

BURGUNDY REPORT

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New Report: 85 domaines – Beaujolais 2021

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Online today!

My summary of the 2021 Beaujolais vintage – a complex one with multiple personalities – great wines to downright ugly ones!

85 domaines – with lots of new names too.

Their vintage experiences and their wines described – as always the great wines – at any level – properly highlighted for interested buyers. Enjoy.

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At least now you know why it's been quiet here in the last few days – furious typing 😊



des Nugues – 2021

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Tasted in Lancié with Gilles Gelin, 23 February 2023.

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Gilles on 2022:

“I’m happy – and we had a bit less of the deficit seen by some of our neighbours. We have a good density of vines per hectare and we’ve worked the soils for many years so in a dry vintage I think that we had some advantages.”

Gilles on 2021:

“This time the volume was not really okay, 10-20% lower volume, depending on the area. We had some frost – and the sector here is susceptible to maladies but even with the small windows for treatment with 2 tractors we had the chance to treat the whole domaine in 1 day – but some days we had to use 5 people and spray by hand as it was too wet in the vines. I think 19 lacked a bit of structure but 21 has it and could be a better vintage – at least here.”



The wines...

Always attractive wines at this domaine and made with insight too - not a green wine to be seen - properly great white Beaujolais too - if that's your thing!

2022(!) Beaujolais Villages *Sans Souffre*

Currently commercializing 2020 here but - this bottled in December - 13.6° natural:

That's a wonderfully cushioned, fine dark fruit. Round, less directly structural than most 2021s but a wine of comfort and tasty flavour!

2021 Beaujolais Villages *Sans Souffre*

Second bottling 08 Feb.

A tighter nose due to the bottling. More direct, structural and sweeping - that's showing nicer - apart from the nose - excellent!

2021 Beaujolais-Lancié

This won't be commercialised before the last part of 2023. Like all the BJV here, all is in Lancié.

A faint reduction then a width of darker-red fruit. Hmm, there's a lot of material here - tannis too - but ripe! Web harvested late - 60% of the BJ was already harvested.

2021 Fleurie

Very old vines with 11k density of plantation. Also bottled in August but for commercializing a year after the bottling.

This nose starts both compact, and a hint reductive. Ooh - directly juicy flavour - darker-red fruit, proper structure and fine energy - there's a modest austerity today - it suggests some patience. Finishing with plenty of fine-grained, but hardly drying, tannin. Definitely wait for this one but it's very well put together...

2021 Morgon

Bottled in May.

A freshness and width, the fruit still modest but also still clean and attractive. Open, fine, structural, a hint of barrel in the flavours but not in the aromas. A very classic Morgon - it's super.

2020(!) Moulin à Vent

Just about to be commercialised, from Fromenteau and Burdelines

A punch of ripe, pure dark fruit - just too decadent! Powerful, full, some tannic grain - a beast of a wine - I'd wait 5 years to start drinking this. It's potentially a great wine though obviously in the style of the vintage.

2021 Beaujolais-lancié Rosé

Made in the same low-temperature way as the blanc. Bottled since mid January.

A very pretty nose - a little round and forward but not fat or too much make-up. Great shape, fine minerality - beautifully crafted - wait a year - this will be great rosé

2021 Beaujolais Villages Blanc

All from Lancié, on limestone, worked at a low temperature. Malo half blocked in this vintage.

This is a little fresher than the typical white from this vintage - fresh, some citrus but not with overt exotic fruit - slowly this adds a little minerality too. Supple, mouth-filling actually framed with plenty of tannin for a white. And finishing clean and attractive - one of the best whites of my tour!

2022(!) Beaujolais Villages Blanc

Will be bottled in a few weeks. All malo is done here.

A more perfumed width. Supple, round - plenty of tannin - a little more ripeness to this citrus - but not exotic. That's a super white too!