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## Domaine du Meix-Foulot Mercurey

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Agnes Dewé-de-Launay, who directs this 20 ha domaine, told me that 2022 had a "pretty easy growing season, in fact it was as easy as that of 2021 was difficult. So we arrived at the harvest with energy and anticipation. The fruit was ripe and clean though the picking conditions were extremely hot so anything that was picked after 11 am in the morning we immediately refrigerated. Yields were quite good at between 42 and 48 hl/ha with thick skins and excellent potential alcohols that ranged from 13.5 to 14%. I did my usual vinification that lasted about 2 ½ weeks though in one change I am now employing selected yeasts as I find my ferments are more uniform and less prey to the occasional off odor. Indigenous yeasts are not necessarily a problem, it's just that I'm happy with the yeast strain I'm working with now. As to the wines, I like them quite a bit because while they're ripe, they're also fresh and satisfying plus they should age effortlessly." The 2022 reds were bottled in December 2023 under natural cork while the whites were bottled using the Diam brand of composite cork.

### Whites

#### 2022 • **Mercurey**

(this has about 50% declassified 1er in it). A slightly fresher nose freely reveals its aromas of pear, apple and lemon rind along with prominent petrol nuances. The round, succulent and fleshy flavors also conclude in a dry and youthfully austere finale that offers noticeably better depth and persistence. Worth considering.

89/2026+

### Reds

#### 2022 • **Mercurey**

(raised in 40% wood with the remainder in stainless). A more deeply pitched nose combines notes of poached plum, dark currant and more prominent earth elements. There is also more volume to the delicious medium weight flavors that manage to be at once rich and generous but reasonably precise as well on the lightly saline-inflected finish. This moderately firm effort should be approachable young but clearly has the stuffing to repay 5 to 8 years of cellaring.

89/2028+

#### 2022 • **Mercurey "1er"**

(from Barraults and Montaigu). A more restrained and slightly more elegant nose only grudgingly gives up its notes of red cherry, raspberry and discreet spice wisps. The delicious and relatively supple flavors possess a dusty mouthfeel before immediately tightening up on the dusty, firm and youthfully austere finale where a mild touch of rusticity eventually appears.

90/2029+

#### 2022 • **Mercurey "Les Montaigu"**

(5 barrels were produced in 2022). The perfumed essence of cooler red berries, especially wild cherry, along with crushed anise and just a suggestion of wood influence. The gorgeously textured, vibrant and caressing medium-bodied flavors flash evident minerality on the lightly austere, compact and sneaky long finale. This is lovely though a wine that's going to need at least some patience. Worth considering.

92/2030+

#### 2022 • **Mercurey "Les Saumonts"**

(the vineyard sits high on the slope and is the most northerly of all the Mercurey 1ers). This is more restrained still if almost as pretty with its ripe but relatively high-toned aromas of red currant, just picked cherries, earth and exotic orange pekoe tea. The rich and generously proportioned middle weight flavors aren't quite as dense but do offer a similar bead of minerality that adds lift to the equally structured finale. This is also worth a look.

91/2030+

#### 2022 • **Mercurey "Les Veleys"**

A more deeply pitched nose offers up pretty, elegant and nicely pure aromas of dark cherry, raspberry and whiffs of cassis, earth and plenty of floral characters, especially violet. The rich, round and velvet-textured medium weight flavors are solidly dense while displaying excellent length on the complex, dusty and moderately structured finish. This is though quite serious with the aging potential to match.

92/2030+

#### 2022 • **Mercurey "Clos du Château de Montaigu"**

This too is beautifully expressive and perfumed with its airy and cool yet entirely ripe nose that is comprised of subtle wood surrounding the very pinot-like notes of red raspberry and cherry along with a hint of forest floor character. The mouthfeel is once again gorgeous with a more sophisticated texture to the larger-scaled yet sleek and refined flavors that brim with minerality on the impressively long, well-balanced and very firm finale where a touch of austerity can be found. This could use better depth but this wine has an established track record of amply repaying extended bottle aging. Warmly recommended.

93/2032+

