

Vinous – By Neal Martin

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2023 : 89-91/100

The 2023 Chorey-lès-Beaune les Beaumonts has a clean and precise bouquet with red cherry and wild strawberry fruit, quite energetic and defined. The palate is well balanced and the 40% whole bunch very well-assimilated, with fine weight and harmony toward the finish. This comes recommended. (2026 – 2033)

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru « *Les Serpentières* » 2023 : 88-90/100

The 2023 Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Serpentières 1er Cru has a fine edgy bouquet—partly due to the 50% whole cluster—with a touch of damp autumn leaves infusing the crunchy red fruit. The palate is medium-bodied and a little powdery in texture with a twist of bitter red fruit on the finish. Fine. (2026 – 2035)

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2023 : 91-93/100

The 2023 Ladoix Les Joyeuses 1er Cru has a cohesive and focused bouquet, with well-delineated redcurrant and cranberry fruit sporting admirable purity. This is fresh, vibrant and nicely detailed, with a medium-bodied palate of crunchy red berry fruit and a mineral-rich finish. Often one of Mallard's best cuvées, the 2023 is no different. "A little Chambolle" Mallard calls it, and he's quite right. (2027 – 2045)

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *La Corvée* » 2023 : 91-93/100

The 2023 Ladoix La Corvée 1er Cru, which contains 50% whole cluster, has a perfumed bouquet with wilted rose petal infusing the red fruit, and veins of blue fruit emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit, even more mineral than the Les Joyeuses with a brisk and focused finish. This is another impressive Ladoix. (2026 – 2045)

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Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2023 : 90-92/100

The 2023 Aloxe-Corton Les Valozières 1er Cru includes 50% whole cluster and matured in 40% new barrels. It has a taut and focused bouquet of vivid Morello cherries mixed with cranberry fruit, and it is quite a "transparent" Aloxe-Corton. The palate is medium-bodied and fresh with fine tannins, a powdery texture and a classically styled, sapid if slightly short finish. Very fine. (2026 – 2040)

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2023 : 88-90/100

The 2023 Aloxe-Corton La Toppe Au Vert 1er Cru contains 60% whole cluster. It has a lively, quite Savigny-like bouquet with black pepper and damp undergrowth infusing the red fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with good vigor and a sweet entry, more candied than the Les Valozières and without quite the same mineralité on the finish. (2026 – 2038)

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 90-92/100

The 2023 Aloxe-Corton Les Marechaudes 1er Cru contains 60% whole cluster and new oak. A little showy at the moment, this has the most opulent bouquet with kirsch, orange pith and touches of licorice. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle grip, but there is weight and depth to this Aloxe-Corton with a delightful sorbet freshness. Give this three or four years in barrel. (2028 – 2042)

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Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2023 : 92-94/100

The 2023 Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru contains 70% whole cluster with 60% new oak. There was just a touch of reduction on the nose from the barrel sample, but there is ample concentration of raspberry coulis and punnets of strawberry. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chalky tannins, mineral-tinged red fruit and a fresh and sapid finish. It does not have the concentration of the previous vintage but it delivers terroir expression. (2027 – 2045)

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2023 : 93-95/100

The 2023 Corton Les Renardes Grand Cru contains 70% whole cluster and 70% new oak this year. It has a little more concentration and depth compared to the Le Rognet, with blacker fruit and a touch of damp loam. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp red cherry and strawberry fruit, plus raspberry on the mid-palate. With excellent grip and plenty of energy, this is Mallard's best red in 2023. (2028 – 2048)

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2023 : 89-91/100

The 2023 Ladoix Les Gréchons Blanc 1er Cru came from barrel and had been racked. This has an aromatic bouquet with white flowers and hints of praline infusing the citrus fruit. The palate is fresh on the entry with orange rind, mango and pineapple notes, packed full of flavor with precise delineation and a slightly honeyed finish. Very fine. (2026 – 2036)

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2023 : 94-96/100

Quite complex and focused, the 2023 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru has a well-defined and harmonious bouquet of yellow plum, dandelion, lime and crushed stone. The palate is well balanced with a peachy entry, gorgeous texture, a killer line of acidity and a very persistent finish. One of the best Corton-Charlemagnes in this vintage—don't tell me I didn't tell you. (2027 – 2047)

Burghound.com – By Allen Meadows

Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2023 : 87-89/2027+

Here too there is just enough wood present to mention on the pretty essence of red cherry aromas that are laced with less prominent earth influence. The succulent, vibrant and delicious middle weight flavors retain good precision on the inviting and balanced finale. This could use better depth so a few years of keeping should prove to be beneficial.

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2023 : 87-89/2028+

A discreet but not imperceptible application of wood surrounds the fresh, earthy and quite floral-inflected red berry fruit aromas. I like the texture and vibrancy of the delicious flavors that terminate in a lingering, balanced and lightly rustic finale.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2023 : 89-92/2029+

A more elegant and slightly cooler nose reflects notes of both red and dark currant and a plenitude of floral nuances and in particular, violet. The super-sleek and attractively intense flavors also retain a lovely sense of delineation on the lightly stony and beautifully textured finale. This is really quite pretty and a wine that should drink well after only a few years of keeping yet repay 5 to 8 years of cellaring.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *La Corvée* » 2023 : 89-92/2030+

Moderate wood frames riper and earthier aromas of poached plum and red cherry liqueur. Once again the mouthfeel of the slightly bigger and more powerful flavors is sleek and punchy while displaying solid length on the slightly more structured finale where a touch of rusticity eventually emerges.

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Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2023 : 90-92/2031+

Here too moderate wood is present on the high-toned and cooler essence of wild red currant, newly turned earth and a whiff of the sauvage. There is unusually good refinement for Valozières and while I would describe the mouthfeel of the punchy middle weight flavors as elegant, it's not rustic on the lingering and balanced finale where the wood exhibited by the nose resurfaces. This is going to need at least a few years of keeping.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2023 : 90-92/2031+

More discreet though still apparent oak sets off the slightly riper yet still appealingly fresh nose of black raspberry, poached plum, violet and humus-inflected earth. The rich, delicious and solidly concentrated medium-bodied flavors flash evident power on the dusty, chalky and built-to-age finale. Like the Valozières, this is also going to need at least a few years of keeping.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 90-93/2033+

This has one of the most floral-suffused noses in the range and they add a touch of elegance to the ripe and very fresh aromas of plum, red currant and much more discreet earth nuances. The super-sleek, even lacy, medium weight flavors are at once refined yet powerful while delivering impressive length on the noticeably more structured finale. If you have the patience, this is one to consider.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 91-94/2035+

Moderately generous wood stops short of fighting with the notably ripe and equally floral-suffused liqueur-like aromas of plum, kirsch and black cherry. Once again there is a relatively refined mouthfeel to the bigger-bodied and more muscular flavors that are also refined yet powerful on the equally long but even more complex finale. As a Corton grand cru should be, this is definitely structured to repay extended keeping.

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Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2023 : 92-94/2035+

A mildly toasty nose is again quite floral in character with very ripe but nicely fresh aromas of poached plum, cassis and dark berry compote. There is almost painful intensity to the beautifully detailed and more mineral-inflected large-bodied flavors that flash evident power on the compact, long and equally built-to-age finale.

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2023 : 92-94/2035+

Cool, airy and beautifully layered aromas include both red and dark pinot fruit, spice and plenty of sauvage character. The super-sleek and rich flavors aren't quite as concentrated but they're finer while delivering excellent depth and persistence on the compact, youthfully austere and once again, built-to-age finale. This is harmonious and very promising.

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » Blanc 2022 : 88/2027+

Notes of petrol, white orchard fruit and a hint of citrus character lead to delicious and solidly concentrated flavors that coat the palate with dry extract while delivering good if not special depth and persistence on the mildly rustic finale.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2023 : 89-92/2028+

Whiffs of menthol and wood toast surround the cooler nose of herbal tea, Granny Smith apple and lemon zest. There is excellent vibrancy and delineation to the more mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that exhibit focused power on the stony and markedly more persistent finale that is slightly firmer.

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Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2023 : 90-93/2030+

(from Le Charlemagne). There is a touch of phenolic character to the riper aromas of pear and apple compote, white flower, wet stone and a more subtle application of wood. The moderately concentrated broad-shouldered flavors also flash evident minerality on the lingering finish that is borderline tannic. This isn't particularly refined but it is imposing.

Decanter – By Charles Curtis MW

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Joyeuses » 2023 : 94/100

Mallard does a lovely job with this premier cru that lies north of the Corton slopes, where several valleys or combes channel cool air. The site faces due east and has produced a concentrated wine with aromas of mulberry and spice, with an undercurrent of ground coffee. The texture is lively and fresh, but firm tannins draw this to a lingering finish. The wine was fermented as 50% whole clusters and is ageing now in 50% new wood. Cellar this for five years before opening.

Drinking Window 2030 – 2050

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 94/100

As close to grand cru as you can get,' reads my note on the day of tasting. The lush black cherry, plum and mulberry fruit aromas, along with hints of smoke, spice and flowers are marvellous, and the texture is robust and deep, albeit slightly less concentrated than the grand cru version. The grapes come from a 0.3ha slice that is classified as premier cru (the balance is grand cru Corton). Mallard treats it as a grand cru, with the same amount of whole clusters in the ferment and proportion of new casks.

Drinking Window 2028 – 2045

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 95/100

Mallard's Maréchaudes occupies an interesting place in his range: it is decidedly more concentrated than the premier cru version produced alongside, yet it is the most approachable of the grands crus Cortons in the cellar. The 2023 version has a deep mulberry and plum fruit, with spice, smoke and earth nuances. The wine is silky and approachable but has a core of concentration and tannin. 70% of the grapes from this 0.3ha parcel were fermented as whole clusters, and the wine is ageing now in cask, 75% new.

Drinking Window 2028 – 2050

Decanter – By Charles Curtis MW

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2023 : 97/100

Les Renardes from Michel Mallard is my favourite from this cellar and among the best Cortons anywhere on the hill. The wine boasts a dark colour and pronounced fruit aromas of plum and mulberry, with a bit of savoury umami. Mallard describes it as 'un petit coté sauvage [wild]'. The sweet fruit continues on the palate, but there is no lack of structure, with balanced acidity and firm tannins yet no astringency. Mallard relates that 80% of the grapes were fermented as whole clusters, and six of the nine barrels produced are being aged in new casks.

Drinking Window 2028 – 2060

Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2023 : 97/100

Michel Mallard's 2023 Corton Rognet is among the best Cortons from Ladoix. The wine's aromas are slightly restrained on the initial attack but open up on the palate with time to show plummy fruit, earth and smoke. There is an undercurrent of dark chocolate, ground coffee and a firm mineral cast to the fruit. The grapes are from 1.27ha up the slope from Méo-Camuzet. The grapes are fermented mostly as whole clusters (80%) and are being aged now mostly in new casks.

Drinking Window 2030 – 2060

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2023 : 96/100

Michel Mallard's tiny production of Corton-Charlemagne is riveting in 2023, with aromas of hazelnut, ripe pear and acacia flowers. The texture is ripe and dense, yet there is enough acidity to give the wine a dynamic tension on the palate – more than the 2022 or 2020, in my view. The grapes are from his 0.11ha parcel in Le Charlemagne; they are lightly crushed, carefully pressed, fermented and aged in cask (30% new) for 18 months. Cellar this for five to seven years and drink over the next 20.

Drinking Window 2028 – 2050

Inside Burgundy – By Jasper Morris

Ladoix « Les Buis » 2023 : 88-89/100

No new wood, 40% whole bunch. An even ruby purple. Concentrated cherries with some strawberry behind, clean fruit, energetic, an excellent performance for 7-year-old vines. Not quite the length yet, but promising.

Drink from 2027-2030. Tasted Dec 2024.

Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » 2023 : 90-93/100

40% whole bunch vinification and 20% new wood. A similar even ruby colour. This is altogether more exuberant in its fruit component, not so much on the nose as the palate. Excellent concentration further back, this resonates very well, with good length, strawberry and dark raspberry, with excellent length.

Drink from 2028-2032. Tasted Dec 2024.

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru « Les Serpentières » 2023 : 91-93/100

Lush purple in colour, with soft lush raspberries on the nose. 40% whole bunches give a significant lift to what might otherwise be a little ripe, as it is this Serpentières is thoroughly harmonious, a delight. A lovely aftertaste.

Drink from 2027-2031. Tasted Dec 2024.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Joyeuses » 2023 : 88-91/100

50% whole bunch vinification, 40% new wood. A fine bright purple. The oak is a little apparent on the nose. A solid concentration of dark raspberry fruit, a touch of chocolate, the oak puts this slightly in a straightjacket but note that the samples are cold.

Drink from 2028-2032. Tasted Dec 2024.

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Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « La Corvée » 2023 : 91-93/100

50% whole bunch vinification, 50% new wood. Another fine bright ruby purple. Ripe fresh raspberry, more generous than Les Joyeuses and more elegant, showing better today. More density to support the oak. Very successful.

Drink from 2028-2032. Tasted Dec 2024.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Valozières » 2023 : 91-93/100

50% whole bunch vinification, 40% new wood. An even ruby purple with a generous fruit including some ripe red cherry on the nose. Heading to a darker fruit, even some plums on the palate, a few tannins as well, but the fruit covers them easily enough. Fine long aftertaste.

Drink from 2029-2033. Tasted Dec 2024.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2023 : 88-91/100

50% whole bunch vinification, 50% new wood. Slightly deeper in colour but a slightly more gravelly nose and the wood shows a bit more. Toppe au Vert is actually in Ladoix, but has been learning bad habits from Aloxe! Does not quite fill out the middle as well.

Drink from 2029-2033. Tasted Dec 2024.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2023 : 91-93/100

60% whole bunch vinification, just one barrel (one year old wood) made. An even purple colour. This 1er Cru Maréchaudes has a very classy bouquet, in which I cannot see the stems for the fruit. Maybe I can now in the floral style of cherries and strawberries. Good balance of tannin and acidity alongside this relatively concentrated fruit.

Drink from 2030-2034. Tasted Dec 2024.

Inside Burgundy – By Jasper Morris

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Maréchaudes* » 2023 : 92-94/100

A deeper colour, almost black at the centre. The nose has enough power not to be especially forthcoming. But the concentration of dark berry fruit, summer pudding style though with lower acidity is impressive. There is a lot of wine in this glass. 60% whole bunch vinification with 3 barrels in five.

Drink from 2031-2036. Tasted Dec 2024.

Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2023 : 93-95/100

A fine dense purple. The bouquet offers a concentration of complex dark berries, with some gravelly tannins on the palate along with the fruit. Impressive structure with easily enough fruit to cover it. Vigorous yet balanced. 70% whole bunch vinification and 60% new wood.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted Dec 2024.

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2023 : 94-96/100

70% whole bunch vinification and 60% new wood. An imperial purple colour. This is stunning! There is a huge weight of fruit here, yet it treads lightly. Strawberry, raspberry something of everything, and the tannins are finer. A beautiful long finish here, beautifully done.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted Dec 2024.

Ladoix Blanc Village 2023 : 89/100

Blend of two plots at the northern end. Mid lemon yellow, the nose is in fresh white fruit not too demonstrative, but with a certain crisp elegance on the palate. Quite persistent nonetheless.

Drink from 2027-2029. Tasted Dec 2024.

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Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » Blanc 2023 : 90/100

Mix of barrel and tank. A delicious fresh pale primrose, the bouquet is clean and crisp yet with energy behind. High class fresh citrus on base of white fruit, giving the suggestion that this will need a year or two yet. All made in 350-litre barrels.

Drink from 2027-2030. Tasted Dec 2024.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2023 : 90-92/100

Two new 350-litre barrels out of the seven, and some ceramic Clayvers. Mid lemon yellow. A little more sunshine in the nose, ripe citrus. Then a touch of iodine, reflecting the marl and pebbles of the soil. Very good tension, almost painfully young. The separate Clayver component is brighter in colour, a touch more reductive on the nose, much grapier then with a final youthful bitterness. Finally, what will be the blend: Clear pale lemon yellow. This is the best solution. The Clayver has just freshened up the wood component and if anything given the wine a longer finish.

Drink from 2027-2032. Tasted Dec 2024.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2023 : 94-96/100

Fresh lemon yellow. A wealth of immediate ripe fruit, soft citrus. And a little bit of oak. All the minerals start bouncing around at the back of the palate, and there is easily enough fruit concentration to manage the 50% new oak. Impressive.

Drink from 2030-2038. Tasted Dec 2024.