

Beaujolais: Remarkable Riches and 2009 Richness

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“The 2009 Beaujolais are gloriously generous and genuinely complex, as fine as any wines from this region in recent memory.”

Henry Fessy tasting notes:



2009 Fleurie – 88 Points

A lovely nose of very ripe fresh white peaches and red raspberries that could almost have come from a Riesling rises from the glass of Fessy 2009 Fleurie, which proceeds to invigorate and refresh, with its bright, faintly tart acidity well-woven into the wine’s fruit character rather than detached as was the case with other wines in the new Fessy collection. What’s more, there is no significant bitterness blocking the finish, which is lip-smackingly generous, if not notably complex. Hints of peony perfume and underlying wet stone do, however, add to the interest and allure of a wine



2009 Morgon – 87 Points

“A Fessy 2009 Morgon is scented with boysenberry preserves and a hint of cherry candy that evolves into a somewhat sweet-tart palate impression. Roasted red meats, crushed stone, toasted nuts, and hints of nut husk bitterness are all suggested by way of some complexity, although the finish is slightly warm, bitter and tart rather than mouth-wateringly lingering.”



2009 Régnié Château des Reyssiers – 87 Points

“The darkly-hued Fessy 2009 Regnie Chateau des Reyssiers smells of fresh blackberries and black raspberries backed by a bracing hint of the sea. Salinity and slightly tart acidity make for an invigorating impression on a palate that is amply juicy. A rather aggressively tactile note in the finish combines with persistent tartness and faint bitterness.”



2009 Beaujolais Villages 86 Points



2009 Moulin-à-Vent 86 Points



2009 Brouilly 85 Points