

Domaine Gaëlle et Jérôme Meunier Côte Chalonnaise



Mercurey Premier Cru 2016

Gaëlle and Jérôme Meunier's 2016 Premier Cru bottling of Mercurey is a bit deeper and quite a bit more complex out of the blocks than the very good AC version. The nose wafts from the glass in a lovely blend of cassis, black cherries, chalky soil tones, a bit gamebird, bonfire, fresh thyme and a judicious framing of spicy oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and impressively soil-driven, with an excellent core of fruit, ripe tannins, bouncy acids and a long, complex and quite serious finish.

90+ points— John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Jan-Feb 2019

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Like its stable mate there is noticeable reduction though more of the funk dissipates with air to reveal distinctly earthy and mildly savage-inflected aromas of mostly dark pinot fruit. There is both solid density and energy to the utterly delicious yet quite serious medium-bodied flavors that possess excellent complexity on the sneaky long and moderately firm finale. This is really very good and while it's obviously quite young it could already be enjoyed thanks to the very fine depth. Worth checking out.

91 points— Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, Issue 72, October 2018