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95 pts

Aloxe-Corton
Premier Cru
Les Chaillots
2020

Wines from Aloxe-Corton, even its premier crus, are overshadowed by grand cru Corton and overlooked by consumers.

Do. Not. Overlook. This. Wine.

Its fleshy body atop a firm frame of iron-tinged flavors identify it clearly as Aloxe-Corton. Impeccably balanced and fresh, it is well-proportioned, not over extracted or overdone. It's a mini-Corton that has the advantage that it will be approachable far sooner than its grand cru big brother. It's charming now, so drink it in the next year or so, after which I suspect it will close down, to re-emerge in a decade as a grand wine.



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Beaune Perrières Premier Cru 2020

The 7.5- acre *Les Perrières* vineyard lies high up on the slope in a cooler locale, which may help explain this wine's bright energy in a hot year like 2020.

Though tightly wound, as expected from a young top premier cru, its stature shows with gorgeous mineral-scented aromatics and impressive length. Engaging red fruit flavors intermingled with clear stony notes — the site was an ancient quarry — are clearly

heard. Pure and precise, it's a winner.