Santenay Rouge



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This ripe, fruity wine has a good balance between tannins and rich red-berry flavors. It is certainly structured, with youthful fruitiness. The concentrated structure will allow the wine to age. Drink from 2021

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Drouhin's elegant and lacey style is a perfect fit for the ripe red wines of 2015. The reds from Santenay, a low-keyed village at the southern end of the Côte de Beaune bordering Chassagne-Montrachet, can have a rustic edge to them. Taming this rusticity — making it charming — without eviscerating the signature of the village's wine is a difficult line to walk, one that Drouhin does marvelously with its 2015 Santenay. Glossy, but not too elegant, the rustic charm of Santenay is apparent and appealing. Very long, especially for a village wine, this mid-weight wine is a beauty to drink now, with a roast chicken and sautéed mushrooms. Yum!

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The 2015 reds are exceptionally up and down on the price scale. From north to south, the wines are impressive and packed with concentrated pinot noir fruit. You can buy 2015 reds without a worry and stack the cellar high. They have the structure, concentration and ripeness to age extremely well, and the best reds actually need time to absorb the puppy fat, revealing more typicity and character. Lower down the scale, you'll find wines that are plain fun to drink, as they offer more fleshy texture and depth of flavor than you'd ordinarily expect to find at Villages or regional level.

