

# Domaine Joseph Voillot

## Côte de Beaune

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*I would further observe that 2021 is the kind of vintage that I absolutely love, at least stylistically speaking. Otherwise expressed, 2021 is a burg geek's vintage par excellence. The best wines are superbly fresh and transparent as the underlying terroir is wonderfully clear; indeed, it's at the core of each wine. In fact, I would go so far as to say that the terroir is so crystalline in 2021 that even those who doubt its existence might well be persuaded to reconsider their convictions.*

–Allen Meadows, Burghound #90, “2021 and 2020 Côte de Beaune Reds”

*[Etienne Chaix] made a lovely analogy that “2021 was a marvelous vintage for a winemaker, as one could make the kind of wines that he likes, whereas in 2018 and 2020, during the winemaking it was more like driving a car and always having to step on the brakes to slow the vintage down- in 2021 you could drive anywhere you wanted to go.” A superb range of wines at Domaine Joseph Voillot this year!*

–John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

### Meursault “Les Cras” 2021

*The 2021 Meursault “les Cras” has turned out very nicely, despite the severe frost damage here in April. This wine is lovely on both the nose and palate, with the bouquet offering up scents of apple, fresh almond, a lovely base of chalky soil tones, white lilies and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, complex and revels in its lovely core of ripe fruit, with good soil signature, bouncy acids and a long, well-balanced finish. Good juice. 2023-2040.*

**91+ pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

### Bourgogne Rouge Vieilles Vignes 2021

*Vibrant and equally well-detailed flavors...*

**86 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*This wine had been bottled at the end of July and is still a bit tight after the mise. However, with a bit of coaxing the nose offers up a pretty and red fruity blend of cherries, strawberries, woodsmoke, pigeon and a nice base of soil. On the palate the wine is medium-full, bright and bouncy, with a very respectable core, tangy acids and a long, soil-driven finish that is perked up by just a touch of tannin. This will drink beautifully with a year or two in the cellar. 2024-2035.*

**88 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

## Volnay Vieilles Vignes 2021

*A very pinot-like nose reflects mostly notes of various red berries and earth character that is picked up by the delicious and vibrant lighter weight flavors...*

**87 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*Both village wines are of fine quality in 2021, and both are very much emblematic of their respective communes. The 2021 Volnay “Vieilles Vignes” is very elegant in personality this year, offering up a complex bouquet of red plums, cherries, cocoa powder, pigeon, a lovely base of soil, woodsmoke and just a touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is fullbodied, focused and nicely transparent, with a fine core of fruit, suave, moderate tannins and good length and grip on the complex finish. Good juice. 2028-2065.*

**90 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

## Volnay 1er Cru Les Fremiets 2021

*The supple yet nicely energetic flavors exude a subtle bead of minerality on the dusty, moderately austere and lingering finale.*

**90 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*I really like this terroir and the 2021 is an absolutely classic example of this fine premier cru, offering up a refined and pure bouquet of black plums, dark berries, coffee bean, a complex base of dark soil tones, a nice touch of new oak and plenty of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and very elegant in profile, with a superb core, lovely soil signature, ripe, suave tannins and a long, vibrant and complex finish. Fine, fine juice. 2033-2080.*

**93 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

## Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans 2021

*The 2021 les Champans is also a simply stunning example of this fine premier cru vineyard. The beautifully elegant nose wafts from the glass in a blend of red and black plums, cherries, spit-roasted quail, a complex base of soil, woodsmoke, coffee bean and a deft touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and shows off superb depth at the core, great soil signature, ripe, fine-grained tannins and a long, nascently complex and very promising finish. This is a touch more reserved on the palate than the Fremiets and will take a bit longer to blossom, but it is going to be stellar. 2034-2085.*

**93+ pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

The following has also reviewed this wine:

**90 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

## **Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets 2021**

*Strikingly perfumed with lavender, leather and Marasca cherries, this lingers long on the palate with the addition of mulberries and savory spice. This is charismatic and immediately enticing. The Caillerets and the Pommard Clos Micault are the domaine's smallest red Cru holdings at only 0.1398 hectare each. This is also the youngest – almost forty-year-old – vines of the domaine, save a bit of Champans that was replanted in 1985.*

**94 pts-** Christy Canterbury MW, TimAtkin.com 2023

*This classy effort is really quite lovely.*

**92 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*By a very small margin, the 2021 Caillerets is the finest of these three outstanding Volnay premier crus in the Voillot cellars this year. The bouquet delivers an aromatic constellation of red and black cherries, black plums, Caillerets spice tones, gamebird, bonfire, dark soil tones and a nice touch of oak. On the palate the wine is deep, complex and full, with a gorgeous core of fruit, excellent mineral drive and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, impeccably balanced finish. Classic Caillerets. 2035-2085.*

**94 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

## **Pommard Vieilles Vignes 2021**

*A more deeply pitched nose displays notes of earth, forest floor and red and dark currant.*

**88 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

## **Pommard 1er Cru Clos Micault 2021**

*Like the Pommard old vine AC bottling, the 2021 Clos Micault also offers up a beautiful combination of the elegance of 2021 and the depth and potential longevity of premier cru Pommard. The lovely, refined nose jumps from the glass in a mix of black cherries, black plums, dark chocolate, a complex base of soil, woodsmoke, gamebird and cedary oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, well-balanced and shows off excellent depth in the core, with ripe, buried tannins, fine focus and a long, complex finish. Fine juice. 2035-2085.*

**93 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

## **Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles 2021**

*Always a "pretty" Pommard with a lifted aromatic profile – black currants, tea leaves and licorice, this has surprisingly demanding tannins in this vintage that give it some extra palate crunch. Give this a few years before popping the cork.*

**94 pts-** Christy Canterbury MW, TimAtkin.com 2023

*There is both good richness and verve to the succulent medium weight flavors.*

**91 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*The 2021 Pézerolles is a stunning young bottle of Pommard. The wine is elegant, deep, pure and sappy, offering up scents of sweet dark berries, black plums, gamebird, bitter chocolate, dark soil tones, woodsmoke, violets and a nice touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with superb soil signature, ripe, buried tannins and a very long, soil-driven and complex finish. This is very, very elegant young Pommard! 20235-2090.*

**94 pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

### **Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots 2021**

*Originally planted in 1961, this is the vineyard's 60th birthday. The vines all sit in Les Petits Epenots. Impressively concentrated with the full-on black fruit focus tying into crushed slate and cocoa notes on the solid finish, this is sturdy yet suavely shaped.*

**95 pts-** Christy Canterbury MW, TimAtkin.com 2023

*Like the 2021 Clos Micault, the les Epenots from Domaine Voillot is also quite black fruity this year. The nose delivers a superb, precise mix of black plums, black cherries, dark chocolate, pigeon, a superb base of soil tones, raw cocoa, vanillin oak and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is complex, full-bodied and nicely reserved out of the blocks, with a fine core of fruit, excellent transparency and grip, ripe, buried tannins and excellent length on the seamlessly balanced finish. 2037-2090.*

**93+ pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102

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**91 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

### **Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens 2021**

*Near the village on the northern side [of Rugiens] and on the lower portion of the slope, this is a very fine Rugiens. Its heady aromas start with baked red plums and savory spices before its palate broadens into wild berries and crushed evergreen branches. The integrated acidity and sculpted tannin are deftly integrated, offering support without any hint of dryness.*

**95 pts-** Christy Canterbury MW, TimAtkin.com 2023

*The slightly bigger and definitely more powerful flavors deliver fine length on the markedly mineral-driven, moderately austere and quite serious finish.*

**92 pts-** Allen Meadows, Burghound # 90

*The 2021 Domaine Voillot Rugiens is yet another outstanding and classical example of this great terroir. The bouquet is a shade deeper and more complex than any of these other Pommard premier crus this year, wafting from the glass in a mix of red and black cherries, plums, smoked meats, bonfire, a complex foundation of minerality, a nice touch of spice, vanillin oak and a floral topnote redolent of violets. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and properly structured, with a great core of fruit, fine focus, ripe tannins and a long, well-balanced and nascently complex finish. This is going to be a dynamite wine! 2037-2090.*

**94+ pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar #102