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92 pts

ROMANÉE ST. VIVANT GRAND CRU “LES QUATRE JOURNAUX”

Moderate wood and menthol elements stop short of overshadowing the exotic tea, plum and dark pinot scents. The notably finer, though not denser, middleweight flavors exude a bracing salinity on the firm and youthfully austere finale where an interesting hint of bitter chocolate character emerges.



92 pts

CHAMBERTIN-CUVÉE HÉRITIERS LATOUR GRAND CRU

A fresh and cool nose of attractively layered red berries and forest floor is trimmed in much more subtle oak. There is again a lovely texture to the solidly concentrated medium weight flavors that exude evident minerality on the moderately austere and compact finale where a touch of warmth slowly emerges.



90 pts

ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU

A more deeply pitched and markedly spicier nose features notes of black cherry, essence of plum, violet and lilac hints. There is better mid-palate volume and richness to the medium-bodied flavors that deliver better depth and persistence on the moderately austere and firmer finale.



91 pts

CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU

(vinified with 25% whole clusters). Generous wood fights somewhat with the more floral-suffused aromas of various dark berries, cool earth and herbal tea wisps. There is more volume still to the nicely intense and muscular medium weight plus flavors that possess a velvety mouthfeel before terminating in a lingering, firm and youthfully austere finale where the wood resurfaces. This is pretty oaky at present though the necessary density appears to be present such that the wood treatment will eventually be successfully integrated.



88-90 pts

VOLNAY 1ER CRU “EN CHEVRET”

A brooding and reticent nose reluctantly reveals its aromas of plum, dark currant and newly turned earth. The racy and utterly delicious lighter weight flavors possess both good detail and a subtle minerality on the dusty and mildly austere finish where a touch of wood can be found. This too could use more depth but given the firm structure, it should be able to develop more over time.



94

Montrachet Grand Cru

The generous and extremely **rich, full-bodied** and impressively **powerful flavors** are certainly seductive, indeed even opulent, but not heavy as there is ample acid support to maintain the balance on the focused, highly persistent, bone-dry and notably compact finale. Much like the Demoiselles, this too, needs to develop better depth but that is all but guaranteed to occur given the potential 12 to 15 year aging curve. 2033+



93

Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

There is by contrast a **lovely sense of tension** to the rich and generously proportioned larger-bodied flavors that evidence impressive power on the succulent mid-palate that differs noticeably from the markedly citrusy and bone-dry finale that exhibits outstanding length. This will need to develop more depth but that is expected from a young grand cru. 2031+



93

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru "Les Demoiselles"

An ultra-pure and **fresh nose of green apple, spiced pear compote** and **citrus blossom** is also trimmed in just enough wood to merit mentioning. As one would expect from a classic Chevalier, there is an overt stoniness to the powerful broad-shouldered flavors that terminate in a superbly long and well-balanced finale. This very classy effort also needs to develop better depth but with a potential aging curve of between 12 to 15 years, that should reasonably occur. 2033+



91

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

Dense but highly **energetic**, tautly muscular and **mineral-driven** middleweight plus flavors that flash excellent power on the compact, serious and built-to-age finale. Latour has a justly deserved reputation for this wine and the 2021 version should only add to it. 2031+



91

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru "Clos Poirier"

On the palate it's immediately clear that the medium weight flavors don't possess the same incredible density that many of the wines in the range possess, though I underscore that they are by no means dilute, only less concentrated while delivering good if not special depth and persistence on the almost aggressively **lemony** and bone-dry finale. This is pretty enough but I suspect that the austerity and borderline aggressive citrus character of the finish may be more than some might appreciate. 91/2031+



91

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Caillerets"

A restrained and distinctly cool array is composed by notes of **mineral reduction, pear, citrus peel** and **spice** that are trimmed in just enough wood to mention. The beautifully delineated middleweight flavors possess so much minerality that the mouthfeel is like rolling tiny pebbles around the mouth, all wrapped in a balanced, long and chiseled finish where a touch of youthful austerity progressively emerges. This lovely wine should also permit up to a decade of keeping. 2029+



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Meursault 1er Cru "Goutte d'Or"

A discreet though perceptible dollop of **wood** frames the aromas of **acacia blossom, hazelnut, citrus confit** and **white peach**. There is again very good mid-palate density to the caressing but powerful medium-bodied flavors that conclude in a moderately austerity, bone-dry and sneaky long finish. This is sufficiently tightly wound to repay up to a decade of keeping. 2029+



91

Meursault 1er Cru "Château de Blagny"

In contrast to several of the prior wines, there is an attractive **freshness** to the layered nose of various **citrus** and **floral scents** that evidence more subtle aromas of **pear, green apple** and the **barest trace of wood**. There is fine richness and volume to the relatively muscular flavors that exhibit good power along with a certain refinement on the dry, long and balanced finale. This is a wine that typically drinks well young and the 2021 version should be no exception. 2028+



90

Chassagne-Montrachet

There is excellent mid-palate density, especially for a villages-level wine, to the relatively **full-bodied** flavors that coat the palate with sappy dry extract that also serves to buffer the less refined but more **complex finale**. This very dry and youthfully austere effort is excellent and worth considering. 2028+



87-90

Marsannay

There is again **good freshness** and **intensity** to the delicious and inviting medium weight flavors that also offer reasonably good persistence but not quite the same depth so a few years of aging should be helpful. 2026+



87-90

Rully

Cool and airy aromas include those of mostly white **orchard fruit** and a variety of **citrus influences**. Here too there is very good volume to the caressing but punchy middleweight flavors that deliver reasonable depth and persistence on the citrusy and dry finale. 2026+