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2018 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes – reds

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The wines...

With rare exceptions, these wines were generous and completely drinkable - but they were also balanced and fresh - there is no rush to drink them. I would say many great 'Bourgognes' were produced in the Hautes Côtes in 2018 - probably more-so than in the Côte d'Or. It turned out that my favourite three (pictured below) were all from the Hautes Côtes de Nuits - and they were three wines of very different styles too!



2018 Truchetet, Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits 'La Montagne'

Domaine-branded cork.

Medium-plus colour. Ooh - this is different; a faint funkiness, probably some whole-cluster fermentation here, becoming more and more (rose) floral with aeration - I like! Red-fruited, some energy that's exacerbated by a little prickle of CO₂ - slowly you get to see a nice texture - more velvet than silk, but the tiny grain to the tannin is completely ripe. Wide, complex, finishing. I love the whole-cluster complexity that this wine delivers - but it will certainly repay a couple of years patience in the cellar. Bravo!

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