

BURGUNDY REPORT

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Tasted in Meursault with 'Mr Genevrières' Jean-Pierre Latour, 02 November 2023

Jean-Pierre *on* **2023:**
"Yes, I was very pleased with the harvest I think we harvested some lovely grapes. "

Jean-Pierre *on* **2022:**
"Very happy – a vintage with fine purity and a very expressive, naturally expressive, fruit. It's never easy, easy – the reds I remember as quite easy! Very elegant – but with structure and fine supporting acidity. We're preparing for bottling but nothing is done yet – probably the first in January. The reds have a very fruity character, of detail and purity with finishes that remain elegant – and it's similar for the whites too – they are both showing very well. And this year the domaine has a full set of cuvées after the tiny 2021 volumes... Juicy? It's true. I really have the impression that I'm eating the fresh grapes... Yes, there was a morning where we passed so close to the frost – I really struggle to find a comparative vintage with such energy and purity of fruit – you can compare a bit the 14s but that vintage had more concentration due to lower yields."

The wines...

What a great range today – and in both colours. People sometimes forget the reds of Meursault producers – Lafon is a classic for this – but here are many great reds too!

RED

2022 Pommard Cuvée Carmen

A broad and elegant nose – forward and inviting. Framed with a tiny grain of tannin yet hardly drying. Open, intricate, delicious wine – Yes!

2022 Meursault 1er Caillerets

Darker, deeper, faintly spiced fruit. More muscular but also more silky texture – there's fluidity here. Broad in the finish – simply a top wine – and of the best red Meursaults I've tasted! Bravo!

2022 Pommard 1er Refene

Higher toned freshness – it's a great and pure-berried invitation to drink. Extra volume and more architecturally shaped. The juiciness of darker berries in the finishing flavours. The finish just a hint more structured with some interesting, almost zesty bitters. Excellent wine.

2022 Volnay 1er Clos des Chênes

Direct, saline, faintly spiced dark fruit nose. Really broad – wow that's impressive – bravado juicy dark fruit – a Chênes that you couldn't describe as over-ripe given the energy on display here. Simply excellent.

WHITES:

2022 Bourgogne Chardonnay

All from the commune of Meursault.

A breadth of faintly spiced citrus – a little diffuse today. Hmm, deep, perhaps faintly reductive, but that's beautifully constructed – super shape – a simply great Bourgogne, despite the nose!

2022 Meursault Cuvée Charles-Maxime

Named after two grandfathers – the Latour and the Giraud from which the domaine takes its name. Normally, 7 different parcels that offer a round view of the village. Also forward and broad – again very slightly diffuse today but the citrus is a little more concentrated. More mouth-filling energy – the structure a hint more discreet – but it's there. The citrus complexity – like on the nose – is more forward and certainly more complex. This is just delicious with classically fine, faintly spiced finishing flavours – it's a simply excellent village.

2022 Meursault Narvaux

A more focused and more direct nose – there's fine fruit clarity here. Some gas, but more crystalline, more mineral with super citrus complexity – a great village – with lots of Meursault nervosité !!

2022 Meursault 1er Bouchères

Deeper and wide in that depth – concentrated citrus fruit. But in the mouth this has a different face – of saline minerality and fine flavour clarity – there is lots of wine here – finishing with broad waves of moreish flavour. A treat!

2022 Meursault 1er Poruzots

A good width of aroma – more high-toned than the Bouchères today. More vibrant energy here the citrus intensity more to the fore – so you see the shape of the wine a little less – but you see the intensity for sure! A super ride – I love!

2022 Meursault 1er Charmes

Half dessous and half top of the vineyard. But not the bottom part that was reclassified in 1974...

Broader, more yellow citrus complexity and with fine freshness. A hint of gas adds to the energy today – but what clarity of energetic flavour here – no rich Charmes this – it's a Charmes of intensity and claity and I simply love it. Bravo – and so persistent!

2022 Meursault 1er Genevrières

Broad, mineral, less effusive than the Charmes but still very fine and showing some extra floral character. Calmer but ore mineral and chiselled in style. Beautifully shaped and textured – very classy and certainly more contemplative than the Charmes today. Beautiful wine.

2022 Meursault 1er Perrières

Slightly more mineral energy and even a faint suggestion of reduction at the base of these aromas. Yes, a hint of reduction but if the last was chiselled this is even more so – straight edges, direct, growing more citrus-intense – classic Perrières – what a wine – finishing with a persistent vibration!

2022 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Champs Canet

Completely different – a wall of higher-toned aromatics – more white-flower in style. More incisive and structured than the Meursaults – flowing with super, mouth-watering, flavours. Vibrant wine – and yes, with tension – this is a high-voltage wine!

2022 Meursault 1er Genevrières Cuvée des Pierre

Always a parcel selection where the grapes are destined for this cuvée – never a barrel selection!

An airy, elegant transparent nose – even a suggestion of florals too. There's a touch of gas but what breadth and clarity! A reductive style to this sweeping width of mineral infused flavour – but without overt reduction – and concentrated but at the same time fluid – what harmony – oh and what great wine!