



## **Bourgogne's 2023 Vintage: One Year On, Expectations Are Coming to Fruition!**

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***One year after the harvest, Bourgogne is looking forward to enjoying the wines of the 2023 vintage. Exceptional quality, rarely seen in high-yield years, is undeniably on display, making 2023 an incomparable year... thus far.***

It's easy to forget, but 2023 saw some unstable weather. However, it proved less challenging than that of 2024, allowing the vines ample freedom to flourish. Benefiting from a brilliant end of summer, Chardonnay, Aligoté, and Sauvignon reached full ripeness while retaining enough freshness to uphold the celebrated reputation of Bourgogne's white wines. As for Pinot Noir, it once again demonstrated its supremacy as the region's flagship grape. Rigorous sorting, often quite selective, ensured only the best fruit was harvested in this exceptional year.

Today, the white wines stand out for their rich aromatics and unmistakable appeal. True wines of pleasure, they're well-suited to the finest tables. The red wines owe their success to careful yield management and meticulous sorting. Remarkably pure, they offer a lovely aromatic complexity, with a lively, fresh palate complemented by well-integrated tannins. The result is a collection of generous, tender wines that deliver immediate enjoyment, yet also promise to develop over 2 to 5 years, depending on the appellation.

### **White wines**

#### **Chablis and the Grand Auxerrois**

The white wines offer notably expressive aromas with a rich aromatic profile. Delicate floral notes blend harmoniously with hints of white and citrus fruits. On the palate, these wines show exquisite balance—both fresh and tender, with a mineral-driven, mouthwatering finish. Chablis and Grand Auxerrois have crafted a superb vintage in 2023, providing wines that are delightful in their youth and promising for further evolution over the coming years.

#### **Côte de Beaune**

A warm, sunny end to the season enabled the grapes to reach optimum ripeness, producing wines with intense aromas of ripe yellow fruit (such as peach and apricot), occasionally accented by notes of dried fruits and gentle spices. These wines are full-bodied and expansive, marked by undeniable freshness and impressive length on the palate. The 2023 vintage is sure to delight even the most discerning wine connoisseurs.

#### **Côte Chalonnaise**

Here too, the final days leading up to harvest were crucial. The wines are highly aromatic, featuring fruit notes of pear, peach, and apricot complemented by pleasant floral hints of linden and acacia. The palate reveals a touch of dried fruits, balanced by a well-rounded freshness. Without a doubt, 2023 is an exceptional vintage for the whites of the Côte Chalonnaise.

## Mâconnais

Mâconnais wines are remarkably intense and rich in aroma. Fruit scents of pear, peach, quince and orange zest are complemented by subtle floral aromas, notably acacia, lime blossom and orange blossom. On the palate, these wines impress with their roundness, suppleness and indulgent character. The Mâconnais has delivered a 2023 vintage that is destined to be memorable.

## Red wines

### Grand Auxerrois

The red wines from the Grand Auxerrois offer pleasant surprises. They generally display aromatic profiles with notes of red and black berries, cherry pit, and a touch of floral scents. The palate is lively, showing freshness and brightness, with a slight dominance of acidity and tannins. While enjoyable now, these reds will benefit from a short period of cellaring (2 to 3 years) before reaching their peak.



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### Côte de Nuits

The 2023 vintage in Côte de Nuits has yielded some exceptional red wines. In areas where optimal ripeness was achieved under favorable conditions, these wines showcase expressive profiles. They boast intense fruit notes, particularly berries and black fruits, complemented by delicate hints of peony and subtle spices. On the palate, they present a rounded character, occasionally with a slight tartness. Their well-defined tannic structure and notable body contribute to a pleasing finish with impressive length. These fine-quality wines will undoubtedly reveal their full potential after a few years of aging, typically around 4 to 5 years.

### Côte de Beaune

The Côte de Beaune, like its northern neighbor, has crafted a high-quality vintage. The wines are distinguished by their elegant fruit character, combining ripe red berry aromas with hints of cherry pit and plum. On the palate, spices and licorice enhance the richness of the aromatic profile. These reds are well-structured and balanced, with a generous texture, velvety tannins, and a pleasant finish. They will reach their prime over the next three to five years.

### Côte Chalonnaise

Grapes in Côte Chalonnaise achieved excellent ripeness overall. These wines are highly expressive, characterized by intense fruit notes, substantial volume, a fleshy texture, and remarkable suppleness. These wines, though young, are deliciously approachable right now and will quickly become favorites at top restaurants.

→ [Read the November 2023 press release](#) featuring the climatic data and a video

*This press release offers general insights. Each wine is unique, as each winegrower brings their own individuality. Tasting each cuvée is essential before attempting to characterize it.*

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