

LOUIS LATOUR 2023 VINTAGE REVIEW

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99 pts

MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2023

Aromas of dried apple, crushed stone, chalk, menthol, flint and mineral as well as matchstick, lemon blossom and cloves. Full-bodied yet reserved and energetic, with clarity, brightness and intense spiciness. Reserved at the end. Muscular and poised. Extreme, yet classy. Give this time to open. Better after 2028.



98 pts

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET

GRAND CRU "Clos Poirier" 2023

Aromas of sliced, perfectly cooked apples, subtle pie crust and hints of chalk and white pepper. Full-bodied with integration and clarity to the wine. Long and focused, racy finish. Turns flinty and energized. So spicy. Almost burning. Powerful. Drinkable now, but better in a year or two.



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CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU "Les Demoiselles" 2023

Impressive density and brightness to this, with sliced apples, pears, flint and some oyster shells and gun metal. It's full-bodied with phenolic tension that is melted into the wine, making it seamless in texture. It long and shy at the end, but displays its formed strength. Better after 2027.



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CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2023

Fantastic depth and length to this wine, showing aromas and flavors of sliced apples, stone, flint, matchstick and white pepper. It's full-bodied and reserved, with very fine layers of bright fruit and minerals. Tight, structured and compact with a long finish. Already impressive, but best after 2027.



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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

1ER CRU "La Grande Montagne" 2023

Dense, pure and transparent, offering intense sliced-apple, mineral, oyster-shell and stone aromas and flavors. Medium body with a seemingly endless finish. Lightly phenolic. Drink or hold.



95 pts

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

Aromas of flint, grapefruit rind, orchard fruit, chalk and fresh herbs. The high-tension palate is precise with mineral-driven acidity and a textural, rounded mouthfeel. Perhaps the most linear and focused release of the 2023 premier cru whites. Delicious. Drink or hold.

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MEURSAULT 1ER CRU
"Château de Blagny" 2023

There's a lovely freshness and tension here with aromas of sliced lemons, white peaches, struck match, flint, orange blossoms and butter cookies. The midweight palate is fleshed out with a generous mouthfeel, balanced acidity and a slight phenolic edge. Great minerality and purity with an underlying power. Drink or hold.



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MEURSAULT 1ER CRU
"Goutte d'Or" 2023

Aromas of honey, honeysuckle, white pepper and other spices come through nicely here. Perfumed. Medium-bodied, fresh and linear with hints of flint, spice and minerals. Steely at the end. Racy, refined and balanced. Drink now or hold.



94 pts

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU
"Les Chalumeaux" 2023

Real richness and intensity here, with dried apple, pineapple and crushed shells. It's full-bodied with lots of flavor and layers of fruit and phenolics. Vivid and structured. Drinkable now, but better in 2027.



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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET
1ER CRU "Cailleret" 2023

Ripe and intense with aromas and flavors of flint, stone and oyster shells. Gun-metal undertones, too. Medium-bodied and bright with nice chewiness. But subtle. Drink now.



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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET
2023

Mineral-driven with red-fruit notes of raspberries, red cherries, hibiscus and pencil shavings. The midweight palate has fine-grained tannins and pure acidity, leading into a mouthwatering, lifted and energetic finish. A wonderful balance of freshness, precision and tension. Delicious. Drink or hold.

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MARSANNAY Blanc

2023

This is a linear and vivid white with umami, fresh yeast and matchstick, as well as apples and green melon. Medium-bodied with depth and beauty. Spicy at the end. Exciting. Drink now.



94 pts

MONTAGNY 1ER CRU

"La Grande Roche" 2023

Mineral-driven aromas of flint, grapefruit, sliced lemons, wet river stones and white flowers. The palate is racy with bright acidity and a textural mouthfeel. Lifted with a slight phenolic grip. A wine to enjoy young but will age nicely. Delicious. Drink or hold.



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POUILLY-FUISSÉ 1ER CRU

2023

Flint, orchard fruit, lemons, white flowers and lanolin. The palate is focused and energetic with racy acidity, the textural mouthfeel held together with chewy phenolics and a creamy, rounded finish. There is a lovely tension and purity here with underlying power. A mix of four premier cru sites. Drink or hold.



92 pts

POUILLY-FUISSÉ

2023

Lemon pith, honeysuckle, lanolin, grapefruit and wet river stones. The midweight palate has a generous, textural mouthfeel and bright acidity, leading into a fruit-driven, powerful finish with finesse. A lovely chardonnay with instant gratification. Drink or hold.



90 pts

MÂCON-LUGNY "Les Genièvres"

2023

A fresh and rather steely white with aromas and flavors of sliced apples, lemons, minerals and flint. Medium-bodied, crisp and vivid, with the steely character coming through at the end. Subtle and delicious throughout. Drink now.

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100 pts

ÉCHEZEAUX GRAND CRU
2023

Complex fruit character, with ripe strawberries, spices, rose stems and plums. Dried flower petals, too. Full-bodied with tight, compact fruit and spices, such as nutmeg and cinnamon, as well as chocolate and hazelnuts. Minerally tannins. The polish and texture is really sophisticated. So classy and irresistible. Drinkable now, but will age for decades.



99 pts

CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU
"Cuvée Héritiers Latour" 2023

A ripe red with aromas of plums, orange peel, dried flowers and stones, following through to a medium body with ultra-fine tannins and a level of balance and refinement that provides a sense of sophistication and harmony. Rather ethereal and subtle, it takes time to show itself. Great length, building nicely through the finish. Give this a year or two. But it will age beautifully for years to come.



98 pts

CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU
2023

Perfumed with dried flowers and hints of baked bread, as well as nutmeg. Medium-bodied with creamy, polished tannins that run the length of the wine. Gorgeous. Such class. Firm and racy. One of the best Clos Vougets I have had in a long time. Drinkable now, but better in a couple of years.



98 pts

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

Ethereal on so many levels, with a perfume of fresh roses and hints of orange blossom, as well as crushed stone and spice. Medium body with fine, firm and racy tannins and wonderful length. Lightly bitter and smoky at the end. Complex and structured, yet subtle. Class in a glass. Drink or hold.



97 pts

CHÂTEAU CORTON GRANCEY
GRAND CRU 2023

Fresh, lively and elegant, this is not at all what the world expects from this Grand Cru, but it is so exciting, whipping across your palate at a very brisk clip. Silky tannins and a really long, stony finish with terrific energy. Drink or hold.



95 pts

CORTON GRAND CRU
"Domaine Latour" 2023

This is so delicious right now. Supermineral and dangerously fresh, this leaps and jumps its way over your palate. Beautifully accentuated by a hint of bitter chocolate. Way more fruit on the focused, medium-bodied palate than the nose suggests. Very long, velvety finish. Drink or hold.

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BEAUNE 1ER CRU
"Perrières" 2023

A rich and wild Beaune with aromas and flavors of dried berries, strawberries, earth and spice. Medium to full body with depth and richness. So much spicy fruit as well as nutmeg and coffee beans. Wonderful. One of the best ever. Drinkable now, but better in a year or two.



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BEAUNE 1ER CRU
"Vignes Franches" 2023

The pretty and pure fruit comes through nicely, showing crunchy strawberries, wild cherries and hints of flower stems. Medium-bodied, tight and focused, with firm, silky tannins and an energized finish, where the quality of the tannins is impressive for the vintage. Hints of matchstick and spice at the end. Drinkable now, but better in a year or two.



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VOLNAY 1ER CRU
"En Chevret" 2023

Spicy, lifted notes of black cherries, dried herbs, pencil shavings, potpourri and cola. Tightly wound with finely tuned tannins and energetic acidity, this has a textural, grippy and fruit-driven palate. There's so much to love here for early drinking with fine structure and a mineral finish. Drink or hold.



94 pts

ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU
"Les Chaillots" 2023

Wonderful black-cherry, black-raspberry and summer-flower aromas plus a wealth of fine tannins make this a very attractive expression of an appellation often associated with rusticity. The long, really velvety finish gives so much pleasure. Excellent freshness. From vineyards surrounding the chateau of Corton Grancey. Drink or hold.



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POMMARD 1ER CRU
"Epenots" 2023

This wine sits on the edge of reduction, bringing out layers of spices, dried herbs and cured meat, supported by notes of dark cherries, licorice and blackberry bush. The palate is mineral-driven and tightly wound with some classic Pommard roundness and plush mouthfeel. A lovely wine that balances freshness and reduction. Drink or hold.



93 pts

ALOXE-CORTON
"Domaine Latour" 2023

This excellent Burgundian pinot noir marries meaty and savory character with fine sour-cherry and red-berry fruit. The velvety tannins build nicely in the very bright finish, already balanced in spite of a touch of firmness. From 5 hectares of vines. Drinkable now but best from 2026.

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CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY
2023

Very young and quite tightly wound (even a tad reductive), this really needs a bit more time in bottle to give its best. With some aeration, the summer-flower and black-raspberry aromas open up nicely. Really good balance of fresh acidity and restrained, moderately dry tannins in the finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU
"Les Chaumes" 2023

Fresh and crunchy with aromas and flavors of sliced lemons and oranges, crushed stone and strawberries. Medium body, fine tannins and a crisp finish. Drink or hold.



93 pts

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 2023

Very vibrant and refined with high-toned red fruit and notes of licorice, pencil shavings, dark cherries, cured meat and earth. The medium-bodied palate has a high-tension mouthfeel and fine-grained tannins with bright acidity. Lovely depth and complexity. Good for both immediate drinking and long-term aging. Drink or hold.



93 pts

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 2023

Spices with dark berries, strawberries and a hint of orange peel. Full body, focused fruit and a flavorful finish, with a nutmeg and clove aftertaste to the juicy fruit. Rather fruit-forward, in a good sense. Drink or hold.



92 pts

FIXIN 2023

Bright dark fruit here, with a lifted nose of blackberries, strawberries, oranges and fresh herbs. Medium-bodied, crunchy and breezy. Bright finish. Drink or hold.



92 pts

MARSANNAY 2023

Raspberry, strawberry, orange-peel and crushed-stone aromas follow through to a medium body with firm, crunchy fruit and firm tannins. Shows tannin tension. Lightly chewy at the end. Drink or hold.

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MORGON 2023

This excellent Beaujolais has abundant forest-berry aromas and a touch of herbal freshness. Really well-crafted, fine-grained tannins and a touch of wet-stone minerality deftly balance the ample substance on the medium-bodied palate. Very harmonious, velvety finish. Drink or hold.



92 pts

FLEURIE 2023

At once dark and floral, this well-structured yet focused Beaujolais has an animating freshness. Sleek and very bright on the medium-bodied palate. Zesty, crisp finish. From estate-grown fruit. Drink or hold.