

Depardon Domaine de la Bêche Morgon



Morgon Vieilles Vignes 2019

Bright ruby. Spice-accented cherry, black raspberry and floral aromas show fine definition and pick up a hint of smokiness with air. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering appealingly sweet red and blue fruit and spicecake flavors that open up and deepen as the wine opens up. Fine-grained tannins add grip a long, floral-driven finish that echoes the cherry note.

91 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, August 2021

At this family-owned, 26ha estate, seventh generation Alexis Depardon, at just 22, is gradually assuming charge of the domaine's operations, currently overseeing the 3ha of Côte de Py in Morgon. He has a focus on terroir expression inherited from his parents. This cuvée is sourced from a rocky plot with blue schist soil. RG; Fresh red fruit aromas, and fresh on the palate with fruit and acidity in balance. Good weight and concentration. AH; Rounded and appealing style, lovely weight of dark berry and cherry fruit on the palate. Oak is subtle and well integrated. Freshness on the finish with acidity and a hint of graphite coming through. Fine, elegant Morgon. DV; Fresh on nose. Nice vibrant fruit in the mouth. Long clean finish and good balance. Pretty. Drink 2021-2028

95 pts- Decanter, August 2018

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The Vieilles Vignes bottling of Morgon from Olivier Depardon and his son Alexis is made from vines that average seventy years of age and hail from all six of Morgon's lieux à dits. The bunches are destemmed and ninety-five percent of the bottling is raised in old foudres, with only five percent being raised in used Burgundy casks. The 2018 version offers up a deep and black fruity nose of black cherries, dark berries, woodsmoke, roasted game, dark soil tones and a bit of violet in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely soil-driven, with a fine core of fruit, a bit of backend tannin and a long, complex and well-balanced finish. This is a proper vin de garde and will need three or four years in the cellar to start to really blossom. 2023-2055+.

92 pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Sept-Oct 2020