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Domaine Michel Briday (Rully)

2017	Bouzeron - Cuvée Axelle	white	87
2017	Rully	white	87
NV	Brut "Crémant de Bourgogne"	sparkling	87
NV	Brut "Crémant de Bourgogne Rosé"	sparkling	85

(Vineyard Brands, www.vineyardbrands.com, AL and L'Esprit du Vin, www.esprit-du-vin.com, WA, both US).

Whites:

2017 Bouzeron - Cuvée Axelle: A softly spiced apple, pear and citrus-suffused nose leads to agreeably textured medium weight flavors that possess reasonably good verve on the bitter lemon-inflected finale. This rich effort offers acceptable depth and persistence though there is noticeable backend warmth and it's enough to detract, if only mildly, from the overall sense of balance. 87/now

2017 Rully: Notes of petrol and matchstick dominate the nose at present though there are background wisps of citrus rind. There is fine richness and a notably finer mouth feel to the medium-bodied flavors that possess solid dry extract that imparts a sappy texture to the lingering if noticeably warm finish. I like the depth but this is definitively on the warmer side. 87/2020+

Sparkling:

NV Brut "Crémant de Bourgogne": A moderately fruity nose reveals just enough yeast and quinine elements to be interesting. The nicely vibrant is not particularly complex flavors are supported by a firm but not fine mousse on the ever-so-mildly sweet finale. This is better than its rosé counterpart but it's still not particularly distinguished. 87/now

NV Brut "Crémant de Bourgogne Rosé": Oeil de perdrix color. A fruity nose offers up notes of strawberry, cherry and raspberry that introduce moderately foamy flavors that terminate in a finish that is at once mildly sweet yet bitter and noticeably warm. This is drinkable but there are better versions on the market. 85/now