



Tim Atkin MW Burgundy Report 2013

“Top 25 Red & White Wine Producers Côte D’or”

DOMAINE FAIVELEY

Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet GC

98 Points

“Winemaker Jérôme Flous says that picking early was the key to making good whites in 2013. It certainly worked here on this single parcel Grand Cru. Leesy, spicy, racy and hauntingly balanced, it’s one of the whites of the vintage, with notes of toast, woodsmoke and lemon tart. The wine is delicious now, but will easily develop for another decade.”

Domaine Faiveley, Corton-Charlemagne GC

97 Points

“None of Faiveley’s four parcels was hit by hail in 2013, which was extremely fortunate, both for them and for us consumers of this delicious wine. It’s a fine, chiselled Corton Charlemagne, with crunchy, racy acidity but lots of power in reserve. Toasty and full flavoured with waxy complexity.”

Domaine Faiveley , Bâtard-Montrachet GC

96 Points

“Fatter, broader and altogether more sumptuous and powerful than the Bienvenues, this is another excellent white from the Faiveley team. Creamy and weighty, with well-integrated oak, pear and white peach flavours and a spinal column of acidity.”

Domaine Faiveley, Puligny-Montrachet PC La Garenne

95 Points

“Not far behind the Grand Cru bottlings from Puligny in 2013, this has classic struck match aromas, subtle oak, crystalline fruit purity and appealing nutmeg and cinnamon spice. Long and stylish on the palate, with hints of toast and hazelnut and a bright, focused finish. “

Domaine Faiveley, Chambertin-Clos de Bèze GC Les Ouvrées Rodin

97 Points

“Made as a separate cuvée since 2009, this is consistently one of the best reds in the Faiveley cellar. It’s so sweet and succulent, that it’s almost Chambolle-like, with graceful, chalky minerality and real sap and vivacity. The fruit is so sweet you want to drink this now, but it has hidden structure and focus.”

Domaine Faiveley, Latricières-Chambertin GC

97 Points

“An outstanding wine in 2012, this is almost as good in 2013. The vineyard is stony and well ventilated, giving a combination of fruit weight and breezy minerality. Complex and refreshing, this is chiselled and tangy, with lovely focus and balance, and a finish that lingers long on the tongue.”

Domaine Faiveley, Chambertin-Clos de Bèze GC

96 Points

“Old vines, 70% new oak and plenty of ambition: this is still a little closed at the moment, but it’s a substantial, well-upholstered wine. One third of the company’s Clos de Bèze goes into the even more expensive Les Ouvrées Rodin cuvée, but this isn’t far behind it in quality. Plush, broad and deeply flavoured, it’s rich, round and built to age.”

Domaine Faiveley, Echézeaux GC

96 Points

“As it was last year, this is a lighter style of Echézeaux, sourced from a vineyard that is so close to the Combe d’Orveaux that it’s almost in Chambolle-Musigny. It’s a fragrant, ethereal style: silky, scented and refined. It won’t make old bones, but it will be delicious young.”

Domaine Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin PC La Combe aux Moines

96 Points

“This is one of the cooler Premiers Crus in Gevrey, situated close to the northern end of the village. It’s generally among the last vineyards to be picked, because every moment counts here. The oak is quite prominent, adding a touch of sweet coconut, but there’s a sappy freshness at the core and plenty of crunchy red fruits.”

Domaine Faiveley, Mazis-Chambertin GC

96 Points

“The Mazis bottling from Faiveley always marks a contrast with the Latricières, being rounder, warmer and more generous when young. There’s still a substantial backdrop of tannin here, which will enable the wine to age gracefully in bottle as the slight reduction begins to fade. But it’s the fruit that draws and holds the attention.”

Domaine Faiveley, Corton Clos des Cortons GC

95 Points

“Based on the Ladoix side of the Grand Cru, this is a Faiveley monopoly on an east-facing site. It’s always quite a backward, even chewy wine when it’s young, showing the tannins that are typical of Corton, but it develops and softens with time. Taut and firm, but the underlying fruit is crunchy and refreshing with some raspberry coulis sweetness.”

Domaine Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin PC Cazetiers

95 Points

“Erwan Faiveley thinks this is the best value wine from his family’s extensive holdings. East facing and comparatively cool, this is showing a touch of reduction, as well as freshness from the Combe de Lavaux. Deeply coloured and restrained, but with fine tannins and bags of red and black fruits.”

Joseph Faiveley, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Charmes

95 Points

“Faiveley are increasingly focused on their own vineyards, but the wines they make with other people’s grapes are still impressive. Forward, succulent and appealing, this is a Chambolle drinker’s Chambolle: perfumed and charming, with lots of raspberry and strawberry fruit, a hint of tannin and a long finish. “

Domaine Faiveley, Nuits-St-Georges PC Aux Chaignots

94 Points

“Unusually for a Faiveley red, this was made with 25% whole bunches, partly because of the presence of so many small berries (millerands) and the concentration and sweetness of the grapes. Orange peel, Asian spices and lots of volume: this wine is rich but structured at the same time.”

Domaine Faiveley, Nuits-St-Georges PC Les-St-Georges

94 Points

“Faiveley is almost on its home turf in Les St Georges, which is situated close to its headquarters in downtown Nuits. This is a very good example of the Premier Cru with Grand Cru aspirations, showing an appealing combination of grip, red fruits and tannic structure. There’s a freshness to the finish that bodes well for bottle ageing.”