

## **Volnay Village (88-90)**

The 2020 Volnay Village has a backward nose at first, opening with touches of black pepper and sous-bois, just a tiny bit of reduction. The palate is medium-bodied with a lightly spiced opening, quite fleshy on the mid-palate with strawberry, raspberry and a pinch of white pepper on the finish. Fine, probably early drinking.

## **Beaune Les Cents Vignes 1<sup>er</sup> cru**

The 2020 Beaune Les Cents Vignes 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a light but well-defined bouquet with brambly red fruit. Earl Grey and just a touch of white pepper. The palate is medium-bodied, quite chewy and slightly green on the finish. I could not get a handle on this sample so will not review it for now.

## **Volnay Les Aussys 1<sup>er</sup> cru (90-92)**

The 2020 Volnay Les Aussys 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a fresh raspberry and cranberry scented nose, earthy/mossy scents emerging, a touch of bacon fat. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, crisp acidity, the 30% whole bunch (by accident) lending black pepper and close notes towards the finish.

**Very fine**

## **Volnay Les Taillepieds 1<sup>er</sup> cru (91-93)**

The 2020 Volnay Les Taillepieds 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a perfumed, floral bouquet with rose petals infusing the raspberry and wild strawberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, fine structure, lightly spiced with quite dense, almost muscular tannins towards the finish. A bit broad-shouldered perhaps but this has very good length and charm. Give it 4-5 years in bottle.

## **Meursault Clos du Cromin (90-92)**

The 2020 Meursault Clos du Cromin has a perfumed nose with yellow plum, touches of saffron and jasmine, all well defined. The palate is well balanced with a saline entry, good weight in the mouth, a little waxy in texture towards the finish with stem ginger on the aftertaste. **Very fine**

## **Meursault les Santenots 1<sup>er</sup> Cru (90-92)**

The 2020 Meursault les Santenots 1<sup>er</sup> Cru has a precise bouquet with lemon zest, orange blossom and crushed rock scents, all well defined and focused. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, perhaps just missing a little precision towards the lightly honeyed finish, though there is good persistence here and a spicy aftertaste.

### **Puligny-Montrache Les Levrans (91-93)**

The 2020 Puligny-Montrache Les Levrans has a delightful nose with candied orange peel, camomile and white tea scents. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, a touch of bitter lemon with a persistnet finish. **Excellent for a Village Cru.**

### **Meursault Les Charmes 1<sup>er</sup> cru (92-94)**

The 2020 Meursault Les Charmes 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a slightly reduced bouquet, but there is real intensity here and fin mineralité. The palate is well balanced and carries the reduction well, fine weight, quite sappy and grippy towards the finish with a touch of ginger on the aftertaste. This will require some bottle age.

### **Meursault Les Perrières 1<sup>er</sup> cru (90-92)**

The 2020 Meursault Les Perrières 1<sup>er</sup> cru is more hesitant on the nose compared to the Meursault Charmes, touches of was resin and crushed stone, a little jasmine, quite tight on the finish. Like others I am just missing a sense of tension and mineralité here.

### **Volnay Les Caillerets 1<sup>er</sup> cru (93-95)**

The 2020 Volnay Les Caillerets 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a generous nose with red cherries and crushed strawberry aromas, nicely defined though maybe the Taillepieds has a touch more complexity. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, plenty of red fruit with a precise and lightly spiced finish. This is very expressive and I can see it ageing style. **Excellent**

### **Volnay Les Pitures 1<sup>er</sup> cru (92-94)**

The 2020 Volnay Les Pitures 1<sup>er</sup> cru has a floral, quite elegant and well defined bouquet with red cherries, wild strawberry, crushed stone and light rose petal scents. The palate is medium-bodied with fine definition, black and red fruit comingling with black pepper and white pepper towards the involving and quite persistent finish. This is another classy Volnay from Bitouzet-Prieur.

### **Meursault Les Corbins (88-90)**

The 2020 Meursault Les Corbins, matured in 20% new oak, has a well-defined and quite focused bouquet with touches of white flower. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, smooth and quite harmonious with grapefruit and peach skin towards the finish. Enjoy this over the next 10 years.