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WINE

Domaine Armand Rousseau
Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

“2001 is a classic Pinot Noir year,” Corinne Rousseau told us, “a year in which the characteristics of each appellation are very marked.” We tasted the range of Rousseau’s 2001s from barrel; unquestionably these wines, made from vines fifty and sixty years old, were among the deepest, densest, and most concentrated we sampled on our entire visit to Burgundy—continuing Rousseau’s incredible streak.

The Charmes Chambertin is very fine and very delicate with concentrated strawberry and light minerality. **Rating: 92** The Morey Saint-Denis, Clos-de-la-Roche was well structured and solid, made from exceptional fruit with stone, cherry candy and bark. **Rating: 90**

The Gevrey Chambertin Clos Saint-Jacques is closed, but showing fine black fruit cassis and spice on the palate. **Rating: 90** The Ruchottes Chambertin Clos-des-Ruchottes from their 1-hectare plot was long and outstanding, with cherry and blackberry fruit. **Rating: 92** Clos de Bèze is “the most complex wine that ever existed,” says Corinne, and Rousseau’s 2001 Clos de Bèze already suggests a beautiful life ahead, with a tight and dense berry flavors along with spice, stone, beautiful structure, and strong backbone. **Rating: 93-94**

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