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Charmes-Chambertin 2017

Deep purple. Masses of sweet dark fruit and dried raspberry, dried flower perfume, fair amount of dark spiced oak showing as a youngster, pleasing amount of earthiness as a bass note. Fleshy, ripe, almost showy, with earthy forest floor and truffle stuff, chamois-like tannin, fresh strawberry acidity, and fine length.

Primary, but plenty of potential here.

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Pommard 1er Cru Premiers 2017

Raspberry and cherry, dried roses, an earthy ferrous saline thing, sweet spices. Fresh and earthy, plum skin and blood orange, mineral acidity, open weave firm tannin, a brooding succulence, you might say. Finish is bright and long, almost a cranberry juice freshness to close. Sense of place writ large.

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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Chaignots 2017

Ripe, dark cherry, earthy NSG stuff, baking spices.

Succulent black cherry and black tea, exotic spice with a little toasty oak laid in, silty tannin and sappy acidity, some dried rose and dried herb perfume to close out a long finish, tannin and blood orange firming it up. Plenty of character and charm. Really like this.

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Volnay Vieilles Vignes 2017

Pretty, so well defined, strawberry and raspberry, a little pepper and cardamon spice, hazelnut. Such drinking pleasure with light dusty spicy tannin, freshness and flavour, nuts and allspice to finish. Love this. Energy and assured charm. Speaks so clearly and eloquently. Touch and go for 95 points.

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Corton Grand Cru 2017

Red fruits, a little floral, spice and coffee bean. It's medium-bodied, fresh and supple, almost a creamy coffee character in with strawberry and spice. Fine powdery tannin, maybe a praline sort of flavour too, and a clean finish of good length, still showing a bit of oak as a youngster. Something of a «mineral» feel too. Certainly, there's a fair bit more to come.

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Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes 2017

Red cherry, raspberry, a little mint and spicy whole bunch, liquorice root and char. Bright and sappy, crunchy red fruits with slightly tart flavours, a little charcoal/char character, slightly sandy tannin, lively finish of solid length.

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Bourgogne Côte d'Or blanc 2017

Tight but flavoursome. White peach, mint and flowers, light oak spice. Fresh, peach and ripe lemon with hazelnut, fine powdery texture, clean finish, just a tweak of lemon rind. Easy and pretty fine at the same time. Excellent BB here. So enjoyable.

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Saint-Romain 2017

Honey and flowers, brine, peach and red apple. Medium-bodied, with a fine cut of acidity through a gently creamy gloss, a distinctly saline character, toasted hazelnut, fine powdery texture, and plenty of zip and ripe lemon tang on the finish, and again hat brine flavour coming through.

