



## 2022 Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune reds

Bichot's chief viticulturalist Christophe Chauvel conducted the tasting and succinctly told me that the 2022 "was another hot and dry vintage that for whatever reason or reasons, did not produce super-ripe higher alcohol wines. We picked from the 25<sup>th</sup> of August in the Côte de Beaune and brought in essentially spotless fruit with good but not high yields and maturities. Most wines were vinified with 20 to 30% whole clusters and have been improving month by month during the élevage. We are really quite happy with the quality as the wines are refreshing with good terroir transparency plus they should age gracefully on their balance. What I find so interesting though is how a growing season such as 2022 didn't produce heavy and alcoholic wines but it didn't." Chauvel is entirely correct that while the Bichot '22s are certainly ripe, they are also balanced, delicious and refreshing.

### **2022 Mercurey "En Pierre Milley" Domaine Adélie: 88**

A very pretty, fresh and expressive nose is classic pinot in style with its cool red berry, spice and soft earth nuances. I very much like the texture of the rich and generously proportioned middleweight flavors that conclude in a dusty, even slightly raspy, finish where the only nit is a touch of warmth. This could be enjoyed young though I would suggest allowing it 2 to 4 years of keeping first with the goal of rounding off the finish. 2027+

### **2022 Mercurey 1er Cru "Champs Martin" Domaine Adélie: 90**

Discreet wood influence sets off slightly riper aromas that include poached plum, violet and more obvious earth influences. There is slightly better volume and mid-palate density to the nicely mineral-driven medium weight flavors that are shaped by finer tannins on the youthfully austere, balanced and sneaky long finish. This is lovely and worth checking out, especially if your cellar needs a quality short to mid-term aging red. 90/2028+

### **2022 Savigny-lès-Beaune "Les Grands Picotins" Domaine du Pavillon: 88-90**

An exuberantly floral-suffused nose freely reveals its aromas of various red berries, humus and earth elements. The refined and vibrant, though not especially concentrated, middleweight flavors possess a lilting, even lacy, mouthfeel while exuding a subtle minerality on the youthfully austere finale. 2027+

### **2022 Beaune "Les Epenottes" Domaine du Pavillon: 88-91**

(from the *villages* portion of the vineyard). Pretty and surprisingly elegant aromas include those of various red berries and more subtle earth nuances. Like the Picotins, the medium weight flavors are not especially dense but do offer an agreeable fleshy texture as well as good length on the refreshing finish where a hint of warmth appears. 2028+

### **2022 Beaune 1er Cru "Les Bressandes" Domaine du Pavillon: 90-93**

This is more elegant still with its layered aromas of plum, spicy black cherry, violet and discreet exotic tea nuances. The caressing, delicious and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors possess better density as well as better power on the balanced, dusty, lingering and built-to-age finale. Worth checking out. 2032+

### **2022 Volnay 1er Cru "Les Santenots" Domaine du Pavillon: 90-93**

(from Les Plures). This is at once riper yet more restrained with its reticent aromas of kirsch, black cherry liqueur and poached plum scents. The exceptionally rich and palate soaking bigger-bodied flavors are blessed with an abundance of sappy dry extract that does a fine job of buffering the firmer tannic spine shaping the serious, austere and very clearly built-to-age finale. Patience strongly advised. 2034+

### **2022 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" Domaine du Pavillon: 89-91**

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(A huge 4 ha monopole of the domaine). An attractively pure nose speaks of various red berries liberally laced with earth and humus scents. There is impressive volume and intensity to the moderately dense flavors that are both delicious and vibrant before terminating in a firm, youthfully austere and lingering finish. Very good quality in a package built for mid-term keeping. 2030+

### **2022 Pommard 1er Cru "Les Rugiens" Domaine du Pavillon: 91-93**

(from Rugiens Bas). Discreet wood frames the more floral-suffused aromas of plum, black pinot fruit and a pretty array of spice elements. The super-sleek and beautifully delineated, even chiseled, medium-bodied flavors exude a palpable minerality on the linear, youthfully austere and decidedly compact finale. 2034+

### **2022 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" Domaine du Pavillon: 89-92**

Here too the expressive nose is really quite pretty with its blend of ripe red berries, soft spice, earth and a delicate touch of wood. The caressing, if not particularly concentrated, middleweight flavors display a subtle minerality on the dusty, balanced and lingering finish. 2030+

### **2022 Corton Grand Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" Domaine du Pavillon: 91-94**

(a ~1.9 ha monopole that is split between ~.5 ha classified as grand cru and the remaining 1.4 ha as 1er). This is aromatically similar to the 1er but with a bit more wood influence. There is however more size, weight and mid-palate concentration to the bigger-bodied flavors as well as more evident minerality that adds a sense of lift to the noticeably more structured, persistent and complex finale. Often there isn't that much difference between the two but that is certainly not the case in 2022. 2034+