

Decanter

Passion for Pinot Burgundy 2018 & New World stars

Top 2018 Côte Chalonnaise & Mâconnais en primeur wines



Mercurey Vieilles Vignes, 2018

Manu Bautista is making some of the most expressive, complex, ageworthy reds in the Côte Chalonnaise right now. This is only a village red, albeit it one from 35 to 50-year-old vines, but it's wonderfully crunchy, fresh and elegant, showing racy acidity, bright black cherry and raspberry fruit and a sheen of 20% new wood. Fantastic value. Drinking Window 2022 – 2028

Tasted by **Tim Atkin MW**

Mercurey 1er Cru En Sazenay, 2018

That's elegance for you,' says Manu Bautista as he pours a sample from one of his beloved Chassin barrels. Very subtly oaked, as his wines tend to be, this is wonderfully floral and engaging, with lots of tangy, mouthwatering red berry and watermelon fruit, fine-boned tannins and plenty of texture and weight. Classy Mercurey. Drinking Window 2022 – 2028

Tasted by **Tim Atkin MW**



Mercurey 1er Cru Clos du Roy, 2018

Classed in the top 10 value red Burgundy 2018 wines

Tonnellier Stéphane Chassin makes bespoke barrels for this wonderful Mercurey Premier Cru red and so he should given the quality of the wine from this 0.55ha plot of 40-year-old Pinot Noir. Floral, perfumed and very well balanced, it's one of those sites that combines weight, colour and fruit intensity with fine tannins and vivid, refreshing acidity. Hard to beat in the Côte Chalonnaise in 2018. Drinking Window 2024 – 2030

Tasted by **Tim Atkin MW**

