



When I visit to try the Domaine de la Commaraine wines I also taste a small selection of Domaine de Belleville (already reported on) and the negociant cuvées which go under the label of Parcellaire de Saulx. These are all under the same American ownership, managed by Jean-Luc Vitoux, yet with different winemakers responsible. Isabelle Laurand is the winemaker here, or perhaps I should say chef de cave, as there are no vinifying facilities – the wines arrived in barrels.

For 2021, the red volumes were less than usual but they still got a fair amount. Whites were really hard to get hold of, except through a few faithful suppliers who could supply a barrel here or there. In the end they made half overall, but not the usual balance between red and white. All wines of both colours were still in barrel. We tasted three of their 7 whites and three of their 10 red references from 2021.

White

2021, Meursault Les Millerands, Parcellaires de Saulx : 88-90

Just one barrel. Mid yellow. Quite a perfumed nose, perhaps later picked, but not obvious rot. Spicy with a little fresh orange blossom, a certain sucrosity from the barrel. Fair length, good acidity. A sound middle of the road Meursault. Drink from 2024-2027. Tasted: October 2022

2021, Meursault Bouchères 1er Cru, Parcellaires de Saulx : 90-92

A bright mid yellow. The nose is promising but restrained. There is a little lemon meringue touch on the palate, otherwise white fruit, good persistence, not massive volume, but that is not the Bouchères style anyway. Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted: October 2022

2021, Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot 1er Cru, Parcellaires de Saulx : 90-93

Attractive mid yellow. Rather more perfumed than the Meursaults, with good tension at the back which helps the fruit and oak to marry. It is not a blockbuster of course, but this is a typical Morgeot from a cooler year and shows well. Drink from 2025-2031. Tasted: October 2022

Red

2021, Aloxe-Corton, Parcellaires de Saulx : 87-89

Firm mid red, with nose to match. Then more generosity of red cherry fruit, with a savoury sandalwood touch at the back, slightly peppery, but more terroir than stems. A good long finish with the cherry fruit returning. Usually, this cuvée comes from Les Boutières but the supplier had to offer a blend this year. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: October 2022

2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles, Parcellaires de Saulx : 89-92

Bright crimson red in colour. The nose is beguiling, nicely balanced, followed by an impressive density of dark red fruit with fine tannins. Good length, a touch of chocolate, probably picked quite late, which is not a bad thing in 2021. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: October 2022

2021, Volnay Mitans 1er Cru, Parcellaires de Saulx : 90-93

A lighter red. Attractively perfumed in bouquet, with recognisably Volnay aromatics. This Mitans is really nicely balanced on the palate, with graceful little red fruits, some acidity, refined tannins, and a pure finish. Good persistence too. Drink from 2026-2030. Tasted: October 2022