Tasting: August 2023 and April 2024

Les Parcellaires de Saulx

2022 Corton-Perrières Score: 91-94

Grand Cru Red barrel

Drink: 2034+

Producer note: Les Parcellaires de Saulx is a Meursault-based micro-négociant operation established in 2016 that is associated with the Domaines de la Commaraine and Belleville (see both herein). The reds are acquired as new wine while seeing no new wood while the whites are purchased as must and then given 18 to 24 months of élevage using varying amounts of new wood. No importer information provided.

Tasting note: Here too the nose is cool, airy and ripe with its blend of various red berries, forest floor, humus and discreet earth wisps that are picked up by the rich, concentrated and powerful larger-bodied flavors that exude evident minerality on the austere, serious and built-to-age finale. This possesses excellent potential and is a Corton that will need it.

2022 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Corbeaux" ♥

Score: 91-93

1er Cru Red barrel

Drink: 2032+ Issue: 94 Outstanding

**Tasting note:** A ripe yet distinctly cool nose is clearly much more Gevrey in style with its overtly sauvage-suffused aromas of both red and dark berries that are cut with plenty of earth and humus nuances. There is excellent volume and richness to the generous but well-defined medium-bodied flavors that deliver excellent length on the ever-so-slightly warm finale. Even so, this is really quite good and should age gracefully over a decade or more.

2022 Chambolle-Musigny ♥

Score: 89-91

Villages Red barrel

Drink: 2029+ Issue: 94 Outstanding

Tasting note: A more elegant, high-toned and airier nose features cool red currant, cherry, raspberry and soft spice nuances. The medium weight flavors are not as dense but they're finer with a silky texture and minerality, all wrapped in a bitter pit fruit and youthfully austere finish that is slightly firmer. Lovely and worth considering.

2022 Volnay "Mitans"

Score: **89-92** 

1er Cru Red barrel

Drink: 2028+ Issue: 92

**Tasting note:** More prominent if still reasonably subtle wood sets off the cooler and more elegant aromas of red cherry, black raspberry and a pretty spice wisp. The equally elegant and pure medium weight flavors possess both good energy and more evident minerality that adds a sense of lift to the balanced and lingering finale. If this can add depth with 5 to 8 years of bottle aging, it should merit the upper end of my projected range.

2022 Vosne-Romanée

Score: 89-91

Villages Red barrel

Drink: 2028+ Issue: 92

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Note: from vineyards on the Nuits side of the commune

**Tasting note:** Here the wood treatment framing the spicier dark berry fruit and plum aromas is again subtle though by no means imperceptible. I very much like the texture of the attractively refined medium-bodied flavors that retain good punch while exhibiting fine length on the balanced, firm and seductive finale. This is quite good for its level and should repay mid-term keeping.

2022 Volnay

Score: 88-91

Villages Red barrel

Drink: 2028+

Issue: 94

Tasting note: Ripe aromas of poached plum, black cherry and warm earth lead to delicious and relatively delicate middleweight flavors that conclude in a dusty, balanced and sneaky long finale that could use better depth. This is very Volnay in character and should nicely repay a few years of keeping.

2022 Pernand-Vergelesses "En Caradeux"

Score: 88-91

1er Cru White barrel

Drink: 2026+

Issue: 92

Tasting note: Once again moderate wood is present on the fresh and ripe aromas of petrol, spice and green apple. The racy and overtly mineral-driven middle weight flavors displaying very good length and better complexity on the nicely dry and chiseled finale. Lovely.