

Burgundy 2021 : Special Report

Christophe Deola at Louis Latour said, "The vintage caused us so much suffering that it is hard to like the wines. Still, we are very satisfied with those we made. So, how can 2021 be this bad or – at least – this contradictory?"

Deola said they recorded 100 mm of rain during vintage. Yields in red were generally pitiful, too. Across the two colors, they got 20% of a harvest in 2021. They are missing two harvests between the last three years. DRC had its lowest yields in half a century. "A barrel of Bourgogne Rouge from Aloxe is now €2,000; it was about €1,200 in 2017."

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Bâtard -Montrachet Grand Cru "Clos Poirier" 2021

This is a half hectare of vines that sits just under Le Montrachet and unusually is planted in north-south rows. It starts with a honeyed nuance and expands into spicy, unctuous tarte tatin layers of flavor. The fervent acidity firms up the back palate and leaves a light saline note on the finish. Less exotic than usual but still in the rounder, lusher style typical of Latour's interpretation of this vineyard.

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Corton Grand Cru Domaine Latour 2021

This is an assemblage of Corton terroirs: Grèves, Perrières, Clos du Roi, Bressandes and Chaumes. Save the last, which looks southeast, these face due east. This youthful, dark wine exudes an earthy minerality and pairs this overarching character with intense layers of plums, cherries and blackberries. There is tangy verve to rein in the dense fruit core and nicely finessed tannins, too.

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Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2021

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Meursault 1^{er} Cru "Château Blagny " 2021

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Meursault 1^{er} Cru "Goutte d'Or " 2021

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Pernand -Vergelesses 1^{er} Cru "En Caradeux " 2021 (sold out)

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Puligny -Montrachet 1^{er} Cru "Sous le Puits " 2021 (sold out)

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Aloxe -Corton 1^{er} Cru "Les Chaillots " 2021

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Beaune 1^{er} Cru "Vignes Franches " 2021

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Volnay 1^{er} Cru "En Chevret " 2021

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Aloxe -Corton "Domaine Latour" 2021 (limited availability)