

Domaine de la Folie

Côte Châlonnaise



Rully 1er Cru Clos du Chaigne 2022

Domaine de la Folie is now in the hands of the very talented couple of Clémence Noël- Bouton (whose family has owned the estate for three hundred years) and her husband Baptiste Dubrulle. Their monopole premier cru vineyard of Clos du Chaigne was planted in 1971 and is farmed by lutte raisonnée methods. The bottling is raised half in cask and half in tank, with twenty percent of the barrels new for the half raised in oak. The 2022 version comes in at a svelte 12.5 percent octane and delivers a superb, mineral-infused aromatic constellation of apple, a touch of nectarine, wet stone minerality, fresh nutmeg, almond and a discreet framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and beautifully transparent in personality, with a fine core of fruit, lovely mineral undertow and grip, zesty acids and a long, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. I love the backend grip here! This is beautifully classic Rully.

92 pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

Some fresh yellow to the colour. Juicy and gourmand enough, the wood gives a little spice. Less saline than the 2021. A sample from new wood obviously a little marked but what energy behind. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: May 2023.

88-91 pts, 4 stars- Jasper Morris, December 2023

Rully 1er Cru Clos St. Jacques 2022

The Clos St. Jacques bottling from Domaine de la Folie is from a substantially smaller vineyard than Clos du Chaigne, which lies next door on the hillside. These vines are even older, having been planted in 1952! This wine is raised entirely barrel for fifteen months, with twenty percent of the casks renewed each year. The 2022 Clos St. Jacques is outstanding, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of apple, pear, almond, white lilies, chalky minerality and a suave foundation of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a great core of old vine fruit, lovely soil signature and grip, a fine spine of acidity and a long, poised and beautifully balanced, vibrant finish. Great juice and one of the finest examples of Rully I have ever had the pleasure to taste!

93 pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

Slightly steeper slope so more erosion to closer to the rock and less clay. From a one year old barrel: really quite yellow in colour. Softer and more floral up front yet superbly elegant behind. From a new Tremeaux barrel: a mix of yellow and green, with more weight and crunch. From Chassin new, the wine has a sweeter spice to the nose. A little more crystalline on the palate, and greater length. Drink from 2025-2029. Tasted: May 2023.

88-91 pts, 4 stars- Jasper Morris, December 2023

Rully Clos Bellecroix Cuvée Marey 2022

This cuvée gets its name from the founder of the domaine, Etienne-Jules Marey, a physicist jack-of-all-trades, professor at the Collège de France, and precursor of the cinema as inventor of a number of inventions such as the chornographic rifle (the first camera) and the sphymograph. His descendants have other talents which are displayed in this magnificent Rully dressed in ruby adornment which charms with its scents of ripe grapes, black cherry and questche, enhanced by fine fresh vegetal notes. The palate is silky, gaining momentum as you taste it, finishing powerful and refined. A wine of character to put in the cellar and to reserve for a dish of choice, a rabbit à la royale for example.

2 stars, coup de coeur- Guide Hachette des Vins 2025

From one year old wood: a lovely mid purple with some strictness to the fruit. Properly ripe raspberry, fills the mouth very nicely without excess plumpness nor heat. Good fruit acid balance with only light tannins. Then we tried the same in new barrels from three different coopers: Taransaud, a bit clunkier, more volume of fruit, firm tannins; Tremeaux, much more stylish nose, lively raspberry with some orange zest; Chassin, least wood effect, most fruit, silkiest finish with most vanilla too. Drink from 2026-2029. Tasted: May 2023.

88-90 pts, 4 stars- Jasper Morris, December 2023