

Long-term readers know that I am a long-term fan of this Volnay producer. It was the first time I was not greeted by the ursine figure of Jean-Pierre Charlot, instead by his nephew Etienne Chaix. Charlot is taking a back seat role but came in to see me halfway through the tasting. As usual, I was presented with detailed information on the exact number of barrels from their diaspora of tiny holdings across 8 hectares of vineyard vis-à-vis previous vintages. In 2019 the picking began on 13 September compared to 30 August in 2018, though in 2020 that record was broken since they began in on 22 August. An indicator of the depleted yields is that production in 2019 was 119 barrels compared to 182 in 2018 and 191 in 2017. The style of winemaking has not altered. This is the bastion of what you might call “traditional” Burgundy that is all the rage nowadays. These are terroir-driven, site-specific wines that arguably entertain a bit of rusticity, can seem a little coarse in their youth, but age with unerring panache. The Volnay Caillerets is amongst the best you will find in 2019, not powerful but beguilingly intense, a wine that evokes its place of origin. Prices remain relatively reasonable and both 2018s in bottle and the forthcoming 2019s are recommended.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Find it O	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Beaune Aux Coucherias 1er Cru	The 2019 Beaune Aux Coucherias 1er Cru is matured in 25% new oak, one out of four <i>pièces</i> . The bouquet is quite intense with redcurrant, touches of <i>hoisin</i> and rose petals, a light balsamic note developing with time. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannins and that balsamic theme continues to tinctured the red fruit. Lively, lightly spiced on the finish, this fine Beaune Premier Cru should drink well over the next 12-15 years. -- Neal Martin	(90- 92)	Neal Martin	2022 - 2033	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Bourgogne Rouge	The 2019 Bourgogne Rouge comes from two parcels in Meursault and has a potent floral nose with rose petals and touches of lavender.	85	Neal Martin	2020 - 2023	Not Available	Dec 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Meursault Les Cras 1er Cru	<p>The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit, fine delineation and a touch of white pepper on the finish. Fine.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	87	Neal Martin	2021 - 2026	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Meursault Les Chevalières	<p>The 2019 Meursault Les Cras 1er Cru, which like the Les Chevalières sees no new oak, has a slightly smudged bouquet that lacks some vigour. The palate is better with a sour lemon and slightly bitter entry that lends tension, waxy in texture with a peach skin finish. Not bad, but the aromatics need improvement in bottle.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	86	Neal Martin	2020 - 2025	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Clos Micault 1er Cru	<p>Matured in one new and one used barrel, the 2019 Pommard Clos Micault 1er Cru has a transparent and well defined bouquet that is slightly more savory than the other cuvées from the domaine. The palate is medium-</p>	(89- 91)	Neal Martin	2022 - 2032	Not Available	Dec 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/>				bodied with crunchy raspberry and cranberry fruit, a touch of sour cherry with a piquant finish that just needs a bit more length. Fine. -- Neal Martin					
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Les Epenots 1er Cru	The 2019 Pommard Les Epenots 1er Cru, matured in 50% new oak, has a well defined, quite loamy bouquet that takes a while to unfold in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied, savory in style with some wood and supple tannins waiting to be subsumed towards the finish. Give this 3-4 years in bottle if you can. -- Neal Martin	(90- 92)	Neal Martin	2024 - 2038	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Les Pézerolles 1er Cru	The 2019 Pommard Les Pézerolles 1er Cru was matured in 20% new oak, one barrel out of a total of five. It has a well defined bouquet with cranberry, raspberry, a touch of soy and bay leaf. There is just a touch of greenness present at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with a sapid opening. Grippy on the entry, this builds nicely towards the red berry finish laced with brown spices and bay leaf again. Fine cohesion. I just seek a little more finesse on the nose of this Pézerolles. -- Neal Martin	(90- 92)	Neal Martin	2023 - 2038	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	2018	Domaine	Pommard	The 2019 Pommard Les Pézerolles 1er Cru	(92-	Neal	2024 -	Not	Dec

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Find it Online		Joseph Voillot	Les Rugiens 1er Cru	comes from 0.23-hectare of vine and is matured in 20% new oak. It clearly has the finest aromatics of Voillot's Pommards with beautifully defined, almost clinical scents of wild strawberry, cranberry leaf and crushed rock, damp earthy notes emerging with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannins, very smooth in texture, harmonious and quintessentially Pommard in style, it has a fine structure and grip towards the finish. Excellent. -- Neal Martin	94)	Martin	2048	Available	2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Village	A blend of four different parcels, the 2019 Pommard Village has a fragrant bouquet that is showing a little more harmony and intensity than the Volnay Village. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit laced with Earl Grey. Nice build in the mouth. This is a lovely Pommard Village full of charm. Should be ready to drink after a couple of years in bottle. -- Neal Martin	(89- 91)	Neal Martin	2022 - 2032	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru	The 2019 Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru comes from 0.14-hectare of vine. It has a well defined and more mineral driven bouquet compared to the Champans, the 50% new oak lending a little sheen. The palate is medium-bodied with silky smooth tannins and a fine bead of acidity.	(93- 95)	Neal Martin	2023 - 2045	Not Available	Dec 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Champans 1er Cru	<p>One of the purest Volnays that I have tasted at the domaine in many many years, this is a small production of two barrels, but try and grab a bottle.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Champans 1er Cru	<p>The 2019 Volnay Les Champans 1er Cru, matured in 20% new oak, has darker fruit than the Fremiets, touches of blackberry and briary complementing the raspberry and cranberry. The oak here is neatly enmeshed. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, silkier than the Fremiets in texture with a piquant finish. Delightful and so fresh!</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	(92- 94)	Neal Martin	2023 - 2039	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Fremiets 1er Cru	<p>The 2019 Volnay Les Fremiets 1er Cru sees 20% new oak. It has a very harmonious bouquet with pure cranberry and raspberry fruit, though maybe not the most complex example that I encountered from this vineyard. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grip, quite structured, a hint of spice and balsamic behind the raspberry and cranberry fruit with a light cola note on the finish. I am fascinated to see how this Fremiets will develop.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	(90- 92)	Neal Martin	2022 - 2036	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019	Domaine	Volnay	The 2019 Volnay Village comes from 1.38-	(88-	Neal	2021 -	Not	Dec

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Find it Online			Joseph Voillot	Village hectare over 6 parcels. It has another overly floral bouquet with red cherry and strawberry fruit laced with wilted rose petal. The palate is medium-bodied with brittle tannins, quite cohesive with a gentle grip towards the finish. Fine transparency here, classic, almost old school Volnay that will drink well over the next decade. -- Neal Martin	90)	Martin	2031	Available	2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru	The 2018 Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru has a gorgeous fragrant floral bouquet with bunches of roses complementing the vibrant red fruit. Wonderful intensity. The palate is medium-bodied with gently grippy tannins, quite spicy towards the finish with a slightly <i>confit</i> towards the end. This is destined to age very well. Superb. -- Neal Martin	93	Neal Martin	2023 - 2047	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Les Epenots 1er Cru	The 2018 Pommard Les Epenots 1er Cru, matured in 30% new oak, has a ripe and generous bouquet with mulberry, blackberry jam and light figgy notes that subsided to reveal more <i>mineralité</i> with time. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins, vibrant red fruit laced with balsamic, firmly structured towards the finish that suggests it will need a couple more years in bottle. Classic Pommard.	92	Neal Martin	2023 - 2038	Not Available	Dec 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Bourgogne Rouge	<p>-- Neal Martin</p> <p>The 2018 Bourgogne Rouge has a generous bouquet with cranberry and raspberry pastilles. The palate is well balanced with a sweet candied opening, more so than the 2019, with a ripe orange zest finish. Drink over the next 2-3 years.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	86	Neal Martin	2020 - 2023	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Vieilles Vignes	<p>The 2018 Volnay Vieilles Vignes has closed down quite a lot since bottling. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins, a Pommard-like Volnay in some respect with a peppery, sappy finish. This might enter a dumb phase for 3-4 years.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	89+	Neal Martin	2025 - 2035	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Vieilles Vignes	<p>The 2018 Pommard Vieilles Vignes has a perfumed, quite floral bouquet with iris petals and a touch of rose infusing the mixture of red and black fruit, a little earthy in style. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle grip on the entry, fine structure and a tad more expressive than the Volnay at this precise time. Good length here with a tingle on the tongue after the wine has departed.</p> <p>-- Neal Martin</p>	90	Neal Martin	2023 - 2036	Not Available	Dec 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Volnay Les Champans 1er Cru	The 2018 Volnay Les Champans 1er Cru offers attractive black fruit mixed with briary, crushed rock and sea cave aromas on the nose that is all quite captivating. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, good depth and grip with a saline finish that gets the saliva flowing. Classy, old school Volnay. -- Neal Martin	93	Neal Martin	2022 - 2042	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Les Pézerolles 1er Cru	The 2018 Pommard Les Pézerolles 1er Cru has a ripe and generous bouquet with black cherries, blueberry, touches of violet and light loamy aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp acidity, crunchy black fruit laced with brown spices and a touch of tobacco on the finish. This is full of charm and personality and is built to age. -- Neal Martin	94	Neal Martin	2023 - 2045	Not Available	Dec 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Find it Online	2018	Domaine Joseph Voillot	Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru	The 2018 Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru has an engaging classic bouquet with raspberry, wild strawberry, <i>sous-bois</i> and blood orange that all blossom with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins, beautifully interwoven tannins, seamless in texture with veins of blue fruit towards the long finish. What a fabulous Pommard from the Domaine - this comes highly recommended. <i>Vrai</i> Pommard!	94	Neal Martin	2024 - 2048	Not Available	Dec 2020

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