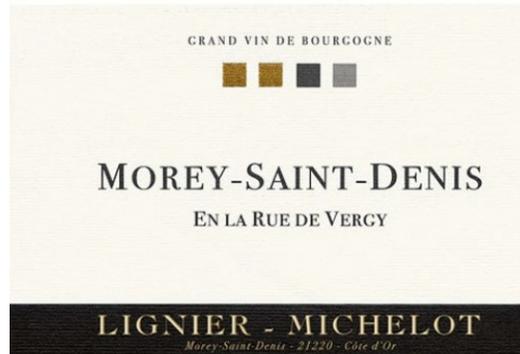


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Lignier-Michelot (Organic)

Morey St Denis, Cotes de Nuits, Burgundy

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Following notes from Burghound Jan. 2016

2014 Morey Saint Denis rouge “En la rue de Vergy” - this vineyard holding sits directly above Grand cru Clos de Tart quite high on the slope bordering Bonnes Mares on the southern Chambolle-Musigny border and Clos des Lambrays on the northern border. The resulting wine shows remarkable energy and dimension. A stunning village wine. *“(30% whole cluster). Here there is a menthol note sitting atop the slightly riper yet cool aromas of cassis, violet and plum. The palate impression of the medium-bodied flavors isn’t quite as concentrated but it is finer with really lovely delineation to the mineral -inflected, balanced and lingering finish. Recommended. (89-91)/2020+”* Burghound.com January 2016

2014 Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes (from 50+ year old vines, 50% whole cluster). *There is a top note of menthol to the essence of red cherry liqueur, spice and pretty floral nuances. The impressively rich middle weight flavors possess excellent volume as the old vines are very much in evidence, all wrapped in a velvety, sappy and moderately firm finale. This relatively robust effort will need a few years of cellaring first but should drink well on the earlier side. (88-91)/2021+*

2014 Gevrey Chambertin - comes mostly from a parcel of old vines in Les Seuvrees which borders on to Grand cru Charmes Chambertin close to the Morey St Denis border. *“(from Les Seuvrées and Les Murots; 40% whole cluster). There is plenty of Gevrey character to the distinctly earthy and notably animale dark currant, floral and underbrush suffused nose. There is excellent intensity to the dense, serious and vibrant medium weight flavors that possess fine delineation on the powerful yet seductively textured finish that displays just a hint of rusticity. This too delivers fine quality for its level. (89-91)/2019+”*

2014 Morey Saint Denis 1er cru “Aux Chezeaux” - joins directly on to Grand cru Charmes Chambertin *“(90% whole cluster). A discreet application of wood sets off the ripe, fresh and layered combination of plum, violet, spice and soft game-inflected aromas. There is good volume and intensity to the attractively muscular and stony medium-bodied flavors that display strikingly good depth on the impressively long, clean and dry-in-the-best sense finish. Lovely and this too should be approachable young. (90-93)/2022+”*

2014 Morey Saint Denis 1er cru “Les Faconnieres” - a beautifully sited vineyard located just below the ‘heart’ of Clos de la Roche *“(from 60+ year old vines, 50% whole cluster). An expressive, dense and markedly floral nose is quite ripe but with good freshness on the red and dark berry fruit, earthy and gamy aromas. There is terrific power and concentration to the stony, muscular and mouth coating large-scaled flavors that deliver huge length on the impressively complex and youthfully austere finale. This is outstanding though patience will be required. (91-93)/2024+”*

2014 Nuits St Georges 1er cru “aux Murgers” - just 3 barrels produced yielding one of the most perfumed and seductive Burgundies imaginable. *“(released under the Maison Virgile Lignier label, 30% whole cluster). Here too there are notes of menthol and wood on the ultra-earthly and spicy aromas of game and various purple fruit scents. The robust and tautly muscular broad-shouldered flavours possess excellent mid-palate concentration before terminating in a quite firmly structured but not really austere finish. Once again patience will be required as this is tightly structured. (91-94)/2026+”*

2014 Charmes Chambertin - *“(from purchased fruit released under the Maison Virgile Lignier label; 50% whole cluster). A somber, cool and very restrained nose offers up notes of plum, dark berries and pungent earth, all of which is trimmed in discreet hints of wood toast and menthol. There is good muscle to the powerful and almost painfully intense big-bodied flavors that offer excellent richness and drive on the strikingly long and seductively textured finish where a touch of bitter cherry surfaces. While this should easily reward 10 to 12 years of bottle age it should also drink reasonably well after only 5 to 7. (91-94)/2024+”*

2014 Clos St Denis - *“(from purchased fruit and released under the Maison Virgile Lignier label, 80% whole cluster). Firm reduction renders the nose impossible to assess. Otherwise there is excellent freshness and energy to the sleek and notably finer middle weight flavors that exhibit a subtle minerality on the balanced, harmonious and wonderfully persistent finish. This highly complex effort is superbly classy and should amply reward 12 to 15 years of cellar time. Lovely. (92-95)/2026+”*

2014 Clos de la Roche - *“(from a .27 ha parcel, most of which is young vines of 15+ years of age though there is a parcel approximating 15% of the total with ~40 years of age, 80% whole cluster). Once again notes of wood and menthol are present on the intensely earthy and gamy aromas of red currant, violet and discreet spice elements. The medium weight plus flavors are bigger, richer and more powerful but notably less fine than those of the CSD while possessing a velvety, even lush mouth feel, all wrapped in a highly seductive, balanced and very firmly structured finale. This too should age well but be approachable after only 7 to 8 years of age. (92-94)/2029+”*

"I feel that 2013 is in some way the vintage where Virgile "cracked it" and will surely set the tone for what is to follow." Burghound

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In the last few vintages Virgile has modified his winemaking using whole-bunch vinification ranging from 30-100% depending on the vintage and the vineyard and he has also reduced the percentage of new oak for maturation with most wines seeing around 30% making its effect seamless in the final wines. He has also just completed a new winery that now enables him to work with temperature control and to gain a very gentle extraction of tannins for all his wines. This results in wines showing great energy with remarkable perfume and also beautiful fine tannins and very silky structure. They are wines which are often very seductive at a young age which also clearly have the potential for ageing superbly. This very young domaine is now regarded among the very best in the Cotes de Nuits.



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2013 Morey Saint Denis 1er cru "Aux Chezeaux" - joins directly on to Grand cru Charmes Chambertin *"(100% whole cluster). This is markedly floral with green tea elements adding breadth to the raspberry, red currant and earth aromas. There is fine richness to the round and once again seductively textured medium weight flavors that possess seriously good complexity and impressive length on the ever-so-mildly rustic finale. The palate impression is firm without being stiff and thanks to all of the dry extract this should actually be approachable on the younger side if desired. (90-92)/2021+"* Burghound.com January 2015

2013 Nuits St Georges 1er cru "aux Murgers" - just 3 barrels produced yielding one of the most perfumed and seductive Burgundies imaginable. *"(released under the Maison Virgile Lignier label, 30% whole cluster). All but invisible wood sets off a spicy, fresh and cool nose that is composed by notes of assorted red berries, dried flowers and touches of game and earth. There is fine volume to the lush, even opulent middle weight flavors that manage to retain reasonably good detail on the mineral-inflected, intense and wonderfully long finale. This delivers excellent quality with a bit more size. (91-93)/2021+"* Burghound.com January 2015

2013 Clos de la Roche - *"(from a .27 ha parcel, most of which is young vines of 15+ years of age though there is a parcel approximating 15% of the total with ~40 years of age, 80% whole cluster). Here too there is a backdrop of wood framing the very fresh and ripe aromas of black berry liqueur, plum, earth and discreet sauvage elements. The dense, powerful and brooding big-bodied flavors possess excellent mid-palate concentration along with a lovely sense of vibrancy as the intensity does a slow crescendo to the explosively long and muscular finish. Classic Clos de la Roche that is not only built-to-age but will absolutely require it. (92-95)/2028+"* Burghound.com Jan 2015

2012 Clos de la Roche - *"(from a .27 ha parcel, most of which is young vines of 15+ years of age though there is a parcel approximating 15% of the total with ~40 years of age, 50% whole cluster). There is gorgeous complexity to the tea and floral scented aromas of spice, earth and sauvage infused dark berry fruit. The punchy and intense big-bodied flavors possess a subtle touch of minerality as well as fine concentration, all wrapped in a linear and wonderfully long finish. This is a seriously powerful yet refined wine that should amply repay long-term cellaring and in fact it will demand it as it won't be a good candidate for early consumption. In a word, terrific. 94/2027+"* Burghound.com Jan 2015

"..Lignier's 2012's are super impressive for their overall harmony and sense of balance." Antonio Galloni