

DOMAINE MICHEL MALLARD *et Fils*

Millésime 2012

Allen Meadows

Ladoix rouge « Le Clos Royer » 2012 : 87/100

There is a slightly sweet quality to the otherwise fresh aromas of red cherry and raspberry. There is a good richness to the fleshy and generous middle weight flavors that are delicious and easy to like if delivering only average depth and length.

Ladoix 1er Cru « La Corvée » 2012 : 88/100

Here the nose is more elegant with lovely floral hints adding refinement and breath to the red currant, earth, and soft spice scents. There is good volume and richness to the medium-bodied flavors that terminate in an ever so mildly bitter finish that should dissipate with age as the supporting tannins appear to be ripe.



Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « Les Valozières » 2012 : 88-91/100

The more deeply pitched nose is not quite as elegant but it is more complex with its layered aromas of red currant, dark berries and plenty of earth and game nuances. The concentrated and muscular middle weight flavors possess solid mid-palate concentration as well as focused power on the rustic, serious and impressively long finish. As the typically the case with Valozières this will need a few years of cellar time first.

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2012 : 91/100

A gentle application of wood sets off aromas of dark currant, earth and savage hints. Here too there is an excellent richness and plenty of volume to the mineral-inflected medium weight flavors that brim with palate coating dry extract, all wrapped in a firm but not especially rustic of austere finish.

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Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » : 2012 : 93/100

A discreet application of wood sets off the more deeply pitched and not nearly as elegant mélange of plum, violets, game, earth and humus aromas. There is excellent volume to the very rich, round and mouth coating flavors as there is an abundance of dry extract that buffers the firm tannic spine on the moderately rustic finish. In contrast to the Maréchaudes this is very Corton with its robust and overtly muscular flavors.

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Maréchaudes* » 2012 : 92/100

As one might reasonably expect given the natural inclination of les Maréchaudes to produce what are among the more refined versions of Corton. This is more aromatically elegant with its pretty array of ripe and very fresh red berry fruits scents that are literally sprinkled with hints of dried flowers, spice and soft earth hints. The palate impression of the middle weight flavors is equally refined with a hint of minerality adding lift to the dusty balanced and solidly persistent final. A sleek and well proportioned Corton.

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2012 : 93/100

This also displays just enough wood to notice on the earthy and very serious dark berry fruit aromas that display plenty of floral, game, and humus elements. The big bodied flavors possess a relatively seductive texture thanks to the abundance of palate coating dry extract that pushes the firm tannins to the background on the balanced and impressively long finish. The supporting materials is somewhat finer than that of the Rognet and overall this is a good deal and less rustic.



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Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2012 : 89/100

As one would reasonably expect this is notably more complex with its well-layered nose of spice, citrus peel, pear and floral aromas. There is excellent vibrancy to the lightly mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that possess good precision on the dry, balanced and solidly persistent finish. Good stuff.



Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2012 : 90-93/100

A background hint of pain grillé sets off the exceptionally fresh aromas of green apple, white flowers, wet stone and soft spice hints. There is plenty of punch to the big-bodied, intense and beautifully well-delineated medium weight plus flavors that are based on a core of firm minerality on the saline, balanced and highly energetic finale. I quite like this and it should amply reward mid-term cellaring.

Jancis Robinson

- Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2012 : 15/20
- Ladoix 1er Cru « *La Corvée* » 2012 : 15,5/20
- Aloxé-Corton 1er Cru « *Les Valozières* » 2012 : 16 /20
- Aloxé-Corton 1er Cru « *La Toppe au Vert* » 2012 : 16 /20
- Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » : 2012 : 16,5/20
- Corton Grand Cru « *Les Maréchaudes* » 2012 : 16,5/20
- Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2012 : 17/20
- Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2012 : 16,5/20

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