

## Spurrier on Burgundy 2006

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Decanter's consultant editor Steven Spurrier brings you his impressions of the new wines at the 2006 Burgundy tastings



Here are some opinions from the tastings:

**Jancis Robinson MW:** Whites are much better than the reds, I haven't been excited by the reds so far (this is the first day), but the one thing that the British market is going to realise is that with the worldwide demand for these wines and the weak pound against the euro, good Burgundy will no longer be inexpensive. The US, with their feeble dollar, already know this.

**Julia Harding MW** (Jancis Robinson's assistant): Reds quite light and a bit dry – I remember Jancis telling me while tasting Bouchard Pere et Fils's 2005s last year that she thought them a bit light – good freshness and clarity, lack of fruit in the lower ranges, better as you go up, but still a lack of charm. Whites better than the reds, nicely perfumed and fresh, an attractive vintage.

**Jasper Morris MW:** Whites are more precise and more aromatic than in 2005, but the key was to pick early; Reds, an initial problem with rot, but now the good vigneronns know how to handle this and the wines have surprised us by putting on weight and colour. These will be very stylish wines for the medium term and our customers (Berry Bros and Rudd) will like them because you cannot make this sort of wine outside Burgundy.

Alex Gambal's quote that 'Burgundy is a full-contact sport, not a spectator sport' found its proof at Bibendum's tasting on Wednesday evening.