

2023 Vosne-Romanée “Aux Reignots”: Moderate wood treatment stops short of overshadowing the high-toned, ripe and ultra-fresh aromas of various red and dark berries, spice and floral hints. The refined and highly energetic middle weight flavors possess a polished mouthfeel thanks primarily to the fine-grained tannins shaping the compact, tightly wound and built-to-age finish that is beautifully long though one that also needs to develop more depth. Classy juice. (91-94)/2033+

2023 Clos de Vougeot: (50+ year old vines located in the lower section of the Clos). A more subtle application of wood is present on the ultra-fresh nose of crushed red berries and plenty of just turned earth character. The sleek, succulent and equally generously proportioned larger-bodied flavors display excellent power on the impressively long finish that is classically austere, compact and built-to-age. I especially like the balance and this is a potentially great Clos de Vougeot. (93-95)/2035+

2023 Echézeaux: (from Les Cruots which is also known as Vignes Blanches). Moderate though not invasive wood can be found on the overtly spicy and exotic nose of red and dark currant, kirsch, tea and a plenitude of floral elements. The middle weight flavors are not especially concentrated though they are quite fine, and quite finely detailed, while boasting a seductive texture that carries over to the superbly long and beautifully balanced finale. While qualitatively similar to the Clos de Vougeot, these are two very different wines. (93-95)/2035+

2023 Richebourg: (from Richebourg proper). A brooding and highly restrained nose only grudgingly offers up its aromas of spiced exotic tea, black cherry liqueur, plum and a similar array of floral elements. There is both more volume and power to the broad-shouldered, muscular and stony flavors that exude evident minerality on the compact, serious and hugely long finale. This is outstanding and potentially one of the best wines of the 2023 vintage. With that said, this is very clearly a 'buy and forget you own it' wine. (94-96)/2038+

2022 Vosne-Romanée “Bossières”: A pretty and reasonably fresh nose is comprised mainly by spicy red berry and floral scents. There is a lovely inner mouth perfume to the vibrant and spicy flavors that aren't especially dense but possess good if not special depth and persistence on the balanced and youthfully austere finale that definitely needs better depth. 88/2030+

Domaine Anne Gros (Vosne-Romanée)

2023	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits	red	(85-87)
2023	Chambolle-Musigny “La Combe d’Orveau”	red	(87-90)
2023	Clos de Vougeot – Le Grand Maupertui Grand Cru	red	(91-93)
2023	➤ Coteaux Bourguignons	red	(86-89)
2023	Echézeaux – Les Loächausses Grand Cru	red	(91-93)
2023	Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru	red	(90-93)
2023	Richebourg Grand Cru	red	(92-94)
2023	➤ Vosne-Romanée “Les Barreaux”	red	(89-91)

Anne Gros' son Paul, along with his sister Julie, is progressively assuming more and more responsibility for the day-to-day operations, and he is the one with whom I did this year's tasting. The younger Gros didn't really have too much to say about the 2023 vintage other than saying that "the season was mostly warm and dry without much disease pressure. We picked from the 7th of September and brought in clean and ripe fruit with generous yields that averaged between 13 and 13.5% in terms of potential alcohols though the Grands Ech spiked to 14.7%. The 2023s are less concentrated than the 2022s but perhaps slightly fresher." Can't fault him for hyperbole. Note that Paul has started a small eponymous *négociant* operation effective with the 2022 vintage so please also see the reviews for those wines immediately below. (Atherton Wine Imports, www.awiwine.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY, Dionysus Imports, www.dionysusimports.com, VA, H2Vino, www.h2vino.com, IL, North Berkeley Imports, www.northberkeleyimports.com, CA, all USA; Asset Wines, www.assetwines.com, Adnams & Co, www.adnams.co.uk, Albion Wine Shippers, www.albionwineshippers.co.uk, Goedhuis & Co., www.goedhuis.com, Howard Ripley, www.howardripley.com, Emile Wines Ltd., www.emilewines.co.uk, Laytons, www.laytons.co.uk, Lea & Sandeman, www.leaandsandeman.co.uk, all UK; Domaine Wine Cellars, www.domaine.com.tw, Taiwan; Boga Fine Wine, www.bogafinewine.com, Indonesia).

2023 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits: Moderate wood is present on the ripe aromas of red berries, especially cherry, along with floral and spice wisps. The rich, generous and sappy middle weight flavors possess barely acceptable vibrancy while offering reasonable depth and persistence. It's possible that this nicely refined effort will regain a sense of verve once it's racked but I found this to be a bit flat, especially for a wine from the Hautes Côtes. (85-87)/2026+

2023 Coteaux Bourguignons: A more discreet dollop of wood sets off ripe and earthy red pinot fruit that complements the very rich, suave and more voluminous, if less refined, flavors that conclude in a punchy, serious and moderately rustic finale. This won't win any awards for refinement but it is unusually good for its level. (86-89)/2028+