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Domaine Latour-Giraud (Meursault)

2018	Meursault "Caillerets" 1er	red	90
2018	Pommard	red	88
2018	Pommard "La Refène" 1er	red	90
2018	➔ Volnay "Clos des Chênes" 1er	red	92

I will have more on Jean-Pierre Latour's views of the 2018 vintage in Issue 79 but just to share one interesting remark on them, "2017 is like the perfect child whereas 2018 is like the naughty child that everyone loves anyway"! Latour did note that the reds were bottled only a few days before my February visit. (Atherton Wine Imports, www.awiwine.com, CA, Chemin des Vins, www.chemindesvins.com, MA both USA; Bibendum Wine Ltd., www.bibendum-wine.co.uk, Thorman Hunt & Co., www.thormanhunt.co.uk, and Atlas Fine Wines, www.atlasfinewines.com, all UK).

2018 Pommard: A ripe and overtly earthy nose reflects mostly notes of various dark berries where a suggestion of the *sauvage* lurks in the background. The supple, round and easy-going flavors are not particularly dense though they do tighten up sufficiently on the detailed and energetic bitter pit fruit-inflected finish to suggest that this should repay 6 to 8 years of cellaring. 88/2025+

2018 Meursault "Caillerets": A slightly riper nose offers up notes of poached plum, spice and a pretty whiff of violet. The medium weight flavors are also quite supple and rounded with equally good detail and more evident minerality on the much more finely textured finish where a hint of minerality adds a sense of lift. This is quite attractive and particularly so for its refreshing finish. 90/2025+

2018 Pommard "La Refène": A mentholated top note is present on the notably spicy aromas of poached plum, black raspberry and warm earth. Once again, the palate impression of the medium weight flavors is supple and pliant yet there is good delineation and punch to the lightly stony finish where touches of youthful austerity and warmth arise. 90/2026+

2018 Volnay "Clos des Chênes": Liqueur-like aromas of ripe black cherry, red currant, tea and discreet spice elements are trimmed in just enough wood to notice. The wonderfully seductive and generously proportioned flavors deliver sneaky good length on the lingering and overtly mineral-inflected finish. I wouldn't describe this as especially concentrated but I very much like the sense of harmony on the firmly structured finale that will require at least some patience to resolve. Lovely. 92/2028+