

five years on tasting

The 2000 vintage was trumpeted with enormous fanfare across the wine world. But did the wines of Y2K merit the headlines, or did they represent just more hype? Samantha Caporn assembled a panel of expert tasters to revisit this seemingly miraculous year



May 2005

2000

87 Alex Gambal Nuits-St-Georges Les Pruliers Premier Cru 2000 Burgundy, France

'A soft, sweet fruit aroma with an easy, attractive palate. Supple with some length.' *LR* Drink 2005-2009

*Nuits-Saint-Georges
Les Pruliers*

Burgundy, like Bordeaux, also produced some ripe, concentrated wines, and Alex Gambal (some of whose reds we tasted here) felt that the best whites were very concentrated. 'There is real structure to the wines, balanced by amazingly plump fruit,' he said. He believes that the whites have great potential and will continue to reveal notes of white peaches and pears. Moving on to the red wines, Gambal notes that 'the reds, especially in the Côte de Nuits, display a plumpness and bright red fruit quality that makes them delicious today and over the near to medium term'. He added that the red fruit quality of the vintage enhances the expression of Pinot and that these wines are '*vins des plaisirs*'.

83 Alex Gambal Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaux Saint-Jacques Premier Cru 2000 Burgundy, France

'Amiable and supple in the mouth, although the easy fruit doesn't cover the oak. A tasty, tight wine.' *LR* Drink 2005-2008

*Gevrey-Chambertin
Lavaux Saint-Jacques*

*Charmes-Chambertin
Grand Cru*

91 Alex Gambal Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 200 Burgundy, France

'A full, fruit-driven aroma with firm oak the palate and a long finish. This is a big vigorous wine.' *LR* Drink 2006-2011