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Domaine Latour-Giraud (Meursault)

2015	Bourgogne – Chardonnay	white	86
2015	Meursault “Bouchères” 1er	white	90
2015	Meursault “Charmes” 1er	white	90
2015	Meursault – Cuvée Charles Maxime	white	88
2015	➔ Meursault “Genevrières” 1er	white	92
2015	➔ Meursault “Genevrières – Cuvée des Pierres” 1er	white	91
2015	➔ Meursault “Les Narvaux”	white	89
2015	Meursault “Perrières” 1er	white	90
2015	➔ Meursault “Poruzots” 1er	white	91
2015	Puligny-Montrachet “Champs Canet” 1er	white	90

Jean-Pierre Latour told me that 2015 is “one of those vintages that produced wines that are both easy to like and easy to understand and as such they should be very popular. The growing season itself was fairly easy though we experienced a huge amount of shatter that cost us around 30 and 40% of the potential crop. We chose to begin picking on the 3rd of September and the fruit had both high levels of maturity as well as generous potential alcohols which came in between 13.5 and 14%. My number one goal during the vinification and *élevage* was to do everything to preserve the freshness because I absolutely wanted to avoid producing heavy wines or wines that lack vibrancy. As to the style of the wines, I would compare to them to 2009 but with more concentration but also a bit more alcohol.” Latour noted that the 2015s were bottled between December and January 2017. He also noted the 2015s were bottled with higher levels of CO and thus you may wish to decant them first if you’re going to drink them young. (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, both UK).

2015 Bourgogne - Chardonnay: (from Meursault vines). A ripe but fresh nose features aromas of apple and pear along with top notes of citrus peel. There is good vibrancy to the very rich and lavishly proportioned flavors that conclude in a slightly warm finish where the gas is noticeable so I would suggest giving this a quick decantation. 86/2018+

2015 Meursault – Cuvée Charles Maxime: (from the Domaine founders of Charles Giraud and Maxime Latour – the fruit derives from 5 separate *lieux-dits*). Whiffs of the lavender and the exotic can be found on the mostly white fleshed fruit scented nose that is notably ripe. The medium weight flavors are rich to the point of being succulent while offering good length on the sappy, even seductive finale. This should drink well shortly after release as it's already very forward. 88/2018+

2015 Meursault “Les Narvaux”: A slightly fresher nose combines aromas of lemon peel and acacia blossom with those of essence of apple compote and softly spiced pear. The round, rich and very generously proportioned medium-bodied flavors exhibit a hint of minerality on the more complex, clean and relatively dry finish. While not as forward as the Maxime, this too should drink well early on if that's your preference. 89/2020+

2015 Meursault “Bouchères”: A ripe but cool and pure nose possesses a lovely array of pear, white peach and subtle acacia wisps. There is both good volume and richness to the utterly delicious and seductively textured flavors that manage to deliver very good refinement on the clean and dry finish that offers fine persistence if only average depth. 90/2020+

2015 Meursault “Poruzots”: (from a small .14 ha parcel that will be bottled by hand; Latour calls this “old style *terroir*” because it usually produces a rustic wine). This possesses an interesting though not exactly typical nose as it consists of red grapefruit, lemon peel and jasmine tea aromas. The rich and impressively-scaled flavors brim with sappy dry extract before terminating in an overtly powerful, well-balanced and solidly persistent finish. In contrast to the prior wines, this should repay at least some cellaring. 91/2021+

2015 Meursault “Charmes”: (from 35+ year old vines in Charmes Dessus). A pretty and attractively layered nose offers up notes that consist primarily of essence of white orchard fruit, citrus and honeysuckle. The succulent yet punchy medium weight flavors possess an opulent mouth feel while delivering fine length on the reasonably well-balanced finish where the only nit is a hint of warmth. 90/2020+

2015 Meursault “Genevrières”: (from 40+ year old vines from a huge 2.5 ha parcel in Genevrières Dessus). Hints of matchstick and exotic tea add breadth to the ripe and very pretty white flower and orchard fruit scented nose. The elegant middle weight flavors possess a lilting mouth feel before concluding in a lightly stony, sleek and impressively focused and persistent finish. While this lovely effort isn't exactly a classic Genevrières, it is less obviously marked by the vintage. 92/2020+

2015 Meursault “Perrières”: An attractively layered nose combines overt floral notes with those of citrus peel, mineral reduction and soft spice hints. The equally sleek and refined flavors reflect even more minerality that continues onto the relatively powerful and slightly warm finish. This is an atypically big Perrières and I found that the gas accentuated the backend warmth so I would suggest serving this on the cool side and in a decanter if you're going to try a bottle young. 90/2020+

2015 Meursault “Genevrières – Cuvée des Pierres”: (from 50+ year old vines). There is a honeyed character to the exotic-tinged nose of white flowers and viognier-like aromas. The opulent and almost painfully intense flavors are borderline thick with an oily texture thanks to the seemingly endless reserve of dry extract that drenches the palate on the highly complex finish. This too displays plenty of gas and thus I would again suggest decanting it first. 91/2020+

2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Champs Canet”: Here the ripe nose of apple and acacia blossom is moderately phenolic in character (think nut or olive oil elements). Once again there is outstanding concentration to the lush and enveloping flavors that are at once muscular and serious on the mildly warm finish that really fans out as it sits on the palate. The balance of this bold wine; indeed it's borderline robust, isn't quite perfect but it certainly doesn't lack for power and punch. 90/2020+