

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chambolle Musigny Village - Rating - (88 - 90)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2026

The 2015 Chambolle-Musigny Village has an attractive bouquet with black plum, undergrowth and wilted violet scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, smooth and harmonious, not enormous weight but nicely controlled and sensual on the finish. It gives you just about all you seek in a village cru level Chambolle.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot Marquis de Laguiche - Rating - (90 - 92)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2030

The 2015 Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot Marquis de Laguiche has a tightly-wound, oyster-shell tinged bouquet that seemed a little timid following the 2015 Beaune Clos des Mouches Blanc. The palate is very well balanced with a touch of praline on the entry, quite tensile with an edgy, fresh lime and sliced pear note on the finish. This is showing good potential and the aromatics will have awoken by the time it is bottle.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru - Rating - (93 - 95)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2032

The 2015 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru comes from the lieu-dits of "Les Longuettes" and I tasted from barrel the cuvée owned by the Drouhin family (there is an alternative négociant bottling, albeit from another sector). It has a pretty, fragrant bouquet with hints of grilled walnut and smoke. The palate is well balanced, quite generous for a Corton-Charlemagne, rounded in the mouth with subtle tropical notes, mango and guava, towards the finish. This is a superb Corton-Charlemagne from team Drouhin.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Grands Echezeaux Grand Cru - Rating - (94 - 96)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2022 – 2045

The 2015 Grands Echezeaux Grand Cru was a little more reduced on the nose than the Echezeaux at this early stage, though there appears to be great power and intensity waiting to unfurl. The palate is medium-bodied, intense with a very silky texture belying the backbone underneath. This is more masculine, perhaps even more austere than the Echézeaux, but it is beautifully balanced with a very long tail on the finish. There is ambition locked into this nascent Grand Cru.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Meursault - Rating – 90**

Price NA      Drink Date 2017 – 2023

The 2015 Meursault was tasted as the final blend from barrel. It has a very aromatic peach and yellow plum scented bouquet with just a faint hint of peppermint adding a soupçon of extravagance. The palate is well balanced with a harmonious, glycerine-tinged opening, the acidity well judged with a touch of stem ginger enlivening the finish. Bon vin!

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chassagne-Montrachet Village - Rating - (87 - 89)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2017 – 2022

The 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet Village perhaps does not quite have the sophistication of the Puligny-Montrachet this year, though with time there are attractive conference pear and star anise scents (Véronique Drouhin sitting opposite me picked up fennel). The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, with hints of lemongrass tincturing the citrus fruit with that fennel/anise note just guiding the melon and grapefruit finish. This should drink well over the next 4-6 years.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Chalumaux - Rating – (87 - 89)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2026

The 2015 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Chalumaux has a potent pear and gooseberry scented

bouquet that feels very primal at the moment, not as expressive as some of its peers. The palate is well balanced with a sweet nougat note on the entry (possibly imparted by the barrel) with a pretty finish that just needs to develop a touch more weight and presence. Maybe this was one white Cru that I was expecting a little more from.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru - Rating - (89 - 91)?**

Price NA      Drink Date 2019 – 2032

The 2015 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru was showing just a touch of reduction on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannin. The fruit here veers more towards black than red, a touch of allspice and white pepper, leading to a structured and slightly curmudgeonly finish that does not "flow" like its peers. I felt this was just missing the nuance and complexity of the 2015 Echézeaux from Drouhin, though hopefully it will meliorate in bottle and make a mockery of my banded score.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières - Rating NA**

Price NA      Drink Date NA

The 2015 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières was more foursquare and conservative than some of the other barrel samples from the appellations of Chassagne or Meursault. The palate is well balanced with a waxy entry, notes of dried honey and hazelnut, though it closes up towards the finish. I'll reserve judgement for when this wine is in bottle, since it does not want to come out to play today.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières - Rating - (92 - 94)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2032

The 2015 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières, which is a relatively new contract for Drouhin having incepted around three years ago, has a struck flint, limestone bouquet that offers sea spray/marine scents with time. The palate is very well balanced with superb energy, vibrant and tensile, with a lovely saline finish. Watch out for this once in bottle, because it has tons of potential, but may surpass the Les Perrières in the long-term.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Nuits Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Procès - Rating – NA**

Price NA      Drink Date NA

The 2015 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Procès was showing more wood on the nose compared to Drouhin's other barrel samples and I double-checked by tasting from both one- and two-year-old barrels. The palate is medium-bodied and shows commendable finesse, the acidity well judged, although the oak just seems to be more palpable on the finish than the fruit. Let's see how this turns out in bottle, since it felt a little awkward and unsettled.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Montrachet Marquis de Laguiche Grand Cru - Rating - (91 - 93)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2038

The 2015 Montrachet Marquis de Laguiche Grand Cru was stubbornly backward and broody on the nose: hints of yellow flower and struck flint. Nosing this felt like I was disturbing its prenatal slumber. The palate had more to say. It is well balanced with a brush of honey on the entry, a keen thread of acidity, a hint of spice with a composed yet straight-laced finish that I find less expressive than the Corton-Charlemagne at the moment. Let's see how this turns out in bottle. It's a Montrachet, though that does not necessarily mean it is Drouhin's finest white this vintage.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Echézeaux Grand Cru - Rating - (92 - 94)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2021 – 2040

The 2015 Echézeaux Grand Cru, of which there are two barrels this year, has a fragrant wild strawberry, Morello and woodland-scented bouquet that is beautifully defined and neatly

enmeshed with the oak. The palate is medium-bodied, here showing a little more of the wood influence than the nose, though there is good depth with a slightly savory finish that just needs to develop more persistence once in bottle. There is energy packed into this Echézeaux and I can see it repaying those sage enough to cellar it for 6-8 years.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin 2013 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Embazées - Rating – (88 - 90)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2026

The 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Embazées was showing a little more oak on the nose than the other 2015s from Drouhin at the moment, though it recedes with time and offers attractive hazelnut and nutmeg aromas. The palate is crisp on the entry, harmonious and tensile, with good depth and impressive precision towards the finish, although it just lacks the verve of some of Drouhin's best 2015s this year.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Beaune 1er Cru Blanc Clos des Mouches - Rating - (92 - 94)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2032

The 2015 Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches has a superb bouquet with passion fruit, honeysuckle and jasmine, very expressive at this early stage with wonderful, vibrant fruit concentration. The palate is delicious now! Outstanding balance here, razor-sharp acidity, just a touch of lemongrass rubbing the citrus fruit up the wrong way and imposing superb tension on the finish. This is a Beaune Premier Cru that is punching well above its weight and comes recommended.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Choresy-lès-Beaune Village - Rating - (86 - 88)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2023

The 2015 Choresy-les-Beaune Village, tasted from a 500-liter demi-muid, has a vivid bilberry and dark plum-scented bouquet, a hint of blue fruit coming through with time and identifying its appellation of origin. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannin, tight on the mid-palate with a surprisingly structured and strict finish. I would like a little more contrast by the time it is in bottle, more exuberance.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves - Rating - (89 - 91)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2019 – 2030

The 2015 Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves, matured in around 20-25% new oak and tasted from the recently racked final blend, was showing a tiny bit of reduction on the nose when I tasted it from barrel. Véronique mentioned that it has always been in the shadow of Clos des Mouches but has been very consistent in recent years. The nose is forthright and exudes a floral personality, touches of wilted violet merging with the black cherry and bilberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy black fruit, crisp tannin, very fine structure with quite a sophisticated finish that should flesh out by the time of bottling.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Bonnes Mares Grand Cru - Rating - (95 - 97)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2050

There might be just one 300-liter barrel and one glass bonbon of the 2015 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru—but what a barrel and bonbon they are! It has an outrageously gorgeous bouquet with ample ripe black cherry, blueberry and violet scents that are utterly intoxicating. The palate is very well balanced with crisp tannin, wonderful mineralité and energy, replete with a linear and poised finish. This is a Bonnes-Mares that manages to embrace both the opulence that emanates from the vineyard and a sense of precision that marks out brilliant winemaking. This is a fabulous wine from Véronique Drouhin and her team.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Gevrey-Chambertin Village - Rating - (88 - 90)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2028

The 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin Village, which contains 20-30% premier cru in the final blend, has a pretty red cherry and wild strawberry-scented bouquet that has commendable purity. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy redcurrant and raspberry fruit on the entry, nicely structured with just a touch of sinew on the licorice-tinged finish. There is certainly commendable substance here for a village cru and it will probably age for longer than people will allow it.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Puligny Montrachet - Rating - (87 - 89)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2017 – 2022

The 2015 Puligny Montrachet Village has a delightful linden and lemon zest bouquet with a squeeze of fresh lime for good measure. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine line of acidity that imbues this village cru with a touch more brightness than the Meursault, if not the same weight or viscosity. Nevertheless, this is a well-crafted Puligny from Drouhin that should represent good value for money once in bottle.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses - Rating - (94 - 96)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2045

The 2015 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses delivers on the promise that comes with such a propitious vineyard. That said, initially it has a very broody bouquet that demands coaxing from the glass. Eventually it offers up bilberry and briary scents, fine mineralité and further on, sensual floral scents that leave you feeling a bit giddy. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a very fine line of acidity. This is pure and sensual with blackberry and even a touch of seaweed on the finish. This is an enigmatic Chamboole-Musigny, surfeit with complexity and intrigue. I am sure it will end up at the top of my banded score.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Vosne-Romanée Village - Rating - (87 - 89)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2024

The 2015 Vosne-Romanée Village, which like the Gevrey-Chambertin Village contains a small proportion of premier cru fruit, has a fragrant, rose petal and red plum nose. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, quite dense for a village cru with quite a stocky but balanced, black pepper finish. This represents a satisfying Vosne-Romanée that I feel will benefit from a couple of years in bottle.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Cote de Beaune - Rating – (88 - 90)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2025

The 2015 Cote de Beaune Rouge is often my recommendation for Drouhin's "insider" choice for those on a budget. It has a pretty redcurrant and cranberry-scented bouquet with commendable purity that is almost Gevrey-Chambertin in style. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannin. It feels a little rigid at the moment, however that is compensated for with fine tension and freshness on the finish. Bet your bottom dollar that this will end up being great value.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Mazis Chambertin Grand Cru - Rating - (94 - 96)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2045

The 2015 Mazi-Chambertin Grand Cru, limited to a single barrel this year, has the most fruit-concentrated bouquet with black plum, blueberry and orange sorbet aromas - almost exotic compared to the refined, perhaps more reserved Chambertin Clos de Bèze. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, extremely precise with a silver thread of acidity. The purity

of fruit is outstanding and its sorbet-like finish leaves the mouth tingling. This is another superb wine courtesy of Drouhin this vintage.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru - Rating - (96 - 98)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2050

The 2015 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru is a class act in the making, perhaps one of the finest barrel samples that I have tasted from Drouhin. This gem has a gorgeous and extraordinarily pure bouquet with crushed strawberry, pomegranate and overripe orange scents that are exquisite and beautifully defined. The palate is medium-bodied with super fine, almost filigree tannin that seem to caress the senses. It constitutes the most sophisticated of Drouhin's 2015s with ineffable finesse on the finish that lingers so long in the mouth. This is simply a brilliant wine.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Vosne Romanee 1er Cru les Petits Monts - Rating - (91 - 93)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2021 – 2038

The 2015 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru les Petits Mont was showing just a small reduction on the nose, though underneath lay some lovely, pure blackberry and raspberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied and very sappy, a Vosne-Romanée that gets the tastes buds going, with a slightly chalky textured finish. There is something already quite intellectual about this Les Petits Monts.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Musigny Grand Cru - Rating - (95 - 97)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2022 – 2050

The 2015 Musigny Grand Cru has a thoroughbred bouquet with ripe blackberry, briary, undergrowth and marine scents that blossom in the glass. The palate is supple in the mouth, perhaps less tensile than the Bonnes Mares albeit with superb depth and grip. You are almost on the verge of dismissing this Musigny, then it fans out in convincing fashion, with plenty of gusto and conviction, belatedly reminding you that this is one of the most revered vineyards in the world. Perhaps not as immediate as the Bonnes-Mares, nevertheless, this will turn out to be grandiose Musigny destined to be up there with the best.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Griotte-Chambertin Grand Cru - Rating - (93 - 95)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2045

The 2015 Griotte-Chambertin Grand Cru has an elegant, floral bouquet with violets petals and wild hedgerow scents infusing the dark cherry and raspberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with a confit-like entry, a fine thread of acidity, tensile and long with an edginess on the finish. There is a surprising touch of licorice on the aftertaste that I hope will be there after bottling. There is a bit of brio and flamboyance to this Griotte-Chambertin that I hope will govern the wine once in bottle.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Rully Blanc - Rating – 86**

Price NA      Drink Date 2016 – 2020

The 2015 Rully Blanc sees a modest 15% new oak. It has a fragrant, light white peach, country meadow and a touch of cold steel. The palate is fresh on the entry with good weight, a pleasing fatness here with attractive peach and fresh pear notes, a pleasant salinity towards the brisk and breezy finish. It might lack a bit of substance, but it has satisfactory freshness and should drink well for 3-5 years.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru - Rating - (90 - 92)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2020 – 2035

Some of the barrels of 2015 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru were quite reduced, but eventually I found one that seemed more expressive with mulberry and loganberry scents, more incense with time in the glass. I like the conviction that this Chambolle demonstrates. The palate is

structured with crunchy tannin, Morey-like in style with a precise and quite persistent finish that bodes well for the future. One to watch out for once in bottle, because it possesses the backbone that should see it age nicely.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières - Rating - (90 - 92)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2019 – 2032

The 2015 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières was tasted from a one-year-old barrel. The nose is fragrant with pineapple, hints of passion fruit and subtle flinty aromas, a little richer than the 2014 but still very well defined and pure. The palate is well balanced with a silver thread of acidity, linear and vibrant with a gorgeous fresh lemongrass-tinged finish that bodes well for the future. This is a fine Meursault Perrières, though this year I have a preference for the Genevrières.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Pouilly-Vinzelles - Rating – 87**

Price NA      Drink Date 2016 – 2021

The 2015 Pouilly-Vinzelles comes from the Château de Vinzelles, a 17-hectare property from which Drouhin has bought 12-hectares of fruit since 2010 (previously, the fruit was sold to the local cooperative). Two-thirds is matured in stainless steel and the rest in demi-muids for 12 months. It has a lovely bouquet with hints of lemon curd and white flowers, just a faint puff of chalk dust. The palate is well balanced with a fine line of acidity, not a complex Mâconnais, yet full of tension with a touch of grass clipping on the finish. Enjoy this well-made wine over the next 3-5 years.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes - Rating - (91 - 93)**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2032

The 2015 Meursault 1er Cru Charmes has a slightly richer, lightly honeyed, more expressive and open bouquet compared to both the Meursault Genevrières and Les Perrières. The palate is very typical of this vineyard, living up to its name with ample passion fruit, dried pineapple and veins of white chocolate. It maintains fine precision all the way through to the finish. Certainly this is one of the better Meursault Charmes that I have tasted on my travels.

**2015 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Fleurie (Hospices de Belleville) - Rating – 88**

Price NA      Drink Date 2018 – 2023

The 2015 Fleurie Hospices de Belleville comes from six hectares of vine belonging to the hospices, the élevage finished off chez Drouhin in Beaune. It has a lovely ripe black plum and boysenberry bouquet that is clean and very pure. You cannot help but like this. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy black fruit, a touch of bell pepper and perhaps just needing a little more flesh on the finish. Still, this is a pleasurable Fleurie that will probably repay another 12-18 months in bottle.