



### **Domaine Faiveley**

#### **2006 Beaune Clos de L'Ecu**

Good medium red. High-toned, aromatic nose shows mint, menthol and some unabsorbed oakiness, along with a whiff of licorice. Then juicy and surprisingly pliant and sweet, with ripe black cherry and licorice flavors nicely framed by substantial but sweet tannins.

**87-89 Points**

#### **2006 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Saints-Georges**

Bright ruby-red. Knockout nose melds flowers, minerals, smoke, musky game and a primary berry element like crushed grapes. Superrich and silky, with an exhilarating tangy quality and the balance and length of a grand cru. Subtle smoky nuances on the very long finish, which features lush, thoroughly buffered tannins.

**91-93 Points**

#### **2006 Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuees**

Dark red. Lower-pitched, more soil-inflected aromas of brown spices, mocha, game and. Then suave, dry and youthfully closed in the mouth, with red fruit flavors lifted by a peppery nuance. Less expressive today, but this has a sappy, peppery intensity at its core. Best today on the very brisk, dry finish, which throws off notes of spice and earth.

**90-92 Points**

#### **2006 Gevrey-Chambertin La Combe aux Moines**

Medium red. Aromatic nose offers cherry, red berries, licorice and mint. Pure, precise and penetrating, with high-pitched, fruit-driven flavors of red berries, spices and minerals. Not at all an animal style of Combe aux Moines. Finishes with noteworthy subtlety and sweet tannins.

**89-92 Points**

#### **2006 Clos Vougeot**

Good deep red-ruby color. Medicinal black cherry, licorice and flowers on the nose, lifted by a peppery note. Suave, juicy and firm, with black cherry flavors complicated by sweet spices. This expands impressively on the back half, finishing with terrific length, finesse and spicy grip.

**92-94 Points**

### **2006 Mazis-Chambertin**

Deep red. Musky, wild small berries, brown spices, minerals and game on the complex nose. Suave, silky and sweet, but with noteworthy energy to its tactile saline, earth and mineral flavors. Much less about pinot fruit than about soil. This uncoils slowly on the back half, with the tannins arriving very late.

**92-95 Points**

### **2006 Chambertin Clos de Beze**

Deep red-ruby. Pure but reticent nose hints at wild berries, crushed stone and dried flowers. Pure, pungent, sappy and almost painfully young today, with terrific intensity to its tight core of berry, mineral, floral and spice flavors. Finishes with outstanding palate-saturating length. This is likely to be one of the longer-lived wines of this vintage.

**93-96 Points**

### **2006 Corton-Clos des Corton**

Good deep red-ruby. Explosive, exotic nose offers red cherry, red licorice and mint. Huge and sweet, but with outstanding verve and lift for a wine of this dimension. Powerful red fruit flavors are punched up by pungent iodiney minerality, giving this wine outstanding energy. A great sappy essence of pinot noir in the making, and very long on the aftertaste, with tannins that are amazingly suave for Corton.

**93-96 Points**

### **2005 Nuits-Georges Les Saint-Georges**

Good bright, dark red-ruby. Brooding, powerful nose opens slowly with air to reveal cassis, chocolate and floral elements. Pure, deep and rich in extract, with terrific verve and definition to its chewy dark fruit flavors. In a dense, powerful style with the structure for a long life in bottle, but already sappy-sweet and fine-grained.

**91+ Points**

### **2005 Gevery-Chambertin La Combe aux Moines**

Good deep red. Reticent nose hints at strawberry, underbrush and smoky oak. A bit sullen in the mouth, hinting at sweet red fruits but showing some rather raw oak notes that have the upper hand today. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins.

**89 Points**

### **2005 Gevery-Chambertin Les Cazetiers**

Good deep red. Much fruitier on the nose than the Combe aux Moines, with raspberry and strawberry aromas nicely lifted by spicy oak and exotic flowers. Then juicy, fresh and penetrating, with a tight core of red fruit and mineral flavors nicely framed by ripe acidity. With time in the glass, this showed a creamier texture and serious but sweet tannins.

**90+ Points**

### **2005 Echezeaux**

Medium, bright red. Nose dominated by marzipan, herbs and spicy oak. Hints at sweet red fruits on entry, then turns dry, juicy and penetrating, with strongly oaky cherry and almond tones. I find a slightly raw, green quality in the middle palate and on the back end. Finishes with substantial and somewhat dry oak tannins.

**88+? Points**

### **2005 Clos Vougeot**

Good deep ruby-red. Highly perfumed nose combines raspberry, minerals and licorice. Sappy and vibrant, with terrific underlying spine framing the dense, mineral-driven berry flavors. Quite youthfully tannic-in fact, this seemed to shut down in the bottle-but not hard. Has the energy and length for an extended evolution.

**92+? Points**

### **2005 Latricieres-Chambertin**

Saturated, bright red-ruby. Musky aromas of red berries, minerals, underbrush, smoke and oak. The mid-palate shows a vibrant sweetness and a pronounced minerality but today is dominated by a strong and slightly raw oakiness.

**92+ Points**

### **2005 Chambertin Clos de Beze**

Bright, deep red. Brooding but sweet aromas of briary raspberry, mocha, spices and deep chocolatey oak that became more apparent with extended aeration. Silky, sappy and deep, with a chewy impression of extract without any rough edges. Not a particularly fruity style, but boasts compelling richness and sweetness. Wonderfully big and rich but with no impression of excess weight. Finishes extremely long, with broad, dusty, fine-grained tannins saturating every millimeter of the palate.

**94+? Points**

### **2005 Corton-Clos des Cortons**

Good deep red. Musky raspberry, brown spices, game and smoke on the highly nuanced nose. Suave, dense and deep if a bit youthfully musclebound today; conveys a powerful impression of energy and mounts impressively with air. Finishes quite tight, even a bit youthfully dry-edged, with pepper and herbal notes.

**93+? Points**

### **Vincent Girardin**

#### **2006 Corton Bressandes**

Good deep red with ruby highlights. Slightly reduced aromas of smoky red fruits, with a suggestion of cut hay. The palate offers good chewy extract and density, with the flavors tending more toward chocolate and leather than primary fruit. Finishes with slightly disjointed acidity. This wine was lightly chaptalized.

**87-89 Points**

### **2005 Pommard Epenots Vieilles Vignes**

Good deep red. Captivating aromas of cherry, smoke, iron, earth and menthol. Following the collection of 2006s here, this showed more intensity and depth, not to mention a convincing personality. Finishes with excellent persistence and a suggestion of leather.

**90 Points**

### **2005 Pommard Les Rugiens**

Good deep red. Rather tight nose hints at dark raspberry and cool black cherry, with meat and leather nuances emerging with air. Lively and suave in the mouth, with a sexy floral quality giving lift to the wine's smoky red fruit flavors. I find this a bit youthfully stunted today but it's structured and rich, with the power of the year. And lively ripe acidity gives the finish excellent grip.

**91+? Points**

### **2005 Corton Renardes**

Good dark red. Dark cherry and raspberry lifted by spices and stone. Juicy, bright and penetrating, with a distinct delicacy for the year. Dark cherry flavor complicated by spices, minerals and licorice. Firmly structured wine, and tougher today than the Epenots.

**92 Points**

### **2005 Volnay Les Caillerets**

Good deep red-ruby. Sappy black cherry, black raspberry, minerals, bitter chocolate, cinnamon, leather and smoke. Sappy, pure and sweet, with compelling energy and freshness to the strawberry and spicy flavors. At once dense and weightless, and perfumed on the lingering finish. This sexy and captivating wine showed a stronger chocolatey oak character as it opened in the glass but maintained its energy and shape.

**93 Points**

### **2005 Charmes-Chambertin**

Deep red-ruby. Blackberry, licorice, leather, flowers, minerals and smoky oak on the pure, complex nose. A bit less expressive in the mouth, but with enticing sweetness to its dense dark fruit, mineral and licorice flavors. Finishes layered and quite long, with a juicy quality and impressive chewy depth.

**92+? Points**

### **2005 Clos Vougeot**

Good deep red-ruby. Sweet aromas of dark cherry and licorice. In a fairly gentle style, with smooth, easygoing flavors of black cherry, mint and menthol. I find this rather open today, but less convincing and intricate than it appeared to be from barrel a year ago. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins.

**89 Points**

### **2005 Chambertin-Clos de Beze**

Deep red-ruby. Lovely precision to the aromas of black cherry, blueberry, licorice, minerals and spicy oak. Juicy, penetrating and sweet, with sharply delineated flavors of spicy dark berries and minerals. Here the tannins are sweet and noble, and the finish boasts lovely length and sap. Seems much riper than the 2006, but not at all overripe.

**93 Points**

### **Doamine Henri Gouges**

#### **2006 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Chenes Carteaux**

Bright red-ruby. Blackberry, redcurrant, licorice and bitter chocolate on the nose, plus a whiff of leather. Smooth, ripe and sweet, with complex flavors of black- and redcurrant, fresh herbs and earth. In a distinctly sturdy style, with slightly tough tannins.

**87-89 Points**

#### **2006 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Pruliers**

Good bright red-ruby. Aromas of smoky currant, minerals and iron. At once tactile and energetic, with a saline quality and excellent juicy lift. The tannins are firm but suave, very Nuits-Saint-Georges in character but without toughness. I like the dry mineral edge on the aftertaste.

**89-91 Points**

#### **2005 Nuits-Saint-Georges**

Good deep red. Very sweet aromas of ripe red fruits and iron. Supple, suave and very ripe, but with no impression of heaviness. There's excellent energy to the complex flavors of redcurrant, tobacco, spices and leather. The tannins are quite suave for this village bottling.

**90 Points**

#### **2005 Nuits-Saint-Georges Clos des Porrets Saint-Georges**

Ruby-red. Tighter, high-pitched aromas of black raspberry, spices and flowers. Dominated today by its spine but this tactile wine is stuffed with material and is surprisingly easy to taste today. Quite sturdy on the back end but with very good black peppery lift. The tannins are firm but broad and sweet.

**91+? Points**

#### **2005 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Vaucrains**

Good deep red-ruby. Wild dark berries, bitter chocolate, minerals, blood orange and crushed rocks on the vibrant nose. Densely packed and wonderfully sweet, but with superb acidity giving it great lift today. Wild red berry flavors are perked up by a suggestion of red grapefruit. As penetrating and fresh as this wine is today, it's also delicious to taste.

**93+? Points**

### **2005 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Saint-Georges**

Saturated ruby-red. Explosive, multidimensional nose offers raspberry, dark cherries macerated in alcohol, minerals and leather, with a treble note of citrus skin. Like liquid silk in the mouth; already shows its great depth, but the highly complex, soil-inflected flavors of black raspberry, dark chocolate, leather and fresh blood are still youthfully reserved. Most impressive today on the remarkably sappy, precise finish, which builds slowly and subtly and is given even greater penetration and grip by a suggestion of grapefruit.

**94+? Points**

### **Vina Chocalan**

#### **2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Mapio Valley**

Ruby-red. Musky cherry and cassis on the nose. Sappy dark berry flavors offer good depth and sweetness, along with a slight dry edge. The lingering finish shows an echoing note of blackcurrant.

**87 Points**

#### **2006 Carmenere Seleccion Maipo Valley**

Ruby-red. Zesty redcurrant and strawberry on the nose, with gentle spiciness arriving with air. Fresh, focused and pure, offering sweet red berry flavors, silky texture and good finishing lift. A pretty, bargain-priced, easy-to-drink midweight with no rough edges.

**88 Points**

### **Vina Cono Sur**

#### **2006 Riesling Bio-Bio Valley**

Green-tinged straw color. Mineral-driven lime and grapefruit aromas are underscored by smoke, anise and fresh flowers. Tangy, stony and well-focused, with vibrant lemon-lime and green apple flavors that gain weight on the finish. A quintessential example of dry, nervy riesling at a remarkably fair price.

**88 Points**

#### **2007 Sauvignon Blanc Central Valley**

Light straw. Spicy lime and pink grapefruit aromas are complicated by white flowers and quinine. Firm and juicy, with deep citrus and pear skin flavors, light body and a brisk finish. Clean, vibrant and very easy to drink.

**88 Points**

#### **2006 Vision Sauvignon Blanc Casablanca Valley**

Light yellow. Grassy grapefruit and pear aromas are complicated by anise and white flowers. This dry, bracing sauvignon offers firm citrus flavors, nervy minerality and a long, racy finish. A grown-up, low-fat style that I find utterly captivating.

**90 Points**

### **2006 Vision Viognier Colchagua Valley**

Light yellow. Pungent, strongly perfumed bouquet offers spicy peach, yellow plum and floral scents. Ripe, fleshy and expansive, with deep pit fruit flavors, a note of bitter lime pith and a long, spicy finish. Very refreshing, and with good concentration too.

**89 Points**

### **2007 Chardonnay Central Valley**

Green-gold. Peach, apple and melon on the nose, with a subtle anise quality adding interest. Spicy orchard fruit flavors are round and silky, with good energy on the back end. Nicely balances zesty and riper fruit impressions.

**87 Points**

### **2006 Chardonnay Central Valley**

Yellow-gold. Fresh melon and peach aromas offer pleasing, straightforward freshness. A supple midweight, with clean, juicy melon and orchard fruit flavors, soft acidity and good finishing cling.

**87 Points**

### **2006 Vision Chardonnay Casablanca Valley**

Bright straw. Stony citrus and orchard fruits on the nose, with wet stones and anise adding complexity. This reminds me of Chablis with its firm lime and pear flavors, urgent minerality and zesty, sharply focused finish. Very impressive for the money.

**89 Points**

### **2006 20 Barrels Pinot Noir Casablanca Valley**

Medium red. Exotically spiced red berry and cherry aromas evoke cinnamon, clove and star anise. Brisk red berry flavors offer good energy, with juicy acidity carrying through the finish. Pretty pinot noir, offering very good sweetness, depth and clarity.

**89 Points**

### **2006 Merlot Central Valley**

Dark red. Spicy cherry and cassis aromas are complemented by mocha and licorice. This fleshy, sweet midweight shows clean red fruit flavors straight through the finish, which delivers surprising vibrancy and silky tannins for a merlot at this price.

**88 Points**

### **2005 Vision Merlot Colchagua Valley**

Bright purple. Sexy cassis and candied plum aromas are expansive and pure, picking up chocolate and herbs with air. Silky in texture, with sweet dark fruit preserve flavors, soft tannins and a late note of smoky herbs. Delivers admirable complexity for the money and would blow away many California merlots costing three or four times the price.

**89 Points**

### **2005 20 Barrels Merlot Colchagua Valley**

Deep red. Seductive aromas evoke raspberry, cherry preserves, cinnamon and mocha. Deep and sweet, with velvety red fruit flavors, no obvious tannins and gentle bracing minerality on the close. Lovely stuff, offering an impressive combination of depth and clarity.

**90 Points**

### **2005 20 Barrels Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley**

Opaque purple color. Sexy aromas of blackberry and cherry preserves, vanilla and incense. Energetic red and dark berry flavors offer good palate coverage and clarity, with supple tannins contributing sound underlying structure. Finishes sweet and long, with the luscious red fruit flavors echoing.

**89 Points**

### **2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Central Valley**

Deep ruby. Spicy red and dark berry aromas become deeper with air, picking up plum and dark chocolate elements. Full and round, offering dark fruit flavors, chewy texture and good finishing sweetness. Betrays a touch of warmth on the back end, but otherwise tasty and a fine value.

**87 Points**

### **2006 Vision Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley**

Inky purple. Ripe red berry aromas are complemented by cracked pepper and pungent herbs. Bitter cherry and red berry preserve flavors display good depth and finish with light, dusty tannins. This is a brisk, clean and inexpensive cabernet.

**88 Points**

### **2006 Carmenere Colchagua Valley**

Deep ruby. Smoky dark berry and cherry scents are complicated by gently musky notes of underbrush and cocoa powder. Round and fleshy, with sweet dark berry flavors, supple tannins and good finishing grip. Offers impressive texture for a wine at this price and represents outstanding value.

**88 Points**

### **2006 Organically Grown Cabernet Sauvignon/ Carmenere Colchagua Valley\***

Bright purple. Exotically perfumed, sexy bouquet of dark berries, dried flowers, incense and baking spices. Sweet and velvety, with blackberry and blueberry flavors, gentle tannins and fresh mineral snap.

**89 Points**

### **Gini**

#### **2006 La Frosca Soave Classico**

Golden Delicious apple, lemon-lime, and yellow plum on the nose, then more floral and mineral on the palate. Brisk acids keep this lively, even if the long, taut finish turns creamy towards the end. This is one of the better La Frosca bottlings of recent memory.

**90 Points**

### **2005 Contrada Salvarenza Vecchie Vigne Soave Classico**

Medium golden-yellow. Intense yet refined aromas of ripe pear, peach, papaya and grapefruit soar from the glass, with an intriguing almond note adding complexity. Juicy, intense tropical fruit flavors are nicely framed by bright acids and complicated by menthol and yeasty highlights. Finishes long and creamy, with waxy and nutty nuances, but with excellent definition thanks to brighter-than-usual acidity.

**92 Points**

### **Pieropan**

#### **2005 Calvarino Soave Classico**

Bright straw-yellow. Deceptively subdued but pure nose hints at white flowers, green apple and pear, complicated by sweet underbrush and strong mineral qualities. There's laser-like precision to the green apple and citrus flavors, with a steely mineral underpinning giving the wine great refinement and vibrancy. Finishes long and exceptionally pure, with lingering notes of minty thyme and stone fruits.

**92 Points**

#### **2005 La Rocca Soave Classico**

Golden straw-yellow. Captivating aromas of sexy new vanillin oak, pineapple, orange marmalade, mango and custard. Ripe and soft in the mouth, stuffed with canned pineapple, caramel, yellow peach and orange marmalade flavors. Supple and full, with the fruit here showing much more pronounced sweetness. This too benefits from beautiful definition, and the finish is long and suave. This is a ripe and sexy style.

**91 Points**

#### **2003 Le Colombare Recioto di Soave Classico**

Deep, bronze-tinged golden yellow. Sweet, expansive aromas of canned peach, toffee, maple syrup and beeswax. Rich and satisfying on entry, then creamy and full in the middle, with ripe sweet almond, peach and papaya flavors. Finishes moderately long and creamy, with a complementary toasty, nutty character and a saline aspect.

**89 Points**

### **Jermann**

#### **2006 Vinnæ Venezia Giulia**

Pale, golden straw-yellow color. Initially reticent but vinous nose suggests white flowers and tangerine. Then sweet and bright in the mouth, with apple and pear flavors complicated by a light mineral touch.

**87 Points**

#### **2005 Vintage Tunina Venezia Giulia**

Bright lemon yellow with a gold tinge. Initially subdued but refined nose slowly reveals vibrant aromas of yellow melon, apple, and plum, complicated by mango, spices and a distinctly mineral note. Offers lovely balance on the palate, with plenty of ripe apple, pear, tangerine and licorice flavors nicely lifted by bright acids. This finishes long but with a slightly hard edge to its pretty mineral and spice flavors.

**91 Points**

### **2005 Capo Martino Venezia Giulia**

A tinge of old gold to the medium-deep straw-yellow color. Botanical herbs and some intrusive nutty oak aromas on the nose, which opens to reveal custard cream and papaya scents. Firmly structured and concentrated but still a bit unyielding, though there appears to be ample tropical fruit, vanilla, honey and nut flavors beneath all the oak on the palate. The long, clean finish features an intriguing saline touch.

**89 Points**

### **2005 Were Dreams Now It's Just Wine Venezia Giulia**

Golden yellow. Captivating aromas of sexy, spicy new oak, ripe yellow peach and pineapple. Creamy-rich on the palate, with a delicate spiciness to the flavors of vanilla bean, yellow peach and dried apricot. There's something vaguely exotic, not to mention aromatic, about this wine's long, suave finish.

**89 Points**