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### ***Meursault***

#### **2022 Meursault “les Chevalières”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The 2022 Meursault “les Chevalières” from Etienne Chaix at Domaine Joseph Voillot has turned out beautifully in this vintage, offering up a bright and complex bouquet of apple, pear, hazelnut, chalky minerality, white flowers and a gentle framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is zesty, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of ripe fruit, fine soil signature, a good spine of acidity and lovely balance on the long and classy finish. This is wide open and drinking very well right out of the blocks, but it has the underlying structure to also age quite nicely. These vines are now forty-three years of age and really in their prime. Fine juice. 2024-2045. **91.**

#### **2022 Meursault “les Cras” 1er Cru- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The 2022 les Cras bottling from Etienne Chaix is another fine bottle of Meursault. The wine offers up a fine aromatic constellation of apple, lemon, hazelnut, a complex base of soil tones, discreet notes of vanillin oak and the classic Meursault floral topnote of geranium. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused, vibrant and complex, with a superb core of fruit, good soil undertow and a long, poised and beautifully balanced finish. There is a lot of clay in the soil of les Cras, so this is never the most mineral of Meursault premier crus, but the wine is deep, full and classy in profile and delivers plenty of pleasure. 2024-2055. **91+.**

## ***Volnay***

### **2022 Volnay “Vieilles Vignes”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The 2022 Volnay “Vieilles Vignes” from Etienne Chaix at Domaine Joseph Voillot comes in at an even thirteen percent octane in this vintage. A small percentage of the vines that go into this cuvée are around forty years of age, but the vast majority range from sixty to seventy years of age. The wine offers up a beautiful, sappy bouquet of black cherries, black plums, *pigeon*, dark soil tones, a hint of mustard seed, woodsmoke, violets and a touch of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and nicely transparent down to its soil, with a lovely core of fruit, tangy acids, fine balance and grip and a long, complex and suavely tannic finish. This is an outstanding *villages*! 2032-2070. **91.**

### **2022 Volnay “les Fremiets”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The 2022 Volnay “les Fremiets” from Domaine Joseph Voillot is another impeccably balanced example of the vintage, again coming in at thirteen percent alcohol. The bouquet is pure, precise and nicely black fruity in personality, wafting from the glass in a mix of cassis, dark berries, coffee bean, a lovely foundation of dark soil tones, gamebird, fresh thyme, a gentle framing of cedar and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, transparent and beautifully proportioned, with a fine core of black fruit, excellent soil signature, ripe, fine-grained tannins and a long, tangy, complex and focused finish. This is an excellent bottle of Volnay. 2034-2085. **93+.**

### **2022 Volnay “les Champans”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The 2022 Volnay “les Champans” from Domaine Joseph Voillot is one of the riper bottlings in Etienne Chaix’s lineup in this vintage, but still only tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane. The wine is beautiful on both the nose and palate, with the bouquet very precise, pure and red fruity in personality this year, offering up scents of cherries, strawberries, a touch of blood orange, gamebird, bonfire, gentle spice tones and a discreet framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is bright, tangy, full-bodied and soil-driven in personality, with a beautiful core of red fruit, fine-grained tannins and superb focus and balance on the long, ripely tannic and vibrant finish. This is a great bottle of young Champans (made from vines that average sixty-eight years of age, with the oldest planted in 1934)! 2035-2085. **94.**

### **2022 Volnay “les Caillerets”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

Etienne Chaix’s 2022 Caillerets is another simply superb young Volnay. The bouquet has more black fruity elements in it than the equally stunning Champans this year, wafting from the glass in a mix of red and black cherries, sweet dark berries, raw cocoa, *pigeon*, dark soil tones, woodsmoke, a nice touch of Caillerets spice tones and a deft framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and very elegant in profile, with a rock solid core of fruit, superb soil transparency and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. Great juice in the making. 2035-2085. **94.**

## **Pommard**

### **2022 Pommard “Vieilles Vignes”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

The youngest vines in the Pommard “Vieilles Vignes” bottling from Etienne Chaix were planted in 1983, but the vast majority were planted in the decade of the 1960s and the oldest all the way back in 1934! The wine in 2022 is again a very svelte thirteen percent octane and quite classically proportioned. The bouquet hops from the glass in a vibrant and complex blend of red plums, cherries, gamebird, a complex base of soil tones, bonfire, peonies and a touch of oak. On the palate the wine is bright, red fruity, full-bodied and soil-driven in personality, with a fine core, ripe, well-integrated tannins, lovely focus and a long, nascently complex and impeccably balanced finish. This is a proper young Pommard and will demand some time along in the cellar, but it is going to be excellent juice once it starts to drink. 2035-2075+. **90+**.

### **2022 Pommard “Clos Micault”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

Monsieur Chaix’s vines in Clos Micault are his oldest in the commune of Pommard, as these vines were planted all the way back in 1958. He has just under fourteen *ares* of vines in this premier cru. The wine is excellent in 2022, offering superb depth and purity on both the nose and palate, with the fairly black fruity bouquet offering up notes of black cherries, sweet dark berries, hung game, raw cocoa, a fine base of soil, mustard seed, bonfire and a deft framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, complex and beautifully balanced, with an excellent core of fruit, lovely soil undertow and grip, ripe, well-integrated tannins and fine focus on the long and very promising finish. All this excellent bottle of Pommard needs is sufficient time in the cellar to soften up its ripe tannins. 2035-2085. **92**.

### **2022 Pommard “les Epenots”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

What I love about the premier cru Pommards in the lineup at Domaine Voillot is that they are all planted to old vines, with their ages all now more than sixty years of age. The 2022 les Epenots from the domaine is a beautifully measured example of the vintage, coming in at 13.5 percent alcohol this year and delivering a deep, complex and very refined aromatic constellation of cherries, red plums, grilled venison, mustard seed, bonfire, a superb base of soil tones, a gentle touch of peonies and a restrained framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is bright, tangy, fullbodied and quite elegant in profile (for a young Pommard), with a beautiful core of red fruit, superb soil signature, ripe, buried tannins and a very long, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. Great juice in the making. 2036-2085. **94**.

### **2022 Pommard “les Pézerolles”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

In this day and age, all of the premier crus in Pommard are underrated, but one of the finest in the commune and the least well-respected is les Pézerolles. These old vines have excelled at Domaine Voillot in 2022, with the wine delivering great precision in its complex and pure bouquet of red and black cherries, plums, a hint of pomegranate, gamebird, cocoa powder, gorgeous soil tones, peonies and a hint of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and transparent down to its soil tones, with a great core of fruit, bright acids, fine-grained tannins and impeccable balance on the long, complex and very classy finish. This will need plenty of hibernation time in the cellar to soften up, but it is going to be a stunning bottle of wine in due course. 2035-2085. **94+**.

**2022 Pommard “les Rugiens”- Domaine Joseph Voillot**

As I have mentioned previously, Etienne Chaix is blessed to have his rows of vines in the lower, *Bas* section of Rugiens, which is often cited as a candidate for grand cru status if the appellation contrôlée rankings are ever revisited in Burgundy. These old vines have turned out a brilliant young wine in 2022, with the bouquet wafting from the glass in a superb blend of black cherries, red plums, raw cocoa, gamebird, woodsmoke, a beautiful base of stony soil tones, a touch of fresh thyme, roses and a discreet foundation of new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, fullbodied and properly structured out of the blocks, with a superb core of fruit, great inflection of soil, fine-grained, chewy tannins, great balance and a long, complex and precisely focused young finish. All this great wine needs is time in the cellar to blossom. 2037-2085. **94+**.