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### Extrait : 'Inside Burgundy' by Jasper Morris

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When I tasted his 2018s with Stéphane Magnien early in the year, he also gave me a sneak preview of the 2019s which he much preferred, and very good they are too. They had all been racked to tank in late September for bottling between January and March. Prior to the racking, the Magnien barrel regime allows for 15% new oak on the village wines, 25% on the 1ers crus and one third for the grands crus – so nothing excessive. He made one third less crop than in 2018, with the 1ers crus cropping the least, around 30 hl/ha. Degrees are at, or even below, 13%. Stéphane is right to be excited about his 2019s.

### Red

#### 2019, Coteaux Bourguignons, Domaine Stéphane Magnien ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 86-87

Made in equal proportions from pinot noir and gamay, 60 year old vines. Deep fresh purple, delicious fruit rounded and accessible, very vibrant with just the right acidity and very good length. Delicious example! Tasted: November 2020

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#### 2019, Coteaux Bourguignons "Pur Pinot Noir", Domaine Stéphane Magnien ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 86-87

Stéphane has no Bourgogne Rouge vineyards so he makes a pure pinot from within the Coteaux Bourguignons appellation. If anything, it is even deeper in purple than the blended Coteaux Bourguignons and a little nuttier on the nose, tenser, and actually with stronger acidity. A little more serious and structured but as a result a little less immediately enjoyable. Tasted: November 2020

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#### 2019, Morey-St-Denis "Grains Fins", Domaine Stéphane Magnien ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 89-92

Made from young vines in Crais Gillon and the lower part of Chenevery. Glowing purple, with fresh energetic fruit, really lovely in the style of supplying immediate charm. There is no especial weight but there is length. Skilfully handled, with tension at the finish Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Morey-St-Denis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★

From Les Cognées and Clos Solon, vines aged 55 years and more. Fine full purple. The nose displays a rich succulent, ripe dark raspberry, more structure here. What a weight of fruit, superb density, some oak showing, more structure, a few tannins appearing behind. Drink the Grains Fins first and then start in on this at (minimum) 6 to 8 years old. Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 91-94

The oldest vines date back to 1902 and 1903 in Les Athées but with replacements of course. Dense black purple. The nose is heady but balanced, then the fruit explodes on the second half of the palate, really racy, the tannins are ripe, fruit is at optimum ripeness, but there is still good acidity too. Chapeau. Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers 1er cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 91-94

Clear dense purple. The nose is tighter than the Vieilles Vignes cuvée, with more in reserve, even some light blackcurrant notes. The wine has concentration and length, dark fruit style, the tannins are present but a silent partner, the Morey St-Denis influence in play. Properly persistent. Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Morey-St-Denis Les Faconnières 1er cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 92-95

Mostly from old vines as the most recent planting (2002) is dying, a phenomenon we are seeing all too often at the moment in Burgundy. Dense complete purple, with a solid rather than sensual bouquet. Additional body and sturdiness but also with a deep black cherry fruit, a wealth of flavour throughout and really long. Bravo. Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Morey-St-Denis "Cuvée Aux Petites Noix" 1er cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 92-94

This is a blend of two little vineyards, Gruenchers and Clos Baulet. This is the one cuvée where Stéphane allows a small proportion of whole bunch, (10%) to counter the clay soil. It is amazing though to see such a clear effect from the inclusion of so small a percentage, really changing the profile, bringing a fresher red fruit, and a very long finish with a tiny bitterness. So different in style to the sturdy Faconnieres! Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 92-96

35 year old vines in Mazoyères-Chambertin. Rich purple with a seductively perfumed nose, sweetly ripe up front, broad and a little oaky across the palate, long and deeply charming. Not massive, needs a little more extraction to bring it out this far, not so mineral as some Mazoyères but still very pleasing. Tasted: November 2020

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**2019, Clos St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Stéphane Magnien**

★★★★★ 94-97

65 year old vines in the core of the appellation, producing five and a half barrels this year. Dense rich purple, just a light reduction. This is not too heady nor too massive, a touch of liquorice, the finish shows the grand cru quality but the wine is not quite singing yet behind the light reduction. Exceptionally perfumed and persistent and should develop further from here. Tasted: November 2020

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