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**Millésime 2013**

**Allen Meadows**

**Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2013 : 87-89/100**

An appealingly fresh nose features notes of various red berries, earth and discreet floral hints. There is good volume and punch to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that possess solid complexity and persistence on the dusty and ever-so-slightly rustic finale.

**Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2013 : 89-91/100**

A very pretty nose mixes notes of earth, red currant, cherry and once again soft floral nuances. There is a refined mouth feel to the delicious and lightly mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that possess an attractive sense of underlying tension before concluding in a balanced and lingering finish. Note that while this should repay mid-term cellaring it should also be accessible young if desired.

**Ladoix 1er Cru « *La Corvée* » 2013 : 89-91/100**

This is earthier and slightly more deeply pitched than the Joyeuses but otherwise aromatically similar. There is more size, weight and power to the more concentrated middle weight plus flavors that possess a velvety mouth feel though the slightly saline finish is mildly austere.

**Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « *Les Valozières* » 2013 : 90-92/100**

A discreet application of wood frames still earthier and overtly savage aromas of various dark berry fruit scents. There is excellent richness to the muscular, concentrated and mineral-inflected big-bodied flavors that possess impressive complexity on the balanced and persistent finish that is less rustic than usual.



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**Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2013 : 90-92/100**

Here too there is enough wood to notice surrounding the slightly more elegant aromas of strikingly fresh red currant, earth, floral and Asian-style tea. The rich, intense and energetic medium-bodied flavors that deliver excellent length on the solidly complex and well-balanced finish. This too will need at least a few years of bottle age first and reward up to a decade of cellaring.

**Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2013 : 91-93/100**

This is riper still yet retains good freshness to the lightly wooded aromas of cool red currant, earth, sauvage and humus. There is fine volume to the very rich, round and velvety middle weight plus flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the beautifully complex, powerful and balanced finish. This is a Corton of moderate refinement and I very much like the sense of proportion and mid-palate concentration.

**Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2013 : 91-94/100**

Once again there is just enough wood present to warrant noting on the markedly more sauvage nose that offers up notes of strikingly complex dark berries, earth, game, humus and floral nuances. The earth and sauvage characters can also be found on the full-bodied, intense and muscular flavors that possess an explosively long and mouth coating finish. This is very Corton but not excessively rustic though do be prepared to have some patience as this is definitely going to need it.



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### **Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2013 : 92-94/100**



(from a .75 ha parcel). This too is overtly savage with plenty of earth, underbrush, forest floor and humus elements adding breadth to the primarily dark berry fruit scents. There is outstanding richness to the big-bodied and intense flavors that possess excellent mid-palate concentration as well as a subtle minerality that adds a sense of lift to the palate coating and hugely long finale. This is a big and quite firmly structured Corton and this too will need ample amounts of cellar time so once again, lots of patience will be required.

### **The Wine Advocate - Robert Parker**

### **Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » 2013 : 84-86/100**



Raised in 40% new wood, the 2013 Ladoix Le Clos Royer Rouge has a light strawberry-scented bouquet with touches of vanilla. The palate is light on the entry with tart red cherry fruit and an easygoing, uncomplicated finish. Personally, I would opt for the more enticing white option from this vineyard.

### **Ladoix 1er Cru « Les Joyeuses » 2013 : 87-89/100**

The 2013 Ladoix 1er Cru Les Joyeuses (a vineyard whose name carries much expectation) has fruit intensity than the Le Clos Royer '13 with feisty raspberry and strawberry scents that are later joined by hints of candied orange peel. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, a touch of salinity and quite a sappy finish that induces another sip. Enjoy this over the next 3-5 years.

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**Ladoix 1er Cru « La Corvée » 2013 : 85-87/100**

The 2013 Ladoix 1er Cru La Corvée has a slightly ferrous bouquet that is complex and open, perhaps a little more rustic than Michel's other '13. The palate is medium-bodied and easy-drinking in style but it is harmonious with a pointed, brisk finish.

**Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « Les Valozières » 2013 : 87-89/100**

The 2013 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Valozières has a ripe orange-zest infused bouquet with fine delineation and focus. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle grip, fine tannins and darker brambly black, tertiary fruit on the finish. Give this a couple of years in bottle.



**Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2013 : 89-91/100**

The 2013 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru La Toppe au Vert has a vibrant bouquet with fresh Morello and strawberry scents that are well defined and vigorous. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a touch of salinity and a nicely focused, mineral-rich finish that is brimming with excitement. This is well worth tracking down.

**Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2013 : 87-89/100**

The 2013 Corton Les Maréchaudes Grand Cru has an elegant bouquet with pure strawberry, maraschino and orange blossom scents. This is very winsome, but I cannot quite say the same for the palate at the moment. It is medium-bodied, not quite as harmonious as I expected with slightly edgy tannins. I feel the whole-bunch addition just jars a little at the moment. It needs to find its even keel and for now I prefer Michel's Le Rognet and Les Renardes.

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### **Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2013 : 90-92/100**

The 2013 Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru has a more intense nose than the Les Maréchaudes : the fruit darker but more upfront than Michel's other Cortons adomed with blackberry, boysenberry jam and just a touch of cassis. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, a citric line of acidity and a precise finish that lingers. Excellent.

### **Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2013 : 90-92/100**

The 2013 Corton Les Renardes Grand Cru has a complex bouquet with bramdly red berry fruit and fine minerality. The palate is taut and crisp, a little higher toned and candied that I expected, the acidity measured with a sappy blackberry finish. This is a nicely focused, Corton Les Renardes that is well crafted and full of that abstract thing we know and love... Pinoté !



### **Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2013 : 92/100**

From south-facing 0,11 hectares of vines on chalky soil, the 2012 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru has a candied orange-zest and apricot-scented bouquet with fine mineral tones. The palate is fresh and vibrant with good acidity, not the most complex Corton-Charlemagne, but it is refined and has plenty of finesse. Excellent.