

## Burgundy: The Côte d'Or's 2023 and 2022 Vintages

By William Kelley



91-93 pts

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET GRAND

CRU "Clos Poirier" 2023

The 2023 Bâtard-Montrachet Clos Poirier Grand Cru bursts with aromas of pear, ripe citrus fruit, beeswax, linden blossom and smoke. Full-bodied, fleshy and unctuous, it's broad and enveloping, with a satiny attack and a lusty, nutmeg-inflected finish. If it tightens up a little in bottle, it will be superb.



92-94 pts

CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET
GRAND CRU "Les Demoiselles"
2023

The 2023 Chevalier-Montrachet Les Demoiselles Grand Cru is also a success, exhibiting notions of crisp orchard fruit, iodine and wet stones, followed by a medium to full-bodied, thick and textural palate that's deep, unctuous but vibrant, concluding with a long, saline finish.



92-94 pts

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND
CRU 2023

Latour's 2023 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru wafts from the glass with notes of pear, mandarin oil and peach mingled with notes of struck match and freshly baked bread. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless, it's rich and textural, with a sweet, layered core of fruit and an expansive finish. Now bottled under Diam, it should age with grace.



90-92 pts

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU
"Sous le Puits" 2023

The 2023 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Sous le Puits derives from a higher-altitude site, but it's quite rich and ripe, delivering aromas of sweet stone fruit, beeswax and flowers followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and satiny palate.



89-91 pts

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU
"Château de Blagny" 2023

Aromas of pear, hazelnut, freshly baked bread and linden blossom preface the 2023 Meursault 1er Cru Château de Blagny, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy wine that's floral and ethereal in style, concluding with a saline finish.



88-90 pts

PERNAND-VERGELESSES 1ER CRU

"En Caradeux" 2023

Offering up notes of sweet orchard fruit and pastry cream, the 2023 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru En Caradeux is medium-bodied, satiny and seamless, with a fleshy core of fruit, succulent acids and a saline finish.



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**PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 2023** 

Notes of white currants, peaches, white flowers and freshly baked bread introduce Latour's 2023 Puligny-Montrachet Village, a medium-bodied, satiny and fleshy palate that's bright and chalky. Now bottled under Diam, this is a solid effort that will offer a broad drinking window.



93-95 pts

ROMANÉE-SAINT-VIVANT GRAND CRU "Les Quatre Journaux" 2023

Latour's 2023 Romanée-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru Les Quatre Journaux is shaping up very nicely, exhibiting aromas of sweet raspberries, smoked tea, exotic spices and cherries, followed by a full-bodied, rich and ample palate that's dense and layered, with fine, chalky tannins and ripe acids.



93-**95** pts

CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU

"Cuvée Héritiers Latour" 2023

The 2023 Chambertin Grand Cru Cuvée Héritiers Latour is also showing very well, wafting from the glass with aromas of cherries, peonies, exotic spices and licorice, framed by creamy new oak. Full-bodied, ample and seamless, it's suave and layered, with a sweet core of fruit and a long, expansive finish.



90-93 pts

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU

"La Grande Montagne" 2022

The 2022 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Grande Montagne is satiny and seamless, bursting with aromas of honeyed pear, white flowers, freshly baked bread, orange zest and pastry. Medium to full-bodied, ample and suave, with a sweet core of fruit and a saline finish, it's another strong performance from Latour.



90-93 pts

ÉCHEZEAUX GRAND CRU 2023

Aromas of rich berry fruit, vine smoke, spices and incense introduce Latour's 2023 Echezeaux Grand Cru, a medium to full-bodied, rich and ample wine with a broad attack and a fleshy, ripe mid-palate.



92-**93 pts**CHÂTEAU CORTON GRANCEY
GRAND CRU 2023

Owing to a late malolactic fermentation, the 2023 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru was one of the more primary cuvées in the cellar when I visited, unwinding in the glass to reveal aromas of sweet raspberries, plums, spices and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, deep and rich, with powdery tannin to burn, it's the usual blend based on Bressandes complemented by Perrières, Grèves and Clos du Roi.



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ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU
"Les Chaillots" 2023

Notes of sweet berries, plums and spices introduce the 2023 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Chaillots, a medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy wine built around powdery tannins. It's another strong effort from Latour.



91-93 pts

POMMARD 1ER CRU
"Epenots" 2023

A cuvée derived partly from fruit, partly domaine from 2023 grapes, the purchased Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots reveals aromas of dark berries. spices and loamy soil, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and nicely concentrated palate, framed by the soft tannins so typical of this site.



90-93 pts

BEAUNE 1ER CRU

"Vignes Franches" 2023

The 2023 Beaune 1er Cru Les Vignes Franches bursts with aromas of raspberries, black tea, licorice and fig preserve, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy palate that's rich and layered. This early-ripening site on the southern side of the Beaune escarpment produces one of Latour's emblematic reds.



89-91 pts

**VOLNAY 1ER CRU** 

"En Chevret" 2023

The 2023 Volnay 1er Cru En Chevret exhibits aromas of sweet cherries, berries and vine smoke. Medium to full-bodied, sweet and rich, it's fleshy and gourmand, with a ripe core of fruit.



91-93 pts

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1 ER CRU

"Les Beaux Monts" 2023

The 2023 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts exhibits aromas of cherries, plums, vine smoke and spices, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and seamless profile that's suave and giving. Latour drops off their own barrels to this long-term supplier and collects them filled.



88-90 pts

**GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 2023** 

The 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin Village reveals aromas of cherries, raspberries and peonies, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and polished palate that's lively and charming.