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## **2018 Pierre-Luc Leyvraz • St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges**

Rating **91**

Drink Date 2020 – 2035

The 2018 St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges opens with a pure and intense yet elegant and flinty bouquet of ripe white fruits and melon aromas intertwined with sur lie aromas and notes of crushed stones. Creamy and elegant on the somewhat lactic palate, this is a medium to full-bodied and harmonious Chasselas with a refreshingly salty finish with vivacious acidity. Very good length and aging capacity. A finessed classic from the steep terraces of St. Saphorin. Tasted in February 2020.

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## **2017 Pierre-Luc Leyvraz • Dézaley Grand Cru**

Rating **90+**

Drink Date 2022 – 2035

Leyvraz's 2017 Dézaley Grand Cru opens with a clear, precise and flinty, deep, intense and elegant bouquet. Creamy yet vital on the palate with some lactic flavors, this is a classic from the Lavaux. Quiet instead of exiting but sustainable and with inner virtues to develop over the next few years in the bottle. Tasted in February 2020.

## **2012 Pierre-Luc Leyvraz • St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges**

Rating **92**

Drink Date 2020 – 2040

The 2012 St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges offers a deep, ripe and complex nose of ripe, yellow-fleshed fruits and crushed stones that give extra freshness. Rich and dense on the palate yet lively, mineral and sustainably structured, this is a medium to full-bodied, elegant and well-balanced Chasselas with remarkable freshness, inner vitality and complexity. Stimulatingly salty on the persistent finish. An excellent St-Saphorin that doesn't taste like an 8-year-old wine. 12.2% alcohol. Tasted in February 2020.

## **2009 Pierre-Luc Leyvraz • St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges**

Rating **89**

Drink Date 2020 – 2028

The 2009 St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges starts with malolactic notes on the intense nose, which indicate a warm and sunny vintage as well as super ripe, almost slightly caramelly fruit with bright spicy notes that I didn't pick up in the 2012 or the 2018. Mellow and round on the palate, this is a very juicy, creamy and generous yet elegant and refined Casselas from the steep terraces of the Lavaux. It lacks a bit of tension for my personal taste, but if you prefer a quiet wine, this might be for you. Very harmonious and without edges. Tasted in February 2020.