

Burgundy Report : Louis latour 2023 review

By Bill Nanson



Tasted in Beaune with Christophe Deola, 27 May 2025.

On 2023:

"Another year where we worried about the cleanliness in the vines – but unlike in 2024 we had the window of dry weather – and it was hot during the harvest too – which meant that we avoided botrytis. I think it more a vintage of the Côte de Beaune than the Côte de Nuits. Cleanliness wasn't the best – there was a lot to triage – we did a green harvest and for the first time since 2017 we removed a lot of leaves to aerate the grapes to avoid as much rot as possible. The reds have the charm of 2017 but it's not just charm, there's extra depth too."

The wines...

There is much class to be found the wines of Latour this year – there are a few great wines that are worth a special search to find, too – the whites just edging it for me ...

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FLEURIE 2023

Ooh – that's a deep and cushioned nose – it's really very attractive. Hmm, wide but concentrated – a certain fluidity despite the generosity of the wine, finishing with a little graphite and salinity... Simply an excellent wine !!



MARSANNAY 2023

A sleeker, fresher width of dark fruit. Mobile and also with a certain fluidity – a small frame of tannin is more visible here. More intense with a sour-cherry, dark cherry, finishing flavour. Keep it 2 years and be happy !!



NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 2023

Here's a pretty, higher-toned, spice – nicely airy and attractive. More incisive and direct, but far from austere – the flavour flooding the the palate in the finish – what a simply delicious finishing flavour – love it !!



GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 2023

Here are broader shoulders to the aromatic. Wide, just a small extra textural comfort. The flavour energy is fine in the middle and finish. I easily prefer the Nuits today, but give this 2 years and it will be more attractive...



CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 2023

Airy, perfumed, floral – just what the label promises. Incisive, cool flavours – sleek wine. There is structure here but also a moreish intensity – like the Gevrey – better in 2 years but this is potentially an excellent wine.



BEAUNE 1ER CRU 2023 "Vignes Franches"

An airy dark fruit – quite a shy aromatic to start. Fine scale in the mouth – a little softer than the Chambolle – soft red fruits. The finish more vibrant and wide – this is a really super, delicious, finish – making me want to take another glass – super wine...

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ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU 2023 "Les Chaillots"

A higher toned nose – still some florals but also much more impact than the Beaune today. Clean, pure – more fluid but also structured – certainly the finishing dryness of tannin – but grainless. Keep it 3 years – the perfume is lovely and the shape as good as some Corton – Excellent wine !!



VOLNAY 1ER CRU 2023 "En Chevret"

You ease into a lovely perfume, floral and attractive. Great scale in the mouth – here is a very classy wine – another for waiting 2-3 years but the width definition and depth of this finishing flavour really impresses me. Faintly saline at the last. What a super wine



POMMARD 1ER CRU 2023 "Epenots"

Today the nose is mostly about a subtly smoky barrel note. Beautiful, clean-cut flavours, accented by a small, grainless, tannin. Really wide. Not ultra-demonstrative today but the shape is very, very classy – I would be very happy to open some of these in 5+ years...



CORTON GRAND CRU 2023 "Domaine Latour"

A small cushion the crystal clear, clean fruit – a fine invitation. Cool, mobile – beautifully defined flavour and delineated shape. Vibrant flavours that grow in width – hold... Yes ! Simply excellent wine...



CHATEAU CORTON GRANCEY GRAND CRU 2023

A return to a more airy aromatic, also subtly floral. Cooler, more open and fluid vs the Corton. Two very different styles – this with more accessible flavours that melt over the palate – super accessible though – like the last – and ultra-delicious too.



VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU 2023 "Les Chaumes"

A small cushion and barrel smoke to these aromas. More modest scale after the Grancy, but a fine, melting palette of flavours. There is some fine finishing depth here too with a tiny grain of ripe tannin. This finishes with class – a lovely wine...

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CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2023

A more linear and very attractive aromatic. Very different in flavour profile of floral-infused flavours. The shape and structure of this wine rather classy – and the particular flavour component finishing long, right from the middle of the wine.



ROMANÉE SAINT-VIVANT GRAND CRU 2023 “Les Quatre Joursaux”

“The beauty of this and the last wine – we don’t have to do anything with them, you put the good grapes in a tank and it does the rest itself!” – Christophe Deola

Hmm – the most floral, attractive perfumed wine by far at this stage. Mouth-filling, vivid, full of mouth-watering, fluid flavour – touched by sweetness and the barrel – but clearly next-step, flamboyant wine today – bravo !!



ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU 2023

Extra breadth of aroma, subtly smoked, supported by florals – a lovely nose. Larger in scale, framed with a tiny, grainless, tannin. Such finishing width of flavour too – slowly melting – what an excellent wine – I love it !



CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2023 “Cuvée Héritiers Latour”

Back to the more sombre, shy aromatic. A more structural wine but with considerable depth and personality. The finish melting extra interest over the palate. Holding supremely well – but hardly half-open today vs the wonderfully open RSV. Keep it 10 years to start with...

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POUILLY-FUISSÉ 1ER CRU 2023

Open, nice scale of aromatic. Here is concentration and roundness of presentation. I'd like a but more delineation but concentration is not lacking. A very good wine...



MARSANNAY 2023

Here's a width of aroma – more definition to the shape too. Open, nicely structured wine, depth to this flavour too. Chunky but tasty flavoured wine and I prefer this balance to that of the Pouilly...



SANTENAY 2023

Here's a lovely energy – such a fine aromatic invitation with a little boiled sweets complexity. Wide, melting, lovely shape, even a hint mineral – that's a great Santenay villages...



PERNAND-VERGELESSE 1 ER CRU 2023 "En Caradeux"

Less amplitude but extra width to these aromas. More direct, almost chiselled. Long and faintly creamy – this is a super wine...



MEURSAULT 1 ER CRU 2023 "Château de Blagny"

Airy, faintly spiced – that's a very pretty nose. In the mouth, the shape is slightly soft but the flavour complexity is really excellent and it's sustained too. What an excellent wine...



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

Cleaner, finer, but also a small nose. Just a little extra structural shape – the only thing that was missing from the last wine – more zesty, citrus bitters to finish – actually nicely vibrant. Less delicious than the Blagny today but a nicer shaped wine.

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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU 2023 "La Grande Montagne"

Yes – here is more – more vertical but still with width – I love this invitation. Clean, direct, meltingly mineral flavours. Finishing with a direct beam of mouth-watering flavour. Beautiful wine – certainly excellent – maybe even better than that with time...



CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2023 "Les Demoiselles"

Extra breadth of aroma – depth too. Incisive, mineral then bursting forward and wider – flavour energy that's next level. The finishing flavours framed with a small chalky texture. Yes!



BÂTARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2023 "Clos Poirier"

Not the largest nose but still an attractive perfume! Hmm, not quite as incisive as the Chevalier but slightly broader shouldered and with wonderfully bubbling complexity of flavour. Ultra-classy wine. Worthy of a bravo!



MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2023

Wider, modest extra intensity and clarity too. Cool – wide, slightly understated for Montrachet – but what's missing? Actually nothing from width, texture, supple flavour and ultra-impressive length. Nothing is missing – it just seems a little sleepy today... Deceptively discrete grand cru today...



CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2023

Airy, more direct, today with more reticence in the width of aromas – but than a beautiful floral accent comes to the fore. Cool flavours, direct, almost chiselled but with plenty of muscle too. Extra width and stoniness, chalky textured again, after the Montrachet. This the slightly more impressive of the two but more fore waiting – so drink the Montrachet in the meantime.