

2023 Volnay "Le Ronceret": (from a .40 ha holding). Here an expressive nose that is markedly floral in character combines notes of red cherry and currant with hints of spice and tea. The caressing and delicious middle weight flavors are suave to the point of being seductive while retaining excellent punch, all wrapped in a dusty, lightly stony and youthfully austere finale. This will need at least a few years as it's fairly tightly wound at present. (90-92)/2031+

2023 Volnay "Robardelle": (from a .36 ha holding; 2021 was the first vintage). An exuberant nose blends a variety of red and dark fruit aromas with those of anise and violet. The super-sleek, detailed and refined flavors also possess a seductively textured mid-palate while delivering fine length on the dusty, chiseled and lightly stony finale. This is pretty much textbook Robardelle, e.g., a wine of finesse. (90-92)/2031+

2023 Volnay "Les Santenots": (from a .40 ha holding in Santenots du Milieu). A ripe, spicy and distinctly earthy nose speaks mostly of the essence of red currant. The succulent, palate soaking and sappy medium-bodied flavors display impressive power on the very much built-to-age finale. I would add that while this will easily age for a decade plus, it's not so compact that it couldn't be reasonably approached after only 5 to 7 years. (90-93)/2033+

2023 Volnay "Les Brouillards": (from a .75 ha holding). The perfumed essence of red cherry, spice and rose petal serve as an elegant introduction to the less concentrated and powerful, though decidedly finer, flavors that conclude in a racy, inviting and balanced finale. This is one of those wines that you just feel like drinking and it is very Volnay in style. (90-93)/2031+

2023 Pommard "Les Combes Dessus": (from a .18 ha parcel). A mentholated top note is present on the aromas of black cherry liqueur and warm earth. The rich, suave, round and opulent medium-bodied flavors also possess a caressing mouthfeel while delivering fine length on the firm serious and built-to-age finale. Combes Dessus is far from being the best 1er in Pommard but this is an unusually good example. (90-93)/2033+

2023 Pommard "Les Rugiens Hauts": (from a .22 ha holding). There is just enough wood to comment on framing the spicy aromas of red and black cherry, violet and barely discernable earth nuances. The super-sleek, intense and beautifully detailed medium weight flavors possess both solid power and minerality on the lingering finale that is also clearly built-to-age but not especially austere. One to consider. (91-94)/2035+

2023 Chambolle-Musigny: (from Les Condemennes, Creux Baissants and Les Fremiers). An exceptionally pretty, cool and airy nose presents mostly aromas of various red berries and subtle exotic tea wisps. The strikingly refined, if not particularly concentrated, flavors possess a lacy, even lilting, mouthfeel that carries over to the youthfully austere, balanced and persistent finish. This won't wow you with its size or weight but it is very Chambollesque. (89-91)/2029+

2023 Chambolle-Musigny "Feusselottes": (from Feusselottes proper). A perfumed and quite floral nose freely offers up its aromas of the slightly riper essence of red cherry, currant and a whiff of spice nuances. The lacy and equally finely textured middle weight flavors also possess an almost delicate mouthfeel that tightens up somewhat on the dusty, balanced and sneaky long finale. This is lovely and pretty much textbook Feusselottes. (90-93)/2031+

Domaine A.-F. Gros (Pommard/Beaune)

2023	Beaune "Boucherottes" 1er	red	(89-92)
2023	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	red	(92-94)
2023	Echézeaux Grand Cru	red	(91-94)
2023	➤ Pommard "Les Arvelets" 1er	red	(91-93)
2023	➤ Pommard "Les Chanlins" 1er	red	(91-93)
2023	➤ Pommard "Les Pézerolles" 1er	red	(90-93)
2023	Richebourg Grand Cru	red	(93-95)
2023	➤ Savigny-lès-Beaune "Clos des Guettes" 1er	red	(91-93)
2023	Vosne-Romanée "Les Chalandins"	red	(88-91)
2023	➤ Vosne-Romanée "Maizières"	red	(89-92)
2023	➤ Vosne-Romanée "Aux Réas"	red	(90-92)

Mathias Parent, who with his sister Caroline, directs this 16 ha domaine and makes the wine for the three family labels of Anne-Françoise Gros reviewed herein, plus those of François Parent, and his own eponymous operation of Mathias Parent. I met this year with Mathias who described the 2023 growing season as "one that wasn't too difficult to manage though the harvest itself was another matter as it was necessary to be impeccably well-organized. To provide an idea, at the end of August the potential alcohols were only around 11% and frankly, we were worried that maturities would be meager. And then, there was a heat wave and maturities exploded much faster than expected, which necessitated a great deal of scrambling about, finding pickers and so forth. Moreover, it was blazing hot so we could only pick in the mornings and very early afternoons. Ultimately, we chose to attack on the 7th of September and there was quite a bit of sorting and in particular to eliminate any bunches with acid rot as you absolutely do not want contaminated fruit in the fermenters for obvious reasons. Yields were definitely on the higher side for us as they came in on average around 50 hl/ha with potential alcohols that ranged from 13 to 14%. I used between 40 and 60% whole clusters while shortening the cuvaision by a few days, which is to say the wines fermented over a period of 10 to 11 days. For the *élevage*, we have significantly reduced our level of new wood to 20% maximum while employing around 50% ceramic amphoras to maintain freshness. We have also reduced the amounts of both free and total SO₂ with the same goal of ensuring that our wines can be reasonably approached young. Overall, I like the results of what 2023 gave us as the wines are fresh, transparent and balanced." I was again impressed by the quality I found here and the Gros 2023s are very much recommended. (Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, www.glwas.com, MI, Vin Sauvage, www.vinsauvage.com, NV, Premier Beverage Co., www.breakthrubev.com/Florida, FL, Advintage Distributing, www.advintagedistributing.com, SC, USA; John Armit Wines, www.armit.co.uk, L'Assemblage, www.lassemblage.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, Colombier Wines, www.colombiervinsfins.co.uk, Goedhuis & Co., www.goedhuis.com, Frazier's Wine Merchants, www.frazierswine.co.uk, Four Walls Wine Co., www.fourwallswine.com, Hedonism Wines, www.hedonism.co.uk, Laytons, www.laytons.co.uk, Nickolls and Perks, www.nickollsandperks.co.uk, Neill Wines, www.neillwine.com, Berry Brothers & Rudd, www.bbr.com, Waitrose Cellar, www.waitrosecellar.com and Awin Barratt Siegel Wine Agencies, www.abswineagencies.co.uk, all UK).

2023 Vosne-Romanée "Les Chalandins": (from a .28 ha parcel on the Flagey side of the vineyard). The super-fresh and attractively airy nose reflects notes of the essence of red cherry that is cut with a plenitude of spice and floral wisps. The delicious, vibrant and appealingly textured, if not especially dense, flavors possess both fine length and precision on the mildly youthfully austere finale. This is lovely and I like the balance. (88-91)/2029+

2023 Vosne-Romanée "Maizières": Moderate reduction blurs the details of the nose though there is good freshness and verve to the more voluminous flavors that display good power on the equally sleek, intense and moderately austere finish that is just a bit firmer. This is an excellent Vosne *villages* with the development potential to match. (89-92)/2030+

2023 Vosne-Romanée "Aux Réas": Ripe though again attractively fresh nose speak of red and dark currant, plum, exotic tea and a range of floral elements. The succulent but quite punchy medium-bodied flavors also flash good power on the balanced, long and youthfully austere finale. This is also excellent for its level and warmly recommended. (90-92)/2031+

2023 Savigny-lès-Beaune "Clos des Guettes": A much earthier nose is also less spicy though there is ample floral influence on the ripe but cool wild dark currant aromas. There is a lovely sense of underlying tension to the moderately dense and again sleekly textured flavors that flash an abundance of minerality on the balanced, long and complex finale. This is terrific and also warmly recommended. (91-93)/2033+

2023 Beaune "Boucherottes": Here too the expressive nose is super-fresh with its mix of various bright red berries and newly turned earth aromas. There is excellent intensity and detail to the delicious middle weight flavors that conclude in a dusty and balanced though less complex and mineral-driven finish. Even so, this is lovely and a wine that should be reasonably approachable after only 3 to 5 years if desired. (89-92)/2030+

2023 Pommard "Les Chanlins": A high-toned and again ultra-fresh nose freely offers up its array of cherry, cranberry, anise and a plethora of floral influences. The intense and beautifully delineated flavors are not especially dense but the underlying minerality is almost aggressive, indeed the mouthfeel is like rolling a tiny pebble around the palate, all wrapped in a refined, chiseled and beautifully long finale. This isn't dense but it's really pretty and worth a look. (91-93)/2030+

2023 Pommard "Les Arvelets": A more deeply pitched but equally fresh nose is comprised by plum, dark currant and a whiff of the *sauvage*. There is good volume and reasonable richness to the slightly more concentrated flavors that also possess a borderline aggressive minerality before culminating in a lingering finish that is more obviously austere. This is very much built-to-age and a wine that's going to require at least some patience. (91-93)/2033+

2023 Pommard "Les Pézerolles": Pretty, even elegant, aromas are comprised by airy and wonderfully fresh notes of spice and floral nuances that add breadth to the ripe red cherry and currant scents. I love the mouthfeel of the gorgeously textured flavors that are not particularly concentrated but they are liting and lacy while not lacking for punch on the dusty, stony, moderately austere and strikingly long finish. This too is lovely and worth considering. (90-93)/2031+

2023 Echézeaux: (traditionally this has been entirely from a parcel in Champs Traversin but in 2022 it was a blend of that plus a parcel in Loächausses; however in 2023, it is now exclusively from Loächausses due to the division of certain vineyards from Gros Frère et Soeur). An exuberantly spicy and exceptionally floral-suffused nose is composed of mostly ripe red cherry and exotic tea scents. Once again the middle weight flavors possess a positively gorgeous mouthfeel even though the mid-palate is not particularly dense. There is good balance and excellent length and while this could use better overall depth, the potential aging curve is such that it should only be a matter of time. (91-94)/2035+

2023 Clos de Vougeot: (from a .60 ha holding that blends one-third Musigni with two-thirds Garenne). The cool, airy and pretty nose combines notes of the essence of red berries with those of floral, earth and leather wisps. There is both good volume and richness to the acceptably concentrated flavors that are supported by relatively fine-grained tannins on the moderately austere, complex, firm and balanced finale. This should age effortlessly over a decade plus. (92-94)/2035+

2023 Richebourg: (the vines have been replanted 3 times and they are now 15+, 25+ and 70+ years of age). A wonderfully spicy, airy and attractively cool nose is comprised mostly by various red berries, exotic tea and a plethora of floral nuances. The super-sleek and strikingly well-detailed flavors possess better mid-palate density and I very much like the sense of presence on the palate that carries over to the firm, powerful and compact finale that delivers another level of depth and persistence. This is excellent and should age accordingly. (93-95)/2035+

Domaine Antonin Guyon (Savigny-lès-Beaune)

2023	Aloxe-Corton "Les Fournières" 1er	red	(90-92)
2023	Aloxe-Corton "Les Vercots" 1er	red	(89-92)
2023	Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits "Cuvée des Dames de Vergy"	red	86
2023	Chambolle-Musigny "Clos du Village"	red	(87-89)
2023	Chambolle-Musigny "Les Cras"	red	(88-91)
2023	Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	red	(89-92)
2023	Chorey-lès-Beaune "Les Champs Longs"	red	86?
2023	Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru	red	(90-93)
2023	Corton-Clos du Roy Grand Cru	red	(90-93)
2023	Gevrey-Chambertin "Carougeot"	red	(87-90)
2023	Gevrey-Chambertin "La Justice"	red	(87-89)
2023	Pernand-Vergelesses "Les Vergelesses" 1er	red	(88-90)
2023	Savigny-lès-Beaune "Les Goudelettes"	red	(87-89)
2023	Volnay "Clos des Chênes" 1er	red	(89-92)

This large 48 ha domaine is directed by Dominique Guyon and his *maître de chai* Vincent Nicot, who after 30 years of service is resigning later this year to take a well-deserved retirement. Guyon said that he has hired a replacement though I have not yet met him though I presumably will next winter. With respect to the 2023 growing season, Messrs. Guyon and Nicot opined that it was "basically hot and dry but not to the extremes that marked 2022. Nonetheless, conditions were sufficiently intense that it was absolutely necessary to monitor maturities daily, particularly for the chardonnay crop. We chose to begin picking on the 8th of September and brought in excellent yields that ranged between 45 to 48 hl/ha for the pinot and 48 to 50 for the chardonnay. There was some sorting necessary for the pinot but then again, there always is so it was frankly nothing out of the ordinary. Potential alcohols were perfect at between 12.8 to 13.2% for the reds and 12.7 to 12.8 for the whites. We had no problems with either fermentation for both colors and we are very happy with the way they have come together during the *élevage*." Guyon was happy to announce that for 2024 there will be a Pernand-Vergelesses *blanc* added to the range. He also told me that the reds will be bottled unfiltered save for filtering the last 5% of the tank, which makes perfect sense. Note that the Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes and the two Pernand 1ers of Les Fichots and Les Vergelesses are sold under the label of Domaine Dominique Guyon. Also, the Beaune "Chaumes Gaufrion" was not presented. Lastly, all of the wines with the exception of the Hautes Côtes (Diam) are bottled under natural cork. (Frederik Wildman & Sons, New York; www.frederickwildman.com; USA; Jeroboams Fine Wine, www.jeroboams.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, Friarwood Ltd, www.friarwood.com, all UK;

