

DOMAINE MICHEL MALLARD *et Fils*

Vintage 2016

Allen Meadows

Côte de Nuits-Village 2016 : 88/2020+

An exuberantly fresh nose is comprised by notes of various red berries and earth. The rich, round and velvety middle weight flavors possess an attractive texture and just enough supporting structure on the balanced finish to suggest that this should reward a few years of bottle age. Lovely for its level.

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2016 : 88/2021+

Here too the nose is exuberantly fresh and bright though with a slightly different fruit profile as it mixes in some dark cherry and briar along with plenty of earth and underbrush elements. There is both good volume and richness to the caressing flavors that flash only limited rusticity on the balanced and sneaky long finish. This would make a great choice for an all-around, and age-worthy, house red.



Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2016 : 89-91/2022+

Slightly riper liqueur-like yet still strikingly fresh aromas of red raspberry and cherry are laced with hints of spice and earth. There is fine mid-palate density to the utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors that also possess a caressing mouth feel, all wrapped in a more structured finish that also flashes a hint of rusticity.

Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2016 : 89-91/2022+

Notably more elegant, airy and cool aromas of essence of spiced cherry and lavender give way to refined, pure and lacy middle weight flavors that possess plenty of punch and a discreet minerality that carries over to the linear, balanced and delineated finish. A wine of lace and grace that is textbook Joyeuses.

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Ladoix 1er Cru « La Corvée » 2016 : 89-92/2024+

A more deeply pitched nose combines notes of plum and dark currant with those of earth and pretty floral nuances. As is always the case, there is more volume, power and structure if less refinement to the medium weight flavors that possess a taut muscularity on the solidly persistent if moderately rustic finale. This age-worthy effort is going to need at least a few years of bottle age first as it's tightly wound at present.

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « Les Valozières » 2016 : 90-92/2026+

There is a touch of the sauvage to the more reserved but appealingly fresh nose of various red berries, pungent earth and a hint of smoked game. As is also usually the case there is more volume, muscle and power to the broad-shouldered flavors that possess excellent mid-palate concentration while delivering impressive length on the compact, rustic and ver serious finish. Patience definitely advised.

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2016 : 90-93/2026+

This is the first wine to display any appreciable reduction though even here I doubt that it will persist. Otherwise the sleek, intense and vibrant middle weight flavors possess good delineation and a lovely minerality that really comes up on the youthfully austere, highly complex and beautifully persistent finish. This is also presently tightly wound and will also require at least a few years of bottle age to further flesh out.



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Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2016 : 91-93/2028+

A ripe and agreeably fresh nose offers up aromas of violet, red currant and earth, all of which is trimmed in whiffs of soft spice and oak. The mouth feel of the middle weight plus flavors is more elegant than it usually is while delivering very good if not truly exceptional depth and persistent on the bitter cherry-inflected finish. This firmly structured effort should drink well after 6 to 8 years of cellaring though need 12 to 15 to fully resolve.

Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2016 : 92-94/2031+

A very interesting nose exhibits hints of the exotic that include sandalwood and mandarin orange along with more typical notes of essence of red currant, earth, spice and ample floral influence. There is a wonderfully sleek texture to the impressively-scaled flavors that possess first-rate mid-palate concentration while delivering excellent persistence on the bitter cherry-inflected finish that really fans out as it sits on the palate. One to consider provided you have the patience to cellar it for at least 6 to 8 years first.



Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2016 : 91-94/2031+

(from a .75 ha parcel). A gentle hint of wood sets off slightly fresher and more animale, earth and floral-inflected aromas of ripe cassis and black cherry scents. There is a wonderful sense of verve to the overtly powerful, intense and well-muscled big-bodied flavors that culminate in a gorgeously persistent finish that offers excellent complexity and balance on the clearly built-to-age finish.

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Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2016 : 89/2021+

A discreet application of wood frames notes of petrol, citrus, green apple and a hint of pear. The racy, intense and well-detailed flavors possess solid depth and length on the refreshing, clean and agreeably dry finale. This is a lovely villages that should repay a few years of cellaring.

Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2016 : 90/2022+

Moderate reduction will necessitate a thorough aeration if you're tempted to try a bottle young. Otherwise there is fine richness to the impressively full-bodied flavors that evidence more obvious minerality on the delicious, sappy and citrus-inflected finish. Like the Clos Royer, this should drink well young but also reward mid-term cellaring.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2016 : 92/2024+

(from Le Charlemagne). A pungent nose consists of notes of green apples, citrus zest, white flowers, essence of pear and a hint of matchstick. The dense and tautly muscular flavors pick up the citrus character reflected by the nose and it continues onto the firm, dry and youthfully austere finish.



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Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2016 : 89-91/100

The 2016 Ladoix Le Clos Royer Rouge has a faint touch of licorice on the nose, again, taking time to open in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red berry fruit, a chalky texture toward the second half with a brisk stony finish. This is everything you want from a village cru. (2019 – 2025)

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2016 : 88-90/100

The 2016 Chorey-lès-Beaune Les Beaumonts offers clean pure red cherry and cranberry scents on the nose, with the oak very well assimilated. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, not a powerful Chorey-les-Beaune but quite refined and almost “airy” in style. I like the acidity here, a wine where less is more. (2020 – 2030)



Côte-de-Nuits Village 2016 : 86-88/100

The 2016 Côte-de-Nuits Village has a crisp red cherry and cranberry bouquet, simple but effective with a fine sense of energy. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red berry fruit, saline in the mouth with fine structure on the finish. Not bad at all, but I would drink it in its youth. (2019 - 2023)

Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2016 : 90-92/100

The 2016 Ladoix 1er Cru Les Joyeuses has an open and expressive bouquet that is more floral than its peers, lovely wilted rose scents developing in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, feminine and understated, but there is real length and precision here. It is one of the best wines that I have tasted from the domaine from this vineyard. (2020 – 2032)

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Ladoix 1er Cru « La Corvée » 2016 : 91-93/100

The 2016 Ladoix 1er Cru La Corvée is slightly deeper in color than the Joyeuses. It has a very well-defined nose with blackcurrant and bilberry fruit, violet scents emerging with time in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, a crisp line of acidity and a vein of blood orange and marmalade on the finish. This is an outstanding Ladoix 1er Cru, one of the best that I have ever tasted, in fact. (2020 – 2034)

Aloxe-Corton Village 2016 : 87-89/100

The 2016 Aloxe-Corton Village has a fresh redcurrant and cranberry bouquet that took time to really open up. The palate is fresh and crisp with fine salinity and a touch of spice on the finish that does not outstay its welcome. Enjoy this well-crafted Aloxe-Corton over the next 4 or 5 years. (2019 – 2024)



Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2016 : 91-93/100

The 2016 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru La Toppe au Vert offers vivid red cherries and black plums on the nose, quite focused yet maintaining refinement and poise. Blue fruits enter the fray with time in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, a little ferrous at first, fine grip in the mouth with chalky tannins on the finish that feels long and satisfying. This is a worthy follow-up to the super 2015. (2021 – 2035)

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2016 : 92-94/100

The 2016 Corton Les Maréchaudes Grand Cru has a very well-defined bouquet with black cherry, bergamot and Spanish oranges, very well defined and conveying superb energy. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, slightly grainy tannin, minerals lingering on the structured, très Corton finish. This is utterly charming. (2021 – 2040)

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Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2016 : 90-92/100

The 2016 Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru, which as slightly more whole cluster than the other red grand crus from Mallard, has more opulence than the Maréchaudes but perhaps not quite the same degree of finesse and mineralité. The palate is medium-bodied with ripe black fruit tinged with marmalade and licorice, bold in style but everything kept in check by the acidity. It feels very long on the finish, but I would like to see it evolve more grace. (2020 – 2034)

Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2016 : 93-95/100

The 2016 Corton Les Renardes Grand Cru had just a tiny bit of reduction on the nose, although underneath lies plenty of red berry fruit laced with woodland/autumn leaf aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, very well balanced, the most elegant and sophisticated of Mallard's Grand Crus with a wonderful saline finish that just keeps going and going. Give this 2 or 3 years for the nose to open, and you will have a stupendous Corton les Renardes. (2021 – 2041)



Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » 2016 : 89-91/100

The 2016 Ladoix Le Clos Royer Blanc has a clean and precise bouquet that has subtle white flower scents. The palate is well balanced with fresh acidity, bright and vivid with citrus lemon, nectarine and a chalky finish that is a delight. Enjoy his beautifully crafted white Ladoix over the next 7 or 8 years. (2019 – 2027)

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Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Gréchons » 2016 : 90-92/100

The 2016 Ladoix 1er Cru Les Gréchons Blanc has another crisp, oyster shell-scented bouquet with really quite outstanding mineralité, almost Chablis-like. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine seam of acidity, very focused, almost zen-like in style with a brisk marine-tinged finish. This is equal to the 2015 last year and might surpass it. (2020 – 2030)



Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2016 : 94-96/100

The 2016 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, which is located in Le Charlemagne, has a very well defined, really sophisticated bouquet with delicate yellow fruit, citrus peel, wet limestone scents that are very nuanced. The palate is very well balanced with a killer line of acidity, very tensile with superb tension on the finish. Simply one of the best Corton-Charlemagne that I have tasted, and it comes highly recommended. (2020 – 2040)

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Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2016 : 93/100

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2016 : 93/100

Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2016 : 94/2026-32

As well as making the wines at Domaine d'Eugénie, Michel Mallard runs his own family domaine in Ladoix. This comes from two parcels in Corton, planted in the 1950s and adding up to 0,8 hectares. It's a densely coloured, ferrous red, with plenty of grip, textured bramble and black cherry fruit and an overlay of oak.

