

Domaine du Meix-Foulot (Mercurey)

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Whites

2022 Mercurey: A slightly fresher nose freely reveals its aromas of pear, apple and lemon rind. The round, succulent and fleshy flavors also conclude in a dry and youthfully austere finale that offers noticeably better depth and persistence.

88/2025+

Reds

2021 Mercurey: (raised in 40% wood with the remainder in stainless). A cool, airy and pretty nose combines notes of black pepper, earth, essence of red currant and a whiff of crushed leaf. The succulent, round and utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors deliver reasonable depth and persistence on the youthfully austere bitter pit fruit-inflected finish where a touch of rusticity eventually emerges.

88/2026+

2021 Mercurey "1er": (from Barraults and Montaigu). A background application of wood easily allows the aromas of fresh and bright essence of red berries and herbal tea to be appreciated. There is slightly better volume to the equally vibrant if more mineral-driven flavors that possess very fine detail on the lingering, slightly firmer and youthfully austere finale that also displays a touch of bitter pit fruit character.

88/2027+

2021 Mercurey "Les Saumonts": (the vineyard sits high on the slope and is the most northerly of all the Mercurey 1ers). Here too there is a hint of herbal tea lurking in the background of the slightly higher-toned aromas of essence of raspberry, cherry, black pepper and a hint of crushed anise. The vibrant medium-bodied flavors exude a very subtle bead of minerality as well as an appealing inner mouth perfume before concluding in a sneaky long, firm and moderately austere finale. This is compact enough to need 5 to 8 years of keeping.

89/2027+

2021 Mercurey “Les Veleys”: The perfumed essence of red cherry, spice and again a hint of black pepper serve as an elegant introduction to the suave but exceptionally punchy medium weight flavors that also display both minerality and a touch of bitter pit fruit character on the sneaky long and youthfully austere finale.

90/2028+

2021 Mercurey “Clos du Château de Montaigu”: Pungent aromas of wood and reduction overshadow the fruit at present so a thorough aeration would be helpful. Otherwise, there is more refinement to the wonderfully vibrant and well-detailed middleweight flavors that possess the most minerality in the range, all wrapped in a clean, compact and impressively long finale. Note that this is also sufficiently compact to need at least some forbearance.

91/2029+