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2021: THE VINTAGE REPORT



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2021, Clos-Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin

The bouquet offers a mix of intelligent oaking with a certain amount of raspberry fruit. The detail, as ever in young Clos Vougeot, is more muted. Yet there is an impressive weight on the palate with a light pepperiness at the finish. I like the way the fruit builds towards the back, and this should emerge well hereafter. Drink from 2027-2033.

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2021, Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-95

Pure beautiful purple, with the nose of exceptional hedonistic class associated with this vineyard. One can detect the remains of a little reduction in the mouth, which holds it back a fraction at this stage, but this is still a really good wine underneath and will be thoroughly exciting. It has the Malconsorts magic. Drink from 2026-2032

2021, Vosne Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin

Quite an elegant bouquet, with perfumed alpine strawberries. This continues through on the palate, softly elegant, few tannins behind, will be ready relatively early, and attractive. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021 Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru

Rather attractively perfumed. Sensual red fruit in a softer style, a slight toughening of tannins behind, but the rest of the barrel maturation should sort that. Discreet yet charming finish. Should be good. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

There is a little more oak showing on the nose which holds the fruit back. However, it does emerge, especially on the mouth, and fills the mouth quite nicely in a similar flavour profile to Ursulines, perhaps a little more raspberry than cherry. Drink from 2027-2031.

2021, Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Domaine du Pavillon

An immediately delicious bouquet with some depth, ripe cherry and raspberry, very good. Enough structure to prove its Pommard origins but just the right amount of high class fruit alongside with fine acidity. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

A slight coffee grain toasty reduction to the nose. Then more depth of red fruit on the palate. One expects suppleness in the Maréchaudes but the wood and or reduction has slightly tightened up the framework. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin, Domaine du Clos Frantin

There is some weight of sound pinot fruit on the nose. In fact, I find an impressive depth in the mouth, strawberry with a touch of raspberry, and good acidity. Plenty to like here. Drink from 2024-2026.

90-92

90-93

89-91



2021, Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

The bouquet is backward, but the fruit works well on the palate with good acidity to back it up. Quite full bodied, predominantly white fruit, a little citrus. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Meursault Domaine du Pavillon

89-92

A little touch of coconut on top of some fatter fruit. Significant density, good acidity, while the personality still awaits development, but this should make a sound full-bodied Meursault. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses, Château-Gris

Unusually, this is mostly Gobelet pruned though they are switching to Guyot with much better results. Fresh yellow colour, and once again quite oaky. The oak adds a lactic note to the palate. Plenty of fruit density too with a slightly spicy finish.

2021, Mercurey Les Champs Michaux, Domaine Adélie

86-88

There is some weight of fruit on the nose, and some oak. Fleshy with just a touch too much oak at the moment but this may be tidied up by the bottling.

2021, Bourgogne Chardonnay Côte d'Or Secret de Famille

In bottle. Relatively high-toned nose. Yellow and white fruit with a crystalline note to refresh the finish. There is good intensity here, they have worked hard to produce an impressive blend this year. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard, Domaine Adélie

87

In bottle. This is a softly perfumed Aligoté with peaches on the palate. Rather delicious, the acidity is folded into the generous weight of the (not frozen) fruit. Delicious, more than classical, though some more typical greengages return to finish. Drink from 2023-2026.





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2021, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-95

Clear bright lemon yellow. There is a weight here in quite a different style to the intensity of Les Clos. Really mouthfilling, with no feeling of a more difficult year. This year's Moutonne has a complex finish with generous white fruit, some citrus, just avoiding the vegetal, perhaps more Côte d'Orien fruit weight, and very persistent. Extremely good. Perfect acidity as well. Drink from 2026-2033.

2021, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

92-95

Mid yellow colour. White fruit infuses the bouquet. This has a classical Chablis structure, with intense kimmeridgian energy at the back. The fruit is medium bodied for Les Clos but the balance is perfectly in place and the finish pleasingly persistent. A step up here. Nervy lemons at the very back. Drink from 2026-2032.

2021, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

91-94

Pale primrose colour, a little more fruit showing, then greater generosity on the palate, and a well balanced mouthfeel ending in some saline notes at the back. There is adequate tension to support the fairly generous white fruit. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

90-93

Pure pale yellow. Not so much on the nose, light white fruit. Not so floral as Blanchots can sometimes be. Quite refined on the palate, linear rather than rounded, a light dash of citrus at the back, quite persistent. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

91

Pretty mid lemon yellow. There is a little more power to the bouquet, and fruit weight behind. Indeed, I can find a lot more on the palate. Juicy with some exotic aromatics, peaches and ripe pears, and then a fine clean finish with a light coating of minerals. More flesh than the stony Vaillons. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

90

Fine pale lemon. The bouquet has a vegetal reduction which soon blow off to leave the stones beneath. Soft white fruit through the middle, then a more biting acidity, lightly lemon scented at the back. Will make a sound Vaillons for drinking moderately soon. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

91

Pretty mid lemon yellow. Quite perfumed with some citrus notes, and some lees feel. Pretty on the palate though softer than in a classic year. This Beugnons shows the priceless quality of making the palate salivate. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis, Domaine Long-Depaquit

87

Mid lemon yellow. Properly Chablisian austerity on the nose and a suggestion of some fruit weight, a little bit leaner in the mouth, all made in tank but a light toasty feel nonetheless. Lemongrass notes, agreeable. Drink from 2023-2025.





