

December 2023

VINTAGE 2022



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REDS

MOULIN-À-VENT Domaine de Rochegrès 2022 : 16.5

Polished, serious. Really complete and refreshing for quite long ageing. Still quite firm tannins on the end. Drink 2024-2030.

MERCUREY 1^{ER} CRU LES CHAMPS MARTIN Domaine Adélie 2022: 16

Bright garnet. Very direct, open, raspberry fruit with some very fine tannins. Drink 2024-2029.

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE GRANDS PICOTINS Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 16.5

Bright garnet. Broad and plummy. Fun and accessible. Although underneath there is structure too. Promising! Drink 2024-2029.

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 16.5

Oddly for this appellation, this tastes quite evolved! Very polished and almost drinkable now. Interesting mulchy character underneath. Reverberates on the finish. Chapeau! More Côte de Beaune than typical Pommard, and Bichot admit this is almost more Volnay. Drink 2024-2030.

CORTON GRAND CRU CLOS DES MARECHAUDES Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 17

Deep garnet. Rich perfume. Neat and fresh and balanced. Really very charming indeed. Drink 2024-2035.

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS 1^{ER} CRU LES SORBETS 2022: 17.5

Garnet and pale rim. Lift and perfume. Beautiful balance. Silky, appetising and so charming already! Long. It's already so gorgeous. Drink 2024-2034.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{ER} Cru Château-Gris 2022: 16.5

Deep, vibrant crimson. Powerful nose. Still quite dominated by oak but lots of very pretty fruit underneath. Sinewy, muscular. (Bichot also make an unusual white village-level Nuits, Les Terrasses, from the vineyard next door.). Drink 2027-2037

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022: 17

Just above the grands crus. Bichot is the largest owner of Malconsorts.

Mid crimson. Not a showy nose but it suggests some hidden depths. Racy and pacy. Wait for this to bloom. Quite a bit of optimistic fine tannin on the long, throbbing finish. Good potential! Drink 2028-2040.

LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2022: 17.5+

Mid garnet. Rich nose with some delicacy. This dances! Very fine tannins. Still embryonic but the fruit is convincingly well balanced. Very pretty, true example of the climat. Quite delicate. Drink 2028-2040.

CLOS-DE-VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 : 17.5+

Shaded garnet. Introvert but convincing nose. Then a great spread of complex fruit on the palate. Still very young but pure and promising even if not showy. Drink 2029-2042.







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WHITES

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ CHAMP RENARD Domaine Adélie 2022: 16

Quite a powerful nose. Stewed-pears flavour and quite a bit of acid on the end. Drink 2023-2025.

MÂCON-MILLY LAMARTINE 2022: 16

Cooler and slimmer than many a Mâconnais wine, a characteristic of Milly-Lamartine apparently. Fresh and crisp. Mid length. Well behaved. Drink 2023-2026.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2022: 16.5

Very important cuvée for the house as it allows them capacity to produce affordable wine for consumers. There's very little Meursault and Puligny, for example, available – as well as it being expensive. The Bourgogne Côte d'Or appellation demands lower yields and higher vine density than AOC Bourgogne. Some bought-in grapes, especially from outlying areas of famous villages.

Strong lime notes and oak savour. Pretty well structured and long. Should age a while. Definitely no lack of freshness from the hottest vintage ever! Still a little chewiness on the end. Drink 2023-2027

POUILLY-FUISSÉ 1^{ER} CRU CLOS REYSSIÉ 2022: 16.5

Commercial director Benoit Bruot comments that the new Pouilly-Fuissé premiers crus mean that Pouilly-Fuissé sells in more markets as an alternative source of premiers crus to the villages to the north. Though technical director Matthieu Mangenot noted that not all producers use the premier cru designation as they find the yield restrictions too strict. East-facing slope in Chaintré, historically superior.

Quite rich nose and then very citrus on the palate. Restrained, not that full-bodied, but with good ageing potential. Drink 2024-2029.

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 17

Rich and tense on the nose – good! Much nervier than most. Lots to chew on and nothing too sweet. Drink 2026-2034.

CHABLIS GRAND CRU MOUTONNE Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022: 17

Surprisingly ripe nose. Though deep-breathing reveals some of the stony character and fine acidity. Chalky finish. Vibrant. Drink 2024-2030.











