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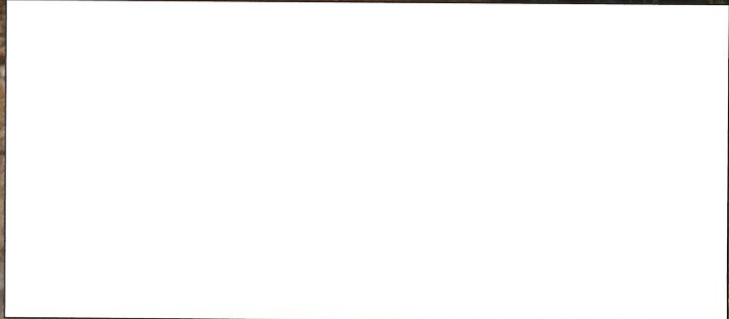
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GREAT VALUES

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A GLOBAL ROUNDUP OF WELL-PRICED WINES FOR EVERY OCCASION

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Different times of day demand different types of wines. What pairs nicely with a salad at lunch isn't the same as what your family opens together for a hearty Sunday dinner. When it comes to affordably priced offerings, we've got you covered for whatever the situation requires, whether you're meeting coworkers for happy

hour, inviting another couple over for a special dinner or gathering a large group for a simple yet satisfying meal.

All of the wines in this diverse roundup are rated 89 points or higher, priced at \$30 or less and made in large enough quantities

to be widely available. They hail from every corner of the wine world, representing the best of what vintners are able to deliver in terms of excellent quality for the price. From refreshing Sauvignon Blancs and character-filled rosés to elegant Pinot Noirs and succulent Chiantis, there's something here to suit any occasion that comes your way.



LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

There's nothing quite like meeting up with friends in the middle of a busy day for a light lunch paired with a glass of crisp white wine. The options available when it comes to bright, fresh whites are ever-expanding, as the popularity of the style means that more vintners are searching out cooler climates and avoiding the use of oak, yielding a range of mouthwatering versions. In addition to the many New World examples on offer, two countries worth exploring in depth are Italy and Spain, where winemakers are focused on raising the quality of their traditional native varieties.

92 | \$22 | JORGE ORDOÑEZ & CO. | Moscatel Sierras de Málaga Botani Old Vines 2023 | *SPAIN* | This bright, well-cut white offers a waft of orange and lime blossom aromas, plus a lively mix of blood orange, pink grapefruit granita, lychee, Thai basil and Marcona almond notes, backed by a streak of salinity. (A.N.)

92 | \$25 | DRY CREEK | Sauvignon Blanc Dry Creek Valley 2022 | *CALIFORNIA* | Fragrant, with notes of lemon basil and lemongrass, this version shows hints of celery seed that complement the generous core of pear, peach and lemon-lime flavors, revealing tropical fruit and ginger elements on the crisp finish. (M.W.)

91 | \$17 | MCBRIDE SISTERS COLLECTION | Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2023 | *NEW ZEALAND* | Crisp, juicy and fruit-forward, this white offers yuzu, lime and passion fruit flavors that burst forward with aromatics, while notes of fresh ginger, lemon sage and tarragon linger on the finish. (M.W.)

91 | \$18 | VIÑA TABALI | Sauvignon Blanc Limari Valley Vetas 2023 | *CHILE* | A clean and refreshing white, with mineral and sea spray elements to the succulent peach and citrus notes up front, picking up a salted melon accent midpalate before ending with a mouthwatering finish. (A.R.)

91 | \$22 | ELENA WALCH | Pinot Grigio Alto Adige 2023 | *ITALY* | Elegant, with an appealing creamy nappé to the texture as it carries notes of ripe pear, peach skin, blood orange peel, green almond and orchard blossoms. A tangy streak of salinity and lively acidity focus the finely woven flavors. (A.N.)

91 | \$23 | MASON | Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Yount Mill Vineyard 2022 | *CALIFORNIA* | Elegant and supple, offering Key lime, lemon zest and mango notes that mingle with a touch of candied ginger and honeysuckle on a smooth and refreshing frame. (M.W.)

91 | \$30 | LE ROI DES PIERRES | Sancerre Silex 2022 | *FRANCE* | This version has good power and density to its glossy mix of herb-infused green plum and crunchy nectarine flavors, revealing chalky mineral elements that build intensity. (K.B.)

90 | \$18 | FRENZY | Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Mount Richmond Estate 2023 | *NEW ZEALAND* | Expressive and mouthwatering, with firm yuzu, mango and lime flavors that mingle with herbal accents of lemon verbena, lemon thyme and ginger root. (M.W.)

90 | \$18 | SUAVIA | Garganega Soave Classico 2022 | *ITALY* | This bright white is minerally on the nose, with lively acidity driving the

well-meshed range of Honeycrisp apple and melon fruit, showing aromatic accents of honeysuckle, clove and graphite. (A.N.)

90 | \$20 | FORGE | Riesling Seneca Lake Dry Classique 2021 | *NEW YORK* | Focused and tight, this features a mix of yuzu, yellow apple, fennel and bitter almond notes that race along through the lengthy finish. (J.M.)

90 | \$20 | KING ESTATE | Pinot Gris Willamette Valley Artisan Series 2023 | *OREGON* | Sleek and succulent, with fragrant notes of honeysuckle, lemon and nectarine that glide on the vibrant finish. (T.F.)

90 | \$20 | MAROTTI CAMPI | Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore Luzano 2023 | *ITALY* | There's a zesty edge to this light-bodied, mineral-driven white, with hints of grapefruit peel and milled white pepper accenting the crunchy peach and pineapple fruit, with blanched almond and dried white blossom notes. (A.N.)

90 | \$21 | PRÀ | Soave Classico Otto 2022 | *ITALY* | A lithe, mouthwatering white, with zippy acidity driving the flavors of ripe yellow plum, pink grapefruit granita and peach skin, revealing minerally smoke and stone accents that are followed by a floral finish. (A.N.)

90 | \$25 | ETXANIZ TXAKOLINA | Getariako Txakolina Txomin Etxaniz 2023 | *SPAIN* | Floral and spice notes waft through the juicy flavors of red apple, tangerine zest and honeydew melon in this sleek white, which features a light plumpness on the palate and a salty finish. Hondarrabi Zuri and Hondarrabi Beltza. (A.N.)

90 | \$30 | ALBERT BICHOT | Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 | *FRANCE* | Displaying lemon, apple and mineral notes, this sleek white shows fine intensity and balance, with a silky texture and a light chalky feel on the long finish. (B.S.)

89 | \$14 | VIÑA LEYDA | Sauvignon Blanc Leyda Valley Reserva 2023 | *CHILE* | This white contrasts bracing acidity with honeyed pear and citrus flavors, with mineral tension and spice details underneath, ending with a clean finish. (A.R.)

89 | \$17 | ARGIOLAS | Vermentino di Sardegna Costamolino 2022 | *ITALY* | Balanced and fresh, this white offers a creamy mix of melon, Meyer lemon peel, pineapple and lime blossom flavors, backed by a salty finish. (A.N.)

89 | \$17 | BOUZA DO REI | Albariño Rias Baixas Lagar de Bouza 2022 | *SPAIN* | Zesty hints of grapefruit peel and white pepper accent the crunchy pear, white peach, stone and light herb flavors in this well-cut white, which displays a light creaminess on the mineral-driven finish. (A.N.)

89 | \$20 | LONG SHADOWS VINTNERS | Riesling Columbia Valley Poet's Leap 2022 | *CALIFORNIA* | Delicate and floral, this version features pretty peach, cantaloupe and honeysuckle accents that finish on a fleshy note. (T.F.)

89 | \$20 | BODEGAS VATAN | Verdejo Rueda Nisia Old Vines 2023 | *SPAIN* | Sleek and minerally, this lithe white offers a well-knit mix of star fruit, clementine, oolong tea leaf, white blossoms and vanilla, framed by crisp acidity and a salty underpinning. (A.N.)

FRANCE

Bordeaux

89 Château Grand Jean Bordeaux Supérieur 2022 \$25 Fresh and inviting, with a sleek edge to its mix of blackberry and black cherry preserves. Subtle hot stone and tobacco notes permeate the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec. Drink now through 2027. 25,000 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Château Bellevue Bordeaux Supérieur 2022 \$20 Shows a solid core of black currant and steeped black cherry fruit set against a backdrop of dark tobacco and singed apple wood notes, while a savory edge adds cut on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2026. 13,000 cases made, 4,000 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Château Malbat Bordeaux 2022 \$12 A pretty red, offering boysenberry pâte de fruit, anise and violet notes backed by a fine-grained, easy-going structure, with a late savory echo. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2025. 5,420 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Château Moulin de Mallet Bordeaux 2022 \$13 A direct version, with notes of dark currant and cherry preserves framed with alder and cedar accents. Warm earthechoes through the finish. Drink now through 2026. 10,000 cases made, 8,000 cases imported.—J.M.

87 Château Claud Grand Chemin Bordeaux 2021 \$10 This red's friendly black cherry and black currant fruit shows a veneer of singed vanilla, with a dash of tobacco on the finish. Drink now through 2025. 15,000 cases made, 5,000 cases imported.—J.M.

87 Château de Lagarde Bordeaux Les Hauts de Lagarde 2022 \$19 Dark plum and cherry compote flavors take on a sheen of singed vanilla and violet through the sleek, fresh finish. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 14,000 cases made, 10,000 cases imported.—J.M.

86 Château Les Reuilles Bordeaux 2022 \$11 Fresh plum and loganberry compote flavors are laced with a hint of tobacco through the easy finish. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 3,252 cases made, 1,700 cases imported.—J.M.

FRANCE

Burgundy / Chablis

95 William Fèvre Chablis Les Clos Domaine 2021 \$250 There's plenty of volume in this Chablis, whose rich, round frame boasts aromas and flavors of peach, apple, lemon and flinty mineral. It's all about the combination of power, balance and intensity, with excellent length. Though enjoyable now, this is still very youthful. Drink now through 2033. 170 cases imported.—B.S.

94 William Fèvre Chablis Bougros Côte Bouguerots Domaine 2021 \$209 A linear style, this white displays apple, green plum, lemon and stone aromas and flavors. Broadens out slightly midpalate, before leaving an aftertaste of mineral and stone on the firm, dry and chalky finish. Drink now through 2032. 50 cases imported.—B.S.

94 Christian Moreau Père & Fils Chablis Les Clos 2022 \$123 Rich and verging on creamy, with peach, green plum, lemon, floral and mineral flavors, this white turns leaner and more defined as the bracing acidity emerges, driving the citrus and mineral finish. Drink now through 2032.—B.S.

94 Louis Moreau Chablis Les Clos 2021 \$115 This white's creamy texture is offset by lively acidity that frames its lemon, yuzu, floral and vanilla flavors. Tense and racy, picking up mineral and herbal accents on the long finish. Drink now through 2032. 712 cases made.—B.S.

94 Louis Moreau Chablis Valmur 2021 \$100 Verges on creamy in texture, featuring peach, apple and lemon notes, with a light saline touch. This white is beautifully balanced and seamless from start to finish, with a mineral element that increases in intensity at the end. Drink now through 2030. 211 cases made.—B.S.



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93 Albert Bichot Chablis Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$190 Ripe peach, yellow plum, melon and mineral aromas and flavors are the hallmarks of this harmonious white, which shows fine intensity and complexity, with a lingering aftertaste of fruit and mineral notes. Best from 2026 through 2033. 1,981 cases made, 100 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Albert Bichot Chablis Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$336 Vanilla and lanolin accents add detail to the core flavors of peach, apple, lemon and earth in this well-knit, compact Chablis. Lithe and elegant, with excellent balance. The lingering finish echoes lanolin and lemon. Best from 2026 through 2033. 2,486 cases made, 116 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Drouhin Vaudon Chablis Les Clos 2022 \$145 Peach, melon, lime blossom and pastry flavors herald this supple white. Harmonious and charming, with enough grip on the finish to merit a decade of development. Fine length. Drink now through 2032. 60 cases imported.—B.S.

93 William Fèvre Chablis Beauroy Domaine 2021 \$89 Pungent, this intense white exudes green plum, melon and flint aromas and flavors backed by a stony element, building to a long, salty finish. Features ample flesh midpalate and terrific balance. Drink now through 2030. 20 cases imported.—B.S.

93 William Fèvre Chablis Bougros Domaine 2021 \$190 Rich and bordering on creamy in texture, featuring peach, apple tart and yellow plum flavors. Focused by lively acidity, with citrus and floral notes on the finish, this version really narrows down to a focal point. Drink now through 2030. 100 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Christian Moreau Père & Fils Chablis Valmur 2022 \$168 This bright, succulent white is harmonious and approachable, delivering peach, melon, yellow plum and mineral aromas and flavors. A persistent version, lingering nicely on the salty, tangy finish. Drink now through 2028.—B.S.

93 Christian Moreau Père & Fils Chablis Vaudésir 2022 \$168 This starts out on the opulent side, with a hint of vanilla framing the peach, plum and stone aromas and flavors, yet there's good underlying cut that dovetails on the finish, streamlining the flavors. Shows terrific harmony and length. Drink now through 2032.—B.S.

93 Simonnet-Febvre Chablis Fourchaume 2022 \$55 A vibrant style, featuring peach, pear, floral and mineral aromas and flavors. This white is intense and balanced, with vivid acidity and a stony element driving the long aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. 2,000 cases made, 200 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Simonnet-Febvre Chablis Preuses 2022 \$130 A ripe, rich version, this white boasts peach, melon, yellow plum and salty flavors backed by a solid structure, with fine balance and a long, mineral-infused aftertaste. Drink now through 2029. 280 cases made, 80 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Albert Bichot Chablis Les Beugnons Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$86 Tightly wound and compact, this is austere yet delivers apple, lemon and yellow plum flavors, with an underlying mineral element. Dry and steely on the long aftertaste of orchard fruit and chalk dust. Drink now through 2030. 1,094 cases made, 104 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Albert Bichot Chablis Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$185 Round and bordering on creamy, this white boasts peach, apple, lemon and flint aromas and flavors. An elegant and balanced version, with a firm, dry, chalky finish. Drink now through 2032. 1,252 cases made, 103 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Albert Bichot Chablis Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$192 A rich style, exhibiting peach and cantaloupe flavors, with a hint of vanilla. Balanced and refreshing, this firms up, with a tactile sensation on the extended finish. Needs time to fully integrate. Best from 2026 through 2032. 1,812 cases made, 110 cases imported.—B.S.

92 William Fèvre Chablis Domaine 2022 \$47 Bursting with peach, apple, lemon and flint aromas and flavors, this expressive and supple white is harmonious and ready to enjoy, yet should develop well over the next five to seven years. Shows excellent length. Drink now through 2028. 5,000 cases imported.—B.S.



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Estate Director

92 Simonnet-Febvre Chablis Les Clos 2022 \$130 A bright, succulent version, this white features peach, apple, lemon and earth notes set against a lively structure. The fruit concedes to a stony accent on the finish, with excellent balance and length. Drink now through 2029. 450 cases made, 120 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Simonnet-Febvre Chablis Mont de Milieu 2022 \$55 Notes of peach, melon and yellow plum mingle with mineral and wild herb flavors in this fleshy and vibrant white, which is deftly balanced, with a lingering tangy aftertaste that echoes the ripe fruit and herb notes. Drink now through 2029. 1,200 cases made, 150 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Simonnet-Febvre Chablis Vaillons 2022 \$50 Notes of stone and chalk dust are as prevalent as the peach, melon and lemon fruit in this complex, mouth-watering white. Balanced and long, echoing citrus and mineral accents on the finish. Drink now through 2029. 2,200 cases made, 450 cases imported.—B.S.

90 Albert Bichot Chablis 2022 \$37 This plump white offers juicy peach, apple and citrus flavors backed by a lively structure and a light mineral vein. Tails off slightly on the finish yet stays balanced and lingers. Drink now through 2028. 4,890 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.—B.S.

90 Albert Bichot Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 \$30 Displaying lemon, apple and mineral notes, this sleek white shows fine intensity and balance, with a silky texture and a light, chalky feel on the long finish. Drink now through 2027. 14,594 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.—B.S.

90 Christian Moreau Père & Fils Chablis 2022 \$42 Verging on pineapple and dried apricot flavors, this Chablis is ripe and open, with a light tactile feel. Round and inviting, with peach, citrus and stone accents on the moderately long finish. Drink now through 2028. 1,750 cases imported.—B.S.

FRANCE

Burgundy / Côte de Beaune / Other

95 Domaine Clos de la Chapelle Corton-Charlemagne Cuvée Exceptionnelle 2021 \$345

Matchstick and lime blossom aromas introduce this bracing white, whose lemon, citronella, quinine and hazelnut flavors give way to lively acidity on the finish. Intense and long, ending with an aftertaste of roasted nuts and stony mineral. Best from 2026 through 2036. 25 cases made, 13 cases imported.—B.S.

95 Domaine Faiveley Corton-Charlemagne 2022 \$550 A whiff of briny oyster shell leads off, with flavors of peach, citronella, white flowers, lemon oil and baking spices. Supple and fluid, this white is approachable now, yet should be even better in a year or two. Shows excellent harmony, finesse and length. Best from 2026 through 2035. 15 cases imported.—B.S.

95 Lucien Le Moine Meursault Charmes 2021 \$349 Expressive and silky, this white delivers floral, peach, nectarine, apple and lemon oil aromas and flavors, with smoky overtones and an underlying mineral component. Juicy and impeccably balanced, this is about finesse, texture and complexity. Drink now through 2033. 10 cases imported.—B.S.

95 Lucien Le Moine Meursault Genevrières 2021 \$407 Rich, creamy, smoky and salty, with a good dose of lemon notes and white flowers that show a hint of tangerine. This is so expressive and supple, you want to drink it now, yet the racy acidity says to give this energetic white a little more time in the bottle. Best from 2025 through 2032. 10 cases imported.—B.S.

95 Pierre Meurgey Corton-Charlemagne 2022 \$541 There's power to this lush and creamy version, as well as precision provided by the well-defined structure, with the texture enveloping peach, orange Creamsicle, lemon oil and baking spice flavors. Shows fine salty length too. Best from 2025 through 2032. 16 cases made, 5 cases imported.—B.S.

94 Albert Bichot Corton-Charlemagne Domaine du Pavillon 2022 \$624 Plump and vibrant, this harmonious white is wrapped in toasty oak, with peach, apple, lemon and baking spice aromas and flavors. Cruises to a long, toasty, mineral-tinged aftertaste, propelled by vivid acidity. Best from 2026 through 2035. 848 cases made, 80 cases imported.—B.S.

94 Chanson Père & Fils Corton White Les Vergennes Domaine 2022 \$249 Smoke and toasty oak aromas give way to flavors of peach, lemon pie, and stony mineral in this intense, powerful white, which settles down midpalate, ending in a sleek, well-defined finish. Spice and mineral accents linger. Best from 2026 through 2035. 15 cases imported.—B.S.

94 Lucien Le Moine Meursault Les Gouttes d'Or 2021 \$354 This taut version reveals lime blossom, citronella and ripe apple flavors, with a touch of passion fruit. Sleek and resonant, driven by its vibrant structure, this shows marvelous balance and stony length. Best from 2026 through 2032. 20 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Domaine Clos de la Chapelle Beaune White Les Reversées 2022 \$59 Floral, apple, lemon and light oak spice aromas and flavors are the features of this delicate white, which is harmonious and charming, with a firm backbone. Gathering intensity, this ends with a white pepper accent on the long aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. 150 cases made, 45 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Domaine Clos de la Chapelle Corton-Charlemagne 2022 \$225 Starting out fleshy, offering lemon tart, apple, mineral and pastry flavors, this focused white converges to a mouthwatering, salty point on the

lingering finish. This should open up nicely in a year or two. Best from 2026 through 2033. 150 cases made, 35 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Domaine Clos de la Chapelle Meursault Charmes 2022 \$195 This white is lush and enticing, boasting peach, apple, lemon and baking spice flavors. A hint of orange peel peeks through on the lingering, juicy finish. Shows terrific balance and length. Drink now through 2032. 75 cases made, 24 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Xavier Monnot Corton-Charlemagne 2022 \$420 This is creamy in texture, enveloping notes of lemon, peaches and cream, graphite, quinine, nutmeg and clove. A fluid version, with a tactile feel on the long finish. Though a bit less integrated than its peers in this tasting today, this shows fine potential. Best from 2026 through 2033. 129 cases made, 5 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Xavier Monnot Meursault Les Charmes 2022 \$150 A lean version, evoking floral, lime and apple flavors, with hints of wild herbs, all underscored by a vibrant structure. This white gathers intensity while building midpalate through the finish, where a mineral element emerges. Needs a year or two to really sing. Best from 2026 through 2037. 236 cases made, 25 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Xavier Monnot Meursault Les Chevalières 2022 \$94 Aromas and flavors of white flowers, citronella and hazelnut cream abound, backed by lively acidity. Lip-smacking and fresh, this white persists on the toasty, smoky finish. Drink now through 2028. 1,606 cases made, 150 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Olivier Leflaive Beaune White Clos des Monsnières 2022 \$80 Round and mellow, this silky white packs floral, apple, peach, lemon and honey notes into an elegant frame. Charming and balanced, persisting with lemon and pastry accents on the finish. Drink now through 2028. 50 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Xavier Monnot Meursault Le Limozin 2022 \$125 Lime blossom, citronella, hazelnut and toasty oak aromas and flavors mark this exuberant white, which combines lively acidity with a creamy texture. Offers a lingering hazelnut aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. 1,510 cases made, 33 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Domaine de la Vougeraie Beaune White 2021 \$70 A rich, luscious white, offering peach, honey, butterscotch, lime blossom and toast aromas and flavors. Open and inviting, with a nice kick of acidity on the expansive finish. Drink now through 2027. 120 cases made, 20 cases imported.—B.S.

FRANCE

Burgundy / Mâconnais

92 Meurgey-Croses Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Les Bouthières 2022 \$78 This fresh, opulent white is underscored by vibrant acidity, revealing peach, apple, lemon and baking spice flavors. Intense and long, with persistent peach and oak spice accents. Drink now through 2029. 75 cases made, 50 cases imported.—B.S.

91 Joseph Drouhin Pouilly-Fuissé 2022 \$48 This is rich, with a tangy citrus edge to the apple, pear and lemon flavors. Lively acidity keeps this focused as it lingers on the finish, echoing lemon, apple and pastry notes. Shows excellent balance and length. Drink now through 2029. 2,000 cases imported.—B.S.

91 Joseph Drouhin St.-Véran 2022 \$30 Peach and melon fruit is offset by a bitter citrus note in this tense, well-structured white. An intense version, with hints of wild herbs and a stony feel on the finish. Drink now through 2028. 3,000 cases imported.—B.S.

90 Albert Bichot Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine 2022 \$28 A kiss of vanilla weaves throughout the peach, pear and floral aromas and flavors in this delicate, charming white. Lively and lingering, with lemon freshness and a hint of stone. Drink now. 3,365 cases made, 500 cases imported.—B.S.

90 Albert Bichot Viré-Clessé 2022 \$33 This white starts out creamy, offering oyster shell and seashore elements that detail the peach, apple and grapefruit peel flavors. Turns firm and tighter on the lingering finish. Drink now through 2028. 4,530 cases made, 650 cases imported.—B.S.

88 Albert Bichot Mâcon-Villages 2022 \$21 White flower and peach aromas give way to almond, apple and lemon flavors in this succulent white, which is fleshy midpalate, with a firm, bitter citrus finish. Drink now. 8,600 cases made, 3,600 cases imported.—B.S.

88 Joseph Drouhin Mâcon-Villages 2022 \$24 A juicy version, this sports peach, apple and light citrus flavors on a balanced frame. Open and vibrant, ending with a moderately long finish. Drink now. 10,000 cases imported.—B.S.

FRANCE

Burgundy / Other White

94 Domaine de la Vougeraie Vougeot White Le Clos Blanc de Vougeot 2021 \$250 Racy and well-delineated, featuring aromas and flavors of lemon oil, apple, butterscotch, graphite and baking spices on an elegant profile. The flavors just won't quit as this winds down on the long, complex aftertaste. Drink now through 2030. 10,007 cases made, 126 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Henri Gouges Nuits-St.-Georges White La Perrière 2022 \$200 A creamy texture welcomes flavors of lemon oil, vanilla and baking spices in this luscious yet elegant white. Harmonious and charming, with an easy appeal and excellent, spicy length. Drink now through 2029. 198 cases made, 25 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Domaine de la Vougeraie Vougeot White Clos du Prieuré 2021 \$135 Aromas of toasty oak, butterscotch and graphite lead to effusive flavors of peach and apple. This white turns dry and lean on the finish, yet there's no less intensity to its flavors. Drink now through 2030. 205 cases made, 20 cases imported.—B.S.

92 Olivier Leflaive Montagny Premier Cru 2022 \$NA Impressive for its racy profile and complexity, this white reveals peach, apple, lemon and toasty oak aromas and flavors. Hints of butter and butterscotch lend charm and depth, while the finish echoes the spice elements. Drink now through 2029. 500 cases imported.—B.S.

91 Jean-Marc Boillot Montagny 1er Cru 2022 \$45 A rich, almost lush style, boasting peach, pineapple and lemon tart flavors accented by baking spice notes. This white is more exuberant on the attack than the finish, with a succulent feel. Drink now through 2028. 350 cases imported.—B.S.

91 Louis Jadot Givry White 2021 \$50 There's weight to this white, with flavors of melon, apple and lemon shaded by an oak spice accent. Bright and balanced, leaving a clean aftertaste infused with citrus and spice notes. Drink now through 2029. 310 cases imported.—B.S.

88 Albert Bichot Bourgogne White Origines 2022 \$28 Peach and grapefruit flavors are shaded by subtle oak notes as this juicy white firms up, leaving a tangy, quinine-inflected finish. Drink now. 4,817 cases made, 1,500 cases imported.—B.S.

FRANCE

Rhône

94 Graeme & Julie Bott Côte-Rôtie Lieu-Dit Semons 2020 \$239 A chewy, round and broad-shouldered red, this offers a warm rush of smoked bacon fat, mocha-dusted black cherry and pomegranate flavors. A salty thread of mineral winds through the dense, creamy palate, while notes of leather and loam bring an earthy edge to the ripeness. Shows impressive energy, despite the fullness and weight, with great texture and complexity. This should go the distance in the cellar. Drink now through 2040. 75 cases made, 25 cases imported.—K.B.

94 Emmanuel Darnaud Hermitage 2021 \$200 Expressive and alluring, with a harmonious mix of red licorice, currant and boysenberry flavors backed by singed alder and pretty lavender tones. Displays the litheness of the vintage, with a dusting of white pepper, but still shows an inner density. Dusty earth, potpourri and smoke notes grace the energetic palate, with just a hint of cured bacon. Graceful and delicious. Best from 2025 through 2040. 560 cases made, 50 cases imported.—K.B.

93 Chapelle St.-Théodorice Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Guigasse 2021 \$80 A pretty, lifted style, with an inviting burst of cherry, lavender and grilled sandalwood notes on a bed of firming graphite and earth flavors, plus hints of mesquite ash and warm spices in the backdrop. Offering a somewhat lithe frame, this starts off juicy in feel, while a spine of graphite and firming tannins give direction, with a tug of earth and chewy tar at the close. Drink now through 2030. 130 cases imported.—K.B.

93 Chapelle St.-Théodorice Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Grand Pin 2021 \$85 A juicy burst of ripe, fresh cherry and crunchy red currant notes is anchored by bolts of smoldering iron and meatiness in this extroverted version. Shows good depth, concentration and length on the silky palate, with accents of salty earth, dried flowers, grilled cedar and sweet oak spice echoing on the svelte finish. Drink now through 2032. 130 cases imported.—K.B.

93 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2021 \$66 Mineral notes lead off, with a crushed iron accent and a chalky texture providing the base for bright, high-toned cherry and red currant elements, while tobacco and smoke hints layer in. Nicely unadorned, with character and structure building in intensity, this keeps an energetic, fresh profile and elegance. There's a long life ahead. Drink now through 2032. 540 cases imported.—K.B.

93 Domaine de Ferrand Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2021 \$59 A sleek, velvety version, with a winery core of smoldering incense, red berries and black currant layered with notes of violet and iron shavings. This smoky, polished red offers flavors of singed apple wood on a full-bodied frame, while a deftly inlaid spine of tannins and mineral elements keep it all energetic. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2033. 350 cases imported.—K.B.

93 Stéphane Vedeau Hermitage J. Boutin Arena Mica 2022 \$85 A polished, inviting version in a lighter style, with cherry and boysenberry flavors lacquered with toasted apple wood, tobacco and warm spice notes, plus a violet accent. Shows good energy, with finely sculpted tannins, offering iron shaving and mineral hints that stretch out on the clean, medium-weight finish. Best from 2025 through 2035. 117 cases made, 50 cases imported.—K.B.

92 Château des Fines Roches Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2020 \$48 A voluptuous red, this solid, full-bodied Châteauneuf features a heady mix of cherry, damson plum and sappy black licorice flavors, while hints of salty black olive, wet soil and grilled herbs add a pleasing savory dimension. Bitter coffee and sweet oak spice notes grace the chewy, round palate, which holds a lot of stuffing, plus a graphite detail. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2030. 1,200 cases made, 400 cases imported.—K.B.

91 Michel Poinard Crozes-Hermitage 2020 \$30 This chewy, smoky red has a charming old-school feel, showing earth notes layered with salted, dried damson plum and mocha flavors. Toasted cedar and spice hints add to the density, with a cigar box accent. Savory black licorice and Kalamata olive details grace the dense, lingering finish. Drink now through 2027. 600 cases made, 300 cases imported.—K.B.

91 Domaine du Roucas de St. Pierre Gigondas 2020 \$40 A bold, expressive red, with a finessed profile of graphite-edged cherry and smoke flavors. Fleshy and ripe, offering a pronounced graphite note encased in softened tannins, with charming violet and grilled alder accents on the finish. This is a complete and harmonious version, showing great character and tension. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2030. 800 cases made, 350 cases imported.—K.B.

90 Domaine de l'Arnesque Cairanne 2019 \$23 Dark, dense and ripe yet harmonious, with intriguing high notes of pretty lavender and potpourri infusing a base of wild black currant and cherry flavors. Cooling minerality and an anise accent chime in on the full, rich palate. Mocha and spice elements add warmth to the finish, which is wound tightly by persistent tannins. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan. Drink now through 2028. 1,600 cases made, 300 cases imported.—K.B.

90 Domaine de L'Obrieu Vacqueyras 2020 \$28 This solid version offers ripe cherry and raspberry coulis flavors backed by simmering graphite power. Cured meat and espresso notes flicker through, with a charred sandalwood accent adding depth. Shows good chewiness, length and depth, with a detail of smoking incense that lingers on the finish. Drink now through 2028. 700 cases made, 260 cases imported.—K.B.

89 Château L'Ermitte d'Auzan Costières de Nîmes 2022 \$20 An energetic, vivid version, with good character to the freshly crushed cherry and licorice flavors, which merge with dusty earth and iron notes. A waft of smoke and singed *garrigue* chimes in, showing impressive purity through the medium, graphite-laced finish. Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 1,500 cases imported.—K.B.

89 Domaine de L'Obrieu Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan Les Antonins 2021 \$22 This keeps a firm profile, offering fresh cherry and plum paste flavors laced up with tannins and finely crushed mineral notes. Fresh and perfumed, with a kick of tar and smoke on the finish, which is just shy of austere. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2027. 2,600 cases made, 440 cases imported.—K.B.

88 Château L'Ermitte d'Auzan Costières de Nîmes White 2023 \$20 A bright, racy white, with chalky mineral notes matched by preserved lemon and floral flavors on a zippy frame. Delicious and fresh, with accents of green herbs and salted butter on the finish. Roussanne, Viognier and Grenache Blanc. Drink now. 6,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.—K.B.


88 Domaine de L'Obrieu Côtes du Rhône White Les Frangines 2022 \$15 Green plum and star fruit flavors are appealingly juicy and round in this crowd-pleasing white, which shows good density, with a floral lift and notes of savory fresh-cut chives, plus a kiss of buttercream on the snappy finish. Drink now. 1,000 cases made, 400 cases imported.—K.B.

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BURGUNDY'S 2022 SURPRISE

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VINTNERS ADEPTLY MANAGED THE SCORCHING VINTAGE TO DELIVER FRESH AND BALANCED WHITES

The 2022 vintage for white Burgundy is among the best of the past decade, delivering excellent quality across the region. Although the summer was hot, there was ample rainfall in the spring and early summer, promoting good ripening. In the end, the quantity of yields was significant, adding to the year's good fortune.

According to some vintners, the ripening of the Chardonnay vines was slowed during the heat of the summer and this helped to preserve the acidity in the developing grapes. At the same time, rain at the end of June, as well as in mid-July and mid-August, kept the vines from drought stress. As has become the new normal in this era of warmer growing seasons, picking times were crucial to ensure that proper balance was achieved.

"The challenge of 2022 was to harvest at the right time, especially Chardonnay, to keep the acidity and balance," says Domaine de la Vougeraie general manager Sylvie Poillot. "If you waited too long, the grapes got too ripe, too heavy. With the whites, we know we are in Chassagne or Puligny, the *terroirs* are respected."



Philippe COLIN

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Philippe Colin made a number of outstanding white Burgundies from the classic-rated 2022 vintage, including the year's top-scoring bottling, a silky and harmonious version from the Chevalier-Montrachet *grand cru*.

“The whites are a beautiful surprise,” says Bouchard Père & Fils technical director Frédéric Weber. “It’s similar to 2017, showing white flowers, beautiful acidity, balance and freshness.” (I tasted the 2022s from both Vougeraie and Bouchard earlier this year from barrel at the domaines; samples of the finished wines did not arrive in time for this report.)

Overall, the 2022 vintage was hot and dry, making the rain in June—8 inches in the Côte d’Or and 6 inches in Chablis—crucial to ushering the vines through summer. Yet there was a slowing of photosynthesis—and, in some cases, blocked maturation—that allowed the sugars to keep accumulating while preserving acidity, according to Laurent Delaunay, whose family owns négociant Edouard Delaunay.

The flowering was perfect, leading to a normal yield. Dry, breezy conditions for two weeks before picking resulted in healthy grapes. Harvest started for most in August and was finished by the first week of September. During this recent period of hotter vintages and August harvests, many growers have commented on the resilience of the vines to adjust to the new climatic conditions.

Among the 2022 whites reviewed for this report, the ethereal Philippe Colin Chevalier-Montrachet (96 points, \$975) stands at the pinnacle, offering notes of lime blossoms, lemon curd, hazelnut and citronella aligned with an elegant frame. A pair of Corton-Charlemagnes also achieved classic ratings of 95 points or higher on *Wine Spectator’s* 100-point scale: Domaine Faiveley (95, \$550) and Pierre Meurgey (95, \$541). The former leads off with a whiff of briny oyster shell, showing excellent harmony, finesse and length, while the latter shows both power and precision on a lush profile, evoking peach, orange Creamsicle, lemon oil and baking spices.

Louis Latour rounds out the classic-scoring 2022s with the creamy-textured Montrachet (95, \$1,290), which reveals grandeur with its flavors of peach, hazelnut and white flowers, and the opulent Puligny-Montrachet Les Referts (95, \$240), featuring peach, apple tart, lemon cake, praline, butterscotch and mineral notes.

“We find our whites to be fresh, well-structured and powerful—as powerful as the 2018s,” says Maison Louis Latour president Eléonore Latour. “We feel that they benefited from the maturity that a particularly hot summer brings, while retaining the balance of acidity and ripeness that is the hallmark of great Burgundy vintages. The key for us was not to rush—we changed our plans last minute and delayed the start of harvest by one week to Aug. 26. That extra week was pivotal in getting us to the maturity we were looking for. The grapes were pressed only after they had enough time to cool down, especially for



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the ones harvested later in the day, and we limited the aging time in our oak barrels to eight to 10 months to preserve the freshness and crispness of the vintage.”

The quality of the 2022 vintage is also on display from Chablis. Verging on creamy, Christian Moreau Père & Fils’ Chablis Les Clos (94, \$123) turns more defined as its bracing acidity emerges. Billaud-Simon’s expressive Chablis Montée de Tonnerre (94, \$97) offers a mix of peach, apple, lemon, oyster shell and fresh herbs.

According to Christian and Fabien Moreau, the 2022 vintage was the warmest ever in Chablis. “There was a good flowering and a hot, dry summer,” Fabien recalls. “We had 6 inches of rain the second half of June and 0.6 to 0.8 inches in August. Harvest began

Rating White Burgundy Vintages

2022	95	Abundant rain in June led to a hot, dry summer, yielding a healthy, good-sized crop and fresh, balanced whites	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2021	93	April frost decimated yields in some areas; the best are steely, with tropical notes balanced by lively acidity	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2020	94	Drought conditions during summer, with an August harvest, yet the wines are sleek and vibrant	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2019	93	A hot, dry year, yet no signs of overripeness; the best are complex, balanced and juicy	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2018	92	Opulent, open and soft whites; the best versions have vibrant structures to age short term	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2017	94	Ripe, fleshy wines with vibrant structures; many ready to enjoy, but the best need a few years	<i>Drink</i>
2016	92	Charming, elegant wines, accessible yet with good structure; frost reduced yields in some vineyards	<i>Drink</i>
2015	95	Ripe, generous and fleshy; domaines that harvested early retained acidity for aging	<i>Drink</i>
2014	96	An excellent vintage, showing great potential; wines are rich and ripe, with density and concentration	<i>Drink</i>

Vintage ratings: 95-100, classic; 90-94, outstanding; 85-89, very good; 80-84, good; 75-79, mediocre; 50-74, not recommended **Drinkability:** “NYR” means most of the wines of the vintage are yet to be released; “drink” means most of the wines of the vintage are ready to drink; “hold” means most of the ageworthy wines have yet to fully mature.



Winemaker Olivier Bailly delivered a lineup of impressive 2022s at Chablis standout **Domaine Billaud-Simon**, ranging from rich and round to vibrant and precise.

on Aug. 29, with full maturity and concentration in the grapes.”

These are the highlights from among the more than 400 white Burgundies I have reviewed in our New York office since my previous report (“Burgundy’s Elegant 2020s,” Oct. 15, 2023). The 2022s represent nearly 60% of the wines under review, while late-release 2021s and 2020s make up the bulk of the remainder (29% and 9%, respectively). Based on my tastings, I give the 2022 vintage an overall rating of 95 points and the 2021 vintage 93 points.

Whites from the frost-damaged 2021 vintage are in short supply, with roughly half the number of wines reviewed compared with 2022 and one-third less than 2020. The top wines are dominated by two domaines: **Domaine Leflaive**, which fields five classic-scorers, including its **Bâtard-Montrachet** (96, \$1,863) and **Chevalier-Montrachet** (96, \$2,197), and **Lucien Le Moine**, with four bottlings reaching that rarified status,



Pouilly-Fuissé is where the more affordably priced whites of the **Mâconnais** reach their height of quality.



led by the **Chassagne-Montrachet Cailleret** (96, \$287).

A handful of other 2021s make their appearance on the leaderboard. Look for the intense **Champy Corton-Charlemagne** (95, \$290), the lush **Bouchard Père & Fils Montrachet Domaine** (95, \$1,500), the bracing **Domaine Clos de la Chapelle Corton-Charlemagne Cuvée Exceptionnelle** (95, \$345) and the powerful yet balanced **William Fèvre Chablis Les Clos Domaine** (95, \$250).

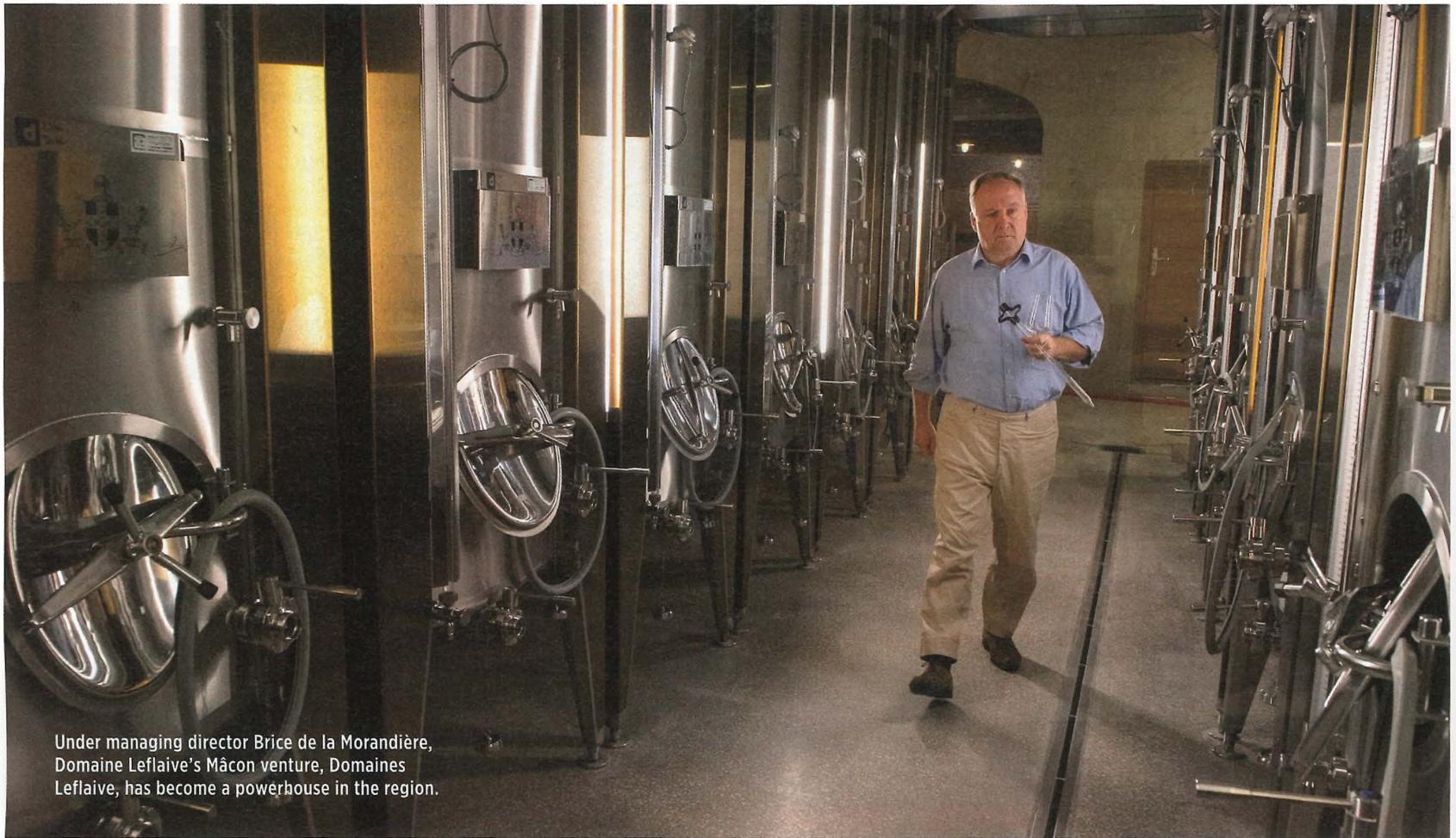
“The 2021 vintage was very complicated, because in addition to frost, mildew and powdery mildew pressure was very strong,” says **Pierre Vincent**, who vinified and aged both the 2021 and 2022 vintages at **Domaine Leflaive** (as well as at its **Mâcon** holdings, **Domaines Leflaive**). “It was absolutely necessary to carry out severe sorting in the vineyard and on the sorting table. I then separated the first juices and the press juices. The press juices were fined with bentonite to eliminate the risk of mushroom odor.”

This was markedly different from Vincent’s experience in 2022. “The 2022 vintage was much easier,” he says. “There was mildew pressure in the spring, but the beautiful summer saved us. In the end, the health status was very satisfactory. Above all, we had to be vigilant when choosing the harvest date. We started on Aug. 25 in 2022—and Sept. 20 for the 2021 vintage.”

A handful of late-arriving 2020s are also included in this report. Notable among them are the *grands crus* of **Domaine Jean-Claude Ramonet**. The opulent **Montrachet 2020** (98, \$3,500) is almost like a red wine in white wine clothing, revealing its pedigree and potential on the finish, while the **Bâtard-Montrachet 2020** (97, \$1,300) is distinctly floral and the **Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet 2020** (97, \$1,200) is all about elegance.

With the best of the 2022s, '21s and '20s costing upward of \$250 and many *grands crus* clocking in at more than \$1,000, it seems that white Burgundy is now out of reach for many of its fans. There is some truth in that, yet there are several Burgundy domaines and négociant houses sufficiently concerned about both prices and supply that they have been looking for vineyards in more affordable appellations.

Joseph Drouhin, **Domaine Chanson** and **Domaine Jacques Prieur** have all purchased new vineyards to



Under managing director Brice de la Morandière, Domaine Leflaive's Mâcon venture, Domaines Leflaive, has become a powerhouse in the region.

control their grape sources for reasonably priced white (and red) Burgundy. Additionally, with the high cost of purchasing grapes, Chanson and Bouchard Père & Fils in the Côte d'Or and William Fèvre in Chablis are phasing out their négociant activities.

Finally, the subsequent 2023 crop was large by recent Burgundy standards, even larger than 2022, which should exert downward pressure on prices—or at least stabilize them.

That said, Chablis in the north, Mâconnais and Côte Chalonnaise in the south and the regional appellations are all areas to search for value. Each of them offers the authentic character and flavor profiles of white Burgundy.

Chablis at its best delivers flinty, stony, mineral examples of Chardonnay, with steely backbones specific to the area's Kimmeridgian soils and northern climate. In warmer years, fleshier, more opulent versions can emerge. William Fèvre is a good starting point for textbook Chablis with its *Domaine 2022* (92, \$47), bursting with peach, apple, lemon and flint flavors. The Patrick Piuze *Chablis Terroir de Courgis 2022* (92, \$38) is fleshy yet with a whiff of the sea. Billaud-Simon's *Chablis 2022* (91, \$44) is clean and briny, while **Albert Bichot's** sleek and mineral *Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022* (90, \$30) shows fine intensity and Christian Moreau Père & Fils' ripe *Chablis 2022* (90, \$42) offers a light tactile feel.

In the Côte Chalonnaise, Givry, Montagny and Mercurey are generally closest to the Côte de Beaune in style, whereas the whites from Rully tend to be more delicate and elegant, with floral and lemon flavors. For well-priced examples from across the region, seek out Jean-Marc Boillot's rich *Montagny 1er Cru 2022* (91, \$45), Louis Jadot's bright and balanced *Givry White 2021* (91, \$50) and Joseph Drouhin's vivid and chalky *Rully 2022* (90, \$45).

From the Mâconnais, there are two options: Pouilly-Fuissé, where

the southernmost region of Burgundy reaches its quality pinnacle, and the rest of the region, where there are fine values to be found. Among several producers from the Côte d'Or that have become significant players in the Mâconnais, Domaines Leflaive is now one of the quality leaders, fielding seven outstanding Mâcon whites.

Among the 18 labels under review in this report, nearly half are from the recently elevated Pouilly-Fuissé *premier cru* appellation. Although these tend to be higher-priced, there are value plays to be found, such as the Louis Latour *Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru 2022* (91, \$40). At the *villages* level, look for the *Domaine Frantz Chagnoleau Pouilly-Fuissé Pastoral 2022* (92, \$45) and the *Joseph Drouhin Pouilly-Fuissé 2022* (91, \$48).

Nearby St.-Véran tends to offer a richer style, with less tension than Pouilly-Fuissé. Excellent versions include *Joseph Drouhin's St.-Véran 2022* (91, \$30) and *Château Fuissé's St.-Véran 2022* (90, \$43). Elsewhere from the region, the **Albert Bichot** *Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine 2022* (90, \$28), Jean-Marc Boillot *Mâcon-Lugny Les Genièvres 2022* (90, \$35) and *Meurgey-Croses Mâcon-Uchizy 2022* (90, \$37) are outstanding examples from three of the 26 communes allowed to append their names within the Mâcon-Villages appellation. Two alluring Bourgognes round out this value section: *Philippe Colin's Bourgogne 2022* (90, \$40), and *Jean Pascal & Fils' Bourgogne Côte d'Or Les Riaux 2022* (90, \$36).

Although the high quality and large quantity of the 2022 vintage are both positives for white Burgundy lovers, the soaring cost of the best wines is a barrier to entry. Yet determined fans will be able to find a number of excellent whites at more reasonable prices, though not without some diligence. Don't delay, though, because any values are sure to disappear quickly.

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Bruce Sanderson's Recommended White Burgundies

More than 400 wines were reviewed for this report. A free alphabetical list is available at [WineSpectator.com/BurgundyAlpha101524](https://www.winespectator.com/BurgundyAlpha101524). WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search.

TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
JEAN-CLAUDE RAMONET Montrachet 2020 Opulent, creamy and complex, this offers peach, apple, butterscotch, toasty oak and mineral flavors that build to a resonant aftertaste.	98	\$3,500
JEAN-CLAUDE RAMONET Bâtard-Montrachet 2020 This is distinctly floral, with notes of peach, lime blossoms, citronella and mineral. Sleek and elegant, with terrific length and harmony.	97	\$1,300
JEAN-CLAUDE RAMONET Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet 2020 This is all about finesse and elegance, with flavors of lime, peach, white flowers, seashore and toasty oak that expand on the palate.	97	\$1,200
PHILIPPE COLIN Chevalier-Montrachet 2022 An ethereal version, this silky, harmonious white is all about subtlety and finesse, with notes of lime blossoms, lemon curd and hazelnut.	96	\$975
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Bâtard-Montrachet 2021 Round and vibrant, this leans toward the citrusy side, offering lemon, orange peel and yuzu notes accented by apple and stone.	96	\$1,863
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Chevalier-Montrachet 2021 Opulent and smoky, this balanced white evokes butterscotch, apricot, peach, citronella and hazelnut cream flavors, with a tangy finish.	96	\$2,197
LUCIEN LE MOINE Chassagne-Montrachet Cailleret 2021 Ripe, fleshy and broad in profile, offering peach, citronella, oyster shell, stone and baking spice flavors, backed by a vibrant structure.	96	\$287
BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS Montrachet Domaine 2021 This beautifully balanced white is lush and creamy, showing notes of peach, apple tart, citronella, lemon oil, baking spices and toasty oak.	95	\$1,500
CHAMPY Corton-Charlemagne 2021 An intense white, with tropical fruit giving way to lime, orange zest, pastry and stone flavors. Stays focused, thanks to searing acidity.	95	\$290
DOMAINE CLOS DE LA CHAPELLE Corton-Charlemagne Cuvée Exceptionnelle 2021 Matchstick and lime blossoms introduce this bracing white, which is intense and long, with lemon, citronella, quinine and hazelnut flavors.	95	\$345
PHILIPPE COLIN Chevalier-Montrachet 2021 Ripe and succulent, with pineapple, apricot, citronella, lemon and mineral flavors, this intense white shows fine clarity and finesse.	95	\$800
DOMAINE FAIVELEY Corton-Charlemagne 2022 Supple and fluid, with flavors of peach, citronella, white flowers, lemon oil and baking spices. Shows excellent harmony and finesse.	95	\$550
WILLIAM FÈVRE Chablis Les Clos Domaine 2021 This Chablis is all about the combination of power, balance and intensity, boasting flavors of peach, apple, lemon and flinty mineral.	95	\$250
LOUIS LATOUR Montrachet 2022 There's a grandeur to this beautifully balanced white, with a creamy texture wrapped around flavors of peach, hazelnut and white flowers.	95	\$1,290
LOUIS LATOUR Puligny-Montrachet Les Referts 2022 Lush and opulent in style, with peach, apple tart, lemon cake, praline, butterscotch and mineral flavors. Broad-shouldered and mouthfilling.	95	\$240
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet 2021 The creaminess in this harmonious white is offset by lively acidity, evoking peach, citronella, vanilla, butter, lemon and oyster juice.	95	\$1,680

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Puligny-Montrachet Les Combettes 2021 Toasty and spicy, this ripe version verges on tropical, thanks to its pineapple flavors, with an underpinning of apricot and lemon notes.	95	\$633
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles 2021 Seamless in texture and balance, this caresses the palate with honey, butter, peach, apple and lemon cake flavors, showing fine length.	95	\$853
LUCIEN LE MOINE Chassagne-Montrachet Les Grandes Ruchottes 2021 Despite ripe flavors of apricot and peach, this is well-delineated, with a citrus and mineral core. Shows terrific intensity and length.	95	\$253
LUCIEN LE MOINE Meursault Charmes 2021 Expressive and silky, this delivers floral, peach, nectarine, apple and lemon oil flavors. This is about finesse, texture and complexity.	95	\$349
LUCIEN LE MOINE Meursault Genevrières 2021 Rich, creamy, smoky and salty, with a good dose of lemon, white flowers and tangerine, this energetic white is expressive and supple.	95	\$407
PIERRE MEURGEY Corton-Charlemagne 2022 There's both power and precision to this lush and creamy version, with peach, orange Creamsicle, lemon oil and baking spice flavors.	95	\$541

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
WILLIAM FÈVRE Chablis Domaine 2022 Bursting with peach, apple, lemon and flint flavors, this expressive and supple white is harmonious and ready to enjoy, with excellent length.	92	\$47
PATRICK PIUZE Chablis Terroir de Courgis 2022 A whiff of the sea introduces this fleshy white, which shows flavors of apple, lemon and crushed stone, ending with a touch of fresh herbs.	92	\$38
SIMONNET-FEBVRE Chablis Vaillons 2022 Stone and chalk dust notes are as prevalent as the peach, melon and lemon fruit in this complex, balanced and mouthwatering white.	92	\$50
BILLAUD-SIMON Chablis 2022 Clean and briny, showing oyster shell, peach, apple and lemon aromas and flavors. Balanced and persistent, with a detailed aftertaste.	91	\$44
JEAN-MARC BOILLOT Montagny 1er Cru 2022 A rich, almost lush style, boasting peach, pineapple and lemon tart flavors accented by baking spices, this features a succulent feel.	91	\$45
JOSEPH DROUHIN St.-Véran 2022 Peach and melon fruit is offset by a bitter citrus note in this well-structured white, which is intense, with a stony feel on the finish.	91	\$30
J.J. VINCENT & FILS Pouilly-Fuissé Famille Vincent Marie-Antoinette 2022 A rich version, bordering on creamy, this peach-, apple- and stone-inflected white is complex, with fine balance and a long aftertaste.	91	\$45
ALBERT BICHOT Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine 2022 A kiss of vanilla weaves throughout the peach, pear and floral flavors in this delicate, lively and charming white, showing lemon freshness.	90	\$28
MEURGEY-CROSES Mâcon-Uchizy 2022 Earth and stone flavors augment the apple, lemon and seashore notes in this fleshy white, which is a tad soft yet enticing on the palate.	90	\$37