

Vin Vino Wine

BOTTLE SHOP & TASTING BAR

2013 Red Burgundies

SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF

**on purchases of six or more bottles of 2013 Red Burgundies
through December 31, 2017**

NOTE: accurate as of 10/13/17

Allen Meadows on 2013 Red Burgundies: “The Kind of Vintage that I Absolutely Love”

“Belle échappée in French means a narrow or lucky escape from what looked to be all but certain disaster. Grower after grower in the Côte de Nuits riffed off of this one theme that they were not only fortunate but actually down right lucky to have made anything respectable let alone in many cases very fine burgundies. This has in a way become a common theme because when you consider the growing seasons of 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012, every one of them presented their fair share of challenges, even if those challenges were not cut from the same cloth, particularly since 2013 had the latest harvest date in the last 35 years!

*Before I address those challenges in more detail, I always like to get right to the point as to wine quality in my vintage summaries. And the short answer is that quality is highly, even frustratingly variable, ranging from the awful, to the acceptable, to the excellent and in a very few cases, to the genuinely sublime. **But I will say that 2013 is the kind of vintage that I absolutely love. It's a burg geek's vintage par excellence. The best wines are superbly fresh and transparent as the underlying terroir is truly on parade.** In fact I would go so far as to say that the terroir is so crystalline in 2013 that if nonbelievers are not persuaded by the transparency of the 2013s then they are never going to be. But laser beam-like definition is not all there is, as the wines are strikingly refreshing and while “fun” is often used as a pejorative descriptor when discussing “serious” wines, the 2013s are quite simply fun to drink. In fact, one of my favorite Burgundian sayings when describing especially appealing or interesting wines is that “le premier verre appelle le deuxième” or the first glass calls for the second; 2013 is the epitome of that sentiment.*

While I have in a sense already given away how the thrill ride that was the 2013 growing season and harvest ended, this mostly happy ending was anything but assured. In fact, 2013 was so arduous one grower quipped that “2012 was the most difficult vintage that I have ever experienced....until 2013 arrived!” To make matters worse, in many cases the yields in 2013 were even smaller than they were in 2012 and remember that the yields in 2012 were generally the lowest since 2003.

As was also the case in 2012 that despite all of the problems, the quality of the raw materials, and the resulting wines, are not only good but in many cases excellent. The 2013s are ultra-fresh and concentrated wines with ripe and moderately firm supporting tannins and bright but not aggressive acidities that contribute to their highly refreshing finishes. If there is one aspect of the 2013 vintage that could be nominated as the biggest surprise of all, it would be just how good the phenolic maturities are, at least among those growers that waited to pick (which as I will discuss in more detail wasn't always easy to do). Sugar ripeness levels in terms of potential alcohols were actually pretty modest at between 11 and 12%. Usually there is good to very good phenolic maturity then there are solid sugar levels too, but that wasn't necessarily the case in 2013; indeed most wines were chaptalized at least .5% and 1 to 1.5% wasn't rare.

*2013 produced many really lovely wines that should provide for delicious drinking early on yet be capable of amply rewarding mid-term cellaring and in a few cases, they will be long-lived if perhaps not as long-lived as the 2010s or 2012s. **The best 2013s are a joy to drink, not only because they are delicious, but also because they are capable of appealing to the intellect as well.** I hesitate to call them the “thinking person's burgundies” but there is an element of that in the wines. To craft another comparison, they are stylistically about as far away from 2009 as one can get and still have ripe wines. To this end, if 2012 is some rough combination of 2009 and 2010, then 2013 is like a riper and better balanced 2008 or perhaps a less powerful and more approachable 2010.”*

– Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
<u>DOMAINE ARLAUD – MOREY-SAINT-DENIS</u>		
2013 Morey-Saint-Denis “Les Ruchots” (Arlaud)	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>“There is good ripeness to the structural elements underpinning the rich, delicious and palate coating flavors that deliver fine depth and length on the well-balanced finish. Note that this is more robust than usual and will also require some patience to allow the relatively firm tannins to mellow. 2023+ (90-92/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
<u>BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS – BEAUNE</u>		
2013 Beaune “Clos de la Mousse” (Bouchard)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
<i>“Healthy dark red. Expressive aromas of cassis, black cherry, violet, licorice and oak. Then juicy, tight and dry in the mouth; nicely concentrated. Firm acidity gives the wine sharp definition but the solid tannic spine gives the finish a youthful toughness. In a closed stage at the moment and likely to require several years of bottle aging upon its release. 2021-2028 (87-89/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
<u>DOMAINE ROBERT CHEVILLON – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES</u>		
2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Vieilles Vignes” (Robert Chevillon)	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
<i>“The expressive nose is deeply pitched with earth and humus character adding depth to the very fresh nose of dark currant aromas. There is good verve and delineation to the medium-bodied flavors that possess a seductive mouth feel thanks to the velvety and persistent finish. Lovely stuff that will be approachable young if desired. 2018+ (87-90/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com”</i>		
<u>DOMAINE DUBREUIL-FONTAINE – PERNAND-VERGELESSES</u>		
2013 Beaune “Les Montrevenots” (Dubreuil-Fontaine).....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
<i>“An essence of red pinot fruit nose is appealingly fresh with a hint of spice that can also be found on the delicious, energetic and detailed middle weight flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the firm, muscular and mildly rustic finish that delivers good depth and persistence. 2018+ (88/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2013 Corton “Les Perrieres” (Dubreuil-Fontaine).....	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
<i>“A markedly more complex and notably more sauvage mélange of both red and dark currant is copiously fortified with notes humus, forest floor and smoke. There is excellent volume and plenty of muscular punch to the big-bodied flavors that terminate in a robust, serious, moderately tannic and solidly persistent finish. Corton-Perrières is usually one of the more rustic of the Corton grands crus and this example won't persuade anyone otherwise. 2023+ (91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
<u>DOMAINE VINCENT GIRARDIN – MEURSAULT</u>		
2013 Santenay “Les Gravières” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2013 Gevrey-Chambertin “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
2013 Corton “Les Perrieres” (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>“Bright ruby-red. Deep, sexy nose melds cassis, smoked meat, underbrush, mocha and medicinal herbs. Very rich, supple and concentrated, with strong saline soil tones complicating the dark berry and spice flavors. Leaves the retronasal passage ringing with spices on the long, ripely tannic finish. Germain described this wine as "similar to the Volnay Champans but longer." 2021-2030 (91-93/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
<u>HENRI GOUGES – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES</u>		
2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges (Henri Gouges)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
<i>“There is good freshness and energy to the supple and round medium-bodied flavors that possess only a touch of backend rusticity on the complex, balanced and impressively persistent finish for a villages level wine. This is really quite good for what it is and worth your attention. 2019+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Clos des Porrets” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<i>“There is outstanding volume and density to the almost painfully intense middle weight flavors that exhibit notably better minerality on the generously proportioned, powerful and exceptionally long finish. This provides an interesting contrast in textures as the mid-palate is supple thanks to the relatively fine-grained tannins yet the linear finish is robust to the point of rusticity. Note too that despite the fine grain of the tannins they are dense and firm so patience will be required. 2023+ (90-93/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		

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2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Pruliers” (Henri Gouges)..... \$ 125.00 **\$ 106.25**
*“There is good power and punch to the very round but imposing medium weight plus flavors that possess a sleek muscularity before culminating in a lightly mineral-inflected, palate coating and impressively persistent finish. I very much like the complexity though it's clear that this very firmly structured effort is going to require an extended stay in a cool cellar. **Classic Pruliers.** 2025+ (91-93/100)”*
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE THIBAUT LIGER-BELAIR – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

2013 Moulin-a-Vent “Vieilles Vignes” (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 36.00 **\$ 30.60**
“There is good freshness and verve to the dense and structured medium-bodied flavors thanks to the abundant amount of dry extract, all wrapped in a powerful, serious and long finish. This is a rustic and old school Moulin-a-Vent but if you have the patience this is well worth your attention. 2020+ (89-91/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2013 Moulin-a-Vent “La Roche” (Liger-Belair) \$ 45.00 **\$ 38.25**

2013 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 165.00 **\$ 140.25**
“A floral, cool and unusually airy nose offers up notes of plum, red berries and pungent earth that exhibits barely discernible hints of wood spice. There is good muscle to the powerful and almost painfully intense big-bodied flavors that offer excellent richness and drive on the strikingly long, well-balanced and beautifully well-delineated finish. 2025+ (91-94/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2013 Clos Vougeot (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 265.00 **\$ 225.25**
“There is excellent volume to the impressively rich and punchy medium weight plus flavors that deliver very fine length on the energetic, firm and quite serious finish that is a bit less youthfully austere than usual. This is blessed with good underlying material and should mature well. 2025+ (91-94/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE DE MONTILLE – VOLNAY

2013 Beaune “Les Sizies” (de Montille) \$ 75.00 **\$ 63.75**
“An expressive and deeply pitched nose is composed by notes of dark currant, earth, violets and forest floor. There is solid density and intensity to the vibrant, detailed and lightly mineral-inflected medium weight flavors that exhibit only a touch of austerity on the finish. The tannins are angular but ripe and this should reward mid-term cellaring. 2019+ (89-91/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com