

**2016 Volnay “Les Brouillards”:** (from a 1.10 ha holding). Like the Pommard *villages* there is a trace of reduction that I also doubt will persist as the notably refined medium-bodied flavors are super-fresh in the mouth while displaying excellent length on the balanced and youthfully austere finale. The supporting tannins are firm but fine and this should age effortlessly. 92/2026+

**2016 Pommard “Les Rugiens Hauts”:** (from a .22 ha holding). This is also mildly reduced but it doesn’t appear to be seriously so. The impressively intense and beautifully delineation middle weight plus flavors brim with minerality on the refined finish that flashes first-rate length. This is perhaps not a classic Rugiens in terms of size, weight and power but on the other hand, it offers unusually good refinement in a harmonious package. Lovely stuff. 91/2026+

### Domaine A.-F. Gros (Pommard/Beaune)

2016	Beaune “Boucherottes” 1er	red	(89-91)
2016	Bourgogne – Pinot Noir	red	86
2016	➔ Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits	red	87
2016	➔ Chambolle-Musigny	red	(89-91)
2016	Echézeaux Grand Cru	red	(91-93)
2016	Moulin-à-Vent “En Mortperay”	red	(86-88)
2016	Pommard “Les Arvelets” 1er	red	(90-92)
2016	Pommard “Les Pézerolles” 1er	red	(88-91)
2016	Pommard “Les Chanlins” 1er	red	(89-92)
2016	Richebourg Grand Cru	red	(91-94)
2016	Savigny-lès-Beaune “Clos des Guettes” 1er	red	(89-92)
2016	Vosne-Romanée “Clos de la Fontaine”	red	(87-89)
2016	Vosne-Romanée “Les Chalandins”	red	(87-90)
2016	➔ Vosne-Romanée “Aux Réas”	red	(89-91)

There are important changes afoot for the various Gros domaines that include Anne-Françoise Gros, Anne Gros, Michel Gros and Gros Frères et Soeurs as Collette Gros (of Gros Frères et Soeurs) has divided her estate among her nieces and nephews. While the specific details and amounts of each transfer had not been completely finalized as of January 2018, I can report the following general dispositions: Michel Gros will receive between .2 and .3 ha of Richebourg; Anne Gros will receive the totality of the .37 ha holding of Grands Echézeaux; while Anne-Françoise Gros will lose the .4 ha *monopole* holding of the Clos de la Fontaine to Gros Frères, she will receive the totality of the 1.5 ha holding of Clos de Vougeot from the *climat* known as Le Musigni as well as another .10 ha of Richebourg and slightly more than .50 ha of Echézeaux, the bulk of which will be from Les Loächausses; lastly, there will also be a small amount of Chambolle-Musigny (~.11 ha) among the incoming transfers. As I noted, there is still a bit of horse trading to come and the specific dates of the various transfers has not been fixed but these are the broad changes to come. I will of course keep readers abreast of the final details for each of the four domaines when they are available.

Mathias Parent, who is the son Anne-Françoise Gros and François Parent, now makes the wine for the three family labels of Anne-Françoise Gros, François Parent and his own eponymous operation of Mathias Parent (see below for reviews of those wines). I remind readers that 2015 was the last vintage for the Maizières for several years as it is being replanted. (Veritas Imports, [www.veritaswine.com](http://www.veritaswine.com), CA, M.S. Walker, [www.mswalker.com](http://www.mswalker.com), NY/NJ, Horizon Beverage, [www.horizonbeverage.com](http://www.horizonbeverage.com), MA, Chelsea Ventures, LLC, [www.chelseaventures.us](http://www.chelseaventures.us), IL, Pioneer Wine Company, [www.pioneerwine.com](http://www.pioneerwine.com), TX, all USA; John Armit Wines, [www.armit.co.uk](http://www.armit.co.uk), L'Assemblage, [www.lassemblage.co.uk](http://www.lassemblage.co.uk), Bancroft Wines, [www.bancroftwines.com](http://www.bancroftwines.com), Colombier Wines, [www.colombiervinsfins.co.uk](http://www.colombiervinsfins.co.uk), Goedhuis & Co., [www.goedhuis.com](http://www.goedhuis.com), Frazier's Wine Merchants, [www.frazierswine.co.uk](http://www.frazierswine.co.uk), Four Walls Wine Co., [www.fourwallswine.com](http://www.fourwallswine.com), Hedonism Wines, [www.hedonism.co.uk](http://www.hedonism.co.uk), Laytons, [www.laytons.co.uk](http://www.laytons.co.uk), Nickolls and Perks, [www.nickollsandperks.co.uk](http://www.nickollsandperks.co.uk), Neill Wines, [www.neillwine.com](http://www.neillwine.com), Berry Brothers & Rudd, [www.bbr.com](http://www.bbr.com), Waitrose Cellar, [www.waitrosecellar.com](http://www.waitrosecellar.com) and Awin Barratt Siegel Wine Agencies, [www.abswineagencies.co.uk](http://www.abswineagencies.co.uk), all UK).

**2016 Bourgogne – Pinot Noir:** (from 3 parcels in Pommard). A discreet touch of wood can be found on the red berry, plum and earth-scented nose. The racy, detailed and intense flavors exude a subtle minerality onto the delicious, clean and bracing finale. 86/2019+

**2016 Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits:** (made with no added sulfites). A much earthier if slightly more complex nose features notes of dark pinot fruit along with floral and spice wisps. The sleeker and finer middle weight flavors possess slightly more evident minerality before concluding in a saline and equally refreshing finish. Lovely stuff. 87/2020+

**2016 Pommard "Les Chaponnières":** (from 60+ year old vines). Subtle but again not invisible wood frames the earthy dark berry fruit and spiced plum aromas that display plenty of floral influence. There is lovely intensity to the detailed and highly energetic medium-bodied flavors the brim with dry extract that confers a highly attractive texture on the firm, long and austere finish that delivers excellent complexity. The old vines are very much in evidence and this should age well. (90-93)/2028+

**2016 Pommard "Les Epenots":** (from both Grands and Petits). Here the wood treatment is not subtle as there are notes of menthol present on the otherwise pretty, ripe and fresh aromas of dark raspberry, warm earth, spiced plum and pretty range of floral elements. There is excellent concentration to the extract-rich medium-bodied flavors that possess a velvety mid-palate mouth feel that contrasts markedly with the very firm, serious and youthfully austere finale. This excellent effort is lovely but make no mistake that it is very much built-to-age and is going to need at least 7 to 8 years of it first. (90-93)/2031+

**2016 Corton-Les Renardes:** Interestingly this is aromatically similar to the Epenots though it is a bit spicier and more floral-inflected. The sleek, intense and much more mineral-driven big-bodied flavors possess evident muscle and power on the sappy and palate coating finish that displays first-rate depth, length and balance. Not that this too is going to require extended cellar time to arrive at its apogee. (91-93)/2031+

#### **François Parent (Pommard)**

<b>2016</b>	<b>➡ Morey St. Denis</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>(89-91)</b>
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**2016 Morey St. Denis:** Firm reduction renders the nose unreadable today. Otherwise there is a highly seductive texture to the caressing and unusually refined middle weight flavors that culminate in a slightly toasty finish. This is really quite pretty and should drink well both young and with age. Worth checking out. (89-91)/2023+

#### **Mathias Parent (Pommard)**

<b>2016</b>	<b>Gevrey-Chambertin</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>(88-91)</b>
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**2016 Gevrey-Chambertin:** (from a purchase of fruit). Moderate wood sets off fresh and cool aromas that are mostly composed by notes of essence of wild red currant, the *sauvage* and soft earth nuances. The racy, intense and lightly mineral-inflected medium weight flavors possess an attractive texture before culminating in a tautly muscular and youthfully austere finale. This will need a few years of cellaring first but should be lovely in time. (88-91)/2023+

#### **Hugues Pavelot (Savigny-lès-Beaune)**

<b>2016</b>	<b>Chorey-lès-Beaune "Les Beaumonts"</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>88</b>
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