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# International Wine Cellar

## Domaine Jacques Prieur

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"The 2009s seemed too easy and tender at the beginning," said enologist Nadine Gublin, "but the reasonably late malos [mostly ending in May], thanks in part to the very cold winter, gave them more structure—a structure that was hidden at the beginning. The wines have been constructed during their élevage: they have taken on more thickness and tannic force." Gublin told me that the team began picking on September 8 and "took their time." She admitted to making the full allowable yields but noted that the phenolic material was strong and grape sugars were in the 13.5% to 14% range. The wines were still on their lees in barriques, unracked, at the time of my visit. (Frederick Wildman & Sons, New York, NY)

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Meursault Clos de Mazeray Rouge

(\$100) Deep red. High-toned aromas of raspberry, cherry and spicy, nutty oak. Juicy, spicy and intense but with the red fruit and red licorice flavors carrying a full load of spicy, vanillin oak. A tad dried by wood tannins on the end.

**86-88**

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Beaune Greves

(25% new oak) Deep red-ruby. Pure aromas of cherry, licorice and spices; less oaky than the Clos de Mazeray. Then supple, ripe and rich on the palate, with a pliant texture to the redcurrant and cherry fruit. Thick and sweet but Gublin says that this wine has taken on structure since the June malo.

**87-90**

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Beaune Champs Pimont

(\$87) Red-ruby. Redcurrant, spices and smoky minerality on the aromatic nose, which also displays a hint of gunflint. Sweet on entry, then a bit clenched in the middle, showing a tougher texture and firmer tannins than the Greves. This solidly structured wine will need longer bottle aging.

**88-90**



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### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Volnay Champans

(\$152; 30% new oak) Good deep red. Musky, slightly reduced nose offers redcurrant, smoke, leather and a whiff of oak. Sweet, supple and broad but not yet displaying much complexity. The rich cherry and raspberry flavors carry through to a rather broad finish. This, too, needs more time in barrel.

**89-91**

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Volnay Clos des Santenots

(\$140) Good full medium red. Dusty cherry, licorice and sweet spices on the nose; reminded me a bit of cabernet. Then juicy, spicy and tight but without the fruity lift of the Champans. The wine's more saline and oaky character gives the finish a somewhat dry aspect today. In an awkward stage.

**88-91**

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Corton Bressandes

(\$251) Deep, saturated ruby-red. Enticing, perfumed nose offers black fruits, violet, spices, minerals, flowers and smoke. Sweet, suave and concentrated, with a saline element and a deep minerality adding interest to the black cherry and spice flavors. Spicy oak is apparent on the long, vibrant back end. These vines appear to have been picked at just the right time.

**90-93**

### 2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Clos Vougeot

(\$258) Good medium-deep red. Lively but restrained aromas of medicinal black cherry, menthol, wild herbs and bitter chocolate. Energetic but on the lean side and youthfully imploded, with very primary flavors of dark cherry, licorice and menthol. (I would have guessed this was made with some of its stems but it wasn't.) Finishes structured and persistent. Reminded me a bit of the austere 2007 at the same stage, but this wine has more stuffing. It should also gain in texture by the time it's bottled.

**89-91**



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### **2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru**

(\$142; made from young vines in Le Chambertin) Medium red. Very expressive aromas of redcurrant, licorice and smoked meat, lifted by an enticing spicy perfume. Then lush, sweet and seamless on the palate; tender rather than deep, with a roundness to its flavors of wild red fruits and smoke. Can't match the top 2009s here for finesse or finishing sweetness, but this tender wine should give early pleasure.

**88-90**

### **2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Chambertin**

Good full medium red. Aromatically deep nose combines raspberry, wild herbs, flowers and licorice, along with some savory earth tones. Wonderfully supple, suave and elegant, impressive more for its silky mouthfeel than for its power. Deeper and spicier than the young-vines version, and much less obvious today. Finishes much longer, with the tannins arriving later. Since 2007, this cuvee includes a tiny quantity of Clos de Beze, which Gublin feels has added a floral element and resulted in a more vivid wine.

**90-93**

### **2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Echezeaux**

(\$408) Good medium red with ruby highlights. Sexy, perfumed nose combines crushed blueberry, cassis, minerals and flowers. Dense, ripe and precise, with terrific lift and energy to the flavors of black fruits and flowers. Finishes very long and fresh, with firm tannins perfectly balanced by the wine's fresh fruit and floral lift. Insiders know that this is frequently Domaine Prieur's finest red, as the vines in the lieu-dit Les Poulallieres, which are open to cool breezes flowing through the Combe d'Orveaux, do particularly well in warmer years. This wine always has the lowest pH, notes Gublin.

**92-95**

### **2009 Domaine Jacques Prieur Musigny**

(\$560) Full red-ruby. Reticent but pure aromas of blackberry, violet, minerals and bitter chocolate. Juicy, intense and densely packed, with a thickness of texture leavened by lively acidity and stony minerality. Not a particularly floral or delicate style of Musigny; on the contrary, this is quite marked by the warm year. Finishes long, with substantial dusty tannins. This will probably require a decade in the cellar.

**91-94**