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2020 Bourgogne Chardonnay Réserve

90 points

This very solid Burgundian chardonnay has a generous body that's well filled out with lemon curd character. Bright apple and pear notes develop on the nose with a little aeration in the glass. Nice balance of creaminess and lemony freshness at the forthright finish. Made from bought-in grapes from all three Cotes. Drink or hold.

2020 Beaune du Château Premier Cru Blanc Domaine

93 points

An elegant, medium-bodied white Burgundy with considerable flinty and chalky depth. Although it starts a little tight (it must have been bottled recently), this is quite round and rich on the back palate, with nice, lemony freshness at the finale. With a little aeration some nice stone fruit emerges. A cuvee of 5 different Premier Crus, From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.

2020 Meursault Les Clous Domaine

94 points

Intensely nutty aroma from the get go, but with aeration candied-lemon notes develop. Just a hint of vanilla from oak. The serious structure gives it a compact core, with plenty of citrusy fruit wrapped around this. Very impressive length and stony drive at the finish for a village wine. So vibrant you have to go back for more. From a 8.64 hectare, high-altitude plot in Meursault. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Meursault Genevrières Premier Cru Domaine

94 points

Here is a full-bodied and rich but not massive Meursault that will please fans of this appellation and regular wine-drinkers alike! Plenty of ripe citrus, particularly orange, with a touch of melted butter and grapefruit peel (the zest and pith) on the ample palate, with a touch of fresh nuts at the long, creamy finish. Just enough acidity to keep all this right on track. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Beaune Clos Saint-Landry Premier Cru Monopole Domaine

94 points

This rich and generous white Beaune has a full apricot aroma, but also touches of pineapple, flint and toast. Mouth-filling and fleshy, but with freshness that extends into every nook and cranny of your mouth. Excellent tension at the finish, thanks to the complex mineral and herbal notes. A 1.9 hectare monopoly site of the estate. Picked early in 2020 to preserve acidity. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

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2020 Meursault Perrières Premier Cru Domaine

96 points

Although still a bit tightly wound, this is a wonderful example of this famous 1er Cru. Great Amalfi-lemon fruit here. Concentrated and very elegant, with intense, chalky minerality, this is super-focused and very precise. Really stony finish with pronounced salinity that's so exciting and mouthwatering. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine

97 points

Very complex nose of lemon curd, tangerine and violets. So cool and precise, with excellent concentration, but not a gram of fat on its muscular body, this is a marathon-runner white Burgundy. Intense, chalky minerality is married to restrained creaminess at the dangerously fresh, long finish. From a 3.65-hectare plot at 320 meters altitude on the east-facing side of this site. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Montrachet Grand Cru Domaine

98 points

Very impressive nose of Amalfi lemon, bergamot, tarte à l'orange and wild herbs. Very ripe and rich, but with a massive structure beneath all the richness. Built on a huge scale, but with excellent freshness. So much chalky power, and this makes it feel like a huge wave is pouring over you. So precisely balanced, with great minerality at the bold finish. From an 0.89-hectare plot. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Lavières Premier Cru Domaine

90 points

A rich and velvety, almost massive wine for this appellation that's traditionally associated with cool elegance, even crispness. Full blackberry and damson-plum aromas with some savory notes. Ample but not chewy tannins power the finish. A touch more freshness would have made this much more exciting. From an almost 4-hectare plot. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.

2020 Beaune du Château Premier Cru Rouge Domaine

91 points

Generous aromas of fully ripe blackberries and black cherries with a pronounced licorice note. Impressive concentration for such a large-production wine, the well-judged tannins giving this weight and warmth. Keeps pumping out the fruit and spice at the rich finish, but it's a bit simple there. A cuvee of wines from 17 plots and a total of 26 hectares of vineyards. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

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2020 Volnay Les Caillerets, Ancienne Cuvée Carnot Premier Cru Domaine

91 points

Upfront floral and licorice aromas, but it needs some aeration for the red berries to emerge. A rich and fleshy wine for this appellation that's associated with silky elegance. Crisp tannins and lively acidity keep this bright. Needs some time to settle down and open up. From a 3.76-hectare plot in this well known 1er Cru. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.

2020 Beaune Clos de la Mousse Premier Cru Monopole Domaine

92 points

The wide spectrum of black berries with notes of candied orange and clove pull you into this rich and fleshy Beaune 1er Cru. However, there's a firm tannic core beneath all this and the powdery tannins at the long finish provide clear contours. Slight salinity there. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Cailles Premier Cru Domaine

93 points

For Nuits-Saint-Georges, this is both fragrant (notes of violet amarena cherry) and silky. Stacks of fine tannins, wrapped in generous fruit on the ample palate. The acidity may be on the low side, but those tannins give the long finish clear contours. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

2020 Beaune Grèves Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus Premier Cru Domaine

94 points

Still pretty closed, this is a concentrated and seriously structured wine for a Beaune 1er Cru, which has clearly been built for the long-term. However, its the pronounced, stony minerality that makes this exciting. Bold and still quite tight finish. From a 3.92-hectare plot in one of Beaune's top sites. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

2020 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru Domaine

95 points

Deep and complex nose that's full of spice and dry forest-floor character, the fruit aromas still a little embryonic. With some aeration in the glass, some floral notes develop. Concentrated and silky, the major structure underlying the richness already beautifully integrated. Just enough acidity to pull this off. Very long, rich finish. From a 0.24-hectare plot in the famous Grand Cru. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.



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2020 Echézeaux Grand Cru Domaine

95 points

The deep nose of amarena cherry, red roses and bitter chocolate pulls you into this rich, creamy and very concentrated Echezeaux. The tannins build impressively as this flows over the palate, the intense minerality neatly compensating for the low acidity and powering the long, structured finish. Needs some time for all this to completely integrate, but no doubt about the quality. From an almost 1-hectare plot in the upper section of this famous site. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

2020 Le Corton Grand Cru Domaine

95 points

There's nothing shy about this uncompromising expression of the 2020 vintage. Dark, meaty and peppery on the expansive nose, this Corton has imposing structure, but has been beautifully crafted. So well proportioned, in spite of its mighty stature. The crushed-stone minerality builds and builds to a serious crescendo at the finish. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

2020 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

96 points

Deep, dark and smoky nose that's still quite closed. Gigantic structure and fantastic cherry fruit on the rich and deeply harmonious palate. Still very youthful, but this gives you the full Gevrey Grand Cru experience, with all the earthy power, spicy complexity and a touch of bitter chocolate. Expansive and creamy finish with very impressive, plush tannins. This was made from bought-in grapes from an almost 1-hectare plot in this cult site. Drink or hold.