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## 2003 Red Burgundies

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“WINES OF STAGGERING RICHNESS”  
**2003 Red Burgundies Revisited**

by Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar*

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“Many purists maintain that the 2003s are roasted and overripe, that the heat of the year completely obliterates terroir character, and that the vintage is thus of little interest to the real Burgundy aficionado. I believe that in addition to wearing their elitism like a badge, **these Burgundy snobs are also largely wrong and are going to miss out on some extraordinary bottles.** Sure, there are many wines that show a distinctly stewed, even prune, character; some of these wines are already displaying incipient oxidation. These bottles have nowhere to go and should be avoided. At the other extreme, there are also wines that miss out on the potential richness of the vintage, in most cases due to a blockage of maturity during extreme summer heat, which may have prevented the tannins from ripening completely. But at the level of the best producers, **there are plenty of wines of staggering richness** - wonderfully creamy, ripe pinot noirs whose babyfat will eventually melt away to reveal the soil character beneath (indeed, in many cases, the vineyard character had already begun to emerge during the last months of elevation). I believe that some of my scores on the top examples will turn out to be conservative.

“I have never experienced a set of red Burgundies that held up better in the recorked bottle than these 2003s. I tasted another 100 to 150 examples in New York in January and February and had the chance to follow the best of these wines in bottle-an opportunity I do not have when I taste in the cellars in November. Upwards of 80% of these wines were better after 24 to 48 hours: creamier and deeper and yet fresher, with emerging notes of fruits, minerals and earth and with virtually no sign of oxidation. I have enjoyed a number of the great 1947s - though not before they had been in bottle for a good 30 years - and there is something about the voluptuous creaminess of the best '03s that remind me of the earlier vintage.

“While it's likely that these wines will always be easy to identify blind by their vintage character, when consumed on their own they will be capable of giving great pleasure. Long-time readers of these pages are aware that I look for aromatic vibrancy and precision, as well as complexity and definition of flavor, especially in pinot noir. I do not enjoy tired pinot aromas. And yet **I find no shortage of energy in the best 2003s**, in spite of what the numbers might say. Those who reject these wines simply because they find them atypical will be missing out on some monumental wines. Yes, this is an extreme expression of Burgundy - some have called the vintage Californian in style-but with global warming . . . get used to it!”

- Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar*

	Regular	15% Off
<u>DOMAINE SIMON BIZE</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
2003 Savigny-les-Beaune “Aux Vergelesses” (Bize) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
<i>“Another small notch up in elegance with extremely pretty and fine red pinot fruit aromas that lead to supple, precise and beautifully textured medium full-bodied flavors of exceptional complexity that culminate in a pure and classy finish. I very much like this both for style and overall quality. (91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		

### DOMAINE CHANDON DE BRIAILLES

2003 Pernand-Vergelesses “Ile des Vergelesses” (Chandon de Briailles) ....	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
<i>“Good medium red. Red fruits, resinous oak and an almost honeyed ripeness on the nose. Fat, round, soft and suave; dense and sweet. Very strong for this cuvee, with the tannins atypically ripe and smooth. (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar</i>		
2003 Corton “Les Bressandes” (Chandon de Briailles) .....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>“Medium red. Subtle aromas of red berries and spices. Sweet, pliant and deep, with soil-inflected flavors of red fruits, minerals and earth. Suave, building wine, finishing with explosive fruit, mineral and earth flavors and a late dusting of tannins. (90-93/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar</i>		
2003 Corton “Clos du Roi” (Chandon de Briailles) .....	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
<i>“Good full red. Pure, vibrant aromas of red fruits, minerals and spices; cool and aristocratic in the context of the vintage. Then more complex but less fruity in the mouth than the Bressandes, hinting at game, smoke, leather and spices. Finishes very long, with perfectly buffered, ripe tannins and notes of licorice and minerals. (91-93/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar</i>		

### DOMAINE ROBERT CHEVILLON

2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Vieilles Vignes” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Bouscelots” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
<i>“As it always is, this is aromatically finer and more elegant with notably ripe but still stylish red pinot fruit aromas that lead to dusty, long and exceptionally complex flavors that are beautifully well balanced. This is delicious yet entirely serious in a lighter style in the context of the vintage. (88-90/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Roncières” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.50
<i>“A very ripe black raspberry and mocha-infused nose introduces richer, more powerful and more structured full-bodied flavors that have a meaty, indeed sauvage character plus a gorgeously concentrated, dusty and dry finish of striking length. This will require several years in the cellar. (88-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		

### DOMAINE BRUNO CLAIR

2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Cazetiers” (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>“As it almost always is, there is a touch more of everything here, in particular aromatic complexity as the iron and soil notes give more depth to the ripe pinot fruit. This is a serious if forward wine that should drink well early yet age for at least a decade, perhaps longer. 2008+ (88-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Clos St. Jacques” (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
<i>“This has ultra elegant red pinot fruit aromas that explode from the glass followed by sweet, beautifully pure and detailed medium full flavors that deliver good punch on the dusty, long and at the moment, rather linear finish. I like the overall balance and harmony of expression and this should be capable of a decade of improvement though it will certainly be approachable before that. 2009+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 175.00	\$ 148.75

### JOSEPH DROUHIN

2003 Volnay (Drouhin) .....	\$ 42.00	\$ 35.70
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## VINCENT GIRARDIN

2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2003 Chambolle-Musigny (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2003 Pommard “Les Grands Epenots” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“Aromas of black cherry, mocha and earth, with a meaty nuance. Sweeter and creamier than the Santenots but not heavy. Flavors of plum, currant and leather. Finishes firmly tannic and persistent, with a slightly medicinal menthol quality. In a distinctly tender style, and suitable for early drinking, but with plenty of life owing to the nicely integrated acidity. (87-89/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		
2003 Clos de Vougeot (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
2003 Echezeaux (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“Bright ruby-red. Wild berries, plum and smoked meat on the nose. Sweet, supple and gamey, but given shape and verve by juicy acidity. Nicely dense wine. (88-91/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		

## MICHEL GROS

2003 Vosne-Romanée (Michel Gros).....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
<i>“A nose of impressively complex spicy red and black pinot fruit aromas lead to round, dusty, sweet and classy medium full flavors underpinned by firm but fine tannins and excellent length. This is a lovely effort as the wood is integrated and there is both elegance and precision on the finish. 2008+ (87-89/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2003 Vosne-Romanée “Les Brulees” (Michel Gros).....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50

## HENRI GOUGES

2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Chenes Cartaux” (Henri Gouges) .....	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Pruliers” (Henri Gouges) .....	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Vaucrains” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>“Saturated ruby-red. Superripe but ultimately fresh aromas of roasted fruits, dark chocolate, black pepper, minerals and mint. Densely packed and extremely backward, but obviously sweet, rich and chocolatey. Quite sappy and juicy in the mid-palate and on the finish. The tannins arrive late and are surprisingly fine. Still, this one is almost too big for its pants. (89-92/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		
2003 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“Deep ruby-red. Tight, high-pitched aromas of redcurrant, leather and fresh blood. Quite solid, even clenched, yet in a more feminine style than the Vaucrains, with excellent inner-palate energy and grip. Juicy, deep wine, finishing with major toothcoating tannins and terrific grip and persistence. Gouges reiterated that there was no reference vintage for predicting the likely aging curve of the 2003s. (91-94/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		

## DOMAINE MATROT

2003 Volnay “Les Santenots” (Matrot) .....	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
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## DOMAINE MAUME

2003 Bourgogne Rouge (Maume) .....	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin (Maume) .....	\$ 52.00	\$ 44.20
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “En Pallud” (Maume).....	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Premier Cru” (Maume).....	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Lavaux-Saint-Jacques” (Maume) .....	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“Here too the nose runs almost completely to the high-toned red fruit side of the spectrum with airy notes of very ripe cherry and raspberry nuanced with a stoniness and hints of crushed herbs. This seems a bit fresher and brighter than the preceding wines with plenty of mineral verve that gives real lift and a sense of texture to the backend. The dense tannins are firm but fine and this is very pure. In short, really lovely juice. (88-91/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		

2003 Mazis-Chambertin (Maume).....\$ 150.00 \$ 127.50  
*"An absolutely gorgeous nose of black fruit, anise, violet and cassis coupled with a smoked meat and wild herb notes introduce big, intense and explosive flavors that are sappy and seductive. There is a deeply buried but steely tannic spine that will take its time resolving but I'd like to see this wine at age 15 or so. This is really a stunner as it's very fresh for the vintage and absolutely one to buy. (93/100)"*  
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

**DOMAINE MEO-CAMUZET**

2003 Marsannay (Meo-Camuzet).....\$ 45.00 \$ 38.25  
 2003 Fixin (Meo-Camuzet) .....\$ 50.00 \$ 42.50

**DOMAINE MONGEARD-MUGNERET**

2003 Fixin (Mongear-Mugneret).....\$ 35.00 \$ 29.75  
 2003 Vosne-Romanée "Les Orveaux" (Mongear-Mugneret).....\$ 75.00 \$ 63.75  
*"Classic ruby. Exuberant and bright red pinot fruit aromas are followed by complex, detailed and supple flavors culminating in a racy, mineral-inflected, firmly structured finish. No doubt the additional altitude of this vineyard has helped as this doesn't drink like an '03 and has real presence in the mouth. 2009+(88-91/100)"*- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com  
 2003 Echézeaux (Mongear-Mugneret) .....\$ 110.00 \$ 93.50  
*"Prominent but not overwhelming toast frames spicy and very ripe and dense dark fruit aromas that merge into balanced, punchy and muscular yet refined flavors and a very firm finish. The tannins are buried and this will require time to fully realize its potential. 2013+ (89-92/00)"*  
 - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

**DOMAINE DE MONTILLE**

2003 Volnay "Premier Cru" (de Montille) .....\$ 65.00 \$ 55.25  
 2003 Beaune "Les Perrieres" (de Montille).....\$ 70.00 \$ 59.50  
*"Good bright, deep red-ruby. Lively aromas of crushed redcurrant, minerals, smoke and spices. Stony and fine-grained, with more nuance and energy than the Sizies. Vibrant black cherry flavor. At once solid and classy, finishing with suave tannins and very good length. (89-91/100)"*  
 - Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar  
 2003 Volnay "Les Mitans" (de Montille) .....\$ 90.00 \$ 76.50  
*"Deep red. Complex, slightly sauvage aromas of black cherry, strawberry, violet, brown spices and roasted meat. Sweet, fine-grained and nicely perfumed in the mouth; this has taken up more oak than the Champans. Richer, larger-scaled and more tannic on the back end. (89-91/100)"*  
 - Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar  
 2003 Volnay "Les Taillepieds" (de Montille).....\$ 105.00 \$ 89.25  
*"Bright, deep ruby-red. Reduced, chocolatey nose. Big, dense, broad and rich; the ripeness here verges on roasted and yet this almost miraculously conveys an impression of energy. Here's a 2003 in the 1947 style. (89-92/100)"* - Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar  
 2003 Pommard "Les Grands Epenots" (de Montille) .....\$ 90.00 \$ 76.50  
 2003 Pommard "Les Grands Epenots" (de Montille) .....MAGNUMS.\$ NET \$ 185.00  
*"Good deep red. Sappy black cherry, fresh herbs and peppery lift on the nose. Sweet and accessible but with no shortage of body or power. Quite aromatic in the mouth, yet still in a rather masculine style-a bit like the Champans. Finishes with big, dusty tannins but strong, sweet fruit. (89-92/100)"*  
 - Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar  
 2003 Pommard "Les Pezerolles" (de Montille).....\$ 98.00 \$ 83.30  
 2003 Pommard "Les Pezerolles" (de Montille).....MAGNUMS.\$ NET \$ 198.00  
*"Good dark red-ruby. Deep, rather reduced nose of superripe black- and redcurrant, smoke and pepper. Huge, fat and sweet, but with noteworthy finesse for a 2003 with this much volume. Compellingly silky and full but not at all heavy. Finishes with superb breadth, a ripe chocolatey quality, and late-arriving tannins that are perfectly buffered by sheer density. (90-93/100)"*  
 - Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar

**DOMAINE SAINT MARTIN**

2003 Chambertin "Clos de Beze" (Saint Martin) .....\$ 135.00 \$ 114.75

**CHATEAU DE LA TOUR**

2003 Clos Vougeot (Chateau de la Tour) .....\$ 120.00    **\$ 102.00**  
*“An extremely ripe nose of plum and cassis that stops just short of being roasted reveals round, extremely rich and exceptionally concentrated, muscular and powerful flavors that completely coat the mouth on the superbly long finish. This is a very ripe wine yet one that remains in balance and the density of the flavors is really most impressive. 2013+. (89-92/100)”*  
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

2003 Clos Vougeot “Vieilles Vignes” (Chateau de la Tour) .....\$ 175.00    **\$ 148.75**  
*“Deep ruby. This is ever-so-slightly fresher with a similarly ripe nose of plum and cassis nuanced by spice and warm earth aromas leading to extraordinarily rich and sappy full-bodied, deep and wonderfully rich, palate staining flavors and huge length. This is a massive wine of simply unbelievable concentration yet it retains a fine sense of balance, which will enable this to live for decades. 2018+. (91-94)/100)”*- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

**DOMAINE COMTE DE VOGUÉ**

2003 Chambolle-Musigny “Premier Cru” (Comte de Vogué) .....\$ 175.00    **\$ 148.75**