

Spirit Haus' 2009 Red Burgundy offerings

In stock but quantities very limited:

Bouchard – Monthelie Duress [1er cru] \$39.99/\$34 as part of a mixed case

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11: Good deep red. Aromas of dark berries, spices and licorice. Juicy, tangy black fruit and licorice flavors are complicated by a minty nuance and a touch of toasty oak. Nicely delineated wine with serious but suave tannins and good length. 87-89 points **Lovely feel, ripe charm**

Bouchard – Beaune Clos de la Mousse [1er cru] \$48.99/\$41.65 mixed case

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11: Bright dark red. Reticent crushed stone aroma, with intriguing white fruit notes of peach and lemon skin; I might have picked this as a mineral chardonnay if I had a bag over my head. Then surprisingly sweet, silky and ripe, with good definition and rocky verve. This is a warm clos, but the north-south orientation of the vine rows gives the fruit some protection from the hot midday sun. Finishes with fine-grained tannins and good lingering perfume. 88-91 points. **Interesting aromatic, long finish**

Bouchard – Volnay Caillerets Ancien Cuvee Carnot[1er cru] \$74.99/\$63.75 mix

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11: Good dark red. Very ripe, complex aromas of black cherry licorice, stone and gingerbread, lifted by a violet topnote. Sweet, lush and generous, conveying a strong impression of dry extract. Very rich, deep, silky Volnay with a firmly tannic, very long finish. Quite suave. 90-93 points.

Bouchard – Chambolle Musigny \$59.99/\$51 as part of a mixed case

Wine Spectator: This round red is rich and youthful, packed with spicy cherry, raspberry and mineral flavors. For all its flesh, there's a lively structure and a lingering finish. Drink now through 2020. 100 cases. 90 points. **-BS Superb Burgundian aromatic and feel in the Volnay and Chambolle. Complexity with the Volnay justifies \$**

All Bouchard wines, tasted from bottle at a pre-arrival tasting in Boston [3/21], are excellent examples and superb values of the '09 vintage. Since 1996, our special focus has been on Chambolle and Volnay.

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Robert Groffier, one of the finest winemakers in the Cote d'Or, owns eight hectares of top vineyard land, including three 1er Cru Chambolles, and Grand Crus Bonnes Mares and Clos de Beze. The time and effort Serge Groffier (Robert's son) gives to the vineyards has paid back handsomely. Low yields lead to wines of breeding and class, and are the powerful expressions of Pinot Noir, featuring deep colors and excellent age-worthy structure.

Antonio Galloni Wine Advocate #194 (May 2011): This [his 2009s] is a beautiful set of wines from Groffier. The fruit receives a cold soak prior to fermentation accounting for much of the trademark perfume these wines show.

Robert Groffier – Bourgogne Rouge 2009 \$43.99/\$37.40 mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Bourgogne is made from parcels in Vougeot and Morey, approximately 2/3 and 1/3 respectively. It is a sexy wine laced with radiant fruit, expressive aromatics and a generous personality. The Bourgogne is a great introduction to the house style. 89 points. Maturity: 2012-2019.

Robert Groffier – Chambolle Musigny les Sentiers 2009 \$166.99/\$141.95mix

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers presents the more intense side of Chambolle. Layers of dark fruit emerge from this muscular, deep wine...fabulous richness in the glass, along with some of the sheer structure that is typical of Bonnes Mares, the vineyard that sits just above. The Sentiers seems built for the long haul. Knockout aromatics linger on the finish. Maturity: 2019-2029. 92+ points.

We have a little bit of Groffier's 2006 Sentiers, Amoureuuses, Bonne Mares, Clos de Beze and 2008 Bourgogne.

Fall arrival of very small quantities:

Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2009

Bourgogne

\$39.99/\$33.99 as part of a mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Bourgogne is a texturally beautiful wine with lovely richness at this level. The wine's fleshy, generous personality makes this an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years. Maturity: 2012-2019. (87-89) points

Vosne-Romanee

\$77.99/\$66.30 as part of a mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Vosne-Romanee shows great intensity in its seductive, voluptuous fruit. Sweet, spiced notes emerge from the round, caressing finish. This is another hugely promising and pleasurable entry-level wine. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2021. (88-90)points.

Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 (\$95) Good deep red. Crushed black cherry and licorice on the nose, with a liqueur-like ripeness countered by good violet lift. Supple, sweet and fat, with a strong chocolatey quality in the mouth. In a very easy, rather soft style. Tannins are substantial and a tad dry. 87-89 points

Nuits St. Georges Les Chaignots [1er cru] \$104.99/\$89.25 as part of a mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Nuits St. Georges Les Chaignots is deep, dark and muscular. It shows tons of intensity in its fruit along with an opulent personality. This is a clear example where the 2008 is much more expressive with regards to site. That said, it's hard not to admire the wine's enveloping, generous texture. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2024. (91-93) points.

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 (\$125) Good deep red-ruby. High-pitched aromas of black cherry, licorice, pepper and flowers. Very ripe but juicy and a bit youthfully imploded, with much more energy and tannic support than the Vosne villages This broad, long wine saturates the palate on the spicy finish. 89-92 points

Chambolle-Musigny Les Feusselottes [1er cru] \$117.99/\$100.30 part mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Chambolle-Musigny Les Feusselottes, on the other hand, has maintained plenty of vineyard character while fully expressing the personality of the year. Sweet red fruit melds into flowers as this delicate, perfumed Burgundy shows off its class. In 2009 the Feusselottes is strikingly beautiful. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2029. (90-92) points.

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 (\$140) Good bright red-ruby. Sexy raspberry and floral aromas suggest a wine from a cooler year-a neat trick for a 2009 Chambolle from lower altitude, many of which struck me as overripe and low in acidity. Dense, pliant and juicy, with lovely definition and vibrancy to the flavors of red berries, menthol, spices and minerals. Classic Chambolle, and not overly sweet. Very successful for the year. 90-93 points

Echezeaux [Grand cru]

\$174.99/\$148.99 as part of a mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Echezeaux is warm, open and totally radiant. The fruit is incredibly pure through to the vivid, textured finish. Minerals, mint and crushed rocks are some of the nuances that add complexity to the generous dark fruit. There is plenty of potential here. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2034. (93-95) points.

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 (\$210) Good dark red. Very pretty, expressive aromas of redcurrant, rose petal and smoky, flinty minerality. Spicy and peppery but a bit youthfully clenched in spite of its silky, seamless texture. A peppery quality gives this a taut finish and shocking vibrancy. Not particularly fleshy today, but juicy, scented and very long. 91-94 points

Ruchottes-Chambertin [Grand cru]

\$219.99/\$186.99 as part of a mixed case

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011): The 2009 Ruchottes-Chambertin comes across as huge, almost opulent in style. It is by far the wine that shows the most striking difference between 2008 and 2009 at this address. The intensity of the fruit is remarkable and the wine boasts incredible length but the unctuous personality may come as a shock for readers who know the house style well. Anticipated maturity: 2019-2039. **(91-93) points.**

Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 (\$265) Good dark, bright red. Ripe but high-pitched aromas of red cherry, licorice, smoke and game. Dense, sweet and very ripe, with a distinctly creamy texture and terrific palate-coating breadth. For all its ripeness, there's nothing cooked about this supersweet wine. Finishes very long and lively, with suave tannins. The Mugnerets did some chaptalization to prolong the fermentation (from 13.4% to 13.8%), in the belief that this method brings an extra element to the wine when the yeasts eat the added sugar, "like adding salt to a dish." **92-95 points**

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Chambolle Musigny

Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11

Good full red. Raspberry, minerals and a whiff of menthol on the nose. Sweet and creamy but juicy, in a powerful, rather fat style for this village wine. Rich and broad on the back end, with a building suggestion of honey. **89-91 points**

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru

Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11

(from young vines in Musigny) Aromas of raspberry, minerals and honey. Creamy, ripe and approachable; thick but suave, with a strong spice character throughout. The honeyed quality carries through on the very long finish. **90-93 points**

Musigny Vieilles Vignes [Grand cru]

Antonio Galloni *Wine Advocate* #194 (May 2011):The estate's 2009 Musigny Vieilles Vignes is a huge, explosive wine. Red raspberries, minerals, rose petals, pomegranate and white flowers are some of the nuances that emerge from this intense, focused wine. I tasted two separate barrels, one where the fruit and tannins still needed to meld together, the second totally seamless. This is a gorgeous wine in the making. Anticipated maturity: 2019-2039. **(94-97) points.**

Stephen Tanzer *International Wine Cellar*, Jan/Feb 11 Deep, bright red. Superripe aromas of raspberry, blueberry, spices and honey. Big, sweet, deep and full; begins almost too easy in the middle palate for Musigny but gains in minerality with aeration. This wonderfully spherical wine saturates the entire palate and finishes with very ripe, building tannins and explosive length. There's plenty in reserve here-in fact, today the wine's fruit is not especially demonstrative-but this wine should be approachable fairly early. But I'm not sure this will top the 2008. **94-96 points**