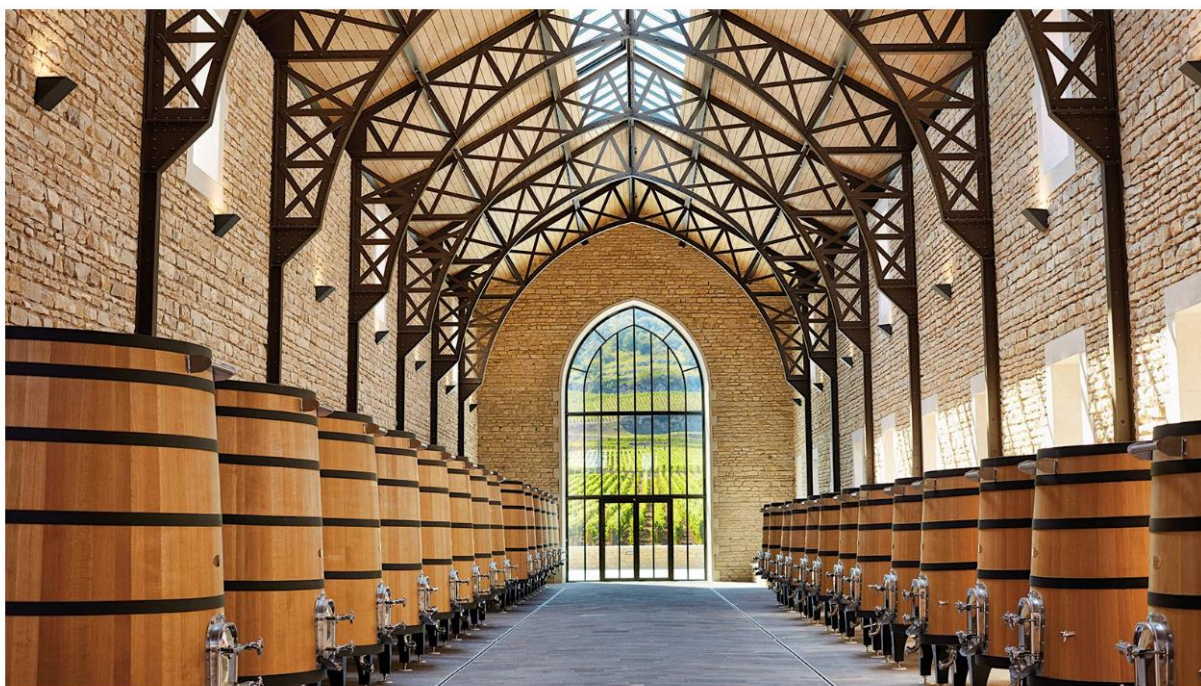


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Burgundy's Classic 2022s

Vibrant, balanced Pinot Noirs are the hallmark of the vintage, despite the hot, dry summer



Domaine Faiveley's classic-rated 2022 Corton showcases the excellent quality of the vintage in the Côte de Beaune. (Serge Chapuis)

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When I tasted the 2022 red Burgundies from barrel in early 2024, I thought the quality of the vintage appeared promising. Sample after sample revealed ripe red fruit, well-integrated tannins, supple textures and good complexity. The wines were balanced, yet with vibrant profiles, a result that was more difficult to achieve in previous hot vintages.

Now, nearly 18 months later, the newly released 2022 vintage for red Burgundy is living up to its potential as a superb year for quality. Because the growing season was hot, ripeness was achieved with healthy grapes, so there are excellent wines across the board, not just at the *grand cru* level. Thus, the reds of the Côte de Beaune rival those of the Côte de Nuits and fans of red Burgundy can buy their favorite '22s with confidence, right down to the regional appellations. Best of all is the large size of the harvest, yielding more wines to go around.

Topping the charts are five 2022 reds earning an exceptional 98 points, all from the Côte de Nuits. The **Domaine des Lambrays Clos des Lambrays** (98 points, \$825) showcases the vintage beautifully. Though well-marked by new oak, this intense, powerful red is silky and elegant, with ripe cherry, blackberry, violet, sandalwood and mineral flavors, showing its full potential and pedigree on the long, detailed aftertaste.

“For us in particular at Domaine des Lambrays, 2022 is a milestone vintage we will remember, because it is the first one vinified in our new winery,” says winemaker Jacques Devauges. “It means it has been fermented in wooden tanks with great temperature control, and more importantly, vinified 100 percent by gravity—from the grapes to the final bottle—thanks to a special gravity system we developed.”

Devauges adds that 2022 was also the first year of organic certification for the Clos des Lambrays vineyard, after a four-year conversion to **organic farming** that he says brings better life to the soils, better quality grapes and more accuracy and precision in the wine.

A pair from **Louis Jadot** also attests to the greatness of the vintage. The **Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Domaine Louis Jadot** (98, \$800) displays beautiful balance, with focused notes of cherry, currant, sandalwood, tobacco and stone, while the **Echézeaux Famille Gagey** (98, \$460), packed with tension and energy, exhibits strawberry, cherry, rose hip, mineral and spice flavors, backed by a dense, resonant texture.

"2022 is really a great vintage, very well-balanced, with a moderate level of ripeness and good acidity both for whites and reds," explains Jadot technical director Frédéric Barnier. "It's clearly a good surprise when you are looking at a season which was so dry."

This group of elite 2022 reds is rounded out by the **Louis Latour Romanée St.-Vivant Les Quatre Journaux** (98, \$1,250), with saturated black cherry, black currant, violet, graphite, sandalwood and oak spice notes fused to an ironclad frame, and the **Robert Groffier Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses La Délicatesse des Sables** (98, \$1,650), the only non-*grand cru* at the top level, offering a silky, airy and effortless profile.



Domaine des Lambrays winemaker Jacques Devauges found success in 2022 with one of the year's top reds, the first vintage produced at Lambrays' new state-of-the-art winery. (Antoine Martel)

Since my previous report on red Burgundy (“[Pure Burgundies](#),” May 31, 2024), I have reviewed nearly 425 wines in blind tastings at our New York office, the vast majority of them from the 2022 harvest. (The remainder comprise a handful of early release 2023s, 2021s and late-release 2020s.) An impressive 18 percent of the 2022s earn classic ratings of 95 points or higher on *Wine Spectator’s* 100-point scale, while an additional 65 percent score in the outstanding range of 90 to 94 points. Based on the overall quality and success from north to south, the vintage earns a rating of [98 points for the Côte de Nuits](#) and [96 points for the Côte de Beaune](#).

Just behind the top-scorers, nearly a dozen more 2022s weigh in at 97 points, including [Henri Gouges’](#) linear and almost seamless [Nuits-St.-Georges Les Vaucrains](#) (97, \$260) and Louis Jadot’s mineral-infused [Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses](#) [Domaine Louis Jadot 2022](#) (97, \$640), offering the weight and feel of a *grand cru*.

What makes the 2022 vintage so special is the high caliber of wines from the Côte de Beaune. Not surprisingly, many are from the only *grand cru* appellation for red wines in the region: Corton. [Domaine Faiveley’s Corton Clos des Cortons Faiveley](#) (97, \$485) and [Louis Latour’s Corton Château Corton Grancey](#) (97, \$240) are prime examples.

“I think the Corton Clos des Cortons is the real winner of that vintage,” says Domaine Faiveley co-proprietor [Erwan Faiveley](#). “And yes, overall the Côte de Beaune reds are exceptional, equal or above the Côte de Nuits. Rare enough to be noticed.”

There are other standouts up and down the Côte de Beaune, including [Domaine Clos de la Chapelle’s](#) stylish and perfumed [Volnay Clos de la Chapelle](#) (95, \$150) and [Lucien Le Moine’s Volnay Santenots](#) (95, \$190), featuring smoky blackberry, black currant and violet flavors.

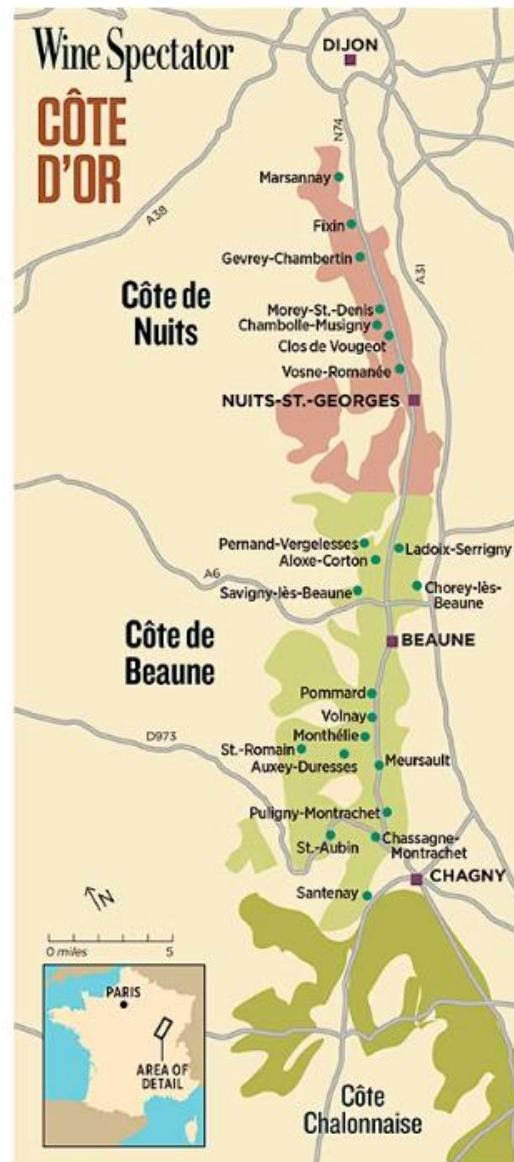
Boasting a large number of *premiers crus* holdings, Beaune often falls under the radar—but not in 2022. [Joseph Drouhin's pure, velvety Beaune Clos des Mouches](#) (95, \$219); [Louis Jadot's Beaune Clos des Ursules Héritiers Louis Jadot](#) (95, \$115), bursting with energy and tension; [Xavier Monnot's Beaune Les Cent-Vignes](#) (95, \$110), showing intense aromas of graphite, violet, raspberry and cherry; and [Tollot-Beaut's vibrant, mineral-infused Beaune Grèves](#) (95, \$120) are all impressive versions, as well as relative values, from vineyards flanking Burgundy's de facto capital.

A look at the prices for current releases shows how expensive the top red Burgundies have become. There are more than three dozen wines in this year's report costing \$500 or more, while nearly 20 percent of the total number cost more than \$250. Even at the regional level, prices have increased. Nevertheless, there are values to be had from Bourgogne and some *village* appellations, including the Côte Chalonnaise, where outstanding versions can be found in the \$30 to \$50 range.

Among Bourgogne bottlings, [Domaine Michel Magnien's silky-textured Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2022](#) (92, \$45), [Pierre Gelin's rich Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2023](#) (91, \$40), [Tollot-Beaut's juicy Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2022](#) (91, \$45), [Albert Bichot's vibrant Bourgogne Secret de Famille 2022](#) (90, \$42) and [Xavier Monnot's elegant Bourgogne 2022](#) (90, \$40) are all worth tracking down.

Other Côte d'Or reds to seek out include the [Arnoux Père & Fils Chorey-lès-Beaune 2023](#) (91, \$50), a rich and luscious style; the [Louis Jadot Pernand-Vergelesses Clos de la Croix de Pierre Domaine des Héritiers 2022](#) (91, \$60), showing strawberry, cherry, rose and stony mineral notes; and the [Louis Latour Marsannay 2022](#) (90, \$40), infused with black fruit flavors.

Elsewhere, the Côte Chalonnaise remains a good area to explore for bargains. Mercurey, in particular, is a stronghold for reds, though its best examples have climbed north of \$50—even \$75 in some cases. Two standouts with reasonable price tags—one from Mercurey, the other from Givry—are [Maison Chanzy's Mercurey Les Bussières 2023](#) (92, \$42) and [Domaine Besson's Givry Le Haut Colombier 2022](#) (92, \$40).



Some of this report's top-rated wines hailed from Chambertin-Clos de Bèze, Echézeaux, Romanée St.-Vivant and Nuits-St. Georges (Lisa Aurigemma)

The 2022 vintage began with a relatively dry and warm winter, leading to an early **budbreak** at the end of March. Once again, the threat of **frost damage** loomed in early April, yet unlike the preceding growing season, the buds were relatively unscathed.

One of the significant factors shaping the 2022 vintage was a big storm at the end of June, with nearly 8 inches of rain. The timing was ideal: The vines had already completed flowering, and July and August were among the hottest and driest months on record. The rain refreshed groundwater reserves, allowing the vines to develop through the summer, with drought stress mainly affecting young vines and well-drained soils.

"In 2022, the challenge was to farm with so little water between January to August," says Louis Jadot's Barnier. "The vintage was saved by some rains at the end of June. Without that, no vintage 2022."

Once again, picking began in August and was mainly completed by mid-September. The grapes were healthy, with small berries and thick skins. Most growers and houses reported excellent **phenolic ripeness**, an assertion reflected in the color and balance of the finished wines. Many producers also note that the vines were very resilient in 2022, having adapted to the warmer, drier conditions the region has seen since 2003.

For fans of red Burgundy, there is a lot to like about the 2022 vintage. Packed with fruit, the wines are vibrant, balanced and expressive. The only downside is the prices. But if your favorite wines are in the budget, it's hard to go wrong with these exceptional reds.

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Louis Jadot technical director Frédéric Barnier achieved impressive results across the range of his 2022 reds, with eight bottlings from both the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune earning scores of 95 points or higher. (Thomas Alexander)

Bruce Sanderson's Recommended Red Burgundies

Nearly 425 wines were tasted for this report. A [free alphabetical list](#) is available. WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted over the past year—including [all 2022 red Burgundies](#)—using the online [Wine Ratings search](#).

Top Wines

Robert Groffier

Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses La Délicatesse des Sables 2022

Score: 98 | \$1,650

WS Review: Opulent, yet with racy acidity underneath, this red bursts with cherry, strawberry, floral, mineral and spicy oak aromas and flavors.

Louis Jadot

Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Domaine Louis Jadot 2022

Score: 98 | \$800

WS Review: Broad and firmly structured, yet offers focused cherry, currant, sandalwood, tobacco and stone flavors, with refined tannins applying grip.

Louis Jadot

Echézeaux Famille Gagey 2022

Score: 98 | \$460

WS Review: Pure and racy, with tension and energy, this shows strawberry, cherry, rose hip, mineral and spice flavors, backed by a resonant texture.

Domaine des Lambrays

Clos des Lambrays 2022

Score: 98 | \$825

WS Review: Silky and elegant, yet with underlying intensity and power, this offers ripe cherry, blackberry, violet, sandalwood and mineral flavors.

Louis Latour

Romanée St.-Vivant Les Quatre Journaux 2022

Score: 98 | \$1,250

WS Review: Showing notes of black cherry, black currant, violet, graphite, sandalwood and oak spice, this silky red is pure and seductive.

Domaine Faiveley

Chambertin-Clos de Bèze 2022

Score: 97 | \$895

WS Review: This sleek and silky red is bursting with energy and intensity, offering cherry, strawberry, rose, incense, graphite and oak spice flavors.

Domaine Faiveley

Corton Clos des Cortons Faiveley 2022

Score: 97 | \$485

WS Review: Marked by toasty new oak, vanilla and resin notes, this broad and powerful red reveals a core of cherry, raspberry, earth and mineral.

Domaine Faiveley

Echézeaux En Orveaux 2022

Score: 97 | \$495

WS Review: Spearmint and vanilla accents frame the cherry, blackberry, plum and mineral flavors in this dense red, pulled together by vibrant acidity.

Pierre Gelin

Chambertin-Clos de Bèze 2022

Score: 97 | \$500

WS Review: This alluring red draws you in with perfumed aromas. Add licorice, mint and mineral flavors and the result is complex and compelling.

Henri Gouges

Nuits-St.-Georges Les Vaucrains 2022

Score: 97 | \$260

WS Review: This supple red's velvety texture is finely woven with black cherry, black currant, blueberry, violet, black pepper and sweet spices.

Louis Jadot

Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses Domaine Louis Jadot 2022

Score: 97 | \$640

WS Review: This red offers the weight and feel of a *grand cru*, featuring floral, cherry, strawberry, sandalwood and vanilla flavors.

Louis Jadot

Clos St.-Denis Domaine Gagey 2022

Score: 97 | \$550

WS Review: Perfumed and packed with fruit and spice notes, this exudes finesse and class, evoking cherry, strawberry, rose, licorice and mineral.

Louis Latour

Corton Château Corton Grancey 2022

Score: 97 | \$240

WS Review: Rich and spicy, with ample cherry, raspberry, rose hip and stony mineral flavors, this is silky yet with an underpinning of refined tannins.

Louis Latour

Echézeaux 2022

Score: 97 | \$550

WS Review: There's fine tension between elegance and power in this firmly structured red, with black cherry, black currant, violet and mineral notes.

Lucien Le Moine

Clos de la Roche 2022

Score: 97 | \$612

WS Review: With a heart of stone, this red features black cherry, blackberry, black currant and violet flavors framed by mint and oak spice notes.

Méo-Camuzet

Echézeaux 2022

Score: 97 | \$749

WS Review: Seductive for its silky texture and ripe fruit flavors of raspberry, boysenberry, cassis and violet, this version combines finesse and intensity.

Top Values

Domaine Besson

Givry Le Haut Colombier 2022

Score: 92 | \$40

WS Review: This vibrant, silky red is saturated with ripe plum, boysenberry, kirsch, earth and sweet spice flavors, backed by refined tannins.

Maison Chanzy

Mercurey Les Bussièrès 2023

Score: 92 | \$42

WS Review: An elegant style, this red features cherry, strawberry, rose, mineral and spice flavors. Taut and lively, with fine balance and purity.

Domaine Michel Magnien

Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2022

Score: 92 | \$45

WS Review: Rich and dense, exhibiting silky black cherry, black currant, violet, mineral and spice flavors. The texture adds an extra dimension.

Arnoux Père & Fils

Chorey-lès-Beaune 2023

Score: 91 | \$50

WS Review: A rich and luscious red, exuding black cherry and blackberry fruit, with flashes of oak spice and earth as this lingers on the finish.

Pierre Gelin

Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2023

Score: 91 | \$40

WS Review: Dark, rich and slightly gamy, this balanced red displays black cherry, blackberry, earth and toasty oak flavors, leaving a refreshing feel.

Louis Jadot

Pernand-Vergelesses Clos de la Croix de Pierre Domaine des Héritiers 2022

Score: 91 | \$45

WS Review: A leafy, vegetal element adds detail to the strawberry, cherry, rose and stony mineral flavors in this elegant red, driven by vivid acidity.

Tollot-Beaut

Bourgogne Côte d'Or 2022

Score: 91 | \$45

WS Review: A lively, juicy red, boasting spicy cherry, raspberry, mineral, woody and spice notes. Shows energy and harmony, with a detailed aftertaste.

Albert Bichot

Bourgogne Secret de Famille 2022

Score: 90 | \$42

WS Review: This offers an expression of black cherry, blackberry, violet, iron and earth flavors. Dense yet vibrant, with fine balance.

Frédéric Esmonin

Pernand-Vergelesses Les Boutières 2022

Score: 90 | \$48

WS Review: A spicy version, with floral, mineral and vegetal notes framing cherry and raspberry fruit. Silky and round, with excellent balance.

Louis Jadot

Mercurey 2022

Score: 90 | \$45

WS Review: There's breadth to this red, which shoulders cherry, raspberry, earth and woody underbrush flavors, backed by beefy tannins.

Louis Latour

Marsannay 2022

Score: 90 | \$40

WS Review: Infused with flavors of black cherry, blackberry, wet loam and sweet spices, this red gives way to a foundation of dense tannins.

Xavier Monnot

Bourgogne 2022

Score: 90 | \$40

WS Review: Balanced and elegant, with cherry, strawberry, floral and stone flavors. Trim and compact, with the fruit staying persistent throughout.

Champy

Bourgogne Cuvée Edme 2022

Score: 89 | \$40

WS Review: A beam of succulent cherry and raspberry flavors is accented by smoke, earth and woody underbrush notes in this well-defined red.

Edouard Delaunay

Pinot Noir Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits Cuvée Charmont 2022

Score: 89 | \$40

WS Review: Ripe flavors of black cherry, blackberry and plum are shaded by toasty oak and humus in this fleshy red, which is balanced and vibrant.

Louis Jadot

Bourgogne 2022

Score: 88 | \$25

WS Review: A lean, crisp red, evoking cherry and earth notes. There's also a stony element that emerges, along with hints of spices.

Labouré-Roi

Pinot Noir Bourgogne 2023

Score: 88 | \$28

WS Review: A succulent, fruity style, boasting strawberry, cherry, earth and spice flavors. Balanced, turning more crunchy on the moderately long finish.