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Beaune 1er Cru Cent-Vignes 2023



This beautiful pinot noir shows how Beaune can match many more fancy and sought-after appellations in Burgundy! Ripe yet cool, with generous Amarena-cherry fruit wrapped around the substantial tannic core, it makes quite a statement in spite of its youth. Firm, long finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

Volnay 1er Cru Pitures 2023



At once earthy and floral, this impressive 1er Cru has a compact, medium-bodied palate with an excellent tannin structure and enough juicy sour-cherry flavor to easily balance its firm side. Excellent drive at the emphatically dry finish. Needs some time in bottle to give its best, but excellent potential. Drink from 2027.

Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds 2023



This wine comes very close to what the world expects from this famous and well-loved appellation. Wonderfully juicy and silky, but with an excellent structure behind it and a core of ripe red-cherry fruit on the medium-bodied palate. Very long, cool and elegant finish. Drink or hold.

Volnay 1er Cru Les Aussy 2023



This well-structured, velvety wine from a little-known 1er Cru site of Volnay has impressive depth and beautiful balance on the moderately compact, medium-bodied palate. The ample fine tannins give the finish plenty of power and length. Excellent tension there too! Drink or hold.

Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Chênes 2023



The aroma of sour cherries is enveloping and is deftly wrapped around the elegantly dry tannins of this sophisticated expression of the appellation. Emphatically dry, but graceful finish that's very long and precise. Excellent aging potential! Limited production. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

Volnay 2023



A delicious example of this famous appellation, with an enticing aroma of sour cherries, plus nuances of wild berries and dry forest floor. The fine tannins gently underline this on the elegant, medium-bodied palate. Moderately dry, very harmonious finish. Drink or hold.

Meursault Les Corbins 2023



A very typical wine for this appellation, with a modern freshness that's engaging, and plenty of Amalfi-lemon flavor on the fresh and well-rounded, medium-bodied palate. Long, fresh finish with good, chalky minerality. From three parcels on the Volnay side of Meursault's vineyards. Matured in small oak barrels, of which 20% were new. Drink or hold.

Meursault Clos du Cromin 2023



At once toasty and zesty, this is a moderately firm expression of this little-known site in Meursault. Plenty of orange- and lemon-peel flavors, including a touch of the associated bitterness. Crisp finish. Matured in small oak barrels, of which 20% were new. Drink or hold.

Meursault 1er Cru Perrières 2023



Flinty, stony and lemony, this has the sleekness and austerity typical for the famous site, but also a delightful freshness and the toasty oak is already very well integrated. Barely medium-bodied, but with excellent depth of character and a very long, straight finish. Drink or hold.

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes 2023



This has excellent freshness for a site that's normally all about generosity and weight, but also plenty of toast and smoke aromas and flavors. Some depth on the medium-bodied palate and a crisp finish. Drink or hold.



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Givry La Pièce 2023

The full and quite ripe raspberry aroma and flavor are married to an ample and creamy, medium- to full-bodied palate. Carries the oak very well and has excellent balance for 14% alcohol. Long, silky finish. Drink or hold.



Givry 1er Cru En Choué 2023

Very youthful (and a touch reductive), this deftly balances cool elegance with restrained, creamy richness on the well-structured, medium-bodied palate. Quite a sleek finish with blood-orange freshness and moderately dry tannins. Needs some more time in bottle to give its best. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Givry Héritage 2023

The interplay of the flinty freshness and the black-cherry aroma in the nose pulls you into this generous, silky pinot noir that is very easy to enjoy. Medium-bodied with good length and harmony. Drink or hold.



Givry 1er Cru Clos Jus 2023

In the nose, you could easily mistake this imposing pinot noir, with its cornucopia of ripe red-berry aromas, for a 1er Cru from the Cote de Beaune. The deep fruit is very satisfying on the medium- to full-bodied palate, but this also has some alcohol and there's not quite enough tannin to fully integrate this at the expansive finish. Drink or hold.



Givry 1er Cru Les Galaffres 2023

With its aromas of candied orange, caramel and smoke, this richly textured chardonnay makes a bold statement on the simultaneously crisp and creamy, medium-bodied palate. Ample finish. Drink or hold.





Domaine de Montorge

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Montagny 1er Cru Montorge Monopole 2023



A sophisticated, generously oaked expression of this appellation that also has excellent freshness on the well-structured, medium-bodied palate. Impressive length at the creamy finish, where there's a wealth of candied-orange flavor. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Montagny 1er Cru Les Chaniots 2023



A wide spectrum of fresh- and candied-citrus aromas fills out the medium-bodied palate of this beautifully rounded yet fresh Burgundian chardonnay. Long, candied-orange and chalky finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Montagny 1er Cru Cuvée des Quatre Clochers 2023



This is a prototypical example of the appellation, but with excellent freshness, as well as ample orange and bergamot flavors. No perceptible oak accentuates this style, making this enticing and refreshing. Long, precise finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Montagny 1er Cru Les Coères 2023



Very fresh and bright on the barely medium-bodied palate, this has a delightful combination of lightness and buttery character. Long, straight and refreshing finish, in spite of the touch of toasty oak there. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.



Domaine Jean Chauvenet

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JEAN CHAUVENET
Domaine



Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Perrières 2023

With its aromas of violets, black cherries and wet earth, this is a very enticing expression of the appellation. Excellent concentration, beautifully integrated smoky oak and velvety tannins create a compelling harmony. You could drink this right now and would be very happy! Drink or hold.



Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes 2023

I really like the forthright aromas of sour cherries, summer flowers and baking spices of this effusive expression of the appellation. Moderately firm tannins, plenty of depth and crisp acidity all pull together to give this excellent drive on the medium-bodied palate. Drink or hold.



Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Bouscelots 2023

A compact and well-structured pinot noir with the kind of moderately firm tannins that consumers around the world expect from this appellation. Thankfully, a wealth of violet and ripe-cherry aromas give this an enticing side. Quite some tannins at the bold finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains 2023

This excellent Burgundian pinot entices with the interplay of black-cherry flavor with a bitter-chocolate character and the moderately firm tannins associated with this. Quite a bold statement, but the ample fruit is the strongest element. Drink or hold.





Domaine du Meix-Foulot

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Mercurey 1er Cru Clos du Château de Montaigu Monopole 2023



The combination of ripe sour-cherry and delicate, dry forest-floor aromas makes this delicious Mercurey hard to resist. Very concentrated and beautifully balanced on the very well-structured, medium-bodied palate. Very long, straight finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

Mercurey 1er Cru 2023



The interplay of serious, velvety tannins and complex raw meat, blackberry and allspice flavors gives this wine a lot of character and structure for the appellation. Compact, medium-bodied palate and a long, firm finish, suggesting that this has a good future ahead of it. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Saumonts 2023



Rippling with sour-cherry fruit, this is a delicious, medium-bodied pinot noir with silky tannins and a lively acidity that keep it very bright, in spite of the impressive concentration. Excellent energy at the long, very fresh finish. Drink or hold.

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Veleys 2023



Simultaneously fresh and mineral, but with vibrant red-cherry and redcurrant fruit, plus a taut tannin and acidity structure, this is built to last. Quite sleek on the medium-bodied palate, with excellent tension. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Domaine du Meix-Foulot



Mercury Blanc 2023



Crisp and sleek but well-structured, this combines restrained creaminess with a touch of chalky minerality to give an elegant harmony on the medium-bodied palate. Fresh aromas of apples and lemon blossoms and no perceptible oak, except at the long, stony and toasty finish. Drink or hold.

Mercury Rouge 2023



Quite tightly wound and seriously structured for a village-level wine, this cool and fresh, medium-bodied wine has an engaging, dry and refreshing personality. Generous redcurrant and half-ripe strawberry aromas. Straight and harmonious finish. Drink or hold.



Domaine Labry

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Auxey-Duresses 2023 (white)



A generous wine for this appellation, with stacks of zesty orange, lemon and grapefruit flavors on the well-rounded, medium-bodied palate. A good structure and nice freshness complement the richness. Harmonious, long finish with delicate, chalky minerality. Drink or hold.

Auxey-Duresses 2023 (red)



The zesty blood-orange and redcurrant aromas of this youthful red Burgundy give it plenty of upfront appeal. The restrained tannins and flavors of licorice and savory notes fill out the light-bodied palate. Surprisingly long finish. Drink now.

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune 2023



Brimming with bright red-cherry and redcurrant aromas, this light-bodied red Burgundy has a delightful freshness and vivacity that make it easy to enjoy. Barely any tannin, so this could be served lightly chilled. Not a hint of the greenness often associated with this appellation. Drink now.

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc 2023



Smoky with plenty of orange-peel aroma, this fresh and quite generous Burgundian chardonnay also has a hint of vanilla. Not really complex, but with ample flavors and a good harmony on the medium-bodied palate. A touch of tannic firmness at the finish. Drink now.



Domaine Lebreuil

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Jean-Baptiste
LEBREUIL



Savigny-Lès-Beaune “Dessus Les Gollardes” 2023

A generous and fleshy chardonnay for this appellation, with the kind of mid-palate, buttery richness that the world associates with Meursault. Stacks of candied citrus-peel flavors at the long, complete finish! With aeration it develops a toasted-hazelnut aroma, becoming ever more complex. Drink or hold.



Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru “Aux Clous” 2023

With its generous black-cherry character and restrained, velvety tannins, this is a very satisfying expression of the appellation. Excellent harmony on the medium-bodied palate and a long, velvety finish with some savory and earthy complexity. Drink or hold.



Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Mont Battois 2023

This impressive example of an upcoming appellation has terrific red-cherry fruit and a brightness that makes it hard to resist. The way that the crisp acidity and fine-grained tannins interlock gives it focus and energy. Long, fresh-licorice finish. Drink or hold.



Domaine Georges Lignier & Fils



— GEORGES LIGNIER ET FILS —

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Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru 2023

How could you resist this fabulously seductive wine from one of the least well-appreciated grand cru sites in Burgundy. The enveloping Amarena-cherry aroma pulls you into this masterpiece that marries richness and finesse. The freshness at the super-long finish is remarkable and makes you want more and more of this elixir! From a 1.49-hectare parcel, which is the largest in this site. Matured in small oak barrels of which 40% were new. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2023

Fragrant and very graceful, in spite of the firm and deep core, this is a wonderfully enticing expression of one of the most famous sites in Burgundy. Fantastic energy and intense, chalky minerality on the very focused, medium-bodied palate. Very long, sleek and stony finish. Matured in small oak barrels of which 40% were new. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Clos des Ormes 2023

Deep and concentrated, with a stunning interplay of red-berry and cherry flavors and complex tannins, this great red Burgundy is cool and tightly wound, with a fascinating herbal thread running through it. Only just beginning to open up, it has terrific aging potential. Very long, sleek finish. This producer owns half the site, and most of these vines are on stony limestone soil. Matured in small oak barrels of which just 20% were new. Drink or hold.



Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Combottes 2023

At once deep and fragrant, this has the concentration and complexity of a grand cru on the extremely focused, medium-bodied palate. The sour-cherry and redcurrant fruit suddenly bursts out of the wine at the long, vibrant finish. From a half-hectare parcel. Matured in small oak barrels of which 40% were new. Drinkable now, but best from 2026.



Bonnes Mares Grand Cru 2023

For a grand cru renowned for generosity and roundness, this has terrific freshness and energy. Great precision on the compact but only medium-bodied palate. This has been made for the long term, but the floral and wild-berry aromas are already enchanting. Long, very polished finish. Drink or hold.



GEORGES LIGNIER ET FILS



Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru 2023

Very straight and structured, this is a seriously focused and mineral expression of the appellation. Still quite tightly wound and in need of further maturation in the bottle to give its substantial best. Very crisp, stony finish with very impressive length. Just 12.5% alcohol. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.



Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbès 2023

A charming and elegant expression of this appellation, with restrained tannins on the sleek, barely medium-bodied palate. Long, delicate and refreshing finish. Drink or hold.



Morey-Saint-Denis Blanc 2023

Youthful and elegant, with precise chamomile and lemon-balm flavors, this barely medium-bodied Burgundian chardonnay is cool and precisely delineated. Nice mid-palate juiciness, then a long, very clean finish with delightful chalky minerality. Just 12.5% alcohol. Drink or hold.



Morey-Saint-Denis 2023

This beautiful village wine has sour-cherry and black-raspberry aromas that leap out at you. Excellent concentration and a very solid structure of fine-grained tannins deftly underline the abundant fruit. Long, very harmonious finish. From six plots that total 0.8 hectares. Matured in small oak barrels, none of which were new. Drink or hold.



Chambolle-Musigny 2023

Fragrant and elegant, just as the world expects the wines of this appellation to be. Barely medium-bodied, but with a core of elegant tannins and a subtle minerality that drive the long, bright finish. From vineyards below the Bonnes Mares grand cru. Matured in small oak barrels, none of which were new. Drink or hold.



Gevrey-Chambertin 2023

A cool and elegantly dry expression of this famous village, with a wealth of dried-herb and wet-earth character on the surprisingly sleek and well-structured, medium-bodied palate. Long, crisp finish. Matured in small oak barrels, none of which were new. Drink or hold.



Bourgogne-Passetoutgrains 2023

This really tastes like Burgundy on the barely medium-bodied palate, thanks to the delicate earthy character alongside the frank cherry aroma. The crisp acidity makes the finish bright and zesty. From vineyards in Morey-Saint-Denis. A half-and-half cuvee of pinot noir and gamay that was matured on the lees in stainless steel tanks. Drink or hold.



Domaine Edmond Cornu & Fils



Corton Bressandes Grand Cru 2023



What a wonderfully elegant and refined Corton! It offers enveloping aromas of Amarena cherries and wild flowers. Although this has a certain firmness at its core, the tannins are really silky and provide a seductive texture. Very long and pure finish. Drink or hold.

Ladoix 1er Cru La Corvée 2023



Although very youthful, this is such a deep and compelling wine with the concentration that a Cote de Nuits Grand Cru should have (but not all do)! Great structure and electrifying flavors of cloves and crushed rock on the compact, medium-bodied palate. Extremely long, tightly wound and crisp finish. From vines planted in 1949 in this site on the Cote de Nuits side of Ladoix. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

Ladoix 1er Cru Le Bois Roussot 2023



On the nose this is like an essence of redcurrant and raspberry aromas! Only medium-bodied and delicate, rather than compact or muscular, it has a fantastic silky elegance right through the super-long finish. From the Corton side of this totally underrated appellation. Drink or hold.
Stuart Pigott

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Moutottes 2023



An extremely elegant and precisely delineated expression of a piece of the hill of Corton, located just outside the grand cru zone. Concentrated, refined and deeply structured on the medium-bodied palate. Super-long finish with terrific spicy complexity. This site is actually in Ladoix, not Aloxe-Corton, but this strange situation is entirely legal. Drink or hold.

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Valozières 2023



Deep and powerful, with intense dried-herb and wet-earth character, this medium- to full-bodied pinot noir packs a punch, but is also beautifully balanced. I love the compact, velvety tannins that power the very long and powdery finish. This gentle giant will surely gain with further bottle maturation! Drink or hold.



Domaine Edmond Cornu & Fils



Ladoix Les Buis 2023

Although this wine is from the Cote de Beaune you could quite easily mistake it for a wine from the Cote de Nuits, due to the enveloping wild-blackberry aromas and the firm, yet elegant structure. The expertly crafted tannins give the very long finish a fantastic silkiness that makes it really hard to resist! Drink or hold.



Ladoix Les Carrières 2023

Deep yet bright aromas of red berries and red cherries are wrapped around very elegant tannins on the medium-bodied palate of this beautiful, 1er Cru look-alike. So silky at the long, polished finish that's bursting with fruit. From the Corton side of this appellation. Drink or hold.



Ladoix Vieilles Vignes 2023

Very perfumed and elegant, but with excellent structure, this sleek, medium-bodied pinot noir is really silky. Such wonderful balance at the finish that it's already a delight! From the side of the appellation bordering the Cote de Nuits. Drink or hold.



Aloxe Corton Vieilles Vignes 2023

What a beautifully harmonious wine for this commune, which is renowned for the rusticity of its wines! I love the creaminess of the medium-bodied palate, then the long finish with its powdery tannins and just a hint of bitter chocolate. Already delicious! Drink or hold.



Aligoté Bourgogne 2023

Brimming with fresh lemon-zest and garden-herb aromas, this light-bodied aligote has a charming zestiness and would be very refreshing on a warm day. Drink now.

