

BURGUNDY 2021: WEEKLY TASTING REPORT WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023



98 pts

MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2021

Such a complex and smoky nose of burnt sage, smoked almonds, flint, sourdough, white pepper and dried apples. Full-bodied, flinty and mineral on the palate. Savory in quality, with some tannic bite and a firm finish that even feels austere for now. Serious white. Try from 2026.



97 pts

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2021

This is displaying aromas of anise, dried lemons, white grapefruit, gun flint and even smoked meat, with dried mangoes and some green tea, too. Sophisticated rather than generous though, with tight and firm layers. Full body. Mineral and tight finish. Try in 2025.



97 pts

CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU "CUVÉE HÉRITIERS LATOUR" 2021

Deep, dark and rich with wonderful rooty complexity on the nose, which expands with each swirl of the glass. Suddenly violets, then sour cherries. Stunning concentration for 2021 on the expansive palate, that's beautifully supported by the velvety tannins. Very long, graceful finish with notes of licorice and spice. Drink or hold.



96 pts

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU "CLOS POIRIER" 2021

Complex smoky nose with flint stones, dried mangoes, apple tart and seductive spice box elements. Dried lemons and chamomile. Full-bodied, with so much energy and a solid backbone of both acidity and phenolic tension. Builds and lasts for minutes. Try this after 2024



96 pts
ROMANÉE-SAINT-VIVANT
GRAND CRU
“LES QUATRE JOURNAUX”
2021

This Romanee-Saint-Vivant is still a bit shy, but with some aeration Amaro cherry and licorice notes develop. Very structured with the concentration to carry this, but still tightly wound. Try to be patient with this one, because the finish has a lot of power. Try from 2026.



94 pts
MEURSAULT
PREMIER CRU
“GENEVRIÈRES”
2021

Concentrated and graceful, this is citrusy and fresh and interlocks so beautifully with the chalky acidity on the full-bodied palate. Some aniseed character. The very long stony and salty finish suggests this has a wonderful future ahead of it. Drink or hold.



94 pts
MEURSAULT
PREMIER CRU
“GOUTTE D'OR”
2021

Lovely nose of lemon curd with just a touch of toasty oak. So ripe you might imagine that it doesn't have much acidity, but under all the richness there's a lively acidity that keeps this light on its feet. Excellent harmony at the finish. Drink or hold.



94 pts
MEURSAULT
PREMIER CRU
“CHÂTEAU DE BLAGNY”
2021

This youthful smoky and chalky Meursault has impressive concentration, richness and structure, but is anything other than demonstrative. You could certainly say that this is a noble understatement. Very long, texturally complex finish. Drink or hold.



94 pts
ALOXE-CORTON
PREMIER CRU
“LES CHAILLOTS”
2021

Firm and restrained with notes of tile, slate, dried raspberries, peppercorns and dried lemons. Austerity is the word, with very tight tannins and a mineral, slaty and linear palate. So much energy at the long, driving finish. Try this in 2025.



94 pts
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET
PREMIER CRU
“CAILLERET”
2021

I like the hazelnut and white flower aromas here, overlaid with apricot stones, tarte tatin and very subtle salted caramel hints. Full-bodied, buttery and delicious, with excellent acidity to balance on a bright, lightly toasty finish. Delicious already but better from 2024.



94 pts
CORTON GRAND CRU
DOMAINE LATOUR
2021

Lovely rich nose with stacks of wild blackberries with notes of smoke and mint. For a youthful Grand Cru red Burgundy this is approachable with plenty of gentle tannins underlining the complex aromas on the full-bodied palate. A little firm in the finish, but you can still drink this right away. Drink or hold.



93 pts
BEAUNE PREMIER CRU
“VIGNES FRANCHES”
2021

A straight and zesty Beaune, with notes of cranberries, cherry stones, white pepper and some seaweed. Bright touch of orange zest and rosemary, too. Medium-bodied, with gently herbal tannins on the mid-palate. Very clear and transparent, particularly at the finish. Try from 2024.



93 pts
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY
PREMIER CRU “LES CHARMES”
2021

At once perfumed and dark with stacks of sour cherries, black raspberries and licorice as well as floral notes. Yes, this has crisp acidity, but also very good depth in the 2021 context. Time has already started polishing these tannins and will no doubt do more for them so patience is recommended. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.



93 pts

VOSNE-ROMANÉE PREMIER CRU "LES CHAUMES" 2021

An excellent example of this Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru. Plenty of forest berry fruits with hints of bitter chocolate and licorice as well as smoky and spicy oak. Then comes the surprisingly ripe and focused palate to which the fine tannins add good tension. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.



93 pts

MEURSAULT 2021

An attractive Meursault that marries the richness widely associated with this appellation with a lovely spring-like freshness. Stacks of ripe citrus and mirabelle character, also touches of angelica and licorice. Long complex finish with some seashell character. Drink or hold.



92 pts

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 2021

Cloves, smoke, dried cherries and iron on the nose, with some lemon peel. A little reductive. Medium-bodied, with chalky, powdery tannins. Darker fruit profile and quite some smoky power at the finish. Drink or hold.



92 pts

VOLNAY PREMIER CRU "EN CHEVRET" 2021

This is showing notes of rose hips, wild strawberries, violets, white ash and button mushrooms. Cool and earthy on the palate, with a medium body and an attractive tannin grip without being too firm. Drink from 2024.



91 pts

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 2021

Unusual pink grapefruit and blood orange here. Substantial and zesty with positive tannins on the medium-bodied palate. Quite some drive at the long, crisp finish. Needs a bit of time for all this to fully harmonize. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.



91 pts

POUILLY-FUISSE 2021

A fragrant Pouilly-Fuisse with stacks of ripe pear, white peach and lemon, also notes of fresh butter and oolong tea leaves. Lively and elegant on the medium-bodied palate. Appealing balance of restrained creaminess with bright acidity and just a hint of tannin. Moderately dry finish. Drink now.



91 pts

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 2021

Dark berry fruit here with mulberries, licorice and dried flowers on the nose. Some tobacco. Cool and firm on the palate, with a medium body and tight tannins. Gently astringent and austere, but enough fruit sweetness to carry this. Try in 2024.



91 pts

MARSANNAY 2021

Redcurrants, sea shells and rose hips on the nose, with a touch of pink peppercorns. Cool and crisp on the palate, with a medium body and very fine tannins. Stony quality. Try in 2024.



90 pts

MÂCON-LUGNY "LES GENIÈVRES" 2021

Both ripe and fresh, this prototypical Maçon chardonnay shows notes of lemon curd, lemon balm and licorice. Excellent balance on the moderately creamy palate, then a long lively and slightly flinty finish. Drink now.