



# DUBREUIL-FONTAINE

## 2021 EN PRIMEUR OFFER



### SUPERB VALUE FROM ONE OF BURGUNDY'S MOST OVER-LOOKED TERROIRS

Burgundy is as much about the people as it is about the terroir. At the small domaine of Dubreuil-Fontaine in Pernand-Vergelesses, it is very much a family affair. Christine Gruere-Dubreuil has fashioned fruit-driven red wines and full-flavoured, silky whites for thirty years. In recent years she has been joined by her upbeat, energetic daughter Clementine.

The family lives at the monopole of Clos Berthet, which is one of the flagship wines of Pernand-Vergelesses, a classically Burgundian, picturesque village situated next to the hill of Corton. While the wines from this area can be truly excellent, it has always lived in the shadow of its more illustrious hillside neighbours. Enthusiasts should pay close attention, since both its red and white wines offer superb value for money.

The passion of the family can be tasted across Dubreuil-Fontaine's range, which delivers beautifully pure, ripe flavours throughout. The reds express wonderful cherry tones, offering finely tuned, silky fruit. The whites are lively, flavoursome, and richly textured, and while the Premier Crus will benefit from bottle age, there is real class here and they will delight patient buyers.

Aside from their heartland of Pernand-Vergelesses and Corton, the family's small parcels in Pommard and Volnay should not be overlooked. Well sited old parcels add a dimension of sheer pedigree. The village Volnay is a standout as much of it is produced from premier cru fruit – a very fine Pinot and a true bargain.



## THE CRITICS ON DUBREUIL-FONTAINE

### Volnay:

*“Plenty of energy on the nose, rather stylish in a darker red fruit, some plums... 88-90 points.”*  
 Jasper Morris MW – Inside Burgundy.

*“A delightful, pure bouquet with red cherries, wild strawberries, undergrowth and just a hint of cocoa.... This should age nicely in bottle. 89-91 Points”*  
 Neal Martin, Vinous

### Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 1er Cru Clos Berthet:

*“A more complete wine in all departments this year, light fresh apples and a useful salinity.... 91 Points”*  
 Jasper Morris MW, Inside Burgundy

*“A well balanced and demonstrates more nuance than the Sous Fretille, with bitter lemon mixed with Golden Delicious and a touch of ginger imparting spiciness that particularly comes through on the aftertaste. Very fine. 91 Points”*  
 Neal Martin, Vinous

### Grand Cru Corton Bresandes:

*“Vibrant juicy fresh red raspberry fruit. Some tannins behind but they are refined and not bitter and the fruit is genial. Plenty to enjoy here in the appealing style of Bressandes. A long finish. 90-93 Points”*  
 Jasper Morris MW – Inside Burgundy.

*“Opening gradually with crushed stone infusing the dark berry fruits, plus hints of blood orange and allspice in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. Presents a judicious sprinkling of white pepper with adequate weight and backbone on the finish to suggest that it will offer 12-15 years of drinking pleasure. 90-92 Points”*  
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2021 EN PRIMEUR PRICE LIST	PRICE X 6 1B	INSIDE BURGUNDY	VINOUS
<b>WHITES</b>			
Pernand Vergelesses Blanc	155	89	86
Pernand Vergelesses Blanc Berthet 1er Cru	245	91	91
Pernand Vergelesses Blanc Fretille 1er Cru	215	89	88
Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru	620	93	92
<b>REDS</b>			
Pernand Vergelesses Rouge	130	86-87	88-90
Volnay	200	88-90	89-91
Pommard	200	89-91	83-85
Pernand Vergelesses Rouge Illes Vergelleses 1er Cru	225	90-92	86-88
Pernand Vergelesses Berthet Rouge 1er Cru	155	n/a	n/a
Aloxe Corton Vercots 1er Cru	265	88-90	87-89
Savigny Les Vergelesses 1er Cru	175	87-88	87-89
Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru	225	89-91	89-90
Pommard Epenots 1er Cru	335	89-92	88-90
Corton Perrieres Grand Cru	355	90-92	n/a
Corton Bressendes Grand Cru	375	90-93	90-92
Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru	400	91-93	90-92



## JASPER MORRIS MW, INSIDE BURGUNDY REVIEWS

### W H I T E S

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 89 Points 2024 - 2026

Fresh pale lemon colour. The bouquet is beautifully typical of Pernand. Plenty of fruit here on the palate with a little bit of flesh too. Ripe greengage and white fruit behind, and the right balance of acidity as well.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Clos Berthet 1er Cru 91 Points 2024 - 2027

Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet is a little tighter and tenser while the palate stretches out further than Sous Frétille. A more complete wine in all departments this year, light fresh apples and a useful salinity. Much more persistent this year.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Sous Frétille 1er Cru 89 Points 2024 - 2027

Mid lemon yellow. There is some energy to the bouquet but it is a little less fine than the village wine, more fruit than flowers but less elegant. Apples on the palate, no more than medium intensity and persistence.

#### 2021, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 93 Points 2025-2030

Pale to mid lemon. The bouquet is restrained yet fine. This is very graceful, with a seamless silky texture. A discreet and elegant example, medium bodied, quite persistent, a little well-judged oak, and a few stones bringing up the finish.

### R E D S

#### 2021, Volnay 88-90 Points 2025 - 2028

The village grapes have been enhanced by a little 1er Cru fruit from Carelle, Brouillards and Lurets. A fine bright mid red. Plenty of energy on the nose, rather stylish in a darker red fruit, some plums. A light bitterness to finish but nonetheless the elegance of Volnay shows through with fresher raspberry notes at the back.

#### 2021, Pommard 89-9 Points 2025 - 2030

The Dubreuil-Fontaine Pommard vines were slightly less damaged by the frost, especially the sector En Boeuf. A full crimson red colour. There is a weight and generosity of fruit on the nose which the lesser appellations slightly missed. There is a delicious weight of fruit on the palate, with enough sucrosity to match the tannins. Very successful for the vintage, a good wine for the medium term.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge 86-87 Points 2024 - 2026

Mid red. A pretty floral red fruit, elegant and with charm, in the style of typical Pernand. Attractively perfumed on the palate too, light tannins, an agreeable lighter red for summer drinking.

#### 2021, Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru 89-91 Points 2025 - 2028

A lighter purple colour with quite a refined floral pinot nose. This upper hillside vineyard stays fresh yet has added weight with global warming. The fresh limestone feel is well supported by red fruit, with attractive persistence.

#### 2021, Pommard Epenots 1er Cru 89-92 Points 2025 - 2030

A mid crimson purple colour. The Epenots ripened well in 2021 and that shows in the nature of the fruit, discreet on the nose, but filling the mouth relatively well. Just slightly bitter tannins behind. Additional elevage may pay dividends here.

#### 2021, Aloxe-Corton Les Vercots 1er Cru 88-90 Points 2025 -2030

Mid red crimson, the nose is altogether more rustic, being served after the Ile de Vergelesses. Rugby man shoulders to this but the tannins are not ugly and the wine finishes well.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Ile des Vergelesses 1er Cru 90-92 Points 2025 -2030

A good bright lighter purple crimson. There is a little more depth of fruit on the nose. More precision, fine structure, a return of high-class fruit at the finish. Not dramatic but fine boned and well made. Long fine finish.

#### 2021, Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Vergelesses 1er Cru 87-88 Points 2024 - 2027

Mid red, a little brighter. Some zest to the fresh red fruit. Still a little bit firm at the finish, but the fruit carries on through. Some similarity to 2017 suggests Christine. The fruit returns prettily to finish. Drink from 2024-2027.

#### 2021, Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru 91-93 Points 2027 - 2033

Mid crimson purple with a lovely raspberry seedless aspect. A little bit tighter on the palate, slightly more concentration and though still entirely red fruit this has a darker profile. The tannins and acidity are in balance at the finish.

#### 2021, Corton Bressandes Grand Cru 90-93 Points 2026 - 2032

Bright palish purple, with a vibrant juicy fresh red raspberry fruit. Some tannins behind but they are refined and not bitter and the fruit is genial. Plenty to enjoy here in the appealing style of Bressandes. A long finish.

#### 2021, Corton Perrières Grand Cru 90-92 Points 2026 -2032

A brisk crimson colour. The nose shows some juiciness of red fruits. Well balanced, not too tannic, though the site is known for its structure, which here holds together the body of the wine very nicely, allowing the red fruit to come through very well at the finish.



## NEAL MARTIN, VINOUS REVIEWS

### W H I T E S

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 86 Points 2023 - 2028

The 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Village Blanc offers scents of beeswax and honeysuckle that combine with bruised apple and pear. The palate is well-balanced with crisp acidity. It's fresh and simple, yet there is sufficient salinity on the finish to tempt you back.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Sous Frétille 1er Cru 88 Points 2024 - 2027

The 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Sous Fretille 1er Cru has a very satisfying nose given the traumatic season, with lifted apple blossom and fresh Conference pear scents. There's more vigour here compared to the Village Cru. The palate is well balanced with a surprising "fatness" on the entry. With hints of pineapple and guava, this is a mouth-filling, tropical-tinged Pernand that conveys.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Clos Berthet 1er Cru 91 Points 2024 - 2032

The 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Clos Berthet 1er Cru has an attractive nose with dried peach skin, honeysuckle and crushed stone. Perhaps it is missing some vigour, yet it has focus. The palate is well balanced and demonstrates more nuance than the Sous Fretille, with bitter lemon mixed with Golden Delicious and a touch of ginger imparting spiciness that particularly comes through on the aftertaste. Very fine.

#### 2021, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 92 Points 2024-2037

The 2021 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru has a very pretty bouquet with lemon verbena, orchard fruit, hints of grilled almond and just a touch of marzipan. The palate is well-balanced with a lovely, slightly honeyed texture. There is a keen thread of acidity here that lends this Corton-Charlemagne tension, with a dab of lemongrass and popcorn towards a persistent finish. Excellent.

### R E D S

#### 2021, Pommard 83-85 Points 2023 - 2028

The 2021 Pommard Village is a little richer than other cuvées. Faint hints of dark chocolate infuse the red fruit (this cuvée was de-acidified). The palate is medium-bodied, balanced and grainy in texture with a touch of cocoa powder toward the finish. This feels a little generic compared to the Domaine's other cuvées.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge 88-90 Points 2023 - 2030

The 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Village Rouge has a pleasant nose with redcurrant, raspberry and red cherry aromas that blossom nicely in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-boned tannins. It's fresh and pretty, though it tapers towards the finish. Elegant and poised.

#### 2021, Volnay 89-91 Points 2024 - 2032

The 2021 Volnay Village, around half from Premier Crus, has a delightful, pure bouquet with red cherries, wild strawberries, undergrowth and just a hint of cocoa. There's fine delineation and très Volnay. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins. It's firmly structured and fresh with a vivid dark cherry and blackcurrant tinged finish. This should age nicely.

#### 2021, Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru 89-90 Points 2024 - 2032

The 2021 Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru has a vivid and quite effervescent nose with Bing cherries and crushed strawberries. Light mineral scents surface with time. This is very well-focused. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. The 2021 is nicely structured, what you might call a "steadfast" Beaune in the positive sense of the word, with commendable backbone and salinity on the finish. Excellent.

#### 2021, Pommard Epenots 1er Cru 89-90 Points 2024 - 2032

The 2021 Pommard Epenots 1er Cru offers rather introspective dark berry fruit laced with tobacco and damp moss scents, plus a hint of baking powder. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. It's taut and fresh, with crisp acidity and a "punchy" saline finish. Broad-shouldered and square-jawed perhaps, yet not without charm.

## NEAL MARTIN VINOUS REVIEWS

### REDS - CONTINUED

#### 2021, Aloxe-Corton Les Vercots 1er Cru 87-89 Points 2024 -2030

The 2021 Aloxe-Corton Les Vercots 1er Cru has quite a tightly-wound bouquet with dark berry fruit, briary and light undergrowth scents. A touch of black truffle hides in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with sweet ripe tannins. It's quite smooth in texture, but here is another example within Dubreuil-Fontaine's range where I am more taken by its Village Cru counterpart.

#### 2021, Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Vergelesses 1er Cru 87-89 Points 2024 - 2027

The 2021 Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Vergelesses 1er Cru Rouge has a pleasing, airy and open-knit bouquet with brambly dark fruit and hints of iodine and oyster shell. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, strawberry pastilles and moderate weight towards the finish. There's a dash of white pepper on the aftertaste. Drink over five to seven years.

#### 2021, Pernand-Vergelesses Ile des Vergelesses 1er Cru 86-88 Points 2023 -2028

The 2021 Pernand-Vergelesses Ile de Vergelesses 1er Cru has a fragrant strawberry and cranberry scented bouquet with floral scents. The palate is medium-bodied with light tannins and slightly less acidity than expected; it just seems to run out of ideas towards the finish. I actually prefer the Village Cru!

#### 2021, Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru 90-92 Points 2024 - 2032

The 2021 Corton Clos-du-Roi Grand Cru has a little more presence than the Corton-Bressandes. On the nose, a mélange of red and black fruit commingles with sous-bois and fresh tobacco scents. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit and is nicely structured, though not complex. There's a satisfying sense of sapidity that urges you back for another sip.

#### 2021, Corton Bressandes Grand Cru 90-92 Points 2024 - 2038

The 2021 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru is rather muted on the nose initially. It opens gradually with crushed stone infusing the dark berry fruits, plus hints of blood orange and allspice in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. Presents a judicious sprinkling of white pepper with adequate weight and backbone on the finish to suggest that it will offer 12-15 years of drinking pleasure.

*"Christine Dubrueil is in usual sparkling form at her Domaine in Pernand-Vergelesses, always one of the most candid winemakers...."*

*"Asked for her general impression of the season, she answers: 'I would rather make a 2019 or 2022 than a 2021. The wines are nice and have fruit, Burgundy style [laughing], and they will be great whilst people wait for the 2020s!'"* Whilst a couple of wines just fall short of the mark, this is one of those growers who might slightly underestimate the quality of her wines. This is also an address where the hierarchy is jumbled insofar that I would grab some of their excellent Village Crus that dare surpass the Premier Crus on occasion."

Neal Martin, Vinous

