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2021 Burgundy : Côte de Beaune Tasting Notes

2022 saw the very sad passing of Louis-Fabrice Latour. I tasted with winemaker Jean-Charles Thomas. The company manages 125 acres (50ha) as domaine and, including the Mâconnais, takes fruit from an area of between 1,730 acres and 1,980 acres (700–800ha). So, Louis Latour is still a traditional négociant, buying in fruit and must, but with some long-term contracts with growers, which gives them a say in the vineyard management. On the Côte d'Or, I feel that the quality and terroir definition could be even higher. The wines are attractive but rather safe and crowd-pleasing. Thomas could "step on the gas." There is more to be achieved, especially with the domaine vines.

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Volnay 1^{er} Cru "En Chevret" 2021

With an expressive cherry-pie aroma, this combines ripe fruit with purity and intensity. Soft in the middle, but has some salinity, vibrancy, and minerality to finish.
2025–30

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Meursault - Blagny 1^{er} Cru "Château de Blagny " 2021

Straight, well -balanced, and energetic, with sweet, candied fruit to finish.
2024 –30.

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Meursault 1^{er} Cru "Goutte d'Or" 2021

Ripe and rich, with greengage fruits and almost chunky concentration. It is rich and bling. Crowd-pleasing.
2024 –28.

86-87



Pernand -Vergelesses 1^{er} Cru "En Caradeux " 2021

Picked at the end of the harvest, this domaine parcel has richness and generosity balanced with a nice savory quality .
2023 –26.

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Puligny -Montrachet 1^{er} Cru "Sous le Puits " 2021

Succulent and juicy up-front . Nice racy energy. Very juicy, and it has freshness to boot.
2024 –30.