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Château de Lavernette (Leynes)

2009	Pouilly-Fuissé – Maison du Villard	white	88
	Pouilly-Fuissé "Vers Châne"	white	89

From Bertrand, Anke et Xavier de Boissieu. (Vintage '59 Imports, www.vintage59.com, Washington D.C.).

2009 Pouilly-Fuissé – Maison du Villard: A ripe and expressive nose of peach, pear and apricot leads to notably rich, suave and very round medium-bodied flavors that possess a textured mouth feel before terminating in a delicious and easy to like finish that offers moderately good depth and length. Initially this feels as though it might be a touch too sweet and while there is a trace of mid-palate sweetness, it is buffered by just enough acidity that the finale is reasonably dry. 88/2013+

2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "Vers Châne": There is a delicate application of wood on the nose that displays similar aromas to that of the Maison du Villard though here there is better complexity. There is good vibrancy to the bigger, richer and more obviously concentrated flavors that culminate in a clean and again, moderately dry and persistent finish. There is a succulence that borders on the juicy yet this is not banal and it's not fruit-driven. While this could be aged for a few years it's already drinking sufficiently well that there is probably not a lot of upside to keeping it for very long. 89/2014+