

Antonio Galloni vinous

2021 Meursault Les Perrières 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(93-95)

Drinking Window: **2025 - 2045**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Meursault Les Perrières 1er Cru clearly has much more *mineralité* than the Charmes: crushed limestone sprinkled over citrus fruit, wild peaches and a touch of white tea. The palate is very well balanced with fine acidity, taut and fresh, good concentration with a potent finish that has the sapidity to encourage another sip (immediately!) Superb.

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2021 Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(92-94)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2040**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru has a fragrant nose with wild peach, hazelnut and shaved almond aromas that gain intensity with aeration. The palate is well balanced with tropical notes, hints of passion fruit and guava, still tensile and fresh with just a hint of lemon rind on the finish lending requisite "bite". Another impressive white from Bitouzet-Prieur.

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2021 Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrans

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(91-93)

Drinking Window: **2025 - 2040**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrans is quite intense on the nose for a Village Cru, struck flint filtered through the Granny Smith and yellow plum scents. Nicely focused, though not powerful. The palate is well balanced with hints of tropical fruit on the entry, orange pith mixed with pineapple, yet upholding fine tension. The palate is well balanced with a dash of spice on the entry, taut and fresh with a long and sustained finish. Excellent.

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2021 Meursault Village

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(88-90)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2038**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Meursault Village is a blend of Les Corbins, Les Santenots and Clos de Cromin that are normally bottled separately. This year they are pressed together. It has a clean and perfumed bouquet with white peach, Nashi pear and light Mirabelle scents. Fine delineation. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, quite taut with orange rind and pear, perhaps just missing a little sustain on the finish. Otherwise, this is a fine Meursault.

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2021 Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(87-89)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru offers more on the nose than the Taillepieds with airy red cherry and raspberry fruit, though it still needs more cohesion. The palate is medium-bodied with light tannins, definitely more fruit concentration than the Taillepieds with dark berry fruit laced with tea, that it stops abruptly on the finish and says "that's your lot matey".

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2021 Volnay Les Aussy 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(87-89)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Les Aussy 1er Cru has an intriguing bouquet, a bit "green around the gills", perhaps not quite achieving complete phenolic ripeness, yet fresh and charming. The palate is again, quite lean, light and fresh with brittle red fruit and a slightly attenuated, again quite Pommard-like austere finish. Drink over the next 6-9 years.

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2021 Bourgogne Chardonnay

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(87-89)

Drinking Window: **2023 - 2029**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Bourgogne Chardonnay, which is aged in one- to three-year-old oak, has a clean and precise bouquet with lemon verbena and Golden Delicious scents, a touch of white peach. The palate is well balanced with a waxy/resinous opening, fine acidity, quite taut with fine extract on the finish. A solid, very satisfying regional white.

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2021 Volnay Les Pitures 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(87-89)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2035**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Les Pitures 1er Cru probably owns the most satisfying aromatics from a difficult set of reds from the Domaine: redcurrant and white tipped strawberry and a touch of *sous-bois*. There is a tad more fruit intensity here. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannins, taut and fresh, quite saline, structured and a little lean on the finish, yet it still offers more depth than the Clos des Chênes or Taillepieds.

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2021 Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(86-88)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2031**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru has a fragrant and floral nose that is just missing a bit of vigour. Pleasant tertiary scents percolate up with time, again, quite Pommard-like in style. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, a bit hard-edged at the moment with a rigid finish that pulls up a bit short.

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2021 Beaune Les Cents-Vignes 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(86-88)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Beaune Les Cents-Vignes 1er Cru has a crisp cranberry and strawberry scented bouquet with hints of bell pepper, taut and linear, almost Loire-like. The palate is medium-bodied with a bit more depth than the following Les Aussy, though there is some hardness and bitterness that knocks it off course in its final furlongs.

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2021 Bourgogne Aligoté

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **White**

(86-88)

Drinking Window: **2023 - 2027**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Bourgogne Aligoté has a very pretty bouquet with Mirabelle and apricot aromas - very seductive. The palate is well balanced with orange rind and bitter lemon, fine tension with a touch of ginger on the finish.

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2021 Volnay Village

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(85-87)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2030**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Village comes from Es Echard and Les Aussy in equal amounts. It has a slightly lean nose, brambly red berry fruit and *sous-bois*, though it lacks a bit of *fruité*. The palate is sharp on the entry, almost Pommard-like, focused but it needs more flesh and depth on the finish.

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2021 Volnay Les Taillepieds 1er Cru

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(84-86)

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2030**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Volnay Les Taillepieds 1er Cru is one cuvée that felt just a bit dilute on the nose. It does not say much. The palate is marked by bitter cherry on the entry, rigid tannins and it needs more flesh on the bones on the finish. A bit raw.

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2021 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Producer: **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

Color: **Red**

(82-84)

Drinking Window: **2023 - 2026**

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Bourgogne Pinot Noir has a slightly earthy nose, light red fruit, just a bit "muddy" at the moment. The palate is light-bodied with tart red fruit and a rather short finish. But at least it's fresh.