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2020: THE VINTAGE REPORT - WHITE WINES



2020, Criots-Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru

93-96

Powerful lemon yellow. Waxy, rich, just short of volatile, a touch of banana, huge intensity, certainly grand cru, some lemon rind inset in the otherwise ripe fruit, offering several little waves of flavour. This could possibly be fresher but it has its place. Not only long but the finish is properly nuanced. If post-bottling this Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet gains in refinement, as it well may, the score will reach the upper part of the range.

2020, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

92-95

From Les Languettes. Glowing fresh yellow, with plenty of energy and a light overlay of oak. There's a lot going on here. Superbly concentrated without being overly weighty, good acidity, this Corton-Charlemagne is in a fairly bombastic rather than lightly stony style.

2020, Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

92-94

Rich yellow colour, a very clear-cut bouquet with fresh wax, the roundness of Charmes. The fruit is certainly not too ripe, and there's a lovely tingle factor. Very crisp and crunchy, and particularly persistent.

2020, Meursault Les Criots, Domaine du Pavillon

89-91

Powerful mid yellow. The bouquet combines rich sunshine fruit with something cooler, fresher, stonier. Interesting mix of ripenesses in the fruit on the palate, some bacon fat, some yellow fruit, some salinity.

2020, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses, Château-Gris

89-91

Clear pure lemon yellow. This wine is grown at relative altitude, with a variety of exposures using low yielding gobelet pruned vines. Splendid intensity with only at the end a little extra ripeness showing through. This has considerable weight infused with lively zest. A touch of bacon to finish.

2020, Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux, Domaine Adélie

87-88

Grown on a northern facing plateau. A fuller vibrant yellow, the nose shows a touch of lactic oak and plenty of sunshine. The typical touch of liquorice is followed by powerful lemon acidity and a sizeable lick of oak.

2020, Bourgogne Chardonnay Côte d'Or Secret de Famille

88-89

Largely from Bourgogne territory in Puligny, St-Aubin and St-Romain. Lovely vibrant fresh lemon yellow. The nose is quite classy too, plenty of flesh on the palate but with an excellent backbone, customers will get their money's worth from this excellent Bourgogne.

2020, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard, Domaine Adélie

88

In bottle. From the commune of Mercurey. Light reduction, but a strong and interesting Aligoté with a grassy tang, and the feel of adequate ripeness. Though there is ripe fruit and flesh, the acidity comes up behind in fairly trenchant fashion. 50% in wood and you can see a touch at the finish, though it will be rapidly assimilated. Really very long finish.

2020, Mâcon-Lugny Les Charmes

86

In bottle. The bouquet shows a muscatty element in a very cheerful way, which seems to be characteristic of these hotter years. A pretty, medium bodied wine which will be attractive to drink early on.



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2020: THE VINTAGE REPORT - RED WINES



93-97

2020, Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin

93-97

Rich imperial purple, a little bit of oak, perhaps something lightly oxidative in this sample. High acidity, ripe supple tannins, a very significant intensity of a pure red concentrated fruit. Pretty much all whole bunch. There is a very significant wealth of fruit towards the back, full of energy, I think this will come through, and the wine will be fresher than the first nose suggested.

2020, Echezeaux Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin

92-95

From the Champ Traversin sector. Rich deep purple. The bulk of the fruit has stayed in balance, the tannins are ripe, fine even and there is just a little acidity to hold it all together. Quite long and detailed. Champ Traversin is a sandy site which drains quickly, but they got there in time.

2020 Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru

91-93

Quite rich purple, attractive, raspberry and plum, not over-ripe, there is potential here. Fresh acidity behind and sufficiently ripe tannins, the fruit has all the concentration it needs. Some ripe cherry notes too. Promising.

2020, Morey-St-Denis Les Sorbets 1er Cru

90-92

Deep but not exaggerated purple. Ripe plums on the nose, this has not gone over the limit. A couple of chocolate notes mixed in with the dark red fruit, good acidity of course, considerable length. Attractive wine of middling density and good balance.

2020, Nuits-St-Georges Château-Gris 1er Cru

91-94

Royal, indeed imperial, purple, with rather a wonderful bouquet. Quite a mix of fruits, fresh lively intense, purple fruit once could day, not too plummy, lively dark raspberry, a lot of power at the back of the palate for a wine which is aiming at elegance, with a finely poised finish.

2020, Vosne Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin ★ 5 Star Wine

91-94

From Les Damaudes and Basses Maizières. Rich deep purple. The bouquet is very pleasing, it has depth but does not overwhelm. Such power at the back and then the chiselled limestone fresh acidity, the liveliness comes from the hillside, the ballast from Basses Maizières. Together they work really well, with an excellent long finish.

2020, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles

88-90

Clear deep purple, the bouquet is taking a bit of coaxing. Rather on the ripe side. Clean pure but overpowerful, almost blackcurrant, or at least black cherry, and a little bit forced at the finish. The tannins and acidity are fine.

2020, Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

89-92

Plump purple, exceptionally concentrated but in living fruit. A bit like the Mercurey it has a riotous explosion followed by rather firm structure but the fruit is fresh enough that it will live to win the battle. Crisp fresh apples too.

2020, Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon

90-93

A brilliant purple with a pinkish edge and rather a high-class fresh raspberry and cherry fruited nose. The wood is a little bit present on the palate at the moment but will soon be swamped by the sumptuous fruit. Ripe, but this has not gone too far and the tannins also have good maturity. Quite a long, balanced finish.

2020, Mercurey Champs Martin 1er Cru, Domaine Adélie

89-91

Hugely intense deep dark purple, with a flamboyant richness of dark raspberry and plum fruit, heady and possibly heavy. Super-massive on the palate but still in red fruit, a very sunny fruit, tannins present but ripe enough, good acidity too – I think this will make it, and in style. Needs time though. A little bit of blood orange at the finish.

2020, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin, Domaine du Clos Frantin

88

In bottle. Punchy purple with considerable but not exaggerated ripeness of fruit, and once again the good acidity of the vintage, the fruit becoming fresher at the back of the palate. All red fruit, a little more raspberry than cherry. A pleasure with the possibility of further ageing!

2020, Rochevrès Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine de Rochevrès

90-93

Some of the elevage is in 350 litre barrel. Glowing intense purple, some reduction just after the bottling. Heavyweight but the fruit is fresh. Strawberry notes but otherwise dark red fruit with some bite to it. There is a nice touch of crystalline acidity and ripe enough tannins. Very long.