



## - Côte Chalonnaise – Latest Releases (Jul 2022) by Neal Martin

### ***2020 Mercurey Clos du Château de Montagu 1er Cru***

Color: Red

91

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2032

Neal Martin, March 2022

A monopole of the Domaine, the 2020 Mercurey Clos du Château de Montagu 1er Cru has a complex and mineral-driven bouquet with a precision that is a level above the Domaine's other 2020s. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, very peppery in style, you can feel the mouth tingling before the wine has departed. Intense on the finish, this Mercurey deserves 2-3 years in bottle.

### ***2020 Mercurey Les Saumonts 1er Cru***

Color: Red

91

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2034

Neal Martin, March 2022

The 2020 Mercurey Les Saumonts 1er Cru comes from rockier soils than found in the rest of the appellation. The nose is expressive and floral with raspberry preserve, wild strawberry and crushed rock aromas - the terroir neatly expressed here. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, fresh and vibrant with a touch of white pepper towards the finish. Good tension here from start to finish, this is well worth seeking out.

### ***2020 Mercurey Blanc***

Color: White

89

Drinking Window: 2022 - 2028

Neal Martin, March 2022

The 2020 Mercurey Blanc, which is 50% Premier Cru, has a delightful citrus peel and elderflower scented nose. The palate is medium-bodied with a slightly resinous texture, good acidity with a saline finish that begs you to come back for another sip. Very fine.

### ***2020 Mercurey 1er Cru***

Color: Red

89

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2032

Neal Martin, March 2022

The 2020 Mercurey 1er Cru comes from two parcels, aged in oak barrel (20% new). Raspberry and blackcurrant scents mix with just a touch of sous-bois on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, quite stocky yet balanced with a grippy finish. Give this a couple of years in bottle because I detect underlying mineralité here.