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Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrons 2010 : 91/100

RATING: 91 points

PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur

FROM: Les Levrons Puligny Montrachet, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

VARIETY: Chardonnay

DRINK: 2012 -

ESTIMATED COST:

SOURCE: eRobertParker.com, #202

Aug 2012

A burst of flowers, honey, mint, apricots and nectarines emerges from the 2010 Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrons. This is a decidedly rich, voluminous wine endowed with considerable depth. An equally expansive, textured finish rounds things out in style. Francois Bitouzet adds that the Levrons was the last wine to finish its malolactic fermentation. Anticipated maturity: 2012+.

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-Antonio Galloni

Meursault Les Corbins 2010 : 92/100

RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur

FROM: Les Corbins Meursault, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

VARIETY: Chardonnay

DRINK: 2012 -

ESTIMATED COST:

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Bitouzet's 2010 Meursault Les Corbins is ripe, fleshy and generous. Dried pears, crushed flowers, spices and anise are woven together in this rich, inviting Meursault. Floral, minty notes wrap around the generous finish. Anticipated maturity: 2012+.

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Meursault Clos du Cromin 2010 : 90/100

RATING: 90 points
PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur
FROM: Le Cromin Meursault, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France
VARIETY: Chardonnay
DRINK: 2012 -
ESTIMATED COST:
SOURCE: eRobertParker.com, #202
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Another bright, focused wine, the 2010 Meursault Clos du Cromin shows richer, more yellow tonalities in its fruit than the Corbins, with light honeyed notes that add complexity, roundness and depth. This is an inviting wine from Francois Bitouzet. Anticipated maturity: 2012+.

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Meursault 1^{er} cru Les Santenots 2010 : 91/100

RATING: 91 points
PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur

FROM: Les Santenots Meursault, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France
VARIETY: Chardonnay
DRINK: 2012 -
ESTIMATED COST:
SOURCE: eRobertParker.com, #202
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The 2010 Meursault Les Santenots comes across as quite understated and pretty. Mint, pears, white flowers, honey and slate take shape in the glass as this nuanced, detailed white shows off its considerable personality. The richness of the year comes through on the fleshy, expansive finish. Stylistically, the Santenots lies in between the Corbins and the Cromin. Anticipated maturity: 2012+.

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Meursault 1^{er} cru Les Charmes 2010 : 90/100

RATING: 90 points
PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur
FROM: Les Charmes Meursault, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France
VARIETY: Chardonnay
DRINK: 2012 -
ESTIMATED COST:
SOURCE: eRobertParker.com, #202
Aug 2012

The 2010 Meursault Les Charmes is a big, big wine. Endless waves of fruit hit the palate. This is another extroverted, Meursault, even within the context of Charmes. Honey, almonds, wild flowers and juicy peaches wrap around the fleshy, exuberant finish. Today, the Charmes is a bit heavy, but if it settles down in bottle, it might merit a higher score down the road. Anticipated maturity: 2012+.

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Meursault 1^{er} cru Les Perrières 2010 : 92/100

RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Domaine Bitouzet Prieur

FROM: Les Perrieres Meursault, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

VARIETY: Chardonnay

DRINK: 2013 -

ESTIMATED COST:

SOURCE: eRobertParker.com, #202

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I find a little more refinement in the 2010 Meursault Les Perrieres than in the Charmes. It possesses gorgeous delineation and nuance from start to finish. Almonds, honeysuckle, juicy apricot and spices are just some of the many notes that are layered into the vibrant finish. Anticipated maturity: 2013+.

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