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GREAT RATINGS FOR OUR 2020 VINTAGE

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CORTON GRAND CRU 2020
Deep and complex nose of blackberries, blueberries and wild herbs with just a hint of bitter chocolate. Very sweet red-fruit character right at the front, but behind that is a lot of rooty depth, racy acidity and a whiff of smoke. Built on an imposing scale, but also fresh and energetic. Needs a lot of air to give its best! Drink or hold.

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CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2020
Powerful and ripe, yet cool and crisp with a slew of flinty minerality, this impressive Corton-Charlemagne makes a bold statement. The rugged minerality and rather serious tannins give it energy that powers the refreshing finish. Drink or hold.

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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET
1ER CRU LES REFERTS 2020
Deep, nutty nose with quite some flinty complexity. Excellent concentration, but also energy and focus make this an impressive Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru. Long finish, where creaminess is neatly married to mandarin-orange character and fine tannins to create a complete picture. Drink or hold.

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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET
1ER CRU CLOS SAINT-JEAN 2020
Intensely flinty, youthful nose, then tight and highly structured on the palate, this white Burgundy has been built to last and demands some patience to get the best out of it. As it aerates, a wide spectrum of citrus-zest and fresh-nut aromas unfurl. Lovely, creamy texture on the mid-palate than a delicately chalky finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.

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BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES EPENOTES 2020
The explosive black-cherry and fresh-herb aromas of this exuberant Beaune 1er Cru tell you that it's just beginning a long career, and the crisp and structured palate underlines that impression. So much energy, but my guess is that a bit of bottle age will do wonders for this effusive, young pinot noir. Still a tad raw at the long, mineral finish. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

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MEURSAULT 1ER CRU CHARMES 2020
Although this Meursault is still young, the yellow-grapefruit and bergamot notes are enticing. Not as rich or expansive as some wines from this appellation, but very well crafted with a satisfying balance of richness and healthy tannins and nice citrus-zest and pith freshness at the long finish. Drink or hold.

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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET LE VILLAGE 2020
An elegant and focused Puligny-Montrachet with good concentration. Still very young, so there's only a hint of hazelnut now, but this will surely develop. Quite some chalky, red-apple and flinty complexity at the long finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.

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NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LE VILLAGE 2020
A ripe and surprisingly silky wine for this appellation, which is so often associated with chewy tannins. And that gives it a lot of black-cherry charm even at this very youthful stage. The supple tannins nicely support the moderately dry finish. Drink or hold.

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CÔTES DE NUITS-VILLAGES
LES COMBES 2020
A good introduction to the red wines of the Côte de Nuits, this has plenty of sour-cherry and some forest-berry aromas married to red-beet and mint character on the supple, medium-to full-bodied palate, the finish attractively creamy, in spite of the solid tannic base. Drink or hold.

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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET
LE VILLAGE 2020
The fragrant nose of white fruit and flowers with discreet sliced-pear and hazelnut notes pulls you into this well-crafted Chassagne-Montrachet that marries nice creaminess to chalky minerality and a healthy tannin structure. The oak is present, but not a jot too much. Elegant finish. Drink or hold.

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MEURSAULT LE VILLAGE 2020
In spite of this wine's generous body, it's aromatically restrained rather than extrovert (as many Meausaults are!). I like the nuttiness and citrusy freshness on the rather full, creamy palate. Good length with a touch of chalky character at the finish. Drink or hold.

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BOURGOGNE HAUTES-CÔTES DE NUITS
LES ROUARDS 2020
I love the very fresh nose of violets and black cherries and, although this is a lighter style of red Burgundy, it has a lot of charm and appeal. The tannins are slightly sappy, but there's so much fruit and at the finish, where there's an interesting interplay of herbal freshness and licorice character. Drink now.