

Tasting Report: Burgundies and Thanks for the Memories

WHITES

Jean-Philippe Fichet \$27 ★★★½
Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes 2008

Fresh, vibrant and delicious with rich texture and balanced, lingering mineral flavors. (A Rare Wine Company Selection/Vieux Vins, Vineburg, Calif.)

Benoît Ente Bourgogne 2008 \$32 ★★★

Tightly coiled and pure with fresh flavors of apples, minerals and oak. (A Becky Wasserman Selection/U.S.A. Wine Imports, New York)

BEST VALUE

Thierry & Pascale Matrot \$18 ★★½
Bourgogne 2008

Lean and firm with savory aromas of lemon, herbs and minerals. (Vineyard Brands, Birmingham, Ala.)

Joseph Faiveley Bourgogne 2008 \$17 ★★½

Well-knit with long, lingering flavors of herbs, citrus and earth. (Wilson-Daniels, St. Helena, Calif.)

Bernard Moreau & Fils \$27 ★★½
Bourgogne 2008

Racy and round with flavors of hazelnut, citrus and apples. (The Sortington Table, Napa, Calif.)

REDS

BEST VALUE

Billard-Gonnet Bourgogne \$17 ★★★
Vieilles Vignes 2008

Aromas and flavors of sweet red fruit, herbs, flowers and minerals. (Vintage Trading, New York)

Gérard Mugneret Bourgogne 2008 \$25 ★★½

Aromas of earthy red fruit, silky texture and prominent acidity. (A Becky Wasserman Selection/Polaner Selections)

Virgile Lignier-Michelot \$23 ★★½
Bourgogne 2008

Intense fruit flavors with cinnamon and mineral accents. (A Becky Wasserman Selection/Polaner Selections)

Domaine Roulot Bourgogne 2008 \$30 ★★½

Flavors of red fruit, herbs and dried flowers with plenty of acidity. (Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, Berkeley, Calif.)

Marchand Frères Bourgogne \$17 ★★½
Vieilles Vignes 2008

Full-bodied with lingering flavors of red fruit and more than a touch of oak. (Margate Wines and Spirits, Atlantic City.)

WHAT THE STARS MEAN:

Ratings, up to four stars, reflect the panel's reaction to the wines, which were tasted with names and vintages concealed. The wines represent a selection generally available in good retail shops and restaurants and on the Internet. Prices are those paid in shops in the New York region.

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