



2013 white Burgundies

2013 Bourgogne Chardonnay Secret de Famille: 87

TOP VALUE WINE

Attractively fresh, bright and distinctly cool aromas of citrus, apple, Asian-style tea and soft floral nuances. There is equally good freshness and vibrancy to the refreshing middle weight flavors that terminate in a clean, bone dry and citrusy finish. This is almost Chablis-like in the sense of its crisp acidity and while it does boast the same minerality or iodine characters, this is one to consider if you enjoy a racy style. 2016+

2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Terrasses" Château-Gris: 88

An ever-so-slightly exotic nose displays hint of honeysuckle on the dried yellow orchard fruit suffused aromas. There is excellent richness and fine mid-palate fat to the medium weight flavors that possess just enough supporting acidity to maintain the balance on the attractively dry finale. This isn't especially complex but I like the refreshing style. Note that this should drink well almost immediately. 2016+

2013 Meursault *Domaine du Pavillon*: 89

TOP VALUE WINE

(from 5 different lieux-dits spread around the commune). A discreet application of wood sets off a very Meursault-like nose of both white and yellow orchard fruit, hazelnut and once again soft floral nuances. There is a gorgeous texture to the utterly delicious and lightly mineral-inflected medium-bodied flavors that possess good underlying tension on the equally crisp finish though here it is not quite so dry. This is also a really lovely effort that is worth a look. 2018+

2013 Meursault "Les Charmes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 92

SWEET SPOT WINE

Very pretty aromas of mostly ripe yellow orchard fruit along with subtle spice, acacia blossom and a hint of wood toast. There is outstanding intensity to the taut and well-focused medium weight flavors that exude a subtle minerality onto the linear and markedly dry finale. This will need a few years to flesh out and become more civilized but if you have the patience to wait a few years, this would be a good cellaring candidate. Recommended. 2020+

2013 Puligny-Montrachet: 89

TOP VALUE WINE

As one would reasonably expect this is notably more elegant with its pretty array of acacia blossom, apple and spiced tea-like nuances. I very much like the mouth feel of the utterly delicious and lightly mineral inflected middle weight flavors that possess solid complexity and even better length. This is also quite crisp and energetic with good balance that should enable it to reward 5 to 7 years of cellaring. 2019+

2013 Chassagne-Montrachet: 89

TOP VALUE WINE

A pungent nose of reduction and petrol notes strongly suggests that this would benefit from a few minutes in a decanter if you're tempted to try a bottle young. Otherwise there is very good tension and delineation to the medium weight flavors that deliver fine depth and very solid length for a villages level Chassagne. Moreover this is notably finer than the average example and while I wouldn't describe this as a wine of finesse, it's certainly not rustic. 2019+

2013 Chassagne-Montrachet "Morgeot": 91

Subtle but not invisible wood serves as a relatively neutral backdrop for the perfumed aromas of pear, herbal tea, white peach and discreet petrol nuances. There is both excellent volume and richness to the medium-bodied flavors that possess very good mid-palate concentration as well as fine length. If there is a nit it's that this is presently not particularly complex but given the quality of the underlying material, my score envisions this adding depth as it ages. 2020+

2013 Chassagne-Montrachet "Vide Bourse": 91

A more elegant and ever-so-slightly riper nose offers up notes of white peach, dried apricot and petrol along with traces of spice and floral nuances. There is more volume still to the palate drenching middle weight plus flavors that possess a textured, indeed almost oily mouth feel before terminating in a lingering and balanced finish. This is a big Vide Bourse yet there is no sense of undue weight or heaviness and note that this should drink well young if desired. 2019+

2013 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet: 92

A mildly tropical but still ultra-fresh nose is comprised by white peach, apricot, mango and exotic Asian-style tea nuances. The lush, round and delicious large-scaled flavors possess fine mid-palate density along with solid persistence on the very rich and palate coating finish. 2020+

2013 Bâtard-Montrachet: 93

(from the Puligny side). Like the Criots there is a hint of tropical character to the equally fresh array of various yellow orchard fruit, lavender and mango scents. This too possesses a lush and opulent mouth feel but with even more size, weight and power together with even better complexity and persistence. This is also big and bold but it is not without a certain refinement. This should repay up to a decade of cellaring yet drink well relatively early too. 2021+

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