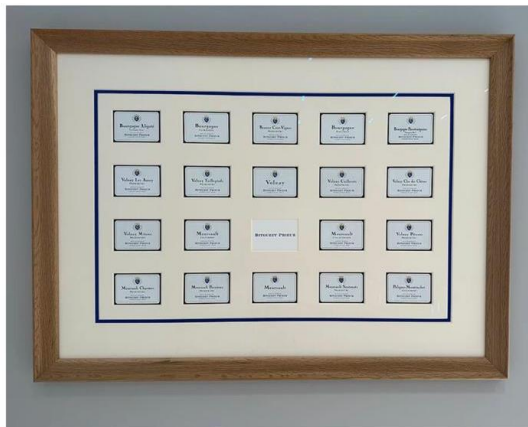


# JASPER MORRIS Inside Burgundy

## Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur



What a dreadful year, says François, nothing went wrong to complain about! Picking began and finished in August, from 25th to 31st. He made a good but not full crop, slightly better in red, with correct alcohols, 13-13.5%, and correct acidity levels. 2022 was overall hotter than 2020 but less dry. All the whites had been racked and fined, with just a light filtering to come.

### White

#### 2022, Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 85-87

Clean yellow. Quite powerful if very fresh, white fruit and greengage. Tension with a little almond paste to soften the finish. All in barrel, with two barrels of skin contact as an experiment, blended in. Drink from 2024-2026. Tasted: November 2023.

#### 2022, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 86-87

Mid lemon yellow. Notably reductive on the nose, partially vegetal. Then some exotic fruit, pineapple and mango. Slightly bizarre to have this fresh finish as well. Interesting to see how this settles down. Drink from 2025-2027. Tasted: November 2023.

#### 2022, Meursault Les Corbins, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 89-91

Pretty fresh green tint. The nose is quite strict, not demonstrative, while the white fruit fleshes out quite nicely on the palate. Medium bodied and some length. Drink from 2026-2030. Tasted: November 2023.

### Red

#### 2022, Bourgogne Passetoutgrains, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 85-87

Dense concentrated ruby. A powerful nose, a bit smudged, concentrated dark fruit, quite fleshy, a little less acidity than expected. Ripe dark fruit throughout. Drink from 2024-2026. Tasted: October 2023.

#### 2022, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 87-89

No cuvée name as this comes from two plots. A flamboyant purple, with good fruit energy on the nose. A major concentration on the palate too, mainly raspberry fruit, enough acidity, this will be very good if it refines before bottling. The aftertaste is very classy. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: October 2023.

#### 2022, Volnay, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 89-91

A bright mid crimson. The bouquet is quite stylish, almost floral, with the right elegance for a good village Volnay. Raspberry and fresh strawberry. An agreeably lifted finish. Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted: October 2023.

#### 2022, Beaune Cent Vignes 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 89-92

Fine mid crimson. The bouquet has an attractive floral note, the sort that comes from advanced but uncooked ripeness, and gives immediate pleasure. Generous on the palate, but has retained its balance in darker fruit. Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted: October 2023.

#### 2022, Volnay Les Aussy 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur

★★★★★ 90-93

A clean-cut fresh purple. A more refined fruit laden bouquet than the ripely floral Beaune. Good energy throughout with a little extra energy at the back to justify the 1er Cru status of this little known vineyard. An attractive finish, very well balanced, concentration and delicacy. Drink from 2028-2035. Tasted: October 2023.

**2022, Meursault Clos du Cromin, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 89-92

Fuller lemon yellow in colour, with a bouquet that shows riper fruit than the Corbins, more expressive. Starts with a certain generosity of fruit then clamps down in a much more austere, limestone finish. A little more persistent. Drink from 2027-2032. Tasted: November 2023.

**2022, Meursault Santenots 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 91-93

All from Les Santenots Blanc. A lime and lemon colour, some charm to the nose along with the energy. Rather a pretty expression of fruit, then a little more flesh behind, well integrated with the oak. A supple rounded Meursault with still a sense of refinement. Drink from 2027-2033. Tasted: November 2023.

**2022, Puligny-Montrachet Les Levrans, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 88-91

An attractive pale lemon yellow. Notably reductive nose. Some greengage behind. The reduction adds a smoky touch across the palate, and slightly toughens the finish. I expect this will clean up later, a little harsh at the moment. Drink from 2027-2032. Tasted: November 2023.

**2022, Meursault Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 90-93

Mid lemon yellow. This is rather more open on the nose, with an easy white fruit, no great detail as yet but showing more on the palate. Quite intense apples with some ripe citrus rind alongside, medium plus bodied, fair length. Drink from 2028-2034. Tasted: November 2023.

**2022, Meursault Perrières 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 92-95

From vines planted in 1983 in the central core of Perrières. There is quite powerful fruit, with the full imprint of Perrières, ripe pears with the apples, a significantly greater depth of fruit than the Charmes, well tied in to the acidity, and with fine length. Drink from 2030-2037. Tasted: November 2023.

**2022, Volnay Les Mitans 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 89-92

A small cuvée reserved for the US market. Quite a dense purple. A slight appley touch to the fruit. Generous raspberry fruit behind, darker in style, with firmer tannins. At this point it is less well knit, after a recent racking, but is built for the longer term. Drink from 2030-2036. Tasted: October 2023.

**2022, Volnay Taillepieds 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 90-93

Rich purple, with a touch of sulphur on the nose post racking, but then a swelling, exuberant ripe dark raspberry fruit, with enough acidity to stay fresh. The fine soft ripe mouthful returns behind, along with adequate acidity. Drink from 2030-2037. Tasted: October 2023.

**2022, Volnay Caillerets 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 91-94

Mid purple, a fresh and energetic fruit overlaid by a couple of riper notes, which add rather than subtract. This is a lovely example of what is in any case a very high-class vineyard. Balanced, not over intense and quite long. A touch of spice to finish. Drink from 2030-2038. Tasted: October 2023.

**2022, Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 91-94

One third comes from lower down, then the rest higher up on white soil which brings the structure. A much denser colour, enormously more powerful, hence coming later in the line-up. A muscular style to the fruit, and many more tannins, this will need a great deal longer to come round. Good wine with potential, if slightly surprising to find this structure in Clos des Chênes. Drink from 2032-2038. Tasted: October 2023.

**2022, Volnay Pitures 1er Cru, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

★★★★★ 90-93

Glowing purple, without the density of Clos des Chênes. A gentler bouquet, though heading towards a more austere style, which you can also see in the final tannins. The fruit profile, in a softer strawberry, is closer to Les Aussy. Drink from 2031-2037. Tasted: October 2023.