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ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU "LES CHAILLOTS" 2021



Offering up generous aromas of sweet berries and toasty oak, the 2021 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Chaillots is medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, with a charming, giving profile and a saline finish, avoiding any of Aloxe's stereotypical asperity.

91-**93 pts**



Corton Grand Cru "Domaine Latour" 2021

The 2021 Corton Grand Cru offers up aromas of spiced plums, red berries, peonies and sweet forest floor, followed by a fullbodied, ample and fleshy palate that's impressively deep and layered, with supple tannins and the seamless, giving profile that's the theme chez Latour this year.

89-**91 pts**

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU "Château de Blagny" 2021



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The 2021 Meursault 1er Cru Château de Blagny reveals aromas of crisp green orchard fruit, hazelnuts and white flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy palate that's comparatively rich by the standards of the site and the vintage, concluding with a saline finish.

90-**91 pts** Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2021

The 2021 Beaune 1er Cru Les Vignes Franches bursts with aromas of cherries, plums, orange rind, peonies and spices. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's a sensual, charming wine built around melting tannins.

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Corton Grand Cru "Clos de la Vigne au Saint" 2021

Exhibiting aromas of sweet cherries, berries, plums and forest oor, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and enveloping palate, the 2021 Corton Clos de la Vigne Au Saint Grand Cru is a eshy, layered wine of considerable upfront appeal.

90-**92 pts**

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU "GOUTTE D'OR" 2021

Aromas of pear, beeswax, citrus oil and pastry cream preface the 2021 Meursault 1er Cru Goutte d'Or, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy wine that's rich and vibrant, concluding with a saline finish.

90-**92 pts** Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru "Clos Poirier" 2021



The 2021 Bâtard-Montrachet Clos Poirier Grand Cru exhibits aromas of pear, confit citrus, fresh mint and toasty new oak. Full-bodied, satiny and textural, it's rich and enveloping, with a fleshy, open-knit core and a nutty, barrel-inflected finish.

CORTON CHARLEMAGNE

GRAND CRU

2021

91-**93 pts**





The 2021 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru is one of the more powerful wines in the range, mingling aromas of sweet orchard fruit and confit citrus with hints of toasted nuts, white flowers and new oak. Full-bodied, ample and layered, it's rich and expansive, but it also maintains good tension.

89-**91 pts**



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Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Sous le Puits" 2021

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Sous le Puits is fleshy and open-knit, exhibiting aromas of crisp yellow orchard fruit, beeswax and freshly baked bread, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and charming palate.

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Volnay 1er Cru "En Chevret" 2021

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Seamless and charming, the 2021 Volnay 1er Cru En Chevret reveals aromas of raspberries, vine smoke, spices and petals, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple and enveloping palate.

93 pts Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru "Clos Poirier" 2020

The 2020 Bâtard-Montrachet Clos Poirier Grand Cru is broad and muscular, opening in the glass with aromas of sweet orchard fruits, freshly baked bread, lime zest, pastry cream and vanilla pod. Full-bodied, ample and layered, its broad attack segues into a fleshy mid-palate framed by lively acids and chalky structuring extract. In its full-blown style, this is the best Bâtard I've tasted from Latour for some time.

92 pts Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2020

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The 2020 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru reflects all the sunshine of the growing season. Full-bodied, rich and glossy, with a sweet core of fruit and broad shoulders, its bouquet evokes peaches, buttery pastry, golden orchard fruit, baking spices and vanilla pod. This will appeal to readers who gravitate toward richer, more extrovert styles of white Burgundy.

90 pts Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru "Les Chaillots" 2020

Aromas of cherries, raspberries, petals and spices preface the 2020 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Chaillots, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy wine that's powerful and broad shouldered, with rich, powdery tannins and an expansive finish.

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CHÂTEAU CORTON-Grancey Grand Cru 2020

Rich and round, the 2020 Château Corton-Grancey Grand Cru is a full-bodied, ample and layered wine evocative of raspberries, cherries, sweet spices, peonies and dark chocolate. Built around sweet, powdery tannins, a touch of subtle back-end warmth bears the signature of the hot, dry growing season.

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MEURSAULT 1ER CRU "CHÂTEAU DE BLAGNY" 2020

The 2020 Meursault 1er Cru Château de Blagny offers up aromas of crisp Anjou pear, white flowers, green apple and freshly baked bread. Medium to full-bodied, round and rich, it's a gourmand, textural white from this higher-altitude site.



BEAUNE 1ER CRU "VIGNES FRANCHES" 2020



The 2020 Beaune 1er Cru Les Vignes Franches is fleshy and gourmand, revealing aromas of cherries, blackberries, rose petals, sweet spices and raw cocoa. Medium to full-bodied, ample and layered, it's a seamless, polished wine from this excellent site on the southern side of the Beaune escarpment.

93 pts Corton Grand Cru "Clos de la Vigne au Saint" 2020



The 2020 Corton Clos de la Vigne Au Saint Grand Cru bursts with aromas of cherries, dark berries, musk, spices and vine smoke. Full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's rich and layered, with lively acids and a long, saline finish. This is the more sensual and suave of these two Corton bottlings.

93 pts



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Meursault 1er Cru "Goutte d'Or" 2020

The 2020 Meursault 1er Cru Goutte d'Or exhibits aromas of pear, toasted nuts, beeswax and apple blossom, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and enveloping palate with a satiny attack, lively acids and spice-inflected finish. It's one of the highlights of the range this year.

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The 2020 Volnay 1er Cru En Chevret is a medium to full-bodied, ample and layered wine evocative of blackberries, spices and forest floor. Authoritative but suave, it has turned out well.