



Château du Clos - By NEIL MARTIN

2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 1^{er} Cru 'POUILLY' *Hommage à Leonard Chandon*

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A selection of the oldest vines and the best lots, aged in 40% new oak, has a delineated and focused bouquet, just a very subtle reduction in situ, hints of walnut and almond surfacing with time. The palate is very well balanced with impressive weight and tension, quite saline and that flinty element leaves the tongue tingling on the aftertaste. Good potential here, though I would afford it 3-4 years in bottle.

2019 Pouilly-Fuissé 'POUILLY' *Hommage à Leonard Chandon*

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Very succinct on the nose with beautifully defined citrus peel, orange zest and light fume notes. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, the new oak assiduously blended (30%) with a slightly nutty, almost Chassagne-like finish. Delicious.

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A well-defined bouquet, the oak neatly assimilated, just a touch of smokiness coming through with time. The palate is well-balanced with a fine bead of acidity, fresh and slightly flinty, though I would like to see more tension and race on the finish. Fine.

Pouilly-Fuissé

2020 - Taut and crisp on the nose, there is a faint touch of wild honey and honeysuckle on the nose. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, not complex, yet I appreciate the slightly honeyed texture with a touch of spice and apple crumble on the finish. Lovely.

2019 - A cool and almost aloof bouquet at first, gaining intensity with aeration. There is a light oyster shell element emerging with time. Something of the sea is present here, even if the vines are located hundreds of miles from it! The palate is well balanced and saline. The 2019 is a really sappy Pouilly-Fuissé, strict and correct with admirable length.

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Mâconnais 2020 - By NEIL MARTIN

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2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'LES MÉNÉTRIÈRES' 1^{er} Cru

Mineral-driven, full of tension and complexity. The palate is well balanced with a very slight reduction, flinty with smoked walnuts, deepening towards the end with fine grip on the finish. Superb!

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2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'VERS CRAS' 1^{er} Cru

Struck flint comes through nicely on the nose, very focused and full of energy. The palate is very well balanced with harmonious citrus fruit infused with flint and white pepper notes. Impressive weight and extract on the finish, this is turning into a delightful Pouilly-Fuissé.

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2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'VIGNES BLANCHES' 1^{er} Cru

It was showing a bit of reduction on the nose when I tasted it. Cooking apple, nettle and light grapefruit notes coming through with time. The palate is fresh with fine acidity on the entry, hints of almond and hazelnut complementing the citrus fruit with decent tension on the finish. This is a finely-crafted Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru.

91+

2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'LA MARÉCHAUDE' 1^{er} Cru

The palate is focused and saline, touches of orange rind, yellow plum and peach skin, grapefruit towards the tensile finish. Give this a couple of years in bottle for the aromatics to unfurl.

91-93

2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'Les Murgers'

A perfumed, floral, almost Meursault-like bouquet that gains intensity in the glass. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, fresh and vibrant with a touch of sour lemon mixed with orange zest and lemongrass towards the finish. This has a bit of swagger about it, boding well for the future.

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2020 Pouilly-Fuissé 'LES REISSES' 1^{er} Cru

A well-defined bouquet, timid at first, gaining confidence with aeration with light crushed rock and white flower scents, a touch of white peach. The palate is well-balanced with orange rind and light spicy notes on the entry. Cohesive and balanced, perhaps it just needs a little more minerolite on the finish, but it feels reassuringly persistent on the finish.

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2020 Pouilly-Fuissé

A well defined and nicely focused bouquet that gently unfolds in the glass. The palate is well balanced with good weight, rounded in texture and smooth edges. Grapefruit and nectarine surface towards the finish. Difficult to resist in its youth.

90

2020 Saint-Véran 'En faux'

This contains more minéralité and terroir-expression than the regular cuvee, quite finessed, never powerful. The palate is well balanced with a much great spice of acidity, slightly resinous in texture but with plenty of tension and "bite" on the finish. Recommended.



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85 - 89

Excellent. A strong wine with true character that provides highly enjoyable drinking. This is the sweet spot for values and everyday wines that won't break the bank



Mâconnais 2020 & 2021 - By NEIL MARTIN

DOMAINE DE LA ROCHETTE

2020

Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine 'Montagne de Cra'

It offers Granny Smith apple and petrichor on the nose. The palate is fresh and vibrant, malic in style with good weight and concentration, a lovely oyster shell influence marking the finish. Delightful from start to finish. No wonder this is one of their best sellers!

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Mâcon-Bussières 'Mont Sard'

2021 - A very taut and focused bouquet, linear and "correct". I appreciate its strictness. The palate is well balanced with a mineral-driven entry, quite saline, though the finish is tightly-wound at the moment and will require 18-24 months in bottle to "loosen up".

90+

2020 - The palate is fresh and zesty on the entry with orange and nectarine notes, a fine bitter lemon note towards the finish. I suspect the nose will eventually open once in bottle, but it may require more patience than the Montagne de Cra.

89 - 91

2020

Bourgogne Aligoté 'Les 17 rangs'

The 2020 Bourgogne Aligoté is definitely a level up from the previous vintage because it articulates more of the varietal both on the nose and the palate. This is well balanced and vibrant, sporting fine tension on the saline finish. Recommended.

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Domaine Georges Burrier - By NEIL MARTIN

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru VERS CRAS

2020

A discrete bouquet with pressed flower, orchard fruit and light granite scents. The palate is concentrated on the entry, a little honeyed in texture with generous, tropical-tinged fruit with plenty of spice towards the finish. Lovely.

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Cellar Favorite: Château de Beauregard 1971, 2001 & 2011 Pouilly-Fuissé 'VERS CRAS'

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No Burrier, no Premier Cru! Frédéric Burrier, the congenial proprietor of Château de Beauregard in the village of Fuissé, was the driving force that, after a decade of relentless campaigning, convinced the INAO that 22 vineyards in Pouilly-Fuissé merited promotion to Premier Cru status, commencing with the 2020 vintage. Readers can look forward to more detail on its first intake in a forthcoming report. In the meantime, Burrier was a special guest at the "Burgfest" group's annual wild boar dinner in Savigny-lès-Beaune. He brought three mature vintages from one of those promoted vineyards, Vers Cras, that vindicated why they deserve Premier Cru status, each demonstrating that the finest Mâconnais wines can mature in bottle as well as their equivalents in the Côte d'Or. These were all poured from magnum.



The 1971 Pouilly-Fuissé Vers Cras is still quite youthful looking with green tints in the glass. It has an engaging, slightly petrol-like bouquet, hints of white truffle develop with time, something almost Germanic here, perhaps echoes of a mature Nahe? The palate is commendably fresh given it is now half-a-century old, slightly honeyed in texture with that petrol tincture continuing on from the nose with Williams pear and a touch of gooseberry. Quite powerful, it seems to gain in stature with light eucalyptus scents, before it stumbles and falls apart after 30 minutes in the glass. Very fine, but I would not decant this. **90/Drink 2022-2028.**

The 2001 Pouilly-Fuissé Vers Cras is outstanding. Fantastic delineation and poise, this makes an immediate impression on the nose with hints of grilled almond mingling with lemon verbena. Though I am not inclined to compare with the Côte d'Or, it does remind me of a fine Puligny-Montrachet on the nose with a very subtle reduction. The palate is beautifully balanced with a steely line of acidity, linear yet bursting with energy. Very pure and energetic with a modicum of salinity towards the finish, this is Pouilly-Fuissé at its best. **93/Drink 2022-2038.**

The 2011 Pouilly-Fuissé Vers Cras is drinking well. It has wonderful delineation and vibrancy on the nose, more mineral-driven than the accompanying 1971 with hints of white mushroom and white truffle. The palate is youthful, supple and tensile, touches of orange pith and yellow plum emerging towards the harmonious finish. At 21-years of age, this Pouilly-Fuissé is à point. **90/Drink 2022-2035.**