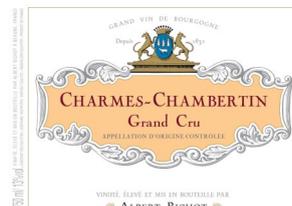


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CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2020**98 Points**

Very complex nose with lots of spice and some savory notes. Deep and densely structured, but so refined. Builds to a bold crescendo, yet is always very precise, making a strong argument for why the Grand Crus of Gevrey-Chambertin have gained a special reputation. Drink or hold.

**ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020****Score: 96**

A very elegant and refined Echezeaux that nimbly moves over your palate. Underplayed power and very fine tannins make this a shy beauty, but if you give it time and attention then you will be amply rewarded. Very silky and delicate, long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1^{ER} CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020**Score: 95**

Striking nose, with delicate herbal notes, as well as great sour-cherry fruit. Suave and succulent, this flows over the palate in a great arc, in spite of the firm core. Very long and classically elegant finish. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1^{ER} CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS, Monopole 2020**Score: 95**

A stunningly sensual Nuits-Saint-Georges with stacks of red-fruit character. Such a beautiful balance of fine tannins and ripe fruit, the finish very refined and precise. Just glides off into the distance. From a 5-hectare terraced vineyard. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

FIXIN 2020**Score: 93**

This is a strong argument for taking this underrated appellation a lot more seriously. The depth and ample body of a very good Gevrey-Chambertin is married to a degree of freshness that those wines don't always have. The serious, beautifully integrated tannin structure drives the long finish. Drink or hold.

ALOXE-CORTON 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2020**Score: 94**

Very fresh sour-cherry nose with a hint of hibiscus. Ripe and concentrated, but with sleekness and coolness that make it compelling. Stacks of ripe tannins give this very clear contours right through the long, generous finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2020**Score: 94**

Black is black! Intense blackberry, damson-plum and bitter-chocolate aromas. Generous, powdery tannins that easily carry the ample body and are beautifully balanced by the sweet black fruit. Very long, ripe finish that's intense and complex, but does not push the envelope a jot too far. From organically grown grapes in a 4-hectare clos, a real one with walls around it. Drink or hold.

BEAUNE CLOS DE L'ERMITAGE 2020**Score: 95**

Very expressive nose of sour cherries and summer flowers! Stunning fruit and freshness, the palate feeling a lot lighter than it really is, and that helps it move so gracefully over the palate. Long, very clean and bright finish. From a site above Beaune Clos des Mouches with very stony soils. Drink or hold.

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 2020**Score: 92**

A joyful Savigny-Les-Beaune! Full black cherry with a touch of mulberry and hibiscus on the nose. And the tannins are correspondingly ripe on the generous palate. I love the zesty freshness at the long finish. Drink or hold.

SANTENAY 1^{ER} CRU CLOS ROUSSEAU 2020**Score: 91**

What a subtle red-fruit nose this Santenay Premier Cru has. Firm structure, but the wine handles it well. Medium-bodied with pleasantly dry tannins that are married to bright cassis fruit. Drink or hold.

MERCUREY 1^{ER} CRU CHAMPS-MARTIN Domaine Adélie 2020**Score: 90**

Attractive sour-cherry and cassis nose leads you into this medium-bodied and quite tannic Mercurey 1er Cru. Stacks of fruit and lively acidity, the long finish firm and quite mineral. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR SECRET DE FAMILLE 2020**Score: 92**

Such a joyful red Burgundy. Bursting with black cherry fruit, this has a wonderful harmony of effusive fruit and healthy yet discreet tannins. Long finish with fine tannins and lively acidity. A rather little-known appellation that only exists since 2017 and this wine comes mainly from vineyards around Nuits-Saint-Georges, Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-Saint-Denis. Drink or hold.

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CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Score: 96

Not at all the austere Corton that the old wine books lead you to expect! Plenty of orange-zest and orange-blossom aromas, but also flinty and earthy notes. Rich and creamy at the front, but then it turns in a much more serious and stony direction. However, even here the structure is wrapped in ripe stone-fruit character. From organically grown grapes from the southeastern side of this famous site. Drink or hold.

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES VAUDÉSIRS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Score: 94

Deep, smoky nose with fine mirabelle and candied-lemon notes, plus a hint of fresh nuts. Rich and creamy, with excellent concentration, the chalky minerality building beautifully at the complex finish. Zero new oak and just 25% vinified in oak barrels. Drink or hold.

CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU LES VAUCOPINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Score: 93

Lovely lemon-curd and tarte-au-citron aromas with hints of spring flowers. As ripe as it is elegant, with a silky mid-palate for Chablis, but everything fits together very neatly. Long, mineral finish with a hint of oak tannin giving it some firmness. From an almost 5-hectare holding in the steep part of this site. Drink or hold.

MEURSAULT 1^{ER} CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Score: 95

All you want in wine from this famous Meursault Premier Cru site! Rich and creamy with tons of stone fruit and every bit as much chalky minerality, and together they really dance across your palate. Wonderful, citrusy freshness at the very long, ripe yet elegant finish. Very polished. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

BEAUNE 1^{ER} CRU CLOS DES MOUCHES Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Score: 92

A rich white Burgundy, showing plenty of pineapple and a touch of grapefruit with some vanilla from oak. Impressive tannin structure that compensates well for the moderate acidity on the fleshy palate. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

MEURSAULT 2020

Score: 91

This Meursault makes quite a statement. Bold nose of mirabelle and candied orange with a touch of toast, then an equally bold palate, in which the oak underlines the ample body, giving the wine an emphatic dryness that some may find a bit much, while other chardonnay fans will delight in it. Drink or hold.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2020

Score: 92

A serious white Burgundy that's easy to understand. Full nose of fresh hazelnut, toast and pear. I love the complex texture of the this well-structured wine, in which fruit, body and fine tannins are neatly interwoven. A rather little-known appellation that only exists since 2017, and this wine only comes from vineyards directly on the Cote slopes around Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet. Drink or hold.

