



The 25 Essential Wines of 2016

Meet this year's "Hot 25"—the bottles that represent everything we love about today's ever-expanding wine world.

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Domaine Berthaut Fixin Les Crais

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With so much of Burgundy catapulted into one-percenter territory, what's left to actually *drink*? We've been considering this question all year, and the small appellation of Fixin, just north of Gevrey-Chambertin, is an excellent answer. At just 28, Amélie Berthaut has not only made her family's estate the symbol of what could be in Fixin, but has also proved herself to be one of Burgundy's great emerging talents. Any of her wines could make this list, but I'm partial to the Crais, from a cobble-y alluvial site in the village's lower portion. It yields a saline, delicate wine with tannins just stoic enough to handle the rush of fruit that sneaks up on you. This isn't just masterful; it's a new way of seeing a very hidebound place.

