

2018 Louis Latour

Grand Cru & 1er Cru Whites



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Montrachet Grand Cru

"There is a nutty hint to the smoky mix of petrol, apple, dried apricot and white peach aromas that are trimmed in just enough wood to notice. I very much like the sense of underlying tension to the caressing, exceptionally rich and generously proportioned big-bodied flavors that exude a subtle minerality on the moderately structured and sneaky long finish."

91-94



Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru "Les Demoiselles"

"Much like the Bâtard this too is overtly floral in character with its aromas of rose petal, lavender and acacia blossom that add a touch of elegance to the citrusy white peach and peach scents. The caressing but intense broad-shouldered flavors exude a subtle bead of minerality on the sappy extract-rich finish that is both powerful and impressively long."

91-94



Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

"A deft application of wood frames the mildly exotic aromas of white and yellow orchard fruit where hints of white peach, apricot, passion fruit and mandarin orange can be found. The middle weight flavors are rich to the point of being lush thanks to the copious amount of dry extract that coats the palate on the sneaky long finale where touches of warmth and bitter lemon rind emerge."

91-93



Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

"An intensely floral-suffused nose speaks mostly of spiced ripe and fresh white orchard fruit. The succulent and seductively textured larger-scaled flavors possess evident power on the vibrant and refreshing, clean and dry finish. Like a number of wines in the range, this is going to need age to further develop depth."

91-93



Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

"Here the beautifully layered nose is at once riper and more complex but also more restrained with its reasonably fresh aromas of apple, spear, spice, herbal tea and soft oak wisps. There is outstanding volume to the equally ripe and powerful flavors that exhibit a lovely underlying tension on the impressively persistent and attractively stony finish where the only note is hint of warmth."

91-93



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "La Grande Montagne"

"Notes of matchstick, cool citrus and a variety of white orchard fruit precede caressing, delicious and seductively textured medium weight flavors that also possess good depth on the sneaky long and nicely balanced finish."

90-92



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Meursault 1er Cru "Les Genevrières"

89-92

"The naturally exotic and cool nose speaks of Asian-style tea, various floral elements and lovely spice whiffs. The notably finer if less concentrated and muscular flavors possess good precision and a subtle minerality that really builds as it sits on the lingering though mildly sweet finish."



Meursault 1er Cru "Goutte d'Or"

89-92

"Here too there is touch of reduction though in this case it is sufficiently light so as to allow the softly exotic aromas of white peach and orange peel to be appreciated. The exceptionally rich, round and full-bodied flavors flash good muscle on the sappy and palate coating finish that is both clean and dry."



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Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Chalumeaux"

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"Here too there is an interesting mintiness present on the mildly exotic white and yellow orchard fruit aromas that include those of passion fruit, peach and melon. There is once again good energy to the nicely detailed flavors that possess a succulent mid-palate along with good length on the mildly warm finish."



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Baudines"

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"Smoky notes of mineral reduction are complemented by cool aromas of citrus and jasmine tea. There is fine volume to the nicely rich and textured medium-bodied flavors that exude evident minerality on the appealingly textured, long and balanced finale."



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Morgeot"

91

"Here too there are notes of petrol and resin suffusing the aromas of ripe pear and apple compote and pretty floral nuances. The caressing yet solidly powerful flavors possess fine mid-palate density before concluding in a generous and rich but balanced and agreeably finale that offers good depth."



Meursault 1er Cru "Poruzots"

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"There is an interesting top note of mint to the citrus-suffused aromas of ripe green fruit and acacia blossom. There is good power and punch to the relatively supple and rounded medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a very dry, focused and bitter lemon rind-inflected finish that offers both better depth and persistence."

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Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Referts"

"In the same fashion as the Garenne, there is a similar whiff of talcum powder to the nicely elegant aromas of poached pear, acacia blossom and soft spice wisps. The clean, intense and nicely precise flavors possess very good verve and the natural sophistication of good Puligny, all wrapped in a lightly mineral-inflected, refreshing and agreeably dry finale."

91



Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Sous le Puits"

"An overtly floral nose offers up notes of acacia and lilac along with those of poached pear, apple and tangerine peel. The relatively finely detailed flavors exude a subtle minerality on the vibrant, clean and dry finale. This isn't particularly refined, but I like the frank and refreshing delivery."

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Meursault 1er Cru "Charmes"

"Here the nose is impossible to read as it's completely dominated by sulfur and reduction today. Otherwise there is good volume to the succulent and rounded medium-bodied flavors whose texture contrasts markedly by the dry, serious and somewhat attenuated finish. Note that my projected range implicitly assumes that this will better harmonize in time."

89-91



Meursault 1er Cru "Château de Blagny"

"There is just enough reduction to overshadow the underlying fruit at present though it shouldn't last. By contrast, there is good freshness and verve to the solidly voluminous flavors that possess a supple mid-palate that tightens up somewhat on the lightly stony, clean and dry finale."

89-91



Beaune 1er Cru "Grèves"

"An agreeably fresh nose combines citrus-inflected notes of spiced apple and floral wisps. There is fine richness to the round, delicious and reasonably vibrant middle weight flavors that deliver good length on the balanced finale where a hint of wood slowly emerges."

89-91



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "La Maltroie"

"There is a whiff of exoticism to the notably ripe aromas of pear, tangerine peel and white peach. There is impressive richness to the round and generously proportioned middle weight flavors that possess plenty of mid-palate fat, all wrapped in a delicious, clean and agreeably dry finale that offers enough depth to be more than just interesting."

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