



DOMAINE LEFLAIVE

Puligny-Montrachet

2008 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

98 POINTS

"Commanding beauty is rarely as subtle as this Chevalier-Montrachet, the curves of its flavor bringing the kind of emotional reaction that few wines have the power to achieve. The details of the flavor roll around in the mouth for minutes, bringing memories of moments in time – a summer sun shower, a long chord at the end of a piano concerto, Margot Fonteyn in *La Bayadère*. Over the top? Perhaps, but those are the bits and pieces of my notes that bring the wine back more clearly for me than the rest. It's hard to imagine a more perfect outcome for chardonnay planted on the austere limestone soils of the Montrachet hill – though this was not a perfect vintage. Perhaps its weaknesses may show with time. If so, that would be a long time, as four days of air only improve on its freshness and layered complexity. There is no better example of the brilliant farming at Domaine Leflaive. Not to be missed."



2008 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

93 POINTS

"Warm tones of brown butter show off the density of this wine, a bold, juicy Bâtard with the sweet tremor of the earth in its formidable structure. Its potent ripeness seems to be restrained only by the cold north winds at the end of the vintage, bringing scents of honeycomb, nectarine pit, heirloom pear and applewood smoke to mind. A rich pleasure, this will begin to drink best around eight to ten years from the vintage."

2008 Bienvenues Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

93 POINTS

"Domaine Leflaive's 2.84-acre parcel in this vineyard is one of its oldest plantings, the vines dating to the late 1950s. It was in an effort to save these vines that Anne-Claude Leflaive and Pierre Morey turned to biodynamics in the early 1990s. The 2008 is a powerful wine: Tight and spicy, this is hard to access in its youth and built for long aging."

2008 Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Les Pucelles

96 points

"Domaine Leflaive includes 7.56 acres of Les Pucelles in three blocks, with many vines dating back to the 1950s and '60s. Those vines, saved from botrytis by September's north wind, captured the sunshine at the end of a long, damp season and transformed it into bold, spicy energy in the wine. The mineral flavors seem to reach back to the deep roots of the vines, sustained with the freshness of an orchard of heirloom apples. A fine vintage of Les Pucelles, this will age

with grace for a decade or more."

2008 Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Clavoillon

93 POINTS

"This wine's fresh scents of pear blossom bring to mind an orchard in spring. The flavors are full and rich, the sweetness of the wine balanced by gentle, persistent acidity. It feels silken, the texture buffed with lime and limestone. Clean and complete, this should reach its best five or six years from the vintage."

2008 Meursault Premier Cru sous le Dos d'Âne

91 POINTS

"Bound up in its mineral intensity, this wine layers fossil-rich limestone with ginger and green apple brightness. The acidity is markedly high, giving a vibrant edge to all the toastiness and saline earthiness. This needs several years to settle into its structure, and it could prove to be great."

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