgogne 'Roncevie'

"An earthy and serious nose of somber but ripe crushed berry fruit aromas combines with round, rich and fresh light to middle weight flavors that offer good vibrancy and punch on the moderately rustic finish. This should come together relatively quickly but benefit from 2 to 3 years of cellar time." Burghound.

2007 Bourgogne 'Roncevie'

"A ripe, earthy and rustic nose of dark and moderately somber dark berry fruit aromas introduces rich, round and delicious flavors that possess both nice freshness and good finishing punch." Burghound.

2002 Morey-St-Denis

Just about at its peak now (2009), showing a good mix of earth and underbrush and bright red fruits. Enough structure and flesh to suggest it should continue to drink well over the next 3 to 4 years.

2004 Morey-St-Denis

"This is decidedly earthier and more serious with somber red fruit aromas and round, rich and more powerful middle weight flavors that culminate in a dusty, edgy and punchy finish." Burghound.

2005 Morey-St-Denis

"Pretty and relatively high-toned red berry fruit and warm earth aromas introduce rich, sweet, round and vibrant flavors that are underpinned by dusty and mouth coating tannins buffered by plenty of sap. This is very well balanced and should make for a satisfying villages with a few years in bottle." Burghound

2006 Morey-St-Denis

"This is completely different as the airy and very pinot nose is nuanced by hints of underbrush that continue onto the round, supple and almost soft flavors that are delicious but tighten up with traditional Morey firmness on the subtly persistent finish. A wine of harmony." Burghound.

2007 Morey-St-Denis

"Here the nose is both more elegant and more complex as well with pretty red pinot fruit aromas preceding fresh, lively, supple and attractively textured flavors blessed with reasonable concentration and while the finish is delicious, it also displays a slight edge that is just enough to detract from the overall sense of balance. We'll see whether the additional *élevage* enables it to round out or not." Burghound.

2005 Chambolle-Musigny

"An airy upper register and very fresh red berry fruit nose complements the rich, round, supple and forward middle weight flavors that are nicely concentrated and absolutely delicious. This is admirably long and while approachable now, it will age on the near perfect balance. A really lovely Chambolle." Burghound.

2006 Chambolle-Musigny

"Curiously, here the nose is more deeply pitched than the Morey with pretty and ripe notes of red and blue pinot fruit that precedes the delicious, sappy and round flavors that are relatively open and beautifully balanced. If this adds complexity with a year or two in bottle, it should merit the top of the range." Burghound.

2007 Chambolle-Musigny

"An ever so slightly more refined nose of red pinot fruit has an undertone of warm earth that is also picked up by the delicious, round and seductive middle weight flavors that possess mildly better overall balance and fine length. This is not especially deep but it is very Chambolle and easy to appreciate." Burghound.

2004 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Les Ruchots

"Understated, elegant and ripe red fruit and violet notes introduce rich, sweet, forward and full-bodied flavors that are supple yet possess plenty of energy and this does a slow build from the mid-palate to the long finish. I particularly like the intensity and depth here." Burghound.

2006 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Les Ruchots

"Ruchots is in my estimation the finest of the Morey 1ers and this example will only serve to reinforce that point of view as it again delivers *grand cru* like quality. A riper and more deeply pitched nose features a complex blend of red and blue pinot fruit with lovely violet and earth nuances that continue onto the round, rich, suave and generous flavors that possess good volume and excellent balance plus fine aging potential. As usual, this and the Combottes are the class of the 1ers *chez* Arlaud." Burghound.

2007 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Les Ruchots

"A more obviously ripe nose of blue berry liqueur slides into round and exceptionally rich middle weight flavors that possess a tender and seductive mouth feel where the sap completely buffers the structure and while there is limited depth at present, this is an easy wine to like." Burghound.

2007 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Combottes

"The intensity and concentration of the old vines is definitely in evidence here as the nose has more complexity than any wine to this point, offering up an elegant mix of red pinot fruit, Gevrey earth and a hint of anise that transfer to the classy and sophisticated flavors that are cool, pure and possess a lovely minerality, all wrapped in a nicely powerful and admirably persistent finish. Recommended."

2004 Charmes-Chambertin

"Mostly red fruit nose but the flavors are rich, full, sweet and generous with outstanding complexity and a serious, slightly subdued side to the mouth coating flavors that offer stunning persistence. This is not as powerful or structured as the Clos de la Roche yet the balance is such that it will be capable of up to a decade of improvement. I quite like this as it's effusive yet entirely serious." Burghound.

2006 Charmes-Chambertin

"Surprisingly, this is almost as elegant with its strikingly pretty red pinot fruit aromas that possess fine density and this sense of concentration can also be found on the complex, supple and balanced flavors supported by a finely textured finish where the tannins arrive in a rush at the finish. This seems almost soft at first but the firm finish dispels the notion that this will be an early drinker."

2007 Charmes-Chambertin

"Somewhat curious, this is actually a bit less elegant if perhaps a bit more complex with very pretty red berry fruit, warm earth and a hint of wood spice that is in perfect keeping with the rich, full and forward flavors that possess relatively soft structural elements though the mouth feel is seductive as a result. Even so, the finish does not lose focus or precision. Lovely in its fashion." Burghound

2004 Clos St Denis

"Dark, deep and very earthy pinot fruit highlighted by a trace of wood combines with rich, dense and brooding full-bodied flavors that are backward and still quite tight and finish with striking power and depth. This is a really lovely effort with perhaps the best phenolic ripeness of any of the Arlaud '04s. In sum, a terrific effort for the vintage." Burghound.

2007 Clos St Denis

"An ever so slightly riper nose features notes of red and blue pinot fruit with violet, earth and again, anise. The rich, full and quite generous flavors are blessed with ample mid-palate fat that completely buffers the structure at present and confers a seductive mouth feel upon the silky and velvety finish. I like the balance here and there is a mildly superior sense of overall balance." Burghound.

2004 Clos de la Roche

"A brooding, backward and earthy nose that displays glimpses of smoky red and black fruit aromas with traces of game and underbrush merge into big, rich and notably concentrated flavors that are serious, and seriously complex and culminate in an edgy but powerfully long finish. This is exceptionally well balanced and should improve for up to a decade and drink well for another. In a word, impressive." Burghound.

2006 Clos de la Roche

"An earthy, ripe, expressive and more complex nose combines dark berry fruit and notes of earth, spice, leather and underbrush that highlight the complex, concentrated and round flavors that possess solid if not truly sensational power and fine balance on the exquisitely long finish." Burghound.

2007 Clos de la Roche

"A relatively high-toned nose of freshly crushed red berry fruit aromas cut with a hint of all spice as well as notes of earth, underbrush and soy that slide gracefully into rich, full and very detailed medium weight plus flavors that possess good volume and focus on the sappy and mouth coating finish. This is not really a big Clos de la Roche by the usual standards of the vineyard and is more a wine of finesse." Burghound.

2004 Bonnes-Mares

"High-toned fruit and distinct warm earth, game, herbal and smoke notes gives way to equally powerful, deep and backward full-bodied flavors that possess plenty of muscle and finish with buckets of *sève* that completely coat and stain the palate. There is notably good freshness and first rate persistence plus excellent balance that will permit this to age effortlessly, which it will need as it's presently a bit more restrained than the Clos St. Denis." Burghound.

2007 Bonnes-Mares

"This is unusually expressive for young Bonnes Mares and more elegant than is typical as well with relatively high-toned red berry fruit nuanced with hints of earth and wet stone that is also picked up by the detailed, punchy and impressively energetic

flavors that possess fine depth and outstanding persistence. This is like the Clos de la Roche in that it's more a Bonnes Mares of finesse than the usual power and muscle and it should mature a bit sooner than in most vintages too." Burghound.