

DOMAINE MICHEL MALLARD *et Fils*

Millésime 2015

Allen Meadows

Côte de Nuits-Village 2015 : 86-88/2019+

A fresh, ripe and earthy red berry fruit-suffused nose leads to supple, round and delicious middle weight flavors that possess a velvety texture before concluding in a perceptibly warm finale. Note that this notably ripe and ever-so-mildly plodding effort should drink well shortly after release if that you're preference.

Chorey-lès-Beaune « Les Beaumonts » 2015 : 87-89/2020+

A more complex and fresher if similar nose reflects slightly more emphasis on the red cherry and warm earth nuances. Like the nose, there is better freshness and verve to the delicious medium weight flavors that evidence a mild touch of rusticity on the more attractively balanced finale.



Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » 2015 : 87-90/2020+

A markedly fresher nose conveys notes of very pretty red currant, plum and ample floral elements. The delicious, round and vibrant medium-bodied flavors exhibit notes of minerality and wood on the balanced and sneaky long finish. This direct and straightforward effort should also drink reasonably well young.

Aloxe-Corton 2015 : 88-90/2022+

A more deeply pitched nose reflects notes of dark currant, plum, earth and a hint of the savage. There is both more volume and richness to the solidly concentrated, robust and powerful flavors that possess slightly chewy and rustic tannins on the ever-so-slightly warm finale. This will definitely need a few years of age to round out.

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Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2015 : 89-91/2021+

An assessment of the nose is impeded by moderate reduction though the underlying fruit appears to be ripe. The more elegant and refined middle weight flavors possess a lovely sense of vibrancy plus a hint of minerality that also helps to add a bit of lift to the refreshing and well-balanced finale. This could be enjoyed young or cellared for a few years first.

Ladoix 1er Cru « *La Corvée* » 2015 : 90-92/2022+

This is also quite ripe yet manages to remain attractively fresh with its layered nose of plum, violet, forest floor and wisps of earth. The sleek, delicious and attractively vibrant medium-bodied flavors possess fine depth and length on the mildly rustic finale. This well-made effort is worth checking out.



Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « *La Toppe au Vert* » 2015 : 90-93/2023+

Once again, notably ripe yet agreeably fresh aromas offer fine complexity as there is a lovely purity to the various red berries, floral elements and soft earth nuances. The middle weight plus flavors possess a relatively sophisticated texture thanks to the relatively fine-grained tannins that also shape the impressively persistent finale that really fans out as it sits on the palate. This excellent effort should reward up to a decade of cellaring and is highly recommended.

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Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2015 : 91-94/2027+

Discreet wood sets off liqueur-like aromas of red cherry that are laced with nuances of plum, violet and plenty of earth. There is fine concentration to the velvety medium weight plus flavors that brim with sappy dry extract, all wrapped in a highly persistent, balanced and beautifully complex finale. This is very ripe yet somewhat manages to avoid being top heavy; indeed it is actually refreshing.



Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2015 : 92-95/2030+

There is a high level of ripeness but not jamminess on the plum, cassis, violet, spice and earthy aromas. I very much like the freshness and vibrancy of the mouth coating, robust and impressively concentrated big-bodied flavors that coat the palate with dry extract on the hugely long finale. This is an imposingly dense wine that is definitely going to require, and reward, extended cellaring. In a word, excellent.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2015 : 92-94/2017+

(from a .75 ha parcel). Here too there is hint of wood lurking in the background of the strikingly fresh and even more complex aromas of violet, *sauvage*, forest floor and dark currant liqueur. In the same fashion as the Maréchaudes there is a velvety palate impression to the bigger and more powerful flavors that possess a highly seductive mouth feel while delivering plenty of punch on the remarkably persistent finish. This is so rich, and there is so much extract, that despite the presence of a firm tannic spine this should be approachable on the younger side.

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Ladoix Blanc 2015 : 87-89/2019+

(from La Vigne Adaim and Champ Pussuet). A fruity nose offers up notes of pear and apple that are trimmed in soft citrus nuances. There is a lovely sense of both freshness and vibrancy to the delicious, round and sappy flavors that terminate in a notably dry and clean finale.

Ladoix 1er Cru « Les Gréchons » 2015 : 88-91/2021+

Here the elegant nose of green apple, white flowers and discreet spice elements is quite fresh and this freshness carries over to the nicely energetic and subtly mineral-inflected flavors that also conclude in a clean and attractively dry finish.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2015 : 90-93/2022+

(from Le Charlemagne). An overtly floral nose also exhibits notes of green apple, pear and a hint of mineral reduction. There is both excellent volume and mid-palate density to the utterly delicious flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the balanced and powerful finish. This isn't a classic rendition but it's lovely anyway.



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The Wine Advocate - Robert Parker by Neal Martin

Ladoix « *Le Clos Royer* » 2015 : 85-87/100

The 2015 Ladoix Le Clos Royer Rouge was clearly in red fruit territory on the nose with ample red cherries and crushed strawberry aromas that are neatly integrated with the new oak. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannin. It feels a little rustic towards the finish, although it may develop more finesse by the time of bottling. Oddly, it is atypically one where I have a preference for the white version.



Chorey-lès-Beaune « *Les Beaumonts* » 2015 : 85-87/100

The 2015 Chorey-lès-Beaune Les Beaumonts has a tightly wound bouquet with blackberry and raspberry coulis scents; nicely defined with a stony undertow. The palate is medium-bodied with some chewiness on the entry, tightly wound with a touch of sour cherry and blueberry on the finish.

Côte-de-Nuits Village 2015 : 88-90/100

The 2015 Côte-de-Nuits Village has a lifted bouquet with dark cherry and bergamot aromas, nicely defined although not as power as others that I have encountered. The palate is grippy on the entry, quite structured for a Côte de Nuits Village, but demonstrating fine precision on the saline finish.

Ladoix 1er Cru « *Les Joyeuses* » 2015 : 89-91/100

The 2015 Ladoix 1er Cru Les Joyeuses has a clean and pure bouquet with redcurrant jam and boysenberry fruit that unfolds nicely in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin. This Ladoix is nicely structured with plenty of sappy blue and red fruit, adorned with a focused, orange rind-tinged finish.

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Ladoix 1er Cru « La Corvée » 2015 : 90-92/100

The 2015 Ladoix 1er Cru La Corvée is from south-facing vines. There is a more noticeable tertiary character here compared to the Les Joyeuses, whilst the palate is nicely structured with plenty of crunchy red and black fruit. It has impressive focus and mineral drive towards the finish, and a long, sustained aftertaste. Excellent – this is a delicious Ladoix with bags of potential.

Aloxe-Corton Village 2015 : 86-88/100

The 2015 Aloxe-Corton Village has a light red cherry and iodine-tingued bouquet that is nicely defined if missing a little power. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp, chalky tannin. It has good backbone, but needs a little more flesh on the finish, which I think will emerge by the time of bottling.

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « La Toppe au Vert » 2015 : 91-93/100

The 2015 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru La Toppe au Vert, which was picked on 2 september, has an attractive nose of red berries, blueberry and candied orange peel – lively and engaging. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, superb mineralité and a brisk, limestone-infused finish that is pure class. This is an outstanding Aloxe-Corton from one of its lesser known vineyards.

Corton Grand Cru « Les Maréchaudes » 2015 : 91-93/100

The 2015 Corton Les Maréchaudes Grand Cru was cropped at 30hl/ha with 75% new oak. It has a very elegant bouquet with pure dark cherries, blueberry and violet aromas that already feel very seductive. The palate is medium-bodied, fleshy and forward with ample ripe red cherry and cranberry fruit, and a fine salinity on the finish. This is refined Corton that will age with style.



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Corton Grand Cru « Le Rognet » 2015 : 91-93/100

The 2015 Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru, which had no SO2 during vinification and underwent berry by berry de-stemming, has a clean and precise bouquet : black cherries, spice box, hints of blueberry and cold limestone aromas. The palate is very precise on the entry. There is crisp acidity here, quite structured with a broody blackberry and boysenberry finish, leaving a chalky residue on the aftertaste. This is an almost clinical Corton Le Rognet that will age with style.



Corton Grand Cru « Les Renardes » 2015 : 92-94/100

The 2015 Corton Les Renardes Grand Cru has a composed bouquet, here the fruit profile a little darker than the Corton Maréchaudes, though just as delineated and focused. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannin on the entry. There is plenty of crunchy red and black fruit here, not as elegant as Maréchaudes, but clearly with good structure on the finish. What a superb 2015 Corton from Michel Mallard.

Bourgogne Blanc 2015 : 84/100

The 2015 Bourgogne Blanc had already been bottled. It has a generous white chocolate-tinged bouquet with satisfying definition. The palate is well balanced with a waxy opening, a touch of spice but just running out of steam towards the light and rather ephemeral finish.

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Ladoix Blanc Village 2015 : 88-90/100

The 2015 Ladoix Blanc Village is a blend of two parcels with around 20% new oak. It has a light but well-defined bouquet with hints of yellow flower filtering through the citrus fruit. The palate is fresh and crisp on the entry with a pleasant salinity, good weight with an appealing, spicy finish. Very fine – a wine that surpassed my expectations.

Ladoix « Le Clos Royer » 2015 : 89-91/100

The 2015 Ladoix Le Clos Royer Blanc offers attractive white flower aromas on the nose, hints of sliced pear, nectarine and almond blossoming from the glass. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity. It does not quite possess the length of a top vintage, although there is commendable depth and a pleasant blackberry leaf note on the aftertaste.

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « Les Gréchons » 2015 : 90-92/100

The 2015 Ladoix 1er Cru Les Gréchons Blanc comes from marn soils at the top of the slope. It has a pretty nectarine and apricot blossom-scented bouquet that is well defined. The palate has a touch of ginger on the entry. There is admirable weight and precision with a keen thread of acidity throughout. I like the personality here, the drive and intent. It comes highly recommended. Chapeau, Michel.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2015 : 90-92/100

The 2015 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, a minuscule parcel of 0,10 ha, has a lively and complex bouquet with citrus fruit, dried apricot and fresh Satsuma all very well defined. The palate is fresh on the entry with crisp acidity, quite linear for a Corton-Charlemagne with hints of tinned peach and fruit salad on the poised and quite sustained finish. This shows class and sophistication.



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Ladoix 1er Cru « *La Corvée* » 2015 : 92/100

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru « *La Toppe au Vert* » 2015 : 91/100

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Maréchaudes* » 2015 : 93/100

Ladoix 1^{er} Cru « *Les Gréchons* » 2015 : 89/100

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2015 : 93/100



Corton Grand Cru « *Le Rognet* » 2015 : 95/2024-32

Better known as the winemaker at Domaine d'Eugénie, Michel Mallard also makes some increasingly impressive wine at his family's domaine. This 100% whole bunch fermented Corton comes from a parcel of 0.8 hectares. Juicy, spicy and well structured, with a backbone of tannin and a polished, glossy finish.

Corton Grand Cru « *Les Renardes* » 2015 : 94/2025-35

The Mallards' Renardes is sourced from a cooler, east-facing, 0.72-hectare parcel on the hill and tends to be more restrained than their Rognet bottling in its youth. This is classic, yet modern, a spicy, savoury Corton with attractive oak, firm tannins and a hint of smoky reduction.