



Jean Fournier

2016 Cotes de Nuits Villages les Croix Violettes
Marsannay, Burgundy

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Score 89-91 points

The 2016 Côte de Nuits Villages les Croix Violettes has a very intriguing and quite complex bouquet—black fruit intermingling with pencil box and mulchy aromas, nicely defined but broody at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with supple black fruit, smooth enough so that you would be duped into thinking there was some new oak here (there is none). This is very seductive, a little modern in style, still balanced with a sensual, caressing, oyster shell-tinged finish. This is very impressive for a Côte de Nuits, and I bet it will last a lot longer than you would presuppose. (NM)

