

Spurrier's World

Decanter's globetrotting consultant editor gives us a round-up of recent tastings, his views on current issues in the wine world and top bottles to drink or keep

For the cellar

2011 Beaujolais crus

Those who have cellared the 2009 cru Beaujolais have done well, for this best vintage for 50 years will see out the decade. The elegant, less robust 2010s have four years in front of them, and now here are the more briary 2011s. Overall quality from the crus has never been better, with wines showing great individuality. Jasper Morris MW has selected an impressive range for UK merchant Berry Bros & Rudd, focusing on Fleurie and the more masculine Morgon. Of the two Fleuries, that of **Bernard Métrat** (12.5%, £16.50, 2013–2015) was pure charm, while **Julien Sunier's** (12.5%, £19.50, 2013–2016) had grippy vineyard depth.

Then six stunning Morgons: **Louis-Claude Desvignes'** (13%, £13.50, 2013–2015) showed floral fruit and good tannins, while his **Côte de Py** (13%, £17.25, 2013–2016) had more depth. **Domaine Burgaud's Côte de Py** (13%, £16.95, 2013–2017) was more briary and spicy; **Grange Cochard's Vieilles Vignes** (13%, £13.95, 2013–2015) showed summery fruit, his fleshy **Les Charmes** (13.5%, £15.95, 2013–2017) had more depth, and his superb **Côte de Py** (13.5%, £18.95, 2013–2018) stole my vote.

