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Great ratings from the renowned Master of Wine Jasper Morris for the 2020 vintage

94-96

CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2020
Mainly from Petit Maupertuis. With some whole bunches (30%), which is rare for them this year as Christophe Briotet thought the stems were not fully ripe. Powerful black purple, juicy cherries and plums, still in balance. A big rich weight on the palate but there are some fresher red fruit notes which come up behind. 80% new wood but this shows less than in many others, a tribute to the concentration of the fruit.

93-96

ECHEZAUX GRAND CRU 2020
From Les Rouges du bas, in barrel. 25% whole bunches. Fine rich ripe pinot but has kept its balance. There is a sweetness to the fruit and an elegance, the oak speaking perhaps quite loudly at the moment but it doesn't dry out the wine and there is a racking to come. Significant finesse and persistence.

95

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2020
En Charlemagne. Mid lemon color. The nose is subdued behind the recent bottling. Then more succulent notes emerge and a dusting of coconut. No stones as yet. Really fine intensity here though, and a mineral thread. Not the most massive, but it is refined and persistent.

92-95

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2020
From both Charmes- and Mazoyères-Chambertin, with more the former. Heady deep purple with a bouquet to match. Sweet voluptuous fruit, on the darker side, with a weight of fruit and a little bit of heat at the finish. Not quite so well balanced as the Clos Vougeot.

94

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU CHARMES 2020
Fine clear mid lemon yellow. The nose so shortly after bottling is not offering much, but this is an extremely good balanced and rounded Meursault in the mouth with a fine tingle of fresh acidity.

91-93

CORTON GRAND CRU 2020
A blend from Perrières, Bressandes and Charlemagne. Mid purple, a classy lively deep fruit, not too ripe. Fills the palate, slightly darker notes at the back, along with oak and acidity, not quite as long as I was expecting, otherwise very good.

91-93

BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES GREVES 2020
Sampled from barrel, not yet racked. Rich crimson purple. The ripe fruit of the vintage, dark raspberry but still balanced. Something of a mineral thread runs through this powerful wine, with entirely red fruit. Well balanced, juicy, good length.

91-93

POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES 2020
From 80 year old vines which they now manage, and then purchase the grapes. Dark purple black in colour, quite ripe dark red-black fruit with some ripe cherries on the nose. This interesting, complex, red and black fruit juxtaposition continues on the palate with some vanilla cream from the oak – it is still in barrel. Crunchy finish.

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NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU LES CROTS 2020
Organic since last year. Dark purple, rich ripe fruit, not yet stabilised after a late malolactic. Definitely on the plummy side but with a fresher feel behind. There is a sight volatility but the wine has not yet cleaned up. Should be attractive.

92

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU LES REFERTS 2020
Pale lemon colour. The bouquet is less powerful than the Meursault Charmes, its neighbour. Skilfully managed oak, good weight through the middle, softer and rounder than the Charmes, with good length.

90-92

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU LES ARGILLATS 2020
Mid purple, plenty of robust fruit, just post malolactic, as a result of which it lacks a bit of purity. Plumper fruit on the palate, rich and ripe, grainy tannins, good acidity, but perhaps not the noblest pinot. There are some positives in this wine though.

90-92

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LE VILLAGE 2020
Mostly from Les Longecourts, just south of the town. There is also one barrel of 1er cru included. Medium purple, with a pleasingly fresh bouquet, not cooked at all. Very well balanced, light on its feet but recognisably Nuits-St-Georges.

91

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU CLOS SAINT-JEAN 2020
Two barrels of which one was new. A fuller yellow colour and a more powerful oak are evident in the bouquet. More oak than fruit, at least at first. Muscular on the palate, reasonably concentrated, the oak continues to show this time with a little touch of coconut. Should settle down and there is concentration.

91

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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET LE VILLAGE 2020
Just bottled. From various plots around the commune including Champs Morjot. Clear pale primrose Some concentration but not much detail. Well balanced, a few floral notes, white fruit, plenty of oak on the palate but the fruit has the power to resist, with good acidity.

90

SAINT-ROMAIN LE VILLAGE 2020
From En Poillanges and La Periere on the south side of the appellation, facing east. Bottled in July. Mid lemon yellow with a green tint. The bouquet shows more weight than a St-Romain of old but well balanced. Certainly, this kicks on very well in the mouth, white fruit with a citrus tint. Impeccable length.