

# Vintage 2020

DOMAINE DROUHIN-LAROZE

*Jasper Morris Inside Burgundy*



PICKING BEGAN ON 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST WITH PARTICULARLY LOW YIELDS, WHICH THE DOMAINE ATTRIBUTES TO A DIFFICULT FLOWERING AS WELL AS TO THE HOT DRY CONDITIONS OF THE SUMMER. YIELDS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY DOWN EVEN ON THE SHORT 2019 CROP. ALL THE RED WINES ARE STILL IN BARREL, UNRACKED SINCE AFTER THE MALOLACTIC WHEN THE WINES WERE RACKED BARREL TO BARREL. THE VILLAGE GEVREYS ARE AROUND 13%, THE GRANDS CRUS 13,5 TO 14,5%. IN RECENT YEARS THE DOMAINE HAS ALSO MADE A BARREL OF NO SULPHUR GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN BUT THE 2020 HAS ALREADY BEEN BOTTLES – AND SOLD OUT!

## WHITE

2020, BOURGOGNE COTE D'OR CHARDONNAY, LAROZE DE DROUHIN

86

Two neighbouring suppliers in Brochon and Fixin. Mid lemon yellow, Pleasing softly oaked nose, extra tension on the palate with some greengage and yellow plum a Pleasing if a little anonymous with goog length. Nine months barrel then to bottle in July. **Tasted: December 2021**

## RED

2020, BOURGOGNE COTE D'OR PINOT NOIR, LAROZE DE DROUHIN

87–89

Chambolle and Morey, bright fresh purple, delicious fruit from the start, 30% whole bunch. Racy and delicious fruit with raspberry and strawberry notes, showing the oak a little but no problem with integration. This is delicious. **Tasted: December 2021**

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**2020, FIXIN EN COTON, LAROZE DE DROUHIN**

**88-89**

Rich purple, very little bouquet. Rather richer fruit here, but not overdone on the palate, lush rather than cooked and with good acidity. More sombre red fruit comes up behind. 20% whole bunch vinification.

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**2020, MOREY-SAINT-DENIS TRÈS GIRARD, DROUHIN-LAROZE**

**90-93**

90% whole bunch vinification. Darker purple, the whole bunch effect shows riotously on the nose, joyously for those such as me who like them. They really lift the dark raspberry fruit, adding some strawberry notes with a little pepper and a fine long finish. **Tasted: December 2021**

**2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “DIX CLIMATS”, DROUHIN-LAROZE**

**86-88**

30% whole bunch vinification for the blended village Gevrey. Crimson purple, but the bouquet is oddly vegetal. Not really together today with a softer fruit, few tannins. Perhaps the sample is a little tired or the aftermath of a light reduction? Scored on today's sample. **Tasted: December 2021**

**2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “EN COMBE”, DROUHIN-LAROZE**

**90-92**

En Combes is a big plot with older vines separated out for the first time. 30% whole bunch vinification. Fine fresh purple with a slight spicy nose on top of raspberry fruit. Plenty of energy here, spicier finish, and decent acidity. **Tasted: December 2021**

**2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “EN CHAMPS”, DROUHIN-LAROZE**

**90-92**

Deeper purple, with an interesting mix of different red fruits on the nose, a certain volume and with class. Greater weight on the palate, fills the mouth, fresh ripe cherry comes up, good tannins, and long finish. All destemmed. **Tasted: December 2021**



*Ce que la presse en pense...*

### 2020, CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**87-89**

30% whole bunch vinification on a tiny crop coming from 1er Cru Les Baudes (80%) and 20% Véroilles. Rich deep colour, the fruit is noticeably riper, with sun dried cherries. Fortunately not too hot thereafter though the sweet style of fruit is verging on cloying. **Tasted: December 2021**

### 2020, CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY LES LAVROTTES 1ER CRU, LAROZE DE DROUHIN

**90-93**

A new contract in 2020, which may be released only in magnum format. Darkish purple, with quite a ripe nose from old vines, but not too cherry like. Some mineral notes to keep it fresh, a little bit of raspberry. No whole bunch **vinification Tasted: December 2021**

### 2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1ER CRU AU CLOSEAU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

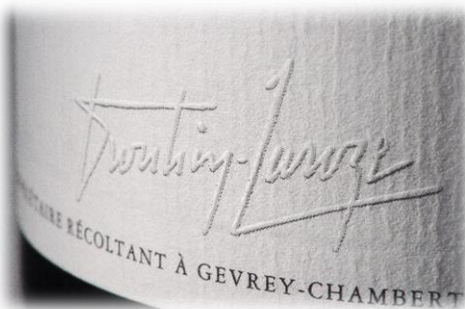
**90-93**

30% whole bunch vinification shows happily because the fruit is really quite ripe. There is a sweetness of fruit which stops short of cloying, and the oak currently shows a bit. But this should come together pleasingly. **Tasted: December 2021**

### 2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1ER CRU CRAIPILLOT, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**91-94**

30% whole bunch vinification. Bright medium depth of purple, pleasing fruit, fresher red berry style, nicely balanced. Discreet and understated, which I consider to be strong positives, a little bit of pepper at the finish. Medium bodied and persistent Salivating **Tasted: December 2021**



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2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1ER CRU CLOS PRIEUR, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**91-93**

Plumper purple with slightly riper fruit. Expansive deeply ripe cherry with some lush raspberry, some tannins and just enough acidity to maintain the balance. Good length and certainly succulent, a wine which should deliver good results in the medium term. **Tasted: December 2021**

2020, GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1ER CRU LAVAUT-SAINT-JACQUES, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**92-94**

Destemmed. They think whole bunch vinification on more powerful terroirs leads to austerity. Dark red fruit, not too lush, some pepper despite the omission of whole bunches. A pleasing succulence, with a weight of rich red fruit, with great length. A light chocolate touch does no harm. **Tasted: December 2021**

2020, CHAPELLE-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**93-95**

Half has been pulled out and replanted in 2021. Dense purple, quite ripe, plenty of energy though as well. A dark purple sort of fruit, 30% whole bunch vinification keeps the wine lively while the 80% new wood currently marks it a bit, but leaves no aggressive wood tannins. **Tasted: December 2021**

2020, LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**92-95**

All destemmed. Very dense purple, with evident power to the nose, a touch of coffee in this. Rich dark fruit, on the sumptuous side, perhaps just a stage as it is being racked. Ripe cherry and raspberry fruit is masking the acidity a bit. A little disjointed today but may easily rally from here. **Tasted: December 2021**

2020, BONNES MARES GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**93-96**

40% whole bunch vinification 80% new wood, and a yield of just 24 hl/ha. Dark dense purple, this is clearly one of the ripe wines though somewhat saved by the whole bunches which give greater life to the sundried cherry fruit. Very succulent through the second half of the palate, though at the limit of ripeness. The whole bunches pull out the length very nicely and it finishes well. **Tasted: December 2021**



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## 2020, CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**92-95**

No stems. A significant, dense purple black colour. Lush raspberry and sun-dried cherries, the signature of the vintage. Sturdy and weighty, the tannic structure offers some relief which will help this wine come together later on in life. Some peaches in the fruit mix too. **Tasted: December 2021**

## 2020, CHAMBERTIN-CLOS DE BEZE GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**94-96**

30% whole bunch vinification, and aged in 100% new wood. Dark intense purple. This has the most interesting nose to date of the grands crus because the least lush. More volume of fruit across the palate, less lush and more juicy, with a precision too. Tannins in balance, with just a hint of phenols at the finish. **Tasted: December 2021**

## 2020, MUSIGNY GRAND CRU, DROUHIN-LAROZE

**93-96**

30% whole bunch vinification, and aged in 100% new wood. Very intense fresh purple. Very rich and ripe, confit of sundried cherries with a light peach sauce. Very succulent with considerable length, not heady even if a little jammy, but the persistence pulls out very well. It may well be that the Musigny will refine and reinforce its structure during the rest of the élevage, but for the moment it is a little too much on the lush side to show its true grandeur. **Tasted: December 2021**

