

Domaine Joseph Voillot

Côte de Beaune



Etienne Chaix fashioned a really superb range of wines in the 2019 vintage.

-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, January-February 2022

In my view, the undisputed star of the Côte de Beaune in 2019 is Volnay, followed closely by Pommard, Beaune and the Hill of Corton. But it's Volnay that seems to have captured the best aspects of the vintage with fewer of its excesses.

-Allen Meadows, Burghound, issue 82, 2nd quarter 2021

It was a great pleasure to revisit Domaine Joseph Voillot and taste with Jean-Pierre Charlot and his nephew Etienne Chaix. As Chaix takes the reins, ably counseled by Charlot, the approach to winemaking hasn't changed: what Charlot calls the "bon sens paysans" prevails, with destemmed grapes, classical macerations and modest percentages of new oak. As ever, these are very classically proportioned wines that really repay bottle age.

-William Kelley, The Wine Advocate, January 2021

I am a long-term fan of this Volnay producer... The style of winemaking has not altered. This is the bastion of what you might call "traditional" Burgundy that is all the rage nowadays. These are terroir-driven, site-specific wines.

-Neal Martin, Vinous Media, October 2020

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2019

89 pts -John Gilman: *Like most top flight Bourgogne Rouge bottlings, this needs a few years in the cellar to blossom, but it will be excellent in due course.*

Volnay Vieilles Vignes 2019

Bill Nanson, The Burgundy Report, October 2020: *This is delicious, pure, proper, great finishing Volnay villages. Bravo!*

91 pts -John Gilman: *This is a first class villages!*

88-90 pts -William Kelley: *Lively and nicely concentrated wine.*

88-90 pts -Neal Martin: *Fine transparency here, classic, almost old school Volnay.*

88 pts -Allen Meadows: *The delicious and more voluminous [than the Bourgogne] flavors possess a sleek and caressing texture.*

Volnay 1er Cru Les Fremiets 2019

Bill Nanson, The Burgundy Report: *Captivating wine.*

93+ pts -John Gilman: *This is superb juice—the pure unadulterated beauty of classic Volnay!*

91-93+ pts -William Kelley: *A medium to fullbodied, deep and succulent wine with fine mid-palate volume, lively acids and an attractively saline finish. This cuvée derives from old vines, some dating back to 1932.*

90-92 pts -Neal Martin: *I am fascinated to see how this Fremiets will develop.*

90 pts -Allen Meadows: *Utterly delicious middle weight flavors are supple, round and nicely details with evident minerality.*

Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *The biggest part of this wine is its brilliant, stunningly perfumed, finish. I'd drink it any day.*

94 pts -John Gilman: *Etienne Chaix has made a great Champans in the 2019 vintage.*

92-94 pts -William Kelley: *Richer and more muscular than the Frémiets, the 2019 Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans evokes notions of cherries, sweet berries, orange rind and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, it's deep and concentrated, concluding with a long finish. This is the domaine's largest premier cru holding, planted in 1934, 1971 and 1985.*

92-94 pts -Neal Martin: *Delightful and so fresh!*

91 pts -Allen Meadows: *Delicious, succulent and slightly more concentrated flavors flash good detail as well as solid length on the dusty, balanced and more complex finale.*

Pommard Vieilles Vignes 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *Bravo villages again!*

91 pts -John Gilman: *This is a proper young Pommard and will need cellaring time to let its structural chassis soften up, but it is going to be an excellent wine in due course.*

89-91 pts -William Kelley: *A touch deeper than the corresponding Volnay, it's a fine bottle in the making.*

89-91 pts -Neal Martin: *This is a lovely Pommard Village full of charm.*

89 pts -Allen Meadows: *Fine volume.*

Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *Great presence in the mouth—fresh, concentrated fruit but never heavy. A suggestion of the mineral here too. Sustaining a very persistent finish. Excellent...*

92+ pts -John Gilman: *This is a properly structured young Pommard, but it will be a very refined wine once it is ready to drink.*

91-93 pts -William Kelley: *Also very promising, unwinding in the glass with notes of plums, raspberries, rose petals and spices. Medium to full-bodied, elegant and fine-boned, it's nicely balanced, with powdery tannins and lively acids, concluding with a precise finish.*

90-92 pts -Neal Martin: *A well defined bouquet with cranberry, raspberry, a touch of soy and bay leaf.*

92 pts -Allen Meadows: *This is classic Pézerolles, e.g. a wine of finesse but one with very good punch.*

Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *Really mouth watering...super juicy in the finish too, and that's despite the attendant tannin!*

94 pts -John Gilman: *On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and nascently complex, with a superb core, great undertow, ripe, seamless tannins, tangy acids and a very long, very refined and promising finish. Great juice in the making!*

91-93 pts -William Kelley: *Showing beautifully, wafting from the glass with aromas of raspberries, plums and cassis complemented by hints of sweet soils tones, cinnamon and other warm spices. Medium to full-bodied, layered and fleshy, it's elegantly rich, with fine concentration and a nicely defined finish.*

90-92 pts -Neal Martin: *A well defined, quite loamy bouquet...medium-bodied, savory in style.*

92 pts -Allen Meadows

Pommard 1er Cru Clos Micault 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *Simply excellent.*

93 pts -John Gilman: *For Burgundy fans searching around for a supremely elegant example of Pommard, this vintage of Clos Micault from Etienne Chaix will be right up your alley! 2030-2080.*

91-93 pts -William Kelley: *Medium to full-bodied, ample and enveloping, it's lively and perfumed. Planted in 1958, this was the first vineyard the Voillot family purchased back in 1870.*

89-91 pts -Neal Martin: *Fine.*

90 pts -Allen Meadows: *There is lovely detail to the vibrant lighter weight flavors that possess an appealing texture.*

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens-Bas 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *This will take some time, but I'm sure it will be great—bravo!*

94+ pts -John Gilman: *This is grand cru quality without a doubt!*

92-94+ pts -William Kelley: *The most introverted, muscular wine in the range...*

92-94 pts -Neal Martin: *It clearly has the finest aromatics of Voillot's Pommards with beautifully defined, almost clinical scents of wild strawberry, cranberry leaf and crushed rock, damp earthy notes emerging with aeration. The palate is medium bodied with fine grain tannins, very smooth in texture, harmonious and quintessentially Pommard in style, it has a fine structure and grip towards the finish. Excellent.*

92 pts -Allen Meadows

Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries 2019

Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report: *Excellent Beaune*

91+ pts -John Gilman: *This will need a half dozen years to get generous on the palate and is going to be a lovely drink for many decades, once it blossoms. 2027-2065.*

91-93 pts -William Kelley: *A cuvée that joined the range in 2000 and has gone from strength to strength in the last few vintages...mingles aromas of cassis and raspberries with hints of spice and rich forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, gourmand and lively, with powdery tannins and a fleshy core of fruit, it will offer a broad drinking window.*

90-92 pts -Neal Martin: *Lively, lightly spiced on the finish, this fine Beaune Premier Cru should drink well over the next 12-15 years.*