

Vinous – By Neal Martin

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2022 : 87-89/100

The 2022 Chorey-lès-Beaune les Beaumonts, including 40% whole bunches, has a brisk'n breezy nose: cranberry and wild strawberry, very fine delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, fresh red fruit, oyster shell and sea spray. Not complex, and yet this is brimming with joie-de-vivre. (2025 – 2037)

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2022 : 87-89/100

The 2022 Ladoix Rouge Le Clos Royer includes 40% whole bunches, which are seamlessly integrated into the brambly red fruit and light pressed white flower aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit. Quite strict, almost Loire-like, with a bell pepper-driven finish. Drink over the next decade. (2025 – 2035)

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru « *Les Serpentières* » 2022 : 90-92/100

The 2022 Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Serpentières 1er Cru contains 50% whole bunches, though here the stems are very well integrated with vivid raspberry and cranberry fruit and a touch of damp loam and oyster shell. The medium-bodied palate has fine tannins, quite fresh and saline, with a keen line of acidity and crunchy red spicy fruit on the finish. Very classic in style. It will age well in bottle. (2026 – 2038)

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2022 : 91-93/100

The 2022 Ladoix Les Joyeuses 1er Cru contains 60% whole bunches and was raised in 50% new oak. It has a cohesive and elegant nose with cranberry and wild strawberry fruit - a little more delicate but utterly charming. The medium-bodied palate has fine-grain tannins, very harmonious, the whole bunches integrated with a bitter cherry finish. Recommended. (2026 – 2045)

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Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « La Corvée » 2022 : 92-94/100

The 2022 Ladoix La Corvée 1er Cru, which comes from more south-facing slopes, has more ripeness on the nose than the La Joyeuse: dark cherries and blueberry fruit, more floral in style. The palate is very well-balanced with smooth tannins. The whole bunches (60%) are beautifully interwoven with a persistent finish. This is a superb Ladoix destined to give many years of drinking pleasure. (2024 – 2032)

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2022 : 89-91/100

The 2022 Aloxe-Corton Les Valozières 1er Cru, which contains 80% whole bunches, has a vivid bouquet with wild strawberry fruit, briar and oyster shells, and hints of dried rose petal surfacing with time. The medium-bodied palate has fine-grain tannins, dark berry fruit laced with graphite and a touch of Earl Grey. It's very fresh and full of energy on the finish. Very promising. (2026 – 2036)

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2022 : 90-92/100

The 2022 Aloxe-Corton La Toppe Au Vert 1er Cru is very cohesive on the nose, residing on the red side of the fruit spectrum, with incense and a touch of orange pith emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied, the 80% whole bunches discrete with fine tannins and a little more richness than the Les Valozières towards the finish. Slightly smoother style, this should be given 4-5 years in bottle. (2027 – 2038)

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 91-93/100

The 2022 Aloxe-Corton Les Marechaudes 1er Cru has a refined bouquet, the 80% whole bunches beautifully interwoven, with cranberry and blackcurrant fruit, wonderful delineation and mineralité. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. Quite strict and linear, there's a very subtle exotic trait of blood orange/marmalade towards the finish. Very long in the mouth, this is a superbly crafted Aloxe-Corton. Just one barrel produced. (2027 – 2042)

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Corton Grand Cru « *Les Maréchaudes* » 2022 : 92-94/100

The 2022 Corton Les Maréchaudes Grand Cru has a fragrant bouquet of redcurrant and wild strawberry commingled with oyster shell, the 80% whole bunches neatly interwoven. The palate is medium-bodied with brown spices on the entry. Moderate depth, not powerful, but leaning on Corton's more elegant/classical side, a touch of sour cherry and black pepper on the finish. Very fine. (2025 – 2045)

Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2022 : 93-95/100

The 2022 Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru, which includes 80% whole bunches, has more amplitude on the nose than the Les Maréchaudes. It brims with energy, offering dark berry fruit, Earl Grey and flint scents. The palate is medium-bodied with grippier tannins, bolder in style yet retaining sufficient balance and poise, exerting a firm but not excessive grip on the finish. This suggests it will require more cellaring, say 4 to 6 years. Excellent. (2027 – 2047)

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2022 : 92-94/100

The 2022 Corton Les Renardes Grand Cru has 80% whole bunches like Mallard's other Grand Crus. The more marine-influenced bouquet offers cockle sheds, oyster shells and a light tang of seaweed infusing the red berry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with svelte tannins. The stems impart an impactful pepperiness towards the blood orange-tinged finish that feels very long. The only question is whether it will deliver the precision and elegance of the Le Rognet in this vintage. (2028 – 2048)

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » Blanc 2022 : 87/100

The 2022 Ladoix Blanc Le Clos Royer was matured in barrel with 20% new oak and had already been bottled. It has more aromatic intensity than the Ladoix Village, with light beeswax and cooking apple scents. The palate is well-balanced with a lightly spiced entry, fresh and saline, with more grip on the finish. Fine. (2024 – 2030)

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Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Gréchons » 2022 : 88-90/100

The 2022 Ladoix Blanc Les Gréchons 1er Cru offers orchard fruit, wild peach and light fennel scents on the nose. Moderate vigor with soupçon of reduction. The palate is fresh on the entry with peach skin and light Satsuma notes. It could do with a little more weight and grip on the finish, but there is plenty of freshness, and it should drink well over the next decade. (2025 – 2035)

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2022 : 93-95/100

The 2022 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru is matured in 60% new oak. The fragrant bouquet has scents of white peach, freshly sliced pear, almond and hints of praline. The palate is lively on the entry with a keen thread of acidity. Not the most complex Corton-Charlemagne, but certainly one of the more elegant and precise, with a touch of orange zest and a twist of bitter lemon on the finish. Very fine. (2026 – 2045)

Burghound.com – By Allen Meadows

Ladoix « *Les Buis* » 2022 : 87-90/2027+

A slightly fresher and cooler if still ripe nose is comprised by notes of various red berries and more evident earth influence. The delicious, bright and rich medium weight flavors also conclude in a mildly rustic finish that is more refreshing if not necessarily more complex. As such, a few years of cellaring should be helpful.

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2022 : 87-89/2026+

Ripe aromas of poached plum, violet and black cherry give way to rich, delicious and appealingly vibrant middleweight flavors that conclude in a rustic finish where hints of warmth and sweetness emerge. This should drink well young but repay 2 to 4 years of keeping.

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2022 : 88-91/2028+

A discreet application of wood surrounds the more discreetly earth-infused nose of mostly purple fruit and violet scents. There is again a lovely sense of vibrancy to the delicious medium-bodied flavors that possess solid power on the slightly more structured finale where a hint of minerality appears. This is a quality Ladoix villages

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru « *Les Serpentières* » 2022 : 89-92/2028+

Here too there is a discreet application of wood that easily allows the ripe aromas of spicy plum and essence of red pinot fruit to be appreciated. The elegant and punchy middleweight flavors possess an almost delicate mouthfeel along with a subtle minerality that becomes more prominent on the lingering finish that, like the Chorey, displays a touch of sweetness.

Burghound.com – By Allen Meadows

Aloxe-Corton « *Les Crapousuets* » 2022 : 87-90/2029+

A distinctly sauvage-suffused nose reflects notes of red and dark currant that display floral top notes that are set off by subtle oak nuances. There is excellent volume to the powerful, serious and rustic larger-scaled flavors that are quite firm, indeed borderline chewy. I like the character but this is definitely Aloxe in style.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2022 : 88-91/2030+

An exuberantly fresh and bright nose speaks mostly of red and dark cherry, violet and a hint of crushed herb character. While not quite as fine as the Serpentières, this is also relatively fine with good punch to the medium weight flavors that suddenly firm up noticeably on the youthfully austere and rustic finale that is presently mildly edgy. I suspect that the edginess will progressively age out as the tannins do seem ripe.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *La Corvée* » 2022 : 91/2032+

An attractive floral nose presents an array of cassis, wild red currant, raspberry and notably more discreet earth influenced aromas. The rich, elegant and energetic medium-bodied flavors possess a finer mouthfeel if more austerity on the balanced finish that flashes slightly better depth and persistence.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « *Les Valozières* » 2022 : 90/2032+

A distinctly earthy and brooding and sauvage-inflected nose of purple fruit and soft floral wisps gives way to rich, concentrated and vibrant larger-bodied flavors that display the usual power and rustic of a classic Valozières on the firm and built-to-age finale. Patience strongly advised.

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Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2022 : 91/2032+

This is aromatically similar to the La Corvée but earthier and this character extends to the voluminous, rich and sappy medium weight plus flavors that coat the palate, all wrapped in a firmly structured and overtly powerful built-to-age finish. This isn't chewy but it is robust and is a wine that's clearly going to need at least some patience.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 93/2034+

An elegant, pure and exceptionally pretty and fresh nose offers up plenty of floral elements on the blend of red and black cherry, soft earth and a whiff of spice. The succulent and beautifully refined middleweight flavors exude evident minerality on the youthfully austere bitter pit fruit-inflected finish. This is lovely and easily the finest, though not the most powerful, of the three Corton grand crus in the range.

Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2022 : 94/2034+

This is the spiciest wine in the range with its wonderfully fresh array of exotic tea, anise, black cherry and floral notes that include mostly violet and lilac. There is outstanding vibrancy to the delicious middleweight plus flavors that flash an almost aggressive minerality on the youthfully austere, compact and tightly wound finale that is just a bit more complex and persistent. Lovely with the development potential to match.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2022 : 93/2034+

(from a .75 ha parcel). Obvious but not invasive wood is present on the even more floral-suffused nose of slightly riper aromas of poached plum, kirsch and a whiff of the sauvage. There is impressive power and scale to the larger-bodied flavors that exude evident minerality on the lingering finish where noticeable gas is present. I would add that the gas is sufficiently prominent to warrant decanting this for 30 minutes first if you're tempted to try a bottle once this is released.

Burghound.com – By Allen Meadows

Ladoix Blanc 2022 : 88/2026+

Smoky aromas include those of apple, poached pear and petrol. The succulent and delicious middleweight flavors possess both good body and punch while delivering good depth on the lightly stony, clean and dry if mildly rustic finale. This refreshing effort could be enjoyed young or with 2 to 4 years of keeping.

Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » Blanc 2022 : 89/2027+

This is aromatically similar to the straight Ladoix but with a bit more citrus influence. There is slightly better volume to the generously proportioned but impressively intense medium weight flavors that possess better depth on the bone-dry but not really austere finale that exhibits fine length. This is excellent for its level and is recommended.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Gréchons » 2022 : 90/2028+

A distinctly cooler and airier nose reflects notes of Granny Smith apple, lemon rind and mineral reduction. There is even better volume to the beautifully detailed medium-bodied flavors that also conclude in a clean, dry and crunchy effort. This could use better depth but a few years of keeping should address that.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2022 : 93/2030+

(from Le Charlemagne). This is also quite cool with a similar if spicier nose. By contrast, there is notably better volume to the more powerful, denser and bigger-bodied flavors that possess a lavishly rich, even opulent, mid-palate that tightens up on the focused, balanced and beautifully persistent finish. This is less youthfully austere than it usually is and a wine that could reasonably be approached after only 5 years. With that said, I underscore that it also has the potential to reward up to a decade of keeping.

Decanter – By Charles Curtis MW

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Joyeuses » 2022 : 94/100

Mallard has just over a third of a hectare in this east-facing, mid-slope climat, essentially a premier cru continuation of the Corton slope. The vines deliver a less full-bodied and exuberant wine than La Corvée, yet there is impressive elegance here, with a currant fruit aroma and hints of earth, a silky texture, softer tannins, and a pleasantly lingering finish. The grapes are carefully sorted, and half are fermented as whole clusters before ageing in cask (40% new).

Drinking Window 2025 – 2045

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « La Corvée » 2022 : 95/100

This interesting terroir faces due south, near the quarries on the edge of Corgoloin, which protect it from the influence of the woods. It has produced a gorgeous wine in 2022, with immensely pleasurable dark, plummy fruit with notes of earth, smoke and spice. It is a tannic wine with abundant density and length. The domaine owns 0.78 hectares here; 60% of the grapes are vinified as whole clusters, and the wine is ageing now in cask (half new). Open in five years for best results.

Drinking Window 2025 – 2045

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2022 : 95/100

This superb Aloxe premier cru opens with floral notes that lead into aromas of mulberry and plum with an earthy edge. The texture is dense and structured, more substantial than the elegant Toppe au Vert. The 0.39 hectares of vines lie on the southeast-facing, nearly flat terrace of Bressandes, where significant iron is mixed in with the clay. 80% of the grapes are fermented as whole clusters, and the wine is ageing in 50% new casks.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2045

Decanter – By Charles Curtis MW

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2022 : 94/100

This wine has a charmingly expressive cherry fruit aroma that is edged with rose petals and spice. The texture is balanced and elegant, very different from the Aloxe premier cru Valozières in the same cellar. This climat faces east, just down the slope from Corton Vergennes — in fact, 10 ares of Toppe au Vert are classed as Corton grand cru. Mallard's 0.43 hectares of vines lie just down the slope from Méo-Camuzet's Clos Rognet; 80% of the grapes are fermented as whole clusters, and the wine is ageing in 50% new casks.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 95/100

Mallard has 0.30 hectares in Maréchaudes; about a quarter of this is premier cru (the rest is Corton grand cru) – just enough for a single barrel. Mallard treats it as a grand cru, with 70% of the fruit fermented as whole clusters and aged in 50% new wood. The results are not as powerful as the Corton but show more complexity and depth of flavour than many Aloxe premier crus, with a pleasant balance between silk and structure.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 95/100

Mallard's Maréchaudes is perhaps the most approachable of his trio of Corton grand crus, with a superbly expressive blackberry and plum aroma with hints of leather smoke and spice. The wine has superb complexity and is undoubtedly substantial, but it is not as dense or powerful as his Les Renardes or Le Rognet. Most of the grapes are fermented as whole clusters, using very gentle extraction; Mallard had enough for four barrels this year, and three are new. This elegant Corton should open in three to five years and will drink well for three decades.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Decanter – By Charles Curtis MW

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2022 : 97/100

In 2022, the Corton Renardes is the most complex and complete of the trio of Cortons in this cellar. The ripe plum and cassis fruit is accented with savoury game notes and a firm, saline minerality. The wine initially seems supple and elegant (it is), but impressive tannic grip and power become apparent with a bit of time in the glass. This wine has marvellous depth and range. Although it seems a bit reserved, Mallard believes it will open in five to seven years — and he opened a bottle of 2016 to demonstrate, proving his point. This is a 'don't miss' kind of wine.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2022 : 96/100

Silky and spicy, Mallard's Le Rognet features notes of star anise and liquorice accenting the charming mulberry fruit aromas with a hint of dark chocolate to add impressive depth of flavour. The grapes come from a 1.27-hectare holding up the slope from Méo's Clos Rognet, whose vines were planted as massale selection 70 years ago. Mallard ferments 80% of the grapes as whole clusters. This year, the old vines have produced nine barrels; seven are new. This wine should drink well in three to five years.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2022 : 95/100

Michel Mallard's tiny 0.11-hectare holding in Le Charlemagne produced an irresistible wine in 2022, with pronounced aromas of ripe apricot, apple, and quince, along with shadings of floral notes and a bit of spice from the cask ageing. It is a powerful wine, yet there is enough crisp acidity to resist heaviness. The balance is marvellous through the long finish. This wine will open in three to five years to show even more complexity and should continue to improve for 20 years.

Drinking Window 2027 – 2055

Inside Burgundy – By Jasper Morris

Ladoix « *Les Buis* » 2022 : 87-89/100

30% whole bunch vinification, young vines as the first harvest was 2016. No new wood. Mid crimson, lively, well peppered strawberries on the nose, not quite as precise as Michel was expecting, because of the racking. There is plenty of fruit here and I think this will develop very well from here.

Drink from 2026-2029. Tasted Nov 2023.

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2022 : 88-90/100

A robust mid purple with cherry and raspberry notes, a solid plump fruit forward wine. Then some firmer clay-based tannins at the finish, to add ballast to the fruit. Very youthful, with considerable promise. 40% whole bunch vinification.

Drink from 2027-2031. Tasted Nov 2023.

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2022 : 88-91/100

40% whole bunch vinification with 20-30% new wood. Crimson, a little deeper than Les Buis, richer raspberry here alongside the strawberry notes, this has tension and precision from the start. All is properly in balance here, there is an attractive lick of oak, but the fruit wins through, now a little darker at the back of the palate. Drink from 2027-2031. Tasted Nov 2023.

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru « *Les Serpentières* » 2022 : 89-91/100

60 % whole bunch vinification. A darkish crimson. The nose has not quite brightened up since the racking, but actually it builds rather agreeably in the glass. A little bit foursquare on the palate, does not quite kick on – yet.

Drink from 2028-2033. Tasted Nov 2023.

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Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Joyeuses » 2022 : 90-92/100

A medium deep crimson in colour. The bouquet is exemplary, strawberries and alpine strawberries, elegance with depth, middleweight, some wood tannins along with adequate acidity, a fine sense of precision. This will surely grow from here.

Drink from 2027-2034. Tasted Nov 2023.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « La Corvée » 2022 : 90-92/100

12 barrels made. A deeper crimson purple. There is a significant concentration of dark raspberry fruit, overpowering the whole bunch aromatics. A flirtation with volatility which soon disappears, balanced tannins, a plumper kernel of dark cherry and raspberry fruit, good length once again, with a lick of oak.

Drink from 2028-2035. Tasted Nov 2023.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2022 : 89-91/100

80% whole bunch vinification, 3 new barrels in 8. A glowing crimson red. The stems evident on the nose, a mix of red fruits, then a raft of white pepper behind which currently has a slightly drying effect. Not the same fruit intensity as Corvée, but what there is persists very well, so this should show in a more interesting light with more age.

Drink from 2027-2034. Tasted Nov 2023.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2022 : 90-92/100

80% whole bunch vinification, 4 new barrels in 8. A richer purple colour, with more flamboyant fruit than the slightly subdued Valozières. Very complete in the mouth, with a juicy red velvet quality, many fewer points of pepper, and a long balanced finish. Smart work.

Drink from 2027-2035. Tasted Nov 2023.

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Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 89-91/100

These vines are at the bottom of their grand cru plot and were indeed purchased by grandfather as Grand Cru., but alas they just miss out. They provide enough grapes for just one barrel. Red crimson in colour, some fruit concentration but without detail. Pleasingly rich fruit on the palate, entirely balanced until a faint dry patch to finish. Drink from 2028-2035. Tasted Nov 2023.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2022 : 92-94/100

A dense purple centre. Some new wood showing, three new barrels in four, along with a plump raspberry fruit. The Maréchaudes is very tactile, it is all in the texture, says Michel. A sensual caressing style, but it does kick on with a second wave of fruit. A pleasing long finish, still going... Drink from 2029-2037. Tasted Nov 2023.

Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2022 : 91-93/100

Not the deepest in colour, though with a darker centre to the crimson. The oak is present at the back of the palate along with a fruit which is fighting through. Some whole bunch strawberry, a good blend between tannins and acidity, but currently not all that demonstrative. Drink from 2030-2038. Tasted Nov 2023.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2022 : 92-95/100

A dense crimson purple with more explosive fruit on the nose, and the oak relegated to the background. Here there is a powerful dark fruit, just a trace of white pepper, but above all a fruit which pervades the whole palate and lingers at the finish. More precision here. Drink from 2030. Tasted Nov 2023.

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Ladoix Blanc Village 2022 : 88/100

15% is made in wood, the rest in tank. It comes from two plots, one being the last in the Côte de Beaune heading north. Clean pale lemon. Pleasingly full bodied, a few lime notes in the citrus wash, some tension coming from the tank. A fine persistent finish.

Drink from 2025-2027. Tasted Nov 2023.

Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » Blanc 2022 : 89/100

All in wood, with one new 350 litre barrel out of five. A sunny spot so important to get the picking date right. Clear pale colour. Fresh bouquet, a little touch of liquorice, a little more open than the wines which were mostly in tank. The wood takes over at the back, but then the acidity also kicks in. Tasted very soon after bottling, so there could well be more of an upside here, I suspect.

Drink from 2027-2031. Tasted Nov 2023.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Gréchons » 2022 : 90-92/100

Currently racked to tank. Mid lemon colour. There is altogether more personality here, racy while retraining flesh as well. Excellent balance between the not too ripe fruit and the mineral acidity, plus length. It's a super vineyard. Very persistent.

Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted Nov 2023.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2022 : 93-95/100

Lemon and lime colour. Some intensity, stones, citrus and some white fruit all together on the nose. Lifts very well at the finish, the oak is not quite married in, but that should happen. Certainly the flavours linger very well. This will repay patience.

Drink from 2029-2037. Tasted Nov 2023.