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Domaine Stéphane Magnien

Stéphane Magnien a repris en 2008 la suite de son père Jean-Paul sur ce petit domaine familial de Morey-Saint-Denis. Les vendanges 2020 ont eu lieu du 28 août au 3 septembre. La proportion de fûts neufs va de 15 % sur les villages à 35 % sur le Clos Saint-Denis. Avec 13 à 13,5 % d'alcool, les 2020 sont ici remarquables, des vins peu extraits et sans esbroufe, d'un grand naturel d'expression.

96/100

Rouge Clos-Saint-Denis Grand cru

Immédiatement élégant, ce vin juteux et pur s'exprime tout en finesse, avec éclat, tension et salinité qui se font écho, dans une expression racée de ce terroir. 162 €

95/100

Rouge Charmes-Chambertin Grand cru

Parcelle située dans Mazoyères. Notes de fruits rouges, fraises et épices au sein d'une matière svelte et charnue, au profil assez rigoureux, avec de la réserve et une carrure tannique en finale. 176 €

94/100

Rouge Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru Les Sentiers

Notes florales de violette, beaucoup de douceur de texture et de fraîcheur dans ce vin intègre et nuancé, déjà très épanoui grâce à ses tanins patinés. Un grand séducteur. 75 €

94/100

Rouge Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru Les Faconnières

Saveurs de cerise noire et de myrtille dans ce vin juteux, souple mais plein, déjà délicieux avec ses tanins savoureux et son allonge séveuse. 72 €

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93-94/100

Rouge Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru Cuvée Aux Petites Noix

Assemblage des Premiers crus Les Gruenchers et Clos Baulet, avec 15 % de vendange entière. Touche de poivre blanc, de végétal mûr dans cette matière dense et ferme, dans un registre frais mais plus introverti.

60 €

92-93/100

Rouge Chambolle-Musigny Vieille vigne

Vin charnu et fin, sérieux mais moins dense, déjà très élégant et doté d'une excellente fraîcheur. La profondeur de chair arrive en finale. 48 €

92/100

Rouge Morey-Saint-Denis Grains Fins

Assemblage de deux parcelles. Bouche friande, notes de fruits noirs et de noyau de cerise, matière séveuse et énergique, pleine de tonus. 37 €

92/100

Rouge Morey-Saint-Denis Vieilles vignes

Issu de vignes de plus de 55 ans plantées sur des sols argileux, ce vin dense est pourvu d'une matière ferme, avec de la carrure et de l'épaisseur. Il reste savoureux et équilibré grâce à la finesse de ses tanins. 35 €

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An Important Word about the Tasting Notes

99% of the following Burgundy notes are based on tastings conducted in October, November and December 2020. Note: finished in-bottle wines are assigned scores, as these wines are market-ready. Wines tasted from barrel are scored within a range, which simply reflects the reality that they are not finished, market-ready wines. The wines in the presentation boxes are listed alphabetically while the tasting notes are presented in the order that the winemaker chose to present the wines; this often is an indication as to the esteem in which the winemaker regards each wine.

Our policy on reviewing wines is simple: During domaine or winery visits, if a domaine or winery presents a wine for consideration, and it is to the best of our knowledge representative and has finished both its primary and secondary fermentations, then it is reviewed – no exceptions. So if, for example, you are looking at a range of 2018's from a specific Burgundian producer and you do not see a particular wine in the issue or database, it means that it was not presented for review and does NOT mean that it received an exceptionally poor score; it could also simply mean that the wine wasn't made in the first place. Either way, if a given wine is not in the database, it has not been reviewed. If you do not see any wines for any particular producer in a given year, then it means the wines were not reviewed – it does **NOT** mean they were reviewed but found to be uninspiring.

Note: Wines receiving a • symbol are particularly outstanding for their respective appellations and especially merit your attention; readers should note that *grands crus* stand on their own and never receive an arrow (which is a heart symbol in the database).

Burghound.com 2020 Vintage Selections

The "Top Value Wines" are those that are generally available in the marketplace at a price point of no more than approximately \$100 US; prices do of course vary from one country to another and even within those countries, they can vary widely, especially now with the fluctuation of many currencies. The "Sweet Spot Wines" section addresses the wide gulf

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between the under \$100 Top Value wines and the generally over \$250 “Don’t Miss Wines”; note that I have tried to layer these selections to portray a representative range between the two price points. The “Don’t Miss” wines are chosen based on sheer quality alone with price or availability having no effect on their selection. The reviews for each of these selections can be found in the corresponding producer section and will also be available via the searchable database.

Domaine Stéphane Magnien (Morey-St. Denis)

2020	> Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes	red	(89-91)
2020	Chambolle-Musigny “Les Sentiers” 1er	red	(90-92)
2020	Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	red	(92-94)
2020	Clos St. Denis Grand Cru	red	(92-95)
2020	> Coteaux Bourguignons – Pur Pinot Noir	red	(86-89)
2020	Coteaux Bourguignons – Tradition	red	(86-88)
2020	Morey St. Denis Vieilles Vignes	red	(88-91)
2020	> Morey St. Denis – Cuvée Aux Petites Noix 1er	red	(91-93)
2020	> Morey St. Denis “Faconnières” 1er	red	(91-93)
2020	Morey St. Denis – Grain Fin	red	(88-90)
2020	> Morey St. Denis “Monts Luisants” 1er	red	(91-94)

This small domaine comprises only 4.5 ha but has some lovely appellations. It is currently managed by the fourth generation of the Magnien family, namely Stéphane Magnien. New wood ranges from 15 to 35% and the style is traditional without being truly old school. There are some lovely wines fashioned in 2020 and several of them are worth your interest. Coincidentally, for those subscribers who read French, there is an excellent historical work entitled “Vignerons à Gevrey-Chambertin 1847 – 1952” that was written by Stéphane’s older sister Christine. It is available from the excellent Beaune-based book seller Athenaeum (disclosure: as always, Burghound.com does not benefit from this recommendation). (Jeanne-Marie de Champs, www.ds-collection.com, NY and Latitude Wines, CA, USA).

2020 Coteaux Bourguignons – Tradition: (a 50/50 blend of gamay and pinot). A very fresh pepper-inflected dark berry fruit nose slides into supple, delicious and vibrant flavors that conclude in a mildly rustic and sneaky long finish. To enjoy basically upon release. (86-88)/2022+

2020 Coteaux Bourguignons – Pur Pinot Noir: There is sufficient reduction present to dominate the underlying fruit. The more refined and slightly denser middle weight flavors offer better depth and persistence on the more structured finale. There is just more here, and this will need at least a year or two of keeping first. (86-89)/2024+

2020 Morey St. Denis – Grain Fin: (from Bas de Chenevery and Crais Gillon). A markedly earthier blend reflects notes of plum, dark raspberry and violet. There is better volume and mid-palate density to the attractively textured medium-bodied flavors that offer a bit more depth and persistence on the bitter pit fruit-inflected and mildly rustic finale. (88-90)/2025+

2020 Morey St. Denis Vieilles Vignes: (from Les Cognées and Clos Solon). A slightly riper mix is comprised by various dark berries, spice and newly turned earth. There is again a bit more volume and density to the delicious flavors that also display a hint of bitter pit fruit character on the sneaky long and nicely balanced finale. (88-91)/2027+

2020 Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes: (from vines planted in 1902 in Aux Athées). A spicier and slightly more floral nose displays aromas of cassis, black cherry coulis and a variety of floral elements. The finer medium weight flavors possess a bit more mid-palate density as the old vines are in evidence, especially on the sappy and palate coating finish that exhibits excellent length for a *villages*-level wine. Worth considering. (89-91)/2027+

2020 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Sentiers”: Earthy and spicy aromas of fresh and bright red and dark berries complement the highly energetic and beautifully detailed flavors that exude an appealing bead of minerality on the lingering, youthfully austere and balanced finale. This bitter pit fruit-inflected effort will need to add depth to merit the upper-end of my projected range. (90-92)/2030+

2020 Morey St. Denis “Faconnières”: Even earthier dark berry aromas are laced with spice, floral and smoke nuances. The delicious and solidly concentrated middle weight plus flavors coat the palate with dry extract that also buffers the firm

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tannic spine supporting the impressively long finale. This is lovely with excellent power though a wine that is going to require at least some patience. One to consider. (91-93)/2032+

2020 Morey St. Denis – Cuvée Aux Petites Noix: (from a .26 ha parcel in Les Gruenchers and another .12 ha in Clos Baulet; 15% whole clusters). Moderate reduction dominates the underlying fruit today. Otherwise, there is good volume to the round and succulent medium-bodied flavors that exude a subtle bead of minerality on the robust, powerful and quite serious finish that is youthfully austere and impressively persistent. I very much like the depth and this should easily reward a decade plus of cellaring. (91-93)/2032+

2020 Morey St. Denis “Monts Luisants”: (from a .15 ha parcel). A more elegant and cooler nose reflects notes of red berry coulis, violet and a hint of wood. The equally elegant, pure and refined mineral-driven middle weight flavors possess excellent punch on the harmonious, sneaky long and beautifully well-balanced finale. Lovely juice with excellent potential. (91-94)/2030+

2020 Charmes-Chambertin: (from the lower part of Mazoyères). Slightly riper aromas of black cherry, raspberry, newly turned earth and hints of the *sauvage* are trimmed in just enough wood to notice. There is once again fine volume to the delicious, concentrated and sappy flavors that coat the palate on the impressively long finish that flashes focused power and a touch of youthful austerity. This too is very good. (92-94)/2032+

2020 Clos St. Denis: (from Clos St. Denis proper). Here too reduction dominates the underlying fruit. More interesting are the dense but notably finer middle weight plus flavors that brim with sappy dry extract on the hugely long, powerful and balanced finish that is supported by lovely fine-grained tannins. This is a very classy and harmonious effort. (92-95)/2032+

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Stéphane began picking in two plots on 27th August, though the real start was on 28th, the same as in 2003. Yields are down by 40% so around 30 hl/ha in all. Everything measured between 13 and 13.5% alcohol, largely thanks to the high proportion of old pinot stock vines. All the wines had been racked to tank during the second half of October. This is a discreet domaine, hidden away behind the church, producing rather lovely wines.

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Red

- 2020, Coteaux Bourguignons, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 86-87 ***
This is the version of Coteaux Bourguignons that mixes pinot and gamay. Fine brisk purple, not much nose as yet, spicy peppery plum fruit, high acidity as is typical with gamay. Pleasing finish. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Coteaux Bourguignons “Pur Pinot Noir”, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 86-88 ****
Two thirds aged in older wood, one third in tank, currently showing a little more carbon dioxide in the sample. Rich vibrant purple in colour, with quite an energetic if undetailed nose. Firm fruit at the back, ripe raspberry behind, showing some Morey structure in Stéphane’s opinion. A Coteaux Bourguignons which can be kept. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Morey-St-Denis Grains Fins, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 89-91 ***
Made from two younger plots in a draining soil. Bright purple with darker centre. A little reduction here. Plenty of energy, concentrated dark red fruit, with a certain bite to it. Has kept fresh despite the sunshine summer. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Morey-St-Denis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 90-92 ****
From Les Cognées and Clos Solon, 55 years plus and more clay in the soil. A darker purple and the fruit, more massive but fresh. Much more structure compared to the Grains Fins bottling, more classic Morey for Stéphane. Needs a lot more time but will certainly get there. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 87-89 ***
Very dark colour with purple rim. Slightly more sun on the fruit here compared to the two village wines from Morey St-Denis, the palate is all in dark raspberry, good acidity, but the fruit does not quite carry through so well. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers 1er Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 92-94 ****
From old vines at the top of the vineyard. Rich dense black purple. The nose is fresher but restrained. Some roses and peonies here as well as red fruit. A good kernel of dark intensive cherry fruit, light tannins and some acidity to finish. Balanced and full of energy. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Morey-St-Denis Les Faconnières 1er Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 87-90 **
Deeper purple, a darker fruit, with a weight which is impressive and the characteristic good acid balance of the vintage. On today’s showing I do not quite find the purity of fruit that is evident in the rest of the cellar. May be temporary. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Morey-St-Denis “Cuvée Aux Petites Noix” 1er Cru, Stéphane Magnien** 92-95 ****
A blend from Gruenchers and Clos Baulet, with 10-15% whole bunch. Not black, but a deep and concentrated purple. Some blackcurrant leaf. An explosion of fruit in the mouth, dark and luscious, very well balanced. Then the white pepper tingle but the fruit comes back beautifully behind. Very lovely. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Morey-St-Denis Les Monts Luisants 1er Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 92-94 ****
A glowing fresh purple. The bouquet too emphasises a fresh quality of lifted raspberry fruit. Then a riper more luxurious style in the mouth. Very lovely, but there is only a barrel and a half. Profound and with peps says Stéphane. Certainly persistent. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 94-97 ****
In Mazoyères, planted in 1985. Fine rich purple. This is super succulent right across the palate, a really successful example of a classical and radiant Charmes. More raspberry than strawberry fruit with a long, balanced finish. Tasted: December 2021
- 2020, Clos St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien** 95-98 *****
60 year old vines in the centre of the appellation. More clay than in the Faconnières below. Very intense purple and massive density in a very good way. Serious but with elegance thinks Stéphane. I find his 2020 Clos St-Denis immaculate, nuanced, graceful and then with this awesome burst of flavour at the back, the hedonistic side of this grand cru. Tasted: December 2021

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