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Château de Chamirey

Mercrey white 2018 : 89

There is background whisper of petrol to the white peach, citrus peel and melon -suffused nose. I like the punch and volume to the delicious middle weight flavors that conclude in a bitter lemon-inflected dry finish. 2020+

Mercrey En Pierrelet 2018 : 89

A softly wooded nose reflects mildly exotic aromas of lychee, melon, ripe pear and citrus that precede the attractively textured medium weight flavors that offer acceptable depth but nice length. This needs to develop better but i like the delivery. 2021+

Mercrey Premier Cru La Mission 2018 : 91

(a *monopole* of the domaine). Here too there is a hint of oak toast to the ripe white orchard fruit aromas that are cut with discreet citrus nuances. The finer medium-bodied flavors also possess an appealing texture while exuding a discreet minerality on the generously proportioned and more complex finale. 2022+

Mercrey red 2018 : 90

(this *cuvée* always contains a significant amount of declassified 1er juice). A restrained if ripe nose reflects notes of both red and dark fruit along with evident earth and soft wood nuances. The supple, round and delicious middle weight flavors possess good energy before terminating in a mildly rustic and warm finale. The presence of the 1er juice in the blend is evident as this offers fine volume and power for a *villages* level wine. 2022+

Mercrey Clos de la Maladière 2018 : 90

Pungent sulfur-induced reduction and wood is about all that can be discerned today. The slightly punchier medium-bodied flavors possess a velvety and caressing mouth feel that also terminate in a rustic, youthfully austere and slightly warm finish. This firm effort will need a few years to develop better depth. 2024+





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Mercrey Premier Cru Clos l'Evêque 2018 : 92

Here too the nose is quite pungent as it consists mainly of reduction, wood and menthol. There is impressive richness to the nicely dense medium weight flavors that possess an attractive texture that carries over to the serious, powerful and built-to-age finish that also evidences a hint of warmth. 2028+

Mercrey Premier Cru Clos des Ruelles 2018 : 92

(a 2.53 ha *monopole* of the domaine). This broad-ranging nose is very ripe though not roasted or jammy with its cassis, black cherry, raspberry, spice and earth scents. The highly seductive velvet-texture flavors possess better depth on the rustic, powerful and serious finish. This mildly warm effort should reward extended cellaring. 2028+

Mercrey Premier Cru Clos du Roi 2018 : 92

A gentle application of wood sets off the very, very ripe liqueur-like aromas of various dark berries, warm earth and a top note of violet. The sleek, energetic and nicely voluminous flavors possess fine mid-palate density display solid length and reasonable depth on the youthfully austere and mildly warm finish. The supporting structure is sufficiently pliant that this should be approachable after only 4 to 5 years but reward up to 10. 2024+

Mercrey Premier Cru Champs Martin 2018 : 92

A moderately toasty nose is comprised by notes of ripe black raspberry, spice and soft earth wisps. The lavishly rich, even opulent, medium-bodied flavors possess very good mid-palate concentration thanks to the abundance level of dry extract that imparts a seductive mouth feel that contrasts with the chewy, serious and long finish where the only nit is a hint of warmth. 2026+

Mercrey Premier Cru En Sazenay 2018 : 92

This too possesses a wide-ranging nose that reflects notes of wood, menthol, spice, cassis, black cherry and a whiff of violet. There is quite a bit of gas on the palate that renders this tougher to read but the underlying material is sleek if perhaps not quite as dense on the moderately austere finish. Despite the gas, my sense is that this will harmonize and should be a quality effort. 2026+

