

Propriétaire en Grands Crus et Premiers Crus  
de Bourgogne depuis 1859



*Jean Chartron*

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21190 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

***Press Review***

***Vintage 2021***

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### Jean Chartron (Puligny-Montrachet)

2021	Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru	white	(92-95)
2021	➡ Chassagne-Montrachet	white	90
2021	Chevalier-Montrachet "Clos des Chevaliers" Grand Cru	white	(93-96)
2021	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	white	(92-94)
2021	➡ Puligny-Montrachet	white	90
2021	➡ Puligny-Montrachet "1er" Vieilles Vignes 1er	white	92
2021	➡ Puligny-Montrachet "Clos du Cailleret" 1er	white	93
2021	➡ Puligny-Montrachet "Clos de la Pucelle" 1er	white	93
2021	Rully "Montmorin"	white	88
2021	St. Aubin "Murgers des Dents de Chien" 1er	white	90

Jean-Michel Chartron is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the family to direct this 14.5 ha domaine that owns some of the finest terroirs in Puligny. Chartron enthusiastically told me "I love this vintage even if there were a lot of reasons not to love it, starting with the April frost and then the growing season from hell. Despite everything that went sideways, what little fruit we did harvest brought us pure, precise, energetic and strikingly transparent wines. It depends on the style one likes of course but for those who enjoy old school vintages, the 2021s are perhaps the best wines we have made since 2014." I would agree with Chartron that there are several seriously good wines in his range. He noted that there will be no Montrachet in 2021. Chartron again noted that he's now using the Diam brand for the entire range whereas before it was only for the entry level wines. As such, he has reduced the level of free SO<sub>2</sub> from 40 ppm to 35 ppm. The following wines are mostly from domaine fruit though there are a few lower-level wines that are bought in either fruit or must. Lastly, most of the 2021 whites were bottled in January 2023. (Winebow Inc., [www.winebow.com](http://www.winebow.com), Montvale, NJ USA; and Private Cellar Ltd., [www.privatecellar.co.uk](http://www.privatecellar.co.uk), UK).

**2021 Rully "Montmorin":** (from a whopping 3.37 ha holding). Subtle but no invisible wood sets off agreeably fresh aromas of pear, apple and a touch of zest. The delicious middleweight flavors possess both good density and a beguiling sense of energy on the bitter lemon-inflected finish. This forward and nicely effort is attractive in its fashion and should drink well young. 88/2024+


**2021 St. Aubin "Murgers des Dents de Chien":** (from 4 parcels that total .51 ha). A similar if slightly cooler and more floral-inflected nose gives way to more intense, finer and more mineral-driven medium weight flavors that also possess very good mid-palate density, all wrapped in a lingering finish that is shaped by citrus-tinged acidity. This slightly firmer effort should also drink reasonably well young but also repay a few years of keeping. 90/2026+

**2021 Chassagne-Montrachet:** (from a .55 ha holding that is mostly situated in Les Benoîtes, along with about 25% of 1er juice). A completely different aromatic profile offers up its aromas of petrol, rosemary oil, earth and a whiff of spice. There is first-rate intensity to the dense and solidly voluminous medium-bodied flavors that aren't as refined or mineral-driven but do offer more evident power and depth. This is a very good Chassagne *villages* and recommended. 90/2027+

**2021 Puligny-Montrachet:** (from a .45 ha holding in Les Tremblots, Les Levrans and Derrière la Velle). Here too there is just enough wood to merit mentioning setting off the cool, pure and more elegant aromas of essence of pear, apple and acacia blossom. The racy, intense and beautifully detailed middleweight flavors exude a subtle minerality that adds a sense of lift on the lemony, moderately dry and sneaky long finale. This could also use better depth but the balance should allow this to age gracefully. This too is very good for its level and recommended. 90/2027+

**2021 Puligny-Montrachet "1er" Vieilles Vignes:** (in 2021 this is entirely from Hameau de Blagny though usually there are contributions from Pucelle, Caillerets and Folatières). A more restrained and even cooler nose combines notes of green apple, lemon-lime and a pretty array of floral nuances. The borderline painfully intense medium weight flavors brim with minerality on the chiseled, saline and moderately dry finale that delivers excellent length and a lovely sense of balance. While this could also use a bit more depth, more will almost certainly develop if given a chance. Lovely stuff. 92/2028+

**2021 Puligny-Montrachet "Clos de la Pucelle":** (a 1.16 ha monopole of the domaine though some production is sold). Cool, elegant and airy aromas are composed of honeysuckle, anise, apple, pear and a hint of jasmine. There is slightly better volume and richness to the middleweight that retain excellent intensity on the beautifully well-balanced finale. I would add that I very much like the texture as it reveals the sheer class of a fine Puligny. 93/2031+



**2021 Puligny-Montrachet “Clos du Cailleret”:** (from a .99 ha holding that is no longer noted as a monopole on the label). A more reserved if equally airy and elegant speaks more of acacia, green apple and zest, all of which is trimmed in enough wood to notice. Here too there is excellent volume and punch to the medium-bodied that flash noticeably more minerality on the beautifully persistent finish. Like the Pucelle, this possesses a simply gorgeous texture that can be replicated by no other commune in the Côte. It’s worth pointing out that the Pucelle and Cailleret are quite similar qualitatively but they offer two very different expressions. 93/2031+

**2021 Corton-Charlemagne:** (from Le Charlemagne; only 1 barrel made in 2021). Once again there is an attractive coolness to the essence of green apple, spice and mineral reduction scents. There is superb delineation to the bigger-bodied and more powerful flavors that are at once muscular yet refined, all wrapped in a moderately austere finale where a touch of wood slowly emerges. This tightly wound and very promising effort should age like a classic Corton-Charlemagne. (92-94)/2031+

**2021 Bâtard-Montrachet:** (from a .13 ha parcel on the Puligny side; 1.5 barrels made in 2021). Restrained and equally cool aromas are slightly riper with its mix of white orchard fruit, especially white peach, and a plethora of floral nuances. There is terrific punch to the seductively textured yet quite powerful medium weight plus flavors that terminate in a clean, dry and long if decidedly compact finish. Patience strongly advised as this should age beautifully and will need it. (92-95)/2031+

**2021 Chevalier-Montrachet “Clos des Chevaliers”:** (from a .55 ha holding). A deft though perceptible dollop of wood sets off the ultra-floral-scented nose of mineral reduction, petrol and a plenitude of spice wisps. The large-scaled flavors are borderline painfully intense while displaying an almost pungent minerality on the chiseled, youthfully austere and strikingly long finale. This is potentially brilliant. (93-96)/2033+

23 December 2022

## Jean Chartron – 2021

Tasted in Puligny with Jean-Michel Chartron (and family)  
04 October 2022.

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### Jean-Michel on 2022:

*“2022 was a good vintage – with a decent volume too except in Rully and to an extent Folatières also.*

*It was the slope for these two and the lack of rain that meant plenty of berries but not much juice – otherwise we are happy.”*



### Jean-Michel on 2021:

*“21 brought about 50% of the normal volume of wine – and we made a couple of treatments to achieve that, too. We had more in the regionals and Bourgognes and less in the Iers and GCs – which were between 60% and 20% of the allowed rendements.”*

As fine a result as I have come to expect from this domaine – there are a number of wines here that are worth a special search to find – and at all levels too!

The wines...

## First, les Reds:

*Generally Racked a month ago for bottling just before Christmas:*

### 2021 Bourgogne Côte d’Or (or Bourgogne VV) Pinot Noir

the Domaine and it’s the same wine in each case. Harvested 17 September – one of the first Some variations on this label depending on the market – but there is only one Bourgogne at Deep, fresh, and with floral-accented red fruit. Broad and clean-flavoured, plenty of vibrancy due to the forward, but not too forward, acidity – faint finishing bitters too. A wine of energy and not too ‘easy’ too...



### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Clos du Cailleret (Rouge)**

Not even a barrel this year – also picked on the first day of the harvest.

A smaller nose but of interesting extra complexity. Here is a little more padding and indeed balance – the wine is easier to assimilate, with extra, almost creamy depth to these finishing flavours. That's very good indeed!

### **Les Whites:**

Three are bottled – the first three – but only those:

#### **2021 Bourgogne Chardonnay Cuvée Eugénie Dupard**

just one cuvée here at the domaine. Again a wine that can take multiple labels depending on the end market – but again there's great invitation. Broad, nicely mineral, and growing in citrus-juiciness. Textbook, delicious regional wine!

#### **2021 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc Vieilles Vignes *From hillsides in Nantoux***

to these aromas – still a nice aromatic of citrus energy here. Broad – more overtly mouth-filling than the first Bourgogne – the acidity showing a bit more but this is just so juicy. Yum!

#### **2021 Rully Montmorin**

4 ha here but about half a harvest in this sector.

Here the nose is more vertical with some pineapple fruit impression. Mineral width and lovely texture too. Here is a wine with a modest cushion to its acidity – it's more supple but still with a citrus zing. More salinity in the finish but it needs to open out a bit more too. More of everything except enjoyment today – wait for that.

The following are samples

**2021 Santenay *Les Pierres Seche***

*Just one parcel, indeed only one barrel of this in 2021.*

A deeper nose – at the base with a modest coating of creamy oak – above tighter but also fresher. Direct and mineral – vibrant even. There's a strong and concentrated core of flavour here – keep this in the cellar for 2 or 3 years to unwind and you will be amply rewarded.

**2021 Savigny-lès-Beaune *Théologiques Nourrissants, et Morbifuges***

A wider freshness of aroma – that's so damn good! Slightly structural and mineral but also mobile and complex from the citrus aspects. Juicy and delicious with a great nose – Bravo Savigny Blanc!

**2021 Pernand-Vergelesses**

*Mainly (80%) from Belles Filles*

The depth and interest of PV here – that's a lovely blend of citrus and minerals. Some gas still, and an off-ripe impression to this citrus landscape that is admittedly really juicy in style. Great finishing. It's a great ride...

**2021 St.Aubin 1er Cru Perrières**

More depth – faintly reductive today? – Extra gas here and an accent of the barrel too – but like many it's a wine of mouth-watering citrus energy – perhaps a hint more concentrated than some that have gone before. The barrel also visible in the finish but by the time it reaches your market, I expect all will have been absorbed. Very tasty again

**2021 St.Aubin 1er Cru Murgers des Dents du Chien**

Airy, wide, a little more class to this fresh fruit. Also in the mouth – a wine of fresh energy, very faintly framed with tannin. A lovely and pure finish, creamy with a little oak too. A super wine as always.

**2021 Chassagne-Montrachet**

*The normal Benoites but augmented with some (very young) grapes from the replanted 1er in Caillerets.*

Clearly the classiest nose so far – a vibration of minerality that is great. Direct, mouth-wateringly mineral – a decent slug of citrus acidity too. The most complete wine so far – and despite the relatively high acidity – simply a great village!

**2021 Puligny-Montrachet**

*Not a lot of villages here so this an assembly with multiple contracts too.*

Aromatically a little rounder and more obvious yellow citrus fruit. Wide and vibrant flavored – actually this is really great – I didn't expect that it would better the Chassagne but in this respect, it's a real beauty. The nose is a little behind the Chassagne – today – but not the rest of the wine – it's simply excellent!



### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet Enseignères**

A rounder nose – the yellow citrus with a modest cushion but still with an endearingly vibrant depth. Hmm, structurally a little more serious, but beautifully constructed, strict even – to wait longer to start drinking than the last – but not too much – also an excellent wine.

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Vieilles-Vignes**

*The largest part of this is from Hameau de Blagny but the final blend may also get a little Caillerets too...*

Good aromatic volume but not the same incisive clarity of the last wines – none of the wines have been fined at this stage. Bigger in scale, faintly oaked, certainly vibrant. Another wine of structure, today softened by the barrel. To see again.

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières**

*One of the smallest yields here – about 20%*

A smaller nose but one that's classically floral for this climat. Ooh – now that's really great in the mouth – again slightly strict but open, structural and so juicily delicious. Bravo!

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Pucelles (Monopole)**

*The 104th vintage for this wine at the Domaine. 'Actually not too bad a volume here – 50% of what was allowed.'*

Clean, pure, mineral but compact aromas. Larger in scale again – yet still growing in mineral intensity. Oh that's going to be a great wine. Concentrated – these virgins lift weights! Bravo.

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos du Caillerets**

*Also the 104th vintage for this wine chez Chartron. This, together with the Clos Chevalier and Clos de Pucelles were bought from a Madame Billerey – her Domaine had an amazing collection of vineyards. Jean-Michel's grandfather had half a hectare of pinot in here.*

Yes! – the first wine since the Chassagne villages whose nose tells me 'yes!' Hmm, here's an extra fat – concentration – vs the Pucelles – the flavours are just as good and complex – and indeed just so moreish – and perhaps even longer too. Grand!



*The following all sampled from barrel:*

### **2021 Corton-Charlemagne**

*Domaine plus 50% from 2 other sources, Aloxe, Pernand and 'Charlemagne'*

Here the nose is the tightest yet – some modest yellow citrus notes and an impression of roundness but no more. Hmm. The vibration of deep minerality here is really impressive – this is a great Charlemagne that finishes with successive waves of great flavour. I'm hooked – bravo – even while waiting for the aromas to compose themselves!

### **2021 Bâtard-Montrachet**

*Mainly Domaine with a little additional from the Chassagne-side.*

A little more open but not a lot! Here we have an undertow of impressively deep, muscle-flexing citrus and mineral flavour – great texture too – but today the flavour matches the nose in the compactness that's on show – this needs time but it's great finishing as it should be.

### **2021 Chevalier-Montrachet, Clos des Chevaliers (Monopole)**

Just a little more open again, yellow citrus and mineral complexity. Mouth-filling dynamic wine – there's structure but nothing hard – a fluidity of flavour that's not found in the other cuvées. Still, a little like the Batard, this is not fully open or expressive but I expect that there's enough here to properly describe this as great wine in 2+ years – the finish is already a marvel!



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Tasted October 2022



Jean-Michel Chartron has been a busy man, in charge of the St-Vincent Tournante celebrations which should have been held in January 2021, were postponed by a year and then once again until March 2021 when they finally happened with great success. All this, and a substantial domaine to run! He started picking on 21st September in Puligny and finished on 28th in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune. The reds had already been brought in on the 17th. He made half a crop overall, at best in generic Burgundy, but more like a third in the crus. Some chaptalization was needed, half a degree or a little more, to finish at 13%, or 13.5% for the crus. From 2020 onwards all the wines are being closed by DIAM. Apart from the wines in bottle, and the top crus and red wines still in barrel, the remaining wines were racked before the harvest but otherwise not touched. They will be bottled after Christmas.... if the bottles arrive.

## White

### 2021, Chassagne-Montrachet,

...★★★★★ 89-91

Just his own grapes from Benoîtes this year to which have been added the young vines of his 1er Cru Caillerets. First sample came from the 10 barrels of Benoîtes: pale primrose, attractive balanced. A suitable juiciness across the palate. Then add the 1er cru component of 3 barrels. Does it add a little flesh – I think so. Overall, this is a successful Chassagne and there certainly seems to be greater length in the finish. Drink from 2024-2028.

### 2021, St-Aubin Murgers des Dents de Chien 1er Cru,

...★★★★★ 91-93

6 barrels made from half a hectare. Clean mid yellow. Slightly more personality than the Perrières, with a more lifted bouquet. This is much more complete on the palate too, a classic white fruit with lemony high notes, well balanced, fills the palate from start to finish, through to a pleasing and classic finale. Enough fruit, plus the stones of St-Aubin. Drink from 2025-2030.

### 2021, Puligny-Montrachet Clos de la Pucelle 1er Cru,

...★★★★★ 92-95

The upper part was spared more than the lower. A glowing fresh primrose yellow. The bouquet takes some time to emerge, but the class of the vineyard was apparent. Very good density on the palate, a balanced fruit with some livelier fresh apple notes appearing at the back of the palate. Correctly nuanced and delivers a balanced finish. Drink from 2027-2032

### 2021, Chevalier-Montrachet Clos des Chevaliers Grand Cru,

...★★★★★ 93-97

4 barrels from 0.55ha is not a huge yield! Fine clean glowing pale yellow. The bouquet is promising too and shows the upper hillside authority of Chevalier. The nervous tension is very well incorporated into the weight of classy fruit, with a fine long and distinguished finish. A beautifully nuanced 2021. Excellent finish. Drink from 2028-2036.

**2021, Bourgogne Blanc Vieilles Vignes, ... ★★★ 86**

Depending on the market this wine may be labelled as Vieilles Vignes, Bourgogne Côte d'Or or Cuvée Eugénie Dupard. Attractive pale colour. A touch of sulphur after the bottling, which was just before the harvest. Clean and pure, crisp fresh apple, enough fruit weight balanced, balanced and with decent length. 37 barrels made. Drink from 2023-2025.

**2021, Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Vieilles Vignes, ... ★★★ 87**

In bottle. The two opposing slopes of Nantoux are blended here. A slightly fuller colour and more complete bouquet, without the slight kick of sulphur. Slightly more depth of fruit, a juicy aspect and a little succulence. Good grip to finish. Escaped the frost after late pruning and indeed later site, to be able to make 75% of a crop. 18 barrels made. Drink from 2024-2026.

**2021, Rully Montmorin, ... ★★★ 88**

In bottle. Attractive pale lemon, with a tingling nose, citrus nuances, then some greengage on the palate. There's enough here to make an interesting wine. Made in a mix of 500 and 228 litre barrels, with a touch of new wood which one can pick up at the finish. 54 barrels in total. Drink from 2024-2027.

**2021, Pernand-Vergelesses, ... ★★★ 87-89**

4 barrels from les Belles Filles, a regular exchange, plus one more purchased which isn't. There is a fine pale green tint to the colour and the bouquet has an elegance which was missing in the Savigny. A light pyrazine touch which is not at all unpleasing, green apples, but the overall effect is ripe enough and carries through well. Drink from 2024-2027.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet, ... ★★★ 88-90**

A blend of several vineyards. Mid lemon yellow, this is quite a refined Puligny, with a bit of backbone, not too much flesh, more citrus zest, but fair length into the bargain. Nicely done. Fresh citrus finish. Drink from 2024-2028.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet Enseignères, .. ★★★ 89-92**

One barrel only, an exchange. A pale clear colour. Rather finer in bouquet, possibly more flesh too, with some pear notes. Good acidity with just a touch of fresh lime, then the pears return with ripe apple alongside. Medium plus length. Drink from 2025-2030.

**2021, St-Aubin Perrières 1er Cru, .. ★★★ 89-91**

4 barrels. Pale yellow, no great expression on the nose. Good fruit concentration here, youthful and zesty, shows more character on the palate. Citrus and apples once again. Drink from 2024-2027.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Vieilles Vignes, .. ★★★ 89-91**

2 barrels made. The bouquet is quite powerful, with a slightly sullen ripeness, not an elegant Puligny on the nose. More of a premier cru intensity, based around white fruit, comes up on the palate, with medium length. Drink from 2025-2030.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet Folatières 1er Cru, .. ★★★ 91-94**

3.5 barrels made from a yield of just 12 hl/ha. A pretty mid yellow colour. A touch of sandalwood and a little spice on the nose. More class though than the blended Vieilles Vignes cuvée. Perfectly fills the mouth with good acidity behind, a little gentle oaking. Pears at the finish. Pretty, and for the medium term. Fair length. Drink from 2026-2031.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Cailleret 1er Cru, .. ★★★ 91-94**

13 barrels from one hectare. A full primrose yellow. The nose shows a touch more ripeness than Clos de la Pucelle. Ripe pears, and just a touch of the mandarin notes that you get attached to Sauternes, without suggesting any rot however. Juicy and long. Drink from 2026-2032.

**2021, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, .. ★★★ 92-94**

One barrel, an exchange. Paler colour and correctly chiselled. Very tight and with excellent concentration. The length is good too. Just a baby, but with promise. Stony lemons to finish. Drink from 2026-2031.



**2021, Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru,**

...★★★ 92-94

1.5 barrels made. Bright powerful primrose colour. Some weight too. A little lactic oak. Not really speaking as yet. It has the volume but it is looking a touch clumsy at the moment. This should refine. A tiny rough green touch suggests Jean-Michel Chartron but the fining will sort that out. Drink from 2028-2034.

## Red

**2021, Bourgogne Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes,**

...★★★ 86-87

Not a very deep colour but it is certainly showing a pretty pinot bouquet, unforced and agreeable. Just a light greenness at the finish but if you like the less ripe style of pinot this is very nice, and has good length. 4 barrels made. Drink from 2024-2026.

**2021, Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Cailleret 1er Cru,**

...★★★ 89-92

Half a barrel made. A pale cerise in colour, and light in bouquet with just a little oak showing. But it is perfumed and pleasing. I like it more on the palate where there is sufficient flesh and grace. Just the right acidity. Drink from 2024-2028.

# Visit to Domaine Jean Chartron – Tasting the 2021s

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Domaine Jean Chartron has a long historical background, having been established in 1859. It has a unique portfolio of vineyards that includes three famous clos : Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Pucelle, Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos du Cailleret, and Chevalier-Montrachet Clos des Chevaliers Grand Cru.

## Vineyard profiles of Chartron

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The estate is led by Jean-Michel and her sister Anne-Laure Chartron, and under his direction, it has made tremendous improvements over the past several years. I've visited Domaine Chartron regularly, and it's always a treat to meet up with Jean-Michel and taste his wines. I do like the 2021s here.

## Tasting the 2021s at Domaine Chartron

The 2021 vintage is lighter and cooler than the 2020s, although yields were low due to the terrible April frost. It is almost an old-school vintage, with cool fruit and vivid acidity: the type of vintage we knew before global warming. The '21s are not as dense and intense as the '20s, and as such it is a lesser vintage. But remember: Lesser is not necessarily less interesting. Perspectives can be different, and while the 2020s seem to have good long-term potential, one can perhaps anticipate an earlier window for the 2021s. So, to the notes! (You know the drill.)

## Tasting notes from November 3

### Domaine Jean Chartron Bourgogne Chardonnay Blanc 2021

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The Chartron Bourgogne Côte d'Or Blanc is a lively, charming wine, despite its long, confusing name. This version is fresh, cool, and vivid; elegantly light-footed and fruity, with a charming glow.

(Drink from 2023) – **Good** – (85-86p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



### Domaine Jean Chartron Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc 2021

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The Hautes-Côtes de Beaune has lovely tension in 2021, lovely vibrancy, and lovely balance. It's lively, vivid, and beautifully balanced. I love this vintage's energy.

(Drink from 2023) – **Good** – (86-87p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## **Domaine Jean Chartron Rully Montmorin 2021**

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The Rully Montmorin is showing fine freshness and a cool, limestone character. It's cooler than the previous vintages and thus quite enjoyable. For me, it's more of a summer wine; not really meant for this dark, depressing November day. Still, a lovely Rully.

(Drink from 2020) – **Good+** – (86-87p) – Tasted 03/11/2022



## **Domaine Jean Chartron Santenay Blanc 2021**

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I love the salinity of white Santenay. The minerality is firm and quite masculine here, and this would match well with moules marinieres perhaps: a simple meal and a great glass of white. Sometimes things can be too complex.

(Drink from 2020) – **Good+** – (86-87p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## **Domaine Jean Chartron Pernand-Vergelesses 2021**

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An interesting terroir, as the cool rear side of the Corton hill provides excellent conditions. Quite reduced (as usual), it's showing a cool note, and while stony, this is not really revealing much currently. Give it time.

(Drink from 2022) – **Very Good** – (86-88p) – Tasted 03/11/2022



## **Domaine Jean Chartron Saint-Aubin Les Murgers des Dents de Chien 2021**

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This is fresh, vivid, and stony, with lovely mineral intensity and presence. It has good tension and mid-palate energy. With the cool 2021 style, it is quite a mouthful, and this should be considered when pairing it with food.

(Drink from 2023) – **Very Good** – (88-89p) – Tasted 03/11/2022



## **Domaine Jean Chartron Chassagne-Montrachet 2021**

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The Chassagne village is a tremendous wine, as it includes some Chassagne Caillerets 1er Cru with the village fruit. The Caillerets makes up around 25% of the cuvee, and this shows as lovely precision and mid-palate generosity. This is a wine to seek out.


(Drink from 2028) – **Very Good+** – (91p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet 2021

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The Puligny village is a classic, cool cuvee. While not particularly concentrated, there is an effortless lightness that makes this drinkable and joyful, with its cool energy. Well done producing such a fine Puligny in such a frosted year.

(Drink from 2028) – **Very Good** – (89-91p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 – 

## Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet Enseignieres 2021

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The Puligny Enseignieres is quite a step up from the regular village. It's a big, mineral wine for the vintage. I adore this vineyard, as it seems to encapsulate all the qualities I love in Puligny.

(Drink from 2028) – **Very Good+** – (90-91p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 – 

## Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatieres 2021

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The Puligny Folatieres is a big wine whose frost-damaged yield only reached 9 hectolitres/hectare, giving it an intense, slightly warm glow. It's deep and, if not exactly opulent, then powerful. Currently more impressive than refined, so let's wait and see.

(Drink from 2028) – **Fine+** – (91-92p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 – 

## Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet Clos de la Pucelle 2021

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The Clos de la Pucelle is located at the northern end of Pucelles; the vineyard is around 1 ha, with the oldest part planted in 1953-54. As always, a refined and lightly perfumed wine, elegant, intense and cool, with vivid energy. The Clos du Caillerets is for me the bigger wine again this year.

(Drink from 2028) – **Very Fine** – (93-94p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 – 



## Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Caillerets 2021

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The Clos du Caillerets is one of the signature wines of the estate. Chartron was previously the largest owner of Caillerets, with 3.33 ha in total. Inheritance tax forced the sale of some of the vines, and they now hold a bit more than 1 ha at the northern end of the vineyard in the Clos du Caillerets, surrounded by very tall stone walls. The oldest vines are from 1955-56. Deep and intense, this has a fabulously rich mid-palate. I am surprised by the richness of the 2021 fruit.

(Drink from 2030) – **Very Fine** – (93-94p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## Domaine Jean Chartron Corton-Charlemagne 2021

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The Corton-Charlie is a tremendous wine, coming from a year with very low yields on the big hill. Quite on the rich, intense side – as is Folatieres – I love the energy, tension, and mineral depth. It is a big wine, but remarkably elegant.

(Drink from 2032) – **Very Fine** – (94p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## Domaine Jean Chartron Batard-Montrachet 2021

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The Batard-Montrachet is always a great wine in the Chartron line-up. It's lively and effortless, airy and vivid, and I love the energy and tension. The 2021s are perhaps not the biggest of Batards, but they have delightful mineral ease and depth.

(Drink from 2028) – **Outstanding** – (94-95p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## Domaine Jean Chartron Chevalier-Montrachet Clos des Chevaliers 2021

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The Clos des Chevaliers is located at the northern end of the original Chevalier-Montrachet vineyard, between the plots of Domaine d'Auvenay and the Demoiselles section belonging to Louis Jadot and Louis Latour. The Chartron clos is 0.42 ha, and the oldest vines are from 1947-48. The wine is relatively cool in '21, but still rich and velvety, elegant, and harmonious. A classic Chevalier in the best sense of the word.

(Drink from 2032) – **Outstanding** – (95p) – Tasted 03/11/2022 –



## Domaine Jean Chartron

Jean-Michel Chartron has hit a strong run of form in recent vintages, though he was directly in the line of fire when frost hit. "We made half the crop in 2021, the most impact in Saint-Aubin Sous le Sentier du Clous and Puligny Folataières, where I made 20% of the normal volume. So here, the fruit comes all from the secondary buds. I started picking on 18 September." In a slightly reduced portfolio, partly because some cuvées are based on exchanges of fruit rendered impossible this season, including his Montrachet, there are a few gems to be found, such as his Puligny-Montrachet Clos de la Pucelle 1er Cru and Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru (exclusively from Hameau de Blagny). For those searching for a bargain, look no further than his 2021 Chassagne-Montrachet Village - superb.

*From Servants of the Seasons: Burgundy 2021 (Jan 2023) by Neal Martin*

### 2021 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

**(91-93)**

Color: White

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2040

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru comprises one and a half barrels this year. Like the Corton-Charlemagne there is quite a bit of reduction on the nose at the moment. The palate is well-balanced, conveys fine depth and a sense of roundness whilst maintaining tension. Bruised apple mixed with orange pith and nectarine. It is just missing a little *mineralité* on the finish, but it has the substance to age well in bottle.

### 2021 Chevalier-Montrachet Clos de Chevaliers Grand

**(94-96)**
**Cru**

Color: White

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2042

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Chevalier-Montrachet Clos de Chevaliers Grand Cru, which includes one new barrel out of the four (instead of the usual dozen), has a vivid bouquet with yellow fruit, nectarine, crushed limestone and subtle fumé aromas. The palate is well balanced with vibrant acidity, taut and fresh with notes of tangerine, citrus fruit and a pinch of spice. Linear in style, this lingers nicely, though it just needs a bit more *nervosité* on the finish. Still, this is very promising.

### 2021 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

**(90-92)**

Color: White

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2040

Neal Martin, November 2022

The 2021 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, reduced to one and a half barrels due to the absence of any exchange, sports quite a bit of reduction on the nose that makes it difficult to read at present. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, quite taut and maybe just missing a little tension on the finish. Fine, though Chartron has made better in the past.

### 2021 Montrachet Grand Cru

Color: White

Neal Martin, November 2022

There is no Montrachet Grand Cru this year as it is an exchange of fruit.

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### 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Clos de la Pucelle 1er Cru

**(92-94)**

Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2036**

**Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Clos de la Pucelle 1er Cru, which is half the normal yield, sports a very subtle reduction on the nose, but there is fine delineation and focus here. The palate is well balanced with good weight, lime mixed with tangerine and nectarine, crisp acidity with a lightly spiced finish. There is real nobility evident here.

### 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Cailleret 1er Cru

**(91-93)**

Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032**

**Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Cailleret 1er Cru has an attractive peach skin, pear and crushed stone scented bouquet that blossoms with aeration. The palate feels a little riper than Chartron's cuvées partly because the stone detritus reflected some of the heat. With hints of tropical fruit on the finish, this will doubtless be an earlier-drinking Puligny to enjoy over the next decade.

### 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru

**(90-92)**

Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032**

**Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru comes exclusively from the lieu-dit of Hameau de Blagny this year. This has a very seductive nose with scents of citrus fruit, chamomile, coconut and white linen that is very well-defined. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, delicate touches of orange pith and Conference pear with commendable delineation on the finish. Just two barrels.

### 2021 Puligny-Montrachet les Folatières 1er Cru

**(91-93)**

Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2034**

**Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet les Folatières 1er Cru was reduced to just 26% of the normal yield this year. It has a fragrant nose with apple blossom, caramelized pear and orange pith scents, fairly focused and demonstrating more energy than the Vieilles Vignes. The palate is medium-bodied with lime and green apples on the entry, moderate depth, though it just needs a little more acidic "bite" on the finish. Nevertheless, it will surely be attractive in its youth.

### 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Village

**(90-92)**

Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2024 - 2036**

**Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet Village, which comes from several parcels including some purchased fruit, has a light nose with blackcurrant leaf and light peachy scents. It has a fine-boned palate and a keen thread of acidity, red apple mixed with fresh pear and a light *mineralité* on the elegant finish. You could not ask for more in this vintage.

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**2021 Saint-Aubin les Murgers des Dents de Chien 1er****(88-90)****Cru**Color: **White**Drinking Window: **2023 - 2032****Neal Martin, November 2022**

The 2021 Saint-Aubin les Murgers des Dents de Chien 1er Cru has a slightly more backward nose with pear, white linen and light tertiary scents, gaining vigour in the glass. The palate is well balanced with a crisp bead of acidity, taut and linear, not powerful yet poised and citrus fresh on the finish. Fine.

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**2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc****(88-90)**Color: **White**Drinking Window: **2024 - 2032****Neal Martin, November 2022**

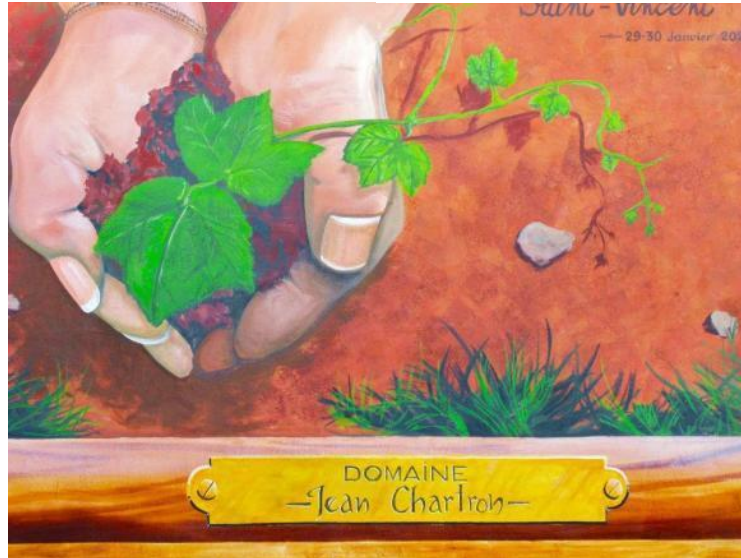
Comprising three barrels, the 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc has quite a ripe, tropical-tinged bouquet that is just missing a little amplitude. The palate is well balanced with a keen thread of acidity, taut and fresh with a malic finish. The palate is actually cut from a different cloth to the nose, as if two wines are fighting for attention. Let's see how this shows once in bottle.

Propriétaire en Grands Crus et Premiers Crus  
de Bourgogne depuis 1859

— Jean Chartron —

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### **Domaine Jean Chartron**

*Jean-Michel Chartron has crafted a great range of 2021s. However, like everyone else in Puligny-Montrachet, the family's parcels of vines were devastated by the spring frosts and yields are down anywhere from forty-five to eighty percent in the vineyards. For example, the domaine's lovely bottling of Rully Blanc is down by sixty percent, Puligny "Clos des Caillerets" by the same amount, Corton-Charlemagne down by seventy-five percent, Bâtard-Montrachet and Clos des Chevaliers down by sixty-seven percent and the Puligny "Folatières" produced a miserly nine hectoliters per hectare! Like many other vigneron in the Côte de Beaune, Jean-Michel was philosophical about the losses in 2021, as this is what happens when one works with Mother Nature, and I am sure it takes the sting out of the tiny crop of 2021 just a bit to know that there is another fine vintage waiting in the wings now from 2022 that was far more generous in terms of yields. But, one bountiful vintage does not make up for the lost income for the domaine on such a catastrophic level as was the case in 2021 and the only real silver lining from the tiny crop in this vintage is that the wines have turned out brilliantly. As is customary at this time of year, the first three wines we tasted had already been bottled, and everything else up to the level of grand cru had been assembled in tank for anticipated bottling in the early spring.*



### **2021 Bourgogne Blanc “Vieilles Vignes”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Bourgogne Blanc “Vieilles Vignes” from Domaine Chartron is a very pretty example of its level. The nose offers up a lovely blend of pear, lemon, chalky soil tones, spring flowers and a hint of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and tangy, with a good core and soil undertow, fine focus and sneaky length on the well balanced finish. Good juice. 2023-2030. **89.**

### **2021 Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc “En Bois Guilleman”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The Chartron family’s 2021 Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc is also a good bottle for its level. The bouquet delivers scents of apple, pear, a touch of fresh almond, chalky soil tones, a nice touch of oak and a topnote of white lilies. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, zesty and shows just a bit more depth at the core than the straight Bourgogne Blanc, with good balance and length, bouncy acids and a long, juicy and complex finish. This has a bit more fruit amplitude than the regular Bourgogne, but perhaps not quite the same mineral undertow. Both are quite good.

2023-2030. **89.**

### **2021 Rully “Montmorin”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Rully “Montmorin” from Domaine Chartron is a lovely wine, but with sixty percent of the crop lost to the April frosts, it is not going to be all that easy to find in the market. The wine’s aromatic constellation is pure and classic, offering up scents of apple, lemon, wet stone minerality, orange peel and a nice touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and precise, with a fine girdle of acidity, a lovely core, fine mineral drive and a long, vibrant and complex finish. There is really very good backend tension in this wine. 2023-2033. **90.**

### **2021 Santenay “les Pierres Sèches”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

There is only a single cask of the 2021 Santenay “les Pierres Sèches” in the cellars this year, with Jean-Michel deciding to raise the wine in a three year-old barrel. The wine is very good indeed, delivering a fine aromatic blend of apple, pear, *crème pâtissière*, apple blossoms, chalky soil tones and a hint of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and beautifully detailed, with a fine core, lovely soil signature and grip, vibrant acids and impressive focus and grip on the long and complex finish. Fine juice. 2023-2035+. **90+.**



### **2021 Savigny-lès-Beaune “Theologique” Blanc- Domaine Jean Chartron**

There is not much more of the fine Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc than the Santenay Blanc, as there are only two barrels of this wine in the Chartron cellars in 2021! The wine's bouquet offers up scents of apple, quince, a lovely base of white soil tones, citrus blossoms and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and well-balanced, with a lovely core, fine mineral undertow, zesty acids, excellent focus and a long, complex finish. This is an excellent *village*. 2023-2035+. **90+**.

### **2021 Pernand-Vergelesses “les Belles Filles”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

Jean-Michel Chartron's 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses “les Belles Filles” is also a lovely village wine. The classy nose wafts from the glass in a mix of apple, pear, fresh almond, a lovely base of chalky minerality, lime peel and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and complex, with a fine spine of acidity, lovely mineral drive and grip, a very good core of fruit and seamless balance on the long and complex finish. Lovely juice. 2023-2035+. **91**.

### **2021 St. Aubin “Perrières”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The domaine's 2021 St. Aubin “Perrières” was one of the better-yielding parcels in this vintage, as there are four casks out of a customary seven, so the crop was down a touch less than half. The wine really shows off a beautiful nose, delivering a blend of fresh lime, pear, chalky soil tones, spring flowers, vanillin oak and a topnote of citrus zest. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and complex, with fine depth at the core, good soil signature, lovely balance and a long, vibrant and classy finish. 2025-2040+. **92**.

### **2021 St. Aubin “Murgers des Dents de Chien”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The very fine 2021 Murgers des Dents de Chien *chez* Chartron delivers a refined aromatic constellation of pear, golden delicious apple, *crème pâtissière*, a fine base of limestone minerality, fresh almond, vanillin oak and a floral topnote redolent of honeysuckle. On the palate the wine is pure, precise and full-bodied, with fine depth at the core, lovely soil signature and a long, poised and energetic finish of impeccable balance and focus. 2025-2040+. **92+**.



### **2021 Chassagne-Montrachet “les Benoités”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

2021 marks the first vintage that the domaine’s Chassagne *villages* cuvée has been augmented by the fruit from the young vines that were replanted in their premier cru parcel of les Caillerets several years ago. So, in this vintage, there are ten casks of Chassagne AC juice blended with three barrels from Caillerets. The wine has turned out beautifully, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of apple, pear, fruit blossoms, a beautiful base of chalky soil tones, vanillin oak and a lovely topnote of lemon zest. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and impressively complex, with a lovely core, fine chalky undertow, bright acids, fine balance and a long, poised and vibrant finish. The addition of the three casks from Caillerets seems to have really added dimension to the mineral drive of this bottling. A superb AC. 2023-2045+. **92.**

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Puligny-Montrachet from Domaine Jean Chartron is also an excellent village wine in the making. The wine’s nose jumps from the glass in a refined mix of white peach, apple, chalky soil tones, orange zest, spring flowers and a deft framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with fine depth at the core, lovely acids and grip, seamless balance and a long, energetic finish. A lovely wine. 2023-2045+. **91.**


### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet “les Enseignères”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

There is only a single, lonely barrel of 2021 Puligny-Montrachet “les Enseignères” in the Chartron cellars this year. Happily, it is a single barrel of excellent wine! The beautiful bouquet offers up scents of apple, nectarine, a gorgeously complex base of chalky soil tones, vanillin oak and a pungent floral topnote redolent of both apple blossoms and white lilies. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and precise, with beautiful soil signature, a fine core of fruit, zesty acids and impeccable balance on the long, poised and complex finish. 2025-2050. **92.**

### **2021 Puligny-Montrachet “Folatières”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The Chartrons usually make a fairly good amount of Folatières, but this year’s meager nine hectoliters per hectare only provided three barrels of the wine. Jean-Michel decided to use on new barrel, one three year-old and one four year-old barrel to do the *elevage* for the wine in 2021. It has turned out beautifully, offering up a complex bouquet of pear, apple, fresh almond, a lovely base of





chalky soil tones, *crème pâtissière*, lemon blossoms and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, complex and full, with a lovely core, fine transparency

**.2021 Puligny-Montrachet “Clos de la Pucelle”- Dom. Jean Chartron**


Jean-Michel Chartron felt lucky to have fairly reasonable yields in both Clos de la Pucelle and Clos des Caillerets in this vintage, with the former coming in at 24 hectoliters per hectare and the latter at 28 hectoliters per hectare. This is still only around half a normal crop, but in the context of the draconian yields of 2021, not too bad. The Clos de la Pucelle is a gorgeous wine in the making, delivering a refined aromatic constellation of white peach, golden delicious apple, a beautifully complex base of limestone minerality, white lilies, lemon zest, fresh almond and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, precise and full-bodied, with a great core, superb mineral drive and grip, zesty acids, impeccable balance and a long, complex finish that has outstanding backend lift. 2026-2055+. **94+**.

**2021 Puligny-Montrachet “Clos des Caillerets”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Clos des Caillerets from Domaine Chartron is another absolutely brilliant example of the vintage. The soaring nose offers up a complex blend of lemon, pear, apple, a great base of chalky minerality, orange zest, vanillin oak and a potpourri of citrus blossoms in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and full-bodied, with a rock solid core of fruit, superb mineral drive and cut, laser-like precision and a long, complex and seamless finish. A stunning young wine. 2026-2055+. **95**.

**2021 Corton-Charlemagne- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Corton-Charlemagne from Domaine Jean Chartron is another outstanding wine in the making. The complex nose wafts from the glass in a mix of apple, pear, a fine base of chalky soil tones, a touch of almond, spring flowers *crème pâtissière* and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and nascently complex, with a fine core of fruit, excellent focus and balance, bouncy acids and a long, balanced and soil-driven finish. This not showing quite the same mineral dimension as the top two Puligny premier crus right now, but it may well catch up in this regard with some extended bottle age. Fine juice. 2027-2060. **94**.



### **2021 Bâtard-Montrachet- Domaine Jean Chartron**

Normally, there are four barrels of Bâtard-Montrachet in the Chartrons' cellars, but this year, there are only one and a half casks. The wine is outstanding in 2021, offering up scents of apple, pear, a touch of tangerine, musky floral tones, almond, lemon peel and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with racy acids, excellent focus and grip, seamless balance and excellent backend mineral drive on the long and complex finish. A superb wine in the making. 2028-2060. **95.**

### **2021 Chevalier-Montrachet “Clos des Chevaliers”- Domaine Jean Chartron**

The 2021 Clos des Chevaliers from Jean-Michel Chartron is a breathtakingly beautiful young wine. It delivers a refined aromatic constellation of apple, pear, fresh almond, *crème pâtissière*, a very complex base of limestone minerality, fruit blossoms, vanillin oak and a beautiful topnote of lemon zest. On the palate the wine is pure, precise and full-bodied, with a gorgeous core of fruit, stunning mineral undertow, a superb spine of acidity and laser-like focus on the long, complex and perfectly balanced finish. 2029-2070. **97.**



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### **Domaine Jean Chartron**

Jean-Michel Chartron uses Diam for all the whites. High quality and consistency across the range.

#### **Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru Clos de Chevaliers**

Only four barrels rather than the normal 12. Pure and shivering. It is cutting and precise. Deep and intense and channeled. Almost severe. Vibrantly persistent finish. It has a frosty intention and reserve. Such vitality. 2030–40. **98**

#### **Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru**

Only one and a half barrels and no new oak. Super-dense and compact. Rich and intense, concentrated, layered, and broad, but well-cut. Powerful stretch on the well-sustained finish. 2028–35. **97**

#### **Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru**

En Charlemagne. One barrel. This is pure, tight, and straight. Mineral and lively. Lean. Salty finish. Pushes though. Tightly edged and pure. 2028–35. **95**

#### **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Clos du Cailleret**

Compact and tight. Layered and front. Vital. It has so much attitude. Cold and grippy, but also so pure. Love this. 2028–35. **96**

#### **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Clos de la Pucelle (Monopole)**

Silky upfront; a ribbon of fruit woven with lively acidity, floral notes, and minerality. A warm wash of salinity onto the finish. Stretches in a long line. Lively fluidity to this wine. 2026–35. **95**

#### **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Les Folatières**

The lowest yields of the domaine this year: 12hl/ha. Concentrated and compact. Strong and punchy. Layered. Assertive, almost earthy finish. Grunt. Even some heft. Lots of dry extract. 2027–35+. **95**



### **Puligny-Montrachet Enseignères**

This has plenty of spice. Made in two-year-old barrels from Tonnellerie Chassin, which I find rather less assertive than those from François Frères. Straight, intense, and powerful. Homes in on minerality. Steely and precise. A very good village Puligny, showing more depth and concentration than many this year. 2025–30. **90–91**

### **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Vieilles Vignes**

From Hameau de Blagny, which is usually blended with several barrels of other premiers crus, but not this year. Planted in 1953. High-toned and pure. Cut glass. There is ripe, sweet lemon fruit wrapped around the piano-wire core. Sharp and cold, the minerality carrying the finish. Saline. Flighty, if a little severe for now. Good. I like this. 2025–35. **92**

### **Chassagne-Montrachet Les Benoîtes**

From a *lieu-dit* under Morgeot. Includes three barrels of very young-vine Cailleret in the 13-barrel cuvée. Good concentration and depth, with cut and thrust. Robust and full, with intension and drive on the finish. Packs a punch for a village wine. 2025–30. **89–90**

### ***Red***

### **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Clos du Cailleret red**

Just a half-barrel. Fermented in a 500-liter barrel with the top off. Silky and fresh red-fruit aroma. Satin texture upfront, with a soft, burnished minerality. Rather fluid, with its supple-silk texture. Lightly glossy and aromatic to finish, with salinity at the end. 2026–35. **94–95**



# Top Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet 2021 en primeur wines

Charles Curtis MW highlights where to look for the best 2021 wines from Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet.



Charles Curtis MW  
January 31, 2023

## **Best producers:**

**Domaine Jean Chartron (Puligny)**

**Domaine Alvina Pernot (Puligny)**





Domaine Jean Chartron, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru Clos du Cailleret, Burgundy, France 2021

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94

**Tasted by:** Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 31 Oct 2022)

**Part of** [Top Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet 2021 en primeur wines](#)

**Drinking Window:** 2025 - 2040

Chartron's Clos du Cailleret is a regal premier cru. This emblematic cuvée of the Chartron family is particularly successful in 2021, with exotic aromas of guava and pomelo, lemon, and spice. The texture is concentrated and rich, with no lack of acidity but an equally impressive richness in extract for balance. The vines come from the Chartron parcel of nearly a hectare at the northern end of the Clos. The grapes are lightly crushed and slowly pressed before fermentation in cask (25% new)—genuinely delicious wine.



Producer	Domaine Jean Chartron
Vintage	2021
Wine Type	Still
Colour	White
Country	France
Region	<b>Burgundy</b>
Appellation	Puligny-Montrachet
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Natural Cork
Body	Medium
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Chardonnay





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## Domaine Jean Chartron, Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, 2021

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 31 Oct 2022)  
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2045

This Bâtard stretches from exotic aromas of passionfruit to ripe apple and pear with rich hints of butter, cream, and baking spices. The texture is classic Bâtard, creamy and rich with balanced acidity and impressive power. The grapes are located from a small parcel on the Chassagne side near the cabotte at the top of the slope. The grapes are lightly crushed before fermentation in older casks. This wine will open soon and should drink well for twenty years.



Producer	in
Vintage	2021
WineType	Still
Colour	White
Country	France
Region	Burgundy
Appellation	Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Natural Cork
Body	Medium
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Chardonnay





## Domaine Jean Chartron, Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Burgundy 2021

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Tasted by; Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, France, 10 Jan 2022)

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Drinking Window: 2025 -2040

TOP QUALITY Jewels in the crown. This is lemony, tightly wound and incisive, but it is not all acidity and freshness since there is depth and substance here as well. This property has been in the family for more than 150 years, and is recommended by its neighbours -above the Marquis de Laguiche and just north of Maison Leroy. Unfortunately, Chartron produced just four barrels this year instead of the customary 12. A memorable wine.



Producer	Domaine Jean Chartron
Vintage	2021
WineType	Still
Colour	White
Country	France
Region	<b>Burgundy</b>
Appellation	Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru
Sweetness	<b>Dry</b>
Closure	Cork
Body	Medium
Oak	Lightly Oaked
Grapes	100% Chardonnay







## Domaine Jean Chartron, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru Les Folatières

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 31 Oct 2022)  
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2040

This old vine Folatières delights with its refreshing lime and mineral aromas before opening up on the palate to reveal hints of spice and cream. The texture is lively and fresh, but there is enough substance here to bring the wine into balance and provide significant length on the finish. The grapes come from a half-hectare parcel in the central Clos des Folatières (although it is not marketed as such)



Producer	Domaine Jean Chartron
Vintage	2021
WineType	Still
Colour	White
Country	France
Region	<b>Burgundy</b>
Appellation	Puligny-Montrachet
Sweetness	<b>Dry</b>
Closure	Natural Cork
Body	Medium
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Chardonnay





## Domaine Jean Chartron, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru Clos de la Pucelle (Monopole)

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J SINGLE TASTING

93

Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 31 Oct 2022)  
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2040

This delicious wine puts the emphasis firmly on citrus and mineral on the initial attack, while the texture on the palate opens up to show concentration, breadth, and spice. The grapes come from a 1.16-hectare plot at the northern end of the vineyard that the family has owned since 1917. Portions have been replanted over time, and the oldest vines date to the '50s and '60s. The fruit is gently pressed, and the must settled overnight before fermentation in cask (25% new) with relatively few lees.



Producer	2021
Vintage	Still
WineType	White
Colour	France
Country	Burgundy
Region	Puligny-Montrachet
Appellation	Dry
Sweetness	Natural Cork
Closure	Medium
Body	Oaked
Oak	100% Chardonnay
Grapes	





## Domaine Jean Chartron, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, 2021

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 31 Oct 2022)  
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2050

This delicious wine presents aromas of citrus peel and hawthorn flowers coloured with a chalky, saline mineral edge and notes of cream, butter, and spice. This year the wine is made exclusively from a domaine-owned parcel in Pernand from the lieu-dit En Charlemagne that was planted in 1961 and picked on 25 September just before the rain. It produced a single barrel, which is ageing in a two-year-old cask from the cooper Chassin.



Producer	Domaine Jean Chartron
Vintage	2021
WineType	Still
Colour	White
Country	France
Region	Burgundy
Appellation	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Body	Medium
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Chardonnay

