

# Decanter

## 2023 ratings



### CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU "LES DEMOISELLES"

"The 2023 Chevalier Demoiselles was the finest wine in the Latour cellar this year. The Style is very rich, but this is an impeccably well-made wine, with aromas that range from melon to passion fruit, quince and white peach. The finish has impressive density, full body and length. The acidity, balanced at best, is in keeping with the 2023 vintage. The grapes are from the 0.51ha parcel that the domaine purchased over 100 years ago, splitting the original plot with Jadot; tasting them today is an interesting comparison."

95/100



### BÂTARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU "CLOS POIRIER"

"This is perhaps the archetype of the Bâtard-Montrachet appellation, with ripe apple, melon, and hints of butter, cream and spice. The texture is rich, creamy and slightly fat, as is often the case with Bâtard. Latour vinifies the eastern half of this clos, which constitutes 0.43ha directly across the street from Montrachet. The grapes are pressed slowly as whole clusters without rolling press to get a very clean must. The ferment starts in tank and finishes in cask, where it stays nine months before getting a further six in tank."

94/100



### MONTAGNY PREMIER CRU "LA GRANDE ROCHE"

"Offers ripe peach, Mirabelle plum and melon aromas. The texture is opulent and rich, with acidity that is balanced at best. The must is fermented in stainless steel to preserve the purity of the fruit. This wine is drinking well now and shows little potential for ageing."

89/100



### POUILLY-VINZELLES "EN PARADIS"

"This light lemon-yellow coloured wine displays a very ripe peach and nectarine fruit aroma with hints of honeysuckle and butter. The texture is rich, with balanced acidity at best and a somewhat soft feel on the palate. There is a more luxurious texture than the St-Véran. Machine-picked grapes are gently pressed, and Latour purchases the must, which is vinified in stainless-steel tanks. This is a wine for current consumption and shows little potential for ageing."

89/100

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### CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU "LES DEMOISELLES"

"The Chevalier Demoiselles from Latour was the best wine tasted on this visit, offering all the lively tension and freshness of the Grande Montagne, but with a notch or two more power and length. The wine has exotic fruit aromas of ripe pear, Mirabelle plum, and kiwi, along with shadings from the oak ageing. The texture is creamy and dense but always in balance. Production this year was only 3.5 barrels, so there isn't much to go around, but it will be worth seeking out."

94/100



### CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU

"The Latour Corton-Charlemagne 2024 should satisfy long-time Latour fans and connoisseurs alike, since there is a buttery richness that is satisfying, almost decadent, but never excessive. 'We picked as late as possible' according to Christophe Deola 'but in 2024, there is enough freshness to ensure a magnificent balance'. This Corton-Charlemagne is among the best from Latour that I've had. It will show well on release, but ideally one would wait 10 years before opening."

93/100



### VOSNE-ROMANÉE PREMIER CRU "LES CHAUMES"

"Louis Latour produced a lovely Les Chaumes in 2024, with deep colour and a pleasant mulberry and plum fruit with hints of violets and spice. The texture is lively and fresh, with firm tannins balanced nicely with the extract on the palate. The wine is made with purchased grapes but Latour's own picking teams harvest the fruit. Berries were destemmed, gently fermented and the wine is ageing in new barrels."

91/100



### ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU

"The aromas are somewhat restrained on the initial attack, but a pleasant plummy fruit develops on the palate with accents of cedar, smoke and leather. The texture is firm and fresh, with a fairly light body and moderate length given the grand cru appellation. The grapes are purchased, but Latour does most of the work in the vines, which are located in Rouges du Bas."

92/100