LOUIS LATOUR 2022 VINTAGE REVIEW

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CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU

This almost perfectly interweaves vanilla oak with a wide spectrum of citrus and stone fruit aromas in a way that's totally compelling, and this is most striking on the front palate. Then comes a golden richness on the very concentrated mid-palate, followed by a huge wave of chalky minerality. Incredibly long, focused aftertaste. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.



99 pts

ROMANÉE-SAINT-VIVANT "LES QUATRE JOURNAUX" GRAND CRU

Extremely fine, youthful nose with a totally fascinating floral beauty. Incredibly silky, this great Burgundy masterpiece shines with breathtaking finesse, the enormous concentration and power totally underplayed. Super-long and super-refined finish with gigantic mineral freshness. It feels as if the wine puts you on a silver tray and lifts you up to the heavens. Drink or hold.



98 pts

CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET
"LES DEMOISELLES"
GRAND CRU

Deep nose of toasted hazelnuts, smoke, caramel and candied citrus peel. Rich, concentrated and creamy on the full-bodied palate, with an intensity of minerality that builds to a huge climax. Plenty of power and drama here, also some oak, but it all fits together beautifully at the very long, focused finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2026.



98 pts

MONTRACHET
GRAND CRU

Very dense **candied citrus** and **apricot** character is wrapped around a huge structure on the very concentrated and compact, full-bodied palate. There's also a terrific **mineral freshness** that gives this great vitality. Staggeringly long, driving finish that's so fresh. This surely has a long life ahead of it. Drinkable now, but best from 2026.



98 pts

CHÂTEAU CORTON GRANCEY
GRAND CRU

Rich and fleshy with a dark core of interwoven fine tannins and stony minerality. Fantastic concentration and yet so suave in spite of all the power. Very long, savory finish with delicate nuances of licorice and bitter chocolate at the dark and dangerous finish. A cuvee of wines from several of the best sections of the hill. Drink or hold.



98 pts

ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU

Fabulous bouquet that's a wide tapestry of spicy, savory and earthy aromas. Rich and very dense, yet super-precise and energetic, this great masterpiece makes it clear that Echezeaux is not a minor grand cru by any stretch of the imagination. Super-long, very structured yet polished finish. Drink or hold.



97 pts

"CORTON
"CLOS DE LA VIGNE AU SAINT"
GRAND CRU

All the darkness and danger of Corton are married to a stunning mineral freshness that's totally uplifting. Great Amarena cherry fruit, fruit that you want to bathe in. The way the fine tannins and acidity interlock is fabulous, and for all the ripeness of the vintage the finish is super-straight and energetic. From the first vineyard the Latour family acquired in 1738.

Limited production. Drink or hold.

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96 pts

CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU

Clos Vougeot can be a disappointing grand cru, but this shows how magnificent it can be. Wonderful **Amarena cherry** and **summer flower aromas** plus very fine tannins, which gives it a very suave personality. Restrained acidity in the 2022 context, but the finish is fresh and so very elegant. Drink or hold.



96 pts

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET "CLOS POIRIER" GRAND CRU

A remarkably open and immediately attractive wine for this grand cru. Enormous depth of caramelized quince and quince paste character with accents of candied orange peel, acacia blossoms and persimmon. Full-bodied but beautifully balanced and beautifully crafted, the oak already very well integrated. Not as imposing as other vintages of this wine, but that makes easier to drink young. The fourth vintage of this wine. Drink or hold.



96 pts

BEAUNE 1ER CRU "VIGNES FRANCHES"

Here's an extremely concentrated, delightfully sweet and elegant Beaune 1er cru that glides over your palate. Grand cru sophistication thanks to the fineness of the tannins and the way they interlock with the lively acidity. There's the Amarena cherry character we associate with this site, but also a lovely brioche richness right through the long, silky finish. Drink or hold.



96 pts

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU "LES CHAUMES"

This great Vosne-Romanee is still youthful and quite tightly wound. But it has a very elegant personality, with fine tannins and delicate notes of red roses and licorice. Terrific minerality at the very long and precise finish.

Drinkable now, but best from 2025.



95 pts

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU "LES CHARMES"

For this commune, quite a rich wine, but there's as much summer flower character as black cherry fruit, all beautifully interwoven on the medium-bodied palate. Crisp mineral acidity kicks in at the finish, giving this excellent length and energy. Drink or hold.



95 pts

BEAUNE 1ER CRU "PERRIÈRES"

For Beaune this is a very deep and positively ripe wine, yet it moves rather light-footedly over the medium- to full-bodied palate. A wealth of black cherry and forest berry fruit is wrapped around the lovingly crafted tannin structure. So much power and concentration, but also a stunning freshness in the very long finish. So hard to resist. Drink or hold.



95 pts

MEURSAULT-BLAGNY 1ER CRU "CHÂTEAU DE BLAGNY"

This has excellent balance of the textural complexity that has made this appellation so popular around the world. Lovely orange blossom and lemon tart character, plus a stony freshness that lifts the generous richness and body of this beautiful wine. Drink or hold.



95 pts

POMMARD-EPENOTS 1ER CRU

Dark nose that's simultaneously charming and a bit mysterious, with a lot of spicy depth. Very fine tannins for the appellation, and they give this a velvety texture that's so exciting. They build impressively in the long, complete finish. Such a delight already. Drink or hold.



95 pts

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU "GOUTTE D'OR"

A very succulent, mouth-filling Meursault that flows so gracefully over the medium- to full-bodied palate. Wonderful aromas of honeysuckle and ripe stone fruit. This is all underlined by a vein of very fine tannins that barely breaks the smooth surface of this beauty. Soft and silky finish. Drink or hold.



95 pts

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU "SOUS LE PUITS"

This beautiful Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru has a subtle nose of bergamot and orange zest with notes of wild herbs. Excellent tension on the generous but focused palate, driving the very long, structured finish, which has a serious stony minerality. From a high-altitude site that may well become better known due to climate change. Drink or hold.



95 pts

VOLNAY 1ER CRU "EN CHEVRET"

What a beautiful Volnay this is, with all the flowers and fragrant cherry fruit we associate with this appellation. The flinty energy dances over your palate and gives a wonderful tension on the medium-bodied palate. I love the delicate allspice and licorice character that runs through the very long finish. Drink or hold.



94 pts

ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU "LES CHAILLOTS"

Here's the proof that Aloxe-Corton can produce well-structured and sophisticated wines. Only **red fruit**, but at the riper end of that spectrum, with just a **hint of positive vegetal character**. The healthy tannins build very nicely in the finish, and there's a mineral freshness that gives this an extra dimension.

Drink or hold.



94 pts

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU "LA GRANDE MONTAGNE"

A refined and minerally Chassagne-Montrachet with delicate aromas of dried pears, fresh hazelnuts and butterscotch. Beautiful texture on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Then comes the long, focused finish that is the best thing about this beauty. Drink or hold.



94 pts

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU "CAILLERET"

Lovely nose of **candied citrus** with just a touch of **butterscotch**. Quite rich on the medium- to full-bodied palate, but very gentle and delicate. Lovely harmony of fine tannins, chalky minerality and ripe acidity that is already extremely satisfying in the long, silky finish. Drink or hold.



94 pts

POUILLY-FUISSÉ 1ER CRU

Brimming with white peach, sliced pear and honeysuckle aromas, this is an excellent introduction the new appellation Pouily-Fuisse 1er cru (from 2020). Generous and creamy on the concentrated, medium-bodied palate. I love the long, very elegant finish, where biscuity character, bright acidity and chalky minerality are interwoven. A cuvee of wines from two 1er cru sites with a mix of clay and limestone soils. Drink or hold.



94 pts

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU "LA GARENNE"

The full nose of candied oranges and orange blossoms with a touch of smoke is very enticing. This is mirrored by the combination of generosity and underplayed power on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Very long, soft yet intense finish with a lot of subtle chalk and caramelized oranges. Drink or hold.



ALOXE-CORTON DOMAINE LATOUR

Firmly structure with a positive **celery root** and **stem** character, this has a quite a sleek and crisp personality, but there's also the lovely **red fruit character** of the vintage. From 5 hectares of vineyards in this commune. Long, clean finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Brimming with summer flowers and delicate notes of allspice and cloves. Showing blackberry and cherry fruit underlined by quite bold tannins for this appellation, but they are already beautifully integrated. So much licorice and spice in the long, moderately dry finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

An excellent Gevrey-Chambertin village that already gives so much pleasure. The allspice aromas are married to deep Damson plum fruit, and there's a subtle savory element woven into this on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Quite some weight at the long, ample finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

MARSANNAY

For a moderate price, here is Cote de Nuits complexity, **earthy** and **floral**, and wonderful **sour cherry fruit**. All of this is underlined by elegant tannins and mineral energy on the medium-bodied palate. Impressive polish in the long finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Plenty of black cherry and blackberry fruit plus notes of licorice and red roses. A substantial Nuits-Saint-Georges with a wonderful balance of fleshiness and healthy tannins that aren't a jot too much. Long, moderately dry finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

MEURSAULT

What a delicious, generous and elegant Meursault. Here is everything we expect for a wine from this famous village, plus **ripe melon fruit** that makes it hard to resist. Beautiful balance at the simultaneously juicy and suave finish that makes you want to linger.

Drink or hold.



93 pts

MONTAGNY 1ER CRU "LAS GRANDE ROCHE"

This combines the creamy-oily side of white Burgundy with succulent **candied pineapple** and **lychee fruit** plus touches of **almonds** and **smoke**. The interplay of the ripeness and vitality is delightful and impressive. Long, quite compact finish with excellent mineral freshness. Drink or hold.



92 pts

POUILLY-FUISSÉ

An instantly appealing Burgundian chardonnay that you don't have to be an expert to enjoy. Effusive nose of quince with delicate notes of candied orange peel and butterscotch. Stacks of fruit in the middle of the medium-bodied palate, then a wonderfully bright, stony finish. The excellent balance suggests this will develop well for a few years. Drink or hold.



91 pts

MARSANNAY BLANC

Here's a well-structured and creamy white Burgundy that's very harmonious thanks to the well-integrated tannins on the medium-bodied palate. Quite a reserved character, with delicate pear and grapefruit notes. Drink or hold.



91 pts

RULLY

Very citric and flinty, this Rully makes a bold statement on the firmly structured, mediumto full-bodied palate. Not a charmer, but ample earthy depth and a very crisp, firm finish. Drink or hold.



90 pts

MÂCON-LUGNY LES GENIÈVRES

A prototypical unoaked white Macon that's simultaneously fresh and creamy on the medium-bodied palate, with plenty of **crisp pear** and touches of **acacia blossoms** and **fresh pineapple**. Very clean and animating finish that pulls you back for more. Drink now.



90 pts

PINOT NOIR Les Pierres Dorées

This pinot noir, from a high-altitude limestone terroir in the south of the Beaujolais region, has an eye-popping freshness. Juicy and crisp with plenty of crunchy **sour cherry** fruit plus a touch of **licorice**. Restrained tannins, but they are quite dry. These vineyards were planted from 2012 and now total 20 hectares. Drink from release.