

Domaine Bitouzet Prieur

Francois Bitouzet thinks the 2011s will age longer than the 2010s because they have a little more acidity and tension. The harvest started on August 27th and lasted for a week. Bitouzet stirred the lees 2-3 times until the sugars were finished. The Corbins, Santenots, Levrans and Charmes spent approximately 12 months in oak followed by 6 months in steel, while the Clos du Cromin and Perrières spent about 15 months in oak followed by three months in tank, with an average of 25% new barrels across the board. Bitouzet bottled the 2011s in February.

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Meursault Clos Du Cromin

The 2011 Meursault Clos du Cromin is all about freshness, energy and vibrancy. Lemon, white flowers, jasmine and a hint of spice are supported by clean veins of minerality that add tension and brightness. With time in the glass, the wine becomes increasingly more focused, vibrant and persistent. I very much like the sense of energy here. Score: 92

Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrieres

The 2011 Meursault Les Perrières is surprisingly rich and viscous for Perrières. Honey, almonds, mint, dried flowers and dried pears flesh out in the glass. With air the wine's minerality becomes more apparent. Ideally, the 2011 is best left alone for at least another year or two to allow all the elements to come together. Score: 92

Meursault Les Corbins

The 2011 Meursault Les Corbins is surprisingly rich and broad-shouldered in style. Peach, pear, Chamomile and light floral notes all flesh out in an expressive, layered Meursault full of personality. The wine's minerality comes through beautifully on the finish. This is a terrific showing from Bitouzet-Prieur. Score: 90

Meursault 1er Cru Les Santenots

The 2011 Meursault Les Santenots is first and foremost a wine of texture. Gracious and layered in the glass, the 2011 is endowed with considerable personality. White stone fruits, flowers anise and crushed rocks emerge over time, but the overall impression is one of pure silk. The style is rich, deep and resonant, while the balance is first-rate. Score:93

Puligny Montrachet Les Levrans

Bitouzet Prieur's 2011 Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrans comes across as quite massive. This is a fairly intense, broad-shouldered Puligny with plenty of depth and power, but less in the way of elegance. Sweet floral notes add lift on the palate, but this remains a fairly burly Puligny. Further time in bottle may soften some of the edges, but it isn't likely to materially alter the wine's personality. Score: 92

Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes

The 2011 Meursault Les Charmes wraps around the palate with gorgeous depth and nuance. There is plenty of Charmes richness and depth in the glass. At the same time, the wine's structural elements are front and center, at least today. The firm, slightly dry finish suggests the fruit may have been brought in a little early. Score: 91